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Hardy Diagnostics GlabrataQuick™ Kit is a rapid test for the identification of *Candida (Torulopsis) glabrata*. GlabrataQuick™ Kit uses acid production from three carbohydrates to identify *Candida (Torulopsis) glabrata* within one to two hours.

In clinical laboratories, *Candida albicans* is the most frequently isolated species as the cause of disease. However, the need to screen for *Candida glabrata* has risen in importance as it has been isolated as the cause of major infections, particularly in immunosuppressed patients. Increasing resistance to fluconazole is common. Apart from multifocal, disseminated disease, it is often recovered from urine specimens and has been estimated to account for as many as 21% of urinary yeast isolates.

Hardy Diagnostics GlabrataQuick™ Kit is a rapid test method for the identification of *C. glabrata* on the basis of rapid trehalose assimilation at 35 degrees C.

The GlabrataQuick™ Kit reduces the time required to determine acid production to one to two hours. *C. glabrata* will be positive in the trehalose wells and negative in the maltose and sucrose wells. Rare strains of *C. albicans*, *C. parapsilosis*, *C. guilliermondii*, *C. lusitaniae*, *C. tropicalis*, *C. krusei* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* that might produce a positive reaction in trehalose wells will also produce a positive reaction in maltose or sucrose wells.

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