



For Immediate Release:

Improved PYR Test Kit, now in a convenient card format!

The Hardy Diagnostics new PYR Test Kit is a colorimetric method for the presumptive identification of group A streptococci, group D enterococci, some species of coagulase-negative staphylococci and other genera of *Enterobacteriaceae* in an easy to use card format.



Photo by Teresa Ishiki

Santa Maria, California; February 10, 2012 – Hardy Diagnostics, a California-based biomedical firm with an ISO certified Quality Management System, is pleased to announce the new card format PYR Test Kit, a rapid easy to use method for detecting enzymatic activity in certain groups of bacteria, such as *Streptococcus pyogenes* (group A streptococci), *Enterococcus* spp. (e.g. group D enterococci), some coagulase-negative staphylococci (e.g. *Staphylococcus lugdunensis*) and other genera of *Enterobacteriaceae*. The new format is a simplified mechanism for performing multiple tests simultaneously.

Quick and convenient, the new card format is easier to handle than individual disks and presents a cost-effective aid in the rapid detection of potentially pathogenic bacterial infections in healthcare settings. The new format includes filter paper impregnated with l-pyroglutamic acid beta-naphthylamide and is used in conjunction with the PYR Reagent, p-dimethylamino-cinnamaldehyde, to yield a bright pink to cherry red color on PYR positive strains. The card can be used to perform three tests at a time and aids in the presumptive identification of pure cultures.

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ABOUT HARDY DIAGNOSTICS

Hardy Diagnostics, an FDA licensed manufacturer of medical devices for microbiological procedures in both clinical and industrial laboratories and its ISO 13485 certified Quality Management System, manufactures over 3,500 products for the culture and identification of bacteria and fungi from its Santa Maria, California headquarters. Currently over 7,000 laboratories are serviced by Hardy Diagnostics throughout the nation.

The company was founded in 1980 by Jay Hardy, a Clinical Laboratory Scientist from Santa Barbara, CA. Today, Hardy Diagnostics maintains eight distribution centers throughout the U.S. and exports products to over 30 foreign distributors.

The company's mission is to partner with its laboratory customers to prevent and diagnose disease. For more information on products and services and a complete profile on the company's history, visit www.HardyDiagnostics.com.

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