Reveal Q+ MAX

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The Toxin

Discovered in 1989, fumonisins are a family of mycotoxins produced by different species of the mold Fusarium. These molds commonly infect corn (in fact, they are considered ubiquitous in corn) and rice, hence the potential for fumonisins to be found in feed and foodstuffs is high. Fumonisins affect various animals differently and have been linked to esophageal cancer in humans. The Environmental Protection Agency classifies fumonisins as category II-B carcinogens.

Horses are extremely sensitive to low amounts of fumonisin, which can cause leukoencephalomalacia (liquefaction of the brain). In swine, research has shown fumonisin attacks the cardiopulmonary system causing pulmonary edema, as well as liver and pancreatic lesions.

Intended Use/User

Neogen® Reveal® Q+ MAX for Fumonisin is intended for the quantitative analysis of corn for fumonisin. The test kit is designed for use by quality control personnel and others familiar with commodities possibly contaminated by fumonisin.

User Responsibility

- Users are responsible for familiarizing themselves with product instructions and information. Visit our website at neogen.com, or contact your local Neogen representative or authorized distributor for more information.
- When selecting a test method, it is important to recognize that external factors such as sampling methods, testing protocols, sample preparation, handling, laboratory technique and the sample itself may influence results.
- It is the user's responsibility in selecting any test method or product to evaluate a sufficient number of samples with the appropriate matrices and challenges to satisfy that the chosen test method meets the user's criteria.
- It is also the user's responsibility to determine that any test methods and results meet their customers' and suppliers' requirements.
- As with any test method, results obtained from use of any Neogen Food Safety product do not constitute a guarantee of the quality of the matrices or processes tested.

Assay Principles

Reveal Q+ MAX for Fumonisin is a single-step lateral flow immunochromatographic assay based on a competitive immunoassay format. The extract is wicked through a reagent zone, which contains antibodies specific to fumonisin conjugated to colloidal gold particles. If fumonisin is present, it will be captured by the particle-antibody complex. The fumonisin-antibody-particle complex is then wicked onto a membrane, which contains a zone of fumonisin conjugated to a protein carrier. This zone captures any uncomplexed fumonisin antibody, allowing the particles to concentrate and form a visible line. As the level of fumonisin in a sample increases, free fumonisin will form a complex with the antibody-gold particles. This allows less antibody-gold to be captured in the test zone. Therefore, as the concentration of fumonisin in the sample increases, the test line density decreases. Algorithms programmed into the readers convert these line densities into a quantitative result displayed in parts per million (ppm). The membrane also contains a control zone where an immune complex present in the reagent zone is captured by an antibody, forming a visible line. The control line will always form, regardless of the presence of fumonisin, ensuring the strip is functioning properly.

Storage Requirements

Store kit components at room temperature (18–30°C, 64–86°F) for full shelf life. Test strips should remain capped in their original tubes until used (for optimal performance).

Materials Provided

1. 25 Reveal Q+ MAX for Fumonisin test strips
2. 25 red sample dilution cups
3. 25 clear sample cups
4. 25 MAX 1 Aqueous Extraction Packets
5. 2 bottle of sample diluent

Materials Recommended but Not Provided

6. Sample collection cups with lids (700004011 | 9428, 700004012 | 9428B)
7. Agri-Grind grinder or equivalent (100001350 | 9401, 700004021 | 9453, 700007405)
8. Microcentrifuge tubes (700003932 | 9172)
9. Mini centrifuge (700003963 | 9330)
10. Filter syringes (700002724 | 9420)
11. Sample collection tubes with caps (700002726 | 9421, 700002727 | 9421B)
12. Whatman #4 filter paper or equivalent (700004035 | 9519, 700006493 | 9429)
13. Pipettor, 400 µL (700004074 | 9693, 700004075 | 9693MLA)
14. Pipettor, 1000 µL (700003969 | 9337, 700001372 | 9463)
15. Pipettor, 100 µL (100001422 | 9860, 100001330 | 9272)
16. Pipette tips, 1–200 µL (100001352 | 9407, 100001353 | 9410, 700004099 | 9417)
17. Pipette tips, 100 µL–1 mL (100001373 | 9464, 100001378 | 9487, 700003938 | 9292)
18. Scale capable of weighing 5–50 g ±0.1 g (700004010 | 9427)
19. Timer (100001358 | 9426)
20. Reveal sample cup rack (700002734 | 9475)
21. Dispensing pump or graduated cylinder (700004020 | 9448, 100001367 | 9447)
22. Raptor® Integrated Analysis Platform (700002783 | 9680)
23. Raptor Cartridges (700002786 | 9681)
24. Raptor 400 µL Exact Volume pipettes (700002787 | 9682)
25. Raptor Solo Integrated Analysis Platform (700002790 | 9696)

Precautions

1. The test strips must remain inside the stay-dry tube before use.
2. Store test kit at room temperature (18–30°C, 64–86°F) when not in use. Do not freeze.
3. Do not use kit components beyond expiration date.
4. Treat all used liquids (including sample extract) and labware as if contaminated with fumonisin. Gloves and other protective apparel should be worn at all times.
5. To avoid cross-contamination, use clean glassware for each sample and thoroughly wash all glassware between samples.
6. Commodity extracts should have a pH of 6–8 before testing. Excessively acidic or alkaline samples should be adjusted. For instructions on adjusting pH, contact Neogen Technical Services.
7. Ensure the device lot number and the curve details match the lot ID number selected on the reader. Failure to update the lot- specific QR code within the Raptor Solo reader will cause inaccurate results.

Raptor Solo Reader Set Up — Endpoint Procedure

The Solo reader must be in Standard mode to read the Reveal Q+ for Fumonisin test strips in Endpoint mode.

1. From the main menu, select the in the upper left-hand corner.
2. Select track replacement.
3. Return to the home screen by pressing the in the lower left-hand corner.
4. Insert the track replacement tool with the arrow facing towards you into the track in the unit.
5. Gently pull up to remove the track.
6. Insert the standard Endpoint testing track into the unit (track with the blue dot on the right-hand side).

Note: Each track is color coded with dots. The endpoint track is identified with a blue dot, and the vortex track a yellow dot.





Testing track removal tool



Testing Track — EndPoint

Raptor Solo Reader Set Up — Vortex Procedure

The Solo reader must be in Vortex mode to read the Reveal Q+ for Fumonisin test strips **not** in Endpoint mode.

Note: This is the default mode for the reader and will only need to be changed if switched to Standard (endpoint) mode.

1. From the main menu, select the in the upper left-hand corner.
2. Select track replacement.
3. Return to the home screen by pressing the in the lower left-hand corner.
4. Insert the track replacement tool with the arrow facing towards you into the track in the unit.
5. Gently pull up to remove the track.
6. Insert the Vortex testing track into the unit. The vortex track is identified with a yellow dot, and the endpoint track a blue dot.

Reagent Preparation

1. *For prep of Bulk MAX packet only:* Add (1) Bulk MAX packet to 1 Liter of distilled or deionized water. Swirl/shake to dissolve into solution.

Sample Preparation

The sample to be tested should be collected according to accepted sampling techniques (see FGIS sampling protocol or contact your Neogen representative). Obtain a representative sample (minimum 100 g). Grind the sample so at least 95% of the ground material passes through a 20-mesh sieve (about the particle size of fine espresso).

Sample Extraction

1. Weigh out 10 g ± 0.1 of sample into an extraction cup.
2. Add contents of one (1) MAX 1 aqueous extraction packet and 50 mL of distilled or deionized water to the extraction cup. Alternatively, add 50 mL of prepared bulk MAX 1 solution to the sample cup.
3. Vigorously shake, using hand or mechanical means, for 3 minutes, or blend for 1 minute.
4. Allow the sample to settle, then filter with a filter syringe or Whatman #4 filter paper and collect a minimum of 3 mL filtrate into a sample collection tube. You may also pipette 1 mL of sample into a 2.0 mL microcentrifuge tube, and centrifuge for 30 seconds using a microcentrifuge (approx. 2,000 x g).
5. The sample is now ready for testing.

Test Procedure — Raptor Solo Endpoint

1. Select the assay type (e.g., fumonisin) from the menu and ensure the device lot number matches the lot ID number selected on the reader.
2. Place the appropriate number of red sample dilution cups and clear sample cups into a sample cup rack. Label cups if necessary.
3. Add 100 µL of sample extract to a red dilution cup.
4. Add 1000 µL of sample diluent to the red dilution cup with the sample. Mix by pipetting up and down 5 times.
5. Transfer 100 µL of diluted sample extract into a clear sample cup.
6. Place a new Reveal Q+ MAX for Fumonisin test strip with the sample end down into the sample cup and set timer for 5 minutes. Ensure the test strip comes into contact with liquid and begins to wick.
7. Remove the strip from the sample cup after it has developed for 5 minutes and read immediately (within 30 seconds).
8. Fully insert the Reveal Q+ MAX test strip into the cartridge with the sample end first and results facing out.
9. Results are displayed and stored on the unit. Samples greater than 6 ppm must be diluted and re-tested.

Dilution Procedure

Samples greater than 6 ppm must be diluted and re-tested.

1. Add 100 µL of sample filtrate to a sample collection tube. Add 1000 µL of distilled or deionized water. Mix well by pipetting up and down 5 times.
2. Place the appropriate number of red sample dilution cups and clear sample cups into a sample cup rack. Label cups if necessary.
3. Add 100 µL of diluted sample filtrate (from step one) to a new red sample dilution cup.
4. Add 1000 µL of sample diluent to the red dilution cup with the sample. Mix by pipetting up and down 5 times.
5. Transfer 100 µL of diluted sample extract (from step 4) into a clear sample cup.
6. Place a new Reveal Q+ MAX for Fumonisin test strip with the sample end down into the sample cup and set timer for 5 minutes. Ensure the test strip comes into contact with liquid and begins to wick.
7. Remove the strip from the sample cup after it has developed for 5 minutes and read immediately (within 30 seconds).

Note: The reader will not calculate your dilution. Final result displayed will need to be multiplied by 11.

Test Procedure — Raptor Integrated Analysis Platform (or Raptor Solo in Vortex Mode)

1. Place the appropriate number of red sample dilution cups into a sample cup rack. Label cups if necessary.
2. Add 100 µL of sample filtrate to each red sample dilution cup.
3. Add 1000 µL of sample diluent to each red sample dilution cup. Mix by pipetting up and down 5 times.
4. Fully insert a Reveal Q+ MAX for Fumonisin test strip into a Raptor cartridge.
5. Insert the Raptor cartridge containing the test strip into any of the 3 ports within the Raptor Integrated Analysis Platform reader.
   a. The bar code on the test strip will be read — the Raptor reader identifies the type of test strip and the lot number. If the lot number is not found in the system, the bar code reader on the front of the Raptor will turn on automatically.
   b. Scan the QR code found on the tube containing the test strips. The information will be stored on the system.
6. Enter a sample ID if desired. Hit the Accept button to go to the Add Sample screen.
7. Add 400 µL of sample from the red sample dilution cup (from step 3) to the Raptor cartridge.
   a. The Raptor reader will start automatically.
   b. Additional samples can be started in the other ports while the first sample is processing.
8. Results will be displayed on the Raptor screen after the 5-minute testing is complete.

Dilution Procedure — Raptor Integrated Analysis Platform

Samples greater than 6 ppm must be diluted and re-tested.

1. Place the appropriate number of red sample dilution cups into a sample cup rack. Label cups if necessary.
2. Add 100 µL of sample filtrate to a sample collection tube.
3. Add 1000 µL of distilled or deionized water. Mix well by pipetting up and down 5 times.
4. Transfer 100 µL of diluted sample (from step 3) to a new red sample dilution cup.
5. Add 1000 µL of sample diluent to the red sample dilution cup. Mix by pipetting up and down 5 times.
6. Fully insert a Reveal Q+ MAX for Fumonisin test strip into a Raptor cartridge.

7. Insert the Raptor cartridge containing the test strip into any of the 3 ports within the Raptor Integrated Analysis Platform reader.
   a. The bar code on the test strip will be read — the Raptor reader identifies the type of test strip and the lot number. If the lot number is not found in the system, the bar code reader on the front of the Raptor will turn on automatically.
   b. Scan the QR code found on the tube containing the test strips. The information will be stored on the system.
8. Enter a sample ID if desired. Hit the Accept button to go to the Add Sample screen.
9. Add 400 µL of sample extract from the red sample dilution cup (from step 5) to the Raptor cartridge.
   a. The Raptor reader will start automatically.
   b. Additional samples can be started in the other ports while the first sample is processing.
10. Results will be displayed on the Raptor screen after the 5-minute testing is complete. The final result will need to be multiplied by 11.

Performance Characteristics

Reveal Q+ MAX for Fumonisin is designed for the quantitative analysis of fumonisin.

1. *Range of quantification:* 0.3–6 ppm without dilution (samples over 6 ppm must be diluted).

Note: Samples greater than 6 ppm must be diluted and re-tested. Results below the range of detection should be reported as less than 0.3 ppm.

Customer Service

Neogen Customer and Technical Services can be contacted through neogen.com and product training is available by request.

SDS Information Available

Safety data sheets (SDS) are available for this test kit, and all of Neogen's test kits, on Neogen's Web site at neogen.com, or by calling Neogen at 800.234.5333 or 517.372.9200.

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