

The MalariaCare Toolkit

Tools for Maintaining High-Quality Malaria Case Management Services

Reading and interpreting malaria RDT results

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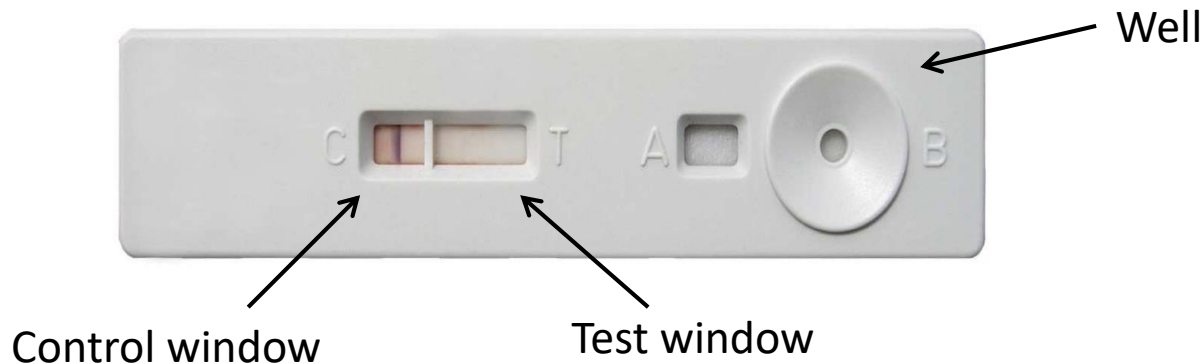
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Reading and interpreting results

Negative result

- There is only a line in the control window, with no line in the test window.



Positive result

- There is one line in the control window and one or two lines in the test window.
- Because there is only one line in the test window, and it is closest to the control window, this RDT is positive for *P. falciparum*.



Note: The test is positive even if the line is faint, like the one below.



Non-*falciparum* malaria

- There is one line in the test window and it is closest to the well, indicating non-*falciparum* malaria. (Again, the line for *P. falciparum* is closest to the control line, not the well.)



Positive for *P. falciparum* + one or more other species

- Two lines are showing in the test window—the *P. falciparum* line (near control window) and the non-*falciparum* line (near the well).



Invalid results

- There is no line in the control window.
- The test is invalid without a control line, even if there are one or two lines in the test window.





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