

## 75554 Aminopeptidase Test (Gram-Positive-Test)

For the detection of gram-positive microorganisms with a test indicating the presence of L-alanine aminopeptidase.

50 Test Strips

The reaction zone of each strip contains 0.5 µmole L-alanine-4-nitroanilide and buffering agents. Store in a dry place.

### Directions:

Remove a small sample from a single colony with an inoculation loop and suspend it in 0.2 ml distilled water in a tube. Place a test strip into the clear opalescent suspension. Incubate for 10-30 minutes at 37°C.

If the suspension turns yellow, L-alanine aminopeptidase is present. That means the microorganisms are Gram-negative. (Exceptions: *Bacteroides vulgatus*, *Bacteroides fragilis*, *Campylobacter* sp., *Veillonella parvula*)

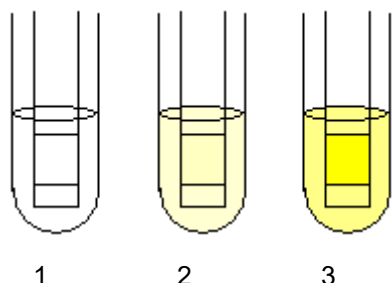
If there is no yellow coloration, L-alanine aminopeptidase is absent, and the microorganisms are Gram-positive.

Note: The growth medium from which the colonies were taken should not contain any dyes or indicators. It is not recommended to take any pigmented colonies.

### Principle and Interpretation:

L-alanine aminopeptidase is an enzyme localised in the bacterial cell wall that cleaves L-alanine from various peptides. It is found almost only in Gram-negative microorganisms. Studied Gram-positive or Gram-variable microorganisms show no, or very weak activity. The Aminopeptidase Test is a reliable method for determining Gram behaviour. However, it does not replace Gram-staining, as it cannot show morphology.

Organisms	L-alanine aminopeptidase
Gram-negative bacteria (Exceptions: <i>Bacteroides vulgatus</i> , <i>Bacteroides fragilis</i> , <i>Campylobacter</i> sp., <i>Veillonella parvula</i> )	present (yellow = positive reaction)
Gram-positive bacteria	not present (no coloration = negative reaction)



1. negative reaction
2. positive reaction
3. positive reaction



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