

# Comprehensive parasitology diagnostic solutions

Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> ProSpecT<sup>™</sup> and Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> Xpect<sup>™</sup> parasitology enzyme immunoassays are easy-to-use diagnostic tests for the rapid identification of intestinal protozoan parasites direct from fecal specimens, including:

- Cryptosporidium
- Giardia
- Entamoeba histolytica



## Same day results

Easy-to-read results in two hours or less

## Easy to perform

Ideal for routine testing and screening

## Convenient

Room temperature incubation. EIA kits share common procedure and reagents



## ProSpecT Parasitology Kits



| Enteric products                                     | Size/<br>Format | Order<br>code |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| ProSpecT Adenovirus Microplate Assay                 | 96 tests        | R240096       |
| ProSpecT Astrovirus Microplate Assay                 | 96 tests        | R240196       |
| ProSpecT C. difficile Toxin A/B Microplate Assay     | 96 tests        | R244596       |
| ProSpecT Campylobacter Microplate Assay              | 96 tests        | R2476096      |
| ProSpecT Cryptosporidium Microplate Assay            | 96 tests        | R2454096      |
| ProSpecT Entamoeba histolytica Microplate Assay      | 96 tests        | R2456096      |
| ProSpecT Giardia EZ Microplate Assay                 | 96 tests        | R2458596      |
| ProSpecT Giardia Microplate Assay                    | 96 tests        | R2458096      |
| ProSpecT Giardia/Cryptosporidium<br>Microplate Assay | 96 tests        | R2458496      |
| ProSpecT Rotavirus Microplate Assay                  | 96 tests        | R240396       |
| ProSpecT Shiga Toxin E. coli (STEC) Microplate Assay | 48 tests        | R2474048      |
|  | 96 tests        | R2474096      |
| Xpect C. difficile Toxin A/B Lateral Flow Test       | 20 tests        | R24650        |
| Xpect Cryptosporidium Lateral Flow Test              | 20 tests        | R2451020      |
| Xpect Giardia Lateral Flow Test                      | 20 tests        | R2450020      |
| Xpect Giardia/Cryptosporidium Lateral Flow Test      | 20 tests        | R2450520      |
| Xpect Rotavirus Lateral Flow Test                    | 20 tests        | R24655        |

#### **Parasitology Diseases**

The diseases caused by intestinal protozoan parasites often have similar clinical presentation, not only to each other but also to other gastrointestinal pathogens, such as bacteria and viruses, particularly in the early stages. It is important to identify the correct parasite quickly, or to rule out its presence to guide therapeutic and infection control decisions.

The ProSpecT range of enteric parasitology products are enzyme immunoassays in a familiar microplate format, giving sensitive and specific results. The range includes tests for detection of *Giardia*, *Cryptosporidium* and *Entamoeba histolytica*.

The rapid differential diagnosis of the cause of infection is important both for patient treatment and appropriate infection control measures. The tests in the Xpect range are quick and easy to perform, giving sensitive and specific results.

#### **Giardiasis and Cryptosporidiosis**

Two of the most significant causes of protozoal diarrhea in humans worldwide are *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*. These organisms cause significant waterborne parasitic infections and are responsible for a number of outbreaks of gastrointestinal disease around the world every year.

Those most at risk of infection include children in day care, childcare workers, parents of infected children, international travelers, people who drink untreated water and swimmers who swallow water. Severe disease can lead to weight loss and dehydration. Those most at risk of severe disease include the very young, pregnant women and the immunocompromised.

#### **Amoebiasis**

Another protozoan parasite that is a significant cause of diarrhea is *Entamoeba histolytica.* Amoebiasis is most common in developing countries, in immigrants from developing countries and in people who have traveled to developing countries. It is contagious and can spread very quickly, especially in regions where drinking water becomes contaminated. Symptoms may be mild to severe (amoebic dysentery).

The parasite can break through the mucosal barrier and enter the portal circulation, enabling it to infect the liver where it may cause amoebic liver abscesses.

For more information about these and other parasitology diagnostic products, visit thermoscientific.com/microbiology

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