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This second edition <sup>ISO 18184:2019</sup> cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 18184:2014), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition <sup>ISO 18184:2014</sup> are as follows:

- [Clause 1](#) has been updated;
- in [Clause 5](#), viruses and host cells used in this document has been changed to examples of species;
- in [10.6](#), "Verification of cytotoxic effect" has been removed;
- [11.1](#), "Preparation of specimen" has been updated;
- [14.3.2](#), "Calculation of antiviral activity value" has been updated;
- Annex E (Additional virus: Polio virus) has been removed.

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## Introduction

Recently, along with the global improvement in the level of living, consumers are showing the trend to seek healthcare or health protective products. Also, an increase in the people's interest for protection against epidemic diseases has been noted, as the overcrowded commuting train car where the commuters experience every day, the hospitals, nursing homes, etc.

Being supported by the processing technology of textile products to provide a high performance which has been highly developed recently, the health protective and hygiene relating products have been advancing into the market.

Because those products are relatively new and included the technical aspects out of textile technology, the testing methods have been developed by the individual producers to evaluate the product performance. That has resulted in inexistence of a unified test method, hindering for both consumers and producers a true explanation or understanding of those high functional products.

The antiviral product is one of those products and includes the technical fields of the textile technology and the biotechnology.

The demand to establish an international standard has been growing in the consumers, retailers, producers, etc. as the stakeholders in the market.

Antiviral textile products are textiles capable of reducing the number of infective virus particles that contact the surface of the textile. This document provides a quantitative test method to assess the antiviral performance of such products.

The data obtained in an objective manner by this document give the common knowledge to all the stake holders such as consumers, producers, retailers, etc. to understand the correct performance of the antiviral textile products.

There are two methods to quantify the number of infective virus, as infective virus titre in this document, which are the plaque method and the TCID<sub>50</sub> method. The method used can be selected by the experience and the convenience of each testing house. Any appropriate cellular system can be used and that the testing conditions when used should be reported.

See [Annexes G](#) and [H](#) for interlaboratory test results.

# Textiles — Determination of antiviral activity of textile products

## 1 Scope

This document specifies testing methods for the determination of the antiviral activity of the textile products against specified viruses. Due to the individual sensitivities, the results of one test virus cannot be transposed to other viruses.

The textile products include woven and knitted fabrics, fibres, yarns, braids, etc.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 105-F02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part F02: Specification for cotton and viscose adjacent fabrics*

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## 3 Terms and definitions (standards.iteh.ai)

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### **virus**

original biological entity which has a single type of nucleic acid (DNA or RNA), specific structure that opposes the virus to living organisms with a cellular structure (prokaryotes and eukaryotes), and reproduces from its genetic material by replication within the host cell, and leads to absolute intracellular parasitism

Note 1 to entry: The virion is the infectious viral particle.

### 3.2

#### **virus activity**

ability to replicate in the susceptible and permissive host cells

### 3.3

#### **antiviral activity**

property of any substance (chemical or otherwise) producing a modification of one of the elements of the virion structure which induces the latter's inability to replicate

Note 1 to entry: Property that reduces the viral activity, generally through morphological change or structural damage to the surface protein of the virus.

Note 2 to entry: It is not necessarily to imply that the change of antigenic response or the change of constituent element is the reduction of virus infectivity.

**3.4  
antiviral chemicals**

inorganic or organic chemicals able to reduce *virus activity* (3.2)

Note 1 to entry: The organic antiviral chemicals give the change to the surface protein of virus by the chemical adsorption. The inorganic metallic antiviral substances destroy or change the morphology of the virus by the extraction of hydrogen atom in the virus protein by OH radicals which are generated by the radical reaction.

**3.5  
control fabric**

fabric used to verify the stability of the test virus on a textile fabric

Note 1 to entry: The fabrics before the antivirus treatment should be used as a control fabric with the same condition described in 3.5.

Note 2 to entry: In the absence of a control fabric as described in Note 1, the 100 % cotton cloth described in ISO 105-F02 should be used without any chemical treatments such as the fluorescent bleach, etc.

**3.6  
control test**

test to confirm that a specimen does not affect the host cell

Note 1 to entry: This test is performed as same as actual test, but without virus.

Note 2 to entry: Also referred to as control test of specimen,

**3.7  
cytopathic effect**

**cytopathic effect (CPE) caused by virus**  
effect appears as morphological change or destruction of the host cells as a result of the virus multiplication

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**3.8  
infectivity titre of virus**

number of infectious viral particles present per unit volume in a cell lysate or in viral suspension

**3.9  
plaque**

area of lysed cells in a monolayer cell culture

**3.10  
plaque forming units  
PFU**

unit expressed as the concentration of the infectious virus per unit volume

**3.11  
plaque assay**

assay to determine the infectivity *titre of virus* (3.8) from PFU by using the series of dilution

**3.12  
TCID<sub>50</sub>**

50 % infectious dose of a wash-out virus suspension or the dilution of the virus suspension that induces a CPE in 50 % of cell culture units

Note 1 to entry: See 3.7.

**3.13  
TCID<sub>50</sub> method**

assay to determine the *infectivity titre of virus* (3.8) from TCID<sub>50</sub> by using the series of dilution



**3.14****cytotoxicity**

morphological alteration of cells and/or their destruction or the reduction of their sensitivity to the multiplication of viruses induced by a product

**4 Principle**

The viruses are deposited onto a specimen. After specific contact time, the remaining infectious virus is counted, and the reduction rate is calculated by the comparison between the antiviral product test specimen and the control specimen by common logarithm. There are two methods to quantify the infectious virus titre. One method is the plaque assay and the other is the TCID<sub>50</sub> method. The selection of the method depends on the convenience and experience of the testing organization.

**5 Virus and host cell**

Examples of species of viruses and host cells are shown in [Annex A](#).

Other species of viruses and host cells can be used after appropriate validations, as the important virus may differ depending on target application. If the other species are used, the name of the species and the specific reason for their use shall be included in the test report.

NOTE Reference viruses are listed in EN 14476 and EN 14675.

**6 Warning**

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This document calls for use of the infectious viruses or substances/procedures that may be injurious to the health/environment if appropriate conditions are not observed. It refers only to technical suitability and does not absolve the user from legal obligations relating to health and safety/environment at any stage. [standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/b106b05f-45e1-42e0-b63f-a44b2b04aca2/iso-18184-2019](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/b106b05f-45e1-42e0-b63f-a44b2b04aca2/iso-18184-2019)

The warning is extended as the following. The virus in the standard shall be the one of biotechnology safety level class II classified by the directives of WHO as stated. The user of this document shall have enough knowledge and experience of the microbiology. Moreover, users shall comply strictly to the safety standard of the manufacturers and the domestic regulation.

**7 Apparatus**

**7.1 High pressure steam sterilizer: Autoclave**, capable of operating at a temperature of  $(121 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$ .

NOTE The autoclave is described in EN 12353.

**7.2 Dry heat sterilizer: Ovens**, capable of operating at a temperature of  $(180 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$  and  $(160 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$ .

NOTE The hot air ovens are described in EN 12353.

**7.3 Measuring flask**, with capacity of 1 l.

**7.4 Scale**, with the available range of 0,01 g to 100 g with accuracy of 1,0 %.

**7.5 Pipette**, of various capacities with accuracy of 10 % of the nominal volume.

**7.6 Washing machine**.

**7.7 Pipetter**, capable of mounting the glass or plastic pipettes.

**7.8 Micropipette**, having the most suitable volume for each use, with a tip made of glass or plastic, and with a tolerance of 0,5 % or less.

**7.9 Water bath**, capable of maintaining at a temperature of  $(37 \pm 1) ^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $(50 \pm 1) ^\circ\text{C}$  and  $(56 \pm 1) ^\circ\text{C}$ .

**7.10 Vortex<sup>®1)</sup>-type mixer**, used for microbial testing.

**7.11 Freezer**, capable of operating at a temperature of  $(-80 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$  or  $(-20 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$ .

**7.12 Liquid nitrogen bath**, for the preservation approximately at  $-196 ^\circ\text{C}$ .

**7.13 Membrane filtration device**, with a pore size of  $0,22 \mu\text{m}$ .

**7.14 Refrigerator**, capable of operating at a temperature between  $2 ^\circ\text{C}$  and  $8 ^\circ\text{C}$ .

**7.15 pH meter**, having an inaccuracy of calibration  $\pm 0,1$  pH units at  $(20 \pm 1) ^\circ\text{C}$ .

NOTE The pH meters are described in EN 12353.

**7.16 Inverted microscope**, capable of being used for cultured cells observation.

**7.17 Tweezers**, capable of being sterilized.

**7.18 Centrifuge**, capable of being operated at a temperature of  $(4 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$ , and relative centrifugal force of approximately 1 000 g.

**7.19 Biological safety cabinet, class II.**

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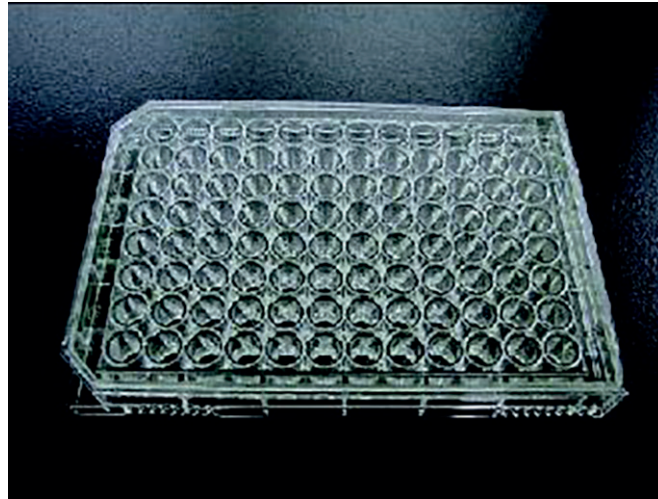
**7.20 Vial container**, with a capacity of 30 ml and closed with the screw cap. The gasket is made of perfluoroethylene or silicone and the cap is made of polypropylene.

**7.21 96 wells microplate with the gamma radiation sterilization**, for TCID<sub>50</sub> method.

96 wells microplates with other sterilization finish may be used after appropriate validation for the growth of cells. See [Figure 1](#).

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**Figure 1 — 96 wells microplate for TCID<sub>50</sub> method**

**7.22 6 wells plastic plate with the gamma radiation sterilization, for plaque assay.**

6 wells plates with other sterilization finish may be used after appropriate validation for the growth of cells. See [Figure 2](#).



**Figure 2 — 6 wells plastic plate for plaque assay**

**7.23 Flask,** for cell culture use with the gamma radiation sterilization finish, with an adherent type, a cell culture area of 75 cm<sup>2</sup> and with the vent cap. The vent cap can exchange abacterial air through 0,2 µm filter. See [Figure 3](#).

Flask with other sterilization finish may be used after appropriate validation for the growth of cells.

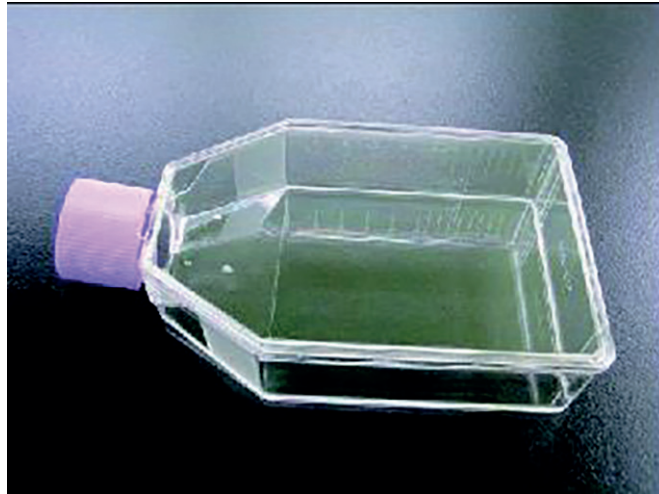


Figure 3 — Flask for cell culture use

**7.24 CO<sub>2</sub> incubator**, capable of maintaining an atmosphere with 5 % CO<sub>2</sub>, at a temperature of (34 ± 1) °C and (37 ± 1) °C.

NOTE Certain CO<sub>2</sub> incubators are described in EN 12353.

**7.25 Incubator**, capable of maintaining at a temperature of (25 ± 1) °C, (35 ± 1) °C and (37 ± 1) °C.

NOTE Certain incubators are described in EN 12353.

**7.26 Centrifuge tube.**

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**7.27 Culture container.**

**7.28 Test tube.**

**7.29 Beaker.**

## 8 Sterilization of apparatus

Sterilize all apparatus which come in contact with the cells, the chemicals, or test specimen. The sterilization method shall be used by high pressure steam or dry heat method.

- High pressure steam sterilization: by an autoclave (7.1) at a temperature of 121 °C and a pressure of 103 kPa for 15 min.
- Dry-heat sterilization: by a dry heat sterilizer (7.2) at a temperature of 180 °C for 30 min or 160 °C for 2 h.

In case of plastics products, heat-resistant plastics products or sterilization finish plastics products may be used.

## 9 Reagent and medium

All reagents shall have the quality suitable for virological needs, i.e. free of toxic substances for testing microorganisms. Some of the media are available in the market.

**9.1 Water**, which shall be analytical-grade water for microbiological media preparation, which is ion-exchanged and/or freshly distilled and/or ultra-filtered and/or filtered with RO (reverse osmosis).

**9.2 Eagle's minimum essential medium (EMEM), Roswell Park Memorial Institute medium (RPMI)**, available in the market. The composition is described in [Annex D](#). If there are any components missing from the composition, add them according to the composition table.

**9.3 7,5 % sodium bicarbonate solution.**

**9.3.1** Sterilize sodium bicarbonate, 75 g in autoclave in a culture container with a cap closed tightly.

**9.3.2** Water is also sterilized by autoclave.

**9.3.3** Dissolve sodium bicarbonate in the sterilized water of 1 000 ml well.

Alternative preparation (replacing [9.3.1](#), [9.3.2](#), and [9.3.3](#)) as follows. Prepare 7,5 % sodium bicarbonate solution by dissolving 75 g of sodium bicarbonate in 1 000 ml of water. Sterilize the solution by using 0,22 µm membrane filter.

**9.4 Formaldehyde solution.**

Prepare a formaldehyde solution at the concentration of 3,7 % in water.

The other solution for cell fixation may be used after appropriate validation for the cell fixation.

**9.5 Methylene blue solution.** (standards.iteh.ai)

**9.5.1** Prepare a measuring flask ([7.3](#)) of 1 l, then, put the following materials in the flask:

- Water, 1 000 ml;
- Methylene blue, 0,375 g;
- 1 mol/l sodium hydroxide solutions 62,5 µl.

**9.5.2** Dissolve and mix well.

**9.6 Inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS)**

**9.6.1** Put the freezed cryopreserved fetal bovine serum in a package in the water bath ([7.9](#)) at a temperature of 37 °C and keep it until defrosting.

**9.6.2** Then, raise the temperature of the water bath to 56 °C and keep it for 30 min to inactivate.

**9.6.3** Divide it into several tubes. Put them in the freezer ([7.11](#)) at a temperature lower than -20 °C until usage for testing.

**9.6.4** Just before use, put it in the water bath at a temperature of 37 °C and keep it until defrosting.

**9.7 Growth medium.**

**9.7.1** Prepare a measuring flask ([7.3](#)) of 1 l, and put the following materials into the flask:

- Water, 800 ml;