**Andrology**

sp-ace

○ Disposable sperm counting chamber.
For counting the number of sperm and analyzing the motility of sperm with high accuracy, efficiency and with ease.

○ Chamber depth is 0.01mm.

○ Dropping sample(5μL) on the entrance fills up the Chamber with sample by itself uniformly.

○ 4 samples can be measured with one slide.

Note:

Wait for 2 minutes before measuring sperm immobility.
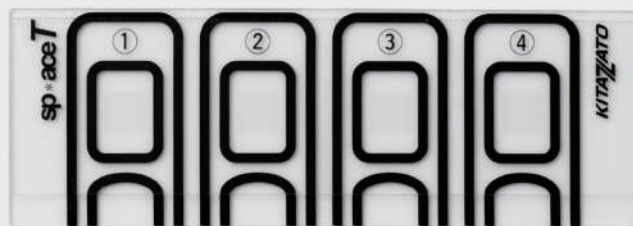
sp-ace and its case

REF	Code	Details	Contents
65015	sp-ace T	sp-ace T with Grid (0.1mm x 0.1mm)	25 pcs/box
65016	sp-ace P	sp-ace P (without Grid)	25 pcs/box

COMPOSITION

Outer diameter:	76×26×1.6mm
Chamber size:	10×7mm
Chamber depth:	0.01mm
Measurement grid:	5×5mm
Calibration grid:	1 square 0.1 x 0.1mm

*Calibration grid is only on Type T.

Chamber
Calibration grid (Only Type T)
Entrance
Cover glass
Base glass
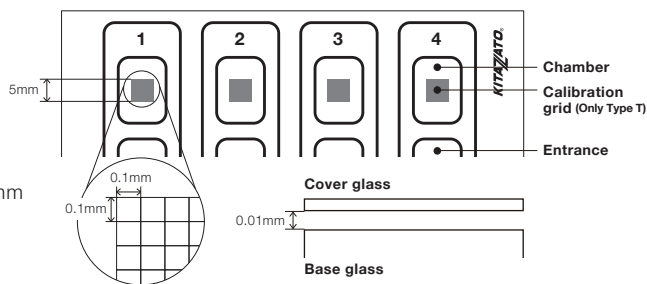
PROTOCOL

1 | **Sample preparation**
Liquify and stir the semen and make sure that viscosity is evenly distributed.

2 | **Chamber preparation**
Drop the prepared sample (5μL) at the center of the Entrance. The sample will spread automatically. Move the slide under the microscope and focus on the layer of sample.

3 | **Count method**
sp-aceT (with grid):   Use square volume of calibration grid to calculate.
sp-aceP (without grid): Use calibrated ocular micrometer with microscope or Computer Aided Sperm Analysis (CASA) to calculate.

*Contact the manufacture of microscope for calibrated ocular micrometer if desired.

Count Method

[sp-aceT (with grid)]

Chamber depth is 0.01mm and each square is 0.1mm x 0.1mm, so that the volume over a square is 10^{-7}mL. Sample concentration is calculated from the following formula.

For example, when the number of sperm counted in 10 squares (10^{-6}mL) are 50, multiplying million to 50 is equal to the number of sperm per mL.

$$\text{Sperm Concentration }_{\text{(/mL)}} = \frac{\text{Counted number of sperm} \times 10}{\text{Counted number of squares}} \times 10^6$$

$$\text{Sperm Concentration} = 50.0 \times 10^6 / \text{mL}$$

[sp-aceP (without grid)]

Use calibrated ocular micrometer with microscope to calculate. Contact the manufacturer of microscope for calibrated ocular micrometer if desired.

Sperm Motility Assessment

The motility of sperm can be categorized as:
Progressive motile sperm (PR) / Non-progressive motile sperm (NR) / Immotile sperm (IM)

Determine if the total number of motile sperm (PR+NP) or only progressive (PR) motile sperm is to be assessed, then calculate the motility sperm rate as the following formula.

$$\text{Sperm Motility Rate }_{(\%)} = \frac{\text{Number of motile sperm} \times 100}{\text{Total number of motile sperm}}$$

※More precise data is obtained by averaging the figure counted in multiple positions.

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Categories of sperm movement

A simple system for grading motility is recommended that distinguishes spermatozoa with progressive or non-progressive motility from those that are immotile. The motility of each spermatozoon is graded as follows:

Progressive motility (PR)
Spermatozoa moving actively, either linearly or in a large circle regardless of speed.
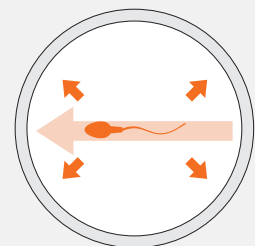
Non-progressive motility (NP)
All other patterns of motility with an absence of progression, e.g. swimming in small circles, the flagellar force hardly displacing the head, or when only a flagellar beat can be observed.
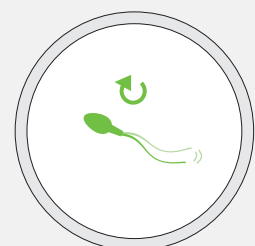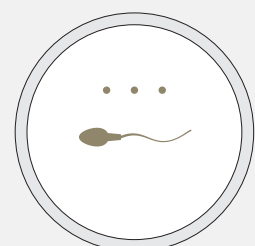
Immobility (IM)
No movement.

Progressive motility -PR-

Non-progressive motility -NP-

Immobility -IM-

Parameter	Lower reference limit
Semen volume (mL)	1.5(1.4-1.7)
Total sperm number (10^6/ejaculate)	39(33-46)
Sperm concentration (10^6/mL)	15(12-16)
Total motility (PR＋NP,%)	40(38-42)
Progressive motility (PR,%)	32(31-34)
Vitality (live spermatozoa,%)	58(55-63)
Sperm morphology (normal forms,%)	4(3.0-4.0)