

WHO Prequalification of In Vitro Diagnostics PUBLIC REPORT

Product: CyFlow Counter System with CD4 easy count kit and CD4% easy count kit

WHO reference number: PQDx 0350-081-00

CyFlow Counter System with CD4 easy count kit and CD4% easy count kit with product codes **CY-S-3022, 05-8401, and 05-8405**, manufactured by **Sysmex Partec GmbH, CE-marked regulatory version**, was accepted for the WHO list of prequalified in vitro diagnostics and was listed on 08 August 2018.

Summary of WHO prequalification assessment for CyFlow Counter System with CD4 easy count kit and CD4% easy count kit

	Date	Outcome
Prequalification listing	08-Aug-2018	listed
Dossier assessment	24-May-2018	MR
Site inspection(s) of quality management system	11-Jul-2018	MR
Product performance evaluation	Oct-2017 to Feb-2018	MR

MR: Meets Requirements

Report amendments and/or product changes

This public report has since been amended. Amendments may have arisen because of changes to the prequalified product for which WHO has been notified and has undertaken a review. Amendments to the report are summarized in the following table, and details of each amendment are provided below.

Version	Summary of amendment	Date of report amendment
2.0	Change of labelling in safety data sheet, label and IFU for 04-4012 Hypochlorite Solution due to added H + P statement and signal word in the safety data sheet of the manufacturer of the raw material; as a consequence of adjustments to regulation on handling substances hazardous to waters (part of CLP Regulation (EC) 1272/2008)	16-Oct-2019
3.0	Change of storage temperature of the Sheath Fluid (Ref. No. 04-4007) from 2-25 °C to 18-30 °C. Sheath Fluid is an accessory solution for flow cytometers, operated in laboratories with room temperature and does not need to be kept	19-Dec-2019

	refrigerated. In-use and shelf life stability were tested within the temperature range of 18-30 °C. Consequently, change of labelling material was required. Change in type and material of buffer bottle caps in CD4 easy count kit and CD4% easy count kit due to leakage and insufficient practicability (Corrective action CA-18005). The change involved 3 steps: 1. Change in Product Immediate container - new closure cap for buffer components (White screw cap, Cat. No. 8-1300-28-W (Rixius AG). 2. Change of manual capping procedure for Machine-controlled capping using automated production line. 3. Automated production line performs filling and capping.	
4.0	Fulfilment and closure of commitment for prequalification to further invest in a continued root cause analysis of the large negative bias observed between CD4 levels measured on the Sysmex instruments and using Sysmex assays as compared to measurements made using other CD4 measuring assays (e.g. FacsCalibur and MPL/CellMek with PLG).	30-Apr-2020

Intended use

According to the claim of Sysmex Partec GmbH, *“the **CD4% easy count kit** is a manual, four-component, quantitative IVD test for labelling of leukocytes and a subpopulation of lymphocytes in adult venous EDTA whole blood, which can then be enumerated with the Sysmex Partec CyFlow Counter IVD flow cytometer. The CD4 T cell concentration and CD4% of lymphocytes in blood samples is a useful indicator for the initiation or follow-up of treatment for HIV positive patients in conjunction with other laboratory and clinical findings. The test is intended to be performed by trained healthcare professionals.*

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*The **CyFlow Counter, accessory solutions, and assays** are intended monitoring the immune status of HIV+ patients as an aid in management of treatment. The CyFlow Counter is a cell analysis system designed for the determination of the absolute number of CD4+ T lymphocytes and the percentage of CD4+ cells in lymphocytes in human blood samples. The use of the CyFlow Counter is limited to professionals, trained by staff of Sysmex Partec or authorised distributors. Any other use is considered to be outside the Intended Use. All local regulations, laws and legislations for safety, hygiene and infectious control must be complied with”.*

Assay description

According to the claim of Sysmex Partec GmbH, for “the CD4% easy count kit, an aliquot of an EDTA whole-blood sample is mixed with two antibodies, each conjugated to a different fluorochrome for labelling dedicated cell populations. After a fixed incubation time, the two buffer solutions are added, and the sample is ready for analysis on the CyFlow Counter flow cytometer. The light source excites the fluorescent dye linked with the stained cell and the emitted light is detected while a certain volume of blood sample is running through the instrument. The concentration of the dedicated cell populations is calculated by the integrated software. For further information, please refer to the IFU of CyFlow Counter (CY-S-3022IFUEN).

For the CD4 easy count kit, an EDTA whole-blood sample is mixed with the antibody conjugated to the fluorochrome in a 1:1 ratio. After a fixed incubation time, the buffer is added, and the sample is ready for analysis on the CyFlow Counter flow cytometer. The light source excites the fluorescent dye linked with the stained cells and the emitted light is detected while a certain volume of blood sample is running through the instrument. The integrated software calculates the concentration of the dedicated cell populations. For further information, please refer to the IFU of CyFlow Counter (CY-S-3022IFUEN)”.

Test kit contents

Component	Product code	Test/Kit
Instrument		
CyFlow Counter (Flow cytometer)	CY-S-3022	N/A
Software CyView 2.11	N/A	N/A
CD4 easy count kit		
CD4 easy count kit to count absolute CD4+ T-lymphocytes	05-8401	100 tests
Vial containing CD4 mAb PE	05-8401-01	N/A
Bottle containing no lyse buffer	05-8401-02	N/A
CD4% easy count kit		
CD4% easy count kit to count absolute CD4+ T-lymphocytes and CD4 percentages	05-8405	100 tests
Vial containing CD4 mAb PE	05-8405-01	N/A
Vial containing CD45 mAb PE-Cy5	05-8405-02	N/A
Bottle containing Buffer 1	05-8405-03	N/A
Bottle containing Buffer 2	05-8405-04	N/A
Others		
Count Check Beads green Fluorescent Bead controls for system check (correct volume pipetting)	05-4011	50 tests
Cleaning Solution	04-4009	250 ml
Sheath Fluid	04-4007	5 L, including tab

Decontamination Solution	04-4010	250 ml
Hypochlorite Solution	04-4012	250 ml

Items required but not provided

Item Description	Product code
Sample Tubes 3.5 ml	04-2000
A verified pipette 20 µl fix and pipette tips	please refer to manufacturers/ distributors of pipettes and pipette tips
A verified pipette 100 – 1000 µl variable and pipette tips	please refer to manufacturers/ distributors of pipettes and pipette tips
A verified pipette 10 µl fix and pipette tips (for CD4% assay)	please refer to manufacturers/ distributors of pipettes and pipette tips
Venous blood collection system with EDTA as anticoagulant	please refer to manufacturers/ distributors of blood collection systems
Stop watch	N/A

Storage

Store the antibody and buffer reagents at 2°C to 8°C in the dark. Do not freeze or expose the reagents to elevated temperatures and keep them away from direct sunlight.

Store Sheath Fluid (Ref. No. 04-4007) at 18°C -30 °C.

Shelf-life upon manufacture

14 months.

Under the storage conditions mentioned above, both the CD4 easy count kit and the CD4% easy count kit will be stable until the expiration date printed on the kit label.

Warnings/limitations

Refer to current version of manufacturer's instructions for use and Safety Data Sheet for a complete list of warnings and precautions.

Prioritization for prequalification

Based on the established eligibility criteria, CyFlow Counter System with CD4 easy count kit and CD4% easy count kit was given priority for WHO prequalification assessment.

Dossier assessment

Sysmex Partec GmbH submitted a product dossier for CyFlow Counter System with CD4 easy count kit and CD4% easy count kit as per the *“Instructions for compilation of a product dossier”* (PQDx_018 v1). The information (data and documentation) submitted in the product dossier was reviewed by WHO staff and external technical experts (assessors) appointed by WHO.

The manufacturer's responses to the nonconformities found during dossier screening and assessment findings were accepted on 24 May 2018.

Based on the product dossier screening and assessment findings, the product dossier for CyFlow Counter System with CD4 easy count kit and CD4% easy count kit meets WHO prequalification requirements.

Manufacturing site inspection

A comprehensive inspection was performed at the sites of manufacture (Sysmex Partec GmbH, Arndtstr. 11a-b, 02826 Görlitz, Germany and Exbio Praha a.s., Nad Safinou II 341, 252 50 Vestec, Czech Republic) of CyFlow Counter System with CD4 easy count kit and CD4% easy count kit in February 2018 as per the *“Information for manufacturers on prequalification inspection procedures for the sites of manufacture of diagnostics”* (PQDx_014 v4). The inspection found that the manufacturers had an acceptable quality management system and good manufacturing practices in place that ensured the consistent manufacture of a product of good quality.

The manufacturers' responses to the nonconformities found at the time of the inspection were accepted on 11 July 2018

Based on the site inspection, corrective action plan review and commitments identified and subsequently closed, the quality management system for CyFlow Counter System with CD4 easy count kit and CD4% easy count kit meets WHO prequalification requirements.

Product performance evaluation

CyFlow Counter System with CD4 easy count kit and CD4% easy count kit was evaluated at the Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM) Antwerp, Belgium which is a WHO Evaluating Laboratory for CD4 enumeration between October 2017 and February 2018. The performance evaluation was conducted using the WHO evaluation protocol (PQDx_114) which was also approved by in-country ethical review board in Belgium.

A total of 312 fresh venous whole blood specimens were used to study failure rates, reproducibility (intra-assay variation, inter-assay variation, inter-instrument variation, instrument precision) and agreement with the BD FACSCalibur (BD Biosciences) as the reference method using an antibody panel including CD3/CD4/CD8/CD45 monoclonal antibodies (Multiset, BD Biosciences) with Trucount tubes (Becton Dickinson). Lastly, ease of use was assessed.

The acceptance criteria were as follows: specimen failure should be less than 10%. For reproducibility studies, a percentage coefficient of variation (%CV) should be less than 15% for CD4+ T cell counts of less than or equal to 200/ μ L and %CV should be less than 10% for CD4 counts of more than 200 cells/ μ L. Compared to the reference method, the bias should be less than 10%.

Specimen failure which was defined as failure of the instrument to provide valid results was found to be 2.2 % for venous whole blood specimens.

Testing of fresh specimens was conducted to assess the ability of the CyFlow Counter System with CD4 easy count kit and CD4% easy count kit to provide reproducible results. The overall CV was less than 5% for CD4 absolute counts and CD4%. Individual CV's per CD4 category were all below 5 % for CD4 T cells, well within the WHO acceptance criteria (<10% and less than 15% for CD4 counts below 200 cells/ μ L).

The inter-instrument precision was generally below 5% for absolute CD4 counts and consistently below 5% for CD4%, well below the acceptance criteria of WHO.

For the intra-instrument precision, all blood specimens showed a %CV less than 5 % for both CD4 counts and CD4% on venous blood specimens.

The average inter-assay variability for whole blood was between 4.0 and 4.2% for CD4 % while it was between 3.4 and 4.9% for absolute CD4 counts.

The inter-assay variability (day-to-day reproducibility) of the normal control was mostly less than 5% (one exception with 5.2%). The low controls were generally between 5-10% which is normal for low CD4 counts. In comparison, the variability on FACS Calibur was less than 5%.

The inter-assay variability on Multi Check stabilized blood indicated that both CyFlow Counter instruments had a good inter-assay reproducibility as %CV on normal blood controls and was generally less than 5%. The %CV was higher for low controls but this was expected as precision is decreasing with low counts (<200 CD4 cells/ μ L) but %CV on low counts was generally smaller than 10% and in two cases less than 12%, well within WHO's acceptance criteria. In comparison, the %CV on FACSCalibur were less than 5% for normal controls and slightly higher for low controls (5-7%).

Carry-over of CD4 easy count kit was 0.58%, while for CD4% easy count kit it was 0.92%.

Regarding agreement with the reference method, both kits, CD4 easy count kit and CD4% easy count kit had a clear tendency towards a negative bias as compared to FACS Calibur using TruCount tubes. The relative bias was smaller than 10% for the CD4 easy count kit, thus within the WHO acceptance criteria. The relative bias of the CD4% easy count kit was -3,5%, -10,6% and -11,7% for <200, 200 – 500 and >500 cells/ μ L respectively. The reason why the CD4% easy count kit had a larger negative bias than the CD4 easy count kit is not clear. When compared to a dual platform, both kits CD4 easy count kit and CD4% easy count kit also showed a clear tendency towards a negative bias as compared to the dual platform: FACS Calibur CD4 percentages and total lymphocyte counts from Abbott Cell Dyn Ruby haematology analyser. The relative negative bias was smaller than 10% for the CD4 easy count kit, thus within the acceptance criteria. The relative bias of the CD4% easy count kit was larger than -10% for the highest CD4 category.

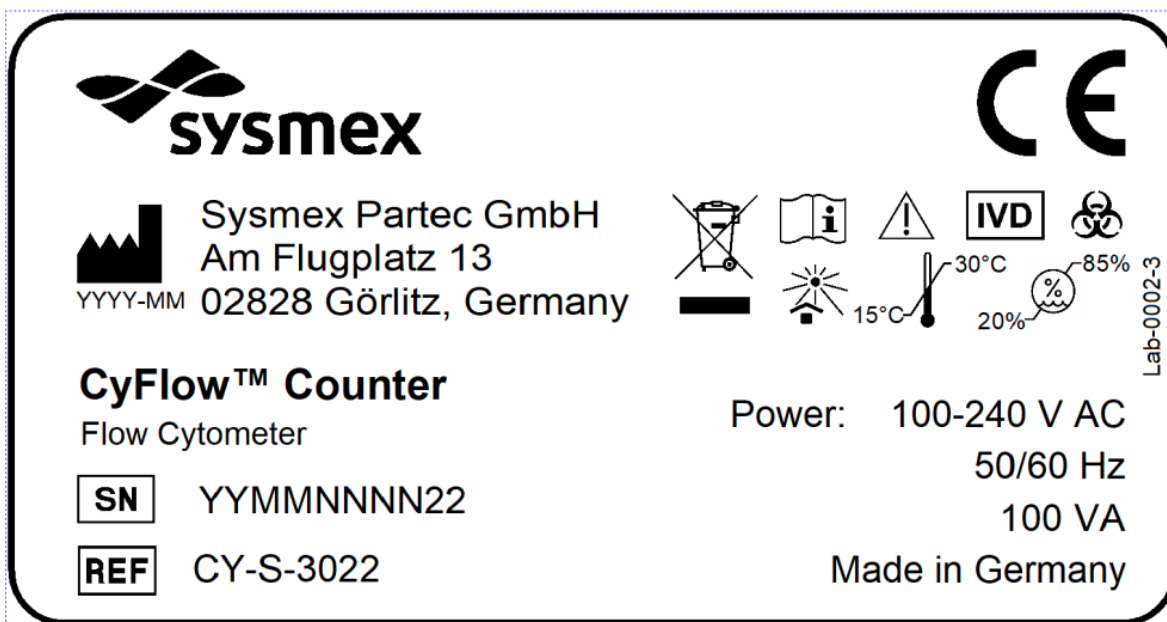
Practical use of the CyFlow Counter system was assessed by two technicians involved in the laboratory study. The instrument was considered easy to handle and relatively simple and straight forward to use. The start-up and closing down procedures were relatively short. The time to prepare and stain a blood sample is relatively short (15 min).

Labelling

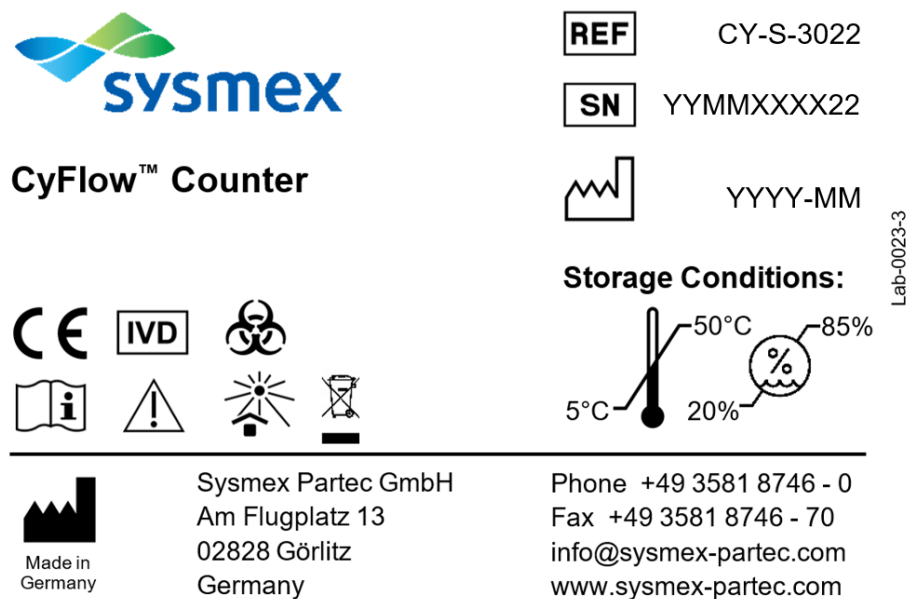
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1. Labels

Back Plate Label CyFlow Counter



Shipping carton label CyFlow Counter



Easy Count kit (05-8401)- Package labeling

Box label



The box label for the Sysmex CD4 easy count kit features the Sysmex logo at the top left. Below it, the product name "CD4 easy count kit" is prominently displayed. A descriptive sentence states: "Identification and enumeration of the CD4+ helper/inducer T-lymphocyte subset in human blood samples". The "Contents:" section lists two items: "05-8401-01 Vial containing CD4 mAb PE" and "05-8401-02 Bottle containing no lyse buffer". On the right side, technical specifications are provided in a structured layout: "REF 05-8401", "LOT 526825", an expiration date of "2017-07" (indicated by an hourglass icon), and a quantity of "100" (indicated by a triangle with the Greek letter Sigma). Storage instructions are shown with a thermometer icon indicating a range from "2°C" to "8°C" and a sun icon with a slash indicating protection from light. At the bottom left, regulatory marks include the CE mark, an IVD (In Vitro Diagnostic) mark, and an information icon. The website "www.sysmex-partec.com/services" is listed next to them. The manufacturer's name, "Sysmex Partec GmbH", and address, "Am Flugplatz 13, 02828 Görlitz, Germany", are printed at the bottom.

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CD4 easy count kit

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CD4+ helper/inducer T-lymphocyte subset
in human blood samples

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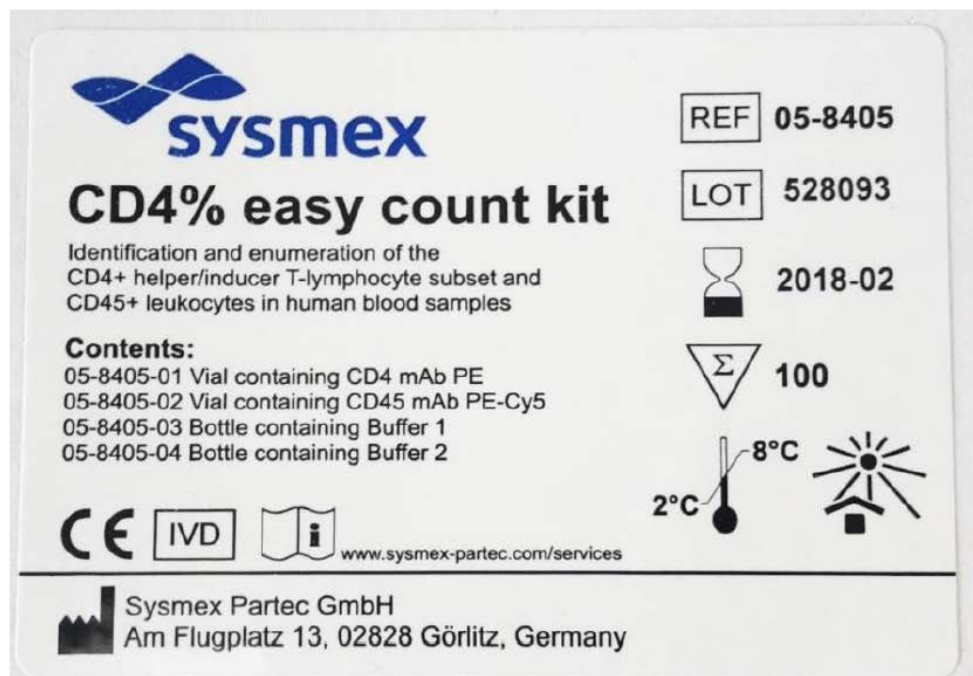
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Bottle Label for CD4 mAb PE



Bottle Label for no lyse buffer**CD4% Easy Count Kit (05-8405) – Package labeling**Box Label



Bottle Label for CD4 mAb PE



Bottle Label for CD45 mAb PE-Cy5



Bottle Label for Buffer 1**Bottle Label for Buffer 2**

Count Check Beads green (05-4011) – Package labeling

Bag Label

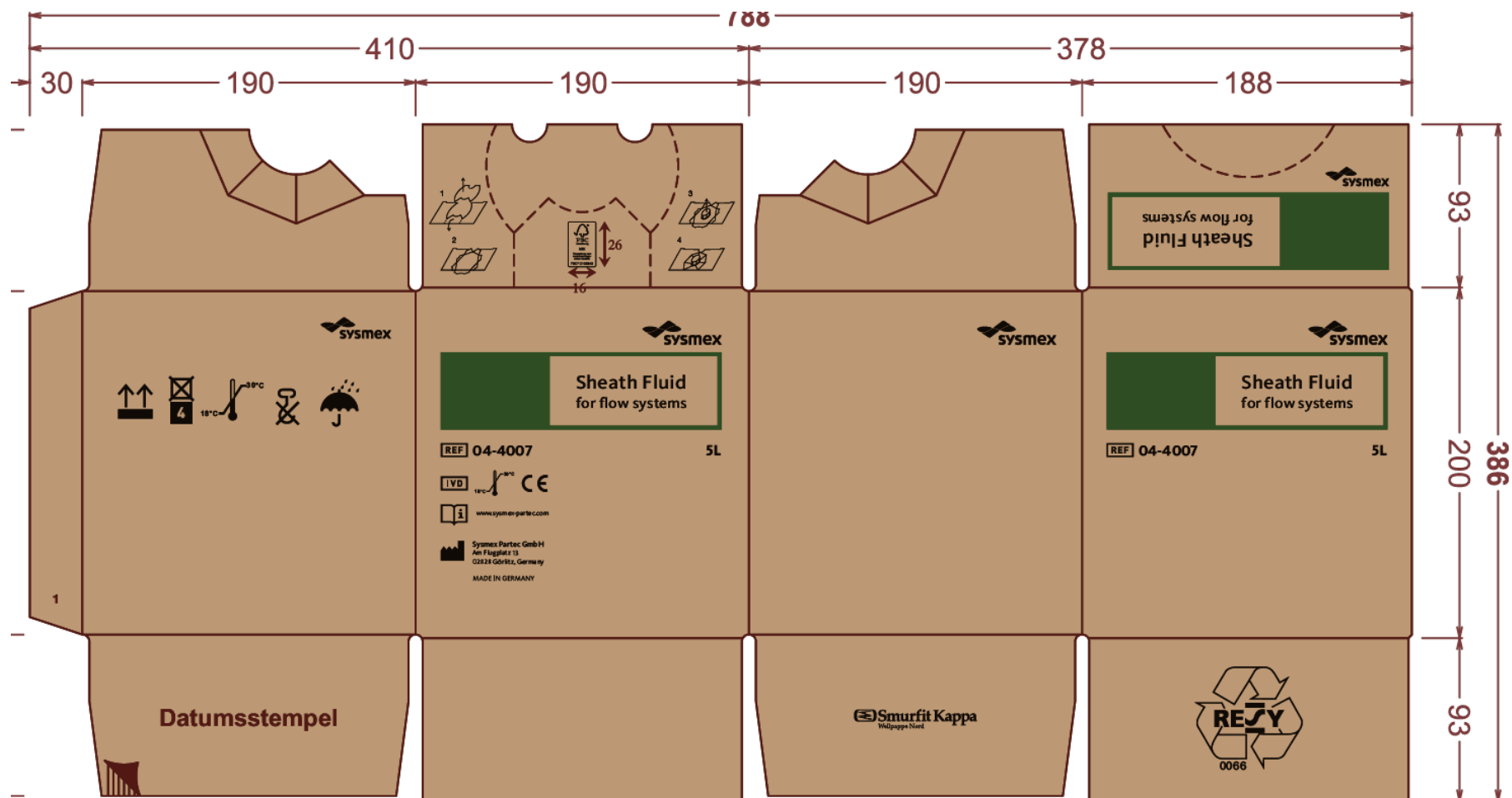
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Count Check Beads green 2 x 25 ml For daily quality control			
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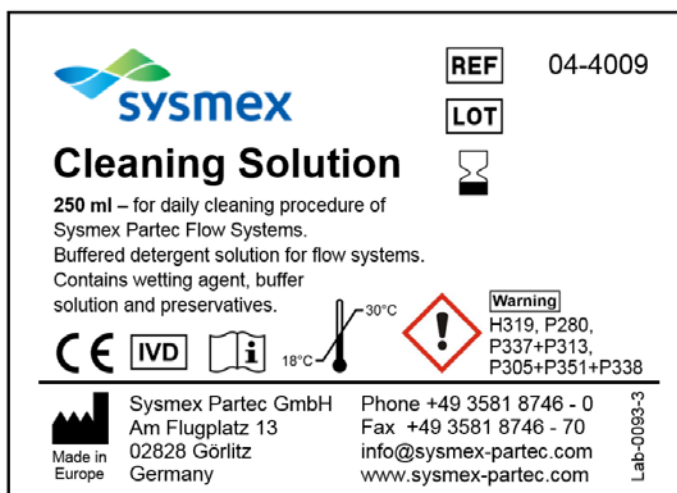


Sheath fluid label



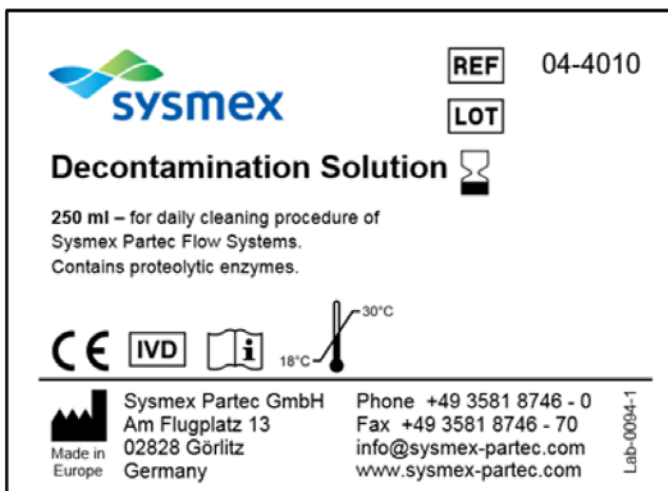
Cleaning Solution (04-4009) – Package labeling

Bottle label



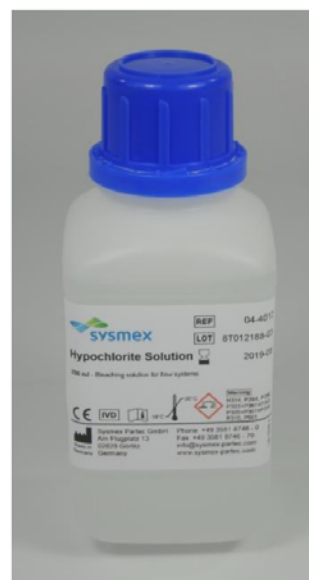
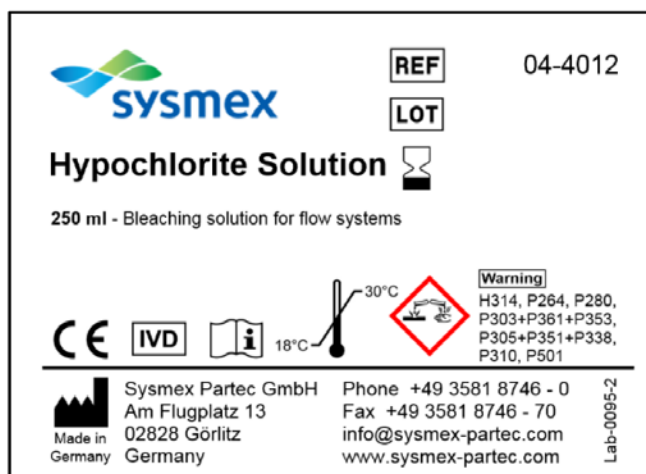
Decontamination Solution (04-4010) – Package labeling

Bottle label



Hypochlorite Solution (04-4012) – Package labeling

Bottle label



2. Instructions for use¹

¹ English version of the IFU was the one that was assessed by WHO. It is the responsibility of the manufacturer to ensure correct translation into other languages.

