Quick guide to the CatSper-Test

Please refer to the official instructions and safety data sheets for the handling and use of CatFlux Solutions for the CatSper Test



2. Incubate the tubes

for 60 minutes at 37 °C.

1. Pipette 20-µl of ejaculate each into the prewarmed CatFlux Control solution (blue tube) and the CatFlux Test solution (red tube).





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3. Determine the fraction of motile sperm in both solutions. Divide these into motility classes progressive (A + B), nonprogressive (C) and immotile (D) (total of 200 sperm cells).

4. Calculate the CatSper-Index (CI):

CI = Motility(A + B, %)_{Control Solution} - Motility(A + B, %)_{Test Solution} × 100

Motility(A + B, %)_{Control Solution}



CI test results of less than 80 indicate a CatSper-defect.

Scenario 1:

Sperm motility	Control Solution (blue)	Test Solution (red)
Progressive (A+B, %)	55 %	0 %
Non-progressive (C, %)	16 %	18 %
Immotile (D, %)	29 %	82 %

Results: $CI = \frac{55\% - 0\%}{55\%} \times 100 = 100$

A CI of 100 is greater than 80 \rightarrow no indication of a CatSper-defect.

Scenario 2:

Sperm motility	Control Solution (blue)	Test Solution (red)
Progressive (A+B, %)	58 %	51 %
Non-progressive (C, %)	6 %	14 %
Immotile (D, %)	36 %	35 %

Results: $CI = \frac{58 \% - 51 \%}{58 \%} \times 100 = 12$

A CI of 12 is less than 80 \rightarrow an indication of a CatSper-defect. Results should be confirmed with genetic testing.

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