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Updates on Rabies Diagnostic Conjugates and Availability for Diagnosis of Rabies in Animals

The new lot of Fujirebio Diagnostics Inc. (FDI) Anti-Rabies Conjugate Cat# 800-092 has been released and is available at this time for use in US rabies testing laboratories. All backorders of the FDI conjugate have been filled by the company. Sigma Millipore Light Diagnostics Anti-Rabies Conjugates Cat# 5100 (DFA) and Cat# 5500 (DFA II) are currently in stock, and backorders have been filled. However, Millipore Cat# 6500 (DFAIII) is still out of stock and is scheduled for release in January 2023. (Both Millipore Cat# 5500 and FDI Cat# 800-092 can be substituted for Millipore Cat# 6500). Millipore Rabies Monoclonal Negative Control Reagent Cat# 5102 is currently in stock.

Reminders:

- 1) The standard DFA test protocol in the United States, "Protocol for Postmortem Diagnosis of Rabies in Animals by Direct Fluorescent Antibody Testing" (<https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/pdf/RabiesDFASpV2.pdf>) requires at least 2 anti-rabies virus conjugates to maximize recognition of different antigenic sites.
- 2) The emergency use of the revalidated (expired conjugates lots) should be discontinued as soon as an in-date product is available for use.

Please contact the CDC (Rabieslaboratory@cdc.gov) if you have any additional questions regarding the conjugates required for the DFA test and alternatives.