

# RVV-X

**Description:** Specific factor X activator from Russell's viper venom. RVV-X is a dimer of two peptide chains with a molecular weight of 60'000 g/mol each. Activation of factor X by RVV-X strictly depends on the presence of calcium ions.

**Application:** RVV-X is used in diagnostic procedures to quantitatively convert the zymogen factor X into factor Xa which can be determined by means of a clotting assay or photometrically, using a synthetic chromogenic substrate. RVV-X activator is used in testing of lupus anticoagulants.

**Origin:** *Vipera russelli* snake venom

**MW:** approx. 120'000

**Assay:** Chromogenic method

100 µl RVV-X (25 U/ml 25 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>)  
 10 µl human citrated plasma  
 → incubate for 75 s at 37°C to activate FX into FXa  
 790 µl 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.4  
 100 µl Pefachrome FXa (4 mM)  
 → Determination of ΔOD/min at 405 nm

Clotting method

25 µl RVV-X (5 mU/ml 20 mM Tris- HCl, pH 7.2, 150 mM NaCl)  
 25 µl CaCl<sub>2</sub> 25 mM  
 25 µl rabbit brain cephaline (0.2 mg/ ml)  
 → incubate for 1 min at 37°C  
 25 µl human citrated plasma

**Unit definition:** 1 unit (U) is the amount of RVV-X which generates one international unit of enzyme (factor Xa) from zymogen (factor X) [Stocker et al., 1986].

**Storage:** May be used by the expiry date given on the label when stored unopened, protected from moisture, in the dark, 2°-8°C. Avoid contamination of the reagents by micro-organisms. Shipment of product does not require cooling during the time of transportation.

<b>Storage after reconstitution:</b>	+37°C	8 hours
	+15 to +25°C	2 days
	+2 to +8°C	1 week
	-80°C	1 month

The reconstituted product can be frozen immediately and stored at -80°C. Avoid refreezing.

**Package size:** Vial containing 5 U/vial  
 Vial containing 50 U/vial

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