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1. ANTIGEN:

It is believed that cholesterinized antigen tends to give spurious positive reactions, that its use for routine diagnostic tests is therefore undesirable, but that it has a field of great usefulness in the control of treatment.

Antigen should be tested for anticomplementary and hemolytic properties; this is provided for later, but might be mentioned here.

2. COMPLEMENT:

The pooled serum of not less than three guinea pigs should be used.

5. SENSITIZED CELLS.

There is no necessity for incubating cells and amboceptor to sensitize the former. It would be better to keep the mixture in the ice-box until used.

p.4. PREPARATION OF SERUMS:

The use of a common pipette for different serums is deprecated. Even though the serum itself be fairly thoroughly washed out there are occasionally bacterial contaminations which interfere with the test and which would be carried over to other serums.)

Inactivation at 56° should be for not more than 20 minutes.

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