

BD Bactec platelet QC media FDA-cleared, CE-IVD marked

April 29, 2019—[BD](#) announced the worldwide availability of BD Bactec platelet quality control media to identify contaminated platelet units. The product can be used for quality control testing of leukocyte-reduced apheresis platelet units—leukocyte-reduced single and a pool of up to six units of leukocyte-reduced whole blood platelet concentrates.

“The availability of the BD Bactec platelet quality control media allows clinicians the opportunity to identify potentially contaminated platelet donations by using a culture-based methodology, helping to reduce the risk of sepsis,” Gerald Denys, PhD, senior research professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine, said in a press release from BD.

BD Bactec platelet quality control media leverages the company’s automated Bactec FX technology and Synapsys microbiology informatics solution to help laboratories meet culture-based platelet testing requirements.