IMMUNOASSAY METHOD

Abstract

An immunoassay method for the determination of an analyte in a liquid sample comprising a step in which the sample is contacted with assay reagents in a suitable container characterised in that the assay reagents include a disassociating agent added before or at the same time as the contact with the sample, the disassociating agent being one which (a) is capable of disassociating the antigen/antibody bond of the test to a significant extent, (b) is stable for the intended shelf life of the test reagents, (c) is soluble in the test reaction mixture and (d) does not interfere significantly with the reactions of the test when subsequently diluted with a second reagent.