

# CMV IgM

IgM antibodies to Cytomegalovirus

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## English

### Intended use

Immunoassay for the in vitro qualitative determination of IgM antibodies to cytomegalovirus in human serum and plasma.

Results obtained with this assay are used as an aid in the diagnosis of recent CMV infections.

The electrochemiluminescence immunoassay "ECLIA" is intended for use on Elecsys and **cobas e** immunoassay analyzers.

### Summary

References<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6</sup>

Cytomegalovirus, a member of the herpes virus family, is ubiquitous in all human populations, causing infections which are followed by life-long latency in the host with occasional reactivations as well as recurrent infections. The seroprevalence of antibodies in adults ranges from 40-100 % with inverse correlation to socioeconomic status.

Transmission of infection requires intimate contact with infected excretions such as saliva, urine, cervical and vaginal excretions, semen, breast milk and blood.

CMV infections are usually mild and asymptomatic. However, primary maternal CMV infection during pregnancy carries a high risk of intrauterine transmission which may result in severe fetal damage, including growth and mental retardation, jaundice and CNS abnormalities. Those who are asymptomatic at birth may develop hearing defects or learning disabilities later in life. Prenatal CMV infection occurs in approximately 0.2-2.5 % of all life births.

About 10 % of seropositive women have reactivation of CMV during gestation, but the transmission rate to the fetus is about 1 % from non-primary infection compared to 40 % following primary infection. After a primary infection with CMV an individual may undergo reinfection with an exogenous virus or reactivation of latent virus.

At risk for severe CMV disease are also immunocompromised patients such as transplant recipients and HIV infected patients where the virus can cause life-threatening diseases. For these patients seronegative blood products have to be provided. Serologic tests can be used to identify seronegative blood donors and blood products. The determination of CMV IgG antibodies is used to assess the serological status of an individual and is indicative for an acute or past infection.

A first step in diagnosing acute primary CMV infection is most commonly made by the detection of anti-CMV-specific IgG and IgM antibodies. Samples being reactive for IgM antibodies indicate an acute, recent or reactivated infection. For further analysis of a primary CMV infection the determination of the CMV IgG avidity is used as an aid. A positive IgM result in combination with a low avidity index for IgG is a strong indication of a primary CMV infection within the last 4 months. Seroconversion to CMV IgM and IgG also establishes the diagnosis of a recent CMV infection.

### Test principle

µ-Capture test principle. Total duration of assay: 18 minutes.

- 1st incubation: 10 µL of sample are automatically prediluted 1:20 with Diluent Universal. Biotinylated monoclonal anti-h-IgM-specific antibodies are added.

- 2nd incubation: CMV-specific recombinant antigen labeled with a ruthenium complex<sup>a)</sup> and streptavidin-coated microparticles are added. Anti-CMV IgM antibodies present in the sample react with the ruthenium-labeled CMV-specific recombinant antigen. The complex becomes bound to the solid phase via interaction of biotin and streptavidin.
- The reaction mixture is aspirated into the measuring cell where the microparticles are magnetically captured onto the surface of the electrode. Unbound substances are then removed with ProCell/ProCell M. Application of a voltage to the electrode then induces chemiluminescent emission which is measured by a photomultiplier.
- Results are determined automatically by the software by comparing the electrochemiluminescence signal obtained from the reaction product of the sample with the signal of the cutoff value previously obtained by calibration.

a) Tris(2,2'-bipyridyl)ruthenium(II)-complex (Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup>)

### Reagents - working solutions

The reagent rackpack (M, R1, R2) is labeled as CMVIGM.

- M Streptavidin-coated microparticles (transparent cap), 1 bottle, 6.5 mL: Streptavidin-coated microparticles 0.72 mg/mL; preservative.
- R1 Anti-h-IgM-Ab-biotin (gray cap), 1 bottle, 9 mL: Biotinylated monoclonal anti-h-IgM antibody (mouse) > 500 µg/L, MES buffer 50 mmol/L, pH 6.5; preservative.
- R2 CMV-Ag-Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> (black cap), 1 bottle, 9 mL: CMV-specific antigen (recombinant, E. coli) labeled with ruthenium complex > 50 µg/L; MES buffer 50 mmol/L, pH 5.5; preservative.
- CMVIGM Cal1 Negative calibrator 1 (white cap), 2 bottles of 1.0 mL each: Human serum, negative for anti-CMV IgM; preservative.
- CMVIGM Cal2 Positive calibrator 2 (black cap), 2 bottles of 1.0 mL each: Anti-CMV IgM (human serum) in HEPES buffer, pH 7.4; bovine albumin; preservative.

### Precautions and warnings

For in vitro diagnostic use.

Exercise the normal precautions required for handling all laboratory reagents.

Disposal of all waste material should be in accordance with local guidelines. Safety data sheet available for professional user on request.

All human material should be considered potentially infectious.

All products derived from human blood (CMVIGM Cal1, CMVIGM Cal2) are prepared exclusively from the blood of donors tested individually and shown to be free from HBsAg and antibodies to HCV and HIV.

The serum containing anti-CMV IgM (CMVIGM Cal2) was sterile filtrated.

The testing methods applied were FDA-approved or cleared in compliance with the European Directive 98/79/EC, Annex II, List A.

However, as no testing method can rule out the potential risk of infection with absolute certainty, the material should be handled with the same level of care as a patient specimen. In the event of exposure, the directives of the responsible health authorities should be followed.<sup>7,8</sup>



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Avoid foam formation in all reagents and sample types (specimens, calibrators and controls).

## Reagent handling

The reagents in the kit are ready for use and are supplied in bottles compatible with the system.

Elecsys 2010 and **cobas e 411** analyzers: The calibrators should only be left on the analyzers during calibration at 20-25 °C. After use, close the bottles as soon as possible and store at 2-8 °C.

Due to possible evaporation effects, not more than 5 calibration procedures per bottle set should be performed.

MODULAR ANALYTICS E170, **cobas e 601** and **cobas e 602** analyzers: Unless the entire volume is necessary for calibration on the analyzers, transfer aliquots of the ready-for-use calibrators into empty snap-cap bottles (CalSet Vials). Attach the supplied labels to these additional bottles. Store the aliquots at 2-8 °C for later use.

Perform **only one** calibration procedure per aliquot.

All information required for correct operation is read in from the respective reagent barcodes.

## Storage and stability

Store at 2-8 °C.

Do not freeze.

Store the Elecsys reagent kit **upright** in order to ensure complete availability of the microparticles during automatic mixing prior to use.

<i>Stability of the reagent rackpack</i>	
unopened at 2-8 °C	up to the stated expiration date
after opening at 2-8 °C	12 weeks
on MODULAR ANALYTICS E170, Elecsys 2010 and <b>cobas e</b>	2 weeks or 6 weeks if stored alternately in the refrigerator and on the analyzers (up to 80 hours on the analyzer)

<i>Stability of the calibrators</i>	
unopened at 2-8 °C	up to the stated expiration date
after opening at 2-8 °C	8 weeks
on Elecsys 2010 and <b>cobas e 411</b> at 20-25 °C	up to 5 hours
on MODULAR ANALYTICS E170, <b>cobas e 601</b> and <b>cobas e 602</b>	use only once

Store calibrators **upright** in order to prevent the calibrator solution from adhering to the snap-cap.

## Specimen collection and preparation

Only the specimens listed below were tested in a sufficient number and found acceptable.

Serum collected using standard sampling tubes or tubes containing separating gel.

Li-heparin, K<sub>2</sub>-EDTA and K<sub>3</sub>-EDTA plasma.

Criterion: Mean recovery of positive samples within 80-120 % of serum value.

Stable for 4 weeks at 2-8 °C, 7 days at 25 °C, 3 months at -20 °C. The samples may be frozen 5 times.

The sample types listed were tested with a selection of sample collection tubes that were commercially available at the time of testing, i.e. not all available tubes of all manufacturers were tested. Sample collection systems from various manufacturers may contain differing materials which could affect the test results in some cases. When processing samples in primary tubes (sample collection systems), follow the instructions of the tube manufacturer.

Specimens should not be subsequently altered with additives (biocides, anti-oxidants or substances that could possibly change the pH of the sample) in order to avoid erroneous findings.

Pooled samples and other artificial material may have different effects on different assays and thus may lead to discrepant findings.

Centrifuge samples containing precipitates and frozen samples before performing the assay. Lyophilized samples can be used.

Do not use heat-inactivated samples.

Ensure the samples, calibrators and controls are at 20-25 °C prior to measurement.

Due to possible evaporation effects, samples and calibrators on the analyzers should be analyzed/measured within 2 hours.

## Materials provided

See "Reagents – working solutions" section for reagents.

## Materials required (but not provided)

- [REF 04784626190](#), PreciControl CMV IgM, 8 x 1.0 mL each of PreciControl CMV IgM 1 and 2
- [REF 11732277122](#), Diluent Universal, 2 x 16 mL sample diluent or [REF 03183971122](#), Diluent Universal, 2 x 36 mL sample diluent
- [REF 11776576322](#), CalSet Vials, 2 x 56 empty snap-cap bottles
- General laboratory equipment
- Elecsys 2010, MODULAR ANALYTICS E170 or **cobas e** analyzer

Accessories for Elecsys 2010 and **cobas e 411** analyzers:

- [REF 11662988122](#), ProCell, 6 x 380 mL system buffer
- [REF 11662970122](#), CleanCell, 6 x 380 mL measuring cell cleaning solution
- [REF 11930346122](#), Elecsys SysWash, 1 x 500 mL washwater additive
- [REF 11933159001](#), Adapter for SysClean
- [REF 11706802001](#), Elecsys 2010 AssayCup, 60 x 60 reaction vessels
- [REF 11706799001](#), Elecsys 2010 AssayTip, 30 x 120 pipette tips

Accessories for MODULAR ANALYTICS E170, **cobas e 601** and **cobas e 602** analyzers:

- [REF 04880340190](#), ProCell M, 2 x 2 L system buffer
- [REF 04880293190](#), CleanCell M, 2 x 2 L measuring cell cleaning solution
- [REF 03023141001](#), PC/CC-Cups, 12 cups to prewarm ProCell M and CleanCell M before use
- [REF 03005712190](#), ProbeWash M, 12 x 70 mL cleaning solution for run finalization and rinsing during reagent change
- [REF 12102137001](#), AssayTip/AssayCup Combimagazine M, 48 magazines x 84 reaction vessels or pipette tips, waste bags
- [REF 03023150001](#), WasteLiner, waste bags
- [REF 03027651001](#), SysClean Adapter M

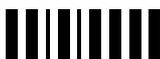
Accessories for all analyzers:

- [REF 11298500316](#), Elecsys SysClean, 5 x 100 mL system cleaning solution

## Assay

For optimum performance of the assay follow the directions given in this document for the analyzer concerned. Refer to the appropriate operator's manual for analyzer-specific assay instructions.

Resuspension of the microparticles takes place automatically prior to use. Read in the test-specific parameters via the reagent barcode. If in exceptional cases the barcode cannot be read, enter the 15-digit sequence of numbers.



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Bring the cooled reagents to approx. 20 °C and place on the reagent disk (20 °C) of the analyzer. Avoid foam formation. The system automatically regulates the temperature of the reagents and the opening/closing of the bottles.

Place the calibrators in the sample zone.

All the information necessary for calibrating the assay is automatically read into the analyzer.

After calibration has been performed, store the calibrators at 2-8 °C or discard (MODULAR ANALYTICS E170, **cobas e** 601 and **cobas e** 602 analyzers).

## Calibration

**Traceability:** This method has been standardized against a Roche standard. The units have been selected arbitrarily.

**Calibration frequency:** Calibration must be performed once per reagent lot using CMVIGM Cal1, CMVIGM Cal2 and fresh reagent (i.e. not more than 24 hours since the reagent kit was registered on the analyzer). Renewed calibration is recommended as follows:

- after 1 month (28 days) when using the same reagent lot
- after 7 days (when using the same reagent kit on the analyzer)
- as required: e.g. quality control findings with PreciControl CMV IgM outside the defined limits
- more frequently when this is required by pertinent regulations

Range for the electrochemiluminescence signals (counts) for the calibrators:

Negative calibrator (CMVIGM Cal1): 500-1600 (Elecsys 2010, MODULAR ANALYTICS E170 and **cobas e** analyzers).

Positive calibrator (CMVIGM Cal2): 2800-16000 (Elecsys 2010, MODULAR ANALYTICS E170 and **cobas e** analyzers).

## Quality control

For quality control, use PreciControl CMV IgM.

Controls for the various concentration ranges should be run individually at least once every 24 hours when the test is in use, once per reagent kit, and following each calibration.

The control intervals and limits should be adapted to each laboratory's individual requirements. Values obtained should fall within the defined limits. Each laboratory should establish corrective measures to be taken if values fall outside the defined limits.

If necessary, repeat the measurement of the samples concerned.

Follow the applicable government regulations and local guidelines for quality control.

**Note:** The controls are not barcode-labeled and therefore the controls must run on all instruments as non-Roche controls. The control values and ranges have to be entered manually. Please refer to the corresponding section in the operator's manual.

The exact lot-specific target values and ranges are printed on the value sheet which is included in the control kit or reagent kit (or electronically available).

## Calculation

The analyzer automatically calculates the cutoff based on the measurement of CMVIGM Cal1 and CMVIGM Cal2. The result of a sample is given either as reactive or non-reactive as well as in the form of a cutoff index (signal sample/cutoff).

### Interpretation of the results

Results obtained with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay can be interpreted as follows:

Non-reactive: < 0.7 COI

Indeterminate: ≥ 0.7 - < 1.0 COI

Reactive: ≥ 1.0 COI

Samples with a cutoff index < 0.7 are non-reactive in the Elecsys CMV IgM assay.

Samples with a cutoff index between ≥ 0.7 and < 1.0 are considered indeterminate. The sample should be retested. In case the result is still indeterminate, a second sample should be tested e.g. within the following 2-3 weeks.

Samples with a cutoff index ≥ 1.0 are reactive in the Elecsys CMV IgM assay.

The magnitude of the measured result above the cutoff is not indicative of the total amount of antibody present in the sample.

The anti-CMV IgM results in a given specimen, as determined by assays from different manufacturers, can vary due to differences in reagents and assay methods.

## Limitations - interference

A negative CMV IgM test result, also in combination with a positive CMV IgG result, does not completely rule out the possibility of an acute infection with cytomegalovirus:

- Individuals at the early stage of acute infection may not exhibit detectable amounts of CMV IgM antibodies. In some of these individuals an indeterminate or low positive result with the Elecsys CMV IgG assay may be found and indicate an early acute infection. A second sample should be tested e.g. within 2 weeks. The detection of CMV IgM and/or a significant increase of the Elecsys CMV IgG antibody titer in the second sample supports the diagnosis of acute CMV infection.<sup>1,9</sup>
- The individual immune response following CMV infection varies considerably.
  - In some individuals non-reactive results may occur in the late phase of acute infection by the Elecsys CMV IgM assay.

The detection of IgM antibodies against CMV in a single sample is not sufficient to prove an acute CMV infection. In single cases elevated IgM antibody levels may persist even for years after initial infection. For further clarification additional laboratory tests (e.g. CMV IgG and IgG avidity) or combination of tests should be performed and results should be assessed in conjunction with the patient's medical history and clinical symptoms.

The results in HIV patients, in patients undergoing immunosuppressive therapy, or in patients with other disorders leading to immune suppression, should be interpreted with caution.

Specimens from neonates, cord blood, pretransplant patients or body fluids other than serum and plasma, such as urine, saliva or amniotic fluid have not been tested.

The assay is unaffected by icterus (bilirubin < 342 µmol/L or < 20 mg/dL), hemolysis (Hb < 0.310 mmol/L or < 0.500 g/dL), lipemia (Intralipid < 1500 mg/dL) and biotin (< 410 nmol/L or < 100 ng/mL).

**Criterion:** Mean recovery of positive samples within ± 20 % of serum value. Samples should not be taken from patients receiving therapy with high biotin doses (i.e. > 5 mg/day) until at least 8 hours following the last biotin administration.

No interference was observed from rheumatoid factors up to a concentration of 2000 IU/mL.

In vitro tests were performed on 18 commonly used pharmaceuticals and in addition on ganciclovir and valganciclovir. No interference with the assay was found.

Sera from patients with primary EBV infections can demonstrate positive results in the Elecsys CMV IgM assay. This is not unexpected as both viruses belong to the herpes virus family and this potential interference is known for CMV IgM assays.<sup>9</sup> As with many µ-capture assays, an interference with unspecific IgM is observed. Increasing amounts of unspecific IgM may lead to a decrease in the recovery of positive samples with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay.



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In rare cases, interference due to extremely high titers of antibodies to analyte-specific antibodies, streptavidin or ruthenium can occur. These effects are minimized by suitable test design.

For diagnostic purposes, the results should always be assessed in conjunction with the patient's medical history, clinical examination and other findings.

## Specific performance data

Representative performance data on the analyzers are given below. Results obtained in individual laboratories may differ.

## Precision

Precision was determined using Elecsys reagents, human sera and controls in a protocol (EP5-A2) of the CLSI (Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute); 2 runs per day in duplication each for 21 days (n = 84); repeatability n = 21. The following results were obtained:

Elecsys 2010 and <b>cobas e 411</b> analyzers						
Sample	Repeatability			Intermediate precision		
	Mean COI	SD COI	CV %	Mean COI	SD COI	CV %
HS <sup>b)</sup> , negative	0.188	0.004	2.1	0.175	0.004	2.4
HS, low positive	1.52	0.032	2.1	1.62	0.056	3.4
HS, high positive	14.2	0.295	2.1	13.9	0.438	3.2
PC <sup>c)</sup> CMV IgM 1	0.185	0.006	3.1	0.171	0.005	2.8
PC CMV IgM 2	2.04	0.052	2.6	1.98	0.103	5.3

b) HS = human serum

c) PC = PreciControl

MODULAR ANALYTICS E170, <b>cobas e 601</b> and <b>cobas e 602</b> analyzers						
Sample	Repeatability			Intermediate precision		
	Mean COI	SD COI	CV %	Mean COI	SD COI	CV %
HS, negative	0.172	0.004	2.0	0.184	0.010	5.2
HS, low positive	1.17	0.027	2.3	1.68	0.082	4.9
HS, high positive	15.0	0.297	2.0	14.0	0.524	3.8
PC CMV IgM 1	0.164	0.003	1.8	0.182	0.010	5.2
PC CMV IgM 2	1.97	0.033	1.7	1.96	0.119	6.1

## Analytical specificity

433 potentially cross reacting samples were tested with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay and a comparison CMV IgM assay comprising the following specimens:

- containing antibodies against HBV, HAV, HCV, HIV\*, HTLV, EBV\*\*, HSV\*\*\*, VZV, Parvo B19\*\*\*, Rubella\*\*\*\*, Treponema pallidum, Toxoplasma gondii
- containing autoantibodies\*\*\*\*\* (ANA, anti-tissue, RF)

\* HIV: 8 discordant samples were found out of 70 samples.

\*\* EBV: 13 discordant samples were found out of 48 samples.

\*\*\* HSV, Parvo B19: 1 discordant sample was found in each group.

\*\*\*\* Rubella: 2 discordant samples were found.

\*\*\*\*\* Autoantibodies: 7 discordant samples were found out of 73 samples.

An overall agreement of 92.3 % (381/413) was found in these specimens with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay and the comparison test. 377 samples were found concordantly negative and 4 samples were found positive. 20 samples were found indeterminate either with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay or the comparison test.

## Clinical sensitivity

### Sensitivity in primary infections

A total of 365 frozen samples from pregnant women with primary CMV infection including sequential and single samples analyzed by commercially available CMV IgM assays were tested with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay at 4 different sites. For calculation of sensitivity confirmed positive samples had a low avidity index or were clinically characterized. Indeterminate samples were counted as positives. Samples with a high avidity index and all discrepant samples or concordant negative samples with a moderate avidity index were excluded.

Site	N	Sensitivity (%)	
		Elecsys CMV IgM assay	Comparison CMV IgM test
1 <sup>d)</sup>	180	93.0 (106/114)	94.7 (108/114)
2	57	96.5 (55/57)	96.5 (55/57)
3	39 <sup>e)</sup>	91.2 (31/34)	79.4 (27/34)
	35 <sup>f)</sup>	93.1 (27/29)	100 (29/29)
4 <sup>g)</sup>	54	92.3 (48/52)	98.1 (51/52)

d) 66 samples were excluded due to high/moderate avidity.

e) 5 samples were excluded due to moderate avidity and concordant negative results for CMV IgM.

f) 6 samples were excluded due to moderate/high avidity and concordant negative results for CMV IgM.

g) 2 samples were excluded due to moderate avidity and discrepant CMV IgM results.

### Specificity in past infection

A total of 158 frozen samples from pregnant women with past CMV infection, analyzed by commercial CMV assays, were tested with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay at 4 different sites. All samples were pre-selected positive for CMV IgG, negative for CMV IgM and a high avidity index showing absence of acute infection.

Relative specificity in past infections

Site	N	Relative specificity (%)	
		Elecsys CMV IgM assay	Comparison CMV IgM test
1 <sup>h)</sup>	48	98	100
2	30	100	100
3 <sup>i)</sup>	50	84	86
4	30	100	100

h) 1 sample was found indeterminate with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay and negative with the comparison assay.

i) 8 samples were positive with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay; 7 samples were equivocal with the comparison assay.

### Capability to discriminate the persisting IgM after CMV infection

A total of 68 frozen samples from pregnant women analyzed by commercial CMV IgM assays were tested with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay at 3 different sites. All samples were pre-selected positive for CMV IgG and CMV IgM and a high avidity index showing absence of acute infection.

Capability to discriminate the persisting CMV IgM

Site	N	Elecsys CMV IgM assay tested/reactive	Comparison CMV IgM test tested/reactive
1 <sup>j)</sup>	20	20/6	20/20
2 <sup>k)</sup>	28	28/4	28/28
3 <sup>l)</sup>	20	20/7	20/20

j) 14 samples were discrepant negative with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay.

k) 24 samples were discrepant negative with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay.

l) 12 samples were discrepant negative with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay.



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## Specificity in pre-selected negative samples

A total of 173 frozen samples from pregnant women in which a CMV infection was excluded and analyzed by commercial CMV IgM assays were tested with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay at 4 different sites.

Site	N	Specificity (%)	
		Elecsys CMV IgM assay	Comparison CMV IgM test
1	50	100	100
2 <sup>m)</sup>	50	98	100
3 <sup>n)</sup>	23	100	95.7
4	50	100	100

m) 1 sample was found positive with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay.

n) 1 sample was found equivocal with the comparison assay.

## Clinical specificity

A total of 1646 fresh samples from clinical routine (blood donors, site 1) were tested at 3 different sites (pregnancy testing, site 2 and 3) with the Elecsys CMV IgM assay in comparison to competitor assays. The IgG avidity test was used to resolve discrepant results.

Relative specificity after resolution

Site	N	Relative specificity Elecsys CMV IgM assay %	Lower confidence limit %	Relative specificity Comparison CMV IgM test %	Lower confidence limit %
1 <sup>o)</sup>	511	98.8 (495/501)	97.4	96.6 (484/501)	94.6
2 <sup>p)</sup>	616	97.1 (574/591)	95.4	93.4 (552/591)	91.1
3 <sup>q)</sup>	519	97.0 (492/507)	95.2	92.9 (471/507)	90.3

o) 10 samples were excluded due to moderate avidity or missing avidity result.

p) 10 samples were confirmed positive by low avidity index; 15 samples were excluded due to moderate or missing avidity result.

q) 3 samples were confirmed positive by low avidity index; 9 samples were excluded due to moderate or missing avidity result.

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For further information, please refer to the appropriate operator's manual for the analyzer concerned, the respective application sheets, the product information and the Method Sheets of all necessary components (if available in your country).

A point (period/stop) is always used in this Method Sheet as the decimal separator to mark the border between the integral and the fractional parts of a decimal numeral. Separators for thousands are not used.

## Symbols

Roche Diagnostics uses the following symbols and signs in addition to those listed in the ISO 15223-1 standard.

	Contents of kit
	Analyzers/Instruments on which reagents can be used
	Reagent
	Calibrator
	Volume after reconstitution or mixing

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