

English**Intended use**

The ISE module of the COBAS INTEGRA systems is intended for use in the quantitative determination of sodium, potassium, chloride in serum, plasma and urine, and lithium in serum and plasma using ion-selective electrodes.

This Chloride Electrode, Cat. No. 04581008001, is recommended to be used if a significant proportion of the samples are plasma samples. Serum and urine samples may also be analyzed with this electrode.

Summary¹

Electrolytes are involved in most major metabolic functions in the body. Sodium, potassium and chloride are amongst the most important physiological ions and the most often assayed electrolytes. They are supplied primarily through the diet, absorbed in the gastrointestinal tract and excreted by the kidneys.

Chloride is the major extracellular anion and serves to regulate the balance of extracellular fluid distribution.

Serum/plasma: Similarly to the other ions, common causes of decreased chloride include reduced dietary intake, prolonged vomiting, reduced renal reabsorption as well as some forms of acidosis and alkalosis. Increased chloride values are found in dehydration, kidney failure, some forms of acidosis, high dietary or parenteral chloride intake and salicylate poisoning.

Urine: Urinary excretion of chloride normally approximates the dietary intake. Physiological increase of urinary chloride is found with postmenstrual diuresis and a decrease with premenstrual salt and water retention, in parallel with an increase or decrease of urinary sodium levels. Chloride in urine is examined in evaluation of electrolyte composition and in acid-base balance studies.

Test principle

Ion-selective electrodes, using undiluted (ISE Direct) or automatically diluted (ISE Indirect, ISE in Urine) specimens.

Note

The slope and test ranges for this electrode differ from the other Chloride Electrode (Cat. No. 03003523001). Therefore in order to use this Chloride Electrode Gen.2 (Cat. No. 04581008001) the installation of special test settings TAS/U is mandatory.

- "ICKA3399" for COBAS INTEGRA 400 plus analyzer
- "98A.99" for COBAS INTEGRA 800 analyzer

Precautions and warnings

Pay attention to all precautions and warnings listed in Section 1 / Introduction of this Method Manual.

For USA: For prescription use only.

On-board stability

Electrode life span:	2 weeks or 2000 samples
Slope ranges:	-35 to -56 mV/dec direct mode -38 to -56 mV/dec indirect mode

Specimen collection and preparation

For specimen collection and preparation only use suitable tubes or collection containers.

Only the specimens listed below were tested and found acceptable. Serum or plasma, free from hemolysis.

If heparinized plasma is used, ensure that the collection tubes are filled with the correct volume of blood. The tested anticoagulant for chloride determinations is lithium heparin.

Urine: Collect 24-hour urine for chloride determinations without addition of preservatives and/or stabilizers. Store refrigerated during collection.

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.

Note

Serum separator tubes containing acrylic, ester, styrene, urethane or olefin based gels may be used for sample collection as long as they are used in

accordance with the manufacturer's recommended procedures. It is especially important that storage temperature, adequate mixing and clotting times at sufficient g-forces for sufficient time periods are respected. Ensure also correct filling levels and ensure a minimum of 1 cm sample above gel layer. If these precautions are not taken, it is possible to accidentally coat the sample probe with gel (interfering with proper sample level detection), or even to aspirate gel into the ISE system (resulting in a clogged system). Inadequate mixing of plasma tubes can cause interference with micro fibrin clots.

It is strongly recommended to avoid silicone-type gels, due to risk of silicon oil contaminations. Today's global tube suppliers do not employ silicone based gels at all, but it may be that silicone gels are in use by small local suppliers. In addition, tubes that exhibit a layer of clear liquid, which rises to the top of the serum after centrifugation, should not be used for direct sample aspiration, in order to prevent coating the sample probes and interfering with ISE system.

It is possible to clog the sample probes or the ISE tubing with gel or clots if these precautions are not taken.

The stabilities of chloride in the specimens kept in tightly closed tubes are given in the table below:²

	15-25 °C	2-8 °C	(-15)-(-25) °C
Chloride	7 days	7 days	stable

COBAS INTEGRA 400 plus/800 test definition

Measuring mode	ISE Direct	ISE Indirect	ISE Urine
Specimen	Serum/plasma	Serum/plasma	Urine
Typical test range	60-140	60-140	20-250
Unit	mmol/L	mmol/L	mmol/L

The general test range without system flag is 20-250 mmol/L.

Pipetting parameters

Measuring mode	ISE Direct	ISE Indirect	ISE Urine
Specimen	97	20	20
Diluent (H ₂ O)	-	100	100
Unit	µL	µL	µL

Calibration

Calibrators	ISE Solutions 1, 2, and 3 ISE Calibrator Direct ISE Calibrator Indirect/Urine
Calibration replicate	One
Calibration interval	Five hours (main calibration) Every sample (one-point calibration)

Once opened, ISE Solution 1, 2, and 3 are stable on-board up to 2 weeks.

Once opened, ISE Calibrator Direct and ISE Calibrator Indirect/Urine are stable on-board up to 8 weeks.

Quality control

Serum, plasma	
Reference range	Precinorm U, Precinorm U plus, or PreciControl ClinChem Multi 1
Pathological range	Precipath U, Precipath U plus, or PreciControl ClinChem Multi 2
Urine	Quantitative urine controls are recommended for routine quality control.
Control interval	5 hours recommended
Control sequence	User defined
Control after calibration	Recommended

For quality control, use control materials as listed above. In addition, other suitable control material can be used.

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.

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

Calculation

Refer to the Section Principle of Measurement in the general description "Ion-Selective Electrode Module".

Limitations - interference*Serum, plasma*

Criterion: Recovery within $\pm 10\%$ of initial value.

Direct mode:

Hemolysis: No significant interference up to a hemoglobin level of 0.621 mmol/L (10 g/L).

Icterus: No significant interference.

Lipemia: No significant interference.

Drugs: Of the drugs tested in vitro, Ca-dobesilate, phenylbutazone, acetylsalicylic acid and ibuprofen cause artificially high chloride concentrations. In addition to the tested drug panel, salicylic acid was also measured. A salicylic acid concentration of 1.2 mmol/L simulates an increase of the chloride concentration by less than 10 %.

Falsely high chloride values have been reported from patients receiving perchlorate medication. This is due to an interference of perchlorate ions with chloride ISE determinations.

Indirect mode:

Hemolysis: No significant interference up to a hemoglobin level of 0.621 mmol/L (10 g/L).

Icterus: No significant interference.

Lipemia: No significant interference.

Drugs: Of the drugs tested in vitro, acetylsalicylic acid and ibuprofen cause artificially high chloride concentrations. In addition to the tested drug panel, salicylic acid was also measured. Including the highest concentration (3 mmol/L), no significant interference was detected.

Falsely high chloride values have been reported from patients receiving perchlorate medication. This is due to an interference of perchlorate ions with chloride ISE determinations.

The following drugs were tested up to the indicated concentration:

Serum/plasma panel:

Acetylcysteine	150 mg/L
Ampicillin-Na	1000 mg/L
Ascorbic acid	300 mg/L
Ca-dobesilate	200 mg/L
Cyclosporin	5 mg/L
Cefoxitin	2500 mg/L
Heparin	5000 U/L
Intralipid	10000 mg/L
L-Dopa	20 mg/L
Methyldopa	20 mg/L
Metronidazol + 1,5	200 mg/L
Phenylbutazone	400 mg/L
Doxycyclin	50 mg/L
Acetylsalicylic acid	1000 mg/L
Rifampicin	60 mg/L
Acetaminophen	200 mg/L
Ibuprofen	500 mg/L
Theophylline	100 mg/L

Urine

Criterion: Recovery within $\pm 20\%$ of initial value.

Urine mode:

Drugs: Of the drugs tested in vitro, ascorbic acid, Ca-dobesilate and levodopa cause artificially high chloride concentrations.

Falsely high chloride values have been reported from patients receiving perchlorate medication. This is due to an interference of perchlorate ions with chloride ISE determinations.

The following drugs were tested up to the indicated concentration:

Urine panel:

Acetaminophen (Paracetamol)	3000 mg/L
Acetylcysteine	10 mg/L
Salicylic acid	6000 mg/L
Ascorbic acid	4000 mg/L
Ca-dobesilate	1000 mg/L
Na-cefoxitin	12000 mg/L
Gentamycin sulfate	400 mg/L
Ibuprofen	4000 mg/L
L-Dopa	1000 mg/L
Methyldopa	2000 mg/L
Ofloxacin	900 mg/L
Phenazopyridine	300 mg/L
Doxycyclin	300 mg/L

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

Expected values¹

Serum/plasma (adults)	98-107 mmol/L (Indirect mode) 101-110 mmol/L (Direct mode)
Urine (24 h) (adults)	110-250 mmol/L

Each laboratory should investigate the transferability of the expected values to its own patient population and if necessary determine its own reference ranges.

Specific performance data

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

Precision

Precision was determined using human samples and controls in an internal protocol with repeatability (n = 21, 1 run) and intermediate precision (3 aliquots per run, 1 run per day, 21 days). For intermediate precision (between-run) the second result of threefold determination was taken for calculation. For intermediate precision (total) all results are used for calculation. The following results were obtained:

Chloride direct*Repeatability*

Specimen	Serum low	Serum high	Plasma low	Plasma high	PNU*	PPU*
N	21	21	20	21	21	21
Mean	92.9	127.2	89.2	125.0	86.3	119.9
SD	0.17	0.24	0.32	0.18	0.18	0.20
CV (%)	0.19	0.19	0.36	0.15	0.21	0.17
Min	92.6	126.9	88.6	124.6	85.9	119.6
Max	93.3	127.8	89.8	125.3	86.6	120.3

*PNU = Precinorm U and PPU = Precipath U

Intermediate precision (between-run)

Specimen	Serum		Plasma		PNU	PPU
	low	high	low	high		
N	21	21	21	21	21	21
Mean	94.3	126.5	91.6	126.0	87.1	120.5
SD	0.85	1.34	0.95	1.46	0.84	1.18
CV (%)	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.0
Min	93.1	123.2	90.0	122.7	85.4	118.8
Max	96.4	130.0	93.8	130.0	89.2	124.0

Intermediate precision (total)

Specimen	Serum		Plasma		PNU	PPU
	low	high	low	high		
N	63	63	63	62	63	63
Total mean	94.4	126.4	91.8	125.8	87.0	120.6
Repeatability SD	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.90	0.5	0.3
Repeatability CV (%)	0.20	0.20	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.2
Total imprec. SD	0.9	1.3	0.9	1.8	1.0	1.1
Total imprec. CV (%)	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.1	0.9

Chloride indirect*Repeatability*

Specimen	Serum		Plasma		PNU	PPU
	low	high	low	high		
N	21	21	21	21	21	21
Mean	90.3	124.1	86.4	121.9	83.1	116.0
SD	0.59	0.31	0.25	0.28	0.25	0.29
CV (%)	0.65	0.25	0.29	0.23	0.30	0.25
Min	89.7	123.5	85.9	121.3	82.7	115.5
Max	92.6	124.6	86.9	122.3	83.8	116.6

Intermediate precision (between-run)

Specimen	Serum		Plasma		PNU	PPU
	low	high	low	high		
N	21	21	21	21	21	21
Mean	92.0	122.8	88.7	121.6	85.9	116.5
SD	0.96	1.12	0.98	1.24	0.93	1.16
CV (%)	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0
Min	89.8	120.1	86.6	118.4	83.6	114.9
Max	93.4	125.3	90.4	124.0	87.5	119.6

Intermediate precision (total)

Specimen	Serum		Plasma		PNU	PPU
	low	high	low	high		
N	63	63	62	62	63	63
Total mean	92.1	122.8	88.8	121.6	86.1	116.5
Repeatability SD	0.30	0.30	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.3
Repeatability CV (%)	0.30	0.30	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.3
Total imprec. SD	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.1
Total imprec. CV (%)	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.9

Chloride urine*Repeatability*

Specimen	Liqui-check 1	Liqui-check 2	Urine low	Urine high
N	20	20	21	20
Mean	108.7	202.8	61.4	194.4
SD	0.32	0.78	0.31	0.97
CV (%)	0.29	0.38	0.50	0.50
Min	108.4	201.2	61.1	192.8
Max	109.5	204.1	62.2	195.9

Intermediate precision (between-run)

Specimen	Liqui-check 1	Liqui-check 2	Urine low	Urine high
N	21	21	21	21
Mean	105.5	192.8	64.9	186.4
SD	1.99	4.85	1.52	8.06
CV (%)	1.9	2.5	2.3	4.3
Min	101.7	184.9	61.6	173.6
Max	108.4	205.2	67.2	206.8

Intermediate precision (total)

Specimen	Liqui-check 1	Liqui-check 2	Urine low	Urine high
N	62	63	63	63
Total mean	105.5	192.8	65.1	186.5
Repeatability SD	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.1
Repeatability CV (%)	0.4	0.4	1.7	0.6
Total imprec. SD	2.0	5.0	1.8	8.2
Total imprec. CV (%)	1.9	2.6	2.8	4.4

Method comparison**Chloride direct**

Chloride values for human plasma samples obtained on a COBAS INTEGRA 800 analyzer (y) were compared to those determined on a Coulometer (x).

Sample size	(n)	57
Corr. coefficient	(r)	0.999
Passing/Bablok ³		$y = 0.972x + 3.21$ mmol/L

The sample concentrations were between 52.0 and 151.0 mmol/L.

Chloride values for human plasma samples obtained on a COBAS INTEGRA 800 analyzer (y) were compared to those determined on a Roche/Hitachi 912 analyzer (x).

Sample size	(n)	57
Corr. coefficient	(r)	0.999
Passing/Bablok ³		$y = 0.931x + 8.82$ mmol/L

The sample concentrations were between 49.2 and 153.9 mmol/L.

Chloride indirect

Chloride values for human plasma samples obtained on a COBAS INTEGRA 800 analyzer (y) were compared to those determined on a Coulometer (x).

Sample size	(n)	56
Corr. coefficient	(r)	0.999
Passing/Bablok ³		$y = 0.945x + 4.17$ mmol/L

The sample concentrations were between 52.0 and 151.0 mmol/L.

Chloride Electrode Gen.2 for Direct, Indirect and Urine mode

Chloride values for human plasma samples obtained on a COBAS INTEGRA 800 analyzer (y) were compared to those determined on a Roche/Hitachi 912 analyzer (x).

Sample size	(n)	56
Corr. coefficient	(r)	0.999
Passing/Bablok ³		$y = 0.903x + 9.79$ mmol/L

The sample concentrations were between 49.2 and 153.9 mmol/L.

Chloride urine

Chloride values for urine samples obtained on a COBAS INTEGRA 800 analyzer (y) were compared to those determined on a Coulometer (x).

Sample size	(n)	51
Corr. coefficient	(r)	0.997
Passing/Bablok ³		$y = 0.978x + 5.72$ mmol/L

The sample concentrations were between 23.7 and 224.3 mmol/L.

Chloride values for urine samples obtained on a COBAS INTEGRA 800 analyzer (y) were compared to those determined on a Roche/Hitachi 912 analyzer (x).

Sample size	(n)	51
Corr. coefficient	(r)	0.994
Passing/Bablok ³		$y = 0.956x + 10.89$ mmol/L

The sample concentrations were between 20.9 and 231.3 mmol/L.

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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
	Volume after reconstitution or mixing
	Global Trade Item Number

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