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Calcium

Order information

REF	CONTENT		Analyzer(s) on which **cobas c** pack(s) can be used
20763128 322	Calcium 300 tests	System-ID 07 6312 8	Roche/Hitachi **cobas c** 311, **cobas c** 501/502
10759350 190	Calibrator f.a.s. (12 x 3 mL)	Code 401	
10759350 360	Calibrator f.a.s. (12 x 3 mL, for USA)	Code 401	
12149435 122	Precinorm U plus (10 x 3 mL)	Code 300	
12149435 160	Precinorm U plus (10 x 3 mL, for USA)	Code 300	
12149443 122	Precipath U plus (10 x 3 mL)	Code 301	
12149443 160	Precipath U plus (10 x 3 mL, for USA)	Code 301	
10171743 122	Precinorm U (20 x 5 mL)	Code 300	
10171735 122	Precinorm U (4 x 5 mL)	Code 300	
10171778 122	Precipath U (20 x 5 mL)	Code 301	
10171760 122	Precipath U (4 x 5 mL)	Code 301	
05117003 190	PreciControl ClinChem Multi 1 (20 x 5 mL)	Code 391	
05947626 190	PreciControl ClinChem Multi 1 (4 x 5 mL)	Code 391	
05947626 160	PreciControl ClinChem Multi 1 (4 x 5 mL, for USA)	Code 391	
05117216 190	PreciControl ClinChem Multi 2 (20 x 5 mL)	Code 392	
05947774 190	PreciControl ClinChem Multi 2 (4 x 5 mL)	Code 392	
05947774 160	PreciControl ClinChem Multi 2 (4 x 5 mL, for USA)	Code 392	
04489357 190	Diluent NaCl 9 % (50 mL)	System-ID 07 6869 3	

English

System information

For **cobas c** 311/501 analyzers:

CA: ACN 706

S-CA: ACN 726 (STAT, reaction time: 3)

For **cobas c** 502 analyzer:

CA: ACN 8706

S-CA: ACN 8726 (STAT, reaction time: 3)

Intended use

In vitro test for the quantitative determination of calcium in human serum, plasma and urine on Roche/Hitachi **cobas c** systems.

Summary[1,2]

Calcium is the most abundant mineral element in the body with about 99 percent in the bones primarily as hydroxyapatite. The remaining calcium is distributed between the various tissues and the extracellular fluids where it performs a vital role for many life sustaining processes. Among the extra skeletal functions of calcium are involvement in blood coagulation, neuromuscular conduction, excitability of skeletal and cardiac muscle, enzyme activation, and the preservation of cell membrane integrity and permeability.

Serum calcium levels and hence the body content are believed to be controlled by parathyroid hormone (PTH), calcitonin, and vitamin D. An imbalance in any of these modulators leads to alterations of the body and serum calcium levels. Increases in serum PTH or vitamin D are usually associated with hypercalcemia. Increased serum calcium levels may also be observed in multiple myeloma and other neoplastic diseases. Hypocalcemia may be observed in hypoparathyroidism, steatorrhea, nephrosis, and pancreatitis.

Test principle

Method according to Schwarzenbach with o-cresolphthalein complexone.[3] Calcium ions react with o-cresolphthalein complexone (o-CPC) under alkaline conditions to form a violet colored complex. The addition of 8-hydroxyquinoline prevents interference by magnesium and iron.

$$Ca^{2+} + \text{o-CPC} \xrightarrow{\text{Alkaline pH}} \text{calcium-o-CPC complex}$$

The color intensity of the complex formed is directly proportional to the calcium concentration and is measured photometrically.

Reagents - working solutions

R1 CAPS (3-[cyclohexylamino]-1-propanesulfonic acid): 525 mmol/L; NaOH: 400 mmol/L, pH 11.5; nonreactive surfactant

R2 o-cresolphthalein complexone: 0.5 mmol/L; 8-hydroxyquinoline: 30 mmol/L; pH 1.1; stabilizer

R1 is in position B and R2 is in position C.

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.

This kit contains components classified as follows in accordance with the Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008:

Hazardous components:

- 3-cyclohexylaminopropane-1-sulphonic acid
- sodium hydroxide

Danger

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Prevention:

P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:

P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
P321	Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Storage:

P405	Store locked up.

Disposal:

P501	Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

Contact phone: all countries: +49-621-7590, USA: +1-800-428-2336

Reagent handling

Ready for use

Storage and stability

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Shelf life at 15-25 °C:	See expiration date on **cobas c** pack label.
On-board in use and refrigerated on the analyzer:	3 weeks

Diluent NaCl 9 %

Shelf life at 2-8 °C:	See expiration date on **cobas c** pack label.
On-board in use and refrigerated on the analyzer:	12 weeks

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: Fresh serum collected in the fasting state is the preferred specimen.
Plasma: Li-heparin plasma.

Serum or plasma should be separated from blood cells as soon as possible, because prolonged contact with the clot may cause lower calcium values.[4] Sera from patients receiving EDTA (treatment of hypercalcemia) are unsuitable for analysis, since EDTA will chelate the calcium and render it unavailable for reaction with o-cresolphthalein complexone. Co-precipitation of calcium with fibrin (i.e. heparin plasma), lipids, or denatured protein has been reported with storage or freezing.[5,6]

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.

Urine.

Urine specimens should be collected in acid-washed bottles. 24-hour specimens should be collected in containers containing 5 mL of 6 mol/L HCl. If the specimen is collected without acid, the pH should be adjusted to 3 to 4 with 6 mol/L HCl.[1]

Stability in *serum/plasma:*[7]	7 days at 15-25 °C
	3 weeks at 2-8 °C
	8 months at (-15)-(-25) °C
Stability in *urine:*[7]	2 days at 15-25 °C
	4 days at 2-8 °C
	3 weeks at (-15)-(-25) °C

Stored serum or urine specimens must be mixed well prior to analysis.

Centrifuge samples containing precipitates before performing the assay.

Materials provided

See "Reagents – working solutions" section for reagents.

Materials required (but not provided)

- See "Order information" section

General laboratory equipment

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.

The performance of applications not validated by Roche is not warranted and must be defined by the user.

Application for serum and plasma

cobas c 311 **test definition**

Assay type	2-Point End	
Reaction time / Assay points	10 / 6-8 (STAT 3 / 6-8)	
Wavelength (sub/main)	700/600 nm	
Reaction direction	Increase	
Units	mmol/L (mg/dL, mval/L)	
Reagent pipetting		Diluent (H_2O)
R1	20 µL	130 µL
R2	20 µL	50 µL

Sample volumes	*Sample*	*Sample dilution*	
		Sample	*Diluent (NaCl)*
Normal	3 µL	–	–
Decreased	2 µL	–	–
Increased	3 µL	–	–

cobas c 501 **test definition**

Assay type	2-Point End	
Reaction time / Assay points	10 / 10-13 (STAT 3 / 10-13)	
Wavelength (sub/main)	700/600 nm	
Reaction direction	Increase	
Units	mmol/L (mg/dL, mval/L)	
Reagent pipetting		Diluent (H_2O)
R1	20 µL	130 µL
R2	20 µL	50 µL

Sample volumes	*Sample*	*Sample dilution*	
		Sample	*Diluent (NaCl)*
Normal	3 µL	–	–
Decreased	2 µL	–	–
Increased	3 µL	–	–

cobas c 502 **test definition**

Assay type	2-Point End

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Calcium

Reaction time / Assay points	10 / 10-13 (STAT 3 / 10-13)	
Wavelength (sub/main)	700/600 nm	
Reaction direction	Increase	
Units	mmol/L (mg/dL, mval/L)	
Reagent pipetting		Diluent (H_2O)
R1	20 µL	130 µL
R2	20 µL	50 µL

Sample volumes	*Sample*	*Sample dilution*	
		Sample	*Diluent (NaCl)*
Normal	3 µL	–	–
Decreased	2 µL	–	–
Increased	6 µL	–	–

Application for urine

cobas c 311 **test definition**

Assay type	2-Point End	
Reaction time / Assay points	10 / 6-8 (STAT 3 / 6-8)	
Wavelength (sub/main)	700/600 nm	
Reaction direction	Increase	
Units	mmol/L (mg/dL, mval/L)	
Reagent pipetting		Diluent (H_2O)
R1	20 µL	130 µL
R2	20 µL	50 µL

Sample volumes	*Sample*	*Sample dilution*	
		Sample	*Diluent (NaCl)*
Normal	2 µL	–	–
Decreased	4 µL	15 µL	135 µL
Increased	2 µL	–	–

cobas c 501 **test definition**

Assay type	2-Point End	
Reaction time / Assay points	10 / 10-13 (STAT 3 / 10-13)	
Wavelength (sub/main)	700/600 nm	
Reaction direction	Increase	
Units	mmol/L (mg/dL, mval/L)	
Reagent pipetting		Diluent (H_2O)
R1	20 µL	130 µL
R2	20 µL	50 µL

Sample volumes	*Sample*	*Sample dilution*	
		Sample	*Diluent (NaCl)*
Normal	2 µL	–	–
Decreased	4 µL	15 µL	135 µL
Increased	2 µL	–	–

cobas c 502 **test definition**

Assay type	2-Point End	
Reaction time / Assay points	10 / 10-13 (STAT 3 / 10-13)	
Wavelength (sub/main)	700/600 nm	
Reaction direction	Increase	
Units	mmol/L (mg/dL, mval/L)	
Reagent pipetting		Diluent (H_2O)
R1	20 µL	130 µL
R2	20 µL	50 µL

Sample volumes	*Sample*	*Sample dilution*	
		Sample	*Diluent (NaCl)*
Normal	2 µL	–	–
Decreased	4 µL	15 µL	135 µL
Increased	4 µL	–	–

Calibration

Calibrators	S1: H_2O S2: C.f.a.s.
Calibration mode	Linear
Calibration frequency	2-point calibration • after 1 week on board • after reagent lot change • as required following quality control procedures

Traceability: This method has been standardized against the SRM 956 reference material.

Quality control

Serum/plasma

For quality control, use control materials as listed in the "Order information" section.

In addition, other suitable control material can be used.

Urine

Quantitative urine controls are recommended for routine quality control.

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

Roche/Hitachi **cobas c** systems automatically calculate the analyte concentration of each sample.

Conversion factors:	mmol/L x 4.01 = mg/dL
	mmol/L x 2 = mval/L

In studies with 24-hour urine, multiply the value obtained by the 24-hour volume in order to obtain a measurement in mg/24 h or mmol/24 h.

Limitations - interference

Criterion: Recovery within ± 10 % of initial value at a calcium concentration of 2.2 mmol/L (8.8 mg/dL).

Serum/plasma

Icterus:[8] No significant interference up to an I index of 60 for conjugated and unconjugated bilirubin (approximate conjugated and unconjugated bilirubin concentration: 1026 µmol/L or 60 mg/dL).

Hemolysis:[8] No significant interference up to an H index of 1000 (approximate hemoglobin concentration: 621 µmol/L or 1000 mg/dL).

Lipemia (Intralipid):[8] No significant interference up to an L index of 2000. There is a poor correlation between the L index (corresponds to turbidity) and triglycerides concentration.

Other: Intravenously administered contrast media for MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) contain chelating complexes which may interfere with the determination of calcium.

A sharp decrease in calcium values was observed when gadodiamide (GdDTPA-BMA) was administered. Follow the instructions of the manufacturer with regard to the retention time of the contrast medium.

Drugs: No interference was found at therapeutic concentrations using common drug panels.[9,10]

Exception: Drugs containing strontium salts may lead to significantly increased calcium results.

In very rare cases, gammopathy, in particular type IgM (Waldenström's macroglobulinemia), may cause unreliable results.[11]

Urine

Drugs: No interference was found at therapeutic concentrations using common drug panels.[10]

Exception: Drugs containing strontium salts may lead to significantly increased calcium results.

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

ACTION REQUIRED

Special Wash Programming: The use of special wash steps is mandatory when certain test combinations are run together on Roche/Hitachi **cobas c** systems. The latest version of the carry-over evasion list can be found with the NaOHD/SMS/Multiclean/SCCS or the NaOHD/SMS/SmpCln1+2/SCCS Method Sheets. For further instructions refer to the operator's manual. **cobas c** 502 analyzer: All special wash programming necessary for avoiding carry-over is available via the **cobas** link, manual input is not required.

Where required, special wash/carry-over evasion programming must be implemented prior to reporting results with this test.

Limits and ranges

Measuring range

Serum/plasma

0.1-5.0 mmol/L (0.4-20 mg/dL)

Determine samples having higher concentrations via the rerun function. Dilution of samples via the rerun function is a 1:1.5 dilution. Results from samples diluted using the rerun function are automatically multiplied by a factor of 1.5.

Urine

0.15-7.5 mmol/L (0.6-30 mg/dL)

Determine samples having higher concentrations via the rerun function. Dilution of samples via the rerun function is a 1:5 dilution. Results from samples diluted using the rerun function are automatically multiplied by a factor of 5.

Lower limits of measurement

Lower detection limit of the test

Serum/plasma

0.1 mmol/L (0.4 mg/dL)

The lower detection limit represents the lowest measurable analyte level that can be distinguished from zero. It is calculated as the value lying 3 standard deviations above that of the lowest standard (standard 1 + 3 SD, repeatability, n = 21).

Urine

0.15 mmol/L (0.6 mg/dL)

The lower detection limit represents the lowest measurable analyte level that can be distinguished from zero. It is calculated as the value lying 3 standard deviations above that of the lowest standard (standard 1 + 3 SD, repeatability, n = 21).

Expected values

Serum/plasma[12]

2.15-2.55 mmol/L (8.6-10.2 mg/dL)

24-hour urine[13]

2.5-8.0 mmol/24 h (100-321 mg/24 h), corresponding to 1.7-5.3 mmol/L (6.8-21.3 mg/dL)[a]

a) Assuming a urine volume of 1.5 L/24 h

Reference range acc. to Tietz[14]

Serum/plasma

Children (0-10 days):	1.90-2.60 mmol/L (7.6-10.4 mg/dL)
Children (10 days-2 years):	2.25-2.75 mmol/L (9.0-11.0 mg/dL)
Children (2-12 years):	2.20-2.70 mmol/L (8.8-10.8 mg/dL)
Children (12-18 years):	2.10-2.55 mmol/L (8.4-10.2 mg/dL)
Adults (18-60 years):	2.15-2.50 mmol/L (8.6-10.0 mg/dL)
Adults (60-90 years):	2.20-2.55 mmol/L (8.8-10.2 mg/dL)
Adults (> 90 years):	2.05-2.40 mmol/L (8.2-9.6 mg/dL)

Urine : 2.5-7.5 mmol/24 h (100-300 mg/24 h) with normal food intake.

Roche has not evaluated reference ranges in a pediatric population.

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. *Serum/plasma:* with repeatability (n = 21) and intermediate precision (3 aliquots per run, 1 run per day, 21 days); *urine:* repeatability (n = 21), intermediate precision (3 aliquots per run, 1 run per day, 10 days). The following results were obtained:

Serum/plasma

Repeatability	*Mean*	*SD*	*CV*
	mmol/L (mg/dL)	*mmol/L (mg/dL)*	*%*
Precinorm U	2.26 (9.06)	0.01 (0.04)	0.4
Precipath U	3.44 (13.8)	0.02 (0.1)	0.6
Human serum 1	3.35 (13.4)	0.01 (0.0)	0.3
Human serum 2	2.45 (9.82)	0.02 (0.08)	0.7
Intermediate precision	*Mean*	*SD*	*CV*
	mmol/L (mg/dL)	*mmol/L (mg/dL)*	*%*
Precinorm U	2.25 (9.02)	0.03 (0.12)	1.3
Precipath U	3.42 (13.7)	0.04 (0.2)	1.2
Human serum 3	3.34 (13.4)	0.04 (0.2)	1.3
Human serum 4	2.45 (9.82)	0.03 (0.12)	1.2

Urine

Repeatability	*Mean*	*SD*	*CV*
	mmol/L (mg/dL)	*mmol/L (mg/dL)*	*%*
Control Level 1	2.05 (8.22)	0.02 (0.08)	1.0
Control Level 2	2.82 (11.3)	0.03 (0.1)	1.1
Human urine 1	2.43 (9.74)	0.02 (0.08)	0.8
Human urine 2	4.54 (18.2)	0.04 (0.2)	1.0
Intermediate precision	*Mean*	*SD*	*CV*
	mmol/L (mg/dL)	*mmol/L (mg/dL)*	*%*
Control Level 1	2.05 (8.22)	0.03 (0.12)	1.4
Control Level 2	2.82 (11.3)	0.03 (0.1)	1.2
Human urine 3	2.43 (9.74)	0.03 (0.12)	1.3
Human urine 4	4.52 (18.1)	0.06 (0.2)	1.2

Method comparison

Calcium values for human serum, plasma and urine samples obtained on a Roche/Hitachi **cobas c** 501 analyzer (y) were compared with those determined on Roche/Hitachi 917/MODULAR P analyzers (x), using the corresponding Roche/Hitachi reagent.

Serum/plasma

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Calcium

Sample size (n) = 330

Passing/Bablok[15]	Linear regression
y = 1.000x - 0.030 mmol/L	y = 0.986x - 0.004 mmol/L
τ = 0.863	r = 0.989

The sample concentrations were between 1.20 and 4.58 mmol/L (4.81 and 18.4 mg/dL).

Urine

Sample size (n) = 326

Passing/Bablok[15]	Linear regression
y = 0.991x - 0.019 mmol/L	y = 0.982x - 0.010 mmol/L
τ = 0.952	r = 0.998

The sample concentrations were between 0.24 and 7.31 mmol/L (0.96 and 29.3 mg/dL).

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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.

CONTENT Contents of kit

→ Volume after reconstitution or mixing

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