

Order information

REF	CONTENT	Analyzer(s) on which cobas c pack(s) can be used
04628918 190	Cardiac C-Reactive Protein (Latex) High Sensitive 300 tests	System-ID 07 6866 9 Roche/Hitachi cobas c 311, cobas c 501/502
11355279 216	Calibrator f.a.s. Proteins (5 x 1 mL)	Code 656
11355279 160	Calibrator f.a.s. Proteins (5 x 1 mL, for USA)	Code 656
20766321 322	CRP T Control N (5 x 0.5 mL)	Code 235
10557897 122	Precinorm Protein (3 x 1 mL)	Code 302
10557897 160	Precinorm Protein (3 x 1 mL, for USA)	Code 302
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
04489357 190	Diluent NaCl 9 % (50 mL)	System-ID 07 6869 3

English

System information

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

CRPHS: ACN 217

For **cobas c** 502 analyzer:

CRPHS: ACN 8217

Intended use

In vitro test for the quantitative determination of C-reactive protein (CRP) in human serum and plasma on Roche/Hitachi **cobas c** systems. Measurement of CRP is of use for the detection and evaluation of inflammatory disorders and associated diseases, infection and tissue injury. Highly sensitive measurement of CRP may also be used as an aid in the assessment of the risk of future coronary heart disease. When used as an adjunct to other laboratory evaluation methods of acute coronary syndromes, it may also be an additional independent indicator of recurrent event prognosis in patients with stable coronary disease or acute coronary syndrome.

Summary^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21}

C-reactive protein is the classic acute phase protein in inflammatory reactions. It is synthesized by the liver and consists of five identical polypeptide chains that form a five-member ring having a molecular weight of 105000 daltons. CRP is the most sensitive of the acute phase reactants and its concentration increases rapidly during inflammatory processes. Complexed CRP activates the complement system beginning with C1q. CRP then initiates opsonization and phagocytosis of invading cells, but its main function is to bind and detoxify endogenous toxic substances produced as a result of tissue damage.

CRP assays are used to detect systemic inflammatory processes (apart from certain types of inflammation such as SLE and Colitis ulcerosa); to assess treatment of bacterial infections with antibiotics; to detect intrauterine infections with concomitant premature amniorrhexis; to differentiate between active and inactive forms of disease with concurrent infection, e.g. in patients suffering from SLE or Colitis ulcerosa; to therapeutically monitor rheumatic disease and assess anti-inflammatory therapy; to determine the presence of post-operative complications at an early stage, such as infected wounds, thrombosis and pneumonia, and to distinguish between infection and bone marrow transplant rejection.

Sensitive CRP measurements have been used and discussed for early detection of infection in pediatrics and risk assessment of coronary heart disease. Several studies came to the conclusion that the highly sensitive measurement of CRP could be used as a marker to predict the risk of coronary heart disease in apparently healthy persons and as an indicator of recurrent event prognosis. Increases in CRP values are non-specific and should not be interpreted without a complete clinical history. The American Heart Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have made several recommendations concerning the use of high sensitivity C-Reactive Protein (hsCRP) in cardiovascular risk assessment.²¹ Testing for any risk assessment should not be performed while there is an indication of infection, systemic inflammation or trauma. Patients with persistently unexplained hsCRP levels above 10 mg/L (95.2 nmol/L) should be evaluated for non-cardiovascular etiologies. When using hsCRP to assess the risk of coronary heart disease, measurements should be made on metabolically stable patients and compared to previous values.

Optimally, the average of hsCRP results repeated two weeks apart should be used for risk assessment. Screening the entire adult population for hsCRP is not recommended, and hsCRP is not a substitute for traditional cardiovascular risk factors. Acute coronary syndrome management should not depend solely on hsCRP measurements. Similarly, application of secondary prevention measures should be based on global risk assessment and not solely on hsCRP measurements. Serial measurements of hsCRP should not be used to monitor treatment.

Various assay methods are available for CRP determination, such as nephelometry and turbidimetry. The Roche CRP assay is based on the principle of particle-enhanced immunological agglutination.

Test principle^{22,23}

Particle enhanced immunoturbidimetric assay.

Human CRP agglutinates with latex particles coated with monoclonal anti-CRP antibodies. The precipitate is determined turbidimetrically.

Reagents - working solutions

- R1** TRIS buffer with bovine serum albumin and immunoglobulins (mouse); preservative; stabilizers
- R2** Latex particles coated with anti-CRP (mouse) in glycine buffer; preservative; stabilizers

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.

For USA: Caution: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.

Reagent handling

Ready for use

Mix **cobas c** pack well before placing on the analyzer.

Carefully invert reagent container several times prior to use to ensure that the reagent components are mixed.

Storage and stability

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On-board in use and refrigerated on the analyzer: 12 weeks

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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.

Plasma: Li-heparin and K₂-EDTA plasma

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.

Centrifuge samples containing precipitates before performing the assay.

Stability: ²⁴	11 days at 15-25 °C
	2 months at 2-8 °C
	3 years at (-15)-(-25) °C

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	Rate A	
Reaction time / Assay points	10/7-57	
Wavelength (sub/main)	– /546 nm	
Reaction direction	Increase	
Units	mg/L (nmol/L, mg/dL)	
Reagent pipetting	Diluent (H ₂ O)	
R1	82 µL	42 µL
R2	28 µL	20 µL

Sample volumes	Sample	Sample dilution	
		Sample	Diluent (NaCl)
Normal	6 µL	–	–
Decreased	6 µL	10 µL	140 µL
Increased	6 µL	–	–

cobas c 501 test definition

Assay type	Rate A	
Reaction time / Assay points	10/12-70	
Wavelength (sub/main)	– /546 nm	
Reaction direction	Increase	
Units	mg/L (nmol/L, mg/dL)	
Reagent pipetting	Diluent (H ₂ O)	
R1	82 µL	42 µL
R2	28 µL	20 µL

Sample volumes	Sample	Sample dilution	
		Sample	Diluent (NaCl)
Normal	6 µL	–	–
Decreased	6 µL	10 µL	140 µL
Increased	6 µL	–	–

cobas c 502 test definition

Assay type	Rate A	
Reaction time / Assay points	10/12-70	
Wavelength (sub/main)	– /546 nm	
Reaction direction	Increase	
Units	mg/L (nmol/L, mg/dL)	
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Decreased	6 µL	10 µL	140 µL
Increased	12 µL	–	–

Calibration

Calibrators	S1: H ₂ O
	S2: C.f.a.s. Proteins
	Multiply the lot-specific C.f.a.s. Proteins calibrator value by the factors below to determine the standard concentrations for the 6-point calibration curve:
	S2: 0.0125 S5: 0.100
	S3: 0.0250 S6: 0.200
	S4: 0.0500
Calibration mode	Line Graph
Calibration frequency	Full calibration
	• after reagent lot change
	• as required following quality control procedures

Calibration interval may be extended based on acceptable verification of calibration by the laboratory.

Traceability: This method has been standardized against the reference preparation of the IRMM (Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements) BCR470/CRM470 (RPPHS - Reference Preparation for Proteins in Human Serum).²⁵

Quality control

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

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

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

Conversion factors:
 mg/L x 9.52 = nmol/L
 mg/L x 0.1 = mg/dL

Limitations - interference

Criterion: Recovery within $\pm 10\%$ of initial values at CRP levels of 5.0 mg/L.

Icterus:²⁶ No significant interference up to an I index of 60 for conjugated bilirubin and unconjugated bilirubin (approximate conjugated and unconjugated bilirubin concentration: 60 mg/dL or 1026 μ mol/L).

Hemolysis:²⁶ No significant interference up to an H index of 1000 (approximate hemoglobin concentration: 622 μ mol/L or 1000 mg/dL).

Lipemia (Intralipid):²⁶ No significant interference up to an L index of 600. There is poor correlation between the L index (corresponds to turbidity) and triglycerides concentration.

Rheumatoid factors up to 1200 IU/mL do not interfere.

Drugs: No interference was found at therapeutic concentrations using common drug panels.^{27,28}

Therapeutic drugs: Significantly decreased CRP values may be obtained from samples taken from patients who have been treated with carboxypenicillins.

High dose hook-effect: No false result occurs up to a CRP concentration of 1000 mg/L.

In very rare cases, gammopathy, in particular type IgM (Waldenström's macroglobulinemia), may cause unreliable results.²⁹

Although measures were taken to minimize interference caused by human anti-mouse antibodies, erroneous findings may be obtained from samples taken from patients who have been treated with monoclonal mouse antibodies or have received them for diagnostic purposes.

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-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

0.15-20.0 mg/L (1.43-190 nmol/L, 0.015-2.0 mg/dL)

Determine samples having higher concentrations via the rerun function. Dilution of samples via the rerun function is a 1:15 dilution. Results from samples diluted using the rerun function are automatically multiplied by a factor of 15.

Lower limits of measurement

Lower detection limit of the test

0.15 mg/L (1.43 nmol/L, 0.015 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).

Functional sensitivity

0.3 mg/L (2.96 nmol/L, 0.03 mg/dL)

The functional sensitivity is the lowest CRP concentration that can be reproducibly measured with an inter-assay coefficient of variation of $< 10\%$.

Expected values

Consensus reference interval for adults:³⁰

IFCC/CRM 470

mg/dL	mg/L	nmol/L
< 0.5	< 5.0	< 47.6

The CDC/AHA recommended the following hsCRP cut-off points (tertiles) for CVD risk assessment:^{21,31}

hsCRP level (mg/L)	hsCRP level (nmol/L)	Relative risk
< 1.0	< 9.52	low
1.0-3.0	9.52-28.6	average
> 3.0	> 28.6	high

Patients with higher hsCRP concentrations are more likely to develop myocardial infarction and severe peripheral vascular disease.

5-95 % reference intervals of neonates and children:³²

Neonates (0-3 weeks): 0.1-4.1 mg/L (0.95-39.0 nmol/L)

Children (2 months-15 years): 0.1-2.8 mg/L (0.95-26.7 nmol/L)

It is important to monitor the CRP concentration during the acute phase of the illness.

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.

Increases in CRP values are non-specific and should not be interpreted without a complete clinical history.

When using hsCRP to assess the risk of coronary heart disease, measurements should be made on metabolically stable patients and compared to previous values. Optimally, the average of hsCRP results repeated two weeks apart should be used for risk assessment. Measurements should be compared to previous values. When the results are being used for risk assessment, patients with persistently unexplained hsCRP levels of above 10 mg/L (95.2 nmol/L) should be evaluated for non-cardiovascular origins. Testing for any risk assessment should not be performed while there is indication of infection, systemic inflammation or trauma.²¹

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) and intermediate precision (3 aliquots per run, 1 run per day, 21 days). The following results were obtained:

Repeatability	Mean	SD	CV
	mg/L (nmol/L, mg/dL)	mg/L (nmol/L, mg/dL)	%
Precinorm Protein	9.00 (85.7, 0.900)	0.10 (1.0, 0.010)	1.2
CRP T Control N	4.34 (41.3, 0.434)	0.04 (0.4, 0.004)	1.0
Human serum 1	15.9 (151, 1.59)	0.1 (1, 0.01)	0.4
Human serum 2	0.54 (5.14, 0.054)	0.01 (0.10, 0.001)	1.6
Intermediate precision	Mean	SD	CV
	mg/L (nmol/L, mg/dL)	mg/L (nmol/L, mg/dL)	%
Precinorm Protein	9.06 (86.3, 0.906)	0.11 (1.1, 0.011)	1.3
CRP T Control N	4.28 (40.8, 0.428)	0.11 (1.1, 0.011)	2.6
Human serum 3	13.3 (126, 1.33)	0.3 (3, 0.03)	2.1
Human serum 4	0.53 (5.05, 0.053)	0.05 (0.48, 0.005)	8.4

Method comparison

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

Sample size (n) = 192

Passing/Bablok ³³	Linear regression
y = 0.992x + 0.254 mg/L	y = 0.946x + 0.514 mg/L
$\tau = 0.944$	r = 0.996

The sample concentrations were between 0.500 and 19.7 mg/L (4.76 and 188 nmol/L, 0.050 and 1.97 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 (for USA: see <https://usdiagnostics.roche.com> for definition of symbols used):

	Contents of kit
	Volume after reconstitution or mixing
	Global Trade Item Number

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