

Safety Communication

رسالة سلامة

An elevated imprecision at low concentration range with current reagent lots v2.0

Device/ Product Description:	C-Reactive Protein Gen.3	
Manufacturer:	Roche Diagnostics	
Problem Summary:	<p>Currently available reagent lots of the C-Reactive Protein Gen.3 (CRPL3) assay for cobas c 311/501 (ACN 210), cobas c 502/701/702 (ACN 8210) and cobas c 503 (ACN 20490) show higher test imprecision at lower concentrations on all cobas c systems. In addition, specifically on cobas c 503, a higher frequency of calibration failures due to duplicate error (DUP.E) has been found.</p> <p>For more information, please check the attachment below.</p> <p>If you think you had a problem with your device or a device your patient uses, please report the problem to SFDA through: NCMDR Vigilance system 19999 unified call center</p>	
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Quality Notification

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Subject: C-Reactive Protein Gen.3: Slightly elevated imprecision at low concentration range with current reagent lots **v2.0**

Dear Valued Customer,

Information

Product	GMMI	Lot No.
C-Reactive Protein Gen.3	04956842190 08057575190 05172373190	see table in text
Instrument/System	cobas c 311 analyzer cobas c 501 module cobas c 502 module cobas c 503 analytical unit cobas c 701 module cobas c 702 module	
Component	Reagent	

Subject

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Internal investigations were performed and specifications are fulfilled or not fulfilled as described below:

Test performance within specifications for CRP values above 1.4 mg/L (for all cobas c systems):

- Method comparison studies
- Linearity studies
- QC recovery
- Within run precision (except cobas c 503, see below)

Specifications not fulfilled:

- LoB/LoD/LoQ
- Within run precision in the concentration range of 0.3 mg/L to 1.4 mg/L CRP for cobas c311/501/502/701/702
- Within run precision in the concentration range of 0.3 mg/L to 5 mg/L CRP for cobas c 503
- Calibration failure due to DUP.E on cobas c 503

As recovery of controls, method comparison studies with native samples and linearity studies performed within specifications, there is no medical risk for results from patient samples and there is no impact on the intended use of the product.

It is recommended that customers switch to the Tina-quant® C-Reactive Protein IV (CRP4) assay which is not affected.

The C-Reactive Protein (Latex) (CRPLX) and Cardiac C-Reactive Protein (Latex) High Sensitive (CRPHS) assays are not affected.

The following table gives an overview on currently available reagent lots within shelf life regarding the issue:

Product	GMMI	Lot No., expiry	Lot # affected by increased imprecision?
C-Reactive Protein Gen.3	04956842190 cobas c pack small	452045, exp. 2021-03	NOT affected.
		463518, exp. 2021-05	NOT affected.
		479885, exp. 2021-08	affected.
		490025, exp. 2021-08	affected.
		521125, exp. 2022-02	affected.
	08057575190 cobas c pack green	479882, exp. 2021-08	affected.
		490026, exp. 2021-08	affected.
		521153, exp. 2022-02	affected.
	05172373190 cobas c pack large	452041, exp. 2021-03	NOT affected.
		463515, exp. 2021-05	NOT affected.
		479881, exp. 2021-08	affected.
		490027, exp. 2021-08	affected.
521152, exp. 2022-02		affected.	

Risk Assessment

Frequency of Occurrence

3 complaints have been escalated. The issue affects all cobas c packs of the reagent lots described as “affected” in the table above.

Detectability

Calibration signals are elevated for setpoint Std. 1 and failed calibrations on cobas c 503 are flagged with DUP.E.

Severity

The consensus reference interval for adults is < 5 mg/L. The described imprecision at low concentrations has no influence on results above the medical decision level. This means there is no risk that patient results above the medical decision level are reported inaccurately too low, i.e. erroneously normal, or that results are reported inaccurately too high, i.e. erroneously abnormal.

Recovery of controls, method comparison studies with native samples and linearity studies performed within specifications.

No patient or diagnostic test results are affected and a medical risk to patients and users can be excluded. Therefore, an HHE is not necessary.

Instructions

- As there is no medical risk to health all reagent lots within shelf life continue to be available for sale.
- Newly produced reagent lots are expected to be subject to release testing from end Feb 2021. The root cause has been addressed and future lots will continue to be monitored.
- Calibrations on cobas c 503 flagged with DUP.E should be repeated in case of calibration failure.
- Switching to CRP4 is recommended as this assay is not affected.

Customer Details:

Facility Name: Contact Name: Position: Phone: Date: Signature and Stamp:

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Application Support Team or your local Account Manager.

Yours sincerely,

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