prietest™ R-SYS...Clinical Chemistry Reagents

CALCIUM (ARSENAZO) TEST KIT

INTENDED USE :

- Quantitative in vitro determination of concentration of calcium in serum, plasma or urine on photometric systems.
- In vitro diagnostic test kit, for laboratory and professional use.
- This manual contains instructions for operation by qualified personnel only.

ORDERING INFORMATION	**Pack Size**	**Cat No.**
	5 X 5 ml	CALAR0505RS

CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE : Calcium plays an essential role in many cell functions: intracellular in muscle contraction and glycogen metabolism, extracellularly, in bone mineralization, in blood coagulation and in transmission of nerve impulses. Calcium is present in plasma in three forms: free, bound to proteins or complexed with anions as phosphate, citrate and bicarbonate. Decreased total calcium levels can be associated with diseases of the bone apparatus (especially osteoporosis), kidney diseases (especially under dialysis), defective intestinal absorption and hyperparathyroidism. Increased total calcium can be measured in hyperparathyroidism, malignant diseases with metastases and sarcoidosis. Calcium measurements also help in monitoring of calcium supplementation mainly in the prevention of osteoporosis.

METHOD : Photometric test using Arsenazo III, End Point

PRINCIPLE : Calcium with Arsenazo III [2,7-(bis(2-arsonophenyfazo))-1,8-dihydroxynaphtaiene-3,6-disulphoric acid], at neutral pH yields a blue colored complex, whose intensity is proportional to the calcium concentration. Interference by magnesium is eliminated by addition of 8-Hydroxyquinoline-5-sulfonic acid.

REAGENTS :

COMPONENTS AND CONCENTRATIONS :

Imidazole Buffer	:	100 mmol/l
8 - Hydroxy Quinoline	:	5 mmol /l
Arsenazo III	:	120 µmol/l
Preservative & Stabilizer		

STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS AND REAGENT STABILITY : The reagent and the standard are stable up to the end of the indicated date of expiry on the vial label, if stored at 2 to 8°C, protected from light and contamination is avoided. Do not freeze the reagent.
The standard is stable up to the end of the indicated date of expiry on the vial label, if stored at 2 to 8°C.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS :

1. As calcium is an ubiquitous ion, essential precaution must be taken against accidental contamination. Only use disposable materials.
2. Traces of chelating agent, such as EDTA can prevent the formation of the colored complex.
3. The reagent contains sodium azide (0.95 g/l) as preservative. Do not swallow! Avoid contact with skin and mucous membranes.
4. Take the necessary precautions for the use of laboratory reagents.

WASTE MANAGEMENT : Please refer to local regulation requirements.

REAGENT PREPARATION : The reagent is ready to use.

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED : NaCl Solution 9 g/l, General laboratory equipment, Analyser / Photometer, Pipettes etc.

SPECIMEN : Serum, Heparinized Plasma or Urine collected on 24 hours without preservative. Do not use EDTA plasma.
Stability in serum / plasma:
7 days at 20 to 25°C, 3 weeks at 4 to 8°C, 8 months at - 20°C
Stability in urine:
2 days at 20 to 25°C, 4 days at 4 to 8°C, 3 weeks at –20°C
Add 10 ml of concentrated HCl to 24 h urine and heat the specimen to dissolve calcium oxalate. Discard contaminated specimens.

CALIBRATION : For the calibration of automated photometric systems use of the commercially available calibrator is recommended.

CONVERSION FACTOR : Calcium [mg/dl] x 0.2495 = Calcium [mmol/l]

QUALITY CONTROL : To ensure adequate quality, use of the commercially available control sera is recommended.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS :

MEASURING RANGE : The test has been developed to determine Calcium concentrations within a measuring range from 0.4 to 15 mg/dl (0.10 to 3.74 mmol/L). When values exceed higher limit of the range, such samples should be diluted 1 + 1 with NaCl solution (9 g/l) and the result multiplied by 2.

SPECIFICITY / INTERFERENCES : No interference was observed by Ascorbic Acid up to 30 mg/dl (1703.4 µmol/L), Bilirubin up to 40 mg/dl (684.00 µmol/L), Hemoglobin up to 0.5 g/dl (5 g/L), Lipemia up to 700 mg/dl (7.98 mmol/L) Triglycerides and Magnesium up to 15 mg/dl (6.17 mmol/L). A list of drugs and other interfering substances with Calcium determination has been reported by Young et al.

SENSITIVITY / LIMIT OF DETECTION : The lower limit of detection is 0.4 mg/dl (0.10 mmol/L).

PRECISION :

Intra-assay precision n = 20	Mean [mg/dl]	SD [mg/dl]	CV [%]
Sample 1	9.1	0.09	0.99
Sample 2	11.93	0.07	0.59
Sample 3	12.05	0.09	0.75
Inter-assay precision n = 20	**Mean [mg/dl]**	**SD [mg/dl]**	**CV [%]**
Sample 1	11.7	0.1	0.85
Sample 2	12.27	0.11	0.90
Sample 3	12.24	0.16	1.30

METHOD COMPARISON : A comparison between Robonik Prietest Calcium Arsenazo III (y) and a commercially available test (x) using 20 samples gave following results :
Linear Regression : y = 1.0091x - 0.5049 mg/dl **Correlation Coefficient** : r = 0.8497

REFERENCE RANGE :

Serum / Plasma	:	8.6 to 10.3 mg/dl		(2.15 to 2.57 mmol/L)
Urine	:	Women	< 250 mg/24 h	(< 6.25 mmol/24h)
		Men	< 300 mg/24 h	(< 7.5 mmol/24h)

It is recommended that each laboratory should assign its own reference range.

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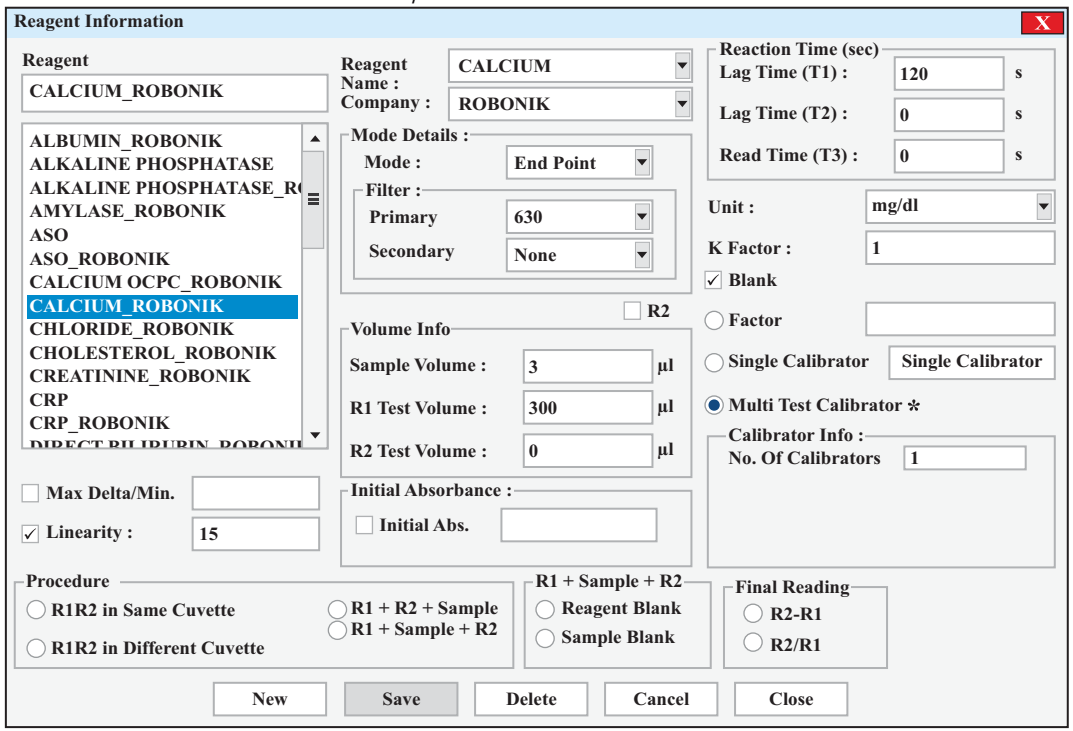

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