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# Calcium
## Arsenazo III (Single Reagent)

REF: 227 001 (2 x 30 ml) 60 test
REF: 227 002 (2 x100 ml) 200 test
REF: 227 003 (4 x 30 ml) 120 test
REF: 227 004 (4 x 100 ml) 400 test

**SYMBOLS IN PRODUCT LABELLING**

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|---|---|---|---|
| EC REP | Authorised Representative | | Use by/Expiration Date |
| IVD | For in-vitro diagnostic use | | CAUTION. Consult instructions for use |
| LOT | Batch Code/Lot number | | |
| REF | Catalogue Number | | Manufactured by |
| | Consult instructions for use | | (Xi) - Irritant |
| | Temperature Limitation | | |

### Intended Use

Spectrum Diagnostics calcium reagent is intended for the in-vitro quantitative, diagnostic determination of calcium in human serum,heparinized plasma and urine on both automated and manual systems.

### Background

Calcium is the fifth most common element in the body, most of which (98 %) is present in the skeleton. One half of the remaining calcium is found in extracellular fluid and the rest in tissues. Calcium has a crucial role in bone mineralization and is also vital for basic physiological processes such as blood coagulation, neuromuscular conduction, and normal muscle tone. Calcium is constantly lost from the body through excretion in faeces, urine and to a small extent in sweat. The determination of serum calcium is useful for monitoring myeloma, renal failure, acid base balance,and cirrhosis. Both serum and tissue calcium in the body are controlled by parathyroid hormone, calcitonin and vitamin D. Hypocalcemia may be observed in hypoparathyrodism, steatorrhea, pancreatitis and nephrosis. Increased levels may be associated with multiple myeloma and other neoplastic diseases.

### Method

Colorimetric Arsenazo III.

### Assay Principle

At a neutral pH, the $Ca^{+2}$ form with Arsenazo III a complex, the color intensity of which is directly proportional to the concentration of calcium in the sample.

### Reagents

**Standard Calcium (ST)**
10 mg/dL 2.5 mmol/L

**Reagent (R)**
MES, pH 6.40 100 mmol/L
Arsenazo III 200 µmol/L

### Precautions and Warnings

Do not ingest or inhalate. In case of contact with eyes or skin; rinse immediately with plenty of soap and water. In case of severe injuries; seek medical advice immediately.

### Reagent Preparation, Storage and Stability

Spectrum Calcium reagents are supplied ready-to-use and stable up to the expiry date labeled on the bottles when stored sealed at 2 – 8 °C.Once opened, the reagent and standard are stable for 3 months at the specified temperature.

### Deterioration

Do not use the Spectrum Calcium reagents if turbid. Failure to recover control values within the assigned range may be an indication of reagent deterioration.

### Specimen Collection and Preservation
### Serum and plasma

Use nonhemolyzed serum.Heparin is the only acceptable anti-coagulant. No other anticoagulant can be used. Fresh serum collected in the fasting state is the preferred specimen. Serum or plasma should be separated from cells as soon as possible, because prolonged contact with the clot may cause lower calcium values. 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 Arsenazo III.The biological half-life of calcium in blood is few hours.

### 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 < 3 with 6 mol/L HCl. Dilute urine specimen 2 times with bidistilled water (1volume urine + 1volume distilled water) before assay.

**Stability (serum):** 7 days at 15 – 25 °C; 3 weeks at 4 – 8 °C; 8 months at -20 °C

**Stability (urine):** 2 days at 15 – 25 °C; 4 days at 4 – 8 °C; 3 weeks at -20 °C

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

### System Parameters

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| Wavelength | 650 nm (600 nm) |
| Optical path | 1 cm |
| Assay type | End-point |
| Direction | Increase |
| Sample : Reagent Ratio | 1 : 100 |
| e.g.: Reagent volume | 1 ml |
| Sample volume | 10 µl |
| Temperature | 15 - 25 °C |
| Zero adjustment | Reagent Blank |
| Sensitivity | 2 mg/dL (0.25 mmol/L) |
| Linearity | 20 mg/dL (5 mmol/L) |

### Procedure

| | Blank | Standard | Specimen |
|---|---|---|---|
| Standard | ..... | 10 µl | ..... |
| Specimen | ..... | ..... | 10 µl |
| Reagent | 1 ml | 1 ml | 1 ml |

Mix and incubate for 3 minutes at 20 - 25 °C. Measure absorbance of specimen ($A_{specimen}$) and standard ($A_{standard}$) against reagent blank.

## Calculation

Serum calcium concentration (mg/dL) = $\frac{A_{specimen}}{A_{standard}}$ x 10

Urine calcium (mg/24 hrs)= $\frac{A_{specimen}}{A_{standard}}$ x10 x10*x 2**x V***

* The factor “10” converts mg/dl to mg/litre
** The factor “2” represents the dilution factor
*** “V” represents the 24-hour urine volume in litres

## Quality Control

Normal & abnormal control serum of known concentrations should be analyzed with each run.

## Performance Characterstics

### Precision

Within run (Repeatability)

| | Level 1 | Level 2 |
|---|---|---|
| n | 20 | 20 |
| Mean (mg/dL) | 9.58 | 13.97 |
| SD | 0.12 | 0.207 |
| CV% | 1.33 | 1.48 |

Run to run (Reproducibility)

| | Level 1 | Level 2 |
|---|---|---|
| n | 20 | 20 |
| Mean (mg/dL) | 9.62 | 14.15 |
| SD | 0.23 | 0.221 |
| CV% | 1.42 | 1.53 |

### Methods Comparison

A comparison between Spectrum Diagnostics Calcium reagent and a commercial reagent of the same methodology was performed on 20 human sera. A correlation of 0.979 was obtained.

### Sensitivity

When run as recommended, the minimum detection limit of this assay is 2.0 mg/dL.

### Linearity

The reaction is linear up to calcium concentration of 20 mg/dl. Specimens showing higher concentration should be diluted 1+1 using physiological saline and repeat the assay (result × 2).

### Interfering Substances:

**Haemolysis**
Avoid haemolysis.

**Icterus**
No significant interference.

**Lipemia**
No significant interference.

**Anticoagulants**
Complexing anticoagulants such as citrate, oxalate and EDTA must be avoided.

## Expected values

### Serum, plasma

**Adults**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 20 - 50 years | 8.8-10.2 mg/dl | (2.20-2.55 mmol/L) |
| >50 years | 8.4- 9.7 mg/dl | (2.09-2.42 mmol/L) |

**Children**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4 -18years | 9.2-11.0 mg/dl | (2.30-2.75 mmol/L) |
| >4 weeks | 7.2-11.2 mg/dl | (1.80-2.8 mmol/L) |

**Urine (24 h)**

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| Females | <250 mg/day | (<6.25 mmol/day) |
| Males | <300 mg/day | (<7.5 mmol/day) |
| Childern | <6 mg/Kg/day | (<0.15 mmol/day) |

***Spectrum Diagnostics does not interpret the results of a clinical laboratory procedure; interpretation of the results is considered the responsibility of qualified medical personnel. All indications of clinical significance are supported by literature references.***

## Analytical Range

2 – 20 mg/dl (0.5-5 mmol/L).

## Waste Disposal

This product is made to be used in professional laboratories. Please consult local regulations for a correct waste disposal.
**S56:** dispose of this material and its container at hazardous or special waste collection point.
**S57:** use appropriate container to avoid environmental contamination.
**S61:** avoid release in environment. refer to special instructions/safety data sheets.

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| ORDERING INFORMATION | |
|---|---|
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