



GC 2 Calibration Verification / Linearity Test Kit

INTENDED USE

VALIDATE GC 2 Calibration Verification / Linearity Test Kit solutions are intended for *in vitro* diagnostic use in the quantitative determination of linearity, calibration verification and verification of reportable range in automated, semi-automated and manual instrument systems for the following analytes: ammonia (NH₃), carbon dioxide (CO₂), ethyl alcohol (ETOH) and iron (FE).

Each test kit consists of one bottle each of Levels 1 through 5 plus a Base Matrix. Each bottle contains 3.0 milliliters. There exists a linear relationship among Levels 1 through 5.

SUMMARY

Each **VALIDATE** GC 2 Calibration Verification / Linearity Test Kit contains purified chemicals in an aqueous base. Multiple levels are provided to establish the relationship between theoretical and actual performance of each of the included analytes. The **VALIDATE** GC 2 Calibration Verification / Linearity Test Kit will assist in the documentation of linearity, calibration verification and verification of linear range required by many inspection agencies. The solutions will also provide assistance when troubleshooting instrument systems, reagent problems and calibration anomalies.

REAGENTS

Reactive Ingredients:

Purified chemicals for CO₂, ETOH, FE and NH₃ in an aqueous base.

Nonreactive Ingredients:

Preservatives and stabilizers.

Precautions and Warnings:

For In Vitro Diagnostic Use

Disposal of all waste material should be in accordance with local guidelines.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

VALIDATE GC 2 Calibration Verification / Linearity Test Kits are stored at 2° to 8°C. **DO NOT FREEZE.** Test kits are stable until the expiration date printed on the bottle and storage container when handled according to instructions.

PREPARATION

Prior to use, remove the **VALIDATE** GC 2 Calibration Verification / Linearity Test Kit from storage and allow to come to room temperature (18° to 25°C). Invert gently several times before dispensing.

To maximize stability, it is recommended that exposure to room temperature be minimized.

Tightly cap opened bottles and return to 2° to 8°C immediately after dispensing.

Discard any solutions that appear to have gross bacterial contamination.

The **VALIDATE** GC 2 Calibration Verification / Linearity Test Kit should be treated in the same manner as patient samples. If dilutions or pre-treatment are required as part of the testing procedure, follow the manufacturer's instructions.

ASSAY

Analyze each level in replicates. If following the CLSI EP6 guidelines for linearity, use a random analytical sequence to assay each level.

IMPORTANT METHOD SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

VALIDATE GC 2sd is not compatible with Siemens Dimension Quicklyte TCO₂. Processing errors may occur, and results may not be obtained. GC 2sd is compatible with the Siemens Dimension ECO₂ method.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS

VALIDATE Calibration Verification / Linearity material is prepared in a manner such that an equal distance (delta) exists between each consecutive level. This dilution scheme is consistent with the CLSI EP6 recommendation for preparing linearity sets.

Two examples for calculating the theoretical values of Levels 1 through 5 are provided below.

Example 1:

Choose two consecutive levels and calculate the delta between the recovered values. The following example demonstrates the use of the delta between Levels 2 and 3 to calculate the theoretical value for Levels 1, 4 and 5:

Mean Recovered Values

Level 1	51
Level 2	164
Level 3	275
Level 4	388
Level 5	501

Using Level 2 and Level 3 recovered values to calculate the Delta, the above data produces the following:

Level 3 – Level 2 = Delta, or (275 - 164 = 111)

Level 1 Theoretical = Level 2 Recovered - Delta, or (164 - 111 = 53)

Level 4 Theoretical = Level 3 Recovered + Delta, or (275 + 111 = 386)

Level 5 Theoretical = Level 4 Theoretical + Delta, or (386 + 111 = 497)

Using the delta between Level 2 and Level 3, the theoretical value for each level would be:

Level	Theoretical (x-axis)	Recovered (y-axis)
1	53	51
2	164	164
3	275	275
4	386	388
5	497	501

NOTE: The user can select the calculated delta between any two consecutive levels to calculate the theoretical values. Typically, the user should choose an area of recovery known to be linear for the method being studied.

Example 2:

Theoretical values can be determined using the recovered values for Levels 1 and 5. Using this method, the following formulas apply:

Level 2 Theoretical = 0.75 * (Level 1) + 0.25 * (Level 5)

Level 3 Theoretical = 0.5 * (Level 1) + 0.5 * (Level 5)

Level 4 Theoretical = 0.25 * (Level 1) + 0.75 * (Level 5)

Using the recovered values for Level 1 (51) and Level 5 (501), the following applies:

Level 2 Theoretical = 0.75 * (51) + 0.25 * (501) = 163.5

Level 3 Theoretical = 0.5 * (51) + 0.5 * (501) = 276

Level 4 Theoretical = 0.25 * (51) + 0.75 * (501) = 388.5

Level	Theoretical (x-axis)	Recovered (y-axis)
1	51	51
2	163.5	164
3	276	275
4	388.5	388
5	501	501

After theoretical values are calculated, for each analyte plot the expected (Theoretical) value on the x-axis versus the Recovered value on the y-axis using standard linear graph paper. If the system is linear, the plot should approximate a straight line. The point at which the line is no longer straight can be used to determine the limit of linearity or the reportable range.

Data reduction is available from Maine Standards Company (see worksheet for instructions). Commercially available linear regression software may also be used. The software should provide data point display and x-y graphical presentation. Linear regression should be interpreted using standard statistical analysis and the results should be compared with the instrument manufacturer's claims for linearity or with individual laboratory performance requirements. The degree of acceptable nonlinearity is an individual judgment based on methodology, clinical significance and medical decision levels of the test analyte.

LIMITATIONS

VALIDATE GC 2 Calibration Verification / Linearity Test Kit solutions are not intended for use as routine quality control materials or as calibration materials.

EXPECTED VALUES

VALIDATE GC 2 Calibration Verification / Linearity Test Kits are manufactured such that a linear relationship exists among Levels 1 through 5. The expected value of the Base Matrix is zero, however, in some instances a non-zero result may be obtained. The Base Matrix can be used to make dilutions of the low Level to obtain a result lower than that level, if needed.

The following three (3) analytes are inverted in GC2: CO₂, ETOH, and NH₃. Level 1 contains the highest concentration for these analytes and concentration decreases from Level 1 down to Level 5.

TRACEABILITY

VALIDATE Calibration Verification / Linearity Test Kit solutions are tested during manufacturing with standards traceable to National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) Standard Reference Material (SRM), where available. For analytes where NIST materials are not available, primary analytical standards are used.

TYPICAL VALUES

Actual results obtained may vary depending on instrumentation, methodology and assay temperature. Results may also be dependent on the accuracy of the instrument/reagent system calibration. The degree of acceptable nonlinearity is an individual judgment based on methodology, clinical significance and medical decision levels of the test analyte.

Typical Values by Level 1200bc						
Analyte	Units	1	2	3	4	5
CO ₂	mmol/L	50	39	28	16	5
ETOH	mg/dL	600	451	303	154	5
FE	µg/dL	5	129	253	376	500
NH ₃	µmol/L	1,000	752	505	257	9

Typical Values by Level 1200sd						
Analyte	Units	1	2	3	4	5
CO ₂	mmol/L	45	35	25	15	5
ETOH	mg/dL	300	226	152	77	3
FE	µg/dL	0	250	500	750	1,000
NH ₃	µmol/L	1,000	750	500	250	0

Typical Values by Level 1200sa						
Analyte	Units	1	2	3	4	5
CO ₂	mmol/L	40	33	25	18	10
ETOH	mg/dL	500	378	255	133	10
FE	µg/dL	2	252	501	751	1,000
NH ₃	µmol/L	767	577	387	196	6

ORDERING INFORMATION

ORDER NO.: 1200

VALIDATE GC 2
Calibration Verification / Linearity Test Kit 6 x 3 mL

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