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Gentian Canine CRP Immunoassay

Application Note for scil VitroVet*

Intended Use

The canine CRP immunoassay on scil VitroVet is an *in vitro* diagnostic test for quantitative determination of canine CRP in dog serum and plasma. The measurement of canine CRP is used in the diagnosis and treatment of inflammatory diseases in dogs [1,2,3,4,5].

Measuring Range

The measuring range of the Gentian canine CRP immunoassay on scil VitroVet is 15 - 300 mg/L, with a security zone up to 600 mg/L.

Normal Values

Healthy dogs have CRP concentrations <15 mg/L with the Gentian canine CRP method on scil VitroVet. An exact reference range cannot be determined as CRP concentrations in healthy dogs are below the LoQ of the Gentian canine CRP assay.

Clinical Decision Limits

The diagnostic specificity of canine CRP can be enhanced without seriously impairing diagnostic sensitivity by using a cut-off limit somewhere above the normal range [2]. Each laboratory should establish its own cut-off.

Assay Reagents

Materials Provided by Gentian	
Gentian Canine CRP Reagent Kit • R1 Reaction buffer (45 ml) • R2 Immunoparticles (10,5 ml)	REF 1501 REF 1507* REF 1514*
Gentian Canine CRP Calibrator Kit (6 levels, 0,5 ml per level)	REF 1551
Gentian Canine CRP Control Kit • Control low (0,5ml) • Control high (0,5ml)	REF 1519 REF 1520* REF 1521*

All materials are ready for use.
**Not available for individual sale.*

Calibrator Standardization

Gentian canine CRP calibrator values are established on the basis of internal canine CRP reference material. No international standard is available for canine CRP.

Calibration Stability

The stability of the calibration curve has not been tested on scil VitroVet. Recalibration every 4th week is generally recommended.

Material Storage and Stability

All materials provided for the Gentian canine CRP test must be stored at 2-8°C. The expiry date is printed on the labels. Using an Abbott Architect c4000, the on board stability of the Gentian canine CRP reagents was found to be at least eight weeks.

Sample Material

Recommended sample material is canine serum, canine heparinized plasma or canine EDTA plasma. Analyze the samples as fresh as possible, and mix them well in advance. Sample stability testing showed that canine CRP (in serum) was stable for 14 days at 4-22°C [6]. The samples can be shipped without any special cooling and must then be analyzed within 14 days after shipment. Samples have been tested and shown to withstand up to four freeze and thaw cycles [6].

Note: Due to potential interference, lipemic samples should be avoided.

Assay Procedure

Assay Principle

The canine serum or plasma sample is mixed with canine CRP immunoparticles. Canine CRP from the sample and the immunoparticles' anti-canine CRP aggregate. The complex particles created absorb light, and turbidimetric measurements of absorption are related to canine CRP concentration via interpolation on an established standard calibration curve. Results are automatically calculated by scil VitroVet.

Application Parameter Setup

The application must be installed with the instrument settings provided for the Gentian canine CRP method. For instructions on how to install a new application, consult the instrument manual.

Reagent Preparation

The reagents provided are ready for use. Mix the reagents gently before placing them into the assigned reagents positions. The bottles provided can be used directly on scil VitroVet.

Calibration Curve Establishment

Use the Gentian canine CRP calibrator kit to establish a calibration curve as described in the instrument manual. A recalibration must be performed when a new calibrator lot and/or a new reagent kit lot is to be used. The assigned concentration values of the calibrators are lot dependent. The relevant values are stated in the Analytical Value Sheet provided with the calibrator kit.

QC Controls

The Gentian canine CRP control samples should be assayed every day the method is in use, to validate the calibration curve. Each control has an assigned concentration value range that must be met before measuring regular samples. The relevant concentration ranges are given in the Analytical Value Sheet provided with the control kit. If the measured concentrations are outside the valid range, repeat the control measurements. Recalibrate if necessary. If the calibration cannot be performed without error, or valid control values cannot be reproduced, contact the local distributor for support.

Measuring Patient Samples

When a satisfactory calibration curve has been established and the control values are within the valid concentration range, canine serum or plasma samples may be measured. Check that minimum sample volume is present in sample cups/tubes and assay the samples according to the instructions given in the instrument manual.

Results

The sample concentration of canine CRP is calculated automatically by the analyzer and presented in mg/L.

Performance Characteristics scil VitroVet

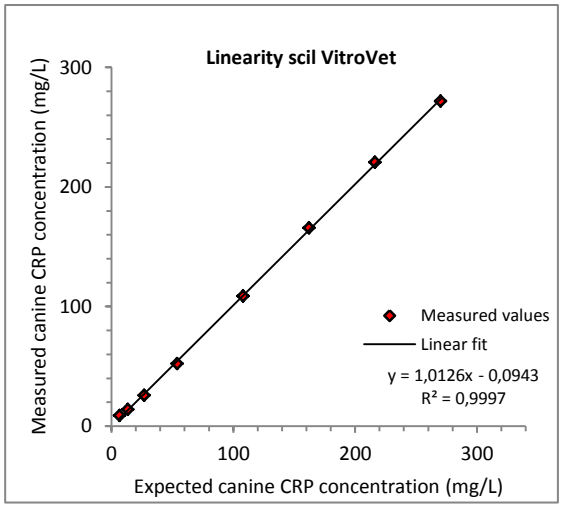
Lower Quantification Limit

The lower quantification limit (LoQ) of canine CRP is defined as the lowest sample concentration that can be measured with a total error (TE) < 29,6 % [7]. Total error is calculated from the pooled standard deviation of the sample's measured concentration and the bias between the sample's mean and theoretical concentration value. A sample of 9,5 mg/L had a total error of 30 % with the Gentian canine CRP method, while a sample of 11,9 mg/L had a total error of 11 %. Based on interpolation, the LoQ of the Gentian canine CRP immunoassay on scil VitroVet is set to 10 mg/L.

Linearity

Dilution of a high canine CRP serum was performed, and the concentration of the resulting samples was measured. Recovery from expected concentrations was calculated. Based on interpolation, the assay is considered satisfactory linear in the range 15 - 300 mg/L.

Dilution factor	Expected concentration (mg/L)	Measured concentration (mg/L)	Recovery (%)
100 %	270,3	271,9	100,6
80 %	216,2	220,7	102,1
60 %	162,2	165,8	102,2
40 %	108,1	108,9	100,7
20 %	54,1	52,2	96,6
10 %	27,0	25,7	95,2
5 %	13,5	14,0	103,8
2,5 %	6,8	9,0	132,7



Imprecision

Four samples (A-D) were assayed over five days on a scil VitroVet analyzer. Each sample was measured in duplicate, twice a day.

Sample ID	Mean (mg/L)	Within run CV (%)	Between run CV (%)	Between day CV (%)	Total CV (%)
A	29,1	2,30	4,17	1,28	4,93
B	63,0	1,95	3,23	0,37	3,79
C	98,6	2,12	3,24	0,70	3,93
D	214,6	1,75	4,68	0,88	5,07

Interference

Canine CRP samples of about 30 mg/L were spiked with hemoglobin, Intralipid and bilirubin, and compared to corresponding control samples. Interference – defined as more than 10 % difference between test sample and control sample – was not detected for samples containing 5 g/L hemoglobin, 3 g/L* Intralipid or 800 mg/ bilirubin.

Security Zone

Samples with a canine CRP concentration up to 600 mg/L return a value above 300 mg/L (upper limit of linearity range) and can be sent to automatic diluted rerun.

*Based on interpolation.

Instrument Variation

A set of 17 samples was assayed on scil VitroVet with the Gentian canine CRP method. The measured concentrations were compared to the mean of corresponding values obtained with Beckman Coulter AU400 and Abbott Architect c4000. The recovery of the scil VitroVet values to the AU400 / Architect c4000 values was calculated. Moreover, a statistical analysis of the instrument variation was performed.

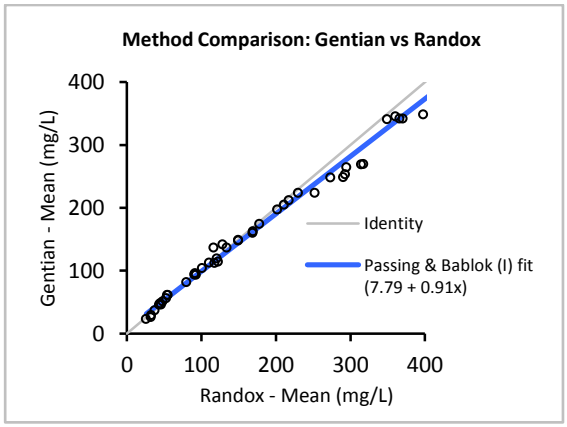
Mean concentration AU400 / Architect c4000 (mg/L)	Mean concentration scil VitroVet (mg/L)	Recovery (%)
105,8	101,7	96,1
129,6	128,7	99,3
26,7	27,1	101,4
199,0	191,0	96,0
171,5	173,4	101,1
26,4	26,2	99,2
182,3	178,3	97,8
136,4	132,1	96,8
166,0	162,7	98,0
117,4	117,3	99,9
72,1	66,4	92,1
17,6	19,3	109,5
44,4	41,9	94,5
39,1	35,9	91,7
143,4	132,1	92,1
83,9	80,1	95,5
65,3	62,8	96,2

Instrument Variation – scil VitroVet vs. Architect c4000	
Bland Altman bias	-3,4 %
Bland Altman 95 % limits of agreement	-13,6 % to 6,8 %
Passing Bablok slope	0,95
Passing Bablok intercept (mg/L)	0,84
Instrument Variation – scil VitroVet vs. AU400	
Bland Altman bias	-1,8 %
Bland Altman 95 % limits of agreement	-9,1 % to 5,4 %
Passing Bablok slope	0,99
Passing Bablok intercept (mg/L)	-0,27

Method Comparison

The Gentian canine CRP test was compared to the Randox human CRP immunoassay, used for canine CRP applications (with canine CRP calibrators). A set of 45 serum samples was assayed on both methods at the Swedish University of Agriculture Sciences Animal Hospital, using an Abbott Architect c4000. Results were subjected to statistical analysis.

Method Comparison	N = 45
Bland Altman bias	-3,0 %
Bland Altman limits of agreement	-19,4 to 13,4 %
Passing Bablok slope	0,91
Passing Bablok intercept (mg/L)	7,79



Shipping Damage

Please notify your distributor if the product received is damaged.

Symbols Key

LOT	Lot number
	Temperature limitations
	Expiration date
	Consult instructions for use
	Manufacturer
REF	Catalogue number

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Instrument Settings Canine CRP scil VitroVet

Code: *					Description: *		
Units	: mg/L				Decimal Figures	: 1	
Linearity Limit	: 300						
Min Blank OD	: 0				Max Blank O.D.	: 0	
Tray Number	: *						
Mixing	: 2						
PostDilution Ratio	1 : 10				Diluent D2 Position	: 30	
STD Lot	: **						
Reagent Code	: ---						
Sample Blank	: 0						
Sample Volume	: 2						
No. of Reagents	: 2						
Reag. 1 Volume	: 272				R1 Vial Type	: A	
Reag. 1 Pos.	: *						
Reag. 2 Volume	: 75				R2 Vial Type	: B	
Reag. 2 Pos.	: *						
Water Vol.	: 0						
Sampl. Washes	: 4						
MultSTD Analysis	: 1						
STD Value 1 to 6	: 0	8.5	28.7	75.8	150	300 ***	
Reaction Mode	: 5						
1st Reading Time	: 240						
R2 Addition Time	: 270						
Incubation Time	: 600						
Filter1	: 570				Filter2	: 0	
Reag. Blank Corr.	: 1				Max Variance %	: 10	
React. Direction	: 1						

Model	: 2		
Control 1 (Y-N)	: 1		
Control 1 Min Val	: 26.8 ***	Control 1 Max Val	: 36,3 ***
Control 2 (Y-N)	: 1		
Control 2 Min Val	: 94.1 ***	Control 2 Max Val	: 127,3 ***

**Defined by user.*

***Insert lot number of calibrator kit.*

****Lot dependent. Find the relevant calibrator/control values in the Analytical Value Sheet provided with the calibrator/control kit.*