

Quality Control

We recommend that each laboratory use the Diazyme Creatinine Control (REF DZ072B-CON) to validate the performance of creatinine reagents. And is available from Diazyme Laboratories. If the results from the **CONTROL** fall outside the acceptable limits, as determined by the assigned range, the test should not be performed. We recommend that your quality control testing follows federal, state, and local guidelines.

Results⁵

Creatinine concentration is expressed as mg/dL or $\mu\text{mol/L}$
 $\text{mg/dL} \times 88.4 = \mu\text{mol/L}$
 $\mu\text{mol/L} \times 0.0113 = \text{mg/dL}$

When the **CALIBRATOR** values are input as per instructions in $\mu\text{mol/L}$ or mg/dL, the results are printed out automatically in $\mu\text{mol/L}$ or mg/dL.

Muscular young or middle-aged adults may have more creatinine in their blood than the norm for the general population. Elderly persons, on the other hand, may have less creatinine in their blood than the norm. Infants have normal levels of about 0.2 mg/dL (17.7 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) or more, depending on their muscle development. A person with only one kidney may have a normal level of about 1.8 or 1.9 mg/dL (159.1 or 168.0 $\mu\text{mol/L}$). Creatinine levels that reach 2.0 mg/dL (176.8 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) or more in babies and 10.0 mg/dL (884.0 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) or more in adults may indicate the need for a dialysis machine to remove wastes from the blood.

Certain drugs can sometimes cause abnormally elevated creatinine levels. It is strongly recommended that each laboratory establish an expected range characteristic for the local population.

Reference Range⁶

	Men	Women
Serum	59-104 $\mu\text{mol/L}$	45-84 $\mu\text{mol/L}$
	0.67-1.17 mg/dL	0.51-0.95 mg/dL
Urine*	3540-24600 $\mu\text{mol/L}$	2550-20000 $\mu\text{mol/L}$
	40-278 mg/dL	29-226 mg/dL

*First morning urine

Limitations

A sample with a creatinine level exceeding the linearity limit should be diluted with 0.9% saline and reassayed incorporating the dilution factor in the calculation of the value.

Performance Characteristics

All performance characteristics were determined at Diazyme Laboratories using Hitachi 917.

Limit of Detection

The limit of detection is 12 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ (0.14 mg/dL).

Accuracy

The performance of this assay was compared with the performance of a legally marketed creatinine assay using serum samples ranging from 0.2 – 13.51 mg/dL (17.7 – 1194.3 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) and urine samples ranging from 0.14 – 141 mg/dL (12.4 – 12434.4 $\mu\text{mol/L}$). The serum correlation study was performed with 50 unaltered and 5 altered serum samples. The urine correlation study was performed with 42 unaltered and 9 altered urine samples. The correlation analyses are presented below for both serum and urine sample matrices.

Accuracy/Serum samples:

Correlation Coefficient: 0.9981

Slope/Intercept: $y = 0.9467x + 0.0643$

Accuracy/Urine samples:

Correlation Coefficient: 0.9968

Slope/Intercept: $y = 1.0002x - 0.0518$

Linearity

The linearity of the procedure is from 0.14-13.56 mg/dL (12 - 1200 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) in serum and 0.14-141.25 mg/dL (12-12500 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) in urine. Results below 0.14 mg/dL (12 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) are invalid. Results that exceed 141.25 mg/dL (12500 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) should be diluted 10-fold with saline and retested.

Precision

Diazyme Creatinine Liquid Reagents Assay precision was evaluated according to Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (formerly NCCLS) EP5-A guideline. In the study, four serum specimens were tested on a Hitachi 917 twice daily, in duplicates over 20 days.

Serum Testing	Within-Run Precision			
	0.75 mg/dL (66.3 μM)	1.41 mg/dL (125 μM)	4.11 mg/dL (346 μM)	10.28 mg/dL (908.7 μM)
No. of Data Points	80	80	80	80
Mean mg/dL (μM)	0.74 (65.4)	1.38 (122.3)	4.04 (357.5)	10.28 (908.7)
SD mg/dL (μM)	0.015 (1.3)	0.015(1.37)	0.029(2.54)	0.015 (1.3)
C _v %	2.1	1.1	0.7	0.1
Serum Testing	Total Precision			
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No. of Data Points	80	80	80	80
Mean mg/dL (μM)	0.74 (65.4)	1.38 (122.3)	4.04 (357.5)	10.28 (908.7)
SD mg/dL (μM)	0.022(1.9)	0.026(2.29)	0.058(5.11)	0.14(12.4)
C _v %	3.0	1.9	1.4	1.4

Diazyme Creatinine Liquid Reagents Assay precision was also evaluated with urine samples with a modified EP10 protocol. For within-run precision, 21 replicates of commercial urine controls were tested. For total precision, 2 runs of each commercial urine control were performed consecutively for 5 days. The samples were diluted ten-fold with 0.9% saline and tested for Creatinine values. The values were multiplied by the dilution factor (i.e.10) to obtain the final results indicated below.

Urine Testing	Within-Run Precision		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
No. of Data Points	21	21	21
Mean mg/dL (μM)	29.09 (2572)	87.1 (7711)	196.7 (17407)
SD mg/dL (μM)	0.1 (8.84)	0.27 (23.60)	0.90 (79.71)
C _v %	0.36	0.31	0.46
Urine Testing	Total Precision		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
No. of Data Points	20	20	20
Mean mg/dL (μM)	29.86 (2640)	87.7 (7765)	195 (17265)
SD mg/dL (μM)	0.79 (69.8)	0.67 (59.2)	1.19 (105.2)
C _v %	2.64	0.76	0.60

Interference

Interference for the Diazyme Creatinine Liquid Reagents Assay was evaluated on the Hitachi 917. The following substances normally present in serum produced less than 10% deviation at the listed concentrations: Triglyceride at 1000 mg/dL, Ascorbic Acid at 10 mM, Bilirubin at 40 mg/dL, Bilirubin Conjugate at 30 mg/dL, Hemoglobin at 500 mg/dL. The following substances normally present in urine produced less than 10% deviation at the listed concentrations: Triglycerides at 1000 mg/dL, Ascorbic Acid at 10 mM, Bilirubin at 40 mg/dL, Bilirubin Conjugate at 40 mg/dL, Hemoglobin at 1000 mg/dL.

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