

- Control values lie outside the specified range.
- Quality Control**
- Controls are recommended for the determination of quality control requirements for this assay and should be run in duplicate to monitor the assay performance. Refer to published guidelines for general quality control recommendations, for example Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) Guideline C24 or other published guidelines¹.
- Quality control is recommended once per day of use, or in accordance with local regulations or accreditation requirements and your laboratory's quality control procedures, quality control could be performed by running the Total PSA assay:
- Whenever the kit is calibrated.
- Controls are only valid if stored at 1-2°C or 1-2°C.
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- The performance of other controls should be evaluated for compatibility with this assay before they are used. Appropriate value ranges should be established for all quality control materials used.
- Control values must lie within the specified range, otherwise one of the controls lies outside the specified range, calibration should be repeated and controls repeated. If control values lie repeatedly outside the predefined ranges after successful calibration, patient results must not be reported and take the following action:
- Verify that the materials are not expired.
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- If necessary, contact Siba or our authorized distributors for assistance.
- If the controls in K1 are not enough for use, please order Total PSA (CLIA) Controls (REF: 160201221MT) from Siba or our authorized distributors for more.

RESULTS

The analyzer automatically calculates the PSA concentration in each sample by means of a calibration curve which is generated by a 2-point calibration master curve procedure. The results are expressed in ng/mL. For further information please refer to the Analyzer Operating Instructions.

Interpretation of Results

The expected range for the Total PSA assay was obtained by testing 745 apparently healthy male individuals in China, gave the following expected value listed below:

Age (years)	N	95 th percentile (ng/mL)
<40	156	51.4
40-49	147	52.0
50-59	172	53.1
60-69	139	54.1
≥70	131	54.4
Total	745	54.0

- Results may differ between laboratories due to variations in population and test method. It is recommended that each laboratory establish its own reference interval.
- LIMITATIONS**
- Results should be used in conjunction with patient's medical history, clinical examination and other findings.
 - If the PSA results are inconsistent with clinical evidence, additional testing is needed to confirm the result.
 - Digital rectal examination (DRE), prostatic massage, ultrasonography, and needle biopsy can lead to PSA elevations^{14,15}. PSA levels may also be increased following ejaculation¹⁶.
 - Hormonal therapy may affect PSA expression, resulting in a decrease in PSA levels¹⁷.
 - Specimens from patients who have received preparations of mouse monoclonal antibodies for diagnosis or therapy may contain human anti-mouse antibodies (HAMA). Such specimens may show either falsely elevated or depressed values when tested with assay kits which employ mouse monoclonal antibodies^{18,19}.
 - Additional information may be required for diagnosis with reagent immunoglobulins, interfering with in vitro immunoassays. Patients routinely exposed to animals or animal products can be prone to this interference and anomalous values may be observed²⁰.
 - Bacterial contamination or heat inactivation of the specimens may affect the test results.

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Representative performance data are provided in this section. Results obtained in individual laboratories may vary.

Precision was determined using the assay, samples and controls in a protocol (EP05-A3) of the CLSI (Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute); duplicates at two independent runs per day for 5 days at three different sites using three lots of reagent kits (n=180). The following results were obtained:

Sample	Mean (ng/mL) (n=180)	Within-Run		Between-Run		Reproducibility	
		SD (ng/mL)	%CV	SD (ng/mL)	%CV	SD (ng/mL)	%CV
Serum Pool 1	3.956	0.162	4.05	0.046	1.15	0.239	5.98
Serum Pool 2	39.969	1.315	3.29	0.753	1.88	1.999	5.00
Serum Pool 3	89.551	2.650	2.66	1.280	1.29	3.858	3.88
Plasma Pool 1	3.953	0.164	4.15	0.077	1.95	0.214	5.41
Plasma Pool 2	40.701	1.216	2.99	0.962	2.36	2.098	5.15
Plasma Pool 3	100.138	2.977	2.97	1.716	1.71	4.726	4.72
Control 1	1.943	0.079	4.07	0.034	1.75	0.109	5.61
Control 2	9.775	0.335	3.43	0.141	1.44	0.516	5.28

Linear Range

0.020-400 ng/mL (defined by the Limit of Quantitation and the maximum of the master curve).

Reportable Interval

0.010-8000 ng/mL (defined by the Limit of Detection and the maximum of the master curve/Recommended Dilution Ratio).

Analytical Sensitivity

Unit of Blank (LoB) = 0.002 ng/mL

Unit of Detection (LoD) = 0.010 ng/mL

Unit of Quantitation (LoQ) = 0.020 ng/mL

Interference

Interference was determined using the assay, three samples containing different concentrations of analyte were spiked with potential endogenous and exogenous interferents in a protocol (EP7-A2) of the CLSI. The measurement deviation of the interference substance is within ±10%. The following results were obtained:

Interference	No interference up to	Interference	No interference up to
Bilirubin	65 mg/dL	Captain	165 µg/mL
Hemoglobin	2200 mg/dL	Methotrexate	30 µg/mL
Intralipid	1500 mg/dL	5-Fluorouracil	360 µg/mL
HAMA	40 ng/mL	Paclitaxel	67 µg/mL
Rheumatoid factor	1500 IU/mL	Vinorelbine sulfate	1.5 µg/mL
ANA	6 (SICO) strong positive	Doxorubicin hydrochloride	50 µg/mL
Cyclophosphamide monohydrate	500 µg/mL	Carboplatin	500 µg/mL
Magnesium	80 µg/mL		

Cross-Reactivity

Cross-reactivity was determined using the assay, three samples containing different concentrations of analyte were spiked with potential cross-reactants in a protocol (EP7-A2) of the CLSI. The measurement deviation of the interference substance is within ±10%. The following results were obtained:

Cross-reactant	No interference up to	Cross-reactant	No interference up to
α1-microglobulin	100 ng/mL	CEA	3000 ng/mL
Prostate acid phosphatase	1000 ng/mL		

High-Dose Hook

No high-dose hook effect was seen for PSA concentrations up to 20000 ng/mL.

Method Comparison

A comparison of the Total PSA assay with a commercially available immunoassay, gave the following correlations (ng/mL):

Number of samples measured: 591

Passing-Bablok: y=1.0015x+0.0028, r=0.980

The clinical specimen concentrations were between 0.030 and 397.5 ng/mL.

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SYMBOLS EXPLANATIONS

Consult instructions for use

Temperature limit (Store at 2-8°C)

Contains sufficient for n tests

This way up

In vitro diagnostic medical device

Catalogue number

CE marking with notified body ID number

Manufacturer

Use-by date

Keep away from sunlight

Authorized representative in the European Community

Kit component

Batch code

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