

## Unsaturated Iron-Binding Capacity

### Order information

REF		CONTENT		Analyzer(s) on which <b>cobas c</b> pack(s) can be used
04536355190	04536355500	Unsaturated Iron-Binding Capacity (100 tests)	System-ID 07 3763 1	<b>cobas c 311</b> , <b>cobas c 501/502</b> , COBAS INTEGRA 400 plus

Materials required (but not provided):

		<b>cobas c 311</b> , <b>cobas c 501/502</b>	COBAS INTEGRA 400 plus
12146401216	Fe Standard (1 x 75 mL)	Code 566	System-ID 07 7560 6
12149435122	Precinorm U plus (10 x 3 mL)	Code 300	System-ID 07 7999 7
12149443122	Precipath U plus (10 x 3 mL)	Code 301	System-ID 07 8000 6
05117003190	PreciControl ClinChem Multi 1 (20 x 5 mL)	Code 391	System-ID 07 7469 3
05947626190	PreciControl ClinChem Multi 1 (4 x 5 mL)	Code 391	System-ID 07 7469 3
05117216190	PreciControl ClinChem Multi 2 (20 x 5 mL)	Code 392	System-ID 07 7470 7
05947774190	PreciControl ClinChem Multi 2 (4 x 5 mL)	Code 392	System-ID 07 7470 7

### English

#### Intended use

In vitro test for the quantitative determination of the unsaturated iron-binding capacity in human serum and plasma on **cobas c** and COBAS INTEGRA systems.

#### Summary

Unsaturated iron-binding capacity (UIBC) measurements, performed with this assay in human serum and plasma, are used as an aid in diagnosis of iron deficiencies and iron overload. UIBC is used in combination with serum iron to determine the total iron-binding capacity (TIBC) and transferrin saturation (TSAT).

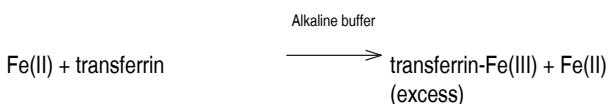
Anemia is the most common blood disorder, with iron deficiency anemia being the most common cause of anemia. Therefore, iron panels are routinely run in patients with anemia. Iron plays an essential role in many biochemical processes, in particular in the production of heme for incorporation in hemoglobin and iron-sulfur clusters. It serves as a cofactor for many proteins and enzymes necessary for oxygen and energy metabolism.<sup>1,2</sup>

The total iron content of the body is about 3 to 3.5 g, where the majority (> 95 %) is contained in hemoglobin of erythrocytes (or their precursors in the bone marrow), and also intracellular storages (e.g., ferritin).<sup>1,3</sup> Only a small amount (~3 mg) of Fe is bound to the circulating serum protein transferrin, a complex of ferric iron Fe(III) bound to the plasma protein apotransferrin.<sup>1,3</sup> Normally, about one third of the iron-binding sites of transferrin are occupied by Fe(III). The additional amount of iron that can be bound is the unsaturated (or latent) iron-binding capacity UIBC. The sum of the serum iron and UIBC represents total iron-binding capacity TIBC. TIBC is a measurement for the maximum iron concentration that transferrin can bind. It is used to calculate the transferrin saturation TSAT, which is the percentage of transferrin occupied by iron, and can be calculated by a ratio of serum iron and TIBC.<sup>4</sup>

The serum TIBC varies in disorders of iron metabolism. In iron-deficiency anemia the TIBC is elevated and the TSAT is lowered to 15 % or less.<sup>1</sup> Low serum iron associated with low TIBC is characteristic of the anemia of chronic disorders, malignant tumors, and infections.<sup>5</sup> UIBC and TIBC are also modified in various physiological and clinical conditions. During pregnancy, UIBC, TIBC and transferrin values increase, which is proposed as a mechanism to ensure adequate iron delivery to the fetus.<sup>6,7</sup> Increased UIBC and TIBC levels are observed in frequent blood donors,<sup>8</sup> after a multiday high-altitude climb,<sup>9</sup> iron chelation therapy,<sup>10</sup> exposure to polychlorinated biphenyls,<sup>11</sup> testosterone therapy,<sup>12</sup> and Fontan surgery (for cardiac malformations).<sup>13</sup> Reduced UIBC and TIBC levels are associated with chronic kidney disease,<sup>14</sup> increased mortality after liver transplantation,<sup>15</sup> increased bacterial infection risk after kidney transplantation,<sup>16</sup> and emetogenic severity in cancer chemotherapy.<sup>17</sup>

#### Test principle

Direct determination with FerroZine.<sup>18,19</sup>



The color intensity is directly proportional to the unbound excess iron concentration and indirectly proportional to the unsaturated iron binding capacity. It is determined by measuring the increase in absorbance photometrically.

#### Precautions and warnings

For in vitro diagnostic use for health care professionals. Exercise the normal precautions required for handling all laboratory reagents.

Infectious or microbial waste:

Warning: handle waste as potentially biohazardous material. Dispose of waste according to accepted laboratory instructions and procedures.

Environmental hazards:

Apply all relevant local disposal regulations to determine the safe disposal.

Safety data sheet available for professional user on request.

This kit contains components classified as follows in accordance with the Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008:



#### Warning

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H351 Suspected of causing cancer.

#### Prevention:

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.

P261 Avoid breathing mist or vapours.

P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection/ hearing protection.

#### Response:

P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Product safety labeling follows EU GHS guidance.

Contact phone: all countries: +49-621-7590

#### Reagent handling

Ready for use

**Note for cobas c:** Put a new cassette direct from the refrigerator on the analyzer, do not allow cassette to come to room temperature.



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Traceability: This method has been standardized against a primary reference material (weighed in purified material) through iron.

### Quality control

For quality control, use control materials as listed in the "Order information" section.

In addition, other suitable control material can be used.

The control intervals and limits should be adapted to each laboratory's individual requirements. Values obtained should fall within the defined limits. Each laboratory should establish corrective measures to be taken if values fall outside the defined limits.

Follow the applicable government regulations and local guidelines for quality control.

### Limitations - interference

Criterion: Recovery within  $\pm 6 \mu\text{mol/L}$  of initial values of samples  $\leq 60 \mu\text{mol/L}$  and within  $\pm 10 \%$  for samples  $> 60 \mu\text{mol/L}$ .

Icterus:<sup>25</sup> No significant interference up to an I index of 60 for conjugated and unconjugated bilirubin (approximate conjugated and unconjugated bilirubin concentration: 1026  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  or 60 mg/dL).

Hemolysis:<sup>25</sup> No significant interference up to an H index of 40 (approximate hemoglobin concentration: 24.8  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  or 40 mg/dL).

Contamination with erythrocytes will elevate results, because the analyte level in erythrocytes is higher than in normal sera. The level of interference may be variable depending on the content of analyte in the lysed erythrocytes.

Lipemia (Intralipid):<sup>25</sup> No significant interference up to an L index of 300. There is poor correlation between the L index (corresponds to turbidity) and triglycerides concentration.

Anticoagulants: Complexing anticoagulants such as EDTA, oxalate, and citrate must not be used.

Drugs: No interference was found at therapeutic concentrations using common drug panels.<sup>26, 27</sup>

Exception: Oxytetracycline causes artificially high UIBC values at the tested drug level.

Pathologically high levels of albumin (7 g/dL) decrease the apparent UIBC value significantly.

If the patient's serum iron exceeds the binding capacity of the transferrin, a negative UIBC value will result.

In patients treated with iron supplements or metal-binding drugs, the drug-bound iron may not properly react in the test, resulting in falsely low values.

The physiological function of deferoxamine containing drugs is to bind iron to facilitate its elimination from the body. Therefore any deferoxamine concentration interferes with the UIBC assay.

In the presence of high ferritin concentrations  $> 1200 \mu\text{g/L}$  the assumption that serum iron is almost completely bound to transferrin is not valid anymore. Therefore, such iron results should not be used to calculate Total Iron Binding Capacity (TIBC) or percent transferrin saturation (% SAT).<sup>28</sup>

In very rare cases, gammopathy, in particular type IgM (Waldenström's macroglobulinemia), may cause unreliable results.<sup>29</sup>

For diagnostic purposes, the results should always be assessed in conjunction with the patient's medical history, clinical examination and other findings.

### ACTION REQUIRED

**Special Wash Programming:** The use of special wash steps is mandatory when certain test combinations are run together on **cobas c** systems. The latest version of the carry-over evasion list can be found with the NaOHD-SMS-SmpCln1+2-SCCS Method Sheets. For further instructions refer to the operator's manual. **cobas c** 502 analyzer: All special wash programming necessary for avoiding carry-over is available via the **cobas** link, manual input is required in certain cases.

**Where required, special wash/carry-over evasion programming must be implemented prior to reporting results with this test.**

### Limits and ranges

#### Measuring range

3-125  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  (16.8-700  $\mu\text{g/dL}$ , 0.17-7 mg/L)

Determine samples having higher concentrations via the rerun function. Dilution of samples via the rerun function is a 1:2 dilution. Results from

samples diluted using the rerun function are automatically multiplied by a factor of 2.

### Lower limits of measurement

#### Lower detection limit of the test

3  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  (16.8  $\mu\text{g/dL}$ , 0.17 mg/L)

The lower detection limit represents the lowest measurable analyte level that can be distinguished from zero. It is calculated as the value lying 3 standard deviations above that of the lowest standard (standard 1 + 3 SD, repeatability, n = 21).

Note: The technical limits for this assay are defined as -125  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  (-700  $\mu\text{g/dL}$ , -7 mg/L) for the lower limit and -3  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  (-16.8  $\mu\text{g/dL}$ , -0.17 mg/L) for the upper limit. This is due to the instrument factor for UIBC (a = -1; see also above chapter "Calibration"). Results under the lower limit of the measuring range will be flagged with ">TEST". Results above the upper limit of the measuring range will be flagged with "<TEST".

### Specific performance data

Representative performance data on the analyzers are given below. Results obtained in individual laboratories may differ.

#### Precision

Precision was determined using human samples and controls in an internal protocol with repeatability (n = 21) and intermediate precision (3 aliquots per run, 1 run per day, 21 days). The following results were obtained on the **cobas c** 501 analyzer:

Repeatability	Mean	SD	CV
	$\mu\text{mol/L}$ ( $\mu\text{g/dL}$ )	$\mu\text{mol/L}$ ( $\mu\text{g/dL}$ )	%
PCCC1	39.9 (223)	0.5 (3)	1.2
PCCC2	56.0 (313)	0.6 (3)	1.1
Human serum A	46.1 (258)	0.6 (3)	1.3
Human serum B	102 (570)	0.5 (3)	0.4
Human serum C	15.5 (86.6)	0.7 (3.9)	4.3

#### Intermediate precision

	Mean	SD	CV
	$\mu\text{mol/L}$ ( $\mu\text{g/dL}$ )	$\mu\text{mol/L}$ ( $\mu\text{g/dL}$ )	%
Precinorm U	23.7 (132)	0.8 (5)	3.5
Precipath U	41.7 (233)	0.7 (4)	1.7
Human serum 3	16.5 (92.2)	0.8 (4.5)	4.7
Human serum 4	24.3 (136)	0.8 (5)	3.1

The data obtained on **cobas c** 501 analyzer(s) are representative for **cobas c** 311 analyzer(s).

### Method comparison

#### Serum

UIBC values for human serum and plasma samples obtained on a **cobas c** 501 analyzer (y) were compared with those determined using the corresponding reagent on a Roche/Hitachi MODULAR P analyzer (x). Sample size (n) = 58

#### Passing/Bablok<sup>30</sup>

$$y = 1.01x + 1.86 \mu\text{mol/L}$$

$$\tau = 0.956$$

#### Linear regression

$$y = 1.03x + 1.23 \mu\text{mol/L}$$

$$r = 0.997$$

The sample concentrations were between 7.50 and 80.1  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  (41.9 and 448  $\mu\text{g/dL}$ ).

The data obtained on **cobas c** 501 analyzer(s) are representative for **cobas c** 311 analyzer(s).

### COBAS INTEGRA systems

#### System information

**UIBCI:** Test ID 0-564 on COBAS INTEGRA 400 plus systems

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### Reagents - working solutions

**R1** Ferrous chloride: 62 µmol/L; sodium hydrogen carbonate: 75 mmol/L; TRIS buffer: 375 mmol/L, pH 8.4; preservative

**SR** FerroZine: 20 mmol/L; hydroxylamine: 160 mmol/L, pH 2.5

R1 is in position C and SR is in position B.

### Storage and stability

Shelf life at 2-8 °C See expiration date on **cobas c** pack label

On-board in use at 10-15 °C 2 weeks

### Application for serum and plasma

#### Test definition

Measuring mode	Absorbance
Abs. calculation mode	Endpoint
Reaction mode	R1-S-SR
Reaction direction	Increase
Wavelength A/B	552/629 nm
Calc. first/last	33/64
Unit	µmol/L

#### Pipetting parameters

		Diluent (H <sub>2</sub> O)
R1	80 µL	30 µL
Sample	30 µL	20 µL
SR	25 µL	15 µL
Total volume	200 µL	

#### Calibration

Calibrator	Standard 1 (high): deionized water (179 µmol/L or 1000 µg/dL)* Standard 2 (low): Fe Standard (89.5 µmol/L or 500 µg/dL)
Calibration mode	Linear regression
Calibration replicate	Duplicate recommended
Calibration frequency	- after reagent lot change - as required following quality control procedures

\*For technical reasons a virtual concentration of 179 µmol/L (1000 µg/dL) is assigned to the deionized water which is used as standard 1. This concentration is subtracted from the results for serum and plasma using a Lab. Correlation Offset of -179 (-1000).

The calibrators must be placed on the CAL/QC rack with standard 1 (high, deionized water) first and standard 2 (low, FE Standard) last.

Calibration interval may be extended based on acceptable verification of calibration by the laboratory.

Traceability: This method has been standardized against a primary reference material (weighed in purified material) through iron.

#### Quality control

Reference range	Precinorm U plus or PeciControl ClinChem Multi 1
Pathological range	Precipath U plus or PeciControl ClinChem Multi 2
Control interval	24 hours recommended
Control sequence	User defined

#### Control after calibration

#### Recommended

For quality control, use control materials as listed in the "Order information" section. In addition, other suitable control material can be used.

The control intervals and limits should be adapted to each laboratory's individual requirements. Values obtained should fall within the defined limits. Each laboratory should establish corrective measures to be taken if values fall outside the defined limits.

Follow the applicable government regulations and local guidelines for quality control.

#### Limitations - interference

If the patient's serum iron exceeds the binding capacity of the transferrin, a negative UIBC value results.

Criterion: Recovery within ± 6 µmol/L of initial values of samples ≤ 60 µmol/L and within ± 10 % for samples > 60 µmol/L.

Icterus:<sup>25</sup> No significant interference up to an I index of 60 for conjugated and unconjugated bilirubin (approximate conjugated and unconjugated bilirubin concentration: 1026 µmol/L or 60 mg/dL).

Hemolysis:<sup>25</sup> No significant interference up to an H index of 100 (approximate hemoglobin concentration: 62.1 µmol/L or 100 mg/dL). Avoid hemolyzed specimens. Hemoglobin levels higher than 0.06 mmol/L (1.0 g/L) increase the apparent UIBC value significantly.

Lipemia (Intralipid):<sup>25</sup> No significant interference up to an L index of 200. There is poor correlation between the L index (corresponds to turbidity) and triglycerides concentration. Lipemic specimens may cause negative values and/or high absorbance flagging.

Anticoagulants: Complexing anticoagulants such as EDTA, oxalate, and citrate must not be used.

Drugs: No interference was found at therapeutic concentrations using common drug panels.<sup>26, 27</sup> **Exceptions:** Methyldopa and oxytetracycline cause artificially high UIBC values at the tested drug level.

The physiological function of deferoxamine containing drugs is to bind iron to facilitate its elimination from the body. Therefore, any deferoxamine concentration interferes with the UIBC assay.

Pathologically high levels of albumin (7 g/dL) decrease the apparent UIBC value significantly.

In the presence of high ferritin concentrations > 1200 µg/L the assumption that serum iron is almost completely bound to transferrin is not valid anymore. Therefore, such iron results should not be used to calculate Total Iron Binding Capacity (TIBC) or percent transferrin saturation (% SAT).<sup>28</sup>

In very rare cases, gammopathy, in particular type IgM (Waldenström's macroglobulinemia), may cause unreliable results.<sup>29</sup>

For diagnostic purposes, the results should always be assessed in conjunction with the patient's medical history, clinical examination and other findings.

#### ACTION REQUIRED

**Special Wash Programming:** The use of special wash steps is mandatory when certain test combinations are run together on COBAS INTEGRA analyzers. Refer to the CLEAN Method Sheet for further instructions and for the latest version of the Extra wash cycle list.

**Where required, special wash/carry-over evasion programming must be implemented prior to reporting results with this test.**

#### Limits and ranges

##### Measuring range

6.0-125 µmol/L (33.5-700 µg/dL)

##### Lower limits of measurement

Lower detection limit of the test:

6.0 µmol/L (33.5 µg/dL)

The lower detection limit represents the lowest measurable analyte level that can be distinguished from zero. It is calculated as the value lying 3 standard deviations above that of a zero sample (zero sample + 3 SD, repeatability, n = 30).

##### Specific performance data

Representative performance data on the analyzers are given below. Results obtained in individual laboratories may differ.

##### Precision

Precision was determined using human samples and controls in an internal protocol with repeatability and intermediate precision (2 aliquots per run,

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2 runs per day, 20 days). The following results were obtained on the COBAS INTEGRA 700 analyzer:

	Level 1	Level 2
Mean	25.0 µmol/L	43.4 µmol/L
	(140 µg/dL)	(242 µg/dL)
CV repeatability	1.6 %	0.8 %
CV intermediate precision	1.7 %	1.2 %

The data obtained on COBAS INTEGRA 700 analyzer(s) are representative for COBAS INTEGRA 400 analyzer(s).

### Method comparison

UIBC values for human serum and plasma samples obtained on a COBAS INTEGRA 400 analyzer with the COBAS INTEGRA UIBC reagent (y) were compared with those determined using the same reagents on a COBAS INTEGRA 800 analyzer (x) and those determined using the corresponding reagent on a Roche/Hitachi MODULAR P analyzer (x).

COBAS INTEGRA 800 analyzer	n = 73
Passing/Bablok <sup>30</sup>	Linear regression
$y = 0.981x - 0.349 \mu\text{mol/L}$	$y = 0.988x - 0.278 \mu\text{mol/L}$
$r = 0.940$	$r = 0.998$

The sample concentrations were between 9.71 and 121 µmol/L (54.3 and 676 µg/dL).

Roche/Hitachi MODULAR P analyzer	n = 69
Passing/Bablok <sup>30</sup>	Linear regression
$y = 1.04x + 3.73 \mu\text{mol/L}$	$y = 1.057x + 2.98 \mu\text{mol/L}$
$r = 0.929$	$r = 0.994$

The sample concentrations were between 6.00 and 87.6 µmol/L (33.5 and 490 µg/dL).

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A point (period/stop) is always used in this Method Sheet as the decimal separator to mark the border between the integral and the fractional parts of a decimal numeral. Separators for thousands are not used.

Any serious incident that has occurred in relation to the device shall be reported to the manufacturer and the competent authority of the Member State in which the user and/or the patient is established.

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### Symbols

Roche Diagnostics uses the following symbols and signs in addition to those listed in the ISO 15223-1 standard:

	Contents of kit
	Volume for reconstitution
	Global Trade Item Number
Rx only	For USA: Caution: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.



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