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Streck adds autosampling, barcode capabilities to whole blood cellular HbA1c control

Omaha, NE — Streck's A1c-Cellular™, a whole blood cellular control manufactured for instruments measuring HbA1c, is now available in a new cap-pierceable plastic vial packaging configuration. This new feature allows autosampling for HbA1c analyzers with such capabilities. A1c-Cellular is also available in a 1.5 mL glass vial for testing systems without autosampling.

The cap-pierceable vials are labeled with barcodes for the Bio-Rad® Variant II™ and Tosoh instruments. The barcode directs the data into the QC file on the Bio-Rad Variant for easy data management. The Tosoh instrument reads the new A1c-Cellular barcode and labels the QC results for easy identification.

As the only whole red blood cell A1c control on the market with intact red blood cells, Streck's A1c-Cellular tests the entire HbA1c procedure, including the lysing of the red blood cells. This step is omitted with other controls. Patient samples must first be lysed in order to release HbA1c for measurement. Because A1c-Cellular contains intact red blood cells, it must go through the lysing step. This important step ensures the entire system, instrument and reagents, is working properly and providing accurate patient results.

A1c-Cellular offers an open-vial stability of 30 days and a closed-vial stability of six months.

STATS®, a free interlaboratory quality control program, is offered to qualifying A1c-Cellular customers. STATS produces relevant peer group comparison reports and graphs with a quick turnaround time. Data can be submitted by mail, fax or e-mail. The reports include customer data, peer group averages and computer-generated Levey-Jennings graphs.

Streck is a leading independent developer and manufacturer of controls for the clinical laboratory. Over the past 30 years, Streck has developed a reputation for excellence that includes consistent, high-quality controls and responsive customer service and technical service teams. For more information, call 800-843-0912 or consult Streck online at www.streck.com.