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Streck Adds Bio-Rad Instrument to A1c-Cellular® Assay

Omaha, NE — Streck Inc., an independent developer and manufacturer of hematology controls for the clinical laboratory, has added an instrument to its HbA1c control assay.

Streck's A1c-Cellular, the first and only HbA1c control on the market with intact red blood cells, is now assayed on the Bio-Rad D-10™.

A1c-Cellular is appropriate for immunoassay and ionic exchange HPLC methodologies and is also assayed for the Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics VITROS® 5,1 FS, Arkray Menarini ADAMS™ A1c HA-8160, Beckman Coulter® Synchron®, Bio-Rad® Variant/II™, Dade Behring® Dimension™, Roche Diagnostics Cobas INTEGRA® and the Tosoh G7/A1c 2.2 Plus.

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 provides accurate patient results.

A1c-Cellular is available in 1.5 mL glass vials and 2.0 mL cap-pierceable plastic vials for HbA1c analyzers with autosampling capabilities. This product 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.

About Streck, Inc.

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.