## **Bicarbonate FS Keep the Balance**

- · Fluid-Stable, Ready-to-Use Monoreagent
- Superior On-Board and Calibration Stability
- · Excellent Performance



## **Clinical Relevance**

Bicarbonate, also termed hydrogencarbonate, is a salt derived from carbonic acid. Since the anions of this salt  $(HCO_3^{-1}/CO_3^{2-})$  can act as a proton donor or acceptor, they fulfill the essential physiological function as a buffer

system to ensure the maintenance of the acid-base balance in blood. Deviating values indicate disorders associated with disturbances of metabolic and respiratory systems like acidosis or alkalosis.

## **Reaction Principle**

Phosphoenolpyruvate + HCO<sub>3</sub>-

Phosphoenolpyruvate Carboxylase + Mg<sup>2+</sup>

Oxaloacetate + H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>

Oxaloacetate + NADH analog red.

Malate Dehydrogenase

Malate + NADH analog

The decrease in absorbance measured at 405/415 nm is directly proportional to the bicarbonate concentration in the sample.

Intra-assay precision n=20	Mean (mmol/L)	SD (mmol/L)	CV (%)
Sample 1	17.6	0.14	0.80
Sample 2	19.9	0.16	0.80
Sample 3	30.1	0.28	0.93

Inter-assay precision n=20	Mean (mmol/L)	SD (mmol/L)	CV (%)
Sample 1	16.8	0.53	3.16
Sample 2	20.3	0.49	2.40
Sample 3	30.0	0.68	2.26

## **Excellent Performance**

- · Synthetic NADH analog ensures excellent stability
- · 3 weeks on-board and calibration stability
- No interferences by ascorbate up to 30 mg/dL, bilirubin up to 50 mg/dL, hemoglobin up to 500 mg/dL and lipemia up to 1400 mg/dL triglycerides
- · Wide measuring range 4 50 mmol/L
- · Easy applicable to various clinical chemistry analyzers
- · Fluid-stable, ready-to-use monoreagent
- $\cdot\,$  Very good comparison versus competitor test





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