

**URGENT NOTICE: Please note that the reconstitution volumes have changed to 0.1 ml**

## **HbA1C (GLYCOSYLATED HAEMOGLOBIN) - CYCLE 22**

### **Introduction:**

It is important to read and understand this document. If you have any queries please contact Thistle QA immediately for assistance.

### **Characteristics:**

**Your box contains 0.1ml haemolysed and lyophilised human whole blood vials.**

Each vial is labelled with a sample number and the Analysis date.

**Check your kit upon arrival and call Thistle immediately if there are any problems with your kit.**

### **Preparation:**

1. Open the vial very carefully and reconstitute with an accurately measured **0.1 ml** volume of distilled water at room temperature.  
(For Abbot Method: add **0.1 ml** physiological saline)
2. Replace rubber stopper.
3. Hold the vial at a 45° angle and gently swirl for 30 seconds, making sure the liquid does not come into contact with the stopper.
4. Allow vial to stand for 15 minutes.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until a homogenous solution is obtained.

**Please treat the sample as a whole blood sample, according to your method instructions.**

### **Safety:**

#### **Warning: Potentially Biohazardous Material**

Human source material from which this product has been derived has been tested at donor level for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV 1, HIV2) antibody, HCV antibody and Hepatitis B surface Antigen (HbsAg), however, since no method can offer complete assurance as to the absence of infectious agents, this material and all patient samples should be handled as though capable of transmitting infectious disease and disposed of accordingly.

For IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC use only. Do not pipette by mouth. Exercise the normal precautions required for handling laboratory reagents.

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### **Storage:**

The material must be stored unopened in the refrigerator at 2 - 8 °C. After reconstitution, it is stable for 48 hours when stored at 2 – 8 °C.

### **Return of Results:**

Each of the samples has a number printed on the label. We recommend analysis dates as shown below. Please send your results - **at the latest 22:00** - on the final cut-off dates given below. **No late submissions will be accepted.** If the recommended analysis date does not allow you to get results to us on time, please analyse earlier. Use the correct dates for the sample numbers in the kit sent to your laboratory. If in doubt, please contact Thistle immediately for assistance.

### **Additional Notes:**

Web site submission is available. EDI system users must work through their relevant QA divisions to ensure that results are imported in due time.

The reports will be posted / e-mailed within 7-10 working days of the FINAL cut-off date.

Collusion and/or falsification of EQA results are not good accreditation practice.

### **Return Dates for Results:**

<b><u>Sample No:</u></b>	<b><u>Analysis Dates:</u></b>	<b><u>Final Cut-off Dates:</u></b>
1	26 April 2010	3 May 2010
2	24 May 2010	31 May 2010
3	21 June 2010	28 June 2010
4	19 July 2010	26 July 2010
5	23 August 2010	30 August 2010
6	20 September 2010	27 September 2010