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PHOSPHATE ON BECKMAN DxC/LX20 ANALYSERS

Dear Participant,

It has come to our attention that there are two groups of results under the DxC instrument group. We have a group of labs reporting results higher than the PHMD method mean and a group of labs which report lower results closer to the method mean. This led us to think that there may be two kits available on the market and as it turns out, this may be the case. Traditionally Beckman offered a Phosphate kit (PHOSm), which was a times rate reaction at 365nm. We believe that Beckman introduced a new Phosphate kit (PHS) which they describe as Phosphomolybdate timed Endpoint at 340nm with Sample Blank. It is possible that the two groups that we are seeing on the data base are using these two different kits.

We enclose the pack inserts (front page only) for both kits. If we can ensure that everyone is classified correctly we may be able to group everyone more efficiently. Would it be possible for you to confirm which kit you participants are using?

We feel that this is probably happening on the LX20 group too, but if we could get the DxC group sorted out first that will probably give us the answers we need for the LX, too.

Yours sincerely,

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