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Urgent Field Safety Notice:

Atellica CH Analyzer

Atellica CI Analyzer

Potential for Falsely Elevated or Flagged Results When Using the Atellica CH Revised C-Reactive Protein (RCRP) Assay

To whom it may concern,

Our records indicate that you have received:

Assay	Test Code	Siemens Material Number/Unique Device Identification	Lot Number
Atellica CH Revised C-Reactive Protein (RCRP)	RCRP	11537223/00630414610887	All lots

Siemens Healthineers has confirmed through the investigation of customer complaints the potential for falsely elevated results when the Atellica CH Revised C-Reactive Protein (RCRP) assay is used on the Atellica CH and Atellica CI analyzers.

A small subset of samples may reproducibly generate one of the following outcomes:

1. A falsely elevated, reportable result.
2. An initial falsely elevated result above the measuring interval (>25.00 mg/dL or >250.0 mg/L), followed by a 5X auto-diluted result that is inconsistent with the initial result. In this scenario, the auto-diluted result is non-reportable and flagged with "Conc Error" or " $<$ Measuring Interval".

Impact to Results

Approximately 0.01% of all patient samples tested with the Atellica CH RCRP assay may be affected. Approximately 0.002% of all patient samples may generate a falsely elevated, reportable result. Depending on the scenario, this issue may result in either:

- An erroneously elevated, unflagged result; or
- A delay in obtaining a final reportable result when the system generates a flagged, non-reportable result.

As with all laboratory results, RCRP assay results should be interpreted in conjunction with the patient's medical history, clinical presentation, and other relevant diagnostic findings.

Customer Actions

- Please complete the following actions:
 1. Ensure your analyzer's software version is:
 - For Atellica CH: Version 1.31.1 or 1.32.0
 - For Atellica CI: Version 1.31.51 or 1.32.0
 2. Invalidate all Lot and Pack calibrations for the **RCRP** assay.
 3. Unload all RCRP reagent packs with open wells.
 4. Install the Test Definition version 1.2.1 package.
 5. Verify that the applicable **RCRP** Test Definition version is installed:
 - For Atellica CH: Version 1.6
 - For Atellica CI: Version 1.7
 6. Load a new RCRP reagent pack.
 7. Perform a Lot calibration for the **RCRP** assay prior to processing patient samples.
 8. Following implementation of the applicable software and Test Definition updates, potentially affected results will generate a "Measurement Error" flag.
 - Follow your laboratory's protocol which may include repeating the sample.
 - Dilution of samples that reproducibly generate a "Measurement Error" flag is NOT recommended. Diluted results from impacted samples may not be accurate.

Note: Systems running software versions higher than 1.32.0 will generate a "Measurement Error" flag without requiring an additional software or Test Definition installation. Follow your laboratory protocol which may include repeating the sample.

- Record the number of unused tests discarded in Step 3 on the Field Correction Effectiveness Check form for reimbursement or credit.
- Review this letter with your Medical Director to determine the appropriate course of action, including for any previously generated results, if applicable.
- Complete and return the Field Correction Effectiveness Check Form attached to this letter within 30 days.
- Retain this letter with your laboratory records and forward this letter to those who may have received the affected product.

Single Registration Number (SRN)

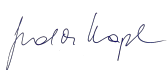
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Siemens Healthineers is committed to product quality, patient safety, and supporting your laboratory throughout the implementation of this correction. We apologize for the inconvenience this situation may cause.

If you have any questions, please contact your Siemens Healthineers Customer Care Center or your local Siemens Healthineers technical support representative.

Sincerely yours,

Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics GmbH



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