Urgent Field Safety Notice
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ALB2 and BILT3: Calibration and QC failures with reagent lot 33962301 (ALB2) and 36133801 (BILT3) on cobas c 701/702

Product Name	ALB2 (Albumin Gen.2) BILT3 (Bilirubin Total Gen.3)		
Product Description / GMMI	05166861190 (ALB2) 05795419190 (BILT3)	**cobas c** 701/702 **cobas c** 701/702	Lot 33962301 Lot 36133801
Type of Action	Field Safety Corrective Action (FSCA)		

Dear Valued Customer,

Description of Situation

Roche has received a number of complaints about Albumin Gen.2 (ALB2) reagent lot 33962301 and Bilirubin Total Gen.3 (BILT3) reagent lot 36133801 on **cobas c** 701/702 modules alleging low control recoveries of ALB2 and BILT3 outside of the laboratory acceptable control ranges.

Customers observed a discoloration of R1 in ALB2 (yellow color) and in some cases Sens.E calibration alarms were reported. Discoloration was also observed for R3 in BILT3, and Sens.E calibration alarm was issued at all times.

Internal investigations have confirmed these complaints and also have shown that **cobas c** pack (**c** 311/501/502, COBAS INTEGRA® 400 plus) and **cobas c** pack green (**c** 503) are not affected.

The issue can be detected either by implausible low control recovery or invalid calibration of the affected reagent cassettes. This issue affects only a small number of cassettes from the lot numbers above; the majority of cassettes continue to perform within specification.

Due to the fact that these negative deviations can lead to an underestimation of albumin and total bilirubin in serum/plasma, a medical risk cannot be excluded. Due to the residual medical risk associated with this issue, customers using the affected products must follow the actions as described below.

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Actions taken by Roche Diagnostics

All ALB2 cassettes of lot 33962301 have already been distributed. All residual cassettes of BILT3 lot 36133801 in the local warehouses should be blocked and discarded.

Actions to be taken by the customer/user

Each cassette of reagent lots: ALB2 lot 33962301 and BILT3 lot 36133801 must be calibrated before use. If the calibration and/or QC recovery is out of specification the cassette must be discarded.
In this case, no general recommendations with respect to the review and follow up were given, taking into account different possible scenarios (e.g. detectability via QC might be given, failed calibration, error appearance). Any specific questions raised by the users should be addressed individually, considering all relevant clinical information.

Communication of this Field Safety Notice (if appropriate)

<If the recipient needs to forward the FSN to additional organizations/individuals then one or more of the following statements may be included:

This notice must be passed on to all those who need to be aware within your organization or to any organization/individual where the potentially affected devices have been distributed/supplied. (If appropriate).

Please transfer this notice to other organizations/individuals on which this action has an impact. (If appropriate).

Please maintain awareness of this notice and resulting action for an appropriate period to ensure the effectiveness of the corrective action. (If appropriate).

The following statement is mandatory in FSNs for EEA countries but is not required for the rest of the World:

Include if applicable: The undersigned confirms that this notice has been notified to the appropriate Regulatory Agency.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and hope for your understanding and your support.

<closing salutations>,

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