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Blood Gas Analyzers - Performance testing of in-vitro Diagnostics (IVD) Instruments

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33 **FOREWORD**

34 This Draft Indian Standard is to be adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards after the draft  
35 finalized by the Biological Evaluation of Invitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Sectional  
36 Committee and approval by the Medical Equipment and Hospital Planning Division Council.

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38 This Standard describes the specifications for Blood Gas Analyzers which are used for the  
39 quantitative determination of various levels of pH, pCO<sub>2</sub>, pO<sub>2</sub>, Hct, Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, iCa, Li, Glu  
40 (Glucose) and more, in heparinized whole blood and standard testing procedure for testing of  
41 performance.

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43 Whole blood measurement of certain gases as pCO<sub>2</sub>, PO<sub>2</sub>, in whole blood, or pH of whole blood,  
44 are used in the diagnosis and treatment of life-threatening acid-base disturbances.

45 Whole blood measurements of the packed red cell volume (Hct) of a blood sample are used to  
46 distinguish normal from abnormal states, such as anemia and erythrocytosis (an increase in the  
47 number of red cells).

48 **Sodium (Na<sup>+</sup>)** measurement is used in the diagnosis and treatment of aldosteronism, diabetes  
49 insipidus, adrenal hypertension, Addison's disease, dehydration, or diseases involving electrolyte  
50 imbalance.

51 **Potassium (K<sup>+</sup>)** measurement is used to monitor electrolyte balance in the diagnosis and  
52 treatment of disease conditions characterized by low or high potassium levels.

53 **Chloride (Cl<sup>-</sup>)** measurement is used in the diagnosis and treatment of electrolyte and 3 metabolic  
54 disorders such as cystic fibrosis and diabetic acidosis.

55 **Calcium (iCa)** measurement is used in the diagnosis and treatment of parathyroid disease, a  
56 variety of bone diseases, chronic renal disease and tetany (intermittent muscular contractions or  
57 spasms).

58 **Lithium (Li)** measurement are used in the diagnosis and treatment for muscular weakness,  
59 Kidney and for mental disorder.

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61 **Glucose (Glu)** measurement is used in the diagnosis and treatment of carbohydrate metabolism  
62 disturbances including diabetes mellitus, neonatal hypoglycemia, and idiopathic hypoglycemia,  
63 and of pancreatic islet cell carcinoma.

64 **Lactate (Lac)** measurement is used in the diagnosis to determine the status of the acid-base  
65 homeostasis in the body.

66 Arterial Blood Gases (ABG) are measured through a clinical test that involves measurement of  
67 the pH of arterial blood and the amount of oxygen and carbon dioxide dissolved in arterial blood,  
68 routinely used in the diagnosis and monitoring of predominantly critically/ acutely ill patients  
69 being cared for in hospital emergency rooms and intensive care units. The test allows the  
70 assessment of two related physiological functions: pulmonary gas exchange and acid-base  
71 homeostasis.

72 The measurements are to be conducted by a trained professional in a clinical laboratory for  
73 in-vitro diagnostic use only.

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75 The Technical Committee responsible for the preparation of this standard has reviewed the  
76 provisions of the following International Standards/Other Publications and has decided that they  
77 are acceptable for use in conjunction with this standard:

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***International Standard***

***Title***

ASTM D4169-16	: Standard Practice for Performance Testing of Shipping Containers and Systems
C 46-A2	: Blood Gas and pH Analysis and Related Measurements, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition
CLSI EP05-A3	: Evaluation of Precision of Quantitative Measurement Procedures, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition
CLSI EP06-A	: Evaluation of the Linearity of Quantitative Measurement Procedures: A Statistical Approach, 1 <sup>st</sup> Edition
CLSI EP09-A3	: Measurement Procedure Comparison and Bias Estimation Using Patient Samples, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition
EP 07-A2	: Interference Testing in Clinical Chemistry, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition
EP 17-A2	: Evaluation of Detection Capability for Clinical Laboratory Measurement Procedures, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition

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- EP 25-A : Evaluation of Stability of In Vitro Diagnostic Reagents, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition
- GP 41 : Collection of Diagnostic Venous Blood Specimens, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition
- GP 43-A4 : Procedures for the Collection of Arterial Blood Specimens; Approved Standard-4<sup>th</sup> Edition
- IEC 61326-1 : 2012 : Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements - Part 1: General requirements
- IEC 61326-2-6 : 2012 : Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements - Part 2-6: Particular requirements - In vitro diagnostic (IVD) medical equipment
- ISO/IEC Guide 99 : 2007 : International vocabulary of metrology -- Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)

79 For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with,  
80 the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be  
81 rounded off in accordance with IS 2: 1960 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (*revised*)'.  
82 The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value shall be the same as that of  
83 the specified value in this standard.

84 **1. SCOPE**

85 The Standard describes the Standard Testing Procedure and Specifications, for the performance  
86 evaluation of Blood Gas Analyzers.

87 **2. REFERENCES**

88 The Standards listed below contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute  
89 provisions of this standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All  
90 standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged  
91 to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards listed below.

<i>Indian Standard</i>	<i>Title</i>
IS/ISO 9000 : 2015	Quality Management Systems - Fundamentals and Vocabulary ( <i>fourth revision</i> )
IS/ISO 9001 : 2015	Quality Management Systems - Requirements ( <i>fourth revision</i> )
IS/ISO 13485 : 2016	Medical Devices - Quality Management Systems - Requirements for Regulatory Purposes ( <i>first revision</i> )
IS/ISO 14971 : 2012	Medical devices - Application of risk management to medical devices
IS 15393 (Part 3) : 2003 ISO 5725-3 : 1994	Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results - Part 3: Intermediate measures of the precision of a standard measurement method
IS/IEC 61010-1 : 2010	Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use - Part 1 - General Requirements
MHD 19 (00318)/IS/IEC 61010-2-101 : 2018	Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - Part 2 - Section 101: Particular requirements for in vitro diagnostic (IVD) medical equipment ( <i>under print</i> )

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93 **3. TERMINOLOGY**

94 For the purposes of this Standard, the following definitions shall apply:

95 **3.1 pCO<sub>2</sub>**: The partial pressure (tension) of carbon dioxide in solution shall be defined as the  
96 partial pressure of carbon dioxide in the gas phase in equilibrium with the blood.

97 **3.2 pO<sub>2</sub>:** The partial pressure (tension) of oxygen in solution shall be defined as the partial  
98 pressure of oxygen in the gas phase in equilibrium with the blood. pO<sub>2</sub> provides an indication of  
99 the availability of oxygen in the inspired air.

100 **NOTE:** Standard referenced used for measurement of Blood Gas are C 46-A2 Blood Gas and pH Analysis and  
101 Related Measurements, 2nd Edition

102 **3.3 Hematocrit (Hct):** Hematocrit (Hct) shall be defined as the percentage of red blood cells to  
103 the total blood volume.

104 **3.4 Oxygen Saturation:** Oxygen Saturation shall be defined as the amount of oxyhemoglobin in  
105 the blood expressed as a fraction of the total amount of hemoglobin able to bind oxygen.

106 **3.5 Base excess of blood:** Base excess of blood shall be defined as the concentration of titratable  
107 base needed to titrate blood to pH 7.40 at 37 °C while the pCO<sub>2</sub> is held constant at 40 mm Hg.

108 **3.6 Standard Bicarbonate:** Standard Bicarbonate shall be defined as the bicarbonate  
109 concentration of the plasma of whole blood equilibrated to a pCO<sub>2</sub> of 40 mmHg at a temperature  
110 of 37 °C with the hemoglobin fully saturated with oxygen.

111 **3.7 Base Excess Extra-cellular fluid:** Base Excess Extra-cellular fluid shall be defined as the  
112 corrected form of the Base Excess Blood in which allowance has been made for the fact that  
113 blood is only approximately 37% of the extra-cellular fluid volume.

114 **3.8 Oxygen content:** Oxygen content shall be defined as the total amount of oxygen contained  
115 in a given volume of whole blood, including dissolved oxygen and oxygen bound to hemoglobin.

116 **3.9 Alveolar Oxygen:** Alveolar Oxygen shall be defined as the partial pressure of oxygen in  
117 alveolar gas.

118 **3.10 Accuracy:** Closeness of agreement between a measured quantity value and a true quantity  
119 value of a measurand.

120 **3.11 Calibration:** Operation that, under specified conditions, in a first step establishes a relation  
121 between the quantity values with measurement uncertainties provided by measurement standards  
122 and corresponding indications with associated measurement uncertainties and, in a second step,  
123 uses this information to establish a relation for obtaining a measurement result from an  
124 indication. The process of testing and adjustment of an instrument, kit, or test system to provide  
125 a known relationship between the measurement response and the value of the substance being  
126 measured by the test procedure.

127 **3.12 Quality Controls:** Substance, material or article intended by its manufacturer to be used to  
128 verify the performance characteristics of an *in-vitro* diagnostic medical device;

129 **NOTE:** A device, material, solution, or lyophilized preparation intended for use in the quality control process.  
130 It should be similar to and analyzed along with patient specimens. If different, it should have a defined  
131 response to analytical measurements. Control materials may or may not have known measurand concentrations  
132 (i.e. assigned values) within specified limits (E.g. target values, standard deviation). Control materials are not  
133 used for calibration purposes.

134 **3.13 Calibrant:** Measurement standard used in calibration.

135 **NOTE:** A reference material such as solution, suspension or device of known quantitative/qualitative  
136 characteristics such as concentration, activity, intensity, and reactivity used to calibrate, graduate, or adjust a  
137 measurement procedure or to compare the response obtained with the response of a test specimen/sample. The  
138 quantities of the measurands of interest in the Calibrant are known within limits ascertained during its  
139 preparation and may be used to establish the relationship of a measurement procedure's response to the  
140 characteristic measured for all methods or restricted to some. The calibrator must be traceable to a national or  
141 international reference preparation or reference material when these are available. Calibrants with different  
142 quantities of measurands may be used to establish a quantity/response curve over a range of interest.

143 [SOURCE: CLSI document H15]

144 **3.14 In vitro diagnostic medical device:** A device, whether used alone or in combination,  
145 intended by the manufacturer for the in vitro examination of specimens derived from the human  
146 body to provide information for the diagnosis, monitoring, or compatibility purposes. This  
147 includes reagents, calibrators, control materials, specimen receptacles, software, and related  
148 instruments or apparatus or other articles.

149 [SOURCE : IS/ISO 13485 : 2016 Medical Device - Quality Management Systems - Requirements for  
150 Regulatory Purposes]

151 **3.15 Linearity:** Assuming no constant bias, the ability (within a given range) to provide results  
152 that are directly proportional to the concentration {amount} of the measurand in the test sample.

153 **NOTE:** Linearity Studies shall be executed with the reference standard.

154 [SOURCE: CLSI EP06-A - Evaluation of the Linearity of Quantitative Measurement Procedures; A Statistical  
155 Approach, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition]

156 **3.16 Sample:** One or more parts taken from a system, and intended to provide information on  
157 the system, often to serve as a basis for a decision on the system or its production.

158 **NOTE 1:** A sample is prepared from the patient specimen and used to obtain information by means of a  
159 specific laboratory test.

160 **NOTE 2:** For the purposes of this guideline the terms "sample" and "specimen" can be considered as  
161 equivalent.

162 **NOTE 3:** The term “Specimen” is used in laboratory medicine as a synonym for a sample, as defined here, of  
163 biological origin.

164 [*SOURCE* : GP 41 Collection of Diagnostic Venous Blood Specimens, 7th Edition]

165 **3.17 Verification:** Provision of objective evidence that a given item fulfills specified  
166 requirements.

167 **NOTE 1:** IS/ISO 9000 defines verification as confirmation, through the provision of objective evidence, that  
168 specified requirements have been fulfilled.

169 **NOTE 2:** In the context of this document, verification is the end-user laboratory’s responsibility to ensure that  
170 the manufacturer’s claims are correct.

171 **3.18 Validation:** Provision of objective evidence that given item fulfills specified requirements  
172 where the specified requirements are adequate for an intended use

173 **NOTE 1:** IS/ISO 9000 defines validation as confirmation, through the provision of objective evidence, that  
174 requirements for a specific intended use or application have been fulfilled;

175 **NOTE 2:** The World Health Organization (WHO) defines validation as “the action (or process) of proving that  
176 a procedure, process, system, equipment, or method used works as expected and achieves the intended result”;

177 **NOTE 3:** In the context of this document, validation is primarily a manufacturer’s responsibility to ensure that  
178 design goals are met and performance claims are stated.

179 **3.19 Specimen (patient):** The discrete portion of body fluid or tissue taken for examination,  
180 study, or analysis of one or more quantities or characteristics to determine the character of the  
181 whole.

182 **NOTE:** Sample shall be collected as specified in GP 43-A4 standard - Procedures for the collection of Arterial  
183 Blood Specimens; Approved Standard - 4th edition.

184 **3.20 Analytical Specificity:** In quantitative testing the ability of a measurement procedure to  
185 determine only the measurand it purports to measure or the extent to which the assay responds  
186 only to all subsets of a specified measurand, and not to other substances present in the sample.

187 **3.21 Precision:** Closeness of agreement between indications or measured quantity values  
188 obtained by replicate measurements on the same or similar objects under specified conditions.

189 **NOTE 1:** Measurement precision is usually expressed numerically by means of imprecision, such as standard  
190 deviation, variance, or the coefficient of variation under the specified conditions of measurement (ISO/IEC  
191 Guide 99).

192 **NOTE 2:** The “specified conditions” can be, for example, repeatability conditions of measurement, or  
193 reproducibility conditions of measurement (IS 15393 (Part 3)/ISO 5725-3; ISO/IEC Guide 99).



194 **NOTE 3:** Measurement precision is used to define measurement repeatability, intermediate measurement  
195 precision, and measurement reproducibility (ISO/IEC Guide 99).

196 This Precision studies shall be carried out according to the standard CLSI EP05-A3 Evaluation  
197 of Precision of Quantitative Measurement Procedures.

198 **3.22 Performance specification:** A value or range of values for a performance characteristic,  
199 established or verified by the laboratory that shall be used to describe the quality of patient test  
200 results.

201 **NOTE:** Applicable standards: EP 07-A2 Interference Testing in Clinical Chemistry, 3rd Edition; EP 17-A2  
202 Evaluation of Detection Capability for Clinical Laboratory Measurement Procedures, 2nd Edition

203 **3.23 Performance characteristic:** A property of a test that shall be used to describe its  
204 quality;

205 **NOTE 1:** Examples include accuracy, precision, detection limits, analytical specificity, and reference interval.

206 **NOTE 2:** A performance characteristic is a measurable quantity that can be given an experimentally  
207 determined value, such as trueness (bias), repeatability, standard deviation, or limit of detection.

208 **3.24 Measuring Range:** Set of values of quantities of the same kind that can be measured by a  
209 given measuring instrument or measuring system with specified instrumental uncertainty, under  
210 defined conditions (ISO/IEC Guide 99);

211 **NOTE 1:** In some fields, the term “measuring range” or “measurement range” (ISO/IEC Guide 99).

212 **NOTE 2:** The lower limit of a measuring interval should not be confused with a detection limit (ISO/IEC  
213 Guide 99).

214 **NOTE 3:** This represents the interval of in vitro diagnostic (IVD) examination results over which the  
215 performance characteristics of the IVD medical devices were validated by the manufacturer.

216 **NOTE 4:** Formerly the term “reportable range” was used in CLSI documents.

217 **3.25 Risk Management and electrical Safety Blood Gas Analyzer :** Blood Gas Analyzer is  
218 an Electronic equipment, with the possibility of risk is due to electronic short circuit. In this case,  
219 risk management and electronic safety requirements are necessary.

220 **Manufacturers are generally required but not limited to comply with the following Standards of Safety:**

221 **NOTE 1:** Standard IS/ISO 14971:2012 - Medical devices - Application of risk management to medical  
222 devices.

223 **NOTE 2:** IS/IEC 61010-1: 2010 Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and  
224 Laboratory Use - Part 1 - General Requirements

225 **NOTE 3:** IS/IEC 61326-1: 2012 Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC  
226 requirements - Part 1: General requirements

227 **NOTE 4:** IS/IEC 61010-2-101: 2018 Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control  
228 and laboratory use - Part 2 - Section 101: Particular requirements for in vitro diagnostic (IVD) medical  
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230 **NOTE 5 :** IEC 61326-2-6: 2012 Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC  
231 requirements - Part 2-6: Particular requirements - In vitro diagnostic (IVD) medical equipment

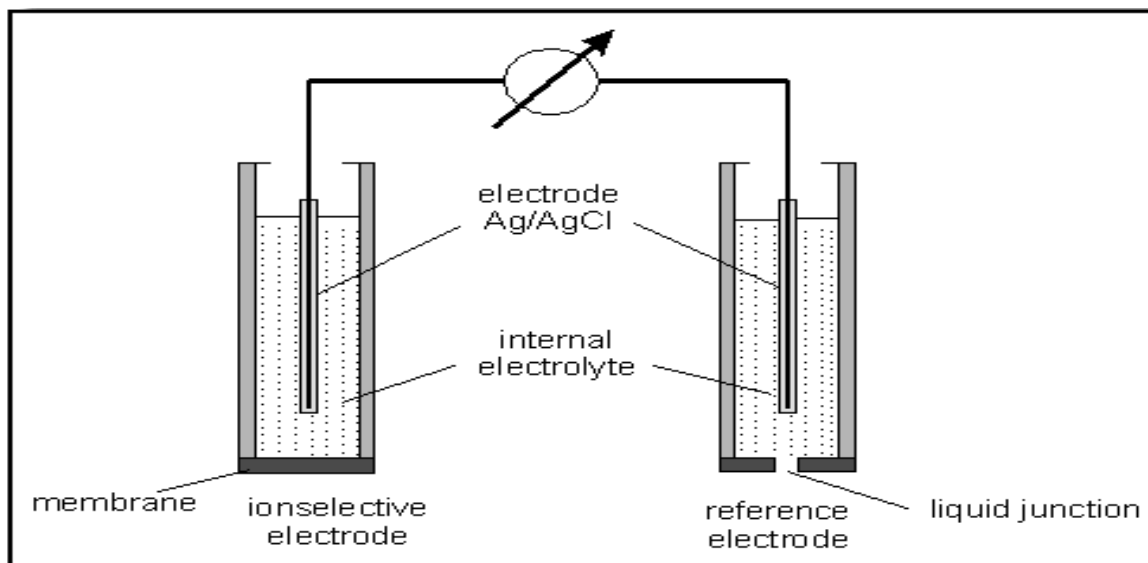
## 232 **4. PRINCIPLE**

### 233 **4.1 Measuring Principles**

234 The measurement of Sodium (Na), Potassium (K), Ionized Calcium (iCa), Lithium (Li), Chloride  
235 (Cl), Bicarbonate ( $\text{HCO}_3$ ), pH,  $\text{pCO}_2$ ,  $\text{pO}_2$ , Hematocrit, and others. The Arterial Blood Gas  
236 Electrolyte Analyzer is widely based on the principle of the ion-selective electrode (ISE), using  
237 individual electrodes, sensor cartridges or others, as per the design and specifications of the  
238 manufacturer.

239 The typical processes/methods currently in use in Blood Gas Analyzer are mentioned below in  
240 figures 1 to 6. This has been provided as an illustration and may vary from model to model as per  
241 the design and specifications of the manufacturer.

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**Figure 1: Quantitative, ion selective electrode technology**

245 **Ion Selective Electrode** : Ion Selective Electrode with the membrane at the end allows ions of  
246 interest to pass, but excludes the passage of the other ions.

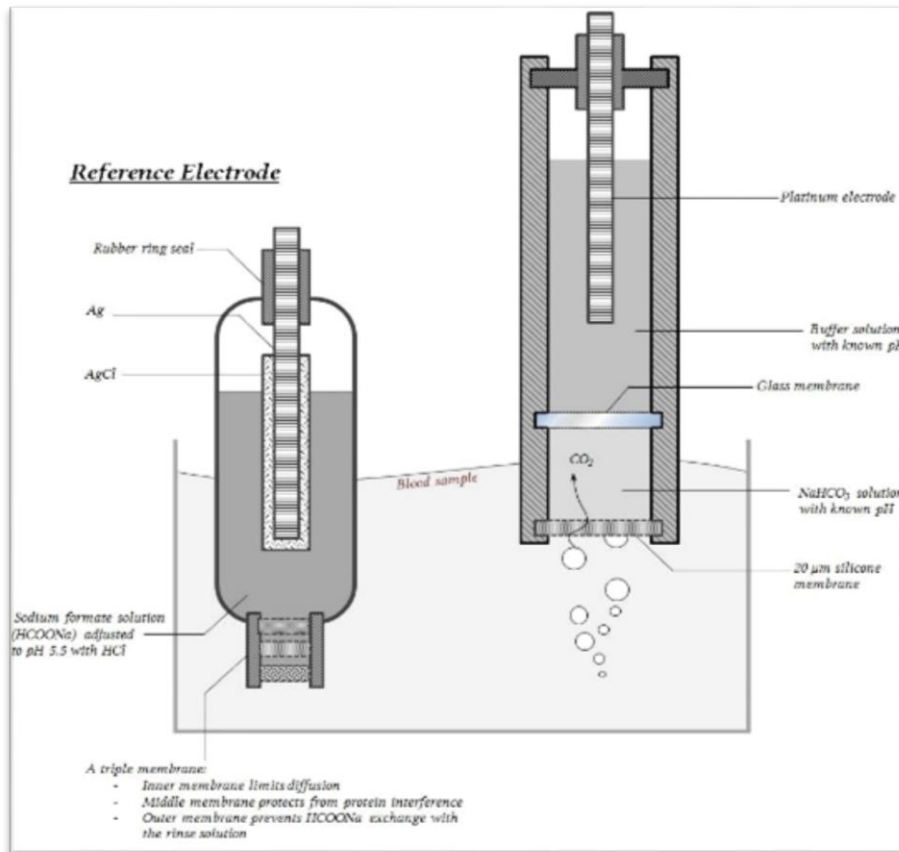
247 The Internal reference electrode present within the ion-selective electrode shall be made of a  
248 silver wire coated with solid silver chloride, embedded in concentrated potassium chloride  
249 solution (filling solution) saturated with silver chloride. This solution shall also contain the same  
250 ions as that to be measured.

251 **Reference Electrode** similar to ion-selective electrode, but there shall be no ‘to-be measured’  
252 ion in the internal electrolyte.

253 Commonly used electrodes but not limited to - Calomel electrode/ silver/silver chloride electrode  
254 and others.

255 The lower end of the reference electrode shall be sealed with a porous ceramic frit which allows  
256 the slow passage of the internal filling solution and forms an external test solution.

257 Dipping into the filling solution shall be a silver wire coated with a layer of silver chloride joined  
258 to a low-noise cable connecting to the measuring system.



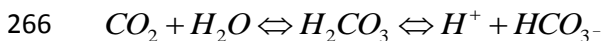
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**Figure 2: Quantitative: Traditional electrode technology**

261 The CO<sub>2</sub> dissolved in the sample shall diffuse into the middle compartment of the electrode via a  
 262 thin membrane.

263 Once inside, the CO<sub>2</sub> shall be in an aqueous solution. For convenience, there may or may not be  
 264 a bicarbonate solution added to this chamber. The reaction shall take place is a carbonic acid  
 265 dissociation equilibrium:



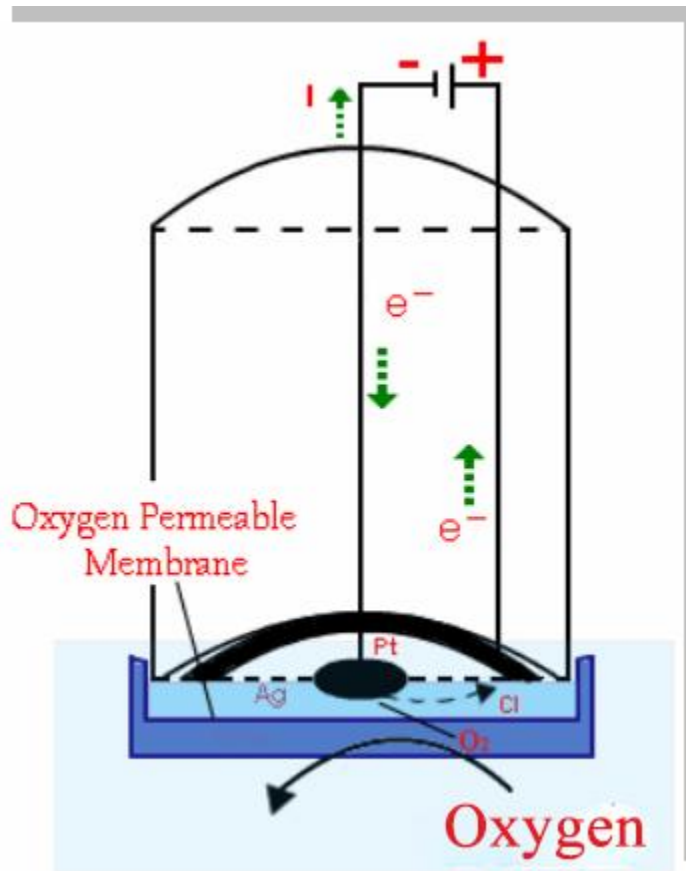
267 Thus, the pH of the solution in the middle chamber changes. The change in pH shall be  
 268 completely dependent on the pCO<sub>2</sub>, provided the temperature and pressure remain constant:

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$$pH = pK_a + \log \frac{cHCO_3^-}{pCO_2 \times aCO_2}$$

270 pKa: dissociation equilibrium constant for the dissociation of carbonic acid in water.

271  $\alpha_{CO_2}$  : solubility coefficient for  $CO_2$  in water

272 This shall result change in potential difference in the glass electrode; thus, from the change in  
273 pH,  $pCO_2$  shall be calculated.



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275 **Figure 3: Amperometric technology**

276 A potential shall be applied between the central platinum cathode and the annular silver anode.  
277 This shall generate a current ( $I$ ) passing through the electrodes by means of a saturated solution  
278 of KCl. This electrode compartment shall be separated by a thin plastic membrane, permeable  
279 only to oxygen. This Oxygen electrode shall be normally about 1 cm in diameter but has been  
280 scaled down to 0.25 mm diameter using a Pt wire cathode within a silver-plated steel needle  
281 anode and utilizing dip-coated membranes.

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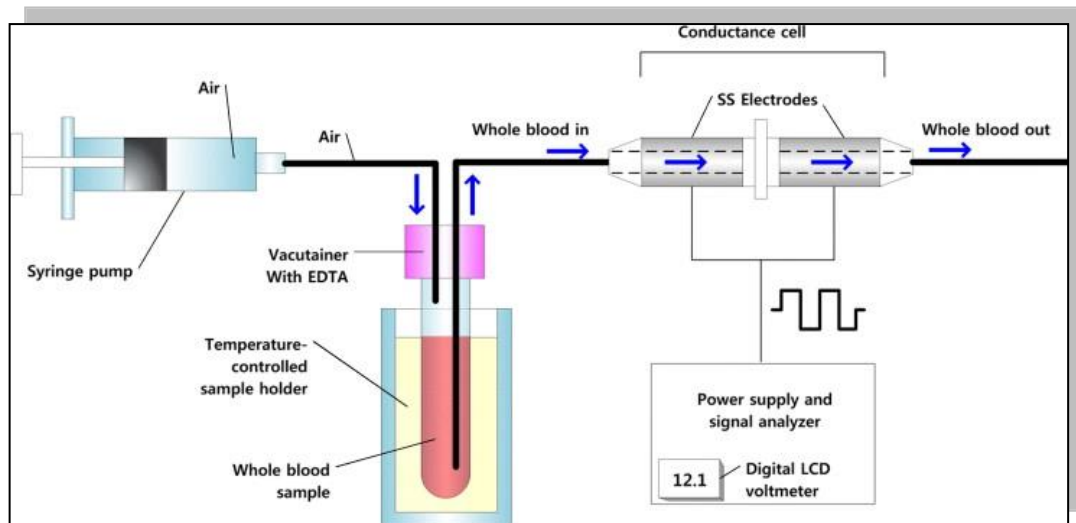
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**Figure 4: Conductivity method**

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The conductivity is the ability of a solution to transmit (conduct) electricity. The electrical current shall increase in proportion to the number of ions (or charged particles) found in a solution, their electrical charge, and mobility, i.e. how easily the ions can move in the solution. The mobility of an ion in a solution should also depend on the number of cells, their size, and shape, suspended in the solution.

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Both erythrocytes and plasma have characteristic electrophysical properties. The membrane of the erythrocytes is electrically insulating, mainly due to its content of lipids, so that it appears essentially non-conducting.

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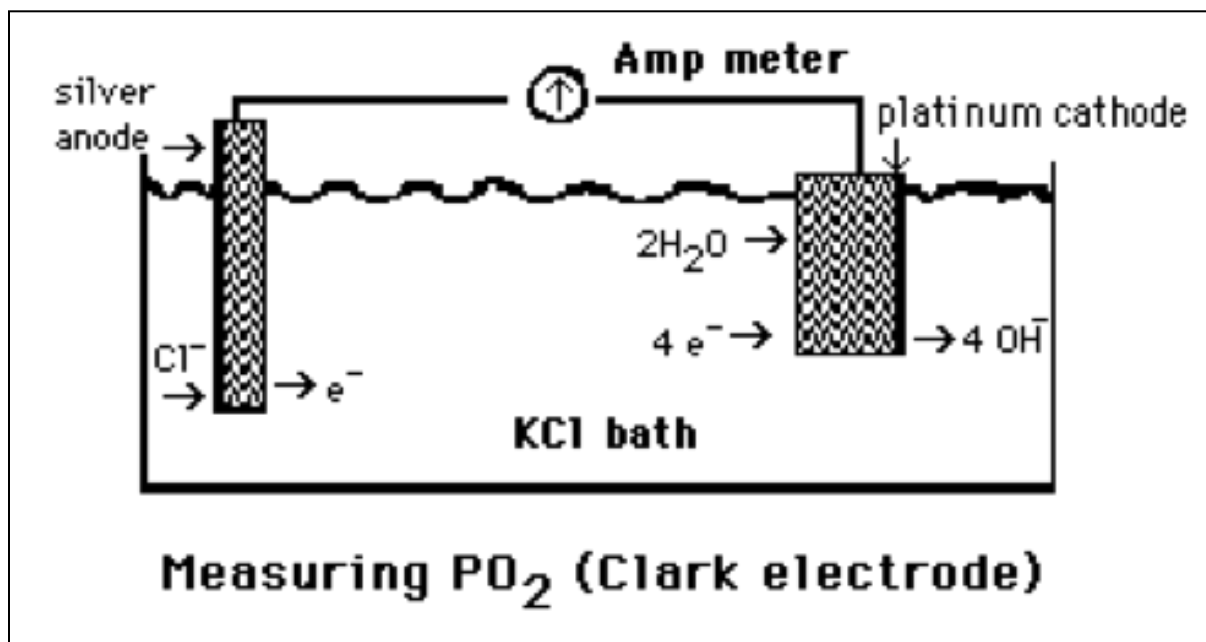
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Plasma is fairly conductive due to its content of electrolytes and charged proteins; the major contributor to plasma conductivity is  $\text{Na}^+$ , the concentration in human blood plasma being approx. 140 mmol/L.

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Due to this, there is an inverse relationship between the electrical conductance and the hematocrit in blood when the concentration of the charged particles is taken into account.

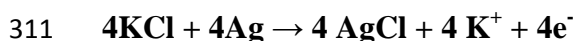


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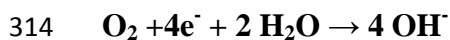
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Figure 5: Amperometry

307 The electrode has several components: a platinum cathode (electron receiver), silver anode  
308 (electron donor), electrolyte solution (typically KCl), semi-permeable membrane and a voltage  
309 source. The silver anode shall be submersed in the electrolyte solution, typically KCl. The silver  
310 interacts with the KCl to produce the following reaction:

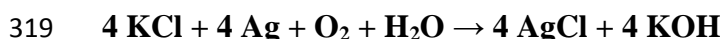


312 The platinum cathode shall utilize the electrons produced from this reaction to reduce the oxygen  
313 from the sample being tested via the following equation:

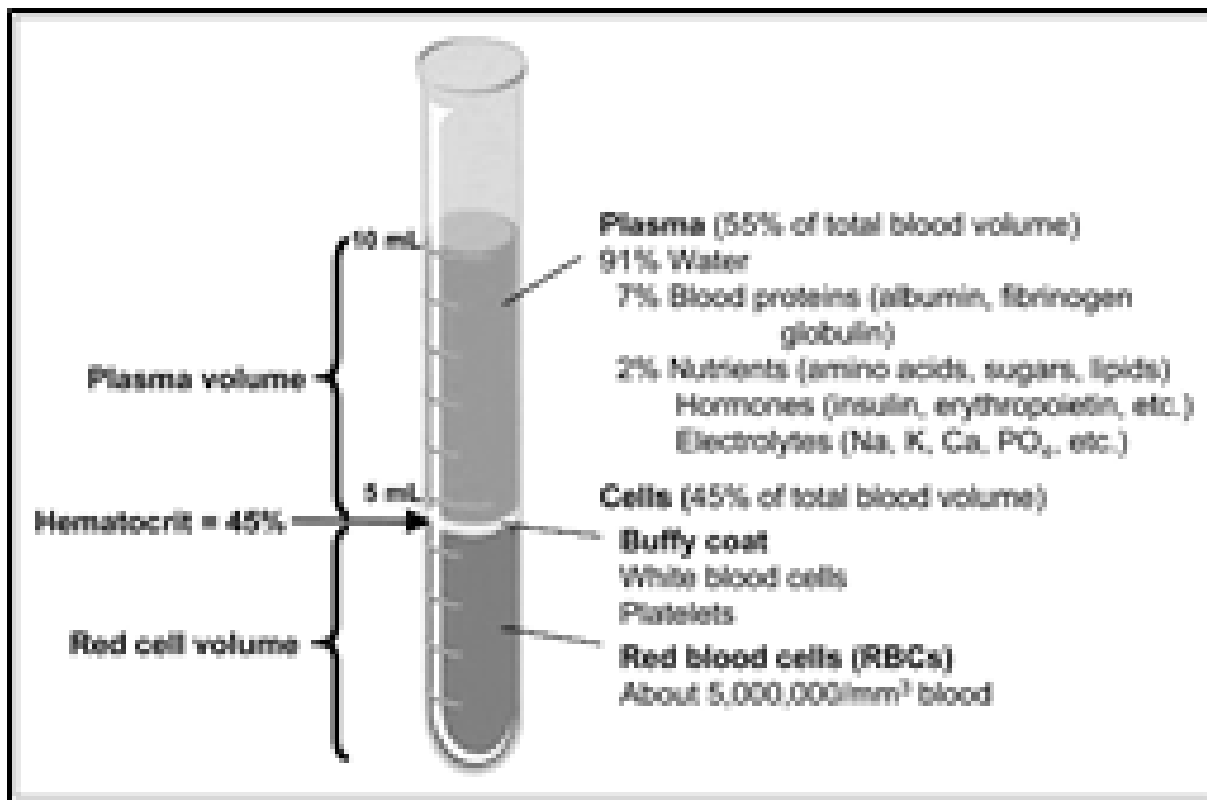


315 More the oxygen available to carry out the reaction, the greater shall be the flow of electrons (i.e.  
316 a higher current). Therefore, the Clark electrode should use Amperometry to determine the  
317 oxygen tension of the sample.

318 The Overall reaction is as follows:



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**Figure 6: Earlier method of Hematocrit estimation**

323 Hematocrit (PCV) is the measure of the ratio of the volume occupied by the red blood cells to the  
 324 volume of whole blood. The blood sample shall be drawn into a capillary and centrifuged, and  
 325 then the ratio should be measured and shall be expressed as a decimal or percentage fraction.

326 **4.2 Sodium, Potassium, Chloride and Ionized Calcium - Principle of Measurement**

327 In an ion-selective electrode, an electrical potential should be established across a membrane that  
 328 is selective to a specific ion. Such electric potential of the ion-selective electrode shall be  
 329 measured against a reference electrode and it shall be used to determine the activity (a) or  
 330 effective concentration (c) of the ion of interest in a sample.

331 **4.2.1** The electrical potential (E) of the ion-selective electrode measured against the reference  
 332 electrode can be described by the following Nernst equation.

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$$E = E^{\theta} + \frac{RT}{nF} \log(a_c)$$

334 Where

335 E = the potential of the electrode in sample solution

336 E° = the potential developed under standard conditions

337 RT/nF = A temperature dependent “constant” termed the slope (s)

338 n = 1 for sodium, potassium, chloride, lithium and pH



339	n	=	2 for calcium
340	Log	=	Base ten logarithm function
341	a	=	Activity coefficient of the measured ion in the solution
342	c	=	Concentration of the measured ion in the solution

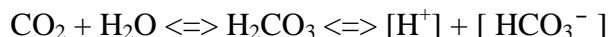
343 **4.2.2** The Nernst equation above can be simplified as follows:

$$E = E' + S \cdot \log (C)$$

344 The standard electrical potential (E') and slope (S) shall be determined by measuring the  
345 electrical potentials of the ion-selective electrode in two calibration solutions that have known  
346 concentrations of the measuring ions at different levels. This process has been defined as two-  
347 point calibration. Once the E' and S are determined, the unknown concentration of a sample  
348 should be determined by measuring the electric potential of the electrode in a sample.

### 349 **4.3 Partial Pressure of Carbon Dioxide (pCO<sub>2</sub>)**

350 **4.3.1** pCO<sub>2</sub> should be measured with a modified pH sensor. As carbon dioxide in the unknown  
351 solution make contact with a hydrogen ion selective membrane, CO<sub>2</sub> should diffuse across the  
352 membrane into a thin layer of bicarbonate buffer in response to partial pressure difference. This  
353 solution then becomes equilibrated with the external gas pressure of the fluid in contact with the  
354 outer surface of the membrane. CO<sub>2</sub> in the solution becomes hydrated producing carbonic acid  
355 which results in a change in hydrogen ion activity.



356 **4.3.2** The pH of this internal solution varies with the pCO<sub>2</sub> according to the *Henderson-*  
357 *Hasselbalch* equation as stated below:

$$\text{pH} = \text{pKa} + \log \{ \text{HCO}_3^- / \text{pCO}_2 * a \}$$

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359 The measured potential shall be related to the logarithm of pCO<sub>2</sub> content of the sample after  
360 compensation of the measured potential of the pH sensor.

### 361 **4.4 Partial Pressure of Oxygen (pO<sub>2</sub>)**

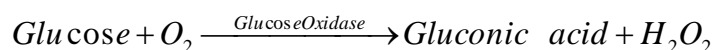
362 pO<sub>2</sub> shall be measured amperometrically by the generation of current at the sensor surface. As  
363 oxygen diffuses through a gas-permeable membrane, the oxygen molecules are reduced at the  
364 cathode, consuming 4 electrons for every molecule of oxygen reduced. This flow of electrons  
365 shall be then measured by the sensor and it should be directly proportional to the partial pressure  
366 of oxygen.

### 367 **4.5 Hematocrit (Hct)**

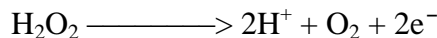
368 Hematocrit shall be obtained by measuring the electrical resistance of the blood sample. Two  
369 standard solutions should be used to calibrate the hematocrit sensor and obtaining the slope. The  
370 analyzer shall then measure the electrical resistance of the blood sample to obtain the hematocrit  
371 value. The hematocrit value obtained shall be corrected for the concentration of the sodium ion.

#### 372 **4.6 Glucose**

373 Glucose measurement shall be based on the level of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> produced during the enzymatic  
374 reaction between glucose and oxygen molecules in the presence of the glucose oxidase enzyme.  
375 The reaction is described by the following equation:



376 At a constant potential of 0.70 volts, electro-active H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> gets oxidized at the surface of the anode  
377 as follows:

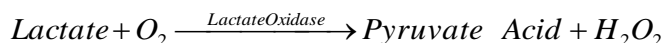


378 The current generated by the flow of electrons at the surface of the strip shall be proportional to  
379 the glucose concentration of the sample.

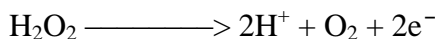
#### 380 **4.7 Lactate**

381 Lactate measurement shall be based on the level of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> produced during the enzymatic reaction  
382 between lactate and oxygen molecules in the presence of the lactate oxidase enzyme.

383 The reaction is described by the following equation:



384 At a constant potential of 0.70 volts, electro-active H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> gets oxidized at the surface of the anode  
385 as follows:



386 The current generated by the flow of electrons at the surface of the strip shall be proportional to  
387 the lactate concentration of the sample.

#### 388 **4.8 Calculated Values**

389 The analyzer's microcomputer shall use the measured results to calculate other clinically relevant  
390 parameters. This section outlines the equations used to calculate these values. The following has  
391 been provided as an illustration. The calculations and equations may vary from model to model.

##### 392 **4.8.1 Temperature Correction for Measured Values**

393 The Arterial Blood Gas Analyzer shall allow the input of the patient temperature when this  
394 differs from 37 °C, as for example in patients having surgery under hypothermia. The pH, pCO<sub>2</sub>,  
395 and pO<sub>2</sub> sample values, at the patient's actual temperature, are then calculated as follows:

**4.8.1.1**  $pH \text{ (corrected)} = pH + [- 0.0147 + 0.0065 (7.400 - pH)](T - 37)$

**4.8.1.2**  $pCO_2 \text{ (corrected)} = pCO_2 \times e (0.04375(T - 37))$

**4.8.1.3**  $pO_2 \text{ (corrected)} = pO_2 \times 10U$

**4.8.1.4** 
$$U = \left( \left[ \frac{(5.49 \times 10^{11})Y + 0.071}{(9.72 \times 10^{-9})Y + 2.30} \right] \times (T - 37) \right)$$

Where,  $Y = e [3.88 \times \ln(pO_2)]$

## 396 **4.9 Calculated Parameters**

### 397 **4.9.1 Calculated Bicarbonate Concentration [HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>]\***

398 **4.9.1.1** Bicarbonate Concentration (mmol/L) shall be calculated using the Henderson-  
399 Hasselbalch equation:

$$pH = pK + \log \frac{[HCO_3^-]}{\alpha(pCO_2)}$$

400 Where, pH and pCO<sub>2</sub> are measured.

401 **pK** = 6.091; **α** = 0.0307 = solubility coefficient of CO<sub>2</sub> in plasma at 37 °C

402 and referring

$$\log_{10} [HCO_3^-] = pH + \log_{10} pCO_2 - 7.604$$

### 403 **4.9.2 Total Carbon Dioxide Content (TCO<sub>2</sub>)\***

404 TCO<sub>2</sub> (mmol/L) includes both dissolved carbon dioxide and [HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>] and shall be calculated as  
405 follows:

$$TCO_2 = [HCO_3^-] + \alpha (pCO_2)$$

406 Where, pCO<sub>2</sub> shall be measured and [HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>] shall be calculated from the above equation.

407 **4.9.3 Hemoglobin (Calculated)**

408 The hemoglobin shall be calculated based on the following calculation:

$$\text{Hemoglobin g/dL} = (\text{Measured Hematocrit} / 3.0)$$

409 **CAUTION:** The Blood Gas Analyzer provides an estimation of hemoglobin only from normal hematocrit  
410 values citing the specific normal adult male/female range. In cases of abnormal blood composition, e.g., red  
411 cell dyscrasia or hemoglobinopathies or in cases of disease states, e.g., anemia, repeat testing by conventional  
412 laboratory methods is indicated.

413 **NOTE:** The hemoglobin calculation is an estimation based on a normal mean corpuscular hemoglobin  
414 concentration of 33.3% and a nominal male Hct of 39 to 49% or female Hct of 35 to 45%. Hemoglobin  
415 estimations made from samples with Red cell dyscrasia or hemoglobinopathies may vary significantly from  
416 hemoglobin measured by the cyanmethemoglobin method. The estimated hemoglobin may vary significantly  
417 in cases of abnormal blood composition or disease states such as anemia in which abnormal values may not be  
418 reported. These conditions should warrant repeat testing by conventional laboratory methods.

419 **4.9.4 Base Excess of Blood (BE-B)\***

420 Base excess of blood shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{BE-B} = (1 - 0.014[\text{Hb}]) ([\text{HCO}_3^-] - 24 + (1.43[\text{Hb}] + 7.7)(\text{pH} - 7.4))$$

421 **4.9.5 Standard Bicarbonate Concentration (SBC)**

422 Standard bicarbonate shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{SBC} = 24.5 + 0.9Z + Z(Z - 8)(0.004 + 0.00025 [\text{Hb}])$$

423 Where,  $Z = [\text{BE-B}] - 0.19 [\text{Hb}] ((100 - \text{SO}_2) / 100)$

424 [Hb] = The hemoglobin value which shall be measured, manually entered, or 14.3 g/dL as  
425 default value.

426 **4.9.6 Base Excess Extracellular Fluid (BE-ECF)\***

427 Base excess extracellular fluid shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{BE-ECF} = [\text{HCO}_3^-] - 25 + 16.2 (\text{pH} - 7.40)$$

428 **4.9.7 Oxygen Content (O<sub>2</sub>Ct)**

429 As defined in section 3.8, oxygen content shall be expressed in milliliters of oxygen per 100  
430 milliliters of blood (volume %) as calculated from the oxygen saturation and the hemoglobin  
431 concentration. Four moles of oxygen (22,393 mL/mol at standard temperature and pressure) can

432 combine with 1 mole of hemoglobin (64,458 g/mol) so that oxygen capacity is equal to as  
433 follows:

$$\frac{4(22393)}{64458} = 1.39 \text{ mL } O_2 \text{ per gram of Hb}$$

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437 Therefore,

$$O_2Ct = (1.39 [\text{Hb}]) (SO_2/100) + (0.0031 [pO_2])$$

438 Where 0.0031 is the solubility coefficient of O<sub>2</sub>.

439 On the analyzer, hemoglobin can be manually entered, calculated from the measured hematocrit,  
440 or occur as a default value.

#### 441 **4.9.8 Oxygen Saturation (SO<sub>2</sub>)**

442 Oxygen saturation shall be calculated as follows:

$$SO_2 = \frac{[PO_2']^3 + 150[PO_2']}{[PO_2']^3 + 150[PO_2'] + 23400} \times 100$$

443 Where, [PO<sub>2</sub>'] = [PO<sub>2</sub>] × e [2.3026 × (0.48 (pH – 7.4) – 0.0013([HCO<sub>3</sub>-] – 25))]

444 NOTE: The equation for calculating oxygen saturation assumes a normal shape and position of  
445 the patient's oxygen dissociation curve.

#### 446 **4.9.9 Alveolar Oxygen (A)**

447 Alveolar Oxygen shall be calculated as follows:

$$A = \frac{\%FIO_2}{100} (B.P. - 0.045T^2 + 0.84T - 16.5) - ** PCO_2 \left[ \frac{\%FIO_2}{100} + \left( \frac{1 - (\%FIO_2 / 100)}{0.8} \right) \right]$$

448 Where, T = patient temperature, B.P. = barometric pressure, %FIO<sub>2</sub> = fraction inspired oxygen,  
449 as a percent, \*\* Temperature corrected gas value

#### 450 **4.9.10 Arterial Alveolar Oxygen Tension Gradient (AaDO<sub>2</sub>)**

451 The arterial alveolar oxygen tension gradient is a useful index of gas exchange within the lungs  
452 and shall be calculated as:

$$Aa\ DO_2 = A - **PO_2$$

453 Where \*\* Temperature corrected gas value

454 **NOTE:** For capillary samples, AaDO<sub>2</sub> results have an asterisk (\*). AaDO<sub>2</sub> results are dependent on how the  
455 samples are drawn and handled, thus care must be taken when interpreting these calculated results.

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#### 459 **4.9.11 Arterial Alveolar Oxygen Tension Ratio (a/A)**

460 The arterial alveolar oxygen tension ratio is useful to predict oxygen tension in alveolar gas and  
461 to provide an index of oxygenation which remains relatively stable when FIO<sub>2</sub> changes. It shall  
462 be calculated as follows:

$$a/A = **PO_2/A$$

463 Where \*\* Temperature corrected gas value

#### 464 **4.9.12 Ionized Calcium Normalized to pH 7.4**

465 The activity and concentration of ionized calcium in whole blood is pH dependent. In vitro, a pH  
466 increase of 0.1 unit decreases the ionized calcium level by 4 to 5% (conversely, a pH decrease  
467 has an equal but opposite effect). The sample of choice for ionized calcium determination should  
468 be anaerobically collected whole blood.

469 If an anaerobic sample is not available, by measuring the actual pH of the sample at which the  
470 ionized calcium concentration was measured normalized ionized calcium can be calculated. The  
471 normalized ionized calcium represents what the ionized calcium concentration would have been  
472 if the initial pH was 7.40 (the midpoint of the pH reference range).

473 The equation used for this calculation is as follows:

$$\log [iCa]_{7.4} = \log [Ca^{++}]_X - 0.24 (7.4 - X)$$

474 Where X = measured pH of the sample, [iCa]<sub>X</sub> = ionized calcium concentration in the sample at  
475 the measured pH and [iCa]<sub>7.4</sub> = normalized concentration of ionized calcium at pH 7.40.

476 The equation assumes a normal concentration of total protein and may be used for measured  
477 values between pH 7.2 and 7.6. Between pH 6.9 and 7.2 and between pH 7.6 and 8.0, modified  
478 forms of the equation are used. Normalized ionized calcium values for samples with pH outside  
479 the range pH 6.9 to pH 8.0 are not displayed.

480 **4.9.13 Anion Gap**

481 Anion gap shall be calculated as the difference between the sum of the sodium and potassium  
482 concentrations (the cations) and the sum of the chloride and bicarbonate concentrations (the  
483 anions), as follows:

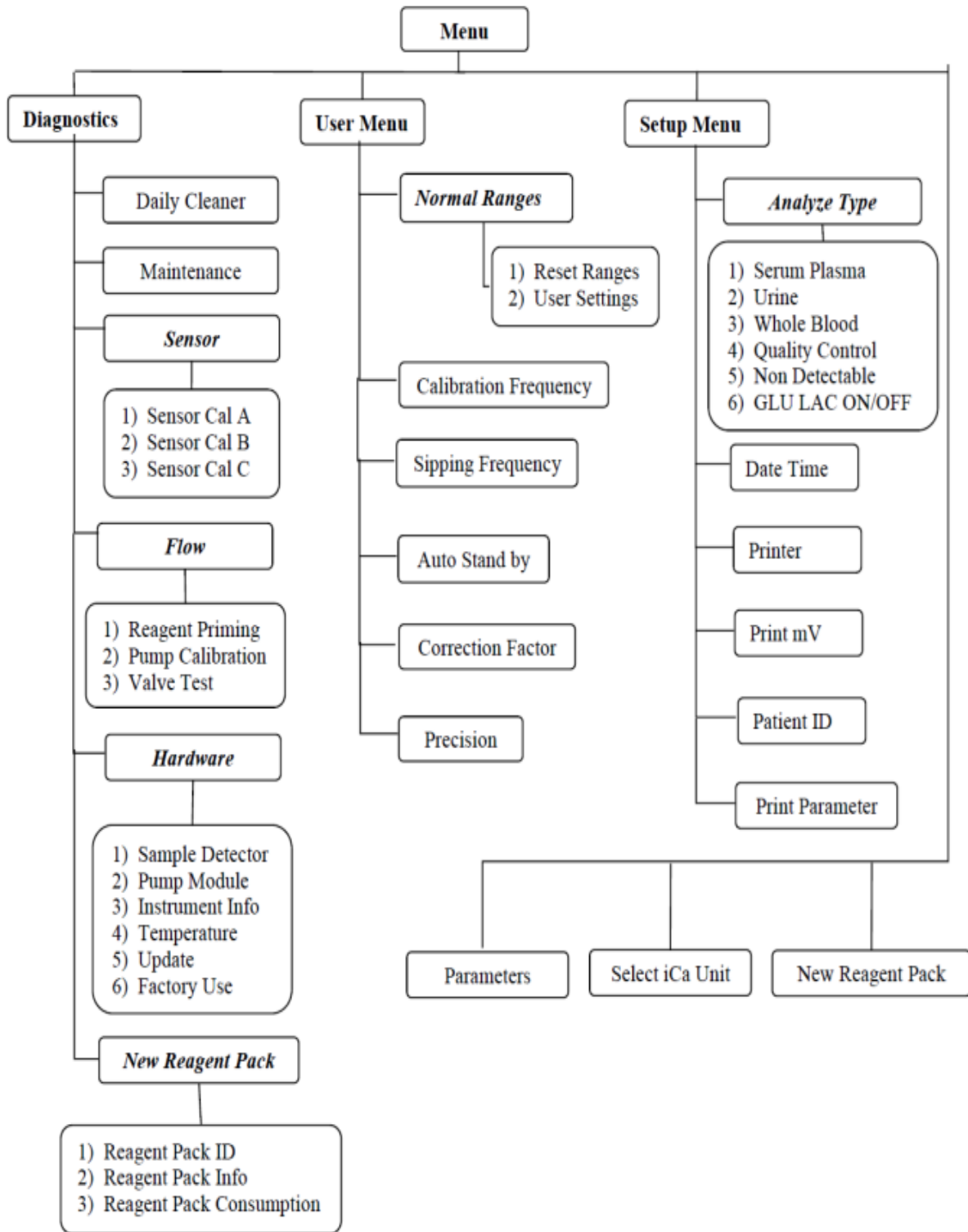
$$\text{Anion Gap} = (\text{Na} + \text{K}) - (\text{Cl} + [\text{HCO}_3^-])$$

484 No anion gap should be reported if any of the 4 concentrations are not reported. Any calculated  
485 anion gap less than 10 mmol/L shall not be considered as valid.

486 **5. OPERATOR MENU FLOW CHART**

487 The following has been provided as an illustration. The design and flow chart/s may vary from  
488 model to model depending upon the claims and specifications of the manufacturer.





490 **5.1 Menu** should provide a list of commands which display on the screen such as Diagnostics,  
491 User Menu and Setup menu.

492 **5.2 Diagnostics Menu** consists of Daily Cleaner, Maintenance, Sensor, Flow, Hardware and  
493 New Reagent Pack.

494 5.2.1 **Daily Cleaner** menu helps to activate the Daily Cleaner mode to remove deposition  
495 in the fluid path.

496 5.2.2 **Maintenance** menu helps to enter into maintenance mode when changing electrodes  
497 or tubes/ cleaning the instrument or if any dis-assemblies.

498 5.2.3 **Sensor** menu can be used to check mV of the electrodes of each reagent separately.

499 5.2.4 **Flow** menu can be used for initializing or troubleshooting flow issues in the  
500 instrument.

501 5.2.5 **Hardware** menu can be used for checking the functionality of modules used in an  
502 instrument such as a bubble detector Pump Module.

503 5.2.6 **New reagent pack** menu shows the information of reagent pack like consumption,  
504 reagent pack lot no or pack volume & information about CAL A, CAL B  
505 concentration.

506 **5.3 User Menu** consists of Normal Ranges, Calibration frequency, Sipping Frequency, Auto  
507 Stand by, Correction Factor and Precision Menus

508 5.3.1 **Normal ranges** menu can be used for setting the ranges of QC and Urine Controls.

509 5.3.2 **Calibration Frequency** can be used to set auto calibration frequency to either 4 hours  
510 or 8 hours.

511 5.3.3 **Sipping Frequency** can be used to set Sipping frequency to either 30 minutes or 1  
512 Hour.

513 5.3.4 **Auto Stand by** mode allows users to set auto-standby ON or OFF state.

514 5.3.5 **Correction Factor** mode allows the user to set the correction factor for each and every  
515 parameter.

516 5.3.6 **Precision** mode helps the user to calculate the precision results.

517 **5.4 Setup menu** consists of Analyze Type, Date-Time, Printer, Print mV, Patient ID, Print  
518 Parameter.

519 5.4.1 **Analyze type** menu helps to select the sample to analyze modes such as serum plasma,  
520 urine, whole blood, Quality Control, Non-Detectable or Glu/Lac.

521 5.4.2 **Date and Time** mode helps the user to set date and time.

522 5.4.3 **Printer** mode helps the user to print output data or not.

523 5.4.4 **Print mV** mode helps the user to select the printing data in mV or not.

524 5.4.5 **Patient ID** mode helps the user to fill the patient details.

525 5.4.6 **Print Parameter** mode helps to print only the selected parameter.

## 526 **6. PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS**

### 527 **6.1 Analytical performance**

#### 528 **6.1.1 Precision/Reproducibility**

529 Precision testing shall be performed in accordance with CLSI EP05-A3 or as per extant  
530 guidelines. The primary objective of this test should be to check the performance of the reagent  
531 pack in analyzing the test samples accurately by producing repeated and reproducible test results  
532 for continuous 3 days. If the Three reagent packs analyze the test samples (Quality Control level  
533 1,2,3 and Third Party Controls consistently in 3 different instruments for 20 times a day for 3  
534 continuous days, the reagent pack can be said to be consistent in analyzing the sample repeatedly  
535 with no deviation.

536 After a calculated measure, if the value of CV is below 3, the reagent pack shall be considered to  
537 be efficient in analyzing the test sample and hence the reagent pack lot should be considered to  
538 be validated and accepted. If the CV value ranges more than 3, the reagent solution shall be  
539 considered inefficient and the complete lot shall be rejected with a note of inefficiency in  
540 analyzing the test sample.

#### 541 **6.1.2 Linearity/assay reportable range**

542 The linearity studies should be performed following the CLSI EP06-A guideline. For the three  
543 electrolytes and others, ten to eleven equally spaced concentrations covering the measurement  
544 range should be prepared by mixing high and low concentration samples.

545 Four replicates should be measured for each sample. The observed values should be plotted  
546 against the expected values and linear regression analysis should be performed. The summary  
547 results are provided in Table 1 shown below.

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**Table 1: Summary results of Linearity/assay reportable range**

<b>Analyte in Blood</b>	<b>Measuring Range</b>	<b>Suggested CV (%)</b>
Na <sup>+</sup>	20.0 - 250.0 mmol/L	<b>&lt; 3%</b>
K <sup>+</sup>	0.20 - 40.00 mmol/ L	
Cl <sup>-</sup>	25.0 - 200.0 mmol/L	
iCa <sup>++</sup>	1.0 - 20.0 mmol/L	
Li <sup>+</sup>	0.2 - 5 mmol/L	
pH	6 – 8	
pO <sub>2</sub>	10 - 750 mmHg	
pCO <sub>2</sub>	5 - 120 mmHg	
TCO <sub>2</sub>	5 - 50 mmol	
Hct	10 - 70%	
HCO <sub>3</sub>	5 - 50 mmol	

549 The results of the linearity study support the sponsor’s claimed measuring ranges (as described in  
550 the table above).

551 **6.1.3 Traceability, Stability, Expected values (controls, calibrators, or methods):**

552 **6.1.3.1** The Blood Gas Analyzer Na assay should be traceable to a flame emission  
553 spectrophotometry / UV-VIS spectroscopy (Bio-Chemistry) or any other recognized reference  
554 method, which uses standard/certified reference materials.

555 **6.1.3.2** The Blood Gas Analyzer K assay should be traceable to a flame emission  
556 spectrophotometry / UV-VIS spectroscopy (Bio-Chemistry) or any other recognized reference  
557 method, which uses standard/certified reference materials.

558 **6.1.3.3** The Blood Gas Analyzer Cl assay should be traceable to a Coulometric or any other  
559 recognized reference method, which uses standard/certified reference materials.

560 **6.1.3.4** The Blood Gas Analyzer iCa assay should be traceable to a flame emission  
561 spectrophotometry / UV-VIS spectroscopy (Bio-Chemistry) or any other recognized reference  
562 method, which uses standard/certified reference materials.

563 **6.1.3.5** The Blood Gas Analyzer Li assay should be traceable to a flame emission  
564 spectrophotometry / UV-VIS spectroscopy (Bio-Chemistry) or any other recognized reference  
565 method, which uses standard/certified reference materials.

566 **6.1.3.6** The Blood Gas Analyzer pH assay should be traceable to a flame emission  
567 spectrophotometry / UV-VIS spectroscopy (Bio-Chemistry) or any other recognized reference  
568 method, which uses standard/certified reference materials.

569 **6.1.3.7** The Blood Gas Analyzer pCO<sub>2</sub>/HCO<sub>3</sub> assay should be traceable to a flame emission  
570 spectrophotometry / UV-VIS spectroscopy (Bio-Chemistry) or any other recognized reference  
571 method, which uses standard/certified reference materials.

572 **6.1.3.8** The Blood Gas Analyzer pO<sub>2</sub> assay should be traceable with reagents for pO<sub>2</sub> which  
573 uses standard/certified reference materials.

574 **6.1.3.9** The Blood Gas Analyzer Glucose assay should be traceable with glucose standards and  
575 reagents, which uses standard/certified reference materials.

576 **6.1.3.10** The Blood Gas Analyzer Hct assay should be traceable to a commercially available  
577 reference method, which is a micro-hematocrit method.

## 578 **7. SPECIFICATIONS**

### 579 **7.1.2 Analytical specificity:**

580 Arterial Blood Gas Analyzer reagent packs should be validated for analytical specificity, which  
581 is the ability of an assay to measure a particular substance rather than others in a sample.  
582 Analytical specificity is demonstrated on part of Analytical performance studies. In addition to  
583 that, Arterial Blood Gas Analyzer works on an ion-selective method where its electrodes are  
584 selective to particular ion only.

585 The reagent should undergo the test process by performing the test for 20 times a day with test  
586 samples as Quality Levels (Level 1, 2 and 3) and External Controls Level 1 and Level 2. The test  
587 sample solution should be prepared by using different chemicals and their composition. The  
588 reagent pack should be capable of analyzing and evaluating the test sample for the required  
589 chemical content to prove that the analytical studies performed in the aspect of analytical  
590 specificity are acceptable.

591 **7.1.3 Comparison studies:**

592 Method comparison studies should be performed following CLSI EP09-A3. A quality control  
 593 samples of different levels shall be run in three arterial blood gas Analyzer for three days  
 594 simultaneously with predicate device and the results were compared to those obtained on the  
 595 predicate device.

596 **7.1.4 Expected values/References range:**

597 Reference ranges of pH, pO<sub>2</sub>, pCO<sub>2</sub>, HCT, SO<sub>2</sub>, Hb, Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, iCa<sup>++</sup>, Li<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, TCO<sub>2</sub>,  
 598 SBC, BE, BE-B, BE-ECF, AG\_Na, AG\_K- are cited from literature in the below table.

599 [*SOURCE*: 1. Buche, J Neonatal Biol. 2014, 3:4, DOI: 10.4172/2167-0897.1000153; 2. Biochemia  
 600 Medica 2016; 26 (3) : 318–36]

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Reference Ranges</b>	<b>Unit</b>
pH	7.35 -7.45	N.A.
pO <sub>2</sub>	83.0 - 108.0	mmHg
pCO <sub>2</sub>	35.0 - 48.0	mmHg
HCT	38 - 51	%
SO <sub>2</sub>	94.0 - 98.0	%
Hb	12 - 17	g/dL
Na <sup>+</sup>	138 - 146	mmol/L
K <sup>+</sup>	3.5 - 4.5	mmol/L
iCa <sup>++</sup>	1.15 - 1.33	mmol/L
Li <sup>+</sup>	0.3 - 1.5	mmol/L
Cl <sup>-</sup>	98 - 107	mmol/L
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	21.0 - 28.0	mmol/L
TCO <sub>2</sub>	22.0 - 29.0	mmol/L
SBC	21.0 - 26.0	mmol/L
BE	2.0 - 3.0	mmol/L
BE-B	2.0 - 3.0	mmol/L

BE-ECF	3.0 - 3.0	mmol/L
AG_Na	7.0 - 16.0	mmol/L
AG_K	10.0 - 20.0	mmol/L

601 **8. MARKING**

602 **8.1 Compliance Marking**

603 Each Blood Gas Analyzer shall display a label which contains all the information, in compliance  
604 with the regulatory requirements<sup>1</sup>, but not limited to the following:

- 605 a) Product Name
- 606 b) Voltage
- 607 c) Storage Temperature
- 608 d) For in- vitro Diagnostics use only.
- 609 e) Batch No. / Lot No. / unique ID
- 610 f) Manufacturer's complete name & address
- 611 g) Marketer's (if any) complete name & address
- 612 h) Manufacturing Month
- 613 i) Cautions
- 614 j) Relevant symbols

615 **8.2 BIS Certification Marking**

616 The product(s) conforming to the requirements of this standard may be certified as per the  
617 conformity assessment schemes under the provisions of the *Bureau of Indian Standards Act*,  
618 2016 and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder, and the product(s) may be marked with  
619 the Standard Mark.

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622 **9. PACKAGING / TRANSPORTATION STANDARDS**

623 The packaging and transportation of the Blood Gas Analyzer must comply with ASTM D4169  
624 Standard and/or other relevant standards as applicable to the analyzer on the basis of  
625 manufacturer's specifications and claims.

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