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Urgent Field Safety Notice:

Atellica CI Analyzer

Atellica CI Integrated Multisensor Technology (IMT) Diluent Volume Error

To whom it may concern,

Siemens Healthineers has confirmed through the internal investigation of customer complaints that the IMT Diluent volume remaining (% remaining) does not decrease as expected on the Atellica® CI Analyzer. The IMT module runs a Standard A refresh sequence before processing samples if at least two minutes of inactivity have passed. IMT Diluent is used by this sequence, however, the calculated diluent volume is not accurate, potentially leading to the IMT Diluent being empty while still displaying that volume is remaining. In this case Sodium (Na), Potassium (K) and Chloride (Cl) test results may be falsely elevated. Quality Control materials demonstrate the same behavior. Refer to Appendix 1.

Several factors influence the probability of occurrence including the sample process workflow and the number of times the IMT module is inactive for greater than two minutes between samples.

Name	Siemens Material Number / UDI
Atellica CI Analyzer	10947347 / 00630414229560

Impact to Results

Erroneously elevated sodium, potassium and chloride patient and QC results across the analytical measuring range of the assay may occur, which may impact patient management in the context of diseases involving electrolyte imbalance. The data from internal studies are shown in Appendix 1. Results of these tests should be interpreted in conjunction with the patients’ clinical signs and symptoms and other findings.

Customer Actions

Please review this letter with your Medical Director to determine the appropriate course of action, including for any previously generated results, if applicable.

Perform the instructions provided below to adjust the **IMT Fluid Volume** threshold:

1. Login to Atellica CI instrument with **Lab Manager** credentials.
2. Change the IMT fluid volume alert threshold %.
 - a. From the Home screen of the user interface (UI) click on **System Navigator**.
 - b. On the System Navigator screen choose **Supply Thresholds**.
 - c. Click on the IMT Fluid Volume Threshold (%) dropdown arrow and select **50%**.
 - d. Select **Save**.
 - e. Check the **Supply Needs** on the home screen.
3. Replace the appropriate IMT Supply fluid when the threshold is below 50% as indicated (or prompted) by the software.

Complete and return the **Field Correction Effectiveness Check** Form attached to this letter within 30 days.

Please retain this letter with your laboratory records and forward this letter to those who may have received this product.

Resolution

Atellica CI Analyzer software version 1.29.x and higher resolves the behavior described in this letter. After installing software version 1.29.x customers should reset the IMT Fluid Volume Threshold (%) to the laboratory's preferred threshold. We are working towards making software version 1.29.x available in the first quarter of 2025.

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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Appendix 1: Further Details

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Appendix 1: Further Details

The graphs below show the effect on Quality Control material test results as the IMT Diluent runs out over 4 to 5 sample aspirations.

