INTENDED USE:
BIOPHEN™ Heparin Calibrator is a set of calibration plasmas for Heparin (UFH and LMWH) measurements, using anti-Xa colorimetric assays (BIOPHEN™ HEPARIN 3 and BIOPHEN™ Heparin). BIOPHEN™ Heparin Calibrator allows calibrating the assays of Low Molecular Weight Heparin (LMWH) using chromogenic anti-Xa methods. It can be also used for calibrating the measurements of Unfractionated Heparin (UFH) when the BIOPHEN™ Heparin kit is used. BIOPHEN™ heparin is a chromogenic anti-Xa method developed for measuring homogeneously heparin (UFH) and Low Molecular Weight Heparin (LMWH), using the same calibration curve.

SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION:
Technical:
BIOPHEN™ Heparin calibrators are used to establish the calibration curve for chromogenic® heparin assays.
Clinical:
Heparins (UFH and LMWH) are currently used as an anticoagulant for curative or preventive indications. Measuring the heparin concentration in patients’ plasma allows monitoring the therapy and adjusting drug dosage.

REAGENTS:
- CAL1: Lyophilized human plasma without any addition of Heparin, at 0 IU/mL (level 1).
- CAL2: Lyophilized human plasma containing a titrated quantity of Heparin, of approximately 0.40 IU/mL (level 2).
- CAL3: Lyophilized human plasma containing a titrated quantity of Heparin, of approximately 0.80 IU/mL (level 3).
- CAL4: Lyophilized human plasma containing a titrated quantity of Heparin, of approximately 1.20 IU/mL (level 4).
- CAL5: Lyophilized human plasma containing a titrated quantity of Heparin, of approximately 1.60 IU/mL (level 5).

The calibrator concentrations may vary slightly from one batch to another. For the assay, see the exact values indicated on the flyer provided with the kit used. The calibration curve covers the range from 0 to 1.6 IU/mL.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS:
- Some reagents provided in these kits contain materials of human origin. Whenever human plasma is required for the preparation of these reagents, approved methods are used to test the plasma for the antibodies to HIV 1, HIV 2 and HCV, and for hepatitis B surface antigen, and results are found to be negative. However, no test method can offer complete assurance that infectious agents are absent. Therefore, users of reagents of these types must exercise extreme care in full compliance with safety precautions in the manipulation of these biological materials as if they were infectious.
- Waste should be disposed of in accordance with applicable local regulations.
- Use only the reagents from the same batch of kits.
- In order to improve stability, reagents must be closed with their original screw caps following each use.
- Reagents must be handled with care, in order to avoid any contamination during use.
- It is recommended to homogenize each vial before use, in order to have a good reproducibility, all the time.
- The stability studies at 30°C show that the reagents can be shipped at room temperature without damage.
- This device of in vitro diagnostic use is intended for professional use in the laboratory.

REAGENT PREPARATION:
Gently remove the freeze-drying stopper, to avoid any product loss when opening the vial.

Reconstitute the contents of each vial with exactly 1 mL of distilled water. Shake vigorously until complete dissolution while avoiding formation of foam and load it directly on the analyzer following application guide instruction. For manual method, allow to stabilize for 10 minutes at room temperature (18-25°C), homogenize before use.

This plasmatic reagent can be more or less turbid after reconstitution. This turbidity is mainly due to plasma lipids that, after freeze-drying, become "less" soluble and may form a slight deposit. If necessary, let each vial stabilize 10 minutes at room temperature and shake before use.

STORAGE AND STABILITY:
Unopened reagents should be stored at 2-8°C in their original packaging. Under these conditions, they can be used until the expiry date printed on the kit.

QUALITY CONTROL:
BIOPHEN™ Heparin Calibrator kit is used for the calibration of Heparin (UFH or LMWH) assays in plasma by anti-Xa chromogenic methods, such as BIOPHEN™ Heparin 3. 6 (221003/221006).

The use of quality controls (BIOPHEN™ LMWH Control Plasma, ref 223001, and BIOPHEN™ Heparin Control Low, ref 223701) serves to validate method compliance, along with between-series assay homogeneity for a given batch of reagents. Include the quality controls with each series, as per good laboratory practice, to validate the test.

If the controls fall outside of the acceptable range, the series of assays must be invalidated, and the analyses repeated. Check all system parameters before repeating the series.

The following example shows the Low Molecular Weight Heparin (LMWH) concentrations indicated for one lot of BIOPHEN™ Heparin Calibrator (obtained on water bath, ACL and/or STA):

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<tr>
<th>Calibrator</th>
<th>LMWH concentration (IU/ml)</th>
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<th>Inter assay</th>
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The currently available anti-Xa methods, used for the measurement of heparins and their analogues in plasma, offer a sensitivity threshold of about 0.05 IU/mL.

LIMITATIONS:
- If the calibrators are used under measurement conditions other than those validated by HYPHEN BioMed, the test results may vary. The laboratory is responsible for validating the use of these calibrators in its own analytical system.
- Any reagent presenting an unusual appearance or showing signs of contamination must be rejected.

REFERENCES:
1. "Heparin activity", UW Medicine, Clinical assay interference and limitations.

SYMBOLS:
Symbols used and signs listed in the ISO 15223-1 standard, see Symbol definitions document.

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