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Attn.: XXX

## **URGENT Field Safety Notice**

### **ABL800 Basic and ABL8XX FLEX analyzers – Risk of biased results when using certain micro measuring modes**

Dear Customer

#### **Background**

Radiometer has become aware of a potential issue with ABL800 Basic and ABL8XX FLEX analyzers with software versions below V6.19 MR2 and configured to report cNa<sup>+</sup>.

We have received sporadic incidents of positive and negative biases for cNa<sup>+</sup>, that potentially could lead to serious health consequences, as described in the section Risk for the patient below.

The issue may show when using the following specific micro measuring modes:

- Capillary - C95 µL,
- Capillary - FLEXMODE,
- Syringe - S95 µL,
- Capillary - C125 µL

Please note that other measuring modes and parameters are not affected.

The issue has been found to be caused by a combination of software and analyzer specific hardware related to sample transport.

#### **Risk for the patient**

The sporadic incidents reported:

- has a remote probability of resulting in the need for professional medical intervention to prevent non-trivial permanent impairment of a body function, and
- may, in a reasonably foreseeable worst-case scenario, potentially result in a patient with normal sodium level being diagnosed with severe hyponatremia or severe hypernatremia. This may put the patient at risk for developing severe hyponatremia or severe hypernatremia, which may result in the patient experiencing seizures, headache, decreased consciousness, confusion, or coma.

**Affected product**

All ABL800 Basic and ABL8XX FLEX analyzers with software versions below V6.19 MR2.

FOR EU Countries only the following is to be included in translated letter:

*EU Basic UDI-DI: ABL800 Basic 57006900036MW*

*ABL8xx FLEX 57006900037MY*

*(UDI = Unique Device Identifier – DI = Device Identifier)*

**Solution provided by Radiometer**

Radiometer has developed software versions, which optimizes the fluid transport program to enhance the liquid junction between the reference electrode and the electrolyte electrodes for cNa<sup>+</sup> in micro mode, and to enhance the correlation between results obtained in macro modes and micro modes.

Your Radiometer representative will contact you to schedule a visit, or a remote session to upgrade the software.

**Your actions**

- For the affected micro measuring modes Radiometer kindly requests you to **not** use results for cNa<sup>+</sup> (the most efficient way to ensure this is to remove the parameter from the affected modes as per the procedure below).
- Further, we kindly ask you to complete the Recall Response Form (last page of this letter) and return to your Radiometer representative.

**To remove the parameter from the affected modes, the following procedure can be used:**

1. Log on to the analyzer with the appropriate rights to change the Sample modes.
2. Go to Utilities, Setup, Analysis setup and Syringe mode
3. If available select each of the modes mentioned above and tap on parameters and deselect cNa<sup>+</sup> if present and enabled
4. Then in "Use dynamic parameters" deselect the possibility to select parameter profile during measurement
5. Tap Back and then Close
6. Go to Utilities, Setup, Analysis setup and Capillary mode
7. If available select each of the modes mentioned above and tap on parameters and deselect cNa<sup>+</sup> if present and enabled
8. Then in "Use dynamic parameters" deselect the possibility to select parameter profile during measurement
9. Tap Back and then Close
10. Your analyzer will no longer report cNa<sup>+</sup> for the affected micro measuring modes

**Your help is appreciated**

If you are not the end-user of the affected product, please ensure that this letter is distributed to the final end-user.

If you have any questions, please contact your Radiometer representative.  
Radiometer sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Best regards,  
<State Radiometer distributor name>

# Recall Response Form

Concerning:

**ABL800 Basic and ABL8XX FLEX reporting cNa<sup>+</sup>  
 – Risk of biased results when using certain micro measuring modes**

- I have received the customer advisory letter and acknowledge that Radiometer until the software is upgraded to software V6.19 MR2 requests us to:
- **Not** use results for cNa<sup>+</sup> if measured when using the following specific micro measuring modes:
    - Capillary - C95 µL,
    - Capillary - FLEXMODE,
    - Syringe - S95 µL,
    - Capillary - C125 µL

Hospital Name:	
Your Name:	
Date:	
Signature:	
Email Address:	