

# FloMass Total Metanephrines in Urine

Reagents for 100 assays

## Instruction Manual



**EUM18100**



**For *in vitro* diagnostic use**





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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 IVD SYMBOLS

	In vitro diagnostic medical device / Dispositif médical de diagnostic en vitro / In-Vitro-Diagnostikum / Producto sanitario para diagnóstico in vitro / Dispositivo medico-diagnostico in vitro / Dispositivo médico para in til in vitro diagnostik
	Batch code / Code du lot / Chargenbezeichnung / Código de lote / Codice del lotto / Código do lote / Número do lote / Lotnummer
	Packing number / Numéro d'emballage / Packnummer / Número de envase / Numero confezioni / Número de embalagem / Número de embalagem / Emballagenummer
	Catalog number / Référence du catalogue / Bestellnummer / Número de catálogo / Numero di catalogo / Referência de catálogo / Código / Katalognummer
	Use by / Utiliser jusqu'au / Verwendbar bis / Fecha de caducidad / Utilizzare entro / Prazo de validade / Data limite de utilização / Holdbar til
	Temperature limitation / Limites de température / Temperaturbegrenzung / Limite de temperatura / Limiti di temperatura / Limites de temperatura / Limite de temperatura / Temperaturbegrænsning
	Add liquid / Ajout de liquide / Flüssigkeit zugeben / Añadir líquido / Aggiungi liquido / Adicionar líquido / Adicionar líquido / Tilføj væske
	Store in the dark / Conserver à l'abri de la lumière / Dunkel aufbewahren / Almacenar en ambiente oscuro / Conservare al buio / Armazenar no escuro / Guardar longe da luz / Opbevares mørkt
	Contains sufficient for <n> tests / Contenu suffisant pour "n" tests / Inhalt ausreichend für <n> Prüfungen / Contenido suficiente para <n> ensayos / Contenuto sufficiente per "n" saggi / Conteúdo suficiente para "n" ensaios / Conteúdo suficiente para <n> testes / Indeholder tilstrækkeligt til "n" test
	Consult instructions for use / Consulter les instructions d'utilisation / Gebrauchsanweisung beachten / Consulte las instrucciones de uso / Consultare le istruzioni per l'uso / Consulte as instruções de utilização / Consultar Instruções de uso / Se brugsanvisning
	Manufacturer / Fabricant / Hersteller / Fabricante / Fabbricante / Fabricante / Fabricado por / Producent
	This way up / Haut / Diese Seite oben / Este lado arriba / Questo lato in alto / Este lado para cima / Este lado para cima / Denne side op
	Recyclable / Recyclable / Recyclebar / Reciclable / Riciclabile / Reciclável / Reciclável / Genanvendeligt
	Brittle / Fragile / Zerbrechlich / Fragile / Fragil / Skrøbelig

## 1.2 ABBREVIATIONS

CAD: Collision Gas Pressure  
 CE: Collision Energy  
 CLSI: Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute  
 CUR: Curtain Gas  
 CV: Coefficient of Variation  
 CXP: Collision Exit Potential  
 DP: Desolvation Potential  
 EP: Entrance Potential  
 ESI: Electrospray Ionization  
 GS1: Gas 1  
 GS2: Gas 2  
 HPLC-MS/MS: High Performance Liquid Chromatography – Tandem Mass Spectrometry  
 IS: Ion Spray Voltage  
 LLOD: Lower Limit of Detection  
 LLOQ: Lower Limit of Quantification  
 M/Z: Mass/Charge ratio  
 MPA: Mobile Phase A  
 MPB: Mobile Phase B  
 MRM: Multiple Reaction Monitoring  
 Q1: Quadrupole 1  
 Q3: Quadrupole 3  
 RT: Retention Time  
 S/N: Signal/Noise ratio  
 SPE: Solid Phase Extraction  
 TEM: Source Temperature

## 1.3 CLINICAL APPLICATION

FloMass Total Metanephrines in Urine is an in vitro diagnostic kit intended for the quantitative and simultaneous determination of 3 analytes in human urine sample (Table 1) using high performance liquid chromatography coupled with tandem mass spectrometry (HPLC-MS/MS).

ANALYTE
Metanephrine
Normetanephrine
3-Methoxytyramine

Table 1: Analytes measured by FloMass Total Metanephrines in Urine

Metanephrines (Metanephrine, Normetanephrine and 3-Methoxytyramine) are molecules obtained by Catecholamines metabolism (Epinephrine, Norepinephrine and Dopamine) and their amount is linked to pheochromocytoma or others neuroendocrine tumors [1-6].

## 2 PRINCIPLE OF THE METHOD

The kit is intended for the quantitative and simultaneous determination of total Metanephrines in human urine samples using high performance liquid chromatography coupled with tandem mass spectrometry (HPLC-MS/MS).

At the beginning of the preparatory phase, to normalize the sample preparation and instrumental variability, the internal standards marked with stable isotopes are added (Table 2).

ANALYTE	INTERNAL STANDARD
Metanephrine	Metanephrine $^2\text{H}_3$
Normetanephrine	Normetanephrine $^{13}\text{C } ^2\text{H}_3$
3-Methoxytyramine	3-Methoxytyramine $^{13}\text{C } ^2\text{H}_5$

Table 2: Analytes measured by kit EUM18100 and related internal standards

The analytes are isolated from urine samples by a combined method of hydrolysis and SPE column extraction [7-8].

Once extracted, analytes are chromatographically separated by a specific reverse phase column. Subsequently, they enter in ESI source where they are transferred into gas phase and ionized. Then ions enter in the triple quadrupole mass spectrometer, where they are measured in MRM mode.

Thus, only selected ions with a defined mass/charge ratio ( $m/z$ ) are isolated in the first quadrupole and subsequently transferred in to the collision cell where they are fragmented by impact with an inert gas (nitrogen or argon). Among the fragments, only those with a defined  $m/z$  ratio are isolated by the third quadrupole for subsequent detection.

Measurement in MRM mode with HPLC chromatographic separation ensures high selective and sensitive analytes identification and quantification [1-8].

## 3 COMPONENTS AND ACCESSORIES

### 3.1 KIT CONTENTS

Components for sample preparation included in the kit are shown in Table 3.

CATALOG NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	STORAGE
EUM17011	Mobile Phase A	500 mL	Room temperature
EUM17012	Mobile Phase B	500 mL	Room temperature
EUM18021	Hydrolyzing Reagent	1.5 mL	Room temperature
EUM18022	Complexing Reagent	65 mL	Room temperature
EUM18023	pH Corrector Reagent	25 mL	Room temperature
EUM18024	SPE Activating Reagent	110 mL	Room temperature

CATALOG NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	STORAGE
EUM18025	SPE Conditioning Reagent	110 mL	Room temperature
EUM18026	SPE Washing Reagent	110 mL	Room temperature
EUM18027	SPE Eluting Reagent	65 mL	Room temperature
EUM18031	Internal Standard Mix	2 x 1.0 mL	-20°C
EUM18061	SPE Columns	100 pcs	Room temperature

Table 3: Components, description, quantity and storage of kit EUM18100

The kit consists of reagents for 100 assays.

The expiry date of the intact kit is shown on the external product label. Follow the storage conditions given on the product label of each component of the kit and keep it away from light and/or heat.

### 3.2 KIT SUPPORT ACCESSORIES

CATALOG NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	STORAGE
EUM17041	7-Levels Calibrators	2 x 7 x 1.0 mL	-20°C
EUM17051	2-Levels Unique Controls for Biological Amines	2 x 2 x 2.0 mL	-20°C
EUM18062	Hydrolysis tubes with caps	100 pcs	Room temperature
EUM00C17	Chromatographic Column	1 pc	Room temperature
EUM00A14	Precolumn	4 pcs	Room temperature
EUM00A15	Holder + precolumn	1 pc	Room temperature

Table 4: Accessories, description, quantity and storage of kit EUM18100

### 3.3 CONTROLS AND CALIBRATION OF ANALYTICAL SYSTEM

Calibration should be done using 7-Levels Calibrators (EUM08041) containing the analytes. Calibrators should follow patient samples preparation (Chapter 7). A new calibrator series should be prepared for each analytical run.

BSN supplies quality control sets at two different concentration levels (EUM18051). Urinary matrix Quality Lyophilized controls in urinary matrix are useful to verify the accuracy and precision of the analytical procedures. For analytes concentrations, stability and accessories preparation, refer to package leaflet.



### 3.4 CHROMATOGRAPHIC SYSTEM

The kit has been validated using analytical column (EUM00C17) coupled to the precolumn (EUM00A14) and its holder (EUM00A15).

Stress tests on column showed that it is possible to carry out approximately 200-250 analysis in matrix with a single precolumn. It is recommended to perform some blank injections before each run and verify the backpressure values.

## 4 REQUIRED INSTRUMENTS

The kit requires a HPLC system with a tandem mass spectrometer and dedicated software. Triple quadrupole mass spectrometer should be of medium-high level.

### 4.1 REQUIRED HPLC MODULES

1. Binary pump able to support a backpressure of 400 bar or more
2. Autosampler with cooling function (10°C)
3. Column oven (50°C)
4. Degasser

### 4.2 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR SAMPLE PREPARATION

1. Centrifuge (10000-13000 rpm) for 1.5- or 2.0-mL vials
2. Vortex for vials
3. Pipettes and tips
4. 1.5- or 2.0-mL vials
5. Autosampler vials with plastic adapter for 200 µL
6. Chemical hood

## 5 HPLC-MS/MS SYSTEM CONDITIONS

**Ionization:** ESI positive mode

**MS/MS:** MRM specific

**Injection Volume:** 1 µL (variable according to the instrumental sensitivity)

**Running Time:** 3.2 min

**Column Oven:** 45°C

## Chromatographic gradient

TIME (min)	%MPA	%MPB	FLOW (mL/min)
0	98	2	1.2
0.35	98	2	1.2
1	75	25	1.2
1.2	5	95	1.2
2.15	5	95	1.2
2.16	98	2	1.2
3.2	98	2	1.2
3.21	Stop	Stop	Stop

Table 5: Chromatographic gradient of kit EUM18100

**Column conditioning:** column should be conditioned for 5 min at chromatographic gradient initial condition. Then, run 3 blank injections (MPA only) using the gradient as above.

**Backpressure:** using a flow rate of 1.2 mL/min, chromatographic system backpressure should not exceed 200 bar.

**Column storage:** in order to preserve the column once detached from instrument, it is necessary to leave it in the initial conditions of the chromatographic gradient and insert it in the suitable package closing firmly with caps.

## Example of chromatogram

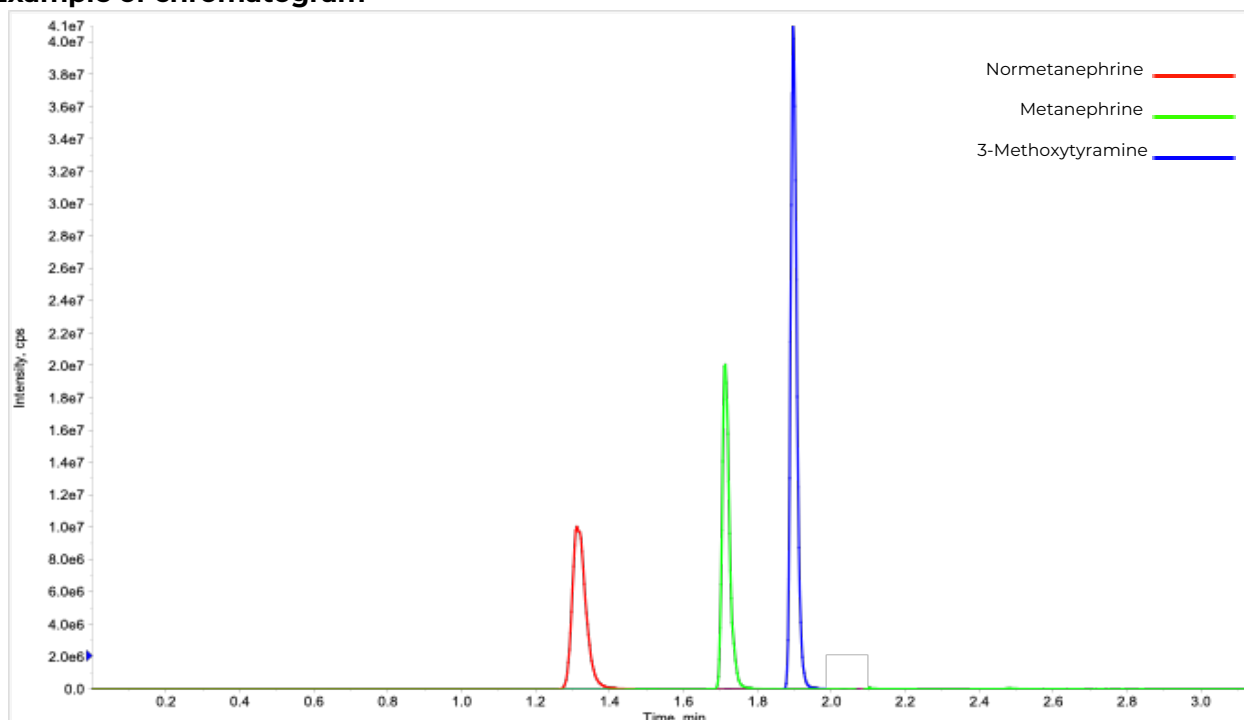


Figure 1: Example of chromatogram identified using kit EUM18100

## 6 SOURCE PARAMETERS AND TRANSITIONS

### 6.1 SOURCE PARAMETERS

Source parameters used in MS Method of kit EUM18100 with a Sciex series X500 QTrap mass spectrometer are shown below.

**Curtain Gas (CUR):** 25 psi

**Collision Gas Pressure (CAD):** Medium

**Ion Spray Voltage (IS):** 5500 V

**Temperature (TEM):** 550°C

**Gas 1 (GS1):** 45 psi

**Gas 2 (GS2):** 50 psi

### 6.2 TRANSITIONS

Monitored transitions and the MS parameters for each analyte using a HPLC Shimadzu Nexera combined with the Sciex series X500 QTrap mass spectrometer are shown in Table 6. ESI positive mode.

ANALYTE	RT	Q1	Q3	DP	EP	CE	CXP
Metanephine 1	1.7	180.1	165.1	60	10	26	10
Metanephine 2	1.7	180.1	148.1	60	10	26	10
Normetanephine 1	1.3	166.1	134.1	45	10	24	10
Normetanephine 2	1.3	166.1	121.1	45	10	25	10
3-Methoxytyramine 1	1.9	151.1	119.1	60	10	20	10
3-Methoxytyramine 2	1.9	151.1	91.0	60	10	28	10
Metanephine IS	1.7	183.1	151.1	60	10	25	10
Normetanephine IS	1.3	170.1	125.1	45	10	24	10
3- Methoxytyramine IS	1.9	157.1	93.0	60	10	28	10

Table 6: Detected transitions, retention times and potentials using HPLC Shimadzu + Sciex mass spectrometer

## 7 SAMPLE PREPARATION

Calibrators and controls follow the same sample preparation.

## 7.1 SAMPLE PREPARATION (CALIBRATOR/CONTROL)

1. Pipette 200  $\mu$ L of urine (if human, preserved with 0.1% HCl) in a hydrolysis tube with cap. Then add 10  $\mu$ L of Hydrolyzing Reagent (EUM18021) and incubate at 90°C for 25 min
2. Prepare a mix with 600  $\mu$ L of Complexing Reagent (EUM18022) + 20  $\mu$ L of Internal Standard Mix (EUM18031) sufficient for the number of samples to be analyzed
3. After cooling, add 620  $\mu$ L of the Mix solution obtained in step 2 of the procedure to each vial
4. Add 200  $\mu$ L of pH Correcting Reagent (EUM18023)
5. Vortex for 30 sec
6. Condition the SPE Column (EUM18061) with 1 mL of SPE Activating Reagent (EUM18024) followed by 1mL of SPE Conditioning Reagent (EUM18025)
7. Load all the sample onto the SPE Column and allow it to elute without applying vacuum
8. Add 1 mL of SPE Washing Reagent (EUM18026) and apply full vacuum for 30 sec dehydrating the SPE Column
9. Elute the analytes with 600  $\mu$ L of SPE Eluting Reagent (EUM18027), if necessary, apply vacuum
10. Transfer 200  $\mu$ L of eluate to an autosampler vial
11. Inject 1-20  $\mu$ L according to the instrumental sensitivity and analyze with HPLC-MS/MS technique

## 8 COLLECTION AND STORAGE OF SAMPLES

The kit is intended for the analysis of human urine samples collected following standard methods, such as those described in document GP16-A3 of the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) [9]. The measurement should be performed on 24 hours' urine samples without using any preserving agent.

**Stability of the samples:** urinary Catecholamines and their metabolites are stable at acid pH. Metanephrines are more stable than catecholamines. In the dark, urine samples are stable for 24 hours at room temperature, for 7 days at 2-8°C and several months if stored at -20°C [10,11].

Metanephrines values are influenced by feeding and stress. Patients should avoid smoking, drinking alcohol, intaking caffeine and Tyramine rich foods (bananas, fruit juices, tomatoes, potatoes, beans, red wine) 8-12 hours before 24 hours urine collection [6].

## 8.1 EXPECTED VALUES AND RESULTS INTERPRETATION

Each laboratory should conduct a pilot study in order to determine the distribution of analytes concentration in relation to its population. In order to establish the population dimension study, it is recommended to check CLSI document EP28-A3C [12].

Reference values and normal ranges are set according to the distribution.

## 8.2 REFERENCE RANGES

Total Metanephrines reference ranges in adults are listed in Table 7, classified by gender.

ANALYTE	ADULT MALES (µg/24 h)	ADULT FEMALES (µg/24 h)
Metanephrine	44 - 261	30 - 180
Normetanephrines	100 - 560	100 - 560
3-Methoxytyramine	< 306	< 242

Table 7: Analytes reference values

Note: reference ranges are taken from selected and updated scientific literature. Their update corresponds to the date of revision of this document [13].

Reference ranges are not a recommendation by the manufacturer, but they can be used as guideline for own reference ranges of each clinical laboratory.

## 9 VALIDATION DATA

Validation data have been obtained with an HPLC-MS/MS system consisting of a HPLC Shimadzu Nexera coupled to a Sciex 6500 QTrap triple quadrupole mass spectrometer.

Refer to Paragraph 4.2 for the materials and equipment used in the sample preparation.

### 9.1 LINEARITY, DETECTION LIMITS AND QUANTIFICATION

A linear regression analysis of real values concentration has been completed in order to evaluate linearity of calibration curve for each analytic session.

Linearity range of acceptability corresponds to  $R^2 \geq 0.98$ . All values obtained are higher than the above-mentioned value.

Detection limit (LLOD) and quantification limit (LLOQ), which concentration provide a peak with  $S/N > 3$  and  $S/N > 10$  respectively, are reported in the table below (Table 7).

ANALYTE	LLOD (ng/mL)	LLOQ (ng/mL)	LINEARITY (ng/mL)
Metanephrine	0.200	0.600	0.600 – 8000
Normetanephrine	0.400	1.50	1.50 – 16000
3-Methoxytyramine	0.300	1.10	1.10 – 8000

Table 8: LOD, LOQ and linearity

## 9.2 RECOVERY

Increasing amount of standard has been added to 3 real human urine pools in order to evaluate the analytical recovery characteristics. Three different levels of enriched urine (low, medium, high level) have been obtained.

Recovery = (Measured quantity on enriched matrix - Measured quantity on non-enriched matrix) / Added quantity

Average recovery range of acceptability =  $\pm 20\%$ , all the values obtained are higher than the above-mentioned value.

ANALYTE	AVERAGE RECOVERY (%)	MIN RECOVERY (%)	MAX RECOVERY (%)
Metanephrene	96.7	85.9	101.3
Normetanephrene	98.7	93.5	101.9
3-Methoxytyramine	98.5	93.6	106.1

Table 9: Average, minimum and maximum recovery values

## 9.3 PRECISION

Average concentration values (ng/mL) measured in the real urine pool (endogenous) and in 2 pools enriched with increasing concentrations of analytes (medium and high levels) are reported in Table 10.

Precision has been evaluated as intra-assay, inter-assay and total coefficient of variation.

Intra-assay precision has been determined assaying 10 replicates (n=10) for each sample.

Inter-assay precision has been determined assaying 3 repetitions in 8 analytical series (n=24) for each sample.

$$\text{Total CV\%} = (\text{CV\%Intra}^2 + \text{CV\%Inter}^2)^{1/2}$$

Range of acceptability used for each variation coefficient are reported below.

Range of acceptability CV% Intra-assay = 10%

Range of acceptability CV% Inter-assay = 20%

Range of acceptability CV% Total = 20%

Obtained results respect the imposed ranges of acceptability.

ANALYTE	AVERAGE CONC. (ng/mL)			CV% INTRA			CV% INTER			CV% TOTAL		
	Endo	Medium	High	Endo	Medium	High	Endo	Medium	High	Endo	Medium	High
Metanephrene	82.0	481	1690	2.1%	2.6%	2.0%	3.4%	3.3%	3.2%	4.0%	4.2%	3.8%
Normetanephrene	147	1031	3709	3.2%	2.4%	2.0%	4.1%	3.5%	2.9%	5.2%	4.3%	3.5%
3-Methoxytyramine	84.5	468	1703	1.7%	1.8%	1.5%	3.6%	3.0%	3.6%	4.0%	3.5%	3.9%

Table 10: Intra-assay, inter-assay and total precision

## 10 GENERAL LIMITATIONS

- Kit must be used with the calibrators and the internal standard indicated in the kit instruction. The use of other standards or materials with this kit has not been validated.
- The use of other mobile phases, solutions or reagents other than those indicated in Paragraph 3.1 “KIT CONTENTS” has not been validated.
- The kit has been validated with the configuration described in Chapter 9 “VALIDATION DATA”.

The use of other triple quadrupole system, HPLC systems and columns, which may require further development of the method, has not been validated.

- Do not use the kit after expiration date of its components.

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## ANNEX 1: EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

B.S.N. srl as Manufacturer and the only responsible for in-vitro diagnostic medical devices placed on the market under his own name, declares that these products meet all the provisions of the Legislative Decree n. 332 of the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2000, directive of in vitro diagnostic medical device 98/79/EC (in particular with regard to annex I) and subsequent amendments and additions. According to point 9 of Legislative Decree 332/2000 and subsequent amendments, the in vitro diagnostic medical device belongs to the fourth category of devices, that is GENERIC IN VITRO MEDICAL-DIAGNOSTIC DEVICES.

COMPONENT	CODE	CERTIFICATION
Mobile Phase A	EUM17011	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
Mobile Phase B	EUM17012	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
Hydrolyzing Reagent	EUM18021	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
Complexing Reagent	EUM18022	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
pH Corrector Reagent	EUM18023	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
SPE Activating Reagent	EUM18024	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
SPE Conditioning Reagent	EUM18025	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
SPE Washing Reagent	EUM18026	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
SPE Eluting Reagent	EUM18027	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
Internal Standard Mix	EUM18031	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
Calibrators in Urine, for Catecholamines, Metanephrines and Serotonin, lyophil.	EUM17041	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
Controls in Urine for biogenic amines, lyophil.	EUM17051	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
Hydrolysis tubes with caps	EUM18062	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
Chromatographic Column	EUM00C17	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
Precolumn	EUM00A14	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III
Holder + precolumn	EUM00A15	CE-IVD marked medical device according to Annex III

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This declaration becomes invalid if modifications are introduced without B.S.N. Srl consent.

It is declared that the product is placed on the market in non-sterile package.

It is declared that B.S.N. Srl will keep all documents referred to the Annex III of the European Directive 98/79/EC at the disposal of the competent authorities for a 5-year period from the last date of production of the kit.

After the placing on the market of the products in question, it is declared that the Manufacturer has notified the competent authority of the application of post-market surveillance as requested from the European Directive 98/79/CE.

This declaration is valid five years from the date of issue.

Castelleone (CR), 29/04/2022

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