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## **Background:**

Greiner Bio-One has developed new MiniCollect® tubes incorporating spray-dried additives. The advantage of the new technology is that the additive is more uniformly coated on the inner tube walls and the mixing characteristics are improved

The MiniCollect® MiniCollect® Glucose capillary blood collection tube is also featured with the unique cross-cut cap which does not need to be removed during the collection and sampling process.

The interior of the tube is coated with spray-dried Sodium Fluoride and Potassium Oxalate. Potassium Oxalate acts as anticoagulant and Sodium Fluoride stabilises the blood sugar and lactate levels for a period of 24 hours.

MiniCollect® Glucose tubes are intended for use for testing of Glucose (blood sugar) and Lactate (lactic acid).

## **Study Objective:**

A clinical evaluation was carried out to compare the performance of the new spray-dried MiniCollect® Glucose tube in comparison to the Becton Dickinson FE Microtainer® tube.

## **Study design:**

The following tube types were used in this study:

Sample ID	Description
A	MiniCollect® Glucose FX Sodium Fluoride/Potassium Oxalate 0,25 ml, spray dried (item No.:450481)
B	Microtainer® FE Sodium Fluoride/ EDTA 0,6 ml, (item No.:365993 )

Directly after blood collection with venous blood, the tubes were carefully inverted according to the instructions given by the tube manufacturers. Glucose was tested within 4 hours of collection using a Hitachi 917 instrument from Roche. Analysis was performed with the instrument's accompanying reagents.

## **Conclusion:**

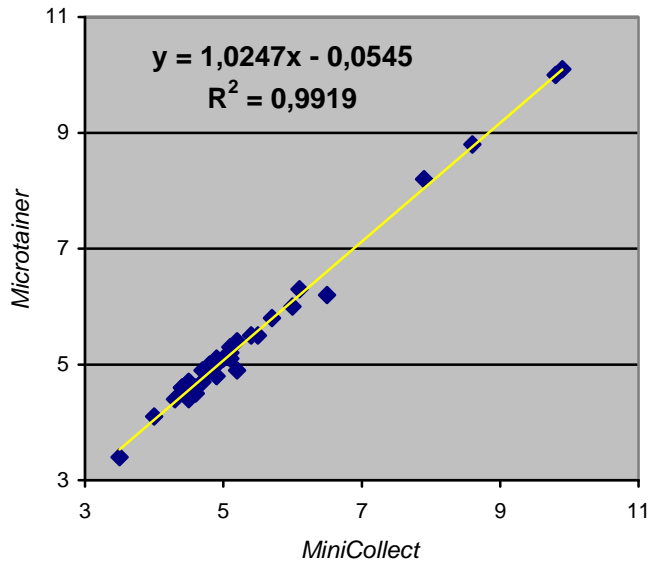
The MiniCollect® Glucose tube with spray-dried additive demonstrated equivalent performance to the Microtainer® FE tube.

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# Glucose

Glucose in mmol/l:  
normal range: 3,9 - 6,1 mmol/l  
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