

A Quantitative Biomarker for Renal Function

The presence of renal diseases has been reported in nearly 7% of dogs and 20% of cats.^{1,2} Quantitative Vcheck SDMA tests by Bionote help detect kidney disease and are a more reliable marker than traditional creatinine and blood urea nitrogen (BUN) renal biomarkers. SDMA concentrations increase earlier than creatinine concentration in cats and dogs with both acute kidney injury and chronic kidney disease.^{3,4,5} SDMA is also not influenced by lean body mass as creatinine is making it more specific for detecting illness or injury to the kidney. Creatinine and BUN are still used as complements to SDMA in evaluation of kidney function.

Clinical Applications

- Diagnosis of acute kidney injury (AKI) and chronic kidney disease (CKD)
- Staging of chronic kidney disease
- · Monitoring of patients with renal disease
- Regular check-up: early screening of renal dysfunction

Simple Testing Procedure

Pre Collected Sample



Sample Sample 100 µl



Pretreatment

Pretreatment buffer 25 µl * The end of pipette tip should be applied onto the inner wall of the tube to prevent the pipette tip from becoming clogged.



Mix well using vortex, if not, tap with fingers 6-8 times.

* Ensure that the sample and pretreatment buffer are well mixed to form white sediment.



Centrifuge Micro-centrifuge for 10 minutes at 10,000 RPMs

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Product Name	Product Number	Product Type	Packing Unit		
Vcheck SDMA	VCF125DD	Device	10 Tests/Kit		

Specifications

Species	Canine, Feline	
Sample Type	Serum or Plasma (heparin) 100 µl	
Measurement	Quantitative	
Range	10.0 - 100.0 μg/dL	
Testing Time	11 minutes	
Storage Condition	2 - 8º C	

Post Collected Sample





Collect Supernatant

Collect 50 µl supernatant and transfer to a NEW 1.5ml tube. -

Assay diluent Assay diluent 50 µl



Mix Within one minute, use a disposable tablet pipette to mix well until the white tablet dissolves in the pipette completely.



Apply Load all of the mixed sample.

A Closer Look: SDMA

SDMA (Symmetric Dimethylarginine) is a methylated form of the amino acid arginine which is physiologically produced in the body when the methylated proteins are degraded. SDMA is released into blood during protein degradation and is highly stable in serum and plasma.

Specific Clinical Application

SDMA is a novel biomarker for kidney function but cannot replace creatinine. Both are complementary to each other in diagnosing kidney dysfunction. Patient history, physical examination, CBC, chemistry profile (including SDMA), creatinine, electrolytes and urinalysis should be performed to evaluate kidney function.

≤ 14 µg/dL	14.1 - 19.9 μg/dL	≥ 20 µg/dL	
Normal	Elevated	Kidney disease probable	
(≤ 16 µg/dL in puppies*)	(Check other evidence of kidney disease)		

* Mildly increased SDMA concentrations (14 - 16 µg/dL) in puppies should be interpreted in light of growth phase as well as other evidence of kidney disease.

SDMA	Creatinine	Interpretation
Normal	Normal	Normal renal function
		• Early renal disease cannot be ruled out if SDMA and/or creatinine levels are at the upper end of the reference range.
Elevated	Normal	Early renal disease probable
Normal	Elevated	Not usual
		Possible if the lean body mass is high
		Further evaluation of renal function is recommended
Elevated	Elevated	Renal disease strongly suspected

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