Steroid Hormones in Saliva

Adjustment of Measurement and Reference Ranges

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Dear colleagues,
dear members of the medical practice team,

with immediate effect, salivary samples for steroid hormone testing will no longer be diluted if the measuring range specified by the test manufacturer is exceeded. Instead, results will be reported as 'greater than' the respective upper limit of the measuring range.
This applies to the following salivary hormones: **progesterone, oestradiol, oestriol, oestrone, testosterone, DHEA and cortisol**.

Background:

Linearity assessments have revealed insufficient linearity following sample dilution.
Measurement results outside the assay's linearity limits are highly inaccurate and therefore cannot be quantified precisely.
Results at the upper limit of the measuring range already considerably exceed the reference range.
Determining even higher values more precisely would provide no additional information.
This change has no impact on the interpretation of the results or their clinical significance.

In addition, the reference ranges for the following salivary hormones have been adjusted:
Progesterone, oestradiol, oestriol, oestrone and testosterone
The adjustments have been made in accordance with the test manufacturer's current specifications and the applicable regulatory requirements.
The updated reference ranges will be displayed automatically on laboratory reports.

Do you have any questions?
Our customer service team is available via email at international@ganzimmun.de or by phone on +49 6131 7205-0, Monday to Friday between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

With collegial regards



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