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**Homocysteine reagent for automated chemistry analyzers**

When elevated amounts of homocysteine accumulates in the blood stream, arterial vessels may be damaged. The resulting inflammation may eventually cause blockage of blood to the heart.

Recent studies are yielding evidence that elevated blood levels of homocysteine have a predictive value for risk of coronary artery disease similar to that of elevated cholesterol levels. Recent evidence has also related elevated blood levels of homocysteine to the risk of miscarriages and birth defects.

Pointe Scientific announces the introduction of a two part liquid stable Homocysteine assay for measurement of homocysteine on clinical chemistry analyzers. It has excellent correlation with immunoassay and HPLC, rapid results, and is standardized to NIST SRM 1955 "Homocysteine Standards Reference Material." Instrument applications are available upon request.

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