



- The reagents for the test system procedure have been formulated to eliminate maximal interference; however, potential interactions between rare serum specimens and test reagents can cause erroneous results. Heterophilic antibodies often cause these interactions and have been known to be problems for all kinds of immunoassays (*Boscato LM Stuart MC. 'Heterophilic antibodies: a problem for all immunoassays.' Clin. Chem. 1988: 3427-33*). For diagnostic purposes, the results from this assay should be used in combination with clinical examination, patient history and all other clinical findings.
- For valid test results, adequate controls and other parameters must be within the listed ranges and assay requirements.
- If test kits are altered, such as by mixing parts of different kits, which could produce false test results, or if results are incorrectly interpreted, Monobind shall have no liability.
- If computer controlled data reduction is used to interpret the results of the test, it is imperative that the predicted values for the calibrators fall within 10% of the assigned concentrations.

### 13.0 EXPECTED VALUES (AFP, CEA & tPSA)

A study of an apparent normal adult population was undertaken to determine expected values for the Cancer Panel VAST® AccuBind® ELISA test system. A total number of 486 apparently normal samples were taken for the study to establish values for these analytes. The expected values are presented in Table 1.

**TABLE 1**  
**Expected Values for the Cancer Panel VAST®**

Adult Population	AFP (ng/ml)	CEA (ng/ml)	tPSA (ng/ml)
Smokers	< 8.5	< 10.0	< 4.0
Non-Smokers	< 8.5	< 5.0	< 4.0

It is important to keep in mind that establishment of a range of values, which can be expected to be found by a given method for a population of "normal" persons, is dependent upon a multiplicity of factors: the specificity of the method, the population tested and the precision of the method in the hands of the analyst. For these reasons, each laboratory should depend upon the range of expected values established by the Manufacturer only until an in-house range can be determined by the analysts using the method with a population indigenous to the area in which the laboratory is located.

### 14.0 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

#### 14.1 Precision

The within and between assay precision of Cancer Panel VAST® AccuBind® ELISA test system were determined by analyses on three different levels of pooled sera. The number, mean value, standard deviation and coefficient of variation for each of these control sera are presented in Table 2 - 7.

**TABLE 2**  
**(AFP) Intra- Assay Precision (Values in ng/ml)**

Sample	N	X	σ	CV%
Level 1	20	14.8	1.14	7.7
Level 2	20	116.6	10.77	9.2
Level 3	20	165.9	9.24	5.6

**TABLE 3**  
**(AFP) Inter- Assay Precision\* (Values in ng/ml)**

Sample	N	X	σ	CV%
Level 1	10	14.8	1.75	5.6
Level 2	10	116.9	10.77	8.0
Level 3	10	167.3	11.22	6.7

\*As measured in ten experiments in duplicate.

**TABLE 4**  
**(CEA) Intra- Assay Precision (Values in ng/ml)**

Sample	N	X	σ	CV%
Level 1	24	1.47	0.10	7.1
Level 2	24	11.46	0.44	3.8
Level 3	24	17.87	0.59	3.3

**TABLE 5**  
**(CEA) Inter- Assay Precision\* (Values in ng/ml)**

Sample	N	X	σ	CV%
Level 1	10	1.40	0.15	10.6
Level 2	10	11.67	0.94	8.1
Level 3	10	21.36	0.93	4.4

\*As measured in ten experiments in duplicate.

**TABLE 6**  
**(tPSA) Intra- Assay Precision (Values in ng/ml)**

Sample	N	X	σ	CV%
Level 1	24	0.90	0.043	4.8
Level 2	24	3.987	0.225	5.8
Level 3	24	18.251	0.985	5.4

**TABLE 7**  
**(tPSA) Inter- Assay Precision\* (Values in ng/ml)**

Sample	N	X	σ	CV%
Level 1	20	0.92	0.05	5.5
Level 2	20	3.58	0.20	5.5
Level 3	20	18.39	0.81	4.4

\*As measured in twenty experiments in duplicate.

#### 14.2 Sensitivity

The Cancer Panel VAST® AccuBind® ELISA test system has sensitivity for different analytes as listed in the following Table 11. The sensitivity was ascertained by determining the variability of the 0ng/ml serum calibrator and using the 2σ (95% certainty) statistic to calculate the minimum dose.

Analyte	Sensitivity (ng/ml)
AFP	0.454
CEA	0.078
tPSA	0.041

#### 14.3 Accuracy

This Cancer Panel VAST® AccuBind® ELISA test system was compared with reference methods. Clinical and non-clinical specimens were assayed. The total number of such specimens was 486. The least square regression equation and the correlation coefficient were computed for AFP, CEA and PSA assays in comparison with the reference method. The data obtained is displayed in Tables 8 - 10.

**TABLE 8 (AFP)**

Method	Mean (x)	Least Square Regression Analysis	Correlation Coefficient
This Method	112.2	$x = 0.2095 + 0.9976(y)$	0.997
Reference	112.7		

**TABLE 9 (CEA)**

Method	Mean (x)	Least Square Regression Analysis	Correlation Coefficient
This Method	15.4	$x = -0.1997 + 1.0192(y)$	0.992
Reference	15.1		

**TABLE 10 (tPSA)**

Method	Mean (x)	Least Square Regression Analysis	Correlation Coefficient
This Method	5.04	$x = 0.3500 + 0.9226(y)$	0.950
Reference	4.92		

Only slight amounts of bias between the Cancer Panel VAST® AccuBind® ELISA test system and the reference methods are indicated by the closeness of the mean values. The least square regression equation and correlation coefficient indicates excellent method agreement.

#### 14.4 Specificity

The cross-reactivity of the Cancer Panel VAST® AccuBind® ELISA test system to selected substances was evaluated by adding the interfering substance to a serum matrix at various concentrations. The cross-reactivity was calculated by deriving a ratio between dose of interfering substance to dose of analyte needed to produce the same absorbance. The cross reactivity for different analytes is listed in the table below.

**TABLE 11**

Analyte	% X-RXN		
	AFP	CEA	tPSA
AFP	100	0.0001	0.0002
CEA	ND	100	ND
PSA	ND	ND	100
CA-125	ND	ND	ND
hCG	0.0001	0.0004	ND
hLH	ND	ND	ND
hTSH	ND	ND	ND
hPRL	0.0002	ND	ND
Acetylsalicylic Acid	ND	ND	ND
Amethopterin	ND	ND	ND
Ascorbic Acid	ND	ND	ND
Atropine	ND	ND	ND
Caffeine	ND	ND	ND

#### 14.5 Linearity & Hook Effect:

Three different lots of reagent preparations of the Cancer Panel VAST® AccuBind® ELISA test system were used to assess the linearity and hook effect.

The test showed a good dose recovery of 97.0 to 109.4% when linear dilutions of very high concentrations, in pooled sera were assayed with Cancer Panel VAST® AccuBind® ELISA test system.

Massive concentrations were used for spiking in pooled human patient sera. Cancer Panel VAST® AccuBind® ELISA test system did not show any high dose hook effect with following concentrations of respective analytes.

Analyte	Dose (ng/ml)
AFP	100,000
CEA	60,000
PSA	10,000

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A)	1ml set
B)	1 (13ml)
C)	1 (13ml)
D)	1 (13ml)
E)	1 (20ml)
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G)	2 (7ml)
H)	2 plates
I)	2 (8ml)

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