



Technical Release Bulletin

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Subject: Mixing QwikCheck-beads control material.

Issue: Using the vortex machine to mix QwikCheck-beads is introducing bubbles into the sample and incorrectly stating test results.

Procedure:

- For accurate QwikCheck-beads results, please DO NOT VORTEX QwikCheck-beads.
- Gently swirl the QwikCheck-beads container in circles for 30-45 seconds prior to aspirating the testing sample.
- Immediately aspirate and fill the testing capillary (before the beads settle).
- Run the sample in the CONTROL mode of the SQA immediately.
- Run the sample using a new capillary for each control level.
- Do not mix or re-use beads – this will cause inaccurate results.

Following this method, air bubbles will not be introduced into the QwikCheck-beads samples and test results will be correct.

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