

Courier Transport

Factors and Possible Consequences:

Samples may be subject to conditions such as extreme temperature, inappropriate transportation methods, including delayed delivery, which may cause hemolysis.

Advise courier of transport requirements to ensure that blood samples are delivered in a timely and appropriate manner.

Corrective Actions

- Use appropriate transportation container. Control temperature and where possible, vertical orientation of the tube.
- Prepare samples for transportation under special conditions, if required.
- Separate serum or plasma from cells within 2 hours of collection, unless specified otherwise.

Reference:

1. *Collection of Diagnostic Venous Blood Specimens*; Approved Standard. 7th ed. CLSI standard GP41. Wayne, PA: Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute, 2017.