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Limitations in the validity of a SKUP report

SKUP does not set a period of validity on the evaluation results, nor does SKUP specify which product changes can be made without losing the validity of the initial evaluation report.

The time SKUP evaluated a product is stated in the report. The evaluated instruments should be in standard version and representative for the instruments on the market. If possible three lots of reagents/test strips/cassettes are included in the evaluation. The SKUP evaluation is applicable solely for the instruments and the reagent/test strip/cassettes lots used in the evaluation and cannot guarantee that other instruments or lot numbers of reagent/test strip/cassettes give identical results.

Some characteristics for a measurement system can be followed over time by external quality assessment (EQA). Other characteristics, e.g., user friendliness are more difficult to reveal by EQA.

It is solely the manufacturer of the instrument and the reagents/test strips/cassettes that can assure that the performance and other characteristics of a measurement system for sale are equivalent to those evaluated by SKUP.

Upon request, SKUP can evaluate product modifications. If the product has been evaluated earlier, SKUP and the manufacturer/supplier will discuss if a full evaluation is needed or if it is more appropriate with a supplement evaluation of the modified properties alone.

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