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Subject: **USP Reference Standard Certificates and Assigned Values**

Dear Valued USP Customer:

USP does not provide Certificates of Analysis (COAs) for USP Reference Standards (RS). USP does provide USP Certificates for most USP RS's. USP Certificates do not completely describe the test results obtained during evaluation. Rather, they are issued to provide users with information such as a hard copy of the USP RS label text, molecular information, typical chromatograms (limited cases), and additional use/handling information that may not be contained on the RS label.

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The assigned value of a USP RS is provided on the label and/or the USP Certificate of a particular lot. Assigned values are not provided for RS's developed only for qualitative use in USP compendial procedures. A statement such as "Labeled for Qualitative Use" may also be included on the label. A value of 100.0% cannot be assumed for any USP RS without an assigned value included on its label and/or USP Certificate. If an assigned value is not provided, then the particular lot was not developed for quantitative use.

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Regards,

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