

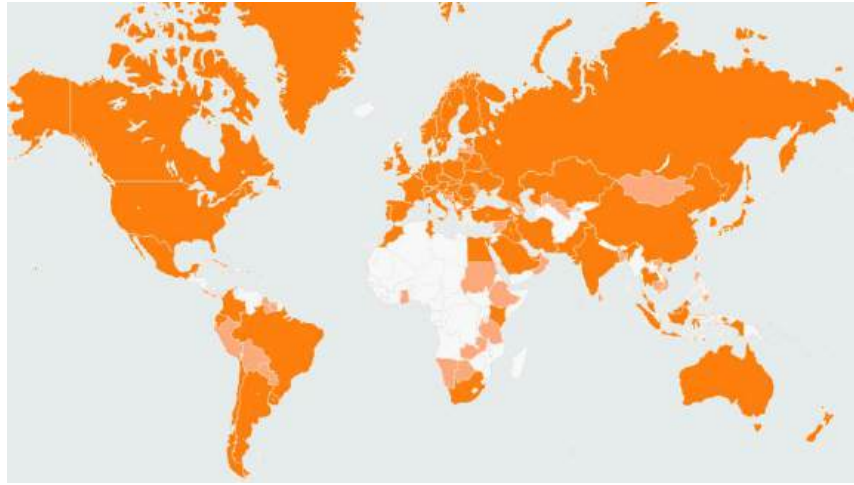


Metrological traceability as a unique tool to improve the quality of laboratory tests

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Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM)



- 64 Member States* and
- 36 Associates of the CGPM
(States and Economies)

- 6 Regional Metrology
Organizations



A global network to compare measurement standards and ensure their equivalence worldwide enabling SI traceable measurements

Organized via 10 Committees, areas covered include: Chemistry & Biology, Ionizing Radiation, Thermometry, Photometry & Radiometry, Mass, etc.

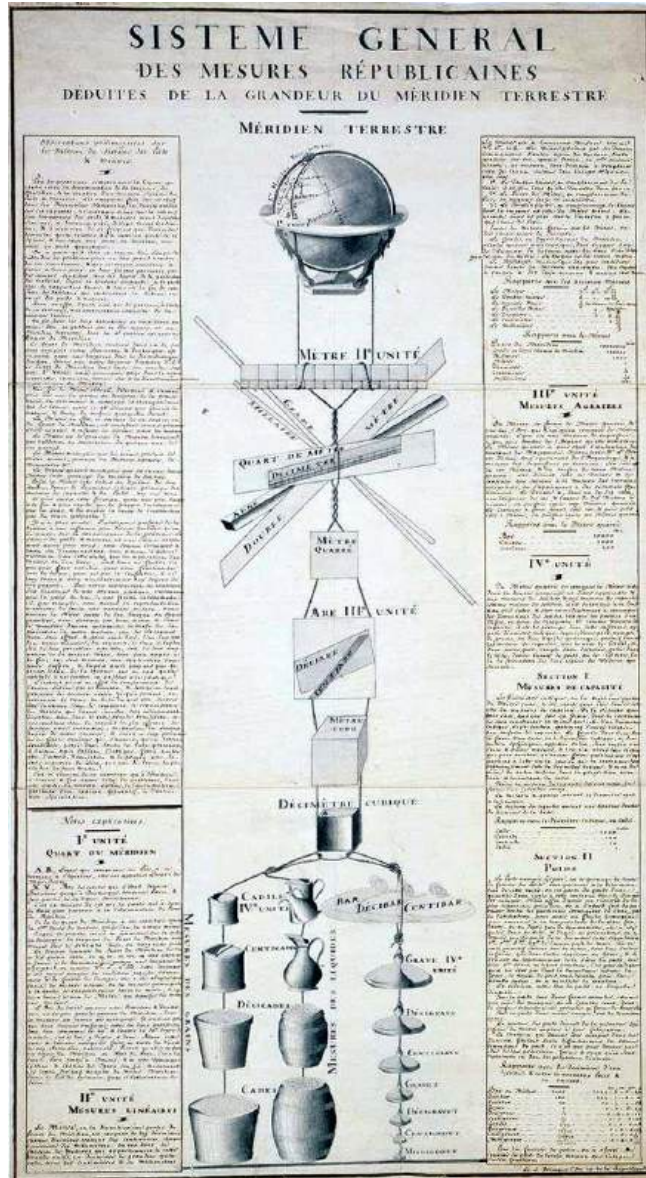
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Currently in the KCDB there are



Intergovernmental Organization
Headquarters with Offices and
Laboratories: Sèvres, France,
70 Staff

From the metre to the International System of Units (SI)



17 April 1795 Metric System in France established - law of 18 Germinal Year III (Republican calendar)

“Never has anything grander and simpler and more coherent in all its parts come from the hands of men.” – Lavoisier



20 May 1875 Metre Convention signed establishing the *Bureau international des poids et mesures (BIPM)*

20 May 2019 SI in terms of fixed values of fundamental constants



From definitions to dissemination of standards

Definition



SI Unit of amount of substance: mole

Realization



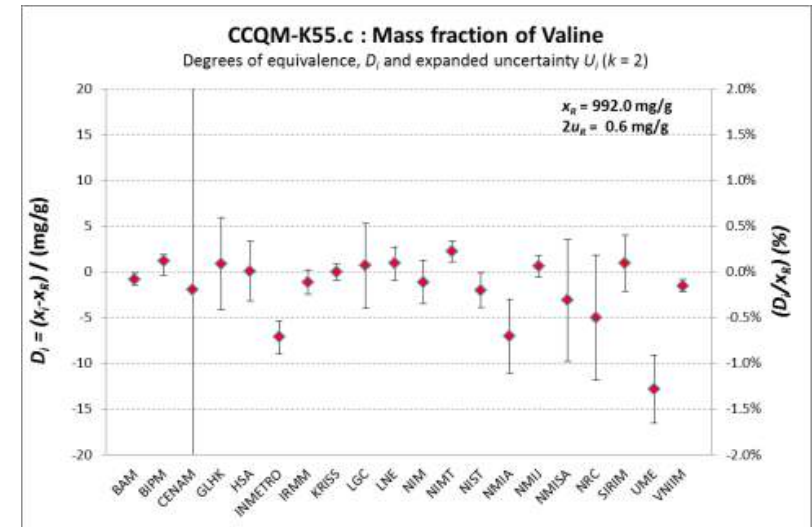
Comparisons



Key comparison performance

⇒ open-access http://kcdb.bipm.org/appendixB/KCDB_ApB_search.asp

⇒ basis for: individual NMI CMC claim
peer review and approval of CMC



Dissemination

- Certified Reference Material (CRM)
- Calibration service
- EQAS material assignment

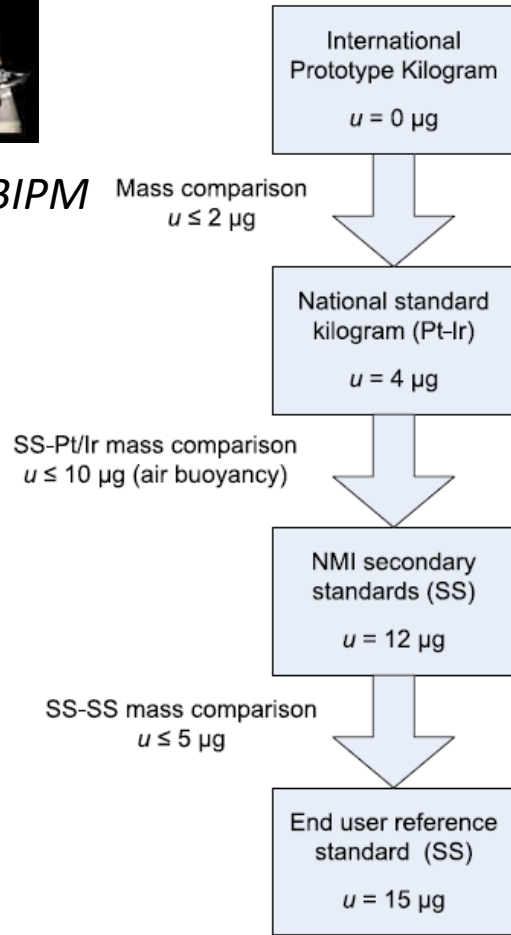
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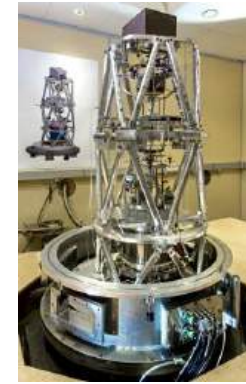
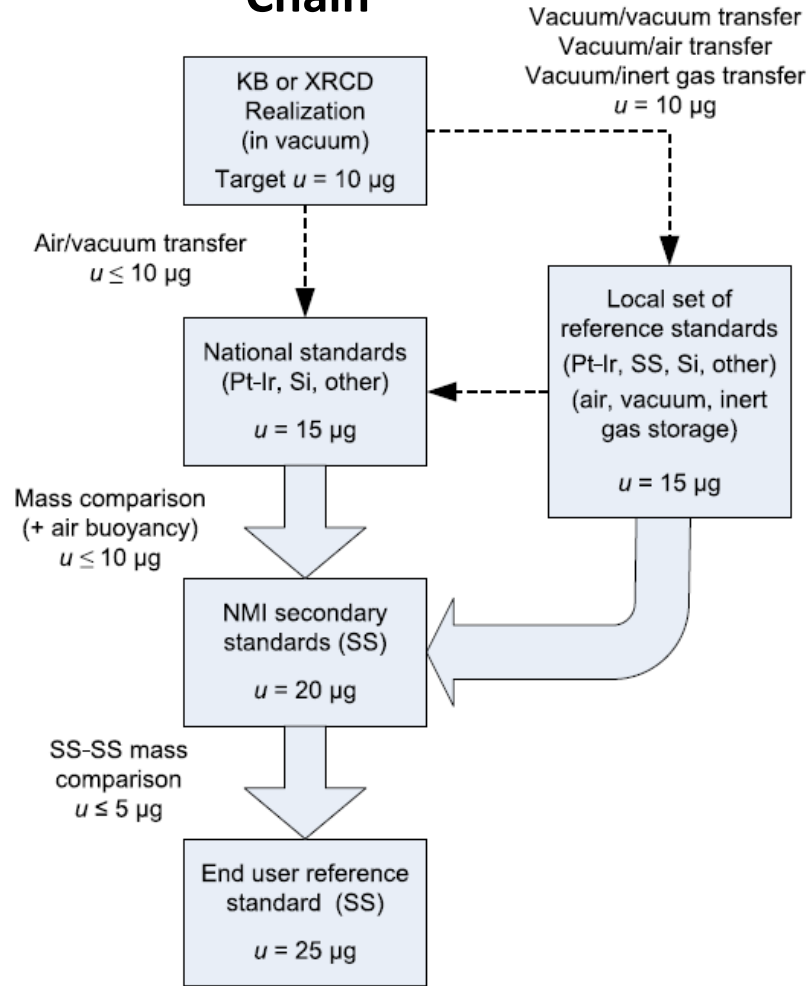


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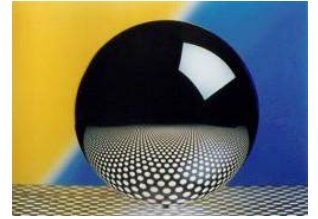
Pre-2019 Traceability Chain



Post-2019 Traceability Chain



Kibble Balance



XRCD

Metrological Traceability chains for mass measurements

Traceable measurement results are compatible

National Metrology Institutes and Designated Institutes

The Republic of Poland became a Member State on **12 May 1925**.

CIPM MRA

Signatory/NMI

Central Office of Measures 

→ [GUM](#)

Warsaw

Participating in the CIPM MRA since: 14 October 1999

Signed by: Krzysztof Andrzej MORDZINSKI (then Director, GUM)

Designated institute(s)

Institute of Low Temperature and Structure Research/Instytut Niskich Temperatur i Badań Strukturalnych 

For temperature measurements from 13.8033 K to 273.16 K

→ [INTiBS](#)

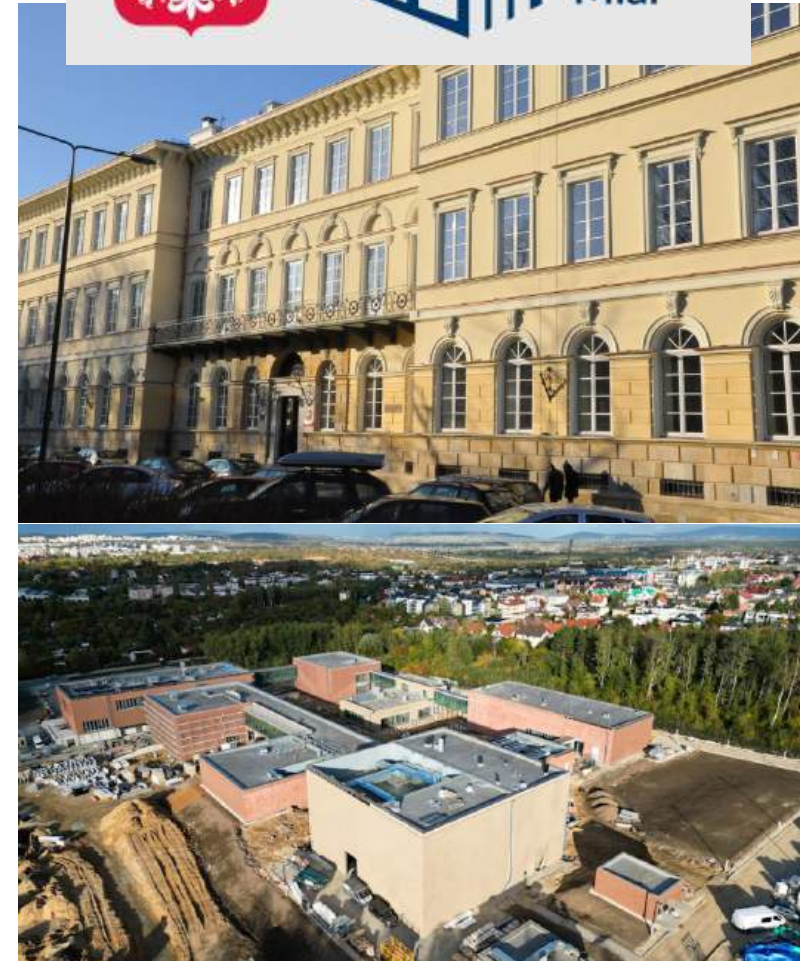
Wroclaw

National Centre for Nuclear Research, Radioisotope Centre 

For ionizing radiation

→ [POLATOM](#)

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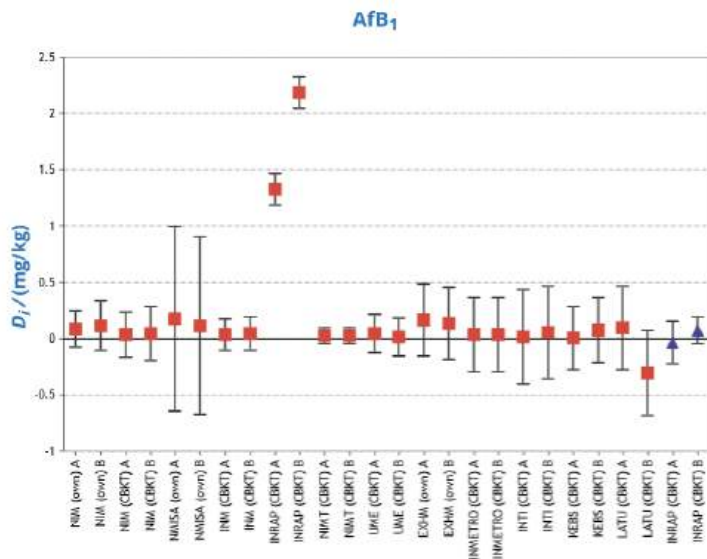


Chemical and Biological Measurement Standards

> 50 participating institutes







> 6500 Calibration and RM services

> 500 inter-laboratory comparisons



CCQM: Metrology in Chemistry and Biology

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	CCQM-EAWG CCQM WORKING GROUP ON ELECTROCHEMICAL ANALYSIS
	CCQM-IAWG CCQM WORKING GROUP ON INORGANIC ANALYSIS
	CCQM-KCWG CCQM WORKING GROUP ON KEY COMPARISONS AND CMC QUALITY
	CCQM-OAWG CCQM WORKING GROUP ON ORGANIC ANALYSIS
	CCQM-SAWG CCQM WORKING GROUP ON SURFACE ANALYSIS

	CCQM-CAWG CCQM WORKING GROUP ON CELL ANALYSIS
	CCQM-GAWG CCQM WORKING GROUP ON GAS ANALYSIS
	CCQM-IRWG CCQM WORKING GROUP ON ISOTOPE RATIOS
	CCQM-NAWG CCQM WORKING GROUP ON NUCLEIC ACID ANALYSIS
	CCQM-PAWG CCQM WORKING GROUP ON PROTEIN ANALYSIS
	CCQM-SPWG CCQM STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP

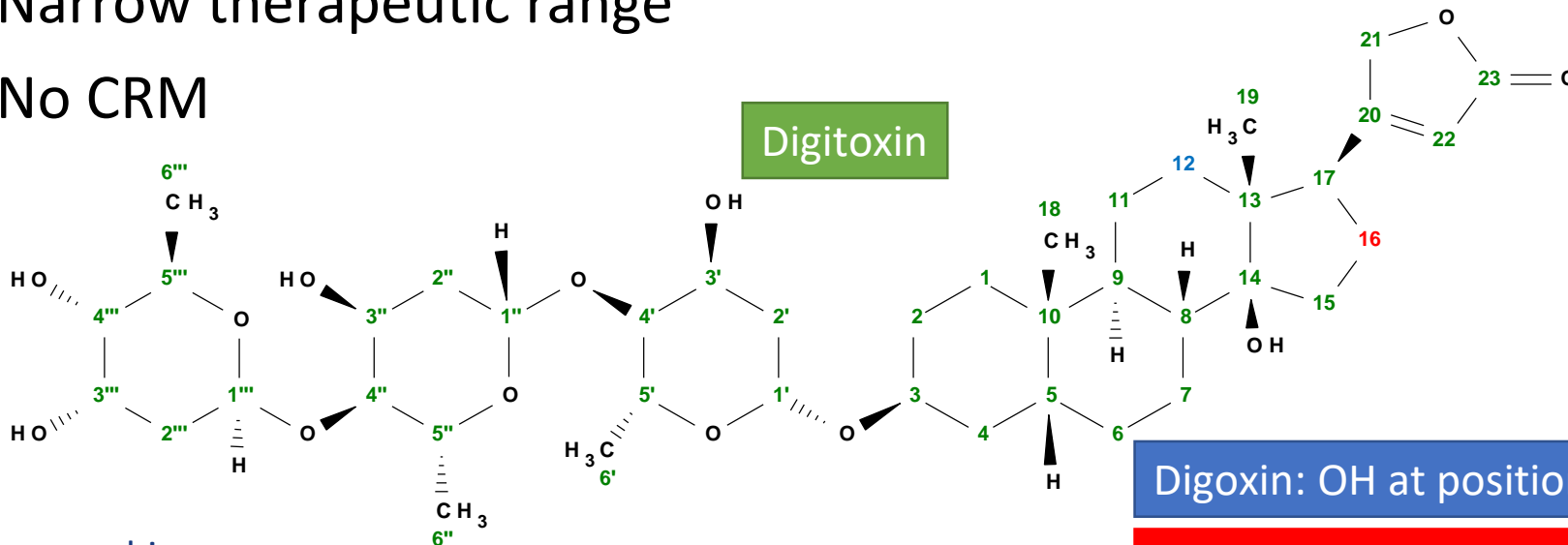
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Current BIPM HQ Laboratory Projects (1)

CCQM-K148.c Digitoxin purity comparison

- Organic purity assessment of a cardiac glycoside (CG) - digitoxin
- Treatment of heart failure and potential cancer therapeutic
- Narrow therapeutic range
- No CRM



Digitoxin: OH at position 12

Gitoxin : OH at position 16



Digitalis Purpurea
(Foxglove)

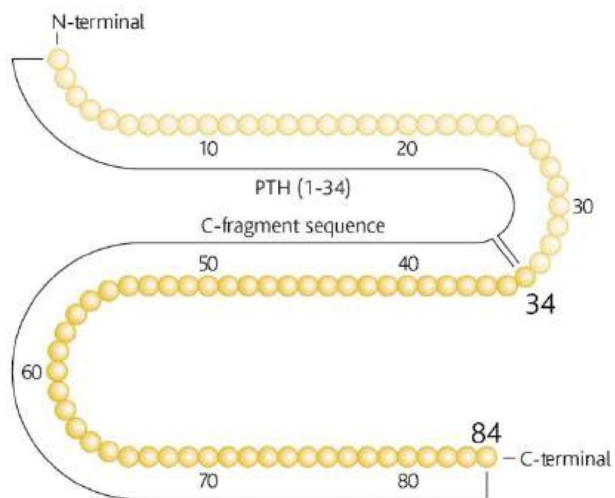


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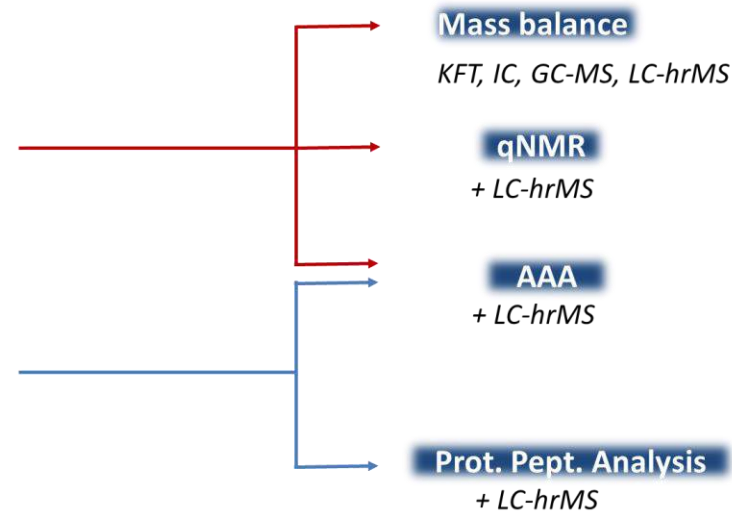
Current BIPM HQ Laboratory Projects (2)

CCQM-K115.d Parathyroid hormone, PTH 1-84 in solution

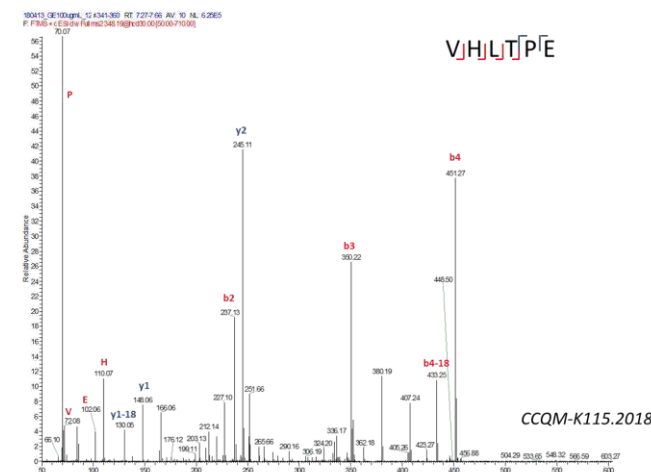
- PTH is a 84 amino acid peptide hormone.
- Calcium/phosphate metabolism
- Monitoring of chronic kidney disease (CKD)
- Assessment of hypo- or hyperparathyroidisms.



BIPM



MS¹ High resolution, accurate mass
MS² fragmentation data



Joint Committee for Traceability in Laboratory Medicine



Established in 2002. 4 Executive Committee Organizations

Regulations and Metrological Traceability for IVDs

Essential Requirements of the IVD Directive

98/79/EC of 27 October 1998 on in vitro diagnostic medical devices

"The traceability of values assigned to calibrators and/or control materials must be assured through available reference measurement procedures and/or available reference materials of a higher order.. "

**Annex I - Essential Requirements
Part A. General Requirements, Clause 3**

Equivalent measurement results through metrological traceability

metrological traceability

property of a **measurement result** whereby the result can be related to a reference through a documented unbroken chain of **calibrations**, each contributing to the **measurement uncertainty**

NOTE 2 Metrological traceability requires an established **calibration hierarchy**.

Metrological Traceability in Laboratory Medicine

The concept of reference measurement systems is well developed in Laboratory Medicine:

- Reference Methods
- Reference Materials
- Reference Measurement Services



Achieving Accurate Results: Metrology and Quality Infrastructure



Physician requesting laboratory test



Medical Laboratory (Hospital)
ISO 15189



IVD Manufacturers
ISO 17511

Calibration (Reference) Laboratory



Certified Reference Materials
ISO 15194 (National Metrology Institutes)
ISO 17025
ISO 15195
ISO 15193



A database of reference resources to help the IVD industry meet traceability requirements of the EC IVD Directive.

A quality assured database:
All data examined with respect to conformity with appropriate international documentary standards.

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ISO standards for compliance with Traceability Requirements

ISO 17511: 2020 In vitro diagnostic medical devices - Requirements for establishing metrological traceability of values assigned to calibrators, trueness control materials and human

ISO 15193:2009 Requirements for content and presentation of reference measurement procedures (under revision)

ISO 15194:2009 Requirements for certified reference materials and the content of supporting (under revision)

ISO 15195: 2018 Laboratory medicine — Requirements for the competence of calibration laboratories using reference measurement procedures

ISO 17511: Establishing Metrological Traceability for IVD MDs



6 model calibration hierarchies described:

- 1) Cases with RMPs and primary RMs
- 2) Cases with a primary RMP that defines the measurand
- 3) Cases for measurands defined by a RMP calibrated with a particular primary calibrator
- 4) Cases with an international conventional calibrator that defines the measurand
- 5) Cases with metrological traceability supported by an international harmonization protocol
- 6) Cases for measurands with metrological traceability only to manufacturer's internal arbitrarily defined RM(s)

What has JCTLM delivered?

A Quality assured database, for *in vitro* diagnostics, of:

- a) Higher Order Reference Materials
- b) Reference Measurement Procedures
- c) Laboratory Reference Measurement Services

www.jctlmdb.org

An education resource for traceability in laboratory medicine:

www.jctlm.org



JCTLM Database: higher-order reference materials, methods and services

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Vision for the JCTLM



Our Objective

To have all IVD MD manufacturers, regulators and laboratory medicine professionals worldwide use and refer to our database when claiming accuracy of diagnostic results.



JCTLM Database: higher-order reference materials, methods and services

Search database



[→Advanced search](#)

Database content

The JCTLM Database lists higher-order reference materials, measurement methods and services to be used in calibration hierarchies for value assigning calibrators and trueness control materials for quantities measured by in vitro diagnostic medical devices.

The listed reference materials, measurement methods and services when applied following the models described in ISO 17511:2020, 'In vitro diagnostic medical devices —Requirements for establishing metrological traceability of values assigned to calibrators, trueness control materials and human samples', can be used to establish metrological traceability.

The JCTLM Database content:

265	215	224
Materials	Methods	Services

Database entries have undergone independent review and found to be compliant with the criteria in documentary standards developed by ISO TC 212 WG2 (Reference Measurement Systems), with reference measurements services listed for accredited calibration laboratories, as described in the JCTLM procedures.

News

30 SEPTEMBER 2022

New JCTLM Database website

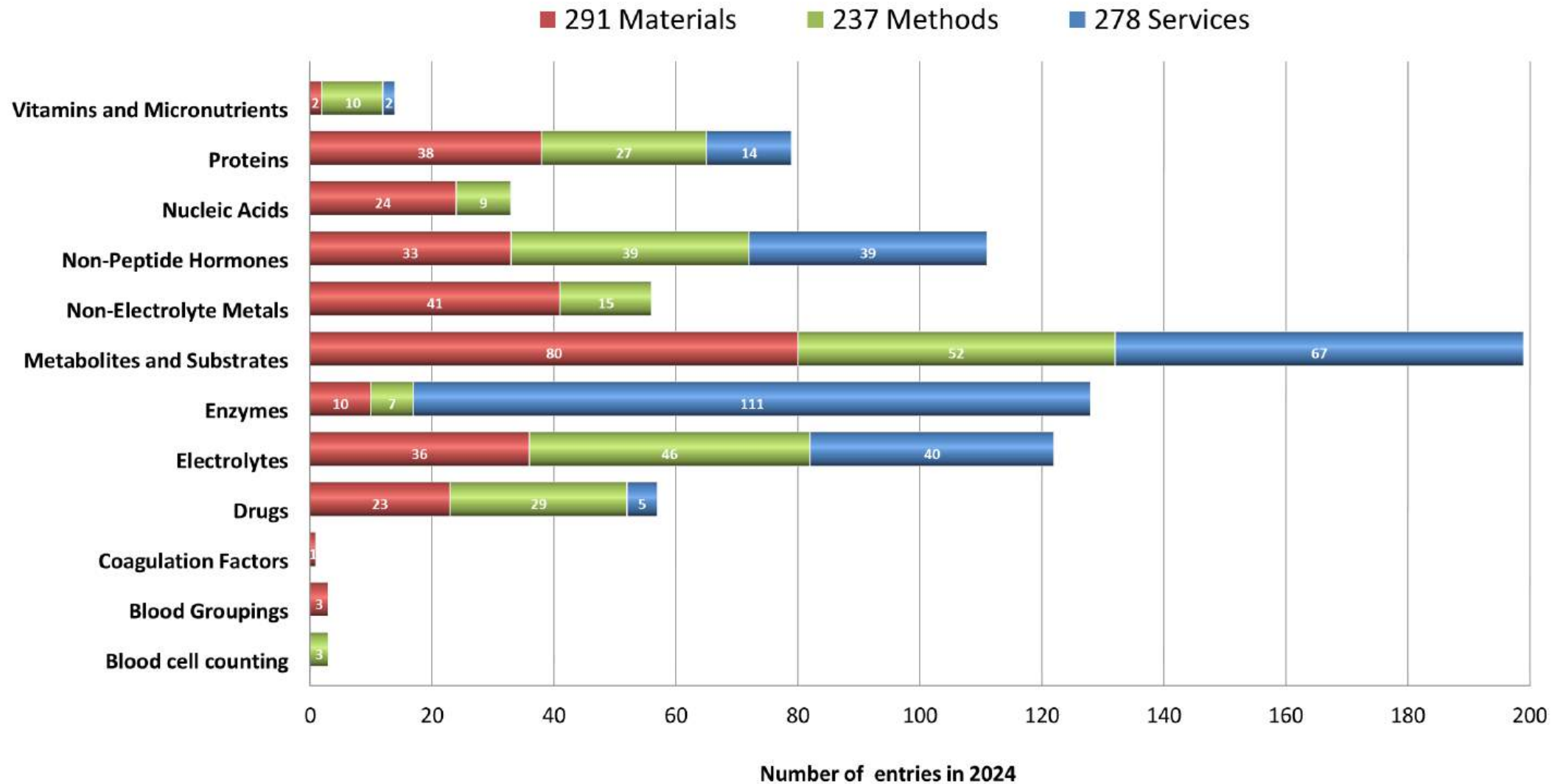
The new JCTLM Database website went live on 30 September with extended search facilities. You may search on higher-order reference materials, measurement methods and services using a free-keyword search or by using a predefined menu - Advanced search.

A JCTLM API (Application Programming Interface) will be released shortly.

[SEE MORE NEWS](#)

**Version 2.0
Went Live:
3 October 2022**

JCTLM Database Contents (April 2024)



JCTLM Database (www.jctlmdb.org): Contents



JCTLM Database: higher-order reference materials, methods and services

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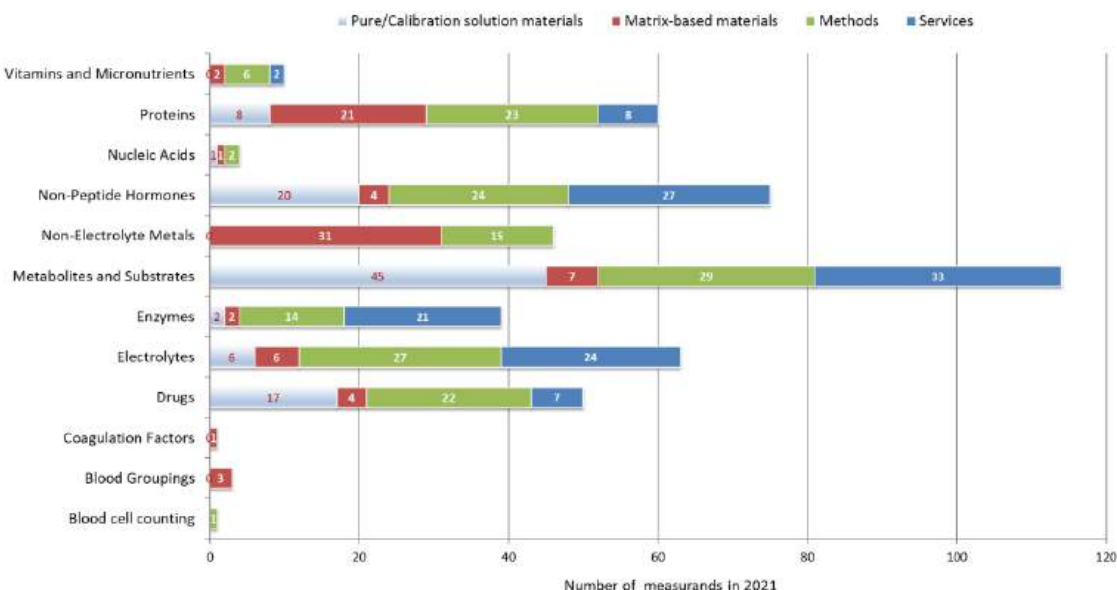
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Reference material

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Reference service

SEARCH



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Services

- Annual nomination and review cycle
- Around 100 nominations treated each year
- 11 review teams with expert reviewers
- New entries published each year that meet ISO standard requirements

Standardizing Chemical Measurements Worldwide Example: Diabetes Care



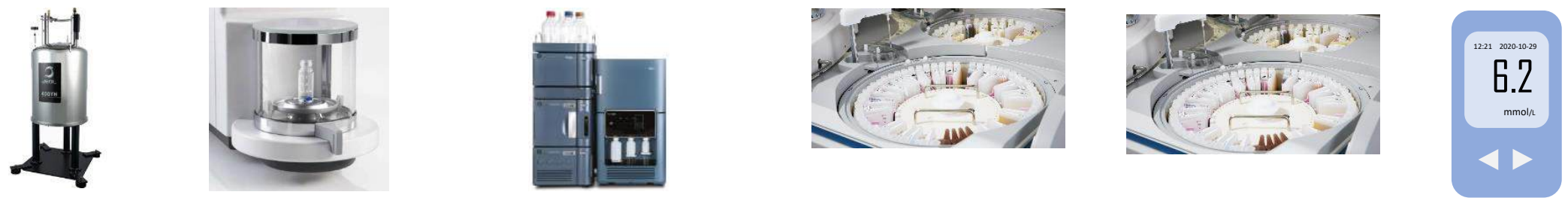
- Over 420 million people worldwide have diabetes**
- Diabetes is a major cause of blindness, kidney failure, heart attacks, stroke and lower limb amputation
- Diabetes affects 34.2 million people In the US (10.5% of the US population)*
- \$ 327 billion – estimated diabetes costs in the U.S. in 2017 (direct and indirect for diagnosed cases)*
- 3.9 million people diagnosed with diabetes in the UK †
- 90% of diagnoses are for Type 2 Diabetes
- **Biomarkers of interest include: Glucose, HbA1c, C-peptide**

**WHO, 13 April 2021

†Diabetes in the UK 2019 : key statistics on diabetes (Diabetes UK)

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National diabetes statistics report 2020

measurement procedure (ms.)



ms. 1
Quantitative Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (qNMR) procedure for purity and identity assessment

ms. 2
Primary reference measurement procedure for calibrator. Weighing of the certified primary reference material m. 1

ms. 3
Reference measurement procedure for the measurand. Isotope dilution mass spectrometry of the diluted certified primary reference material m. 2 conforming to ISO 15193

ms. 4
Manufacturers selected measurement procedure

ms. 5
Manufacturers standing measurement procedure

ms. 5
End-users measurement device

Reference material (m.)

m. 1
Certified primary reference material conforming to ISO 15194

m. 2
Primary calibrator - prepared as solution of m. 1 in water

m. 3
Secondary, commutable certified reference material conforming to ISO 15194. Matrix is pooled human plasma

m. 4
Manufacturers working calibrator

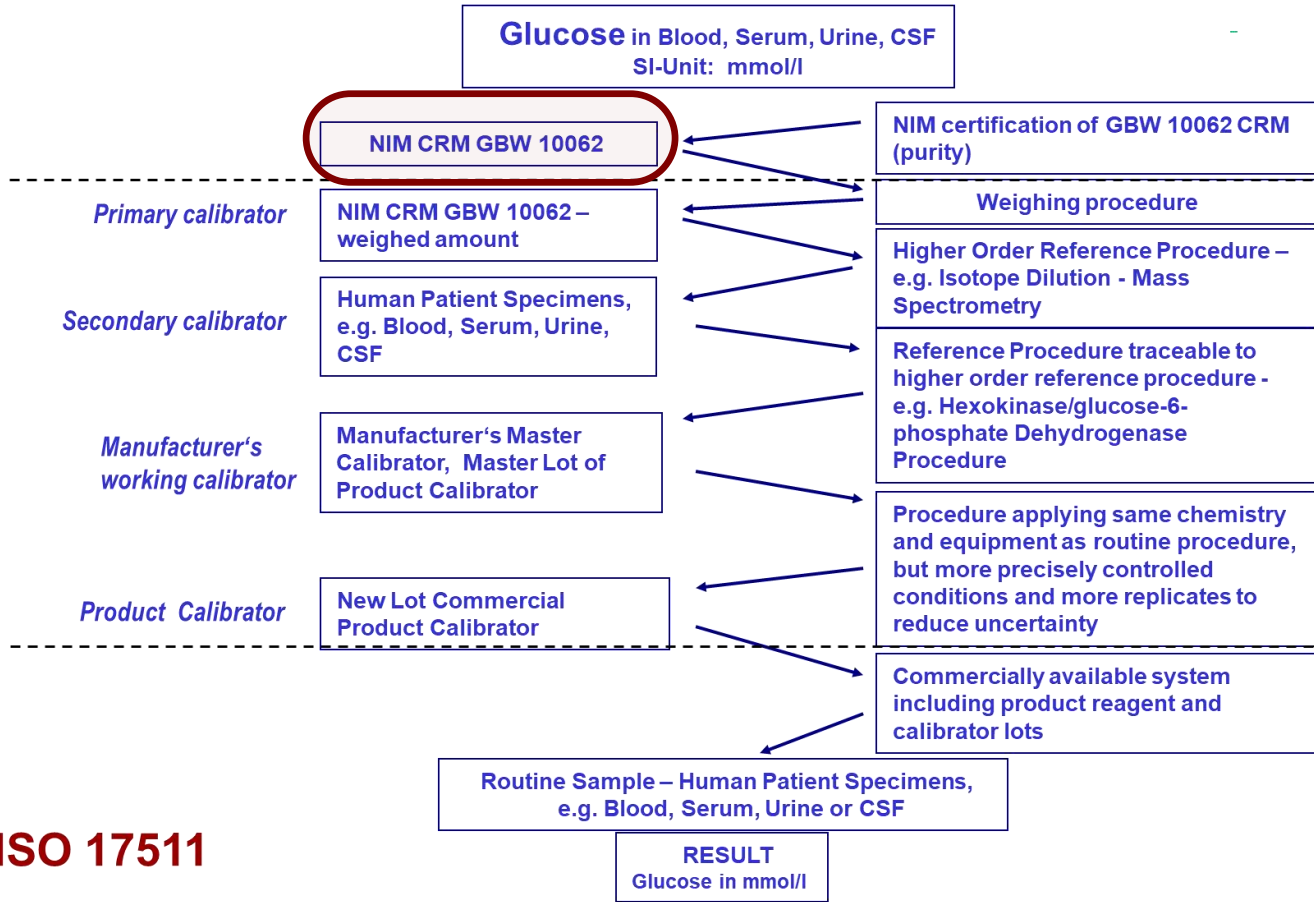
m. 5
Calibrator for the end-user measurement device

m. 6
Human sample with result



Glucose in Serum: Primary Reference Material

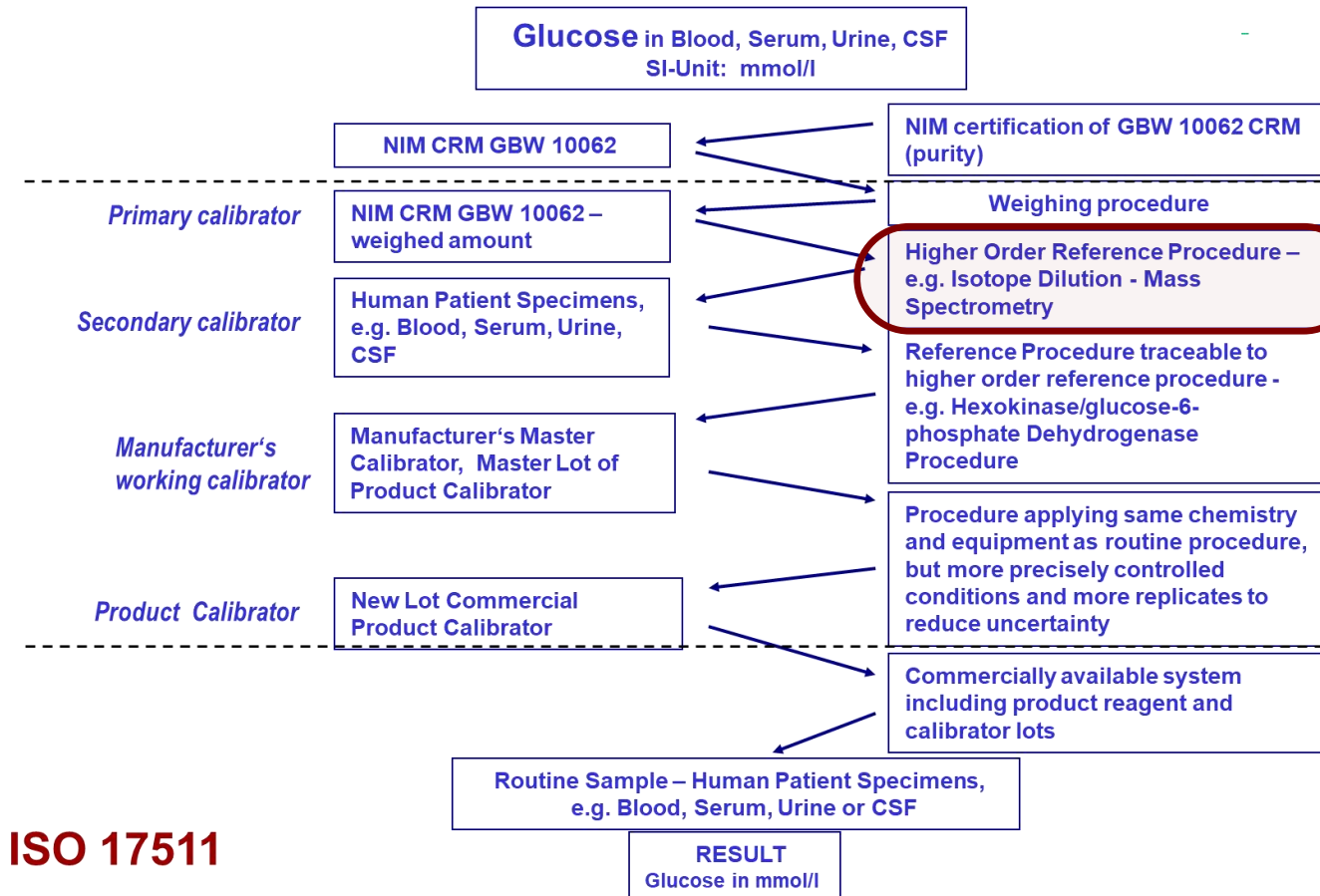
glucose in glucose crystalline material	
National Institute of Metrology (NIM), China	
Phone: +86 10 6422 1811	Email: crmservice@nim.ac.cn
Fax: +86 10 6421 3149	Web: http://www.nim.ac.cn/
Name of the reference material	NIM CRM GBW 10062, Purity of Glucose
Quantity	Mass fraction
Analyte certified/assigned value	0.996 g/g
Expanded uncertainty (level of confidence 95 %)	0.003 g/g
Reference(s) on commutability	Not applicable: a high-purity material used as a primary calibrator for higher order reference methods
Other relevant publication(s)	Establishment of the purity values of carbohydrate certified reference materials using quantitative nuclear magnetic resonance and mass balance approach, C. Quan, <i>Food Chemistry</i> , 2014, 153 , 378-386
Traceability	traceable to SI
CRM listing	List I



Glucose in Serum: Reference Measurement Procedure

► University of Ghent reference method for glucose	
Applicable matrice(s)	lyophilized, fresh, or frozen human serum
Full description of technique(s)	ID/GC/MS
Quantity	Amount-of-substance concentration
Applicable range	1 mmol/l to 20 mmol/l
Expected uncertainty (level of confidence 95%)	1 % to 2 %
Reference(s)	<i>Clin. Chem.</i> , 1993, 39 , 1001-1006 <i>Clin. Chem.</i> , 1993, 39 , 993-1000 <i>Eur. J. Clin. Chem. Clin. Biochem.</i> , 1996, 34 , 853-860
Comparability assessment study(ies)	EUROMET 563
JCTLM DB identification number	NRMeth 4

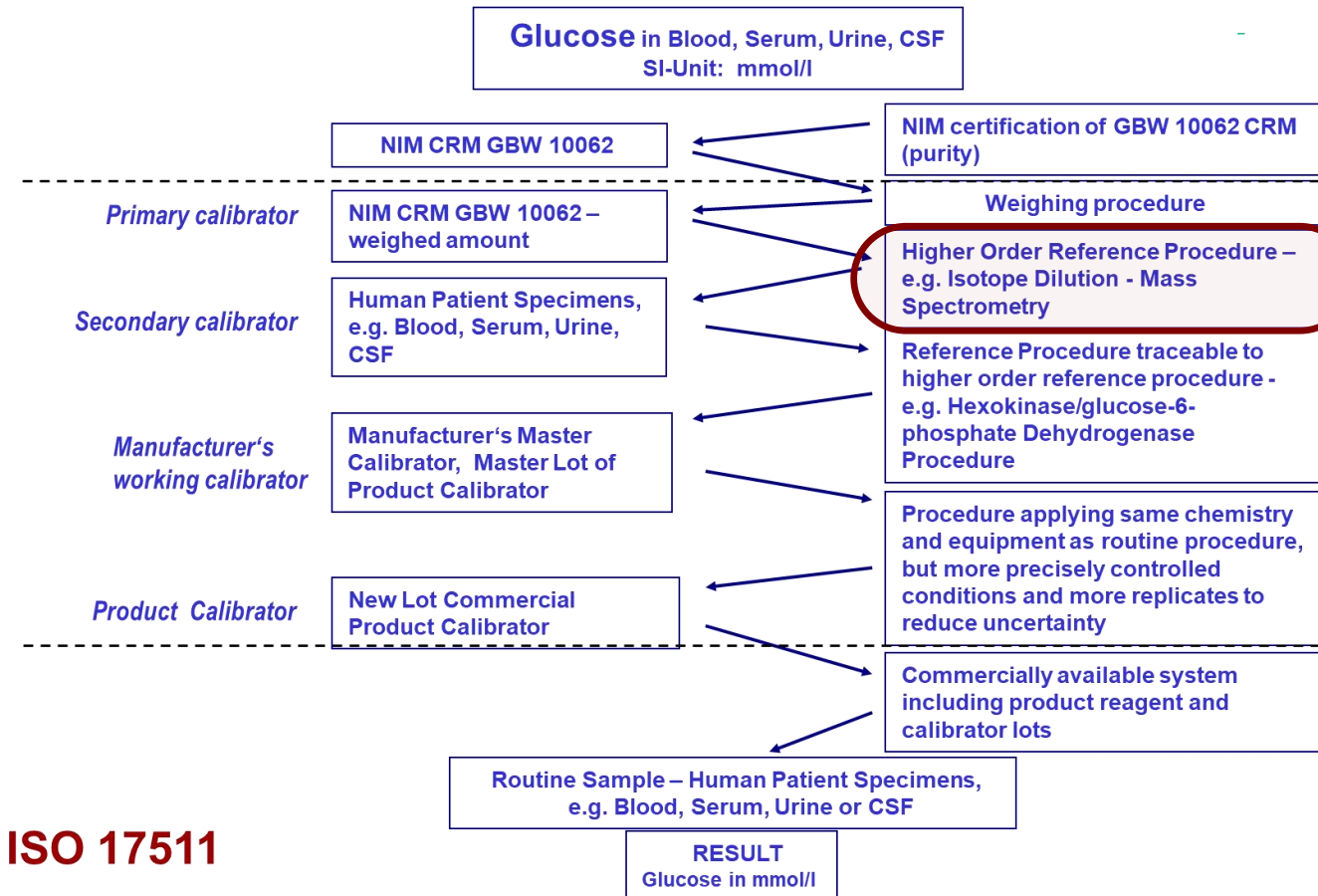
Liquid chromatography mass spectrometry method for glucose in blood serum	
► NCCL ID LC-MS/MS reference measurement procedure for glucose	
Applicable matrice(s)	human serum; fresh, frozen or lyophilized
Full description of technique(s)	Isotope Dilution Mass Spectrometry (IDMS), Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (LCMS)
Quantity	Amount-of-substance fraction
Applicable range	1.5 mmol/L to 25 mmol/L
Expected uncertainty (level of confidence 95%)	0.5 % to 1.5 %
Reference(s)	Determination of serum glucose by isotope dilution liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry: a candidate reference measurement procedure, Zhang T, et al., Analytical Bioanalytical Chemistry, 2016, 408(26), 7403-7411
Comparability assessment study(ies)	Agreement between the ID LC-MS/MS and the ID GC-MS reference measurement procedures for Glucose, Electronic Supplement Material of Analytical Bioanalytical Chemistry 2016 publication . IFCC External Quality assessment scheme for Reference Laboratories in Laboratory Medicine (RELA), lab code 18, Results year 2012 and 2014
JCTLM DB identification number	C14RMP11



Glucose in Serum: Measurement Services from Reference Laboratories

Instand e.V., Germany	
Phone: +49 211 1592 1337	Contact person: Dr. Patricia Kaiser
Fax: +49 211 1592 1356	Email: Kaiser@instand-ev.de
Web: http://www.instand-ev.de	
Analyte	glucose
Material or matrix	blood serum, blood plasma
Applicable material or matrix	fresh, frozen or lyophilized blood serum or plasma
Quantity	Amount-of-substance concentration
Service measurement range	1 mmol/L to 60 mmol/L
Expanded uncertainty (level of confidence 95%)	1.0 % The stated expanded uncertainty value corresponds to the best measurement capability.
Interlaboratory comparison results	RELA - IFCC External Quality assessment scheme for Reference Laboratories in Laboratory Medicine at http://www.dgkl-rfb.de:81/index.shtml
Measurement principle	GC-ID/MS
JCTLM reference measurement method/procedure	University of Ghent reference method for glucose

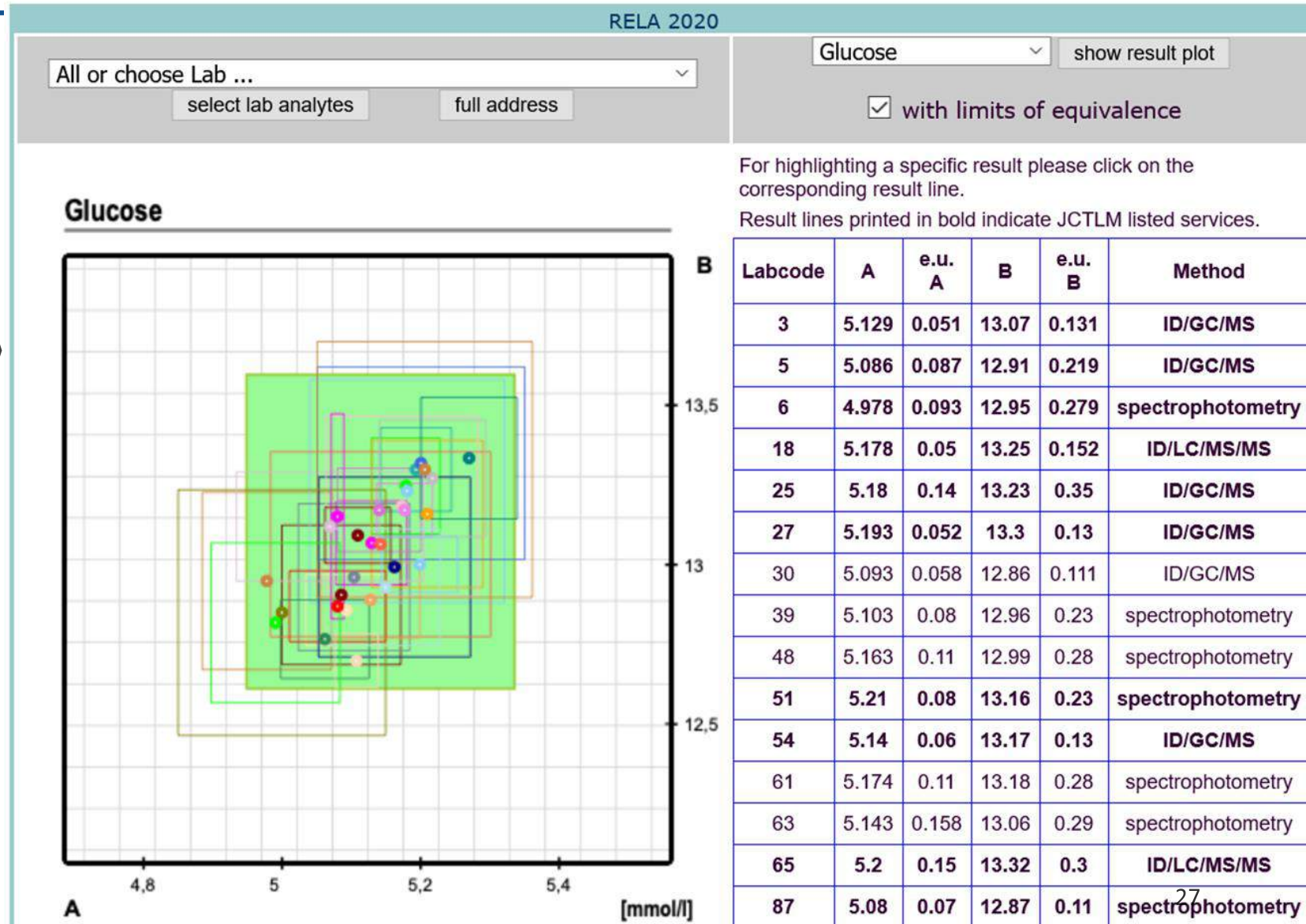
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Phone: +33 (0) 140 434 075	Contact person: Dr Vincent DELATOUR
Fax: +33 (0) 140 433 737	Email: vincent.delatour@lne.fr
Web: http://www.lne.fr	
Analyte	glucose
Material or matrix	blood serum, calibration solution
Applicable material or matrix	lyophilized, fresh, or frozen human serum, calibration solution
Quantity	Amount-of-substance concentration
Service measurement range	1.6 mmol/L to 20 mmol/L
Expanded uncertainty (level of confidence 95%)	2 % to 1 % The expanded uncertainty is relative.
Interlaboratory comparison results	RELA - IFCC External Quality assessment scheme for Reference Laboratories in Laboratory Medicine at http://www.dgkl-rfb.de:81/index.shtml
Measurement principle	ID-GC/MS
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ISO 17511

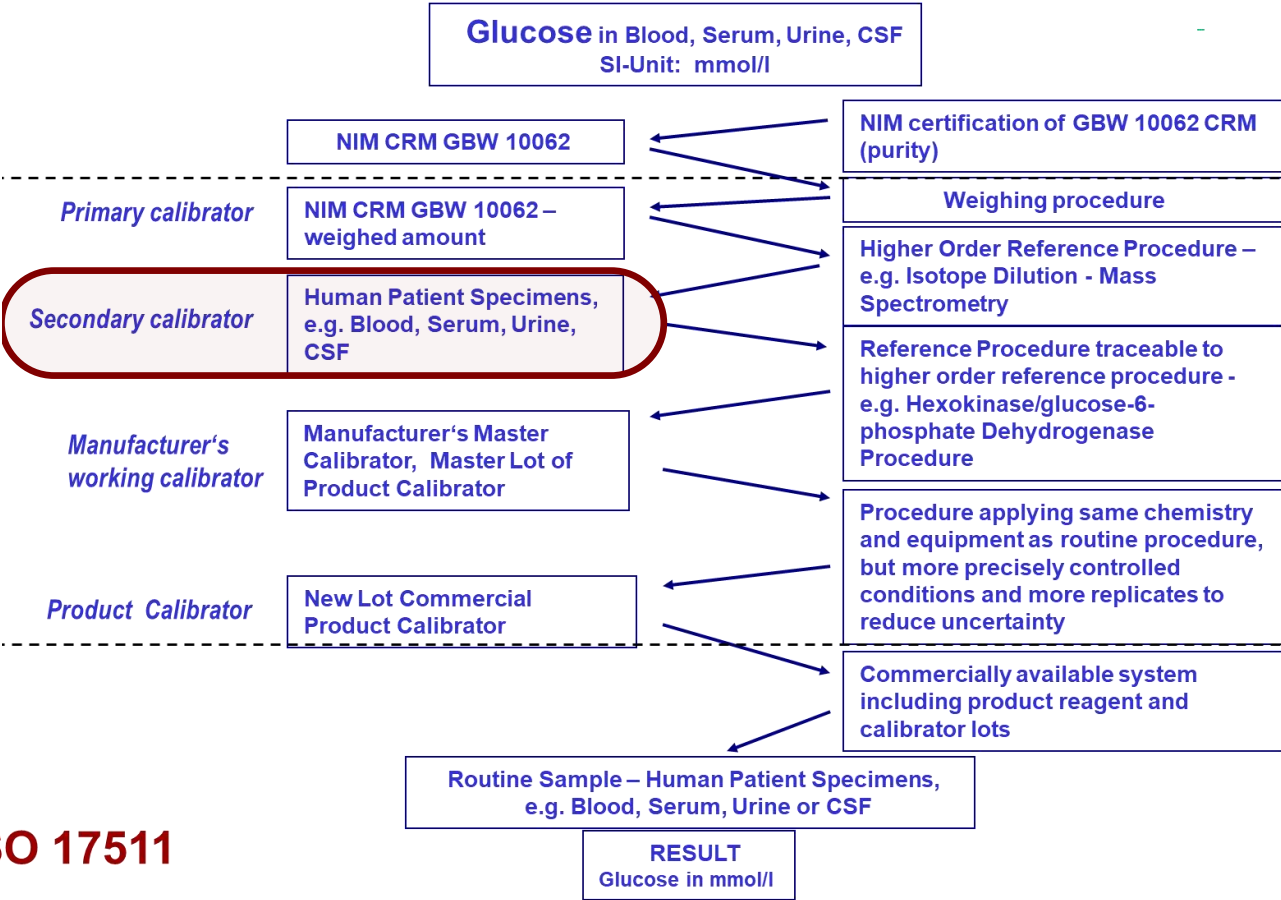
Glucose in Serum: Performance of Reference Laboratories in Comparisons

Laboratory performance in IFCC RELA scheme



Glucose in Serum: Matrix Reference Materials

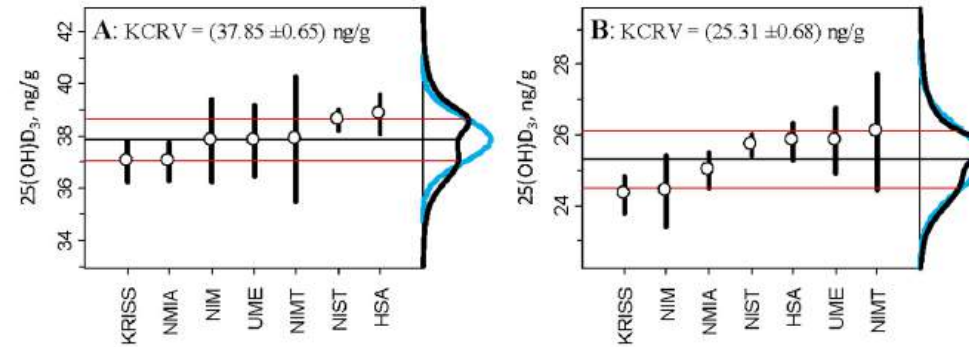
glucose in frozen human serum	
Laboratoire National de Métrologie et d'Essais (LNE), France	
Phone: +33 (0)1 40 43 40 75	Email: vincent.delatour@lne.fr
Fax: +33 (0)1 40 43 37 05	Web: http://www.lne.eu/
Name of the reference material	LNE CRM Bio 101a, Glucose, creatinine, total cholesterol, total glycerides, HDL-cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol in frozen human serum
Quantity	Amount-of-substance concentration
Analyte certified/assigned value	4.148 mmol/l to 11.663 mmol/l
Expanded uncertainty (level of confidence 95 %)	0.064 mmol/l to 0.165 mmol/l
Reference(s) on commutability	Commutability assessment of external quality assessment materials with the difference in bias approach: are acceptance criteria based on medical requirements too Strict? Delatour et al., <i>Clinical Chemistry</i> , 2016, 62 (12), 1670-1671
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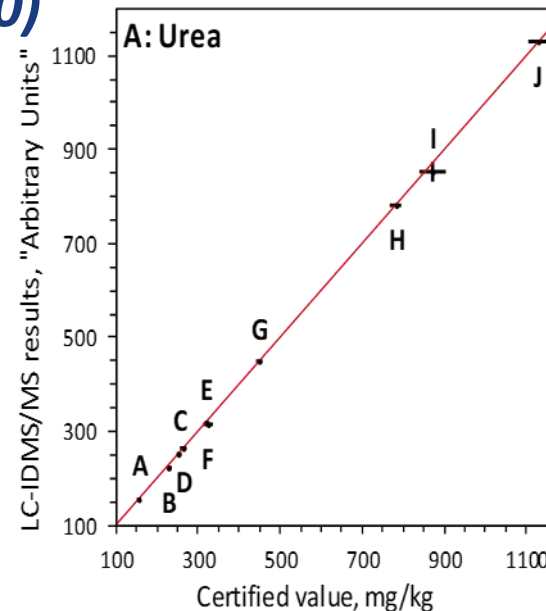
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CCQM Key Comparisons for Clinical Matrix Reference Materials and Methods

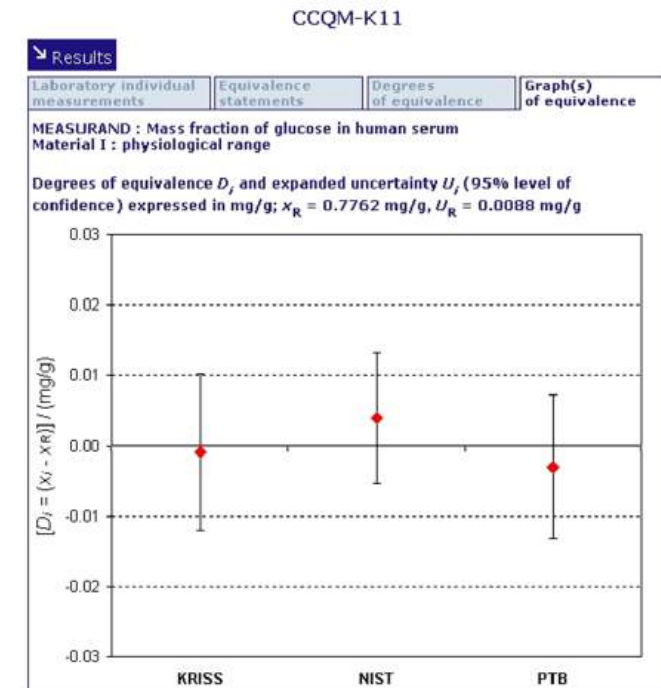
- ◆ Cholesterol in serum
 - CCQM-K5 (1999)
- ◆ Glucose in serum
 - CCQM-K11 (2001, 2005)
- ◆ Creatinine in serum
 - CCQM-K12, K80 (2001, 2005, 2010)
- ◆ Vitamin D in serum
 - CCQM-K132 (2015)
- ◆ Urea and Uric Acid
 - CCQM-K142 (2016)
- ◆ Selected peptides
 - CCQM-K115 (2018-9)
- ◆ more in the works...



CCQM-K132 Vitamin D in Serum



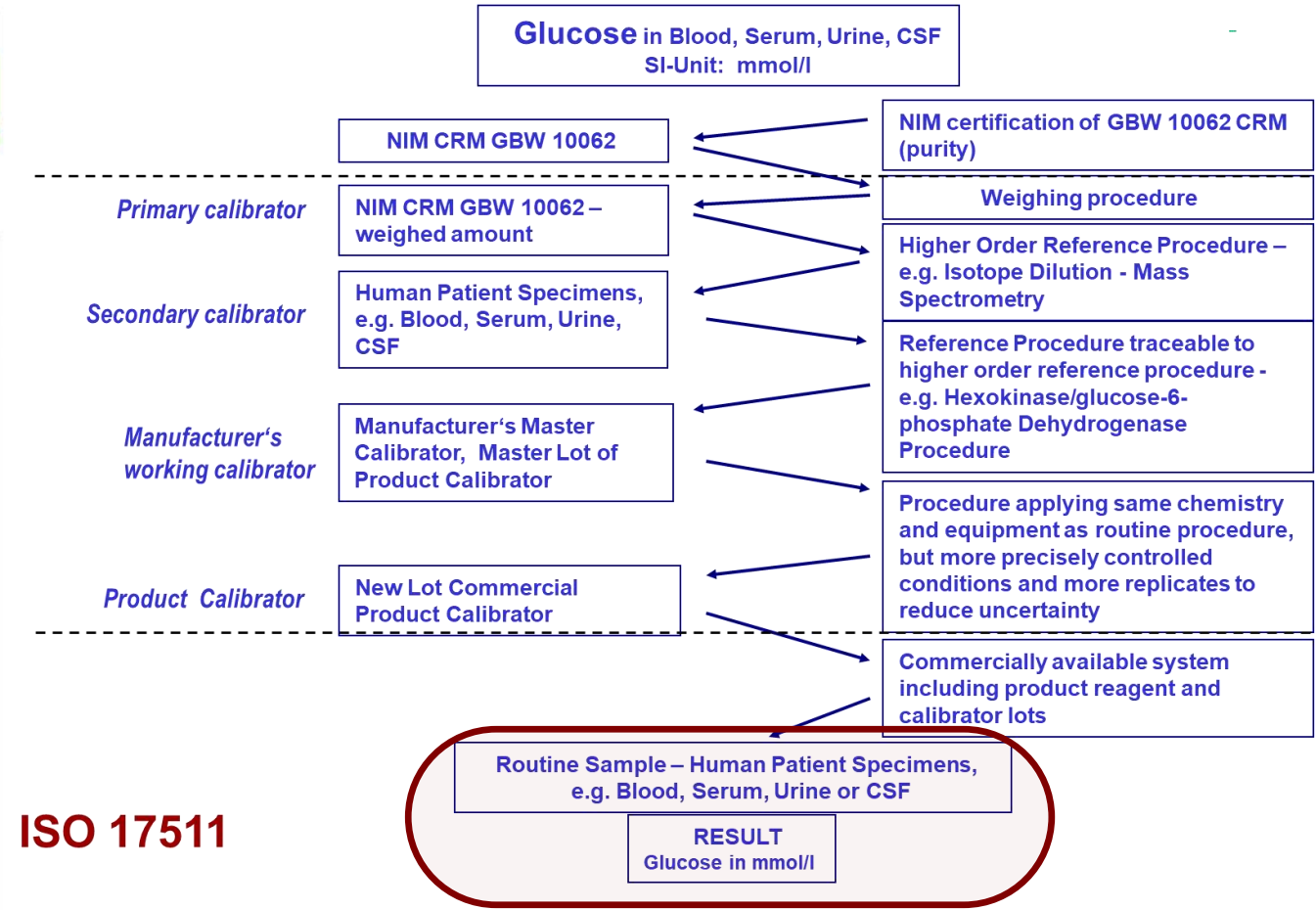
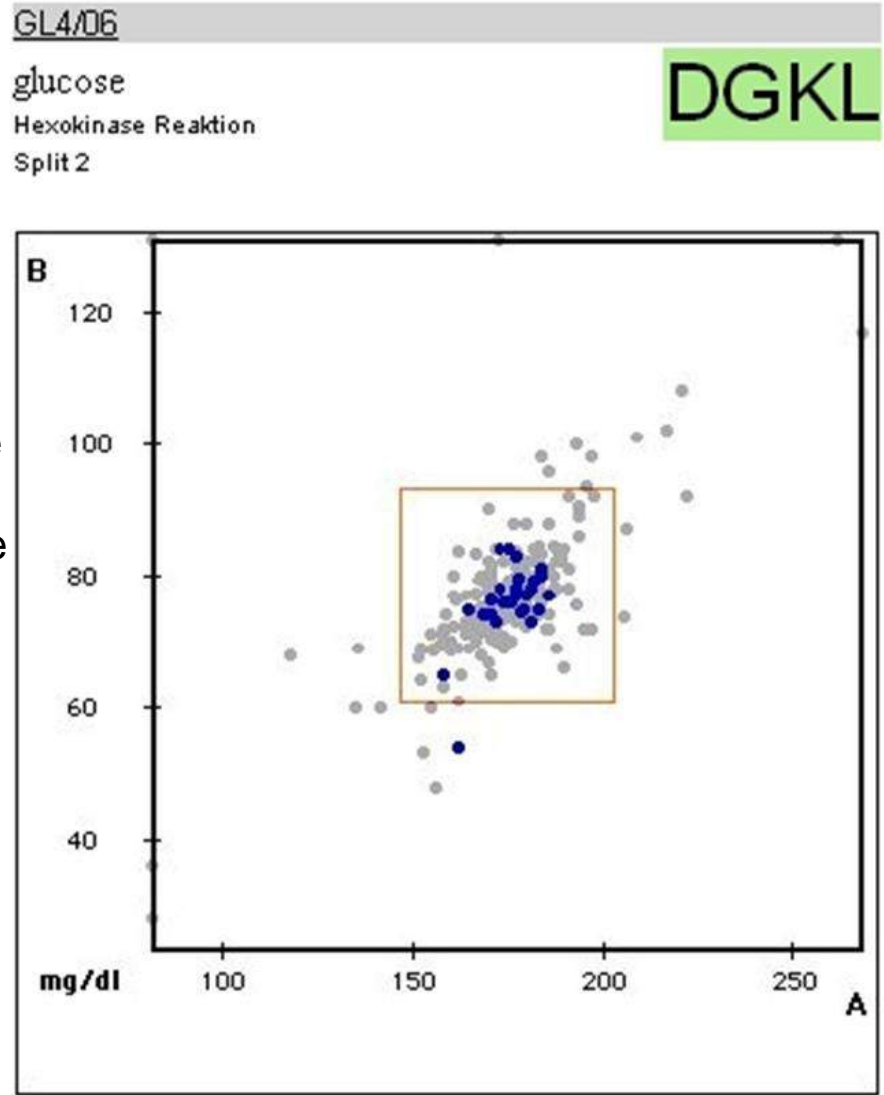
CCQM-K142 Urea and uric acid in serum and plasma materials: HSA and NIST



Glucose in Serum: Clinical Laboratory Performance

Proficiency Testing Scheme Results for Glucose in Serum

- Results agree with traceable reference value and within acceptance criteria



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Life Sciences

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Thank you for your attention

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