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1 INTRODUCTION

Since the 1990's, many countries have adopted environmental standards and requirements restricting the use of harmful chemicals in the production of textiles and clothing. Laws and regulations impose some of these standards and requirements. In addition to mandatory environmental standards and requirements for textiles, there are some Ecolabelling schemes imposing environmental requirements for textile products on a voluntary basis. Well known programs are for instance Milieukeur (the Netherlands), Öko-Tex Standard 100 (Germany), Thai Green Label (Thailand) and Bluesign® (Switzerland), which has created a Bluesign® system substances list (BSSL).

Since 2008, the Institute for Interlaboratory Studies (iis) organizes a proficiency scheme for Free Formaldehyde in textile, which was extended in 2013/2014 with a PT for Released Formaldehyde. During the annual proficiency testing program 2017/2018, it was decided to continue the proficiency test for the analysis of Free and Released Formaldehyde in textile.

In this interlaboratory study 187 laboratories in 38 different countries registered for participation. See appendix 3 for the number of participating laboratories per country. In this report, the results of the 2017 Free and Released Formaldehyde in Textile proficiency test are presented and discussed. This report is also electronically available through the iis website www.iisnl.com.

2 SET UP

The Institute for Interlaboratory Studies (iis) in Spijkensisse, the Netherlands, was the organizer of this proficiency test (PT). Sample preparation and analyses of fit-for-use and homogeneity were subcontracted to an ISO17025 accredited laboratory. It was decided to send two different positive samples of approx. 5 gram each, resp. labelled #17635 and #17636. The participants were requested to report rounded and unrounded test results. The unrounded test results were preferably used for the statistical evaluation.

2.1 QUALITY SYSTEM

The Institute for Interlaboratory Studies (iis) in Spijkensisse, the Netherlands, has implemented a quality system based on ISO/IEC 17043:2010. This ensures strict adherence to protocols for sample preparation and statistical evaluation and 100% confidentiality of participant's data. Feedback from the participants on the reported data is encouraged and customer's satisfaction is measured on regular basis by sending out questionnaires.

2.2 PROTOCOL

The protocol followed in the organization of this proficiency test was the one as described for proficiency testing in the report 'iis Interlaboratory Studies: Protocol for the Organisation, Statistics and Evaluation' of March 2017 (iis-protocol, version 3.4). This protocol is electronically available through the iis website www.iisnl.com, from the FAQ page.

2.3 CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

All data presented in this report must be regarded as confidential and for use by the participating companies only. Disclosure of the information in this report is only allowed by means of the entire report. Use of the contents of this report for third parties is only allowed by written permission of the Institute for Interlaboratory Studies. Disclosure of the identity of one or more of the participating companies will be done only after receipt of a written agreement of the companies involved.

2.4 SAMPLES

Two batches, each positive on (Free) Formaldehyde were selected. From the first batch, a light blue coloured cotton, 200 subsamples of approx. 5 grams were prepared and labelled #17635. Each sample was packed in a polypropylene bag and wrapped in aluminium foil. The homogeneity of the subsamples was checked on 8 stratified randomly selected samples. See the following tables for the test results.

	Free Formaldehyde in mg/kg
Sample #17635-1	62.7
Sample #17635-2	62.5
Sample #17635-3	62.5
Sample #17635-4	62.9
Sample #17635-5	63.4
Sample #17635-6	65.9
Sample #17635-7	61.7
Sample #17635-8	62.6

Table 1: homogeneity test results of subsamples #17635

From the above test results, the repeatability was calculated and compared with 0.3 times the corresponding reproducibility of the target reproducibility of the reference method in agreement with the procedure of ISO 13528, Annex B2 in the next table:

	Free Formaldehyde in mg/kg
r(observed)	3.5
Reference	Horwitz
0.3 x R (reference)	4.5

Table 2: evaluation of the repeatability of subsamples #17635

From the second batch, a yellow coloured cotton, 200 subsamples of approx. 5 grams were prepared and labelled #17636. Each sample was packed in a polypropylene bag and wrapped in aluminium foil. The homogeneity of the subsamples was checked on 8 stratified randomly selected samples. See the following tables for the test results.

The calculated repeatability of the subsamples was in agreement with 0.3 times the corresponding reproducibility estimated using the Horwitz equation. Therefore, homogeneity of the subsamples #17635 was assumed.

	Free Formaldehyde in mg/kg
Sample #17636-1	191
Sample #17636-2	202
Sample #17636-3	201
Sample #17636-4	195
Sample #17636-5	191
Sample #17636-6	198
Sample #17636-7	195
Sample #17636-8	197

Table 3: homogeneity test results of subsamples #17636

From the above test results, the repeatability was calculated and compared with 0.3 times the corresponding reproducibility of the target reproducibility of the reference method in agreement with the procedure of ISO 13528, Annex B2 in the next table:

	Free Formaldehyde in mg/kg
r(observed)	12
Reference	Horwitz
0.3 x R (reference)	12

Table 4: evaluation of the repeatability of subsamples #17636

The calculated repeatability of the subsamples was in agreement with 0.3 times the corresponding reproducibility estimated using the Horwitz equation. Therefore, homogeneity of the subsamples #17636 was assumed.

To each of the participants, 1 sample labelled #17635 and 1 sample labelled #17636 was sent on October 11, 2017.

2.5 ANALYSES

The participants were requested to determine on both samples (#17635 and #17636) the Free Formaldehyde content and the Released Formaldehyde content with the analytical procedures that are routinely used in the laboratory. Also, some analytical details were requested to be reported of the determination of Released Formaldehyde.

It was explicitly requested to treat the samples as if they were routine samples and to report the test results using the indicated units on the report form and not to round the results, but report as much significant figures as possible. It was also requested not to report 'less than' results, which are above the detection limit, because such test results cannot be used for meaningful statistical calculations.

To get comparable test results, a detailed report form and a letter of instructions are prepared. On the report form the reporting units are given as well as the reference test methods that will be used during the evaluation. The detailed report form and the letter of instructions are both made available on the data entry portal www.kpmd.com/sgs-iis-cts/. The participating laboratories are also requested to confirm the sample receipt on this

data entry portal. The letter of instructions can also be downloaded from the iis website www.iisnl.com.

3 RESULTS

During five weeks after sample dispatch, the results of the individual laboratories were gathered via the data entry portal www.kpmd.co.uk/sgs-iis-cts/. The reported test results are tabulated per determination in the appendix 1 of this report. The laboratories are represented by their code numbers.

Directly after the deadline, a reminder was sent to those laboratories that did not report test results at that moment.

Shortly after the deadline, the available test results were screened for suspect data. A test result was called suspect in case the Huber Elimination Rule (a robust outlier test) found it to be an outlier. The laboratories that produced these suspect data were asked to check the reported test results. Additional or corrected test results are used for the data analysis and the original results are placed under 'Remarks' in the result tables in appendix 1. Test results that came in after the deadline were not taken into account in this screening for suspect data and thus these participants were not requested for checks.

3.1 STATISTICS

The protocol followed in the organisation of this proficiency test was the one as described for proficiency testing in the report 'iis Interlaboratory Studies, Protocol for the Organisation, Statistics and Evaluation' of March 2017 (iis-protocol, version 3.4).

For the statistical evaluation, the *unrounded* (when available) figures were used instead of the rounded test results. Test results reported as '<...' or '>...' were not used in the statistical evaluation.

First, the normality of the distribution of the various data sets per determination was checked by means of the Lilliefors-test, a variant of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test and by the calculation of skewness and kurtosis. Evaluation of the three normality indicators in combination with the visual evaluation of the graphic Kernel density plot, lead to judgement of the normality being either 'unknown', 'OK', 'suspect' or 'not OK'. After removal of outliers, this check was repeated. If a data set does not have a normal distribution, the (results of the) statistical evaluation should be used with due care.

In accordance to ISO 5725 the original test results per determination were submitted to Dixon's, Grubbs' and/or Rosner's outlier tests. Outliers are marked by D(0.01) for the Dixon's test, by G(0.01) or DG(0.01) for the Grubbs' test and by R(0.01) for the Rosner's test. Stragglers are marked by D(0.05) for the Dixon's test, by G(0.05) or DG(0.05) for the Grubbs' test and by R(0.05) for the Rosner's. Both outliers and stragglers were not included in the calculations of averages and standard deviations.

For each assigned value, the uncertainty was determined in accordance with ISO13528. Subsequently the calculated uncertainty was evaluated against the respective

requirement based on the target reproducibility in accordance with ISO13528. When the uncertainty passed the evaluation, no remarks are made in the report. However, when the uncertainty failed the evaluation, it is mentioned in the report and it will have significant consequences for the evaluation of the test results.

Finally, the reproducibilities were calculated from the standard deviations by multiplying them with a factor of 2.8.

3.2 GRAPHICS

In order to visualise the data against the reproducibilities from literature, Gauss plots were made, using the sorted data for one determination (see appendix 1). On the Y-axis the reported analysis results are plotted. The corresponding laboratory numbers are on the X-axis.

The straight horizontal line presents the consensus value (a trimmed mean). The four striped lines, parallel to the consensus value line, are the +3s, +2s, -2s and -3s target reproducibility limits of the selected standard. Outliers and other data, which were excluded from the calculations, are represented as a cross. Accepted data are represented as a triangle.

Furthermore, Kernel Density Graphs were made. The Kernel Density Graph is a method for producing a smooth density approximation to a set of data that avoids some problems associated with histograms. Also, a normal Gauss curve was projected over the Kernel Density Graph for reference.

3.3 Z-SCORES

To evaluate the performance of the participating laboratories the z-scores were calculated. As it was decided to evaluate the performance of the participants in this proficiency test (PT) against the literature requirements, the z-scores were calculated using a target standard deviation. This results in an evaluation independent of the variation in this interlaboratory study.

The target standard deviation was calculated from the target reproducibility (preferably taken from a standardized test method) by division with 2.8. In case no literature reproducibility was available, other target values were used.

When a laboratory did use a test method with a reproducibility that is significantly different from the reproducibility of the reference test method used in this report, it is strongly advised to recalculate the z-score, while using the reproducibility of the actual test method used. This should be done in order to evaluate whether the reported test results are fit-for-purpose.

The z-scores were calculated according to:

$$z_{(\text{target})} = (\text{test result} - \text{average of PT}) / \text{target standard deviation}$$

The $z_{(\text{target})}$ scores are listed in the result tables in appendix 1.

When a laboratory did use a test method with a reproducibility that is significantly different from the reproducibility of the reference test method used in this report, it is strongly advised to recalculate the z-score, while using the reproducibility of the actual test method used. This should be done in order to evaluate whether the reported test results are fit-for-use.

Absolute values for $z < 2$ are very common and absolute values for $z > 3$ are very rare. The usual interpretation of z-scores is as follows:

	$ z < 1$	good
1 <	$ z < 2$	satisfactory
2 <	$ z < 3$	questionable
3 <	$ z $	unsatisfactory

4 EVALUATION

During the execution of this proficiency test, no problems were encountered with the delivery of the samples. Three laboratories did not report any test results and eight laboratories reported results after the final reporting date.

Finally, the 184 reporting laboratories sent in total 511 numerical test results. Observed were 15 outlying test results, which is 2.9% of the numerical test results. In proficiency studies, outlier percentages of 3% - 7.5% are quite normal.

The method for determination of the Free Formaldehyde is specified in the Standards of the Ecolabelling Institutes.

It should be noticed that ISO14184-1 corresponds to the Japanese method specified in the Japanese Law 112 and is described in the Japanese Standard JIS L1096.

In ISO14184-1:11 and ISO14184-2:11 some information on precision data is given. In table B.1 of ISO14184-1 and table C.2 of ISO14184-2 precision values are mentioned, but they were obtained using slightly different methods for calibration or performance than the ISO14184 methods. Therefore, it was concluded that reliable reproducibility data cannot be estimated from the ISO14184 methods. Therefore, target reproducibilities estimated from the Horwitz equation were used for statistical evaluation.

All original data sets proved to have a normal Gaussian distribution.

4.1 EVALUATION PER SAMPLE AND PER TEST

In this paragraph, the test results are discussed per sample and per test.

Sample #17635:

Free Formaldehyde content: This determination may be problematic. Six statistical outliers were observed. The calculated reproducibility after rejection of the statistical outliers is not in agreement with the estimated reproducibility using the Horwitz equation.

Released Formaldehyde: This determination was not problematic. Three statistical outliers were observed. However, the calculated reproducibility after rejection of the statistical outliers is in full agreement with the estimated reproducibility using the Horwitz equation.

Sample #17636:

Free Formaldehyde content: This determination may be problematic. Four statistical outliers were observed. The calculated reproducibility after rejection of the statistical outliers is not in agreement with the estimated reproducibility using the Horwitz equation.

Released Formaldehyde: This determination was not problematic. Two statistical outliers were observed. However, the calculated reproducibility after rejection of the statistical outliers is in full agreement with the estimated reproducibility using the Horwitz equation.

4.2 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR THE GROUP OF LABORATORIES

A comparison has been made between the calculated reproducibilities using the Horwitz equation and the reproducibilities as found for the group of participating laboratories. The target reproducibilities (Horwitz equation), are compared in the next table.

Parameter	unit	n	average	2.8 * sd	R (target)
Free Formaldehyde	mg/kg	178	80.5	22.0	18.6
Released Formaldehyde	mg/kg	70	135.3	29.6	29.0

Table 5: reproducibilities of tests on sample #17635

Parameter	unit	n	average	2.8 * sd	R (target)
Free Formaldehyde	mg/kg	179	133.3	32.4	28.6
Released Formaldehyde	mg/kg	69	170.9	33.4	35.3

Table 6: reproducibilities of tests on sample #17636

Without further statistical calculations, the group of participating laboratories do not have much difficulties with the analysis of Released Formaldehyde. However, the analysis of Free Formaldehyde gives more difficulties when the calculated target results are compared with the Horwitz equation. See also the discussions in paragraphs 4.4 and 6.

4.3 COMPARISON OF THE PROFICIENCY TEST OF NOVEMBER 2017 WITH PREVIOUS PTs

	Nov 2017	Nov 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2014	Oct 2013	Oct 2012
Number of reporting labs	184	192	192	176	173	169
Number of results reported	511	452	415	193	378	338
Number of statistical outliers	15	26	14	8	13	12
Percentage outliers	2.9%	5.8%	3.4%	4.1%	3.4%	3.6%

Table 7: Comparison with previous PTs

In proficiency tests, outlier percentages of 3% - 7.5% are quite normal.

The performance of the determinations of the proficiency test was compared expressed as relative standard deviation (RSD) of the PTs, see below table.

	Nov 2017	Nov 2016	Nov 2015	Oct 2014	Oct 2013	2009 - 2012
Free Formaldehyde	9-10%	8-9%	9-10%	8%	10-13%	7-15%
Released Formaldehyde	7-8%	9-10%	17-22%	10%	9-10%	n.e.

Table 8: Comparison of relative uncertainties over the years

The uncertainties, present in the results for the two samples with Free and Released Formaldehyde during the present PT, are fully in line with the uncertainties as observed in previous iis PTs. It is remarkable that the uncertainty of the released determination did improve, while more participants reported a test result than in previous PTs.

4.4 EVALUATION OF THE ANALYSIS DETAILS

The reported details of the analytical test methods that were used by the participants are listed in appendix 2. About 82% of the participating laboratories reported to be accredited for the determination of Free and Released Formaldehyde in textile.

For this PT only some analytical details of the determination: Released Formaldehyde were requested. A variety of analytical details was reported.

It appeared that no effect was observed on the reported test results for Released Formaldehyde in sample #17635 nor in sample #17636.

5 DISCUSSION

When the results of this interlaboratory study were compared to the Ecolabelling Standards and Requirements for Textiles in EU and with the similar Bluesign® BSSL (Table 9), it was noticed that not all participants would make identical decisions about the acceptability of the textiles for the determined parameters.

Ecolabel	baby clothes	Öko-Tex 103 in direct skin contact	Öko-Tex 103 no direct skin contact
Bluesign® BSSL	next to skin use	occasional skin contact	no skin contact
Free Formaldehyde extractable (mg/kg)	<16	75	300
Released Formaldehyde (mg/m ³)	0.1	0.1	0.1

Table 9: Bluesign® BSSL and Ecolabelling Standards and Requirements for Textiles in EU

Extractable free formaldehyde:

For sample #17635, 37 of the 184 reporting laboratories would accept the sample for the category: “in direct skin contact” (<75 mg/kg).

Furthermore, all reporting laboratories, would reject the sample for the categories: “baby clothes” and “next to skin use” (<16 mg/kg), but would accept it for the category: “no kin contact” (<300 mg/kg).

For sample #17636, all the reporting laboratories would reject for the category: “in direct skin contact” (<75 mg/kg). All reporting laboratories would accept the sample for the category: “no direct skin contact” (<300 mg/kg).

Released Formaldehyde:

No conclusions can be drawn, as the limits mentioned in the Ecolabel Standard have a different unit compared with test method ISO14184-2:11 (mg/m³ vs mg/kg).

For each of the samples #17635 and #17636, the average of the homogeneity test results is not in line with the average (consensus value) from the PT results. There is a feasible explanation for this.

Most important point to make, is that the goal of the homogeneity testing is different from the goal of the evaluation of the reported test results. To prove the homogeneity of the PT samples, a test method is selected with a high precision (smallest variation). The accuracy (trueness) of the selected test method is less relevant.

Then, the homogeneity testing is done by one single laboratory. The test results of this (ISO/IEC 17025 accredited) laboratory will have a bias (systematic deviation) by definition.

Also, each test result reported by one of the PT participants will have a bias. However, some will have a positive bias and others a negative bias. These different biases compensate each other in the PT average (consensus value). Therefore, the PT consensus value may deviate from the homogeneity test results. At the same time, the accuracy of the PT consensus value is more reliable than the accuracy of the results of the homogeneity test.

6 CONCLUSION

In this proficiency test, the Free Formaldehyde and the Released Formaldehyde content were determined. The variation observed for Free Formaldehyde and Released Formaldehyde in this interlaboratory study are in line with observations in the previous proficiency tests. A possible explanation for the variation could be the preparation or the conditioning of the sample and/or by the performance of the analysis by the laboratory. Each laboratory should evaluate its performance in this study and make decisions about necessary corrective actions. Therefore, participation on a regular basis in this scheme could be helpful to improve the performance and thus increase of the quality of the analytical results.

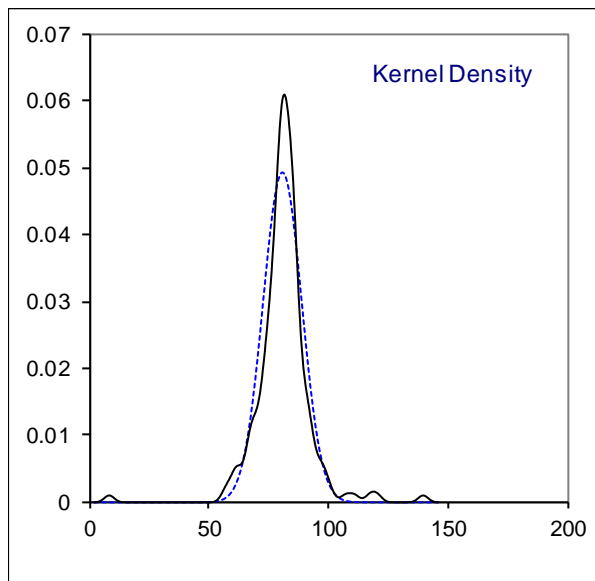
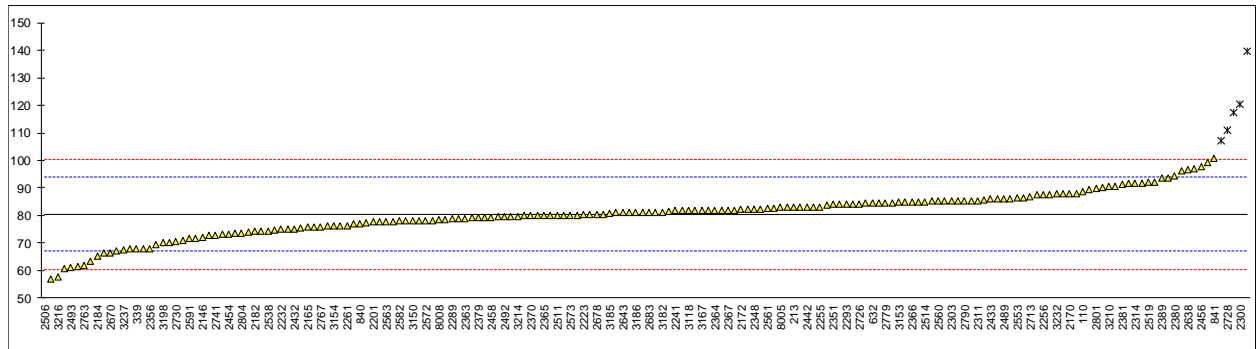
APPENDIX 1**Determination of Free Formaldehyde content on sample #17635; results in mg/kg**

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)
110	ISO14184-1	88.812		1.25	2380	ISO14184-1	94.3		2.08
213	ISO14184-1	82.98		0.38	2381	ISO14184-1	91.20		1.61
230	ISO14184-1	61.57	C	-2.84	2385	ISO14184-1	56.8		-3.56
339	ISO14184-1	68		-1.88	2389	ISO14184-1	93.5		1.96
348	In house	80.00		-0.07	2390	ISO14184-1	87.70		1.09
362	ISO14184-1	75.9		-0.69	2425	ISO14184-1	90.34		1.48
523		----		----	2426	ISO14184-1	85.8		0.80
551	ISO14184-1	96.40		2.39	2429	ISO14184-1	72.8		-1.15
623	ISO14184-1	91.65		1.68	2432	ISO14184-1	75.196		-0.79
632	ISO14184-1	84.5640		0.61	2433	ISO14184-1	85.97		0.83
840	ISO14184-1	77		-0.52	2442	ISO14184-1	83.05		0.39
841		100.6		3.02	2449	ISO14184-1	82		0.23
1213	ISO14184-1	75.48		-0.75	2453	ISO14184-1	73.9		-0.99
2115	ISO14184-1	84.1		0.54	2454	ISO14184-1	73.2		-1.09
2120	ISO14184-1	73.6		-1.03	2456	ISO14184-1	97.8		2.60
2129	ISO14184-1	77.29		-0.48	2457	ISO14184-1	139.60	C,R(0.01)	8.89
2132	ISO14184-1	80		-0.07	2458	ISO14184-1	79.37		-0.17
2137	ISO14184-1	79.62		-0.13	2459	ISO14184-1	91.666		1.68
2146	ISO14184-1	72.0		-1.27	2467	ISO14184-1	74.37	C	-0.92
2159	In house	76.34		-0.62	2468	ISO14184-1	88.0		1.13
2165	ISO14184-1	75.9		-0.69	2474	ISO14184-1	70.1		-1.56
2170	ISO14184-1	88		1.13	2475	ISO14184-1	78.19		-0.34
2172	ISO14184-1	82.3		0.27	2476	ISO14184-1	80.1		-0.06
2182	ISO14184-1	74.3		-0.93	2483	ISO14184-1	85		0.68
2184	ISO14184-1	65.4		-2.27	2489	ISO14184-1	86.1		0.85
2201	ISO14184-1	77.80		-0.40	2492	ISO14184-1	79.6		-0.13
2212	JIS L1041-B	74.9		-0.84	2493	ISO14184-1	61		-2.93
2213	ISO14184-1	92		1.73	2504	ISO14184-1	71.7197		-1.32
2221	ISO14184-1	88.0		1.13	2506	ISO14184-1	8.09	R(0.01)	-10.88
2223	ISO14184-1	80.37		-0.02	2511	ISO14184-1	80.00		-0.07
2226	ISO14184-1	93.63		1.98	2514	ISO14184-1	85.00		0.68
2232	ISO14184-1	74.952		-0.83	2519	ISO14184-1	91.9		1.72
2236	ISO14184-1	78.6046		-0.28	2532	ISO14184-1	84.71		0.64
2238	ISO14184-1	78		-0.37	2538	B82.02-1	74.38		-0.92
2241	ISO14184-1	81.7		0.18	2553	ISO14184-1	86.51		0.91
2247	ISO14184-1	85.2		0.71	2560	ISO14184-1	85.1		0.69
2255	ISO14184-1	83.2		0.41	2561	ISO14184-1	82.60		0.32
2256	ISO14184-1	87.63		1.08	2563	ISO14184-1	77.9		-0.39
2261	GB/T2912	76.4		-0.61	2566	ISO14184-1	80.37		-0.02
2265	ISO14184-1	117.3	R(0.01)	5.54	2567	ISO14184-1	86.22		0.86
2269	ISO14184-1	89.52		1.36	2572	ISO14184-1	78.1		-0.36
2275	ISO14184-1	76.8		-0.55	2573	ISO14184-1	80.04		-0.07
2277	ISO14184-1	83.1763		0.41	2582	ISO14184-1	77.95		-0.38
2284	ISO14184-1	81.78		0.20	2590	ISO14184-1	73.02		-1.12
2289	GB/T2912	79.0		-0.22	2591	In house	71.52		-1.35
2290	ISO14184-1	82.04		0.23	2605	ISO14184-1	80.95		0.07
2293	ISO14184-1	84.090		0.54	2609	GB/T2912	77.9		-0.39
2294	JIS L1041	83.78	C	0.50	2618	ISO14184-1	79.06		-0.21
2295	ISO14184-1	85		0.68	2625	ISO14184-1	66.47		-2.11
2300	ISO14184-1	120.3	C,R(0.01)	5.99	2638	ISO14184-1	96.62		2.43
2301	ISO14184-1	60.58		-2.99	2643	ISO14184-1	80.97		0.07
2303	ISO14184-1	85.21		0.71	2644	ISO14184-1	99.3		2.83
2310	ISO14184-1	84.7		0.63	2648	GB/T2912	81.15		0.10
2311	ISO14184-1	85.43		0.74	2670	ISO14184-1	66.5		-2.10
2313	ISO14184-1	84.50		0.60	2674	ISO14184-1	69.3		-1.68
2314	ISO14184-1	91.66		1.68	2678	ISO14184-1	80.49		0.00
2330	ISO14184-1	79.57		-0.14	2683	GB/T2912	81.2		0.11
2347	GB/T2912	107	R(0.05)	3.99	2713	ISO14184-1	86.76	C	0.94
2348	ISO14184-1	82.4		0.29	2719	ISO14184-1	81.2		0.11
2350	ISO14184-1	85.28		0.72	2726	ISO14184-1	84.3		0.57
2351	ISO14184-1	84		0.53	2728	ISO14184-1M	110.80	R(0.05)	4.56
2352	ISO14184-1	78.1		-0.36	2730	ISO14184-1	70.74		-1.46
2356	ISO14184-1	68.05		-1.87	2741	ISO14184-1	73		-1.12
2358	ISO14184-1	80.0		-0.07	2763	ISO14184-1	62		-2.78
2360	ISO14184-1	82.3		0.27	2767	ISO14184-1	76		-0.67
2363	ISO14184-1	79		-0.22	2768	ISO14184-1	86.03		0.83
2364	ISO14184-1	82		0.23	2773		----		----
2365	GB/T2912	80.0		-0.07	2779	ISO14184-1	84.7		0.63
2366	ISO14184-1	85.0		0.68	2782	GB/T2912	63.3		-2.58
2367	ISO14184-1	82.04		0.23	2789	ISO14184-1	76.04		-0.67
2369	ISO14184-1	79.0		-0.22	2790	ISO14184-1	85.35		0.73
2370	ISO14184-1	80.0		-0.07	2791	ISO14184-1	84.07		0.54
2374	ISO14184-1	85.4		0.74	2792	ISO14184-1	77.86		-0.39
2375	ISO14184-1	80.98		0.08	2801	ISO14184-1	89.9		1.42
2378	ISO14184-1	85.1		0.69	2802	ISO14184-1	82.4		0.29
2379	ISO14184-1	79.19		-0.19	2804	JIS L1041	73.73		-1.01

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)
2805	ISO14184-1	79.28		-0.18	3195	ISO14184-1	67		-2.03
3110	ST 2016	75.0		-0.82	3197	ISO14184-1	81.4		0.14
3116	ISO14184-1	82.78		0.35	3198	ISO14184-1	70.04		-1.57
3118	ISO14184-1	81.76		0.19	3207	JIS L1041	80.0		-0.07
3146	ISO14184-1	71.0		-1.42	3209	ISO14184-1	80.53		0.01
3149	ISO14184-1	82.9		0.36	3210	ISO14184-1	90.424		1.50
3150	ISO14184-1	78		-0.37	3214	ISO14184-1	79.72		-0.11
3153	ISO14184-1	84.92		0.67	3216	ISO14184-1	57.8		-3.41
3154	ISO14184-1	76.059		-0.66	3220	ISO14184-1	90.65		1.53
3166		-----		-----	3225	ISO14184-1	97		2.48
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3172	ISO14184-1	67.9		-1.89	3232	ISO14184-1	87.98		1.13
3174	ISO14184-1	87.47		1.05	3237	ISO14184-1	67.53		-1.95
3176	ISO14184-1	86.60		0.92	3243	ISO14184-1	82		0.23
3182	ISO14184-1	81.30		0.12	3248	GB/T2912	83		0.38
3185	ISO14184-1	80.63		0.02	8005	JIS L1041-B	82.85		0.36
3186	ISO14184-1	81.1		0.09	8008	ISO14184-1	78.5		-0.30
3190	ISO14184-1	81.74		0.19					

normality OK
 n 178
 outliers 6
 mean (n) 80.478
 st.dev. (n) 7.8570 RSD% = 10%
 R(calc.) 22.000
 st.dev.(Horwitz) 6.6522
 R(Horwitz) 18.626

Lab 230: first reported 107.3
 Lab 2294: first reported 56.59
 Lab 2300: first reported 128.52
 Lab 2457: first reported 123.30
 Lab 2467: first reported 136.56
 Lab 2713: first reported 59.83



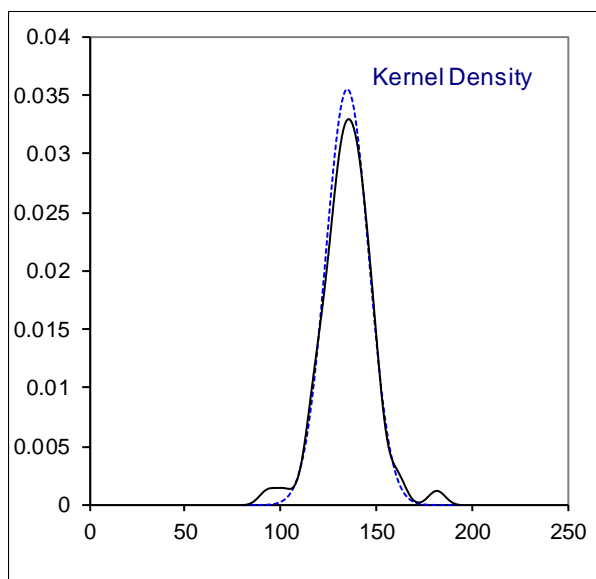
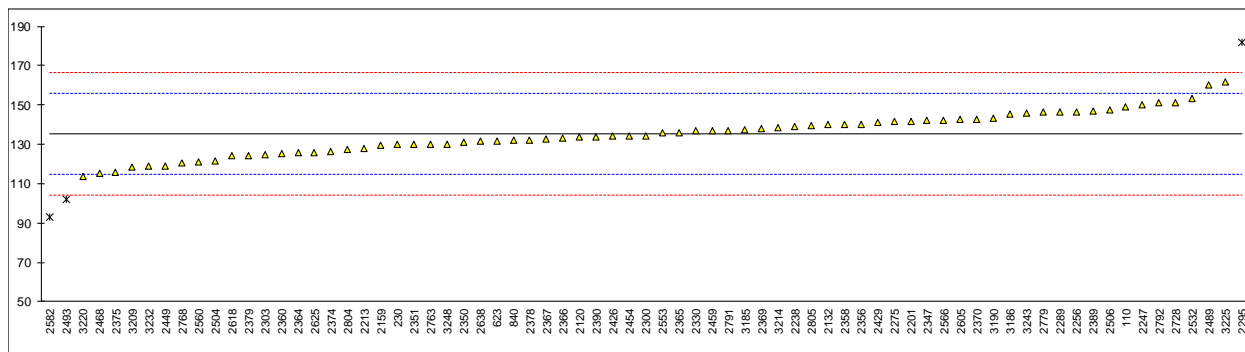
Determination of Released Formaldehyde content on sample #17635; results in mg/kg

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110	ISO14184-2	149.188		1.34	2380		----		----
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230	ISO14184-2	129.81	C	-0.54	2385		----		----
339		----		----	2389	ISO14184-2	146.9		1.12
348		----		----	2390	ISO14184-2	133.80		-0.15
362		----		----	2425		----		----
523		----		----	2426	ISO14184-2	134.2		-0.11
551		----		----	2429	ISO14184-2	140.9		0.54
623	ISO14184-2	131.80		-0.34	2432		----		----
632		----		----	2433		----		----
840	ISO14184-2	132		-0.32	2442		----		----
841		----		----	2449	ISO14184-2	119		-1.58
1213		----		----	2453		----		----
2115		----		----	2454	ISO14184-2	134.2		-0.11
2120	ISO14184-2	133.8		-0.15	2456		----		----
2129		----		----	2457		----		----
2132	ISO14184-2	140		0.45	2458		----		----
2137		----		----	2459	ISO14184-2	137.0		0.16
2146		----		----	2467		----		----
2159	In house	129.57		-0.56	2468	ISO14184-2	115.1		-1.96
2165		----		----	2474		----		----
2170		----		----	2475		----		----
2172		----		----	2476		----		----
2182		----		----	2483		----		----
2184		----		----	2489	ISO14184-2	160.3		2.41
2201	ISO14184-2	141.42		0.59	2492		----		----
2212		----		----	2493	ISO14184-2	102		-3.22
2213	ISO14184-2	128		-0.71	2504	ISO14184-2	121.6079		-1.33
2221		----		----	2506	ISO14184-2	147.7		1.19
2223		----		----	2511		----		----
2226		----		----	2514		----		----
2232		----		----	2519		----		----
2236		----		----	2532	ISO14184-2	153.4		1.74
2238	ISO14184-2	139		0.35	2538		----		----
2241		----		----	2553	ISO14184-2	135.97		0.06
2247	ISO14184-2	150.2		1.44	2560	ISO14184-2	121.0		-1.39
2255		----		----	2561		----		----
2256	ISO14184-2	146.62		1.09	2563		----		----
2261		----		----	2566	ISO14184-2	142.366		0.68
2265		----		----	2567		----		----
2269		----		----	2572		----		----
2275	ISO14184-2	141.4		0.58	2573		----		----
2277		----		----	2582	ISO14184-2	92.99	R(0.05)	-4.09
2284		----		----	2590		----		----
2289	GB/T2912	146.4		1.07	2591		----		----
2290		----		----	2605	ISO14184-2	142.65		0.71
2293		----		----	2609		----		----
2294		----		----	2618	ISO14184-2	124.32		-1.07
2295	ISO14184-2	182	R(0.05)	4.51	2625	AATCC112	126.05		-0.90
2300	ISO14184-2	134.35		-0.10	2638	ISO14184-2	131.65		-0.36
2301		----		----	2643		----		----
2303	ISO14184-2	124.62		-1.04	2644		----		----
2310		----		----	2648		----		----
2311		----		----	2670		----		----
2313		----		----	2674		----		----
2314		----		----	2678		----		----
2330	ISO14184-2	136.71		0.13	2683		----		----
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2348		----		----	2719		----		----
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2351	ISO14184-2	130		-0.52	2728	ISO14184-2M	151.10		1.52
2352		----		----	2730		----		----
2356	ISO14184-2	140.1		0.46	2741		----		----
2358	ISO14184-2	140.0		0.45	2763	ISO14184-2	130		-0.52
2360	ISO14184-2	125.1		-0.99	2767		----		----
2363		----		----	2768	ISO14184-2	120.29		-1.46
2364	ISO14184-2	126		-0.90	2773		----		----
2365	GB/T2912	136.1		0.07	2779	ISO14184-2	146.3		1.06
2366	ISO14184-2	133.3		-0.20	2782		----		----
2367	ISO14184-2	132.52		-0.27	2789		----		----
2369	ISO14184-2	138.2		0.28	2790		----		----
2370	ISO14184-2	142.7		0.71	2791	ISO14184-2	137.03		0.16
2374	ISO14184-2	126.1		-0.89	2792	ISO14184-2	150.92		1.51
2375	ISO14184-2	115.9		-1.88	2801		----		----
2378	ISO14184-2	132.1		-0.31	2802		----		----
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lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)
2805	ISO14184-2	139.45		0.40	3195		----		----
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3116		----		----	3198		----		----
3118		----		----	3207		----		----
3146		----		----	3209	ISO14184-2	118.52		-1.63
3149		----		----	3210		----		----
3150		----		----	3214	ISO14184-2	138.42		0.30
3153		----		----	3216		----		----
3154		----		----	3220	ISO14184-2	113.45		-2.12
3166		----		----	3225	ISO14184-2	162		2.58
3167		----		----	3228		----		----
3172		----		----	3232	ISO14184-2	118.70		-1.61
3174		----		----	3237		----		----
3176		----		----	3243	ISO14184-2	146		1.03
3182		----		----	3248	ISO14184-2	130		-0.52
3185	ISO14184-2	137.27		0.19	8005		----		----
3186	ISO14184-2	145.1		0.94	8008		----		----
3190	ISO14184-2	143.47		0.78					

normality OK
 n 70
 outliers 3
 mean (n) 135.349
 st.dev. (n) 10.5687 RSD% = 8%
 R(calc.) 29.592
 st.dev.(Horwitz) 10.3457
 R(Horwitz) 28.968

Lab 230: first reported 202.2



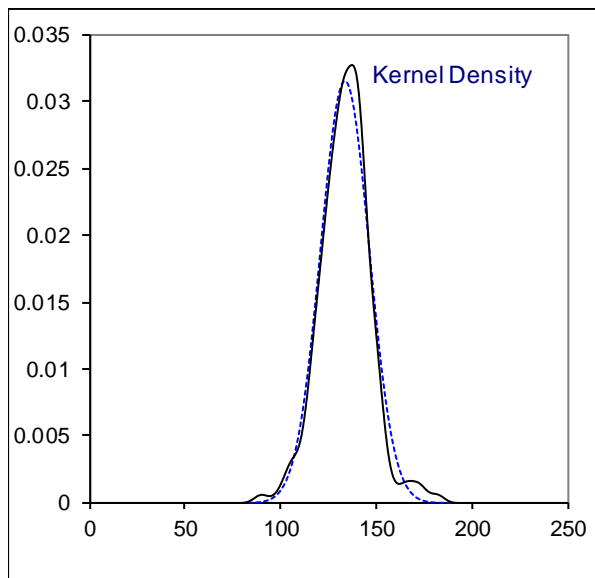
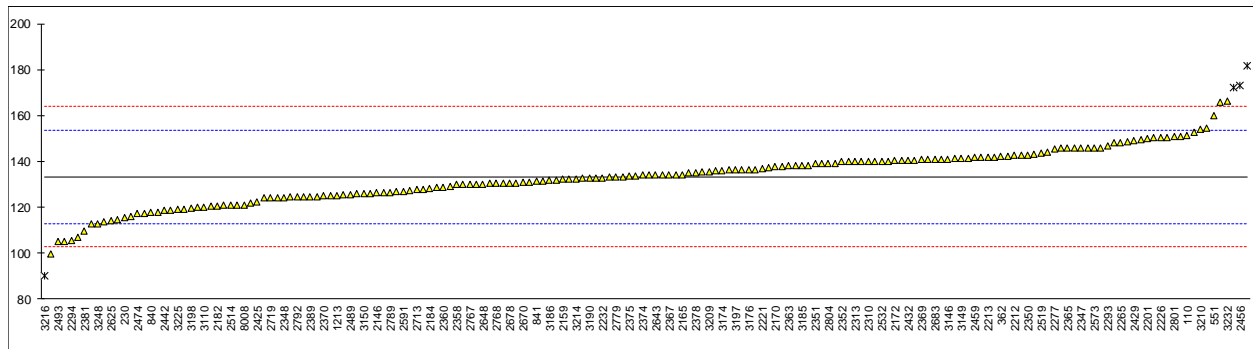
Determination of Free Formaldehyde content on sample #17636; results in mg/kg

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110	ISO14184-1	151.102		1.75	2380	ISO14184-1	126.1	C	-0.70
213	ISO14184-1	127.23		-0.59	2381	ISO14184-1	109.43		-2.34
230	ISO14184-1	115.32	C	-1.76	2385	ISO14184-1	113.9		-1.90
339	ISO14184-1	130		-0.32	2389	ISO14184-1	124.7	C	-0.84
348	In house	150.23		1.66	2390	ISO14184-1	130.16		-0.30
362	ISO14184-1	142.3		0.88	2425	ISO14184-1	122.15		-1.09
523		-----		-----	2426	ISO14184-1	99.85		-3.27
551	ISO14184-1	160.15		2.63	2429	ISO14184-1	148.9		1.53
623	ISO14184-1	150.55		1.69	2432	ISO14184-1	140.580		0.72
632	ISO14184-1	126.5681		-0.66	2433	ISO14184-1	137.92		0.46
840	ISO14184-1	118		-1.50	2442	ISO14184-1	118.74		-1.42
841		131.2		-0.20	2449	ISO14184-1	138	C	0.46
1213	ISO14184-1	125.27		-0.78	2453	ISO14184-1	124.4		-0.87
2115	ISO14184-1	105.2		-2.75	2454	ISO14184-1	126.7		-0.64
2120	ISO14184-1	134.2		0.09	2456	ISO14184-1	173.0	R(0.05)	3.89
2129	ISO14184-1	121.86		-1.12	2457	ISO14184-1	137.12		0.38
2132	ISO14184-1	120		-1.30	2458	ISO14184-1	132.88		-0.04
2137	ISO14184-1	148.27		1.47	2459	ISO14184-1	141.666		0.82
2146	ISO14184-1	126.4		-0.67	2467	ISO14184-1	136.56	C	0.32
2159	In house	132.25		-0.10	2468	ISO14184-1	131.5		-0.17
2165	ISO14184-1	134.2		0.09	2474	ISO14184-1	117.2		-1.57
2170	ISO14184-1	137.66		0.43	2475	ISO14184-1	123.99		-0.91
2172	ISO14184-1	140.4		0.70	2476	ISO14184-1	132.3		-0.10
2182	Japan ST2016	120.7		-1.23	2483	ISO14184-1	140		0.66
2184	ISO14184-1	128.4		-0.48	2489	ISO14184-1	125.7		-0.74
2201	ISO14184-1	149.95		1.63	2492	ISO14184-1	113.0		-1.99
2212	JIS L1041-B	142.5		0.90	2493	ISO14184-1	105		-2.77
2213	ISO14184-1	142		0.85	2504	ISO14184-1	139.2466		0.59
2221	ISO14184-1	136.8		0.35	2506	ISO14184-1	145.9		1.24
2223	ISO14184-1	165.59		3.17	2511	ISO14184-1	144.1		1.06
2226	ISO14184-1	150.42		1.68	2514	ISO14184-1	120.97		-1.20
2232	ISO14184-1	132.891		-0.04	2519	ISO14184-1	143.6		1.01
2236	ISO14184-1	141.3587		0.79	2532	ISO14184-1	140.0		0.66
2238	ISO14184-1	142		0.85	2538	B82.02-1	130.38		-0.28
2241	ISO14184-1	139.0		0.56	2553	ISO14184-1	140.01		0.66
2247		-----		-----	2560	ISO14184-1	135.75		0.24
2255	ISO14184-1	131.4		-0.18	2561	ISO14184-1	140.80		0.74
2256	ISO14184-1	146.03		1.25	2563	ISO14184-1	125.8		-0.73
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2293	ISO14184-1	146.59		1.30	2609	GB/T2912	145.7		1.22
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2301	ISO14184-1	107.11		-2.56	2643	ISO14184-1	134.06		0.08
2303	ISO14184-1	181.58	R(0.05)	4.73	2644	ISO14184-1	127.9		-0.53
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2360	ISO14184-1	128.8		-0.44	2767	ISO14184-1	130		-0.32
2363	ISO14184-1	138		0.46	2768	ISO14184-1	130.33		-0.29
2364	ISO14184-1	133		-0.03	2773		-----		-----
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2366	ISO14184-1	141.9		0.84	2782	GB/T2912	116.0		-1.69
2367	ISO14184-1	134.15		0.09	2789	ISO14184-1	126.57		-0.66
2369	ISO14184-1	140.8		0.74	2790	ISO14184-1	120.83		-1.22
2370	ISO14184-1	124.9		-0.82	2791	ISO14184-1	143.04		0.96
2374	ISO14184-1	133.9		0.06	2792	ISO14184-1	124.46		-0.86
2375	ISO14184-1	133.6		0.03	2801	ISO14184-1	150.7		1.71
2378	ISO14184-1	135.2		0.19	2802	ISO14184-1	132.7		-0.06
2379	ISO14184-1	118.83		-1.41	2804	JIS L1041	139.05		0.57

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)
2805	ISO14184-1	139.94		0.65	3195	ISO14184-1	121		-1.20
3110	ST2016	120.0		-1.30	3197	ISO14184-1	136.3		0.30
3116	ISO14184-1	140.87		0.74	3198	ISO14184-1	119.71		-1.33
3118	ISO14184-1	118.00		-1.50	3207	JIS L1041	117.4		-1.55
3146	ISO14184-1	140.9		0.75	3209	ISO14184-1	135.52		0.22
3149	ISO14184-1	141.5		0.81	3210	ISO14184-1	154.13		2.04
3150	ISO14184-1	126		-0.71	3214	ISO14184-1	132.49		-0.08
3153	ISO14184-1	134.86		0.16	3216	ISO14184-1	90.0	R(0.05)	-4.24
3154	ISO14184-1	125.546		-0.76	3220	ISO14184-1	154.64		2.09
3166	-----	-----		-----	3225	ISO14184-1	119		-1.40
3167	ISO14184-1	136.4		0.31	3228	ISO14184-1	128.5		-0.47
3172	ISO14184-1	138.2		0.48	3232	ISO14184-1	166.30		3.23
3174	ISO14184-1	135.91		0.26	3237	ISO14184-1	114.82		-1.81
3176	ISO14184-1	136.50		0.32	3243	ISO14184-1	151		1.74
3182	ISO14184-1	134.10		0.08	3248	GB/T2912	113		-1.99
3185	ISO14184-1	138.04		0.47	8005	JIS L1041-B	139.81		0.64
3186	ISO14184-1	131.7		-0.15	8008	ISO14184-1	121.0		-1.20
3190	ISO14184-1	132.77		-0.05					

normality OK
 n 179
 outliers 4
 mean (n) 133.272
 st.dev. (n) 11.5704 RSD% = 9%
 R(calc.) 32.397
 st.dev.(Horwitz) 10.2106
 R(Horwitz) 28.590

- Lab 230: first reported 199.8
- Lab 2380: first reported 98.2
- Lab 2389: first reported 91.7
- Lab 2449: first reported 88
- Lab 2467: first reported 74.37
- Lab 2625: first reported 89.37
- Lab 2713: first reported 93.81



Determination of Released Formaldehyde content on sample #17636; results in mg/kg

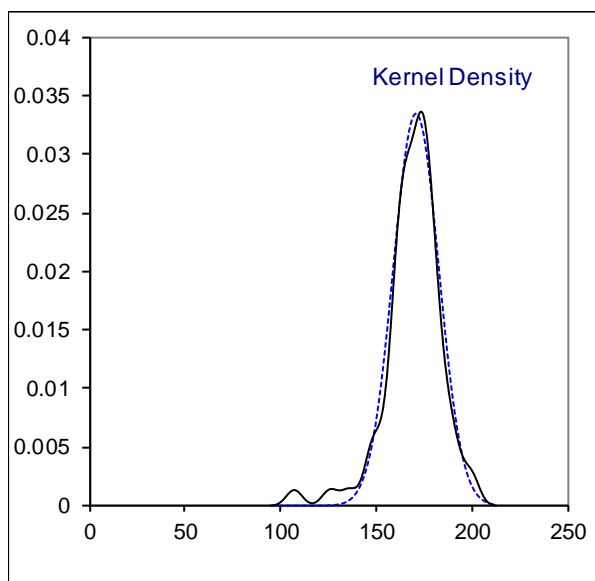
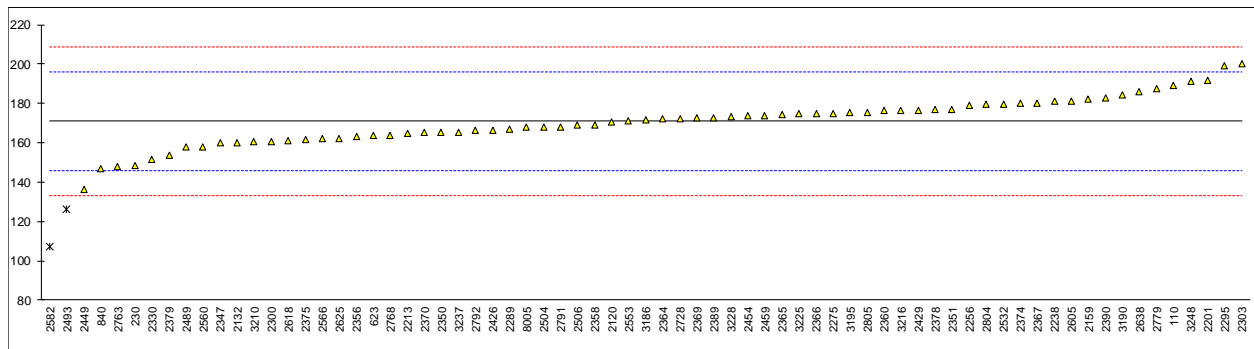
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110	ISO14184-2	189.274		1.45	2380		----		----
213		----		----	2381		----		----
230	ISO14184-2	148.15	C	-1.81	2385		----		----
339		----		----	2389	ISO14184-2	172.7		0.14
348		----		----	2390	ISO14184-2	182.91		0.95
362		----		----	2425		----		----
523		----		----	2426	ISO14184-2	166.35		-0.36
551		----		----	2429	ISO14184-2	176.6		0.45
623	ISO14184-2	163.65		-0.58	2432		----		----
632		----		----	2433		----		----
840	ISO14184-2	147		-1.90	2442		----		----
841		----		----	2449	ISO14184-2	136		-2.77
1213		----		----	2453		----		----
2115		----		----	2454	ISO14184-2	173.8		0.23
2120	ISO14184-2	170.5		-0.03	2456		----		----
2129		----		----	2457		----		----
2132	ISO14184-2	160		-0.87	2458		----		----
2137		----		----	2459	ISO14184-2	174		0.24
2146		----		----	2467		----		----
2159	In house	182.04		0.88	2468		----	W	----
2165		----		----	2474		----		----
2170		----		----	2475		----		----
2172		----		----	2476		----		----
2182		----		----	2483		----		----
2184		----		----	2489	ISO14184-2	157.9		-1.03
2201	ISO14184-2	191.87		1.66	2492		----		----
2212		----		----	2493	ISO14184-2	126	R(0.05)	-3.56
2213	ISO14184-2	165		-0.47	2504	ISO14184-2	168.0530		-0.23
2221		----		----	2506	ISO14184-2	168.98		-0.15
2223		----		----	2511		----		----
2226		----		----	2514		----		----
2232		----		----	2519		----		----
2236		----		----	2532	ISO14184-2	179.4		0.67
2238	ISO14184-2	181		0.80	2538		----		----
2241		----		----	2553	ISO14184-2	170.96		0.00
2247		----		----	2560	ISO14184-2	158.16		-1.01
2255		----		----	2561		----		----
2256	ISO14184-2	179.11		0.65	2563		----		----
2261		----		----	2566	ISO14184-2	162.31		-0.68
2265		----		----	2567		----		----
2269		----		----	2572		----		----
2275	ISO14184-2	174.8		0.31	2573		----		----
2277		----		----	2582	ISO14184-2	107.28	R(0.01)	-5.05
2284		----		----	2590		----		----
2289	GB/T2912	166.8		-0.33	2591		----		----
2290		----		----	2605	ISO14184-2	181.3		0.82
2293		----		----	2609		----		----
2294		----		----	2618	ISO14184-2	161.2		-0.77
2295	ISO14184-2	199		2.23	2625	AATCC112	162.37		-0.68
2300	ISO14184-2	160.7		-0.81	2638	ISO14184-2	186.07		1.20
2301		----		----	2643		----		----
2303	ISO14184-2	200.29		2.33	2644		----		----
2310		----		----	2648		----		----
2311		----		----	2670		----		----
2313		----		----	2674		----		----
2314		----		----	2678		----		----
2330	ISO14184-2	151.45		-1.54	2683		----		----
2347	ISO14184-2	160		-0.87	2713		----		----
2348		----		----	2719		----		----
2350	AATCC112	165.16		-0.46	2726		----		----
2351	ISO14184-2	177		0.48	2728	ISO14184-2M	172.2		0.10
2352		----		----	2730		----		----
2356	ISO14184-2	163.35		-0.60	2741		----		----
2358	ISO14184-2	169.0		-0.15	2763	ISO14184-2	148		-1.82
2360	ISO14184-2	176.3		0.43	2767		----		----
2363		----		----	2768	ISO14184-2	163.90		-0.56
2364	ISO14184-2	172		0.09	2773		----		----
2365	GB/T2912	174.5		0.28	2779	ISO14184-2	187.4		1.31
2366	ISO14184-2	174.8		0.31	2782		----		----
2367	ISO14184-2	180.34		0.75	2789		----		----
2369	ISO14184-2	172.6		0.13	2790		----		----
2370	ISO14184-2	165.1		-0.46	2791	ISO14184-2	168.09		-0.22
2374	ISO14184-2	180.2		0.74	2792	ISO14184-2	166.26		-0.37
2375	ISO14184-2	161.4		-0.75	2801		----		----
2378	ISO14184-2	177.0		0.48	2802		----		----
2379	ISO14184-2	153.92		-1.35	2804	AATCC112	179.33		0.67

lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)	lab	method	value	mark	z(targ)
2805	ISO14184-2	175.48		0.36	3195		----		----
3110		----		----	3197		----		----
3116		----		----	3198		----		----
3118		----		----	3207		----		----
3146		----		----	3209	ISO14184-2	160.53		-0.82
3149		----		----	3210		----		----
3150		----		----	3214	ISO14184-2	176.44		0.44
3153		----		----	3216		----		----
3154		----		----	3220	ISO14184-2	174.74		0.30
3166		----		----	3225	ISO14184-2	173		0.16
3167		----		----	3228		----		----
3172		----		----	3232	ISO14184-2	165.33		-0.44
3174		----		----	3237		----		----
3176		----		----	3243	ISO14184-2	191		1.59
3182		----		----	3248	ISO14184-2	168		-0.23
3185	ISO14184-2	171.74		0.06	8005		----		----
3186	ISO14184-2	184.6		1.08	8008		----		----
3190	ISO14184-2	175.25		0.34					

normality OK
 n 69
 outliers 2
 mean (n) 170.923
 st.dev. (n) 11.9297 RSD% = 7%
 R(calc.) 33.403
 st.dev.(Horwitz) 12.6139
 R(Horwitz) 35.319

Lab 230: first reported 250.3

Lab 2468: test result withdrawn, reported 112.1



APPENDIX 2

labno	ISO/IEC17025 accredited?	Acetylacetone preparation time to test	Released Formald.: Intake of sample in grams	Released Formald.: volume of water in mls	Released Formald.: temp. and time for colour to develop
110	Yes	33 days	1g	50ml	49c 20 hrs
213	Yes				
230	Yes	Fresh			
339	No	three months ago			
348	Yes	Between 12h and 4days			30 min / 40°C
362	Yes	24 h			
523	---				
551	Yes	21 days			
623	Yes	1 day	1 g	50	40 C for 30 minutes
632	Yes	24 hours approx			
840	Yes	12 hours	1 gram	50 ml	40°C, 30 minutes
841	---				
1213	Yes	07 day			
2115	Yes	immediately			
2120	No	12 hours	0,5 g	50 ml	40 + 2 °C ; 30 + 5 min.
2129	Yes				
2132	Yes	One Day	1 gram	around 1L	40°C 30minutes
2137	Yes	24 hours			
2146	Yes	1 month and 1 week			
2159	Yes	24 hour	1 gr	50 ml	50 °C, 20 hour
2165	Yes	24 hours			
2170	Yes	18 hours			
2172	Yes	24 hours	/	/	/
2182	Yes				
2184	Yes	1 day			
2201	Yes	24 hours	1g	50mL	40°C 30min
2212	Yes	Used after 24 hours of prep			
2213	Yes				
2221	Yes	about 3 days (72 hours)			
2223	Yes	same day			
2226	Yes	one week	2.5 g	100 ml	40 C for 60 min
2232	Yes	WEEKLY			
2236	Yes	1 Month			
2238	Yes	12h	1g	50ml	49 °C for 20h
2241	Yes	12h			
2247	Yes	24 hrs		50 ml	40.0
2255	Yes	12 hours	NA	NA	NA
2256	Yes	7 days	1 gram	50mL	40 °C for 30 mins
2261	Yes	Twenty-four hours.			
2265	Yes				
2269	Yes	12 hours before use			
2275	Yes	12 hours.	1.0000g.	50ml.	40 °C and 30 minutes.
2277	Yes	24 hours			
2284	Yes	More than 12 hours			
2289	Yes	2days	1.00g	50ml	40 °C 30minutes
2290	---				
2293	Yes	9 days			
2294	No	24 hours			
2295	Yes	4 days	1 gram	50ml	50C, 20 hours
2300	Yes	Before 24 hours	1 gram	50 ml	40°C 30 min: 30min at room temperature
2301	---				

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2303	No	24 hours	1g	50ml	40°C for 30 mins, room temp 30 mins.
2310	Yes	2 days			
2311	Yes	3days			
2313	Yes	one day before			
2314	Yes	12 hours before use.			
2330	Yes	more than 12 hours	0.5 g	25 ml	40 °C and 30 min
2347	Yes	12 hours	1g	50ml	49°C, 20h
2348	---				
2350	Yes	12 hours	0.5 g	50 mL	65 °C, 4 hours
2351	Yes	About 9 days	weigh 1g	50ml	At 40 °C for 30 mins
2352	Yes	12h	1g	100ml	40°C 30min
2356	Yes	One day	1g	50mL	49°C for 20hours
2358	Yes	1 week before use	1g	50 ml	40 °C and 30 min
2360	Yes	>12h	1.0071g / 1.0047g	50ml	49°C 20h
2363	Yes	more than 12hr	1g	100ml	40°C ,30min
2364	Yes	12H	1.0009g	50ml	40°C 30 minutes
2365	Yes	16 hours	0.5g	50mL	40°C,30min
2366	Yes	24 hours	1g	50ml	40°C 30min
2367	Yes	12 hours	1gram	50ml	40°C 30 min
2369	---				
2370	Yes	12hr	1.0g	100mL	1)40°C 2) 30 min
2374	Yes	12h	1.0g	50ml	40°C 30min
2375	Yes	12 hours	1 gramme	50ml	50 C and 20 hours
2378	---				
2379	No	12 hr	20 hr	50 ml	40 °C 30 min
2380	Yes	12 Hours			
2381	Yes	2 days ago			
2385	Yes	48 hours before use			
2389	---				
2390	Yes	24 hrs	1 g	50 ml	40 C for 30 min
2425	Yes	One week			
2426	Yes	1 day before			
2429	Yes	one week	1g	50ml	49°C, 30min
2432	No	12h			
2433	Yes	12 hours			
2442	Yes	1 day			40 °C & 60 min
2449	Yes				
2453	Yes	15 days	1.5g		
2454	Yes	12 h before use	1 g	50 ml	49°C, 20h (oven); 40°C, 30 min
2456	Yes	3 days			
2457	Yes	2 weeks			
2458	Yes	3 weeks			
2459	Yes	1 week	5 ml of extract	50 ml	40°C for 30 minutes
2467	No	48 h	1g		
2468	Yes	1 week	1g	50 ml	40 °C / 30 mins
2474	Yes	24 hours before use			
2475	Yes	min 18H			
2476	Yes	2 DAYS			
2483	Yes				
2489	Yes	5 days before use	1 g	50 ml	40°C ± 2°C, 30 Mins
2492	Yes	More than 12 hours			
2493	---				

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2504	Yes	3 days	1 g	50 mL	40.1 C , 30 mins
2506	Yes	within 1 week	1.0007 g	50 ml	40.2°C : 30 min
2511	Yes	12 H			
2514	Yes	15 Hours			
2519	No	prepared on the test day			
2532	Yes	1 day before	0.5gm	25 ml	49±1°C for 20 h (oven) 40 °C for 30 mints.
2538	Yes	1 hour before			
2553	Yes	12hours	1.0g	50ml	49°C for 20hrs
2560	Yes	24 hours	1.001 gm	50 ml	40 °C, 30 min
2561	Yes	4 weeks			
2563	Yes				
2566	Yes	After 12 hrs	1gm	50 ml	40 C for 30 min
2567	Yes	1 day	between 0.5 - 1.0085 g		
2572	---				
2573	Yes	24 hours.			
2582	Yes	2 days	1.00 g	50 ml	40 °C, 30min
2590	Yes	Immediately before use			
2591	Yes	2 days			
2605	Yes	12h	1g	50ml	40°C 30min
2609	Yes	2 days			
2618	Yes	24 Hours	1 gram	50 ml	40°C 30 minutes
2625	Yes				
2638	No	one week before	0.8-0.9 gm	50 ml	40 C, 30 min
2643	Yes	12 ~ 24 hours			
2644	Yes	1 HOUR			
2648	---				
2670	Yes	24 hours			
2674	Yes	about 36 hours			
2678	Yes	1 week			
2683	---				
2713	No		50 hours		
2719	Yes	24 hours			
2726	Yes	before two days			
2728	Yes	24 hours	1 gram	50	49
2730	No	9 days			
2741	Yes	12h	/	/	40 C, 30 min
2763	Yes	12 Hours	1.0019 g	50 ml	40 C, 30 min
2767	No	1			
2768	Yes	24 hours	0.5 g	50 mL	
2773	---				
2779	Yes	Two Day	1 gm	50ml	49°C for 20 h (oven) 40 °C for 30 mints.
2782	Yes	24h	1g	100ml	40°C 1h
2789	No	5 days			
2790	Yes	13 hours			
2791	Yes	17 hours	1.0012 g	50 ml	40°C for 30 minutes
2792	No	1 day before use.	1 gram.	50 mL.	40°C for 30 minutes
2801	Yes	24 hour before	1g	100 ml	at 40°C and 30 minutes
2802	No	A day ago			
2804	Yes	12 Hours Before Use	1 gram	50 ml	58°C and 6 Minutes
2805	Yes	1 day	1.00g	50ml	40 °C, 30 minutes
3110	---				
3116	Yes	1 day before			

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3118	Yes	24 hours			
3146	Yes				
3149	Yes	1 day			
3150	Yes	24 h			
3153	Yes	12 hours before use	NA	NA	NA
3154	Yes	8 days	0,5 g	50	40 °C for 60 min
3166	---				
3167	Yes	24h	1g	100ml	40
3172	Yes				40°C-30min
3174	Yes	24 hrs	-	-	-
3176	Yes	12 hrs	-	-	-
3182	Yes	48hrs	1g	50ml	40°C-30min
3185	Yes	12hours	1g	50ml	40°C-30min
3186	Yes	1 day before	1 gm	50 ml	40°C and 30mins
3190	Yes	1 week	1.00g	50ml	40°C-30min
3195	Yes	24 h			
3197	Yes	At least 12 hours			
3198	Yes	24 hours before start.			
3207	Yes	No more than 1 week.	1 gram.	Distilled water 100 ml	40 °C 60 min.
3209	Yes	24 hours	1.0056g	50 mL	40°C-30min
3210	---				
3214	Yes	> 12hrs	1 g	50 mL	40°C , 30 mins
3216	---				
3220	Yes	1 day before	5 ml	50 ml	40 degree C / 30 min
3225	Yes	12 hours before	1 gram	50 ml	40oC, 30mins
3228	Yes	more than 12hours			
3232	Yes	12 hours	1 gram	50 ml	49 °C and 20 hours
3237	Yes	Before two day			
3243	Yes	-	1g	50 ml	-
3248	Yes	at least 12 hours	1g	50 mL	40°C-30min
8005	Yes	Freshly prepared			
8008	---				

APPENDIX 3

Number of participants per country

9 labs in BANGLADESH
1 lab in BRAZIL
1 lab in BULGARIA
2 labs in CAMBODIA, Kingdom of
1 lab in CROATIA
1 lab in CZECH REPUBLIC
1 lab in EGYPT
1 lab in FINLAND
4 labs in FRANCE
11 labs in GERMANY
1 lab in GUATEMALA
15 labs in HONG KONG
1 lab in HUNGARY
16 labs in INDIA
6 labs in INDONESIA
5 labs in ITALY
5 labs in KOREA
2 labs in MAURITIUS
4 labs in MEXICO
1 lab in MOROCCO
42 labs in P.R. of CHINA
7 labs in PAKISTAN
1 lab in PERU
2 labs in PHILIPPINES
2 labs in PORTUGAL
1 lab in ROMANIA
2 labs in SINGAPORE
1 lab in SLOVENIA
4 labs in SPAIN
2 labs in SRI LANKA
1 lab in SWITZERLAND
3 labs in TAIWAN R.O.C.
5 labs in THAILAND
2 labs in TUNISIA
9 labs in TURKEY
4 labs in U.S.A.
3 labs in UNITED KINGDOM
8 labs in VIETNAM

APPENDIX 4

Abbreviations:

C	= final result after checking of first reported suspect test result
D(0.01)	= outlier in Dixon's outlier test
D(0.05)	= straggler in Dixon's outlier test
G(0.01)	= outlier in Grubbs' outlier test
G(0.05)	= straggler in Grubbs' outlier test
DG(0.01)	= outlier in Double Grubbs' outlier test
DG(0.05)	= straggler in Double Grubbs' outlier test
R(0.01)	= outlier in Rosner's outlier test
R(0.05)	= straggler in Rosner's outlier test
n.a.	= not applicable
n.d.	= not detected
n.e.	= not evaluated
W	= test result withdrawn on request of participant
ex	= test result excluded from the statistical evaluation

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