## LABQUALITY

**External Quality Assessment Scheme** 

# Ammonium ion Round 1, 2023

## **Specimens**

Please find enclosed 2 liquid preparations à 1mL.

#### Caution

For in vitro diagnostic use only. Observe the same safety precautions used when handling potentially infectious biological material.

#### **Examinations**

Ammonium ion

## Storage and use

The samples are ready to use. Preservatives have been added. Remove the control from the refrigerator and allow it to come to room temperature for 10 to 15 minutes. Gently invert the control to assure homogeneity of the contents. Avoid foaming the control.

Analyse immediately after opening the vial as patient sample.

## **Result reporting**

Please enter the results and methods via LabScala. If you can't find your instrument or reagent from the registry, please contact the EQA Coordinator.

S001:



S002:



#### 2023-04-24

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Product no. 2105 LQ750123011-012/NL

If the kit is incomplete or contains damaged specimens, please report immediately to info@labquality.fi.

The results should be reported no later than **May 18, 2023**.

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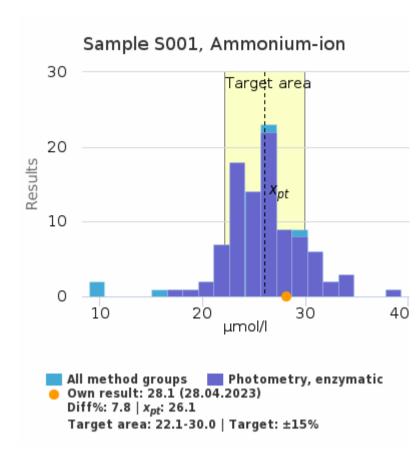


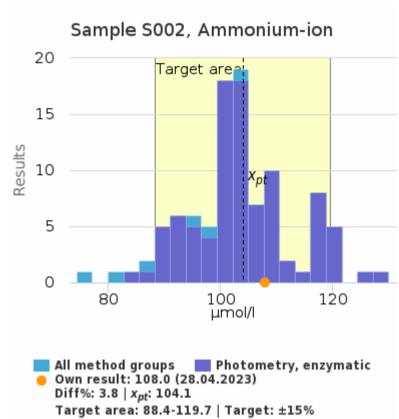


# Ammonium ion, April, 1-2023 Quantitative report

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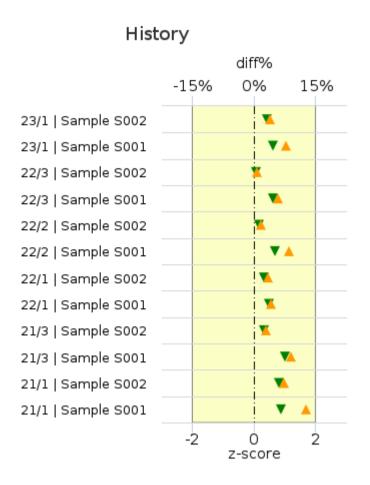
## **Ammonium-ion**





	<sup>X</sup> pt	sd	SEM	CV%	n
Photometry, enzymatic	26.1 µmol/l	3.3	0.3	12.5	94
All methods	26.0 µmol/l	3.4	0.3	13.0	99

	x <sub>pt</sub>	sd	SEM	CV%	n
Photometry, enzymatic	104.1 µmol/l	9.2	1.0	8.8	93
All methods	103.2 µmol/l	9.8	1.0	9.5	99



diff% ▼ z-score

Round	Sample	x <sub>pt</sub>	Result	diff%	z-score
23/1	Sample S002	104.1	108.0	3.8%	0.43
23/1	Sample S001	26.1	28.1	7.8%	0.63
22/3	Sample S002	101.3	102.0	0.7%	0.07
22/3	Sample S001	60.5	64.0	5.9%	0.63
22/2	Sample S002	182.1	185.0	1.6%	0.17
22/2	Sample S001	25.8	28.0	8.6%	0.69
22/1	Sample S002	61.9	64.0	3.4%	0.34
22/1	Sample S001	102.6	107.0	4.2%	0.50
21/3	Sample S002	185.9	191.0	2.8%	0.32
21/3	Sample S001	61.4	66.9	8.9%	0.99
21/1	Sample S002	188.3	202.0	7.3%	0.82
21/1	Sample S001	27.2	30.6	12.6%	0.88

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## Ammonium ion, April, 1-2023 Quantitative report

## **Report info**

**Participants** 

106 participants from 14 countries.

**Report info** 

Your own result should be compared to others using the same method. Assigned values (x<sub>pt</sub>, target values) are means of the results where results deviating more than +/- 3\*standard deviation from the median are removed. The standard uncertainty (u) of

the assigned value is reported as standard error of the mean (SEM). Additionally, if the measurement uncertainty of the target value is large an automatic text is printed on the report: "The uncertainty of the assigned value is not negligible, and evaluations could be affected."
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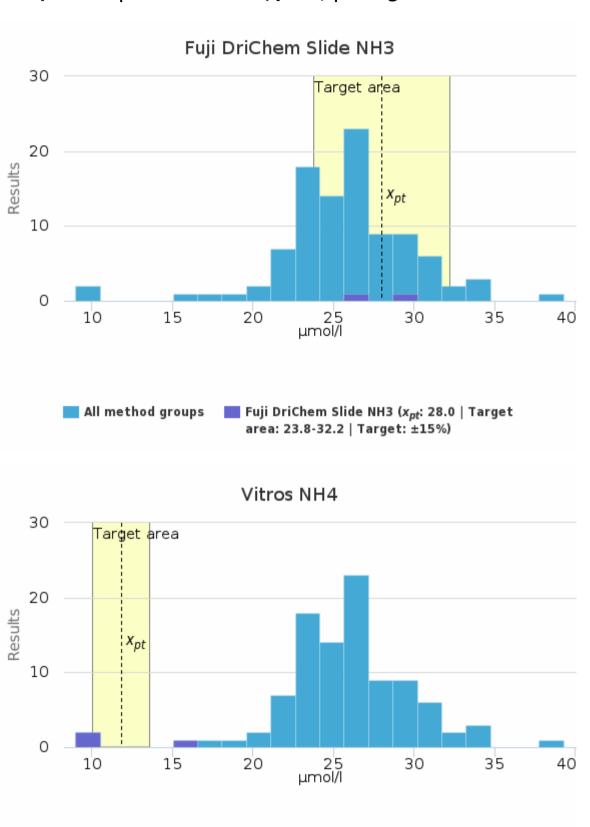


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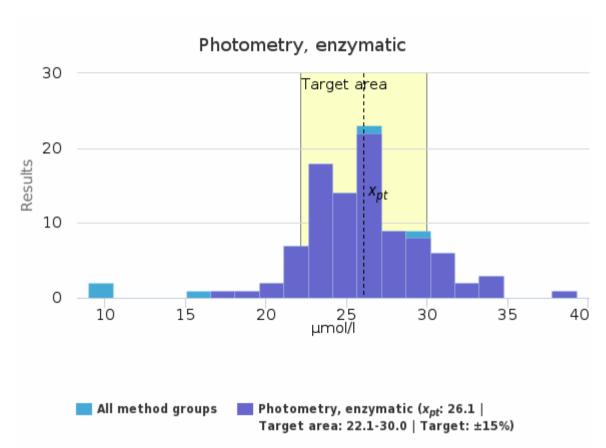
## Sample S001 | Ammonium-ion, µmol/l

Methodics	x <sub>pt</sub>	Median	sd	CV%	SEM	min	max	Outliers	n
Fuji DriChem Slide NH3	28.0	28.0	1.4	5.1	1.0	27.0	29.0	-	2
Photometry, enzymatic	26.1	25.9	3.3	12.5	0.3	17.3	34.0	1	94
Vitros NH4	11.8	10.0	4.1	34.4	2.4	9.0	16.5	-	3
All	26.0	25.9	3.4	13.0	0.3	16.5	34.0	3	99

## Sample S001 | Ammonium-ion, µmol/l| histogram summaries in LabScala



All method groups Vitros NH4 (x<sub>pt</sub>: 11.8 | Target area: 10.1-13.6 | Target: ±15%)



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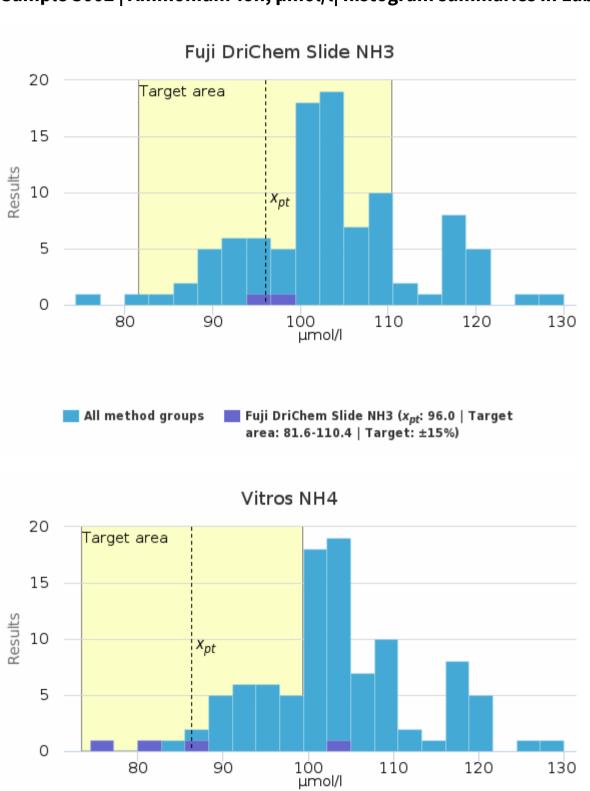
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## Sample S002 | Ammonium-ion, µmol/l

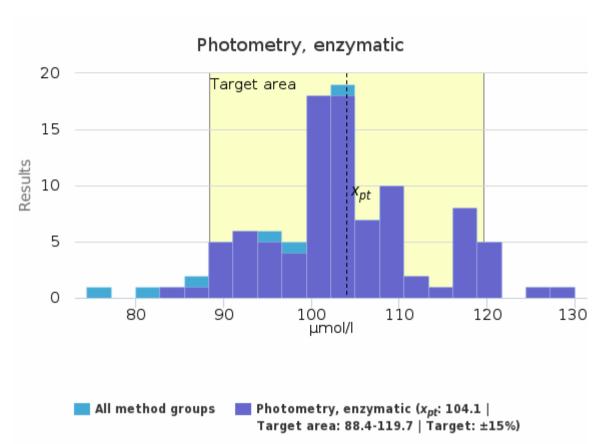
Methodics	x <sub>pt</sub>	Median	sd	CV%	SEM	min	max	Outliers	n
Fuji DriChem Slide NH3	96.0	96.0	2.8	2.9	2.0	94.0	98.0	-	2
Photometry, enzymatic	104.1	103.0	9.2	8.8	1.0	84.7	130.0	-	93
Vitros NH4	86.4	84.0	12.1	14.0	6.0	74.4	103.0	-	4
All	103.2	102.8	9.8	9.5	1.0	74.4	130.0	-	99

## Sample S002 | Ammonium-ion, $\mu$ mol/l| histogram summaries in LabScala



All method groups Vitros NH4 (xpt: 86.4 | Target area: 73.4-

99.3 | Target: ±15%)



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Quantitative report

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#### **Specimens**

Sample S001 (LQ750123011) and Sample S002 (LQ750123012) were liquid ready to use preparations.

Based on the previous tests and the results of this round, the samples are homogeneous, stable and suitable for the external quality assessment scheme.

The materials were sent without temperature control packaging.

## Report info

Please see the description of the data analysis on the last page of the laboratory-specific histograms and Numerical Summary reports. It is important to read the Final report first, because it contains important information of the samples and results in each round.

## **Comments - Expert**

With the sample S001 the ammonium ion content reported by the sample manufacturer was 35  $\mu$ mol/L (29-41  $\mu$ mol/L), which is in reference range.

With sample S002 the ammonium ion content reported by the sample manufacturer was 122  $\mu$ mol/L (117-129  $\mu$ mol/L), which in patient care would require an investigation of the cause.

With the sample S001 the median of the results of the users of the enzymatic methods (26  $\mu mol/L)$  was 26% lower than the content reported by the manufacturer, the median of the results of the DriChem method users (28  $\mu mol/L)$  was 20% lower, and the median of the results of the Vitros method users (10  $\mu mol/L)$  was 71% lower. Three results from the enzymatic group were removed as outliers, and one result from the Vitros method users had result below measuring range and was left out of the analysis. The variation (CV% 13 in the group using enzymatic methods, CV% 5 in the group of DriChem method users, and CV% 34 in the group using Vitros method) and the results indicate that the sample was fit for the purpose.

With sample S002 the median of the results of the users of the enzymatic methods (103  $\mu mol/L)$  was 16% lower than the content reported by the manufacturer, the median of the results of the DriChem method users (96  $\mu mol/L)$  was 21% lower, and the median of the results of the Vitros method users (84  $\mu mol/L)$  was 31% lower. Three results from the enzymatic group were removed as outliers. The variations (CV% 9 in the group using enzymatic methods, CV% 3 in the group using the DriChem method and CV% 14 in the group using the Vitros method) and the results indicate that the sample was fit for the purpose.

## End of report

#### 2023-06-13

#### FINAL REPORT

Product no. 2105

Subcontracting: Sample preparation, Sample pretesting

 Samples sent
 2023-04-24

 Round closed
 2023-05-18

 Final report
 2023-06-13

## Request for correction

Typing errors in laboratory's result forms are on laboratory's responsibility.

Labquality accepts responsibility only for result processing. Requests must be notified by writing within three weeks from the date of this letter.

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