

External Quality Assessment Scheme

## Leucocyte differential count, 3-part Round 1, 2023

### Specimens

Please find enclosed 1 human blood cell suspension S001 or S002 according to your order, each 2 mL. Sample S002 is suitable only for Sysmex analyzers.

### Caution

Quality control specimens derived from human blood must be handled with the same care as patient samples, i.e. as potential transmitters of serious diseases. The specimens are found to be HBsAg, HCVAb and HIVAgAb negative when tested with licensed reagents, but no known test method can offer complete assurance that the specimens will not transmit these or other infectious diseases.

### Examinations

B-Leuc

B-Lym

B-Mon / Sysmex-analyzers: B-MXD (B-Baso, B-Eos, B-Mo)

B-Neutr

### Storage and use

After arrival, sample should be stored at +2...8 °C, do not freeze. Allow the tube to stand at room temperature for about 15 minutes. Mix the sample by gently inverting the tube several times, until the suspension appears homogeneous. Do not mix too vigorously. Don't use mechanical blood mixers. Analyze sample S001 as patient sample. Sample S002 (Sysmex analyzers): analyze sample as a control sample from the control channel, not as a patient sample.

### Result reporting

Please enter the results and methods via LabScala (www.labscale.com). If you cannot find your instrument or reagent from the registry, please contact the EQA Coordinator. Results should be given in absolute values, not as %.

S001



S002



2023-03-06

### INSTRUCTIONS

Product no. 4200-4201  
LQ711423011-012/US

If the kit is incomplete or contains damaged specimens, please report immediately to [info@labquality.fi](mailto:info@labquality.fi).

The results should be reported no later than **March 23, 2023.**

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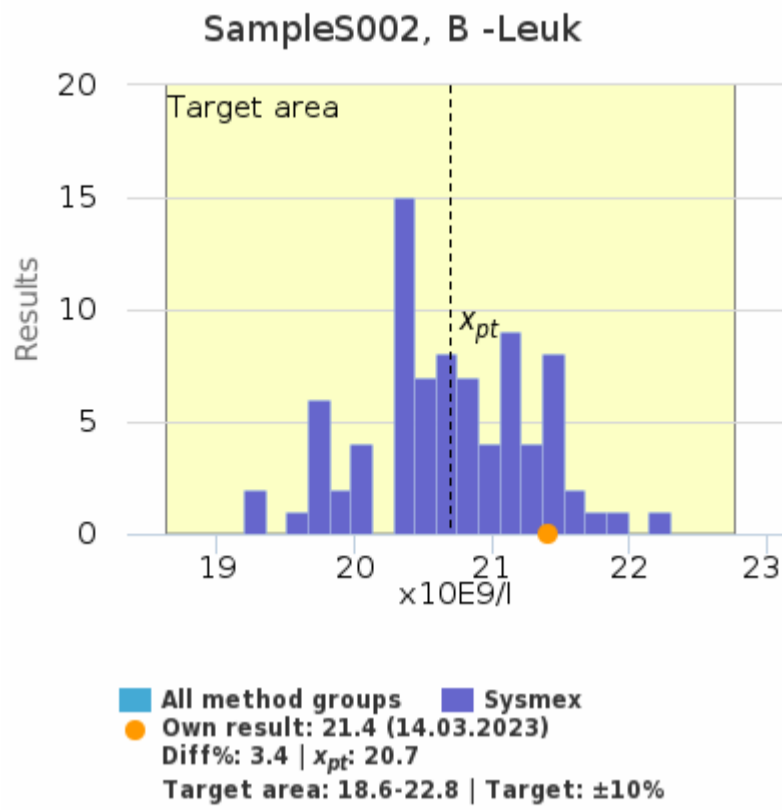
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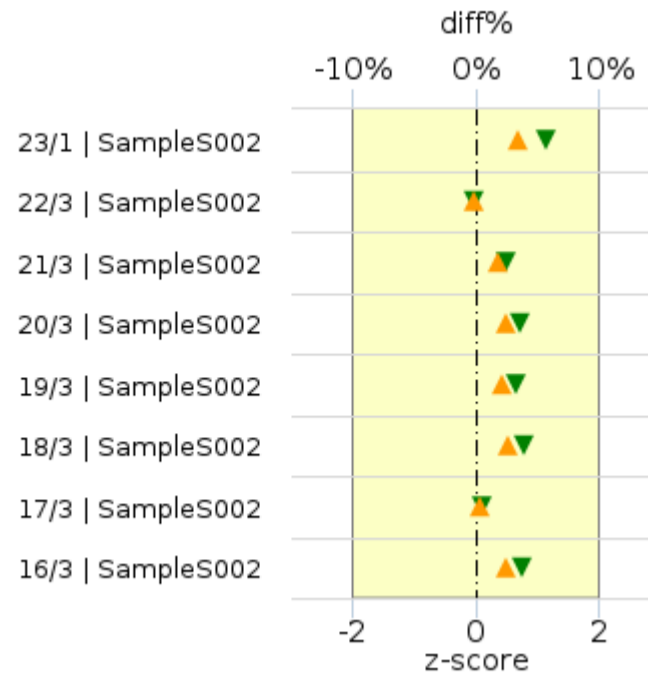


B -Leuk |XP-300



	$x_{pt}$	sd	SEM	CV%	n
Sysmex	20.7 x10E9/l	0.6	<0.1	3.0	82
All methods	20.7 x10E9/l	0.6	<0.1	3.0	82

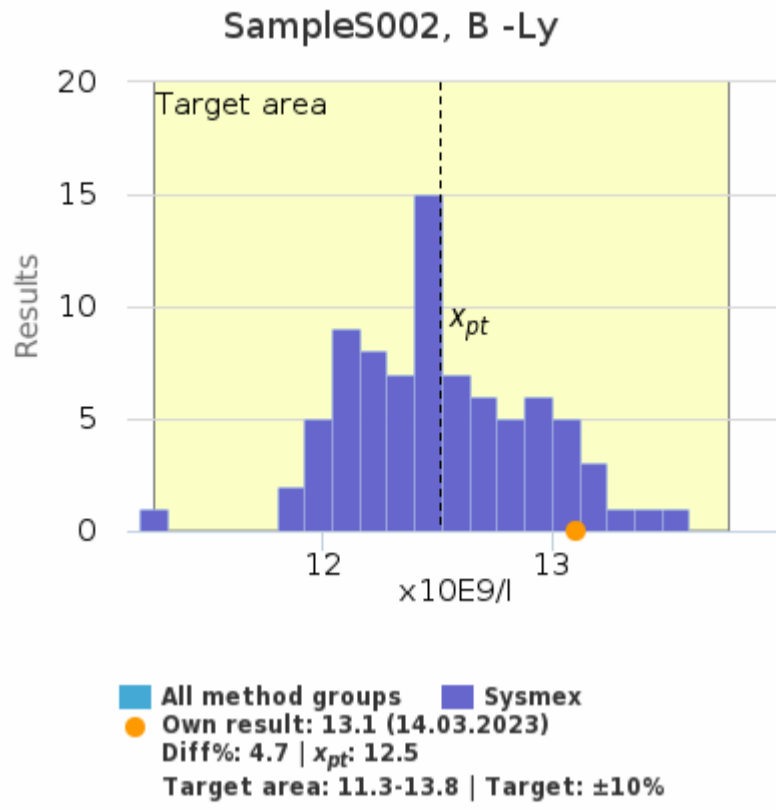
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▲ diff%  
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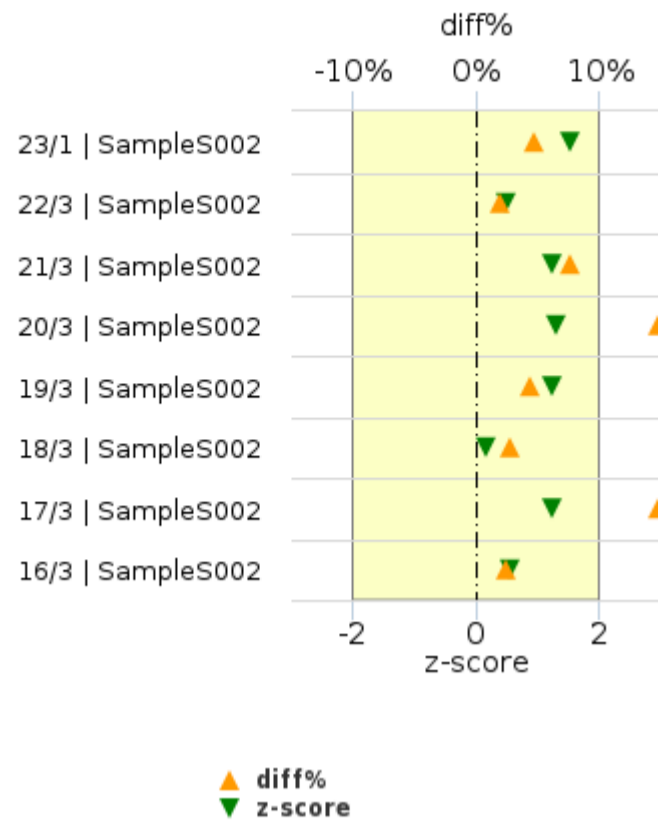
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23/1	Sample S002	20.7	21.4	3.4%	1.14
22/3	Sample S002	8.3	8.3	-0.1%	-0.02
21/3	Sample S002	8.0	8.1	1.8%	0.50
20/3	Sample S002	2.9	3.0	2.4%	0.71
19/3	Sample S002	21.1	21.5	2.1%	0.66
18/3	Sample S002	2.8	2.9	2.6%	0.79
17/3	Sample S002	3.0	3.0	0.4%	0.11
16/3	Sample S002	21.0	21.5	2.4%	0.74

B -Ly |XP-300



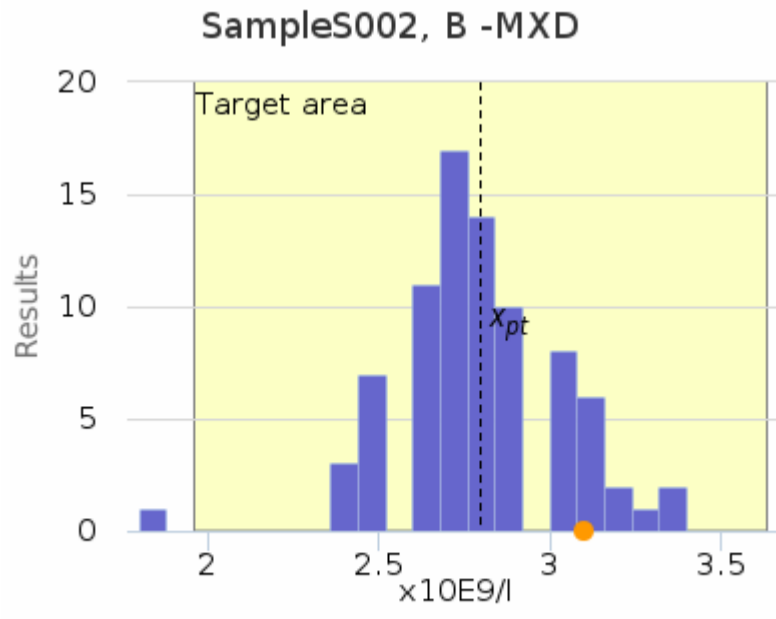
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Round	Sample	$x_{pt}$	Result	diff%	z-score
23/1	Sample S002	12.5	13.1	4.7%	1.52
22/3	Sample S002	2.6	2.6	2.0%	0.48
21/3	Sample S002	2.2	2.4	7.6%	1.23
20/3	Sample S002	0.3	0.4	21.6%	1.29
19/3	Sample S002	13.2	13.8	4.4%	1.22
18/3	Sample S002	0.3	0.3	2.7%	0.16
17/3	Sample S002	0.3	0.4	17.8%	1.22
16/3	Sample S002	12.2	12.5	2.4%	0.56

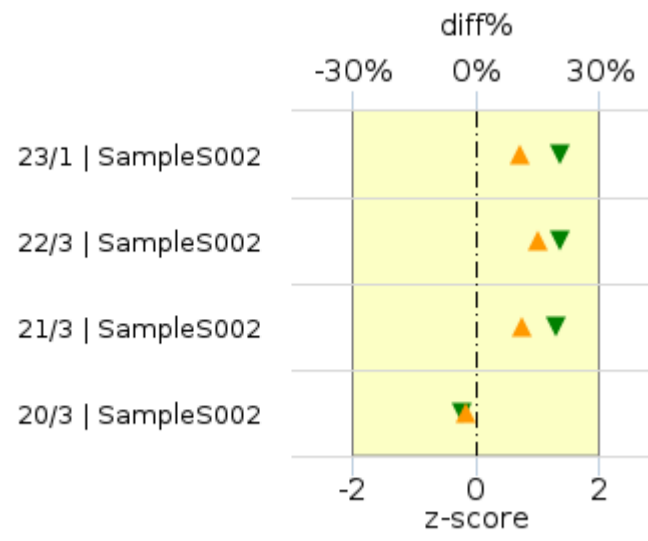
B -MXD |XP-300



■ All method groups    ■ Sysmex  
● Own result: 3.1 (14.03.2023)  
 Diff%: 10.9 |  $x_{pt}$ : 2.8  
 Target area: 2.0-3.6 | Target:  $\pm 30\%$

	$x_{pt}$	sd	SEM	CV%	n
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All methods	2.8 x10E9/l	0.2	<0.1	8.0	82

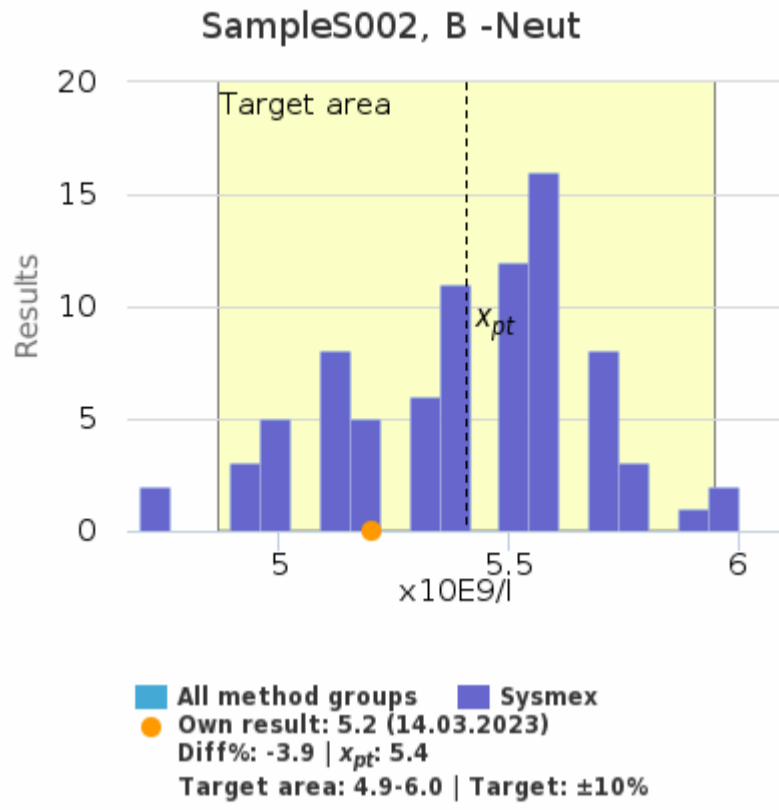
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▲ diff%  
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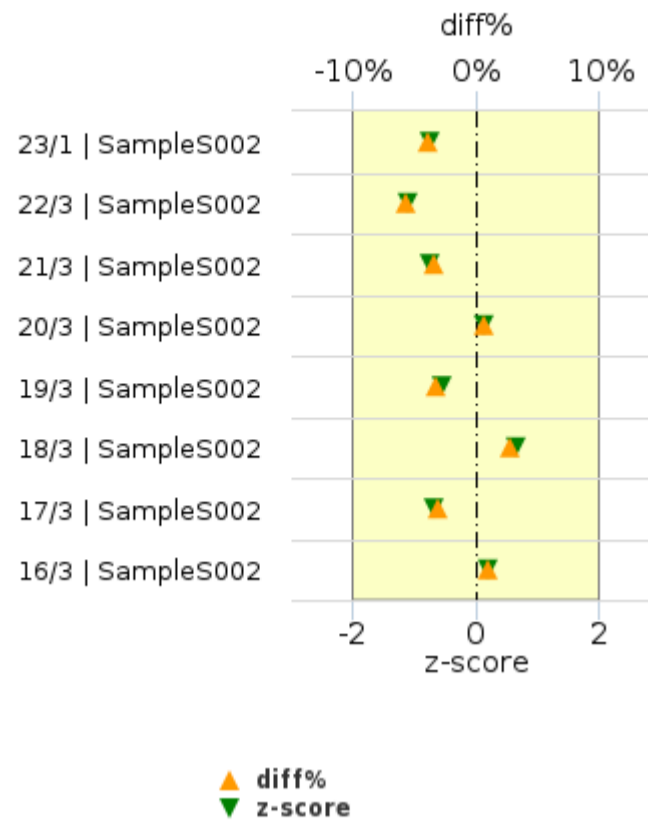
Round	Sample	$x_{pt}$	Result	diff%	z-score
23/1	Sample S002	2.8	3.1	10.9%	1.36
22/3	Sample S002	1.3	1.5	15.1%	1.37
21/3	Sample S002	1.2	1.3	11.1%	1.30
20/3	Sample S002	0.5	0.5	-2.6%	-0.22

B -Neut |XP-300



	$x_{pt}$	sd	SEM	CV%	n
Sysmex	5.4 x10E9/l	0.3	<0.1	5.2	82
All methods	5.4 x10E9/l	0.3	<0.1	5.2	82

History



Round	Sample	$x_{pt}$	Result	diff%	z-score
23/1	Sample S002	5.4	5.2	-3.9%	-0.74
22/3	Sample S002	4.5	4.2	-5.7%	-1.09
21/3	Sample S002	4.6	4.4	-3.4%	-0.74
20/3	Sample S002	2.1	2.1	0.6%	0.13
19/3	Sample S002	5.2	5.0	-3.2%	-0.56
18/3	Sample S002	2.0	2.1	2.8%	0.66
17/3	Sample S002	2.1	2.0	-3.1%	-0.68
16/3	Sample S002	6.1	6.2	0.9%	0.20

**Report info****Participants**

134 participants from 6 countries.

**Report info**

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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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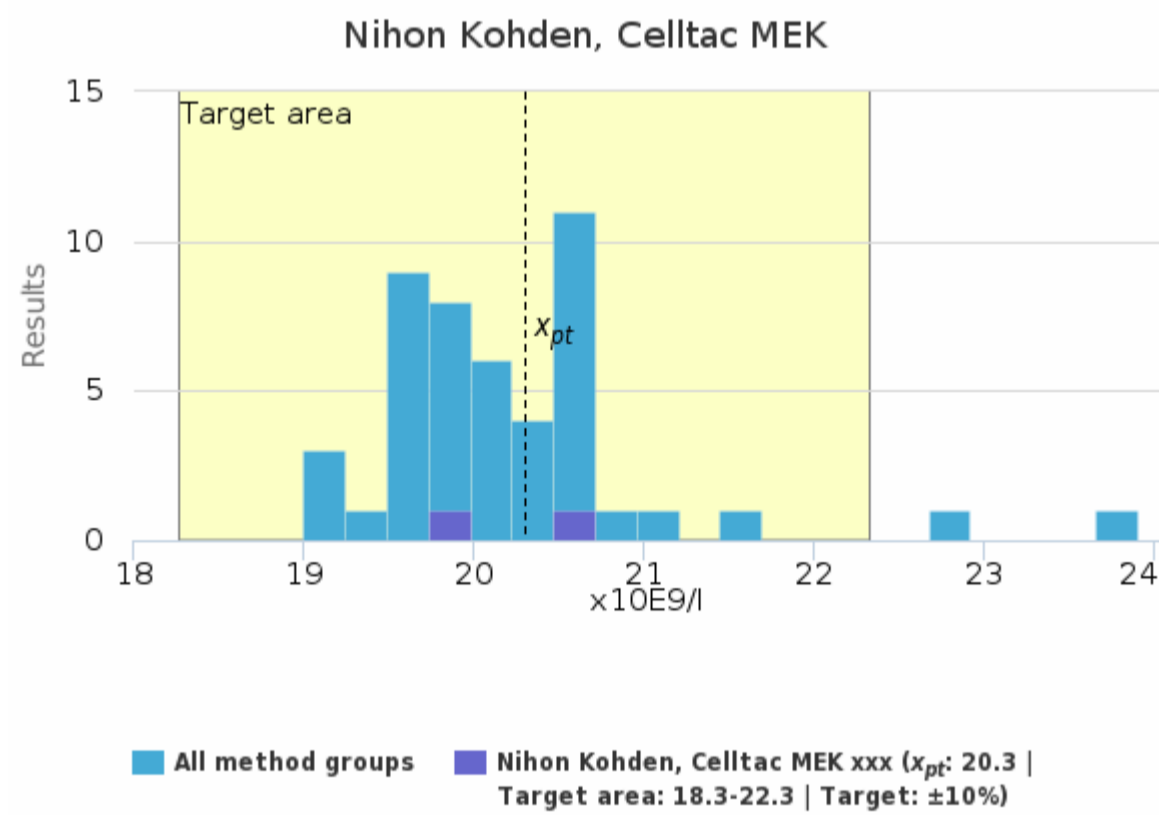
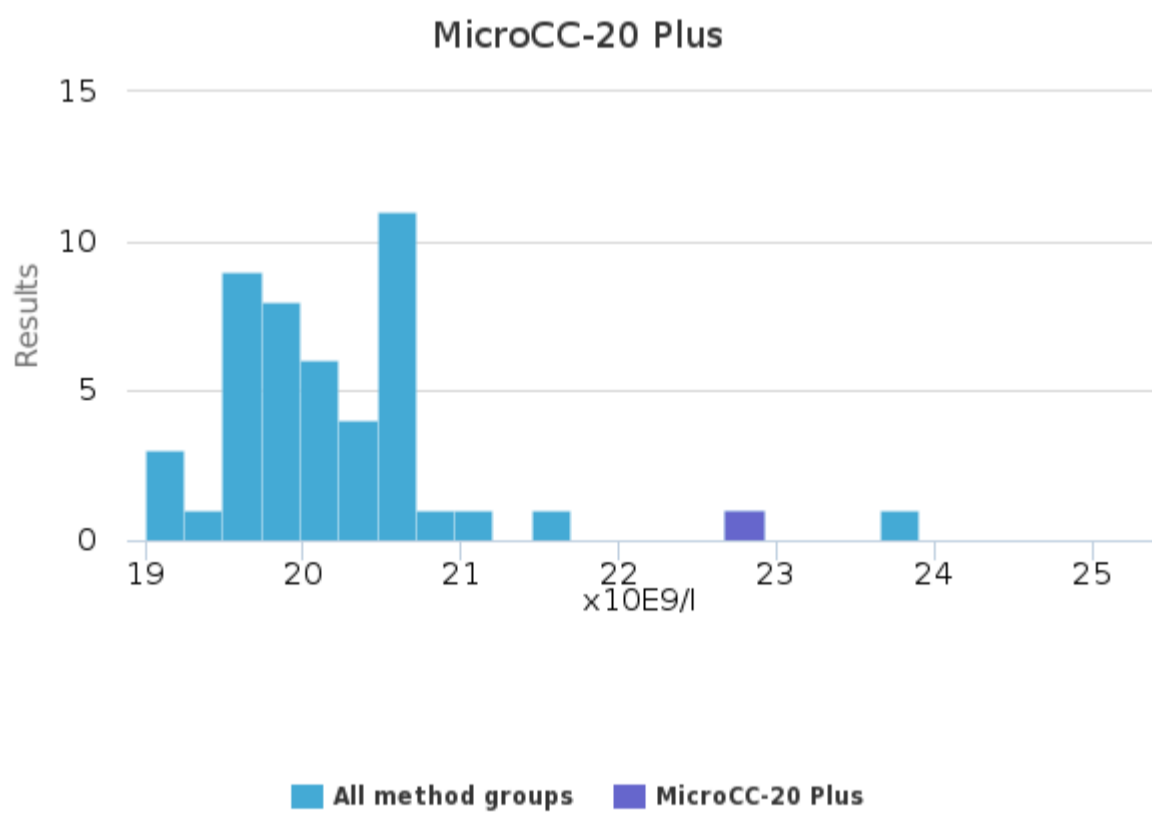
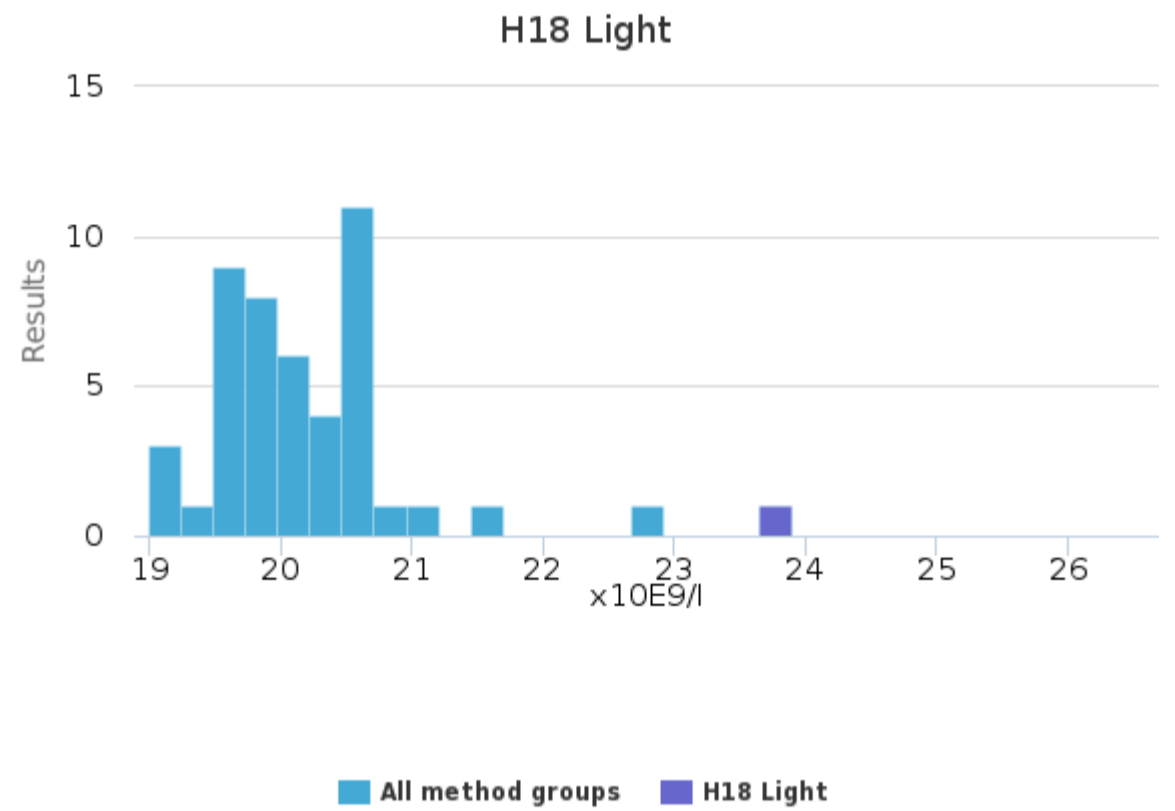
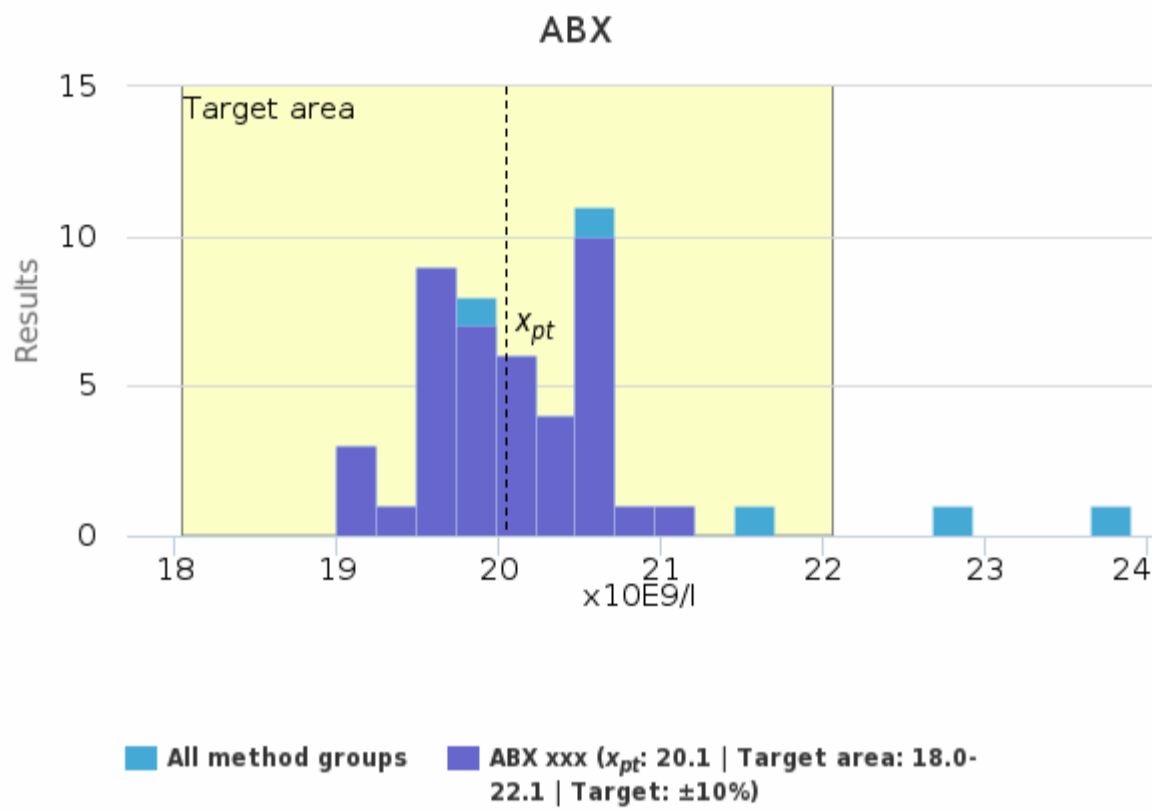
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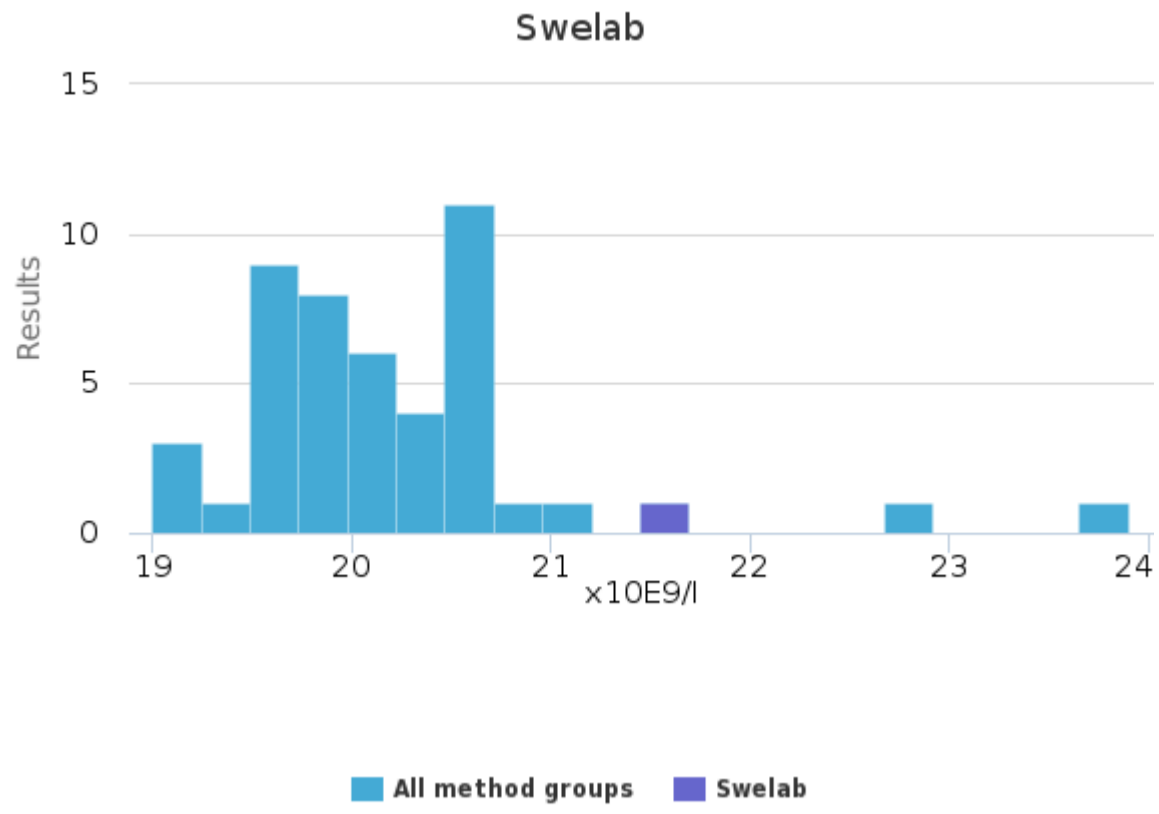
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Sample S001 | B -Leuk, x10E9/l

Methodics	$x_{pt}$	Median	sd	CV%	SEM	min	max	Outliers	n
ABX	20.1	20.0	0.5	2.4	<0.1	19.0	21.0	-	42
H18 Light	-	-	-	-	-	23.9	23.9	-	1
MicroCC-20 Plus	-	-	-	-	-	22.7	22.7	-	1
Nihon Kohden, Celltac MEK	20.3	20.3	0.6	2.8	0.4	19.9	20.7	-	2
Swelab	-	-	-	-	-	21.6	21.6	-	1
<b>All</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>&lt;0.1</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>

Sample S001 | B -Leuk, x10E9/l | histogram summaries in LabScala



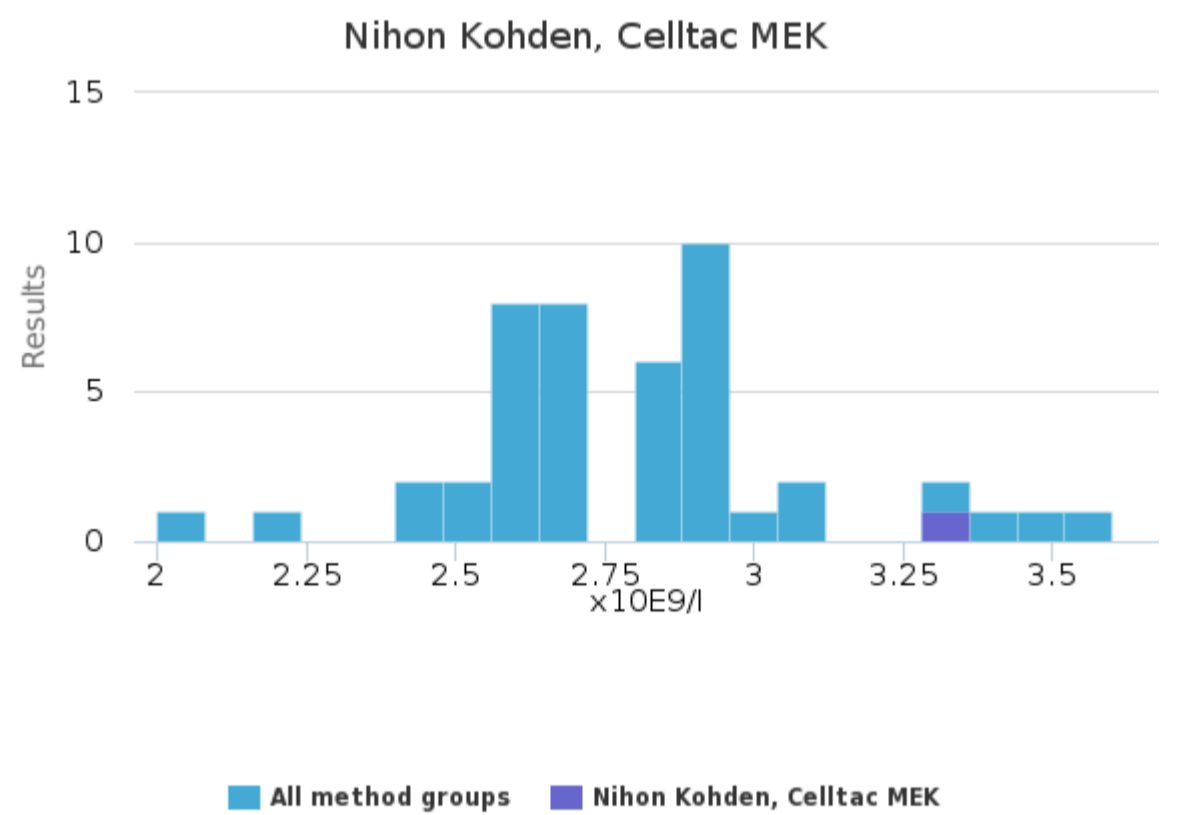
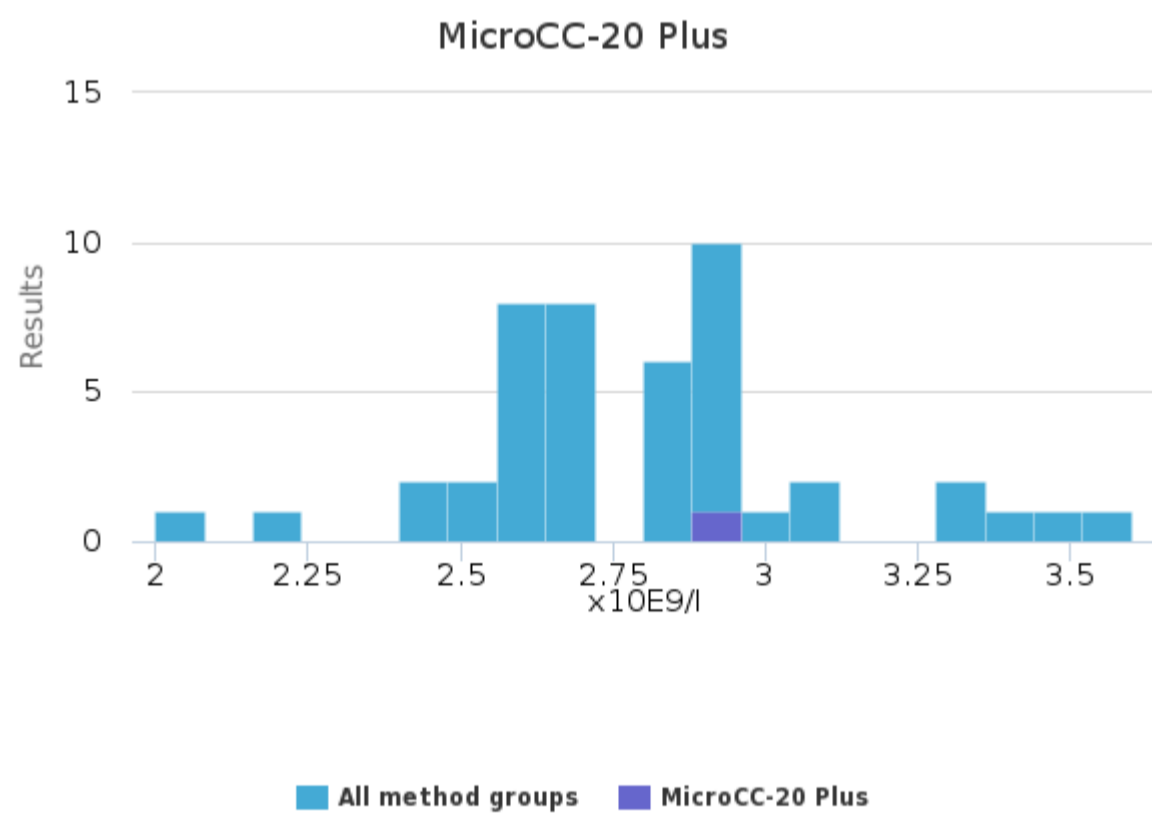
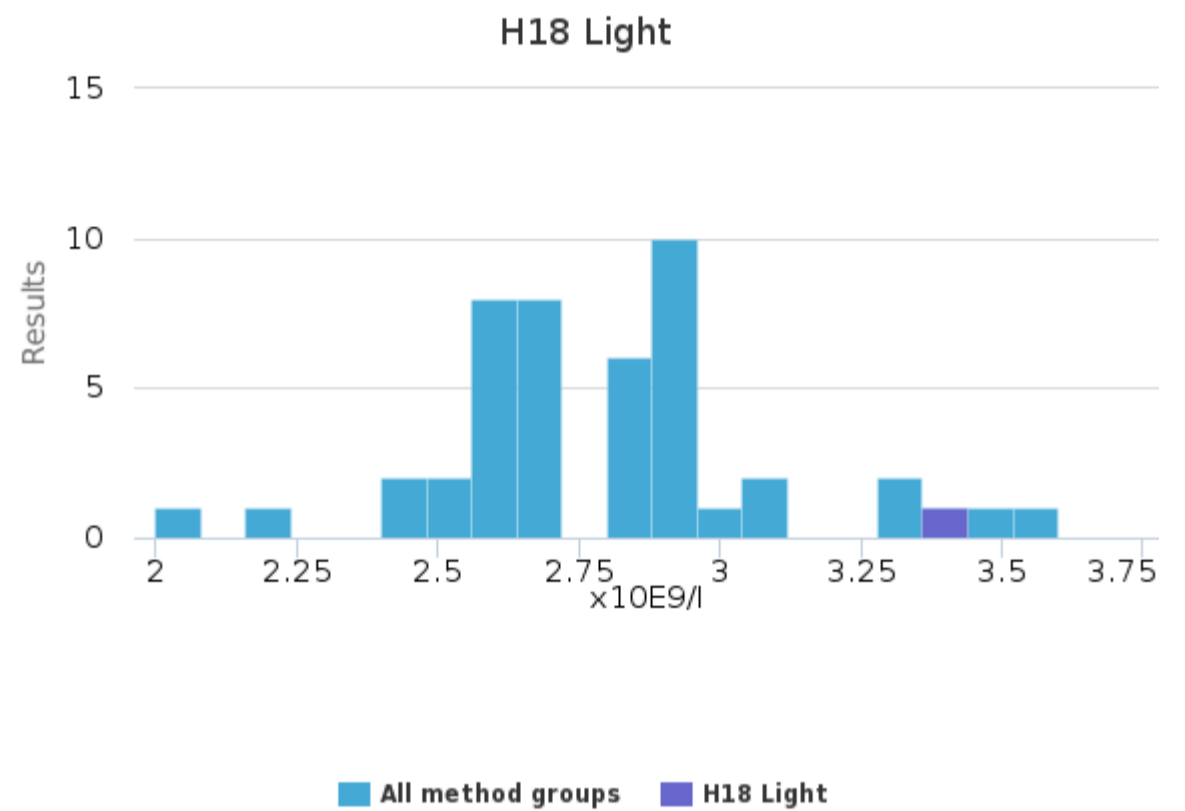
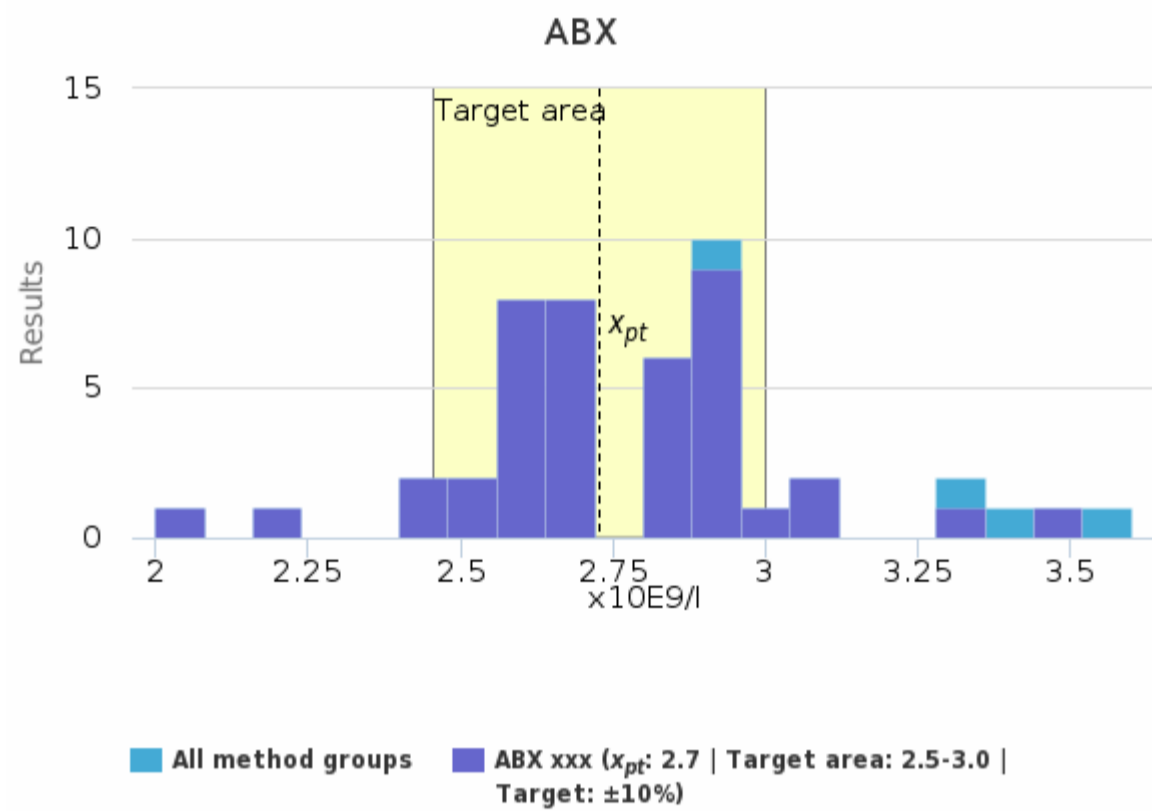


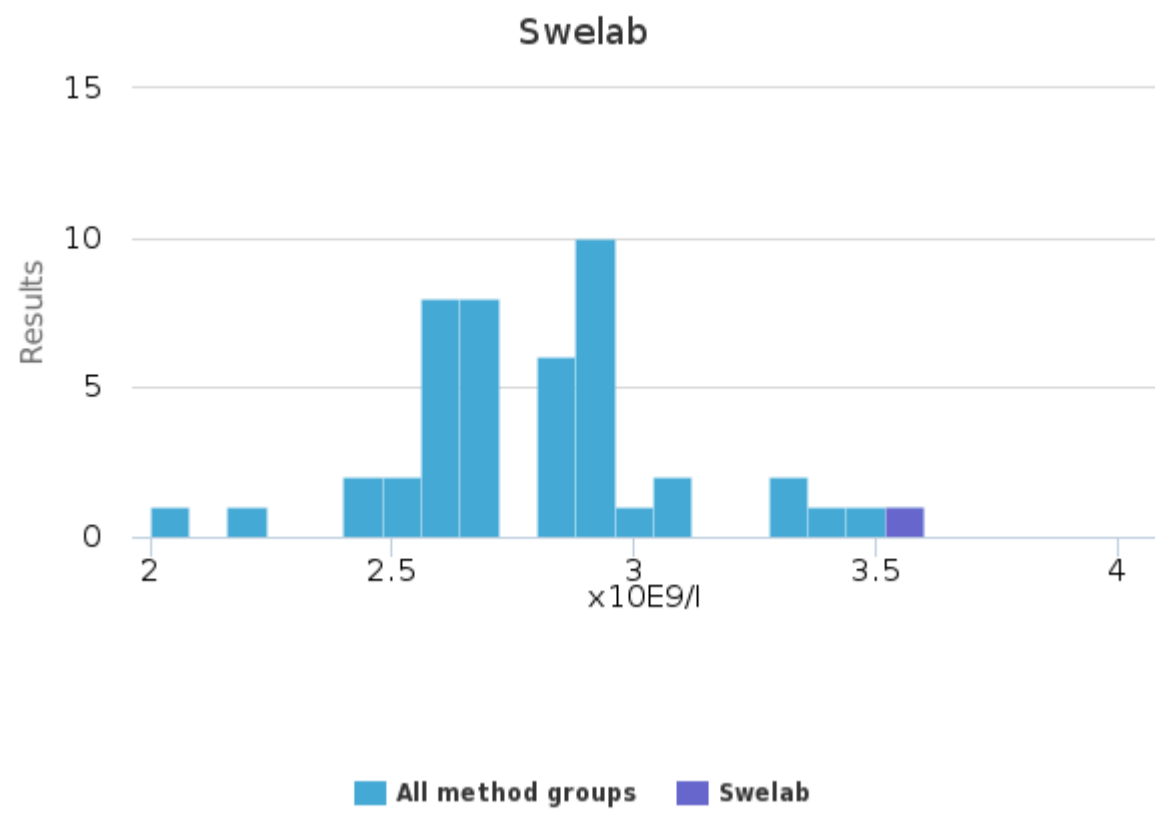


### Sample S001 | B -Ly, x10E9/l

Methodics	$x_{pt}$	Median	sd	CV%	SEM	min	max	Outliers	n
ABX	2.7	2.7	0.2	8.7	<0.1	2.0	3.3	1	42
H18 Light	-	-	-	-	-	3.4	3.4	-	1
MicroCC-20 Plus	-	-	-	-	-	2.9	2.9	-	1
Nihon Kohden, Celltac MEK	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.3	-	1
Swelab	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	3.6	-	1
<b>All</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>&lt;0.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46</b>

### Sample S001 | B -Ly, x10E9/l histogram summaries in LabScala

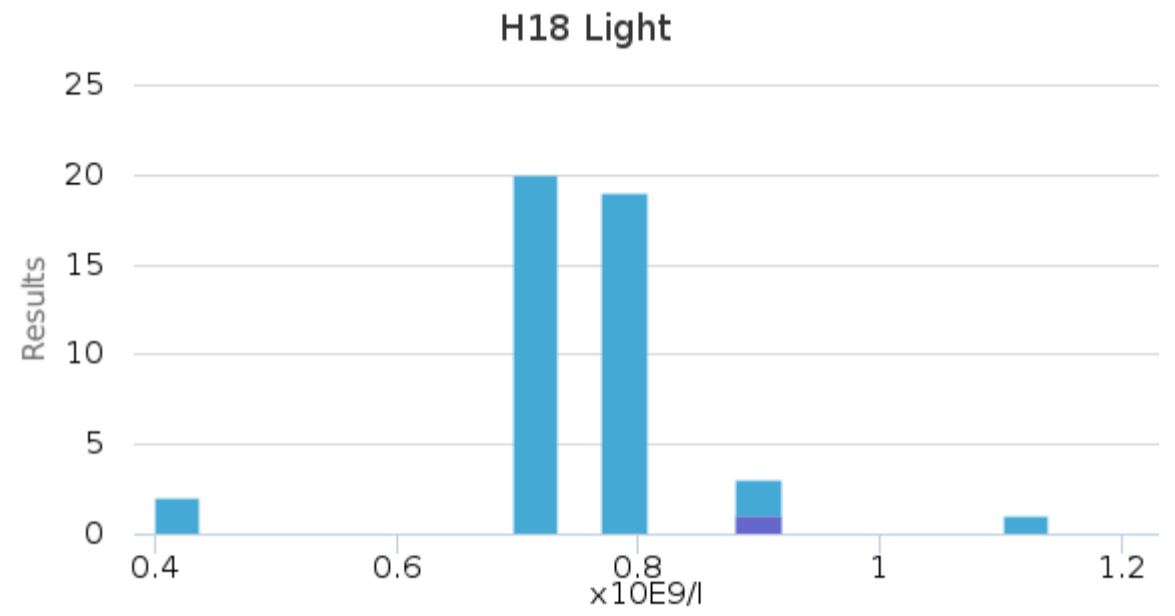
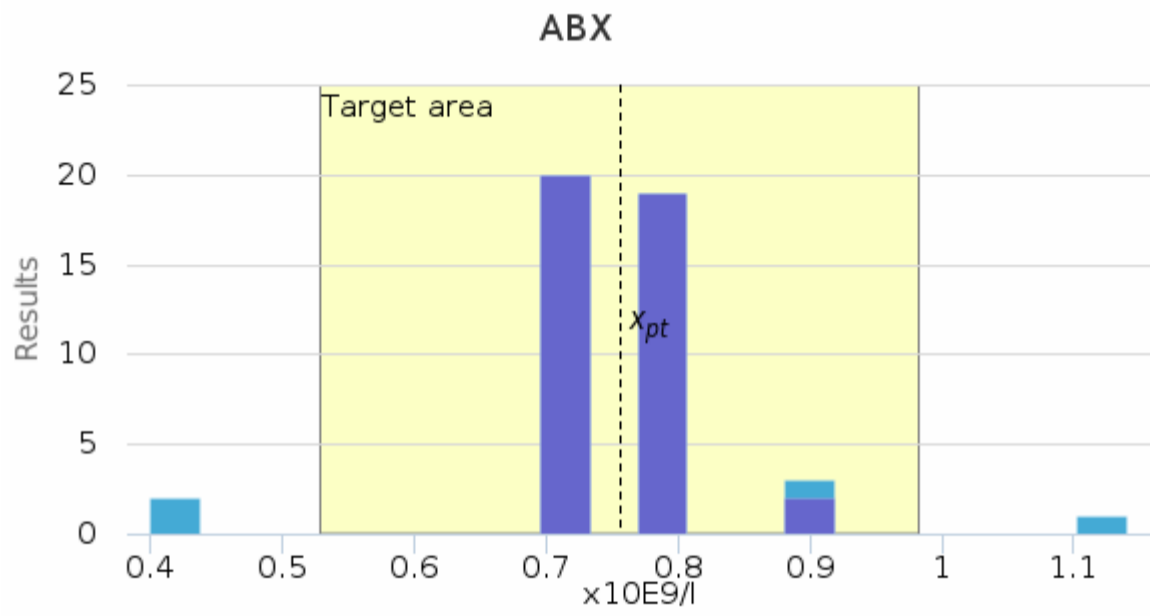




Sample S001 | B -Mo, x10E9/l

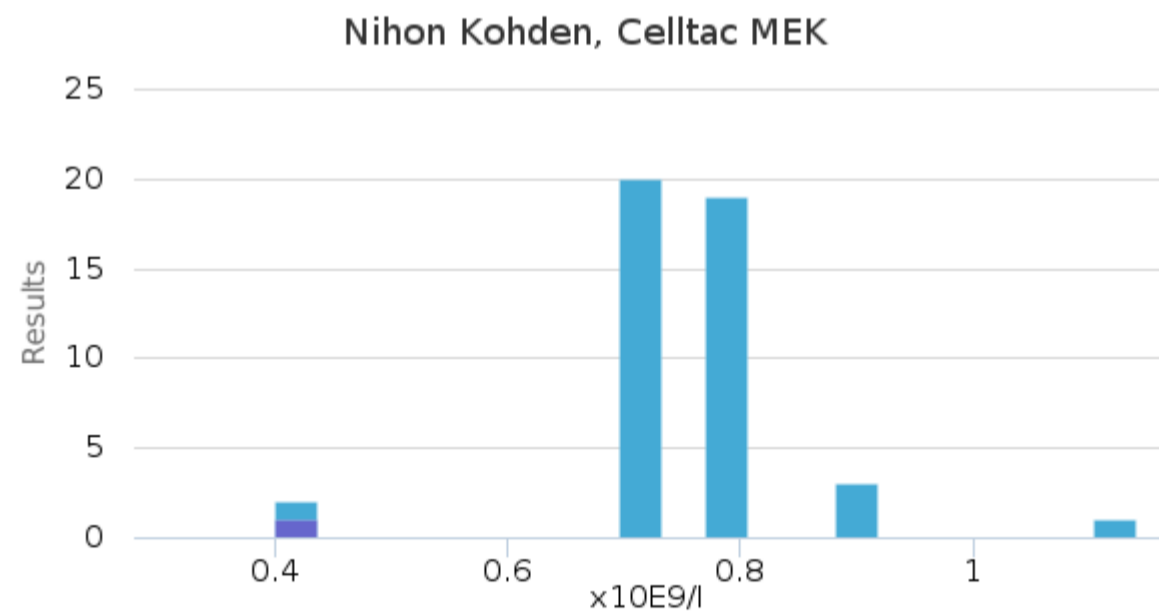
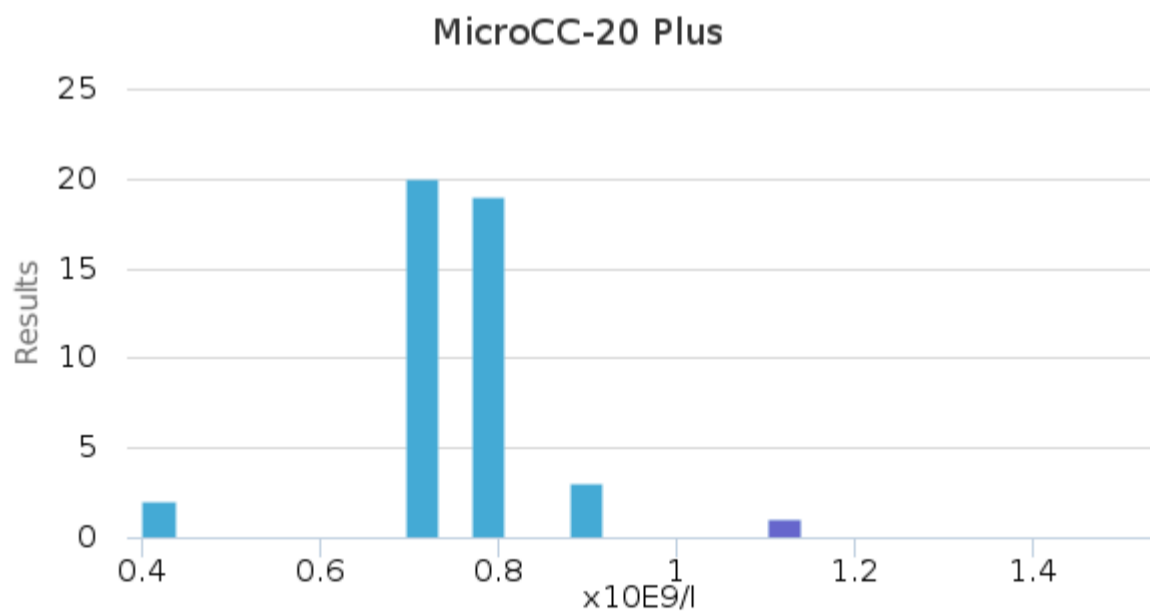
Methodics	$x_{pt}$	Median	sd	CV%	SEM	min	max	Outliers	n
ABX	0.8	0.8	<0.1	7.9	<0.1	0.7	0.9	-	41
H18 Light	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	0.9	-	1
MicroCC-20 Plus	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	1.1	-	1
Nihon Kohden, Celltac MEK	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	0.4	-	1
Swelab	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	0.4	-	1
<b>All</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>&lt;0.1</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>&lt;0.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>45</b>

Sample S001 | B -Mo, x10E9/l| histogram summaries in LabScala



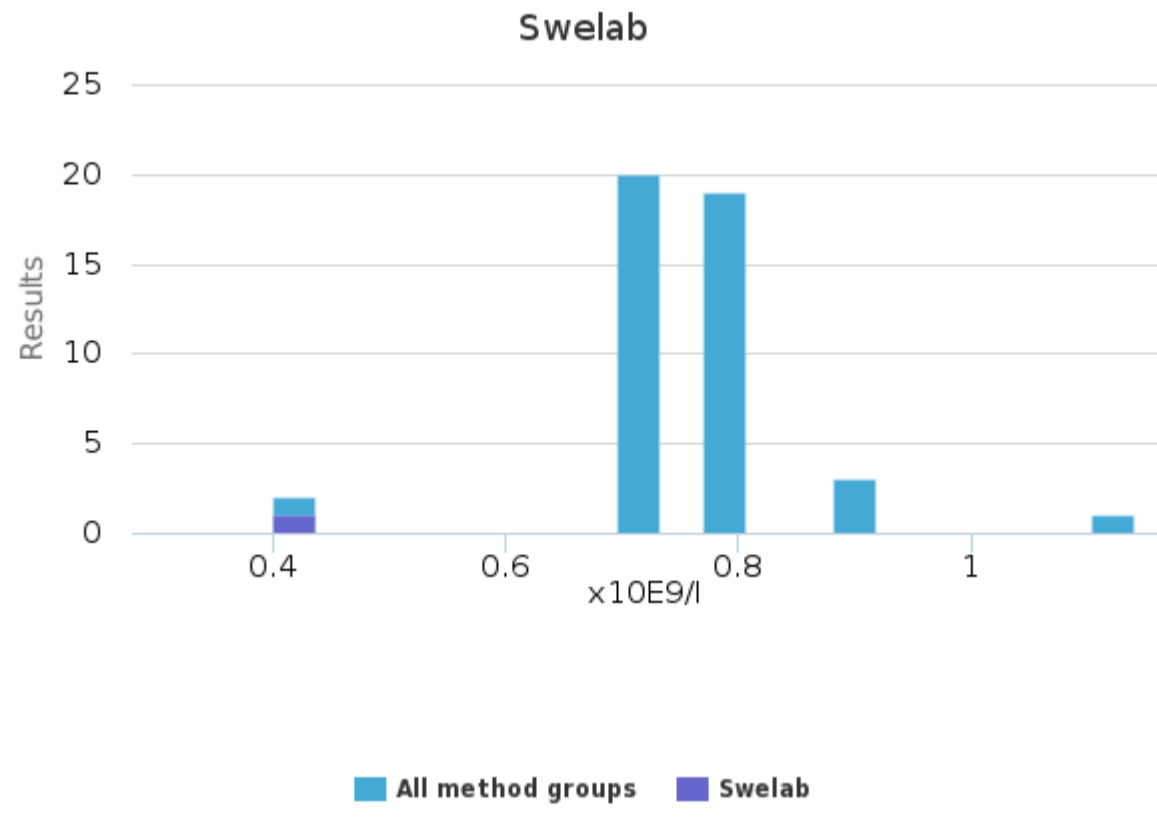
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■ All method groups ■ H18 Light



■ All method groups ■ MicroCC-20 Plus

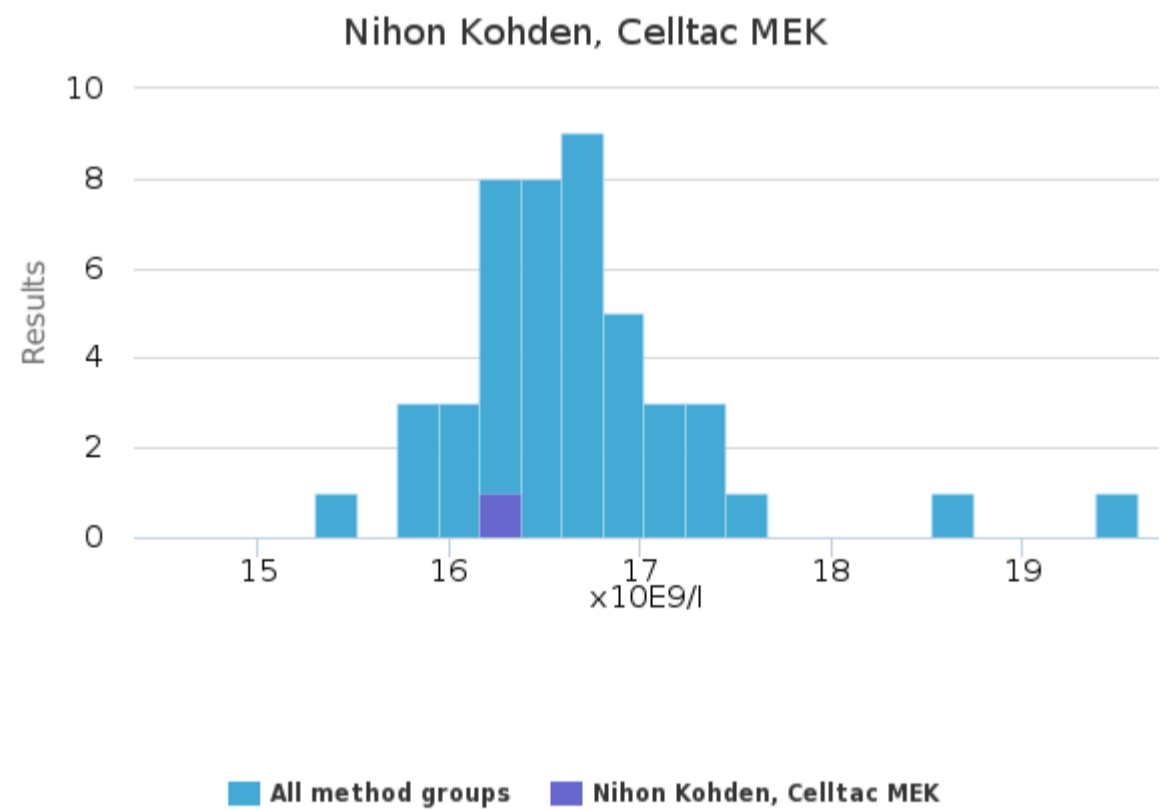
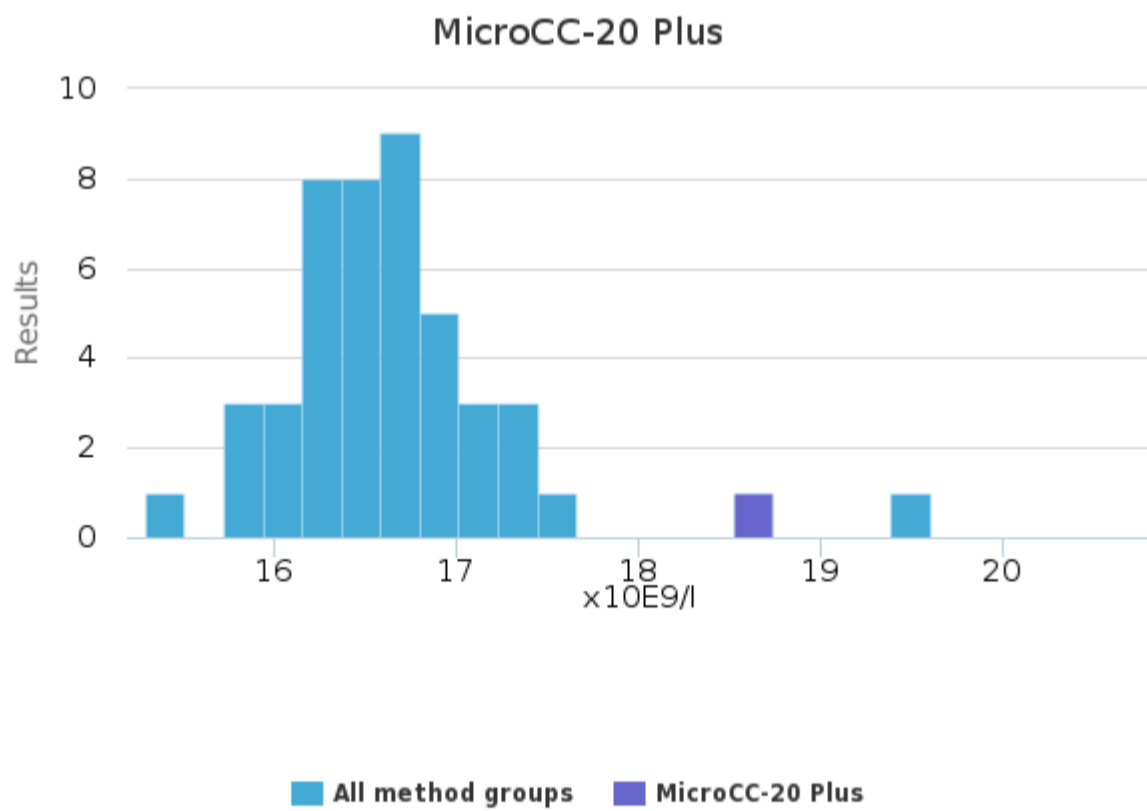
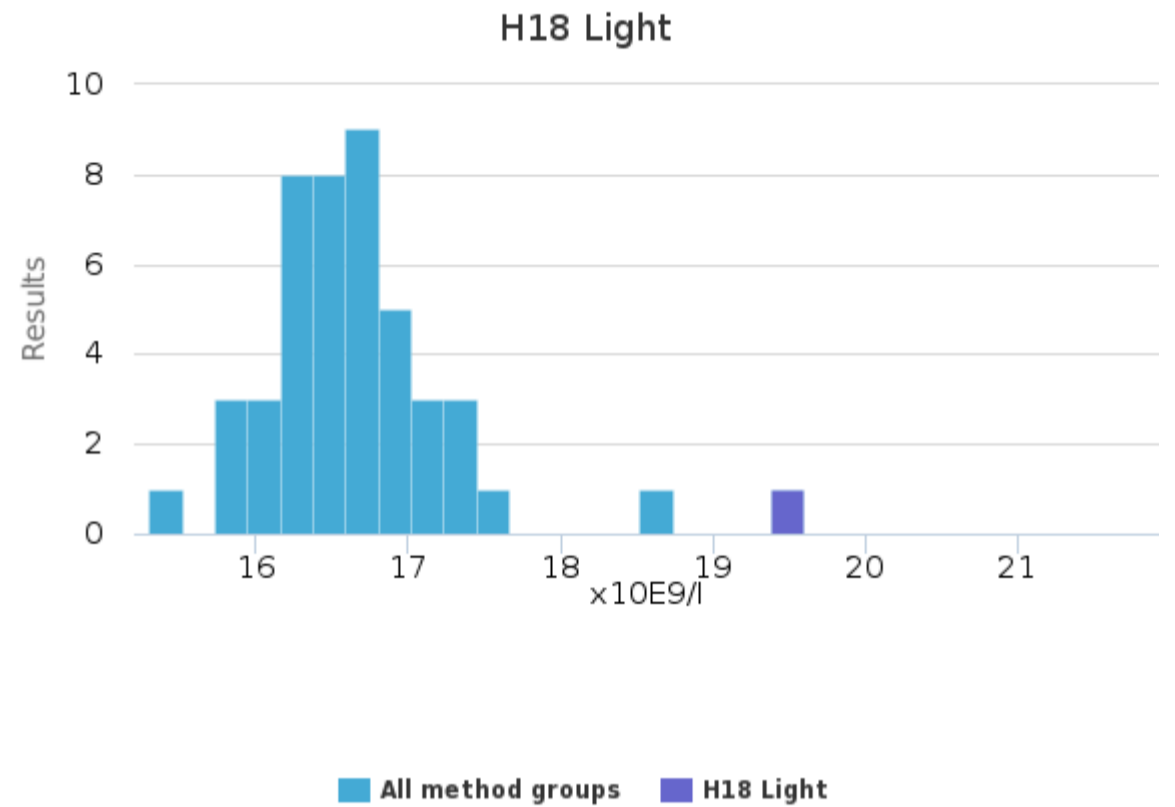
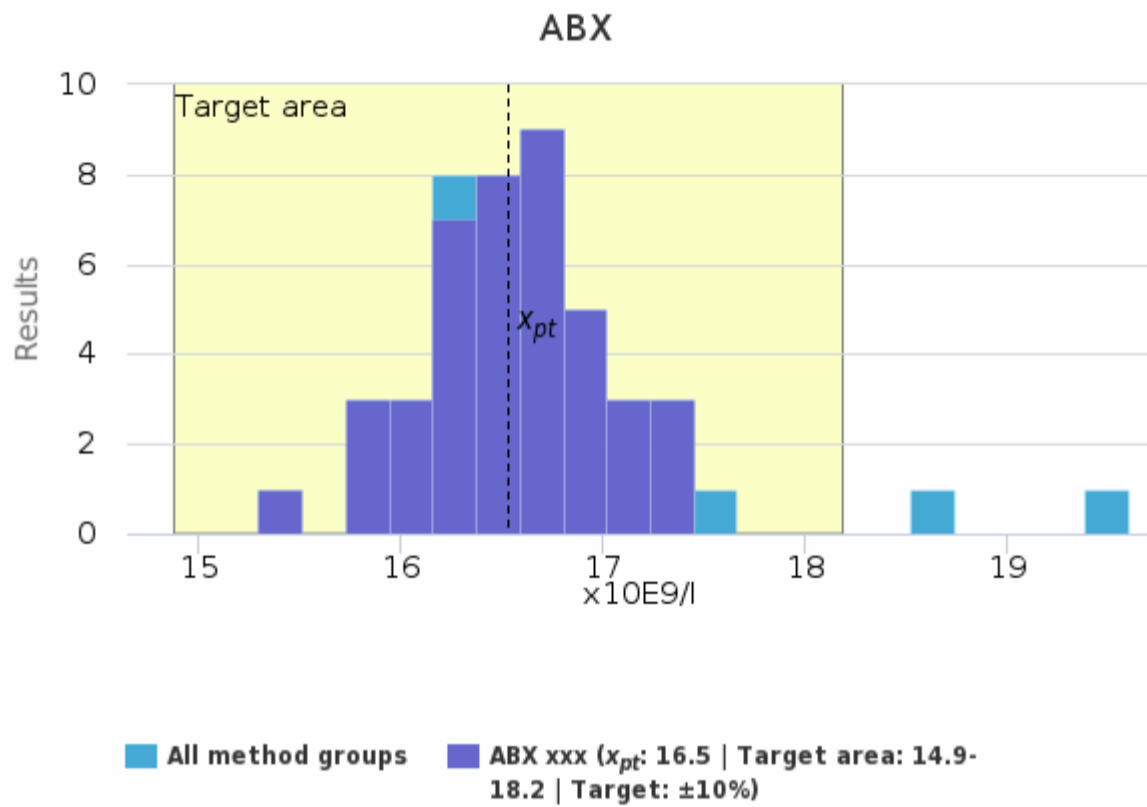
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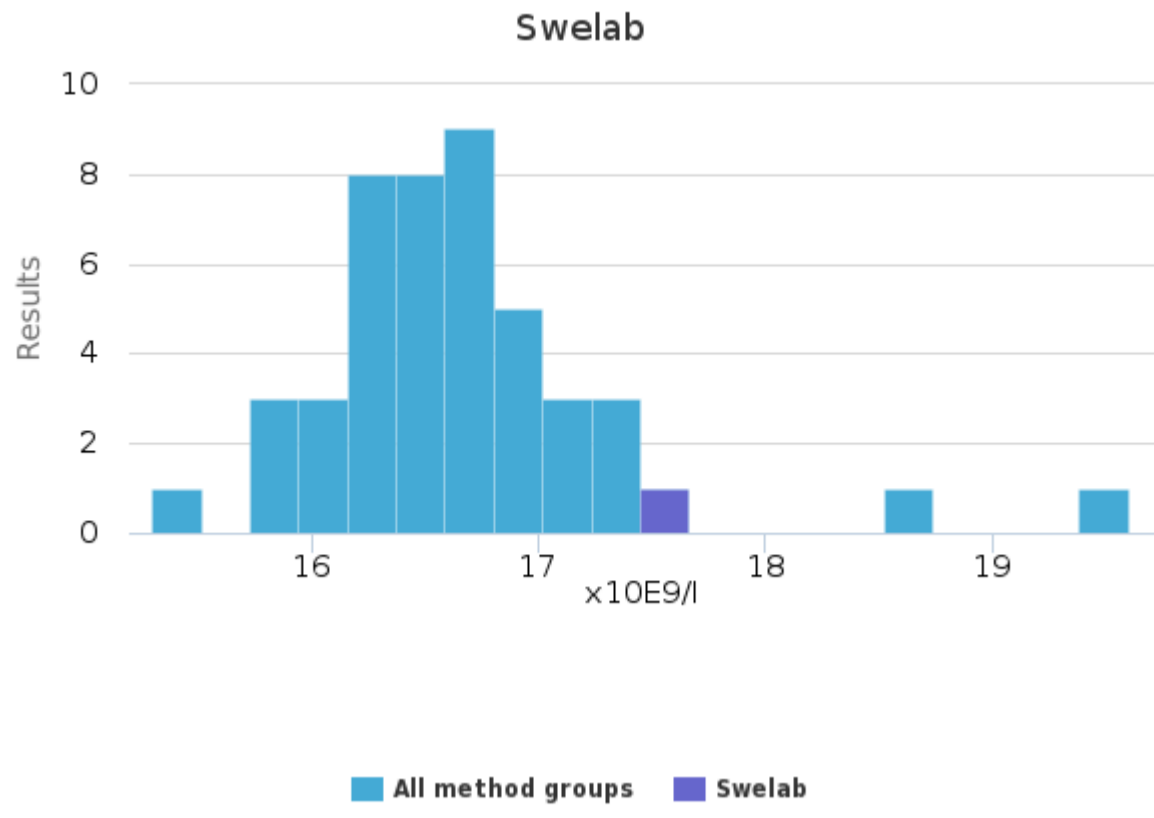


Sample S001 | B -Neut, x10E9/l

Methodics	$x_{pt}$	Median	sd	CV%	SEM	min	max	Outliers	n
ABX	16.5	16.5	0.5	2.8	<0.1	15.3	17.4	-	42
H18 Light	-	-	-	-	-	19.6	19.6	-	1
MicroCC-20 Plus	-	-	-	-	-	18.7	18.7	-	1
Nihon Kohden, Celltac MEK	-	-	-	-	-	16.2	16.2	-	1
Swelab	-	-	-	-	-	17.6	17.6	-	1
<b>All</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>&lt;0.1</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>46</b>

Sample S001 | B -Neut, x10E9/l | histogram summaries in LabScala

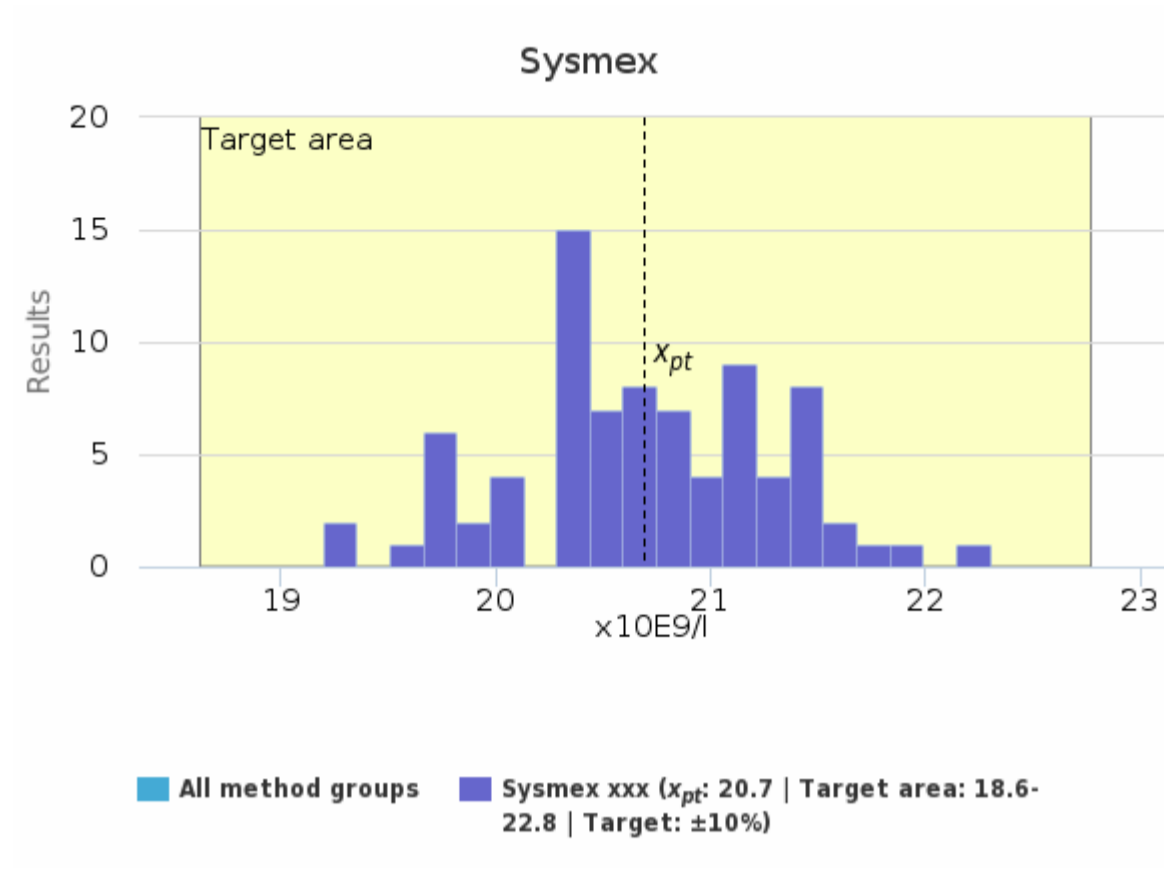




Sample S002 | B -Leuk, x10E9/l

Methodics	$x_{pt}$	Median	sd	CV%	SEM	min	max	Outliers	n
Sysmex	20.7	20.7	0.6	3.0	<0.1	19.2	22.3	-	82
<b>All</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>&lt;0.1</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>22.3</b>	-	<b>82</b>

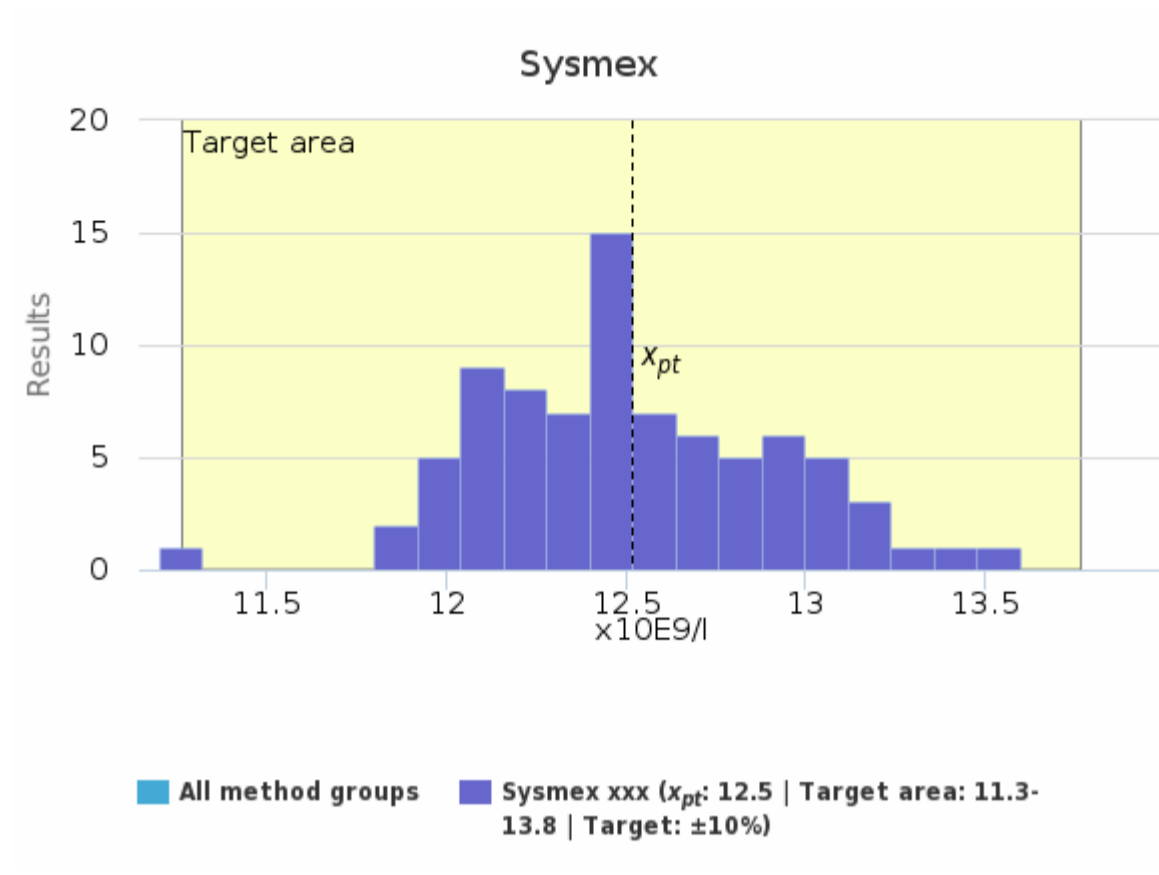
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Sample S002 | B -Ly, x10E9/l

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Sysmex	12.5	12.5	0.4	3.1	<0.1	11.8	13.6	1	82
<b>All</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>&lt;0.1</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>82</b>

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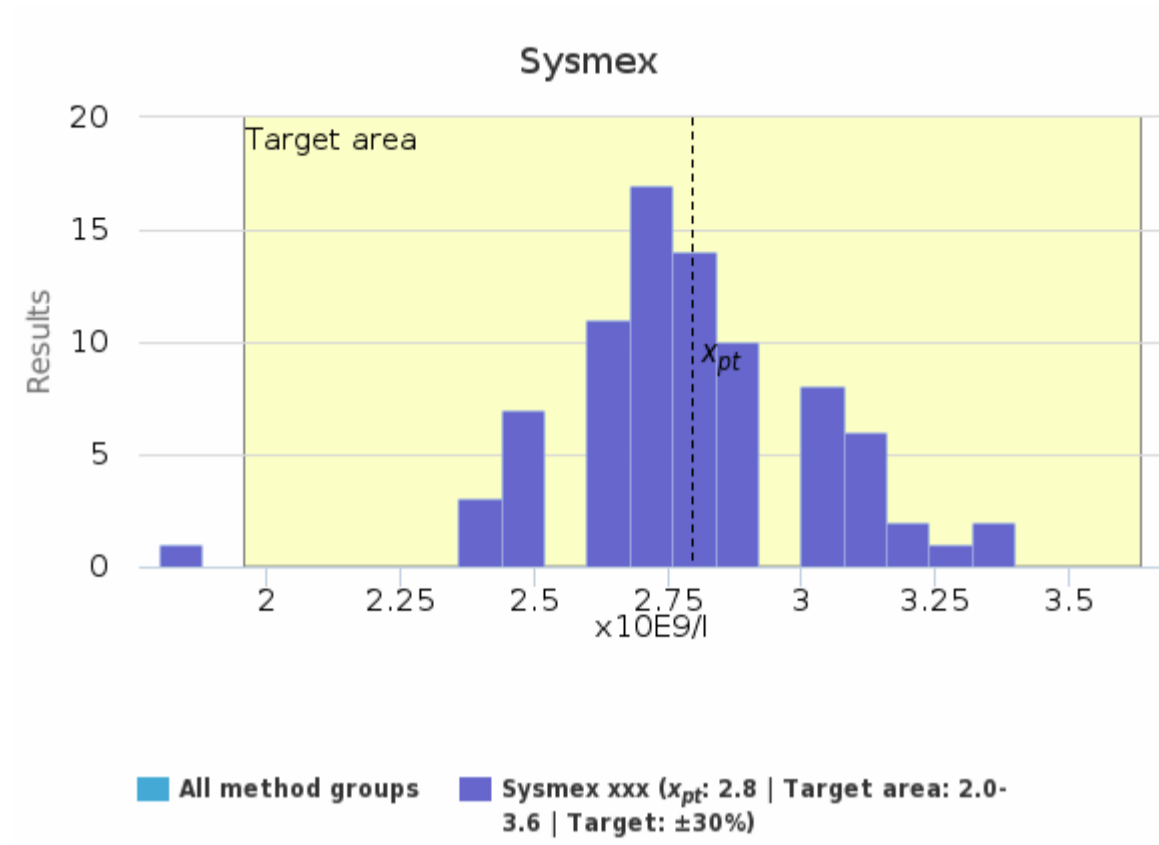




Sample S002 | B -MXD, x10E9/l

Methodics	$x_{pt}$	Median	sd	CV%	SEM	min	max	Outliers	n
Sysmex	2.8	2.8	0.2	8.0	<0.1	2.4	3.4	1	82
<b>All</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>&lt;0.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>82</b>

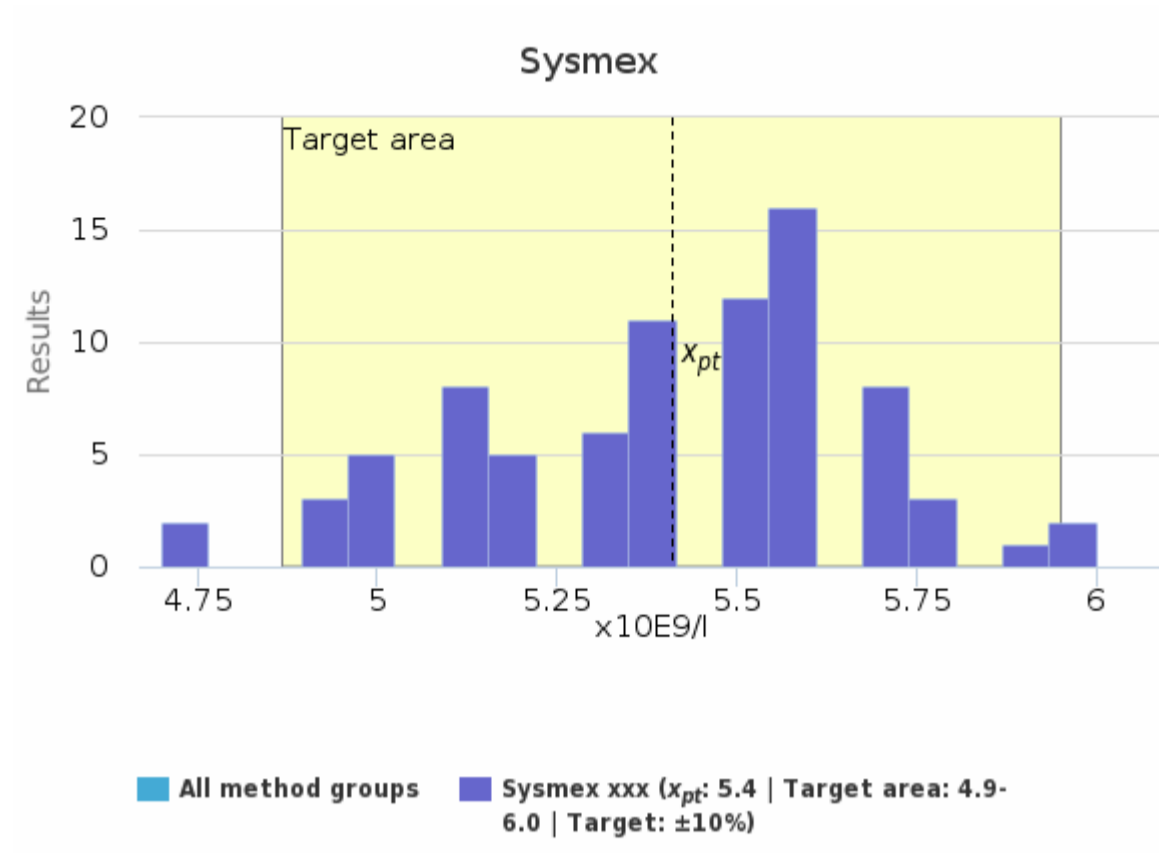
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Sample S002 | B -Neut, x10E9/l

Methodics	$x_{pt}$	Median	sd	CV%	SEM	min	max	Outliers	n
Sysmex	5.4	5.5	0.3	5.2	<0.1	4.7	6.0	-	82
<b>All</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>&lt;0.1</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>6.0</b>	-	<b>82</b>

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External Quality Assessment Scheme

## 3-part Leucocyte Differential Count, Round 1, 2023

### Specimens

Sample S001 (LQ711423011) was blood cell suspension for all other analysers except Sysmex.

Sample S002 (LQ711423012) was blood cell suspension for Sysmex analysers.

Based on the previous tests and the results of this round, the samples were 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 – EQA Coordinator

Automated cell counters can count very reliably the amounts of neutrophils and lymphocytes in the blood. According to the international recommendation the results of lymphocytes and neutrophils of the leucocyte 3-part differentiation should be given as absolute values not as % results, because they are the basis for clinical decision making. Results that were reported clearly in percentages have been removed from the calculation. Both samples represented high leucocyte level samples.

Since different analysers give varying results from the same quality assessment sample, one should only compare results within the same method group.

Commercial controls do not act like fresh patient samples. Because of that in some analysers (Sysmex) the sample of this round should be handled as control sample, not as patient sample to give the right numerical values.

Only numerical values should be checked when analysing control samples. Most of the commercial haematological controls give different kinds of instrument alarms, which should not be taken into account. Instrument alarms should be evaluated with manual microscopy of fresh patient samples.

### End of report

2023-03-27

### FINAL REPORT

Product no. 4200,4201

Samples sent	2023-03-06
Round closed	2023-03-23
Final report	2023-03-27

### 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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