

LABQUALITY

External Quality Assessment Scheme

Hormones A: Basic analytes of hormone and immunochemistry

Round 1, 2023

Specimens

Please find enclosed 2 lyophilized human serum samples S001 (A1) and S002 (A2), 3 mL.

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

Ferritin
Folate
hCG total
hCG intact
T3
T3 free
T4
T4 free
TSH
Vitamin B12
Active vitamin B12

Storage and use

Lyophilized samples are stable at +2 ... 8 °C until the closing date of the round.

Add 3.0 mL aqua to the samples. Ensure solubility and homogeneity. The reconstituted sample can be stored for 10 days at +2 to +8 °C (Folate for 8 days in dark). The components of the frozen sample can be stored frozen at -20° C for 4 weeks if the sample is frozen within 30 minutes after reconstitution. Thaw the sample shortly before analysis and mix until homogenous. Allow the sample to warm to room temperature before analysis.

Analyze both samples as patient samples.

Result reporting

Please enter the results and methods via LabScala (www.labscala.com). If you cannot find your instrument or reagent from the registry, please contact the EQA coordinator.

S001



S002



2023-02-07

INSTRUCTIONS

Product no. 2300, 2300S, 1300
LQ732323011-012/NO

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

The results should be reported no later than
February 27, 2023.

Inquiries

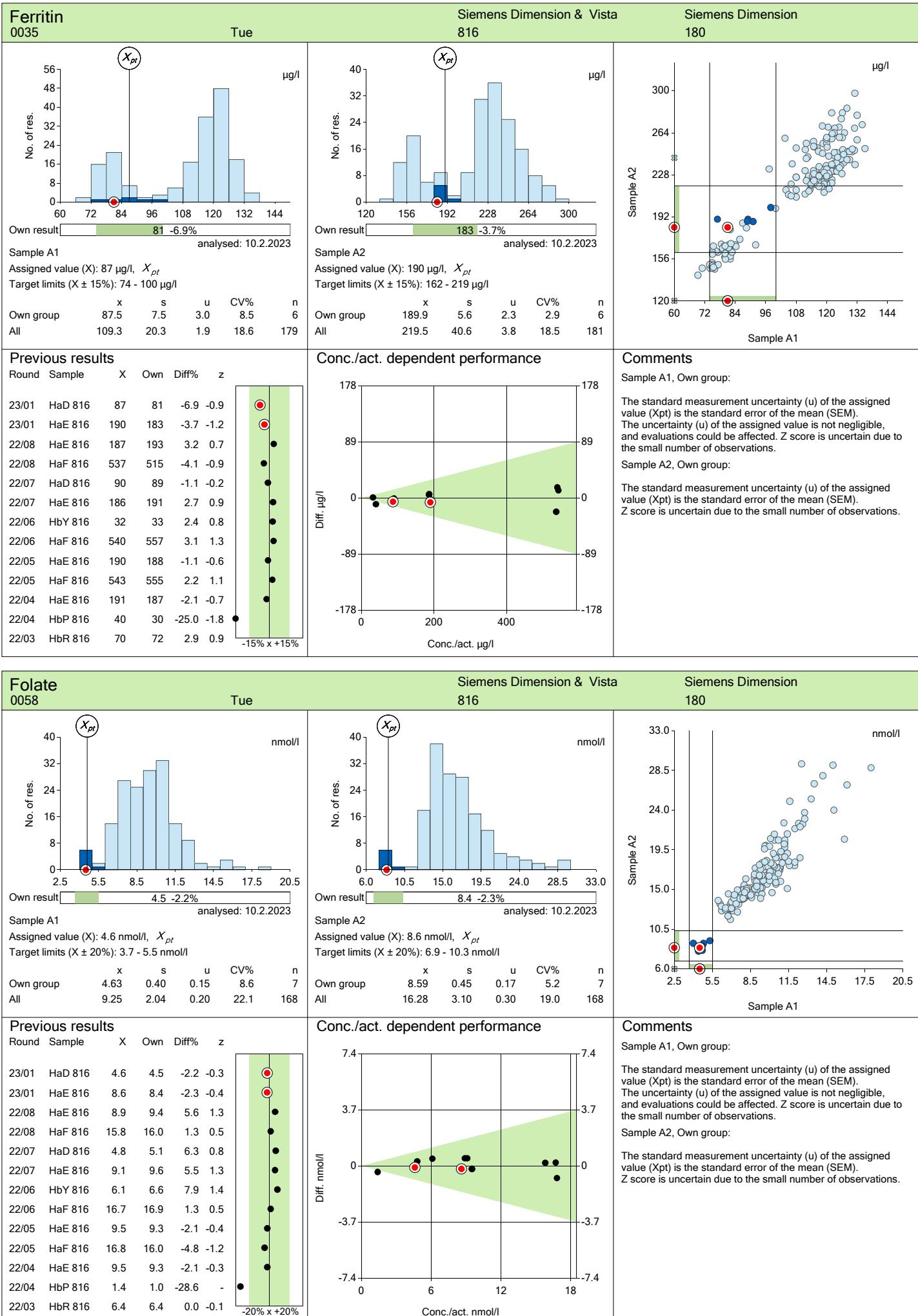
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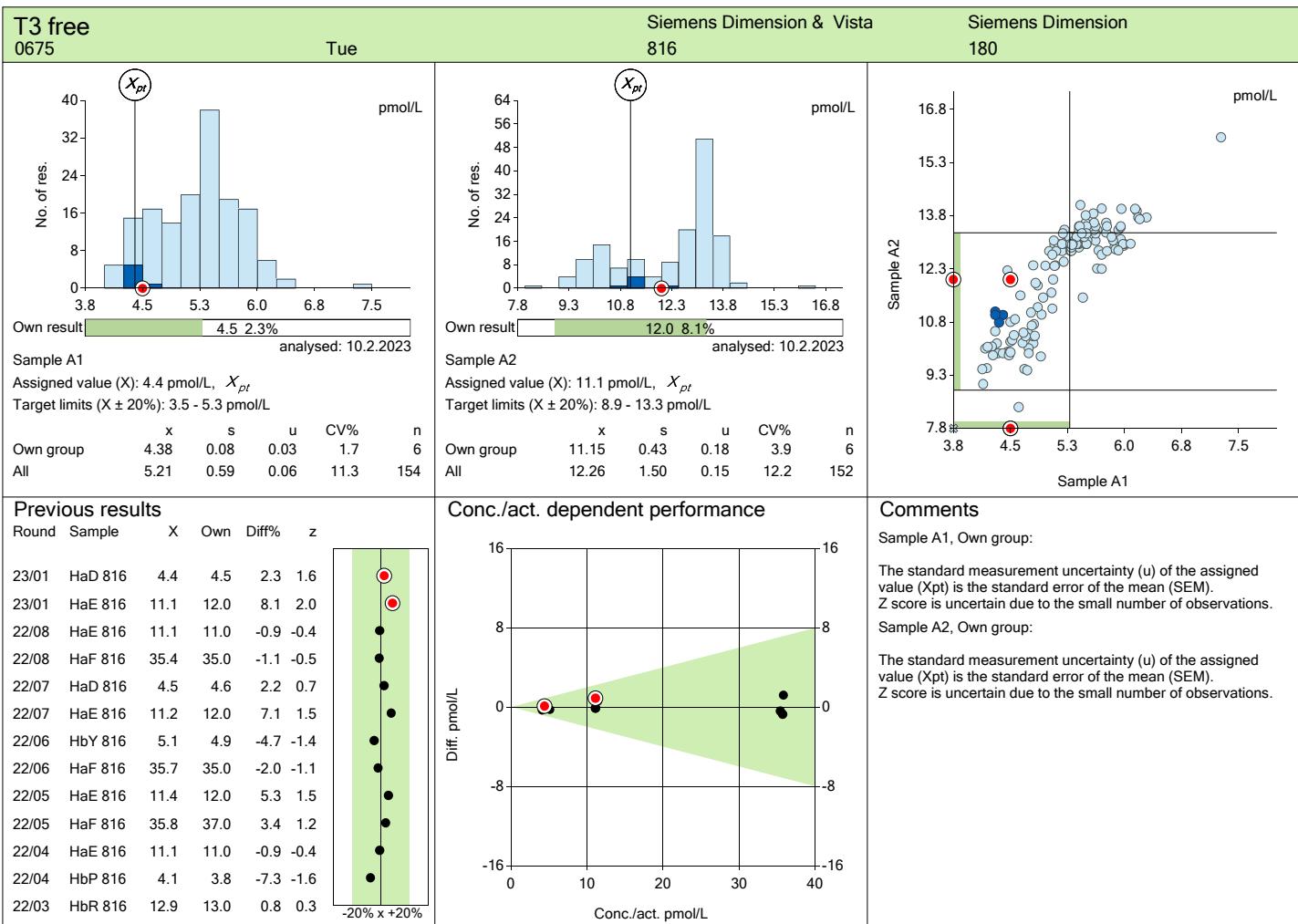
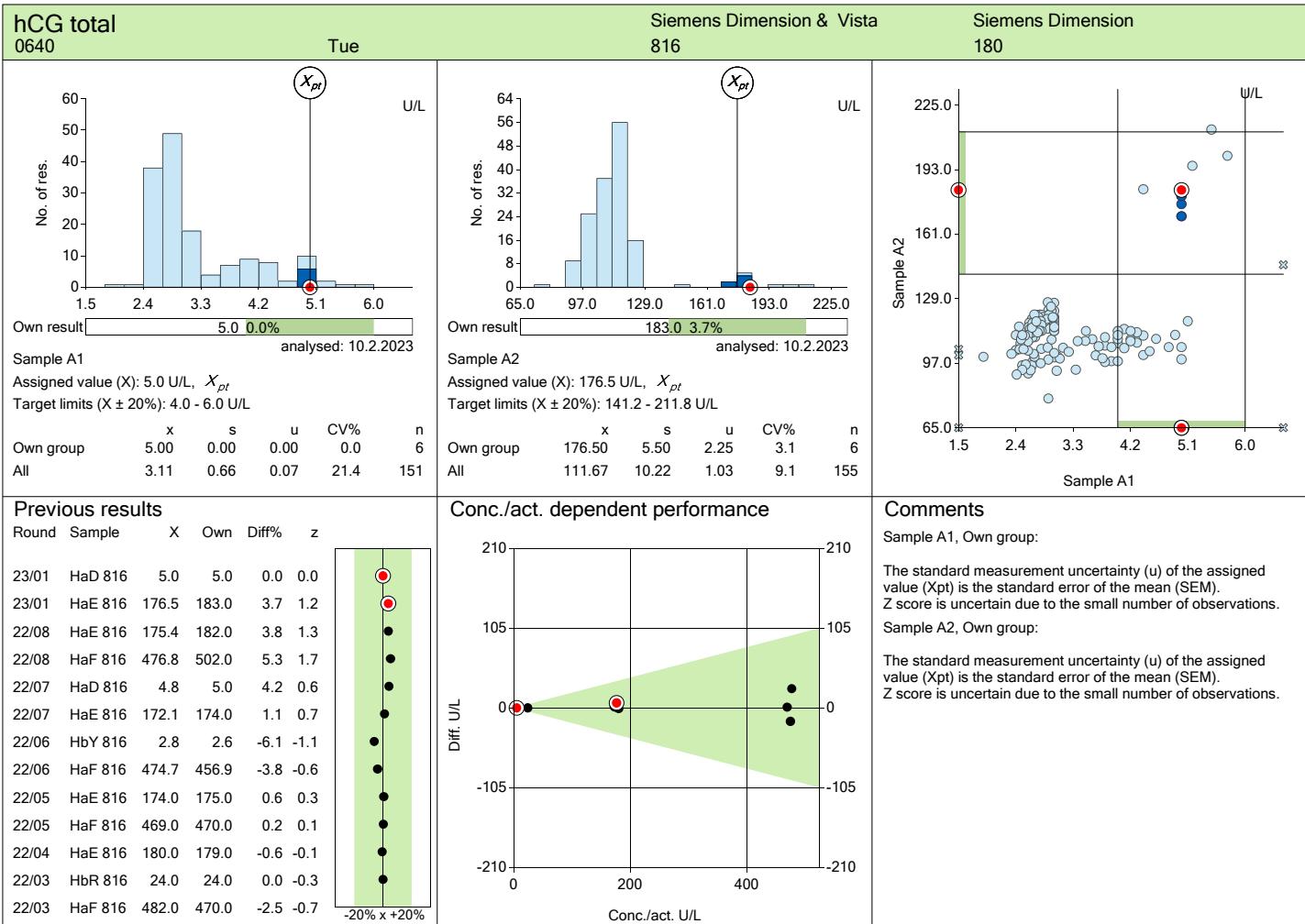
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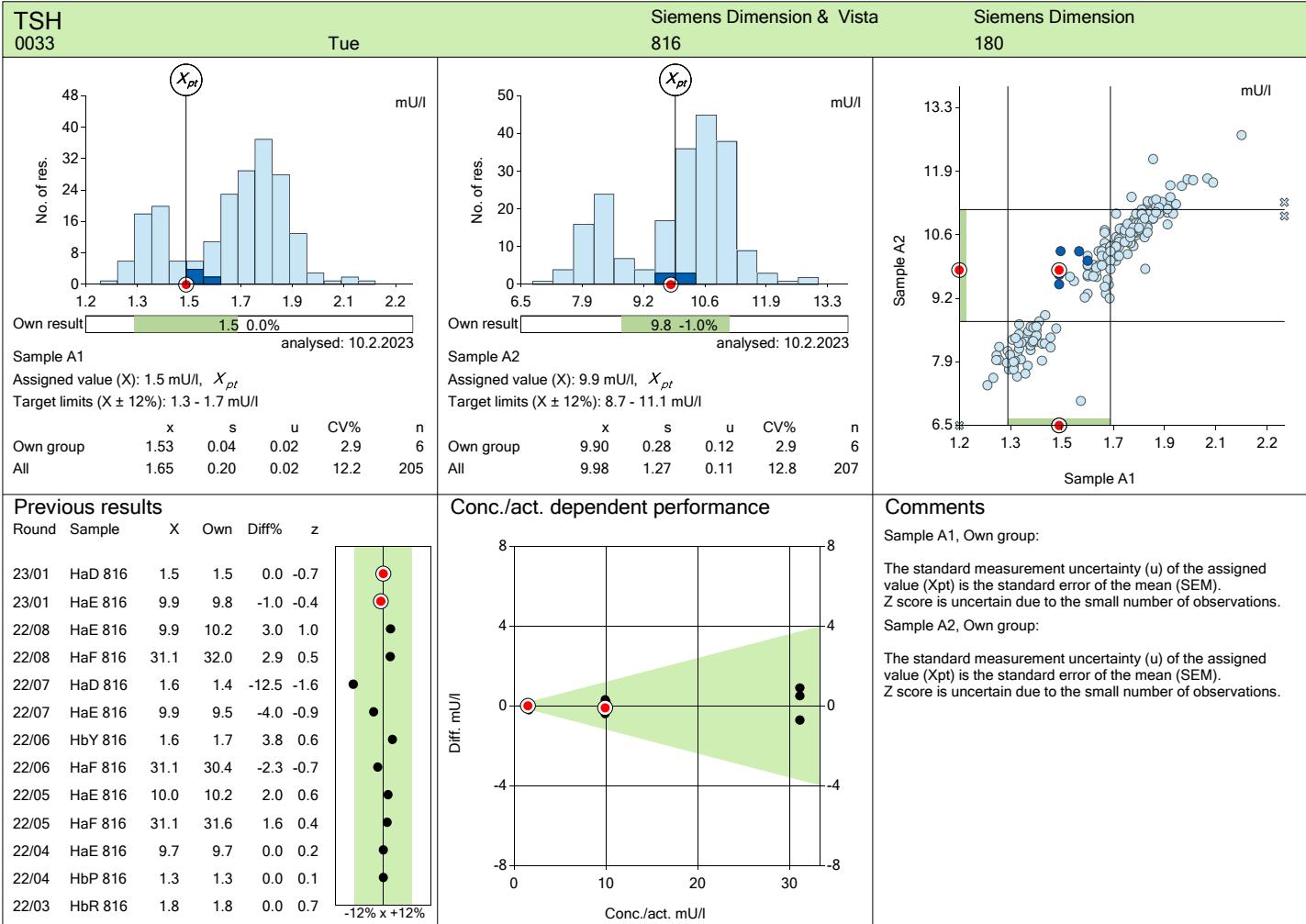
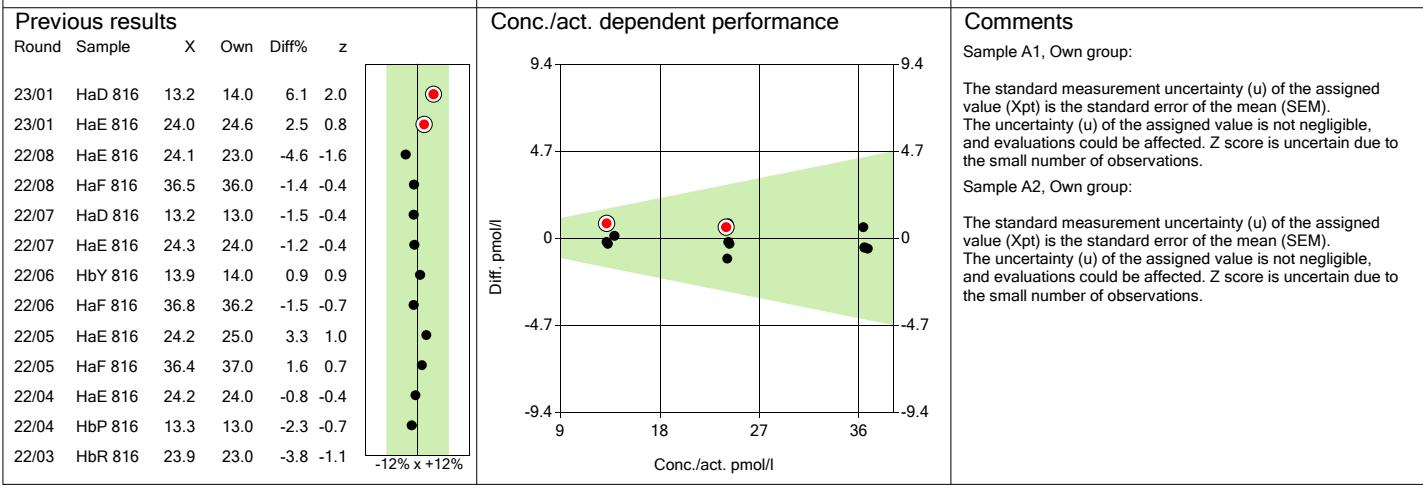
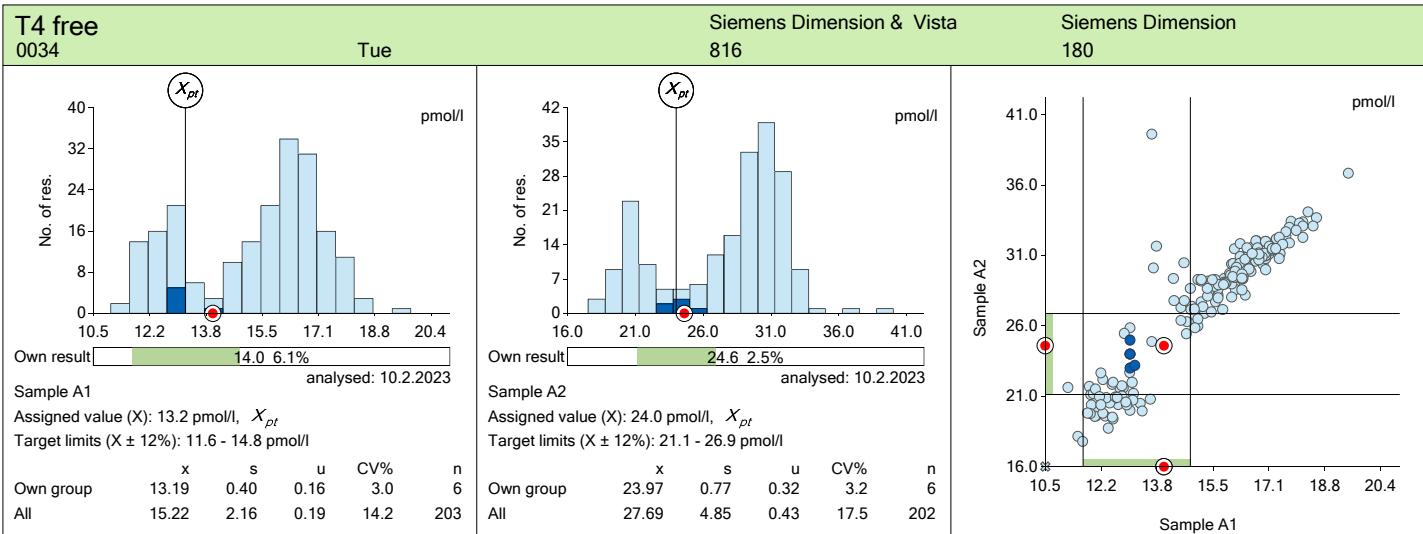
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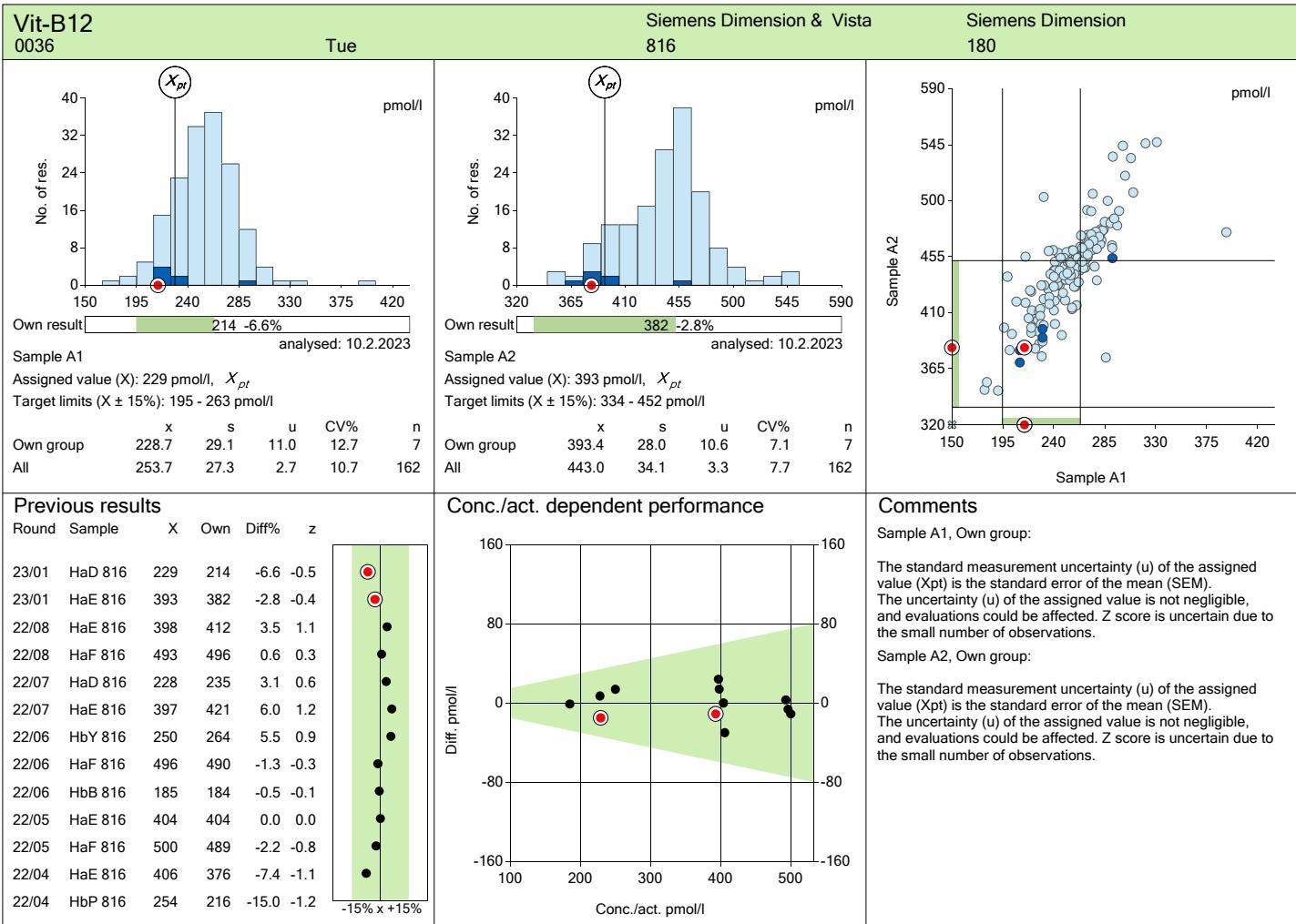
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Participants

168 participants from 17 countries.

Report info

Assigned value (target value) calculation and its uncertainty

Your own result should be compared to others using the same method.

The assigned values (X_{rob}) are calculated according to the robust procedure described in the standard ISO 13528 (Statistical methods for use in proficiency testing by interlaboratory comparisons, Annex C, Algorithm A).

The standard uncertainty of the assigned value is expressed as $1.25 \times$ the standard error of mean (SEM) and marked as "u" in numerical summary. Due to its iterative mode algorithm A adds the uncertainty of the assigned value and with this factor we want to adjust uncertainty accordingly.

In case there are 2-12 results in a method group, the robust calculation is not used but assigned values (X_{pt}) are means of the results where results deviating more than $+/- 3 \times$ 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 too large ($u > 0.1 \times$ maximum allowable error) an automatic text is printed on the report: "The uncertainty of the assigned value is not negligible, and evaluations could be affected."

Please notice also that for groups that have only 1 result only the client's own result is shown. No target value (except for reference method values) is calculated, no target areas are shown.

Z score

In case there are 2-5 results in a method group, no z-score is calculated, and a text is printed on the report: "Due to the small number of results, the z score is not calculated." In case there are 6-12 results, the report has a text: "Z score is uncertain due to the small number of observations."

Results reported with < tai > -signs cannot be included in the statistics.

For information on report interpretation and performance evaluation, please see the " EQAS Interpretation guidelines" in LabScala User instructions (top right corner ?Help link).

NUMERICAL SUMMARY

Hormone Determinations A 2023/01

Analyte	Method group	x	med	s	CV%	u	Min	Max	Number
Sample A1									
Ferritin, µg/l									
Abbott Alinity		120.9	122	7.5	6.2	1.5	97	134	42
Abbott Architect		115.1	115	7.9	6.9	3.2	106	128	6
Beckman Coulter Access & Unicel		130.1	130	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		119.5	120	5.7	4.8	0.8	104	135	78
Roche Tina-quant		115.6	121	13.9	12.0	8.0	100	126	3
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		79.2	80	4.1	5.2	0.8	71	92	41
Siemens Dimension & Vista		87.5	89	7.5	8.5	3.0	77	98	6
Siemens Immulite 1000, 2000, 2500		108.0	108	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tosoh AIA		82.3	82	-	-	-	-	-	1
All		109.3	117	20.3	18.6	1.5	71	135	179
Folate, nmol/l									
Abbott Alinity		11.16	11.1	1.59	14.2	0.34	8.8	15.9	35
Abbott Architect		10.41	10.4	0.59	5.7	0.24	9.6	11.2	6
Beckman Coulter Access		11.20	11.2	2.22	19.9	1.57	9.6	12.8	2
Mass spectrometry		11.40	11.4	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche Folate III restandardized		8.04	8.0	1.22	15.2	0.17	6.0	18.0	78
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		10.00	10.0	0.94	9.4	0.19	7.7	12.0	38
Siemens Dimension & Vista		4.63	4.7	0.40	8.6	0.15	4.0	5.3	7
Tosoh AIA		10.20	10.2	-	-	-	-	-	1
All		9.25	9.4	2.04	22.1	0.16	4.0	18.0	168
hCG intact, U/L									
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		2.93	3.0	0.13	4.3	0.07	2.8	3.0	3
Tosoh AIA		4.60	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	1
All		3.35	3.0	0.96	28.6	0.48	2.8	4.6	4
hCG total, U/L									
Abbott Alinity		2.86	2.8	0.33	11.4	0.09	2.5	4.1	19
Abbott Architect		2.93	3.1	0.58	19.9	0.21	1.9	3.8	8
Beckman Coulter Access & Unicel		3.37	3.4	-	-	-	-	-	1
Radiometer AQT 90 FLEX		2.41	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		2.76	2.7	0.18	6.6	0.02	2.3	3.0	82
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		4.15	4.1	0.51	12.4	0.12	2.8	5.1	30
Siemens Dimension & Vista		5.00	5.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	5.0	5.0	6
Siemens Immulite 1000, 2000, 2500		5.45	5.5	0.28	5.0	0.16	5.2	5.7	3
Tosoh AIA		4.40	4.4	-	-	-	-	-	1
All		3.11	2.9	0.66	21.4	0.05	1.9	5.7	151
Holotranscobalamin, pmol/l									
Abbott Alinity		72.9	74	7.4	10.2	2.6	58	80	8
Abbott Architect		80.4	81	3.2	3.9	1.6	77	84	4
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		68.9	68	6.5	9.5	2.2	58	77	14
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		87.8	80	18.4	20.9	9.2	77	115	4
All		73.2	74	7.9	10.7	1.4	58	115	30
T3, nmol/l									
Abbott Alinity		1.49	1.5	0.07	4.5	0.03	1.4	1.6	5
Abbott Architect		1.45	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	1
Beckman Coulter Access & Unicel		1.90	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		1.93	1.9	0.12	6.1	0.04	1.8	2.1	9
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		1.83	1.8	0.07	4.0	0.03	1.6	1.9	13

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Analyte	Method group	x	med	s	CV%	u	Min	Max	Number
T3, nmol/l									
All		1.79	1.8	0.20	11.2	0.04	1.4	2.1	29
T3 free, pmol/L									
Abbott Alinity		4.57	4.6	0.26	5.6	0.06	4.1	4.9	29
Abbott Architect		4.43	4.4	0.29	6.6	0.12	4.1	4.9	6
Beckman Coulter Access & Unicel		4.74	4.7	0.15	3.1	0.09	4.6	4.9	3
bioMerieux Vidas		4.63	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	1
DiaSorin Liaison		5.18	5.2	0.18	3.5	0.13	5.1	5.3	2
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		5.36	5.4	0.22	4.1	0.03	4.8	7.3	76
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		5.87	5.9	0.24	4.1	0.06	4.7	6.3	29
Siemens Dimension & Vista		4.38	4.4	0.08	1.7	0.03	4.3	4.5	6
Tosoh AIA		4.75	4.8	0.41	8.6	0.29	4.5	5.0	2
All		5.21	5.3	0.59	11.3	0.05	4.1	7.3	154
T4, nmol/l									
Abbott Alinity		78.5	79	2.2	2.8	1.0	76	81	5
Abbott Architect		75.3	75	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		79.4	79	5.8	7.3	2.0	70	90	8
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		83.3	83	5.1	6.1	1.5	77	92	11
All		80.5	80	4.5	5.6	0.9	70	92	25
T4 free, pmol/L									
Abbott Alinity		12.41	12.4	0.56	4.5	0.11	11.2	13.6	41
Abbott Architect		12.44	12.3	0.49	3.9	0.17	11.8	13.1	8
Beckman Coulter Access & Unicel		13.20	13.0	0.51	3.8	0.29	12.8	13.8	3
bioMerieux Vidas		19.44	19.4	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		16.66	16.7	0.80	4.8	0.10	13.7	18.5	102
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		15.36	15.4	0.70	4.6	0.14	13.6	16.9	39
Siemens Dimension & Vista		13.19	13.0	0.40	3.0	0.16	13.0	14.0	6
Siemens Immulite 1000, 2000, 2500		16.60	16.6	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tosoh AIA		14.44	14.4	0.22	1.5	0.16	14.3	14.6	2
All		15.22	15.8	2.16	14.2	0.15	11.2	19.4	203
TSH, mU/I									
Abbott Alinity		1.38	1.4	0.06	4.3	0.01	1.3	1.5	42
Abbott Architect		1.36	1.4	0.06	4.2	0.02	1.2	1.4	9
Beckman Coulter Access & Unicel		1.70	1.6	0.24	13.9	0.12	1.5	2.0	4
bioMerieux Vidas		1.83	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	1
DiaSorin Liaison		1.99	2.0	0.21	10.7	0.15	1.8	2.1	2
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		1.78	1.8	0.08	4.3	0.01	1.6	2.1	96
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		1.68	1.7	0.06	3.7	0.01	1.6	1.8	42
Siemens Dimension & Vista		1.53	1.5	0.04	2.9	0.02	1.5	1.6	6
Siemens Immulite 1000, 2000, 2500		1.66	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tosoh AIA		1.61	1.6	0.03	1.8	0.02	1.6	1.6	2
All		1.65	1.7	0.20	12.2	0.01	1.2	2.1	205
Vit-B12, pmol/l									
Abbott Alinity		236.1	237	17.5	7.4	3.8	196	270	33
Abbott Architect		239.0	245	29.8	12.4	14.9	201	266	4
Beckman Coulter Access		240.9	241	85.0	35.3	60.1	181	301	2
Mindray		292.1	292	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		268.2	268	17.1	6.4	2.4	191	392	77
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		243.1	243	22.5	9.3	4.6	179	321	37
Siemens Dimension & Vista		228.7	215	29.1	12.7	11.0	210	292	7
Tosoh AIA		308.1	308	-	-	-	-	-	1

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Analyte	Method group	x	med	s	CV%	u	Min	Max	Number
Vit-B12, pmol/l									
All		253.7	255	27.3	10.7	2.1	179	392	162
Sample A2									
Ferritin, µg/l									
Abbott Alinity		258.5	259	15.1	5.8	2.9	226	298	42
Abbott Architect		244.4	247	11.1	4.5	4.5	226	257	6
Beckman Coulter Access & Unicel		196.1	196	76.4	39.0	54.0	142	250	2
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		229.2	229	10.8	4.7	1.5	209	251	79
Roche Tina-quant		214.7	216	14.9	7.0	8.6	199	229	3
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		160.9	162	9.7	6.0	1.9	147	187	41
Siemens Dimension & Vista		189.9	189	5.6	2.9	2.3	183	200	6
Siemens Immulite 1000, 2000, 2500		226.0	226	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tosoh AIA		169.1	169	-	-	-	-	-	1
All		219.5	228	40.6	18.5	3.0	142	298	181
Folate, nmol/l									
Abbott Alinity		20.47	20.2	2.64	12.9	0.56	16.6	29.1	35
Abbott Architect		18.64	18.9	1.10	5.9	0.45	16.5	19.6	6
Beckman Coulter Access		20.58	20.6	3.44	16.7	2.43	18.1	23.0	2
Mass spectrometry		15.11	15.1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche Folate III restandardized		14.62	14.4	1.62	11.1	0.23	11.6	29.2	78
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		16.41	16.4	1.37	8.3	0.28	13.8	21.9	38
Siemens Dimension & Vista		8.59	8.6	0.45	5.2	0.17	8.0	9.2	7
Tosoh AIA		14.65	14.7	-	-	-	-	-	1
All		16.28	16.0	3.10	19.0	0.24	8.0	29.2	168
hCG intact, U/L									
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		120.87	123.0	4.77	3.9	2.76	115.4	124.2	3
Tosoh AIA		186.10	186.1	-	-	-	-	-	1
All		137.18	123.6	37.25	27.2	18.63	115.4	186.1	4
hCG total, U/L									
Abbott Alinity		99.16	99.1	5.41	5.5	1.44	92.0	109.0	22
Abbott Architect		100.03	101.2	4.17	4.2	1.48	93.8	104.7	8
Beckman Coulter Access & Unicel		126.93	126.9	26.77	21.1	18.93	108.0	145.9	2
Radiometer AQT 90 FLEX		91.40	91.4	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		116.13	116.7	4.72	4.1	0.65	79.5	127.3	82
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		106.91	107.1	5.68	5.3	1.30	97.6	117.9	30
Siemens Dimension & Vista		176.50	178.0	5.50	3.1	2.25	170.0	183.0	6
Siemens Immulite 1000, 2000, 2500		202.67	200.0	9.29	4.6	5.36	195.0	213.0	3
Tosoh AIA		183.40	183.4	-	-	-	-	-	1
All		111.67	113.0	10.22	9.1	0.82	79.5	213.0	155
Holotranscobalamin, pmol/l									
Abbott Alinity		226.4	229	20.8	9.2	10.4	200	248	4
Abbott Architect		250.3	249	4.7	1.9	2.7	246	256	3
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		188.9	185	35.7	18.9	12.6	141	232	8
All		211.8	222	41.2	19.5	10.6	141	256	15
T3, nmol/l									
Abbott Alinity		3.42	3.4	0.09	2.7	0.04	3.3	3.6	5
Abbott Architect		3.60	3.6	-	-	-	-	-	1
Beckman Coulter Access & Unicel		4.68	4.7	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		4.19	4.1	0.20	4.7	0.07	3.9	4.6	9
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		4.08	4.1	0.21	5.3	0.07	3.8	28.0	13

NUMERICAL SUMMARY Hormone Determinations A 2023/01, Sample A2

Analyte	Method group	x	med	s	CV%	u	Min	Max	Number
T3, nmol/l									
All		4.01	4.1	0.40	9.9	0.07	3.3	28.0	29
T3 free, pmol/L									
Abbott Alinity		10.31	10.3	0.45	4.4	0.11	9.5	11.2	29
Abbott Architect		10.15	10.0	0.80	7.9	0.33	9.1	11.5	6
Beckman Coulter Access & Unicel		9.22	9.4	0.74	8.0	0.43	8.4	9.8	3
bioMerieux Vidas		11.55	11.6	-	-	-	-	-	1
DiaSorin Liaison		12.08	12.1	1.27	10.5	0.90	11.2	13.0	2
Mindray		10.31	10.3	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		13.13	13.1	0.36	2.7	0.05	11.8	16.0	75
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		13.08	13.0	0.56	4.2	0.13	9.5	14.0	27
Siemens Dimension & Vista		11.15	11.0	0.43	3.9	0.18	10.8	12.0	6
Tosoh AIA		11.95	11.9	0.45	3.7	0.32	11.6	12.3	2
All		12.26	12.9	1.50	12.2	0.12	8.4	16.0	152
T4, nmol/l									
Abbott Alinity		150.9	156	9.3	6.2	4.2	136	158	5
Abbott Architect		161.0	161	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		156.0	156	9.5	6.1	3.4	140	167	8
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		172.7	176	18.7	10.8	5.6	124	193	11
All		162.8	164	16.4	10.1	3.3	124	193	25
T4 free, pmol/L									
Abbott Alinity		20.62	20.7	1.03	5.0	0.20	17.8	24.0	41
Abbott Architect		21.39	21.5	1.09	5.1	0.39	19.8	22.7	8
Beckman Coulter Access & Unicel		27.67	25.9	3.47	12.5	2.00	25.5	31.7	3
bioMerieux Vidas		36.86	36.9	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mindray		28.93	28.9	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		30.84	31.0	1.37	4.4	0.17	27.8	34.1	101
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		27.88	27.9	1.39	5.0	0.28	24.9	39.6	38
Siemens Dimension & Vista		23.97	24.0	0.77	3.2	0.32	23.0	25.0	6
Siemens Immulite 1000, 2000, 2500		31.15	31.1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tosoh AIA		29.94	29.9	0.78	2.6	0.56	29.4	30.5	2
All		27.69	29.2	4.85	17.5	0.34	17.8	39.6	202
TSH, mU/l									
Abbott Alinity		8.15	8.2	0.36	4.4	0.07	7.5	8.8	42
Abbott Architect		8.19	8.3	0.40	4.8	0.13	7.4	8.6	9
Beckman Coulter Access & Unicel		10.20	9.8	0.99	9.7	0.49	9.6	11.7	4
bioMerieux Vidas		12.16	12.2	-	-	-	-	-	1
DiaSorin Liaison		11.85	11.9	1.16	9.8	0.82	11.0	12.7	2
Mindray		12.70	12.7	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		10.75	10.7	0.42	3.9	0.05	9.7	11.8	97
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		10.17	10.2	0.51	5.0	0.10	7.0	11.4	42
Siemens Dimension & Vista		9.90	9.9	0.28	2.9	0.12	9.5	10.2	6
Siemens Immulite 1000, 2000, 2500		9.45	9.5	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tosoh AIA		9.50	9.5	0.39	4.1	0.27	9.2	9.8	2
All		9.98	10.3	1.27	12.8	0.09	7.0	12.7	207
Vit-B12, pmol/l									
Abbott Alinity		422.0	420	26.8	6.4	5.8	381	503	33
Abbott Architect		415.0	409	38.6	9.3	19.3	380	462	4
Beckman Coulter Access		449.1	449	134.2	29.9	94.9	354	544	2
Mindray		535.4	535	-	-	-	-	-	1
Roche cobas e, Elecsys, & Modular E		458.9	460	18.5	4.0	2.6	348	547	77
Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica		435.4	439	29.3	6.7	6.0	348	546	37

NUMERICAL SUMMARY**Hormone Determinations A 2023/01, Sample A2**

Analyte	Method group	x	med	s	CV%	u	Min	Max	Number
Vit-B12, pmol/l									
Siemens Dimension & Vista		393.4	382	28.0	7.1	10.6	370	454	7
Tosoh AIA		534.2	534	-	-	-	-	-	1
All		443.0	448	34.1	7.7	2.7	348	547	162

Participants

168 participants from 17 countries.

Report info

Assigned value (target value) calculation and its uncertainty

Your own result should be compared to others using the same method.

The assigned values (Xrob) are calculated according to the robust procedure described in the standard ISO 13528 (Statistical methods for use in proficiency testing by interlaboratory comparisons, Annex C, Algorithm A).

The standard uncertainty of the assigned value is expressed as 1.25 x the standard error of mean (SEM) and marked as "u" in numerical summary. Due to its iterative mode algorithm A adds the uncertainty of the assigned value and with this factor we want to adjust uncertainty accordingly.

In case there are 2-12 results in a method group, the robust calculation is not used but assigned values (Xpt) 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 too large ($u > 0.1 * \text{maximum allowable error}$) an automatic text is printed on the report: "The uncertainty of the assigned value is not negligible, and evaluations could be affected."

Please notice also that for groups that have only 1 result only the client's own result is shown. No target value (except for reference method values) is calculated, no target areas are shown.

Z score

In case there are 2-5 results in a method group, no z-score is calculated, and a text is printed on the report: "Due to the small number of results, the z score is not calculated." In case there are 6-12 results, the report has a text: "Z score is uncertain due to the small number of observations."

Results reported with < tai > -signs cannot be included in the statistics.

For information on report interpretation and performance evaluation, please see the " EQAS Interpretation guidelines" in LabScala User instructions (top right corner ?Help link).

External Quality Assessment Scheme

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Specimens

Sample S001 (LQ732323011) and sample S002 (LQ732323012) were lyophilized human serum samples.

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 histogram 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. The samples have been used before on the round and the sample history can be seen in the client specific report with the histogram.

Comments – EQA Coordinator

In both samples, ferritin results were highest by Abbott Alinity's and Roche's methods, while Siemens Advia Centaur & Atellica had the lowest results.

In the hCG total results, the results of both samples had the main group consisting of the results of the Roche methods and, in addition to these, higher results of other methods in a wide range.

The results for T4 free and TSH are the lowest by Abbott's methods and the highest by Roche's methods in both samples.

The level of active vitamin B12 in sample S002/A2 was high and eight laboratories reported a result above the measurement range. The reported results are in agreement with the mean of all results of 211.8 pmol/L.

The round went well. Only 12 results were manually excluded from the results processing.

End of report

2023-03-06

FINAL REPORT

Product no. 2300, 2300S

Samples sent	2023-02-07
Round closed	2023-02-27
Final report	2023-03-06

Request for correction

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