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## ICAR PROFICIENCY TEST - MARCH 2023

Raw cow milk

“Reference” Methods





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## 1. Introduction

Dear Participant,

Thank you for participating in the ICAR Proficiency Test (PT) March 2023 !

This is the fifteenth round that ICAR organized since 2016 !!!

The sample preparation and statistical elaboration have been done by ICAR with Sub-contractor Actalia, accredited for ISO 17043.

The synthetic report and control charts over the time are prepared by ICAR.

The advantage to participate in the PT round is to obtain a worldwide updated picture of the analytical situation for milk analyses.

For somatic cell parameter, since March 2020 we have the possibility to build the international traceability to the EC JRC Certified reference material for somatic cell counting in milk. Following the ISO/IDF Bulletin 508/2021 Guidance and application of EC JRC Certified reference material for somatic cell counting in milk we have characterized the ICAR PT samples. These values and the ISO 13366-2 standard deviation of reproducibility, will be used to calculate, for **SCC ZScore FIX**. In this way the ZS FIX will better anchored to the international metrological traceability and you can follow your instrument performance over the time.

In this report you will find sections 2 and 3 which are dedicated to "your" quality assurance management and section 4 dedicated to the "general" statistical elaboration for each parameter.

The proficiency test is a tool to help evaluate the performance of the laboratory process and to support your laboratory quality assurance system. Its aim is to provide independent data for you to monitor, evaluate and ultimately improve your processes as you see fit.

From the analyses of the data received we have identified some aspects that if evaluated and managed may serve to improve some control steps of your quality management ISO 17025.

When the PT samples arrive to your laboratory they can be viewed as being from a 'customer' that is asking you to provide timely, precise and accurate results.

**In tables A,B,C,D,E,F,G if the information is reported correctly from the participant, then the cells are filled in green, otherwise they are highlighted in red for your attention, so you can review and verify any causal reasons internally. The control charts, will help you to follow your performance over the time.**

- A) In table A you find your participation codes, for each parameter, and the information if all the results from the samples received, have been sent to the PT provider.
- B) In table B is indicated if the results have been sent on time.



- C) In table C is indicated if the results have been reported in the correct unit of measurements.
- D) It is the ranking of your laboratory. The values of table 1 for each parameter are reported. In table F the ranking of your lab will be green if the mean of difference and standard deviation of difference value are in the box of figure 2 of each parameter. Limits are only indicative and so far do not constitute standard values; they indicate what is normally reachable by labs for their self evaluation. ICAR Milk Analyses Sub Committee is monitoring these limits and eventually will update the limit of the box to evaluate the accuracy.
- E) Here are reported the samples that resulted outlier for your participation code for Cochran and/or Grubbs test
- F) The evaluation of repeatability of the results should be one of the first controls before communication of the data. In table F the absolute difference between replicates is compared with the repeatability limit of the relevant "reference" method indicated. If one or more results have a result out of the limit, the cell is in red. It may be that you have deployed a chemical method that is different from the reference method indicated. If the repeatability is bigger it will be evaluated internally with the precision of the specific method used. You can find all the detailed information of your data in Table II in the section Statistical elaboration for each parameter.
- G) In table G the results of your Z-Score<sub>PT</sub> (standard deviation calculated on this proficiency test) and the Z-Score<sub>FIX</sub> (standard deviation of the standard method) are summarized.

Z-Score<sub>FIX</sub> is calculated considering the standard deviation of reproducibility of the standardized method

If you have obtained all the -2<Z-Score results<+2 the cell will be filled in green. If you have obtained one or more results in the moderate or poor performance range the cells will be filled in yellow or red respectively.

### Control Charts and tables

On the control charts are reported the last 3 proficiency tests where your lab participated

In the associated table are reported all the ZS-PT and ZS Fix where your laboratory participated

For this reason from this round the ZS values are reported according the sample order from 1 to 10 and not according the sample concentration as organized in the previous PT

In the second part of the report the statistical elaboration followed the template approved by ICAR's Milk Analyses Sub Committee. You find the statistical elaboration for all the ICAR interested parameters, fat, protein, lactose, urea and somatic cell.

We think it is important to show you, as ICAR member, the reproducibility of the ICAR laboratories, even if you have not participated in this PT round.

For each parameter the **SR=standard deviation of reproducibility** has been calculated after the outlier elimination. If you have participated, and your results are in the repeatability limits, you can use this value for the calculation of your uncertainty of measurement.

ICAR would like to see, in the next years, part 4 of this report, completed with the results, reference and/or routine methods, from all the ICAR countries for the parameters indicated.

We are sure with your support and contribution it will grow to benefit all!



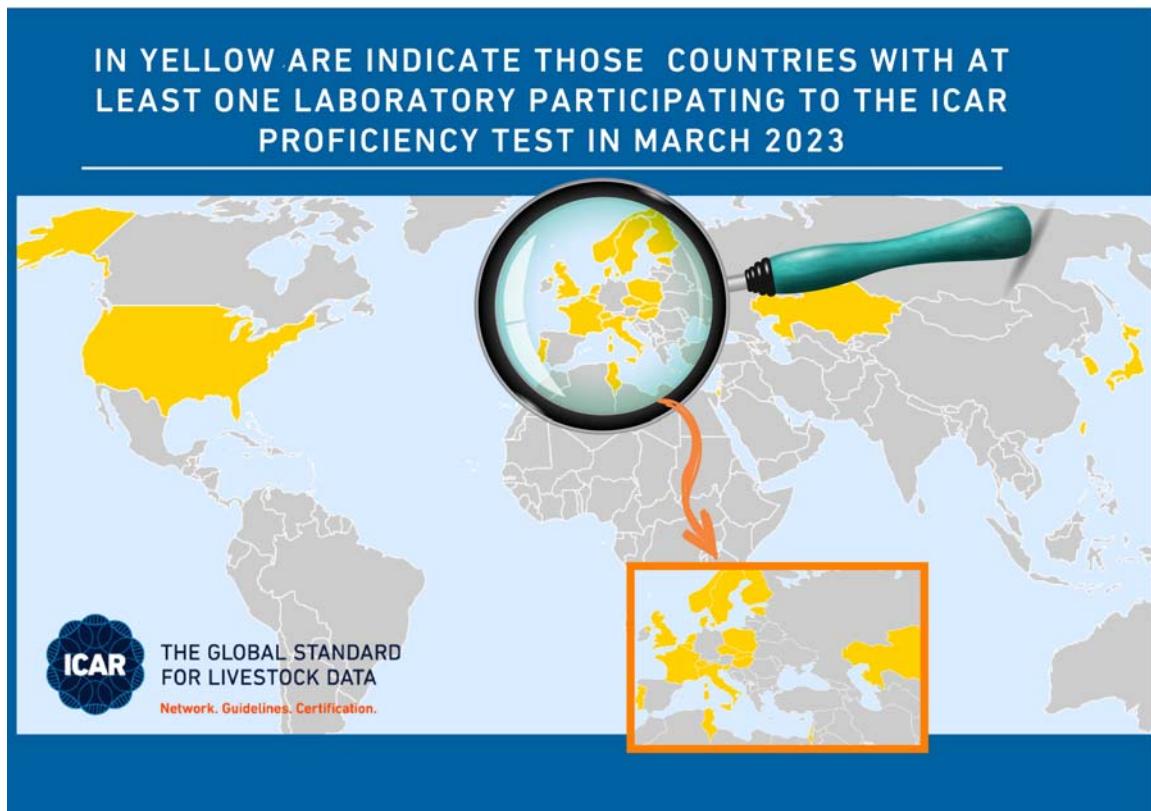
The list of laboratories that participated in ICAR PT March 2023 with at least one parameter is reported below

**Table 1. Participating milk laboratories to the ICAR Proficiency Test (March 2023)**

Country	Laboratory
Austria	Pruefstelle Labor Rotholz
Belgium	Comite du Lait ASBL
Belgium	Department of Agricultural products of Walloon Agricultural Research Centre
Canada	Lactanet
Czech Rep.	Laborator pro rozbor mleka Brno, Ceskomoravská spolecnost chovatelu a.s.
Czech Rep.	MILCOM a.s Dairy Research Institute
Denmark	Eurofins Milk Testing Denmark
Denmark	Foss Analytical A/S
Denmark	LVK
Estonia	Eesti Pollumajandusloomade Joudluskontrolli AS, Milk Analysing Laboratory
Finland	Valio Oy, Regional laboratory
France	ACTALIA / ACTILAIT / CECALAIT
France	TermoFisher Scientific Lab Service Intern.
Germany	Milchprüfung Bayern e.V.
Hungary	Hrvatska Agencija za poljoprivredu i hranu
Israel	Central Milk Laboratory – ICBA
Italy	Associazione Italiana Allevatori, Laboratorio Standard Latte (LSL-AIA)
Italy	Federazione Latterie Alto Adige Soc. Agr. Coop.
Japan	Japan Dairy Technical Association
Kazakhstan	Test center LLP
Norway	Tine Ramelklaboratoriet Heimdal
Norway	Tine SA Mastittlaboratoriet i Molde
Poland	Laboratorium Oceny Mleka (KCHZ), Laboratorium Referencyjne z siedziba w Parzniewie
Poland	PFHBiPM Laboratorium w Bialymstoku zs.w Jezewie Starym
Poland	PFHBiPM Laboratorium w Kobiernie
Poland	PFHBiPM Laboratorium w Parzniewie
Poland	PFHBiPM Region Oceny Bydgoszcz z/s w Minikowie
Portugal	Associação Interprofissional do Leite e Lacticínios
Portugal	LRV-LABORATORIO REGIONAL DE VETERINARIA
Portugal	Sercla Sao Miguel
Portugal	Sercla Terceira
Serbia	Laboratorija za ispitivanje kvaliteta mleka, Poljoprivredni fakultet Novi Sad
Slovakia	Plemenárské služby SR, š.p., Centrálné laboratórium rozboru mlieka
Slovenia	KGZS Zavod Ptui



Country	Laboratory
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, Department of Animal Science, Institute of Dairy Science and Probiotics
Slovenia	Veterinary faculty NVI U Kranj
South Africa	Mérieux NutriSciences Cape Town
South Korea	Korea Animal Improvement Association
Spain	CICAP
Sweden	DeLaval International AB
Sweden	Eurofins Milk Testing Sweden AB
Switzerland	Agroscope
Switzerland	Suisselab AG
Taiwan	Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, Taiwan Animal Germplasm Center of TLRI
The Netherlands	Qlip B.V.
Tunisia	Laboratoire d'Analyse du lait Beja
Tunisia	Office de l'Elevage et des Pasturages, Laboratoire de Contrôle Laitier
UK	CIS
UK	National Milk Records plc_ Glasgow
UK	National Milk Records plc_ Wolverhampton
USA	Eastern Laboratory Services





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ICAR would like to stay at your side to support you in any way we can to help improve overall quality management systems for milk analyses. Your active participation in the ICAR PTs and in the Milk Analyses meetings is encouraging. We welcome any and all feedback/comments you may have on this activity, as it will help us continuously improve and to ultimately provide you a better service.

Kind Regards,

ICAR Secretariat



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**Chemical Reference Methods**  
**Laboratory participation codes and Performance analyses**

ICAR PT  
RF0323

Laboratory Name	
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A	Your participation Codes					
	Subscription	Fat <sub>ref</sub>	Protein <sub>ref</sub>	Lactose <sub>ref</sub>	Urea <sub>ref</sub>	SCC <sub>ref/alt</sub>
		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Participation Codes	2	2	1	2	3	
Are all the sample results received?	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	

B	Data results received on time					
		Fat <sub>ref</sub>	Protein <sub>ref</sub>	Lactose <sub>ref</sub>	Urea <sub>ref</sub>	SCC <sub>ref/alt</sub>
Results reception date		23/03/2023	23/03/2023	17/03/2023	15/03/2023	16/03/2023

C	Have you sent the data with the correct units of measurements?					
		Fat <sub>ref</sub>	Protein <sub>ref</sub>	Lactose <sub>ref</sub>	Urea <sub>ref</sub>	SCC <sub>ref/alt</sub>
		g/100g	nitrogen g/100g *	g/100g	mg/dl	SCC*1000/ml
		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\* It was requested to report the value in total nitrogen

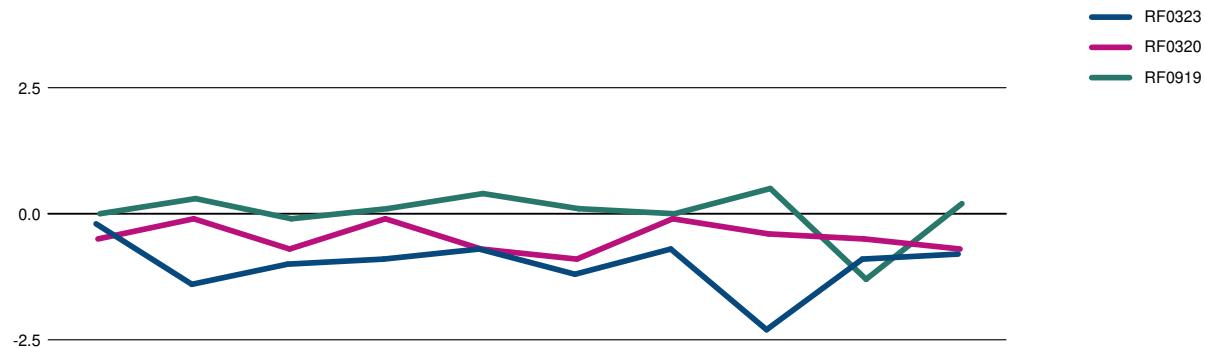
D	Ranking of your lab					
		Fat <sub>ref</sub>	Protein <sub>ref</sub>	Lactose <sub>ref</sub>	Urea <sub>ref</sub>	SCC <sub>ref/alt</sub>
		g/100g	nitrogen g/100g *	g/100g	mg/dl	SCC*1000/ml
	Code	2	2	1	2	3
	%	50	100	100	22	71
	d	-0.012	0.008	0.029	-0.513	6%
	Sd	0.004	0.536	0.184	0.410	6%
	D	0.012	0.537	0.186	0.657	8%
Limits						
d	<= 0.020	<= 0.025	<= 0.10	-2.5 <= d <= 2.5	-10% <= d <= 10%	
Sd	<= 0.030	<= 0.020	<= 0.10	<= 1.5	<= 10%	

E	Outliers					
		Fat <sub>ref</sub>	Protein <sub>ref</sub>	Lactose <sub>ref</sub>	Urea <sub>ref</sub>	SCC <sub>ref/alt</sub>
		g/100g	nitrogen g/100g *	g/100g	mg/dl	SCC*1000/ml
	Sample 1		Outlier			
	Sample 2		Outlier			
	Sample 3					
	Sample 4					
	Sample 5			Outlier		
	Sample 6					
	Sample 7					
	Sample 8			Outlier		
	Sample 9					
	Sample 10					

F	Repeatability					
	Your "r" performance					
		Fat <sub>ref</sub>	Protein <sub>ref</sub>	Lactose <sub>ref</sub>	Urea <sub>ref</sub>	SCC <sub>ref/alt</sub>
		g/100g	nitrogen g/100g *	g/100g	mg/dl	SCC*1000/ml
	Sample 1	0.009	0.001	0.00	0.40	11
	Sample 2	0.007	0.000	0.01	0.37	7
	Sample 3	0.007	0.003	0.00	0.06	4
	Sample 4	0.006	0.002	0.01	0.15	8
	Sample 5	0.012	0.002	0.00	0.06	5
	Sample 6	0.014	0.001	0.01	0.00	12
If the repeatability is smaller than the limit the cell is in green if there is a sample with a "r" bigger than the limit the cell is in red. Please check table II in correspondence of the parameter and your lab code.						
Limits						
		Fat <sub>ref</sub>	Protein <sub>ref</sub>	Lactose <sub>ref</sub>	Urea <sub>ref</sub>	SCC <sub>ref/alt</sub>
		g/100g	nitrogen g/100g *	g/100g	mg/dl	SCC*1000/ml
		ISO 1211 IDF 1D	ISO 8968 IDF 20	ISO 22662 IDF 198	ISO 14637 IDF 195	ISO 13366-2 IDF 148-2
		<= 0.043	<= 0.038	<= 0.06	<= 1.52	Level r
						150 25
						300 42
						450 51
						750 64
						1500 126

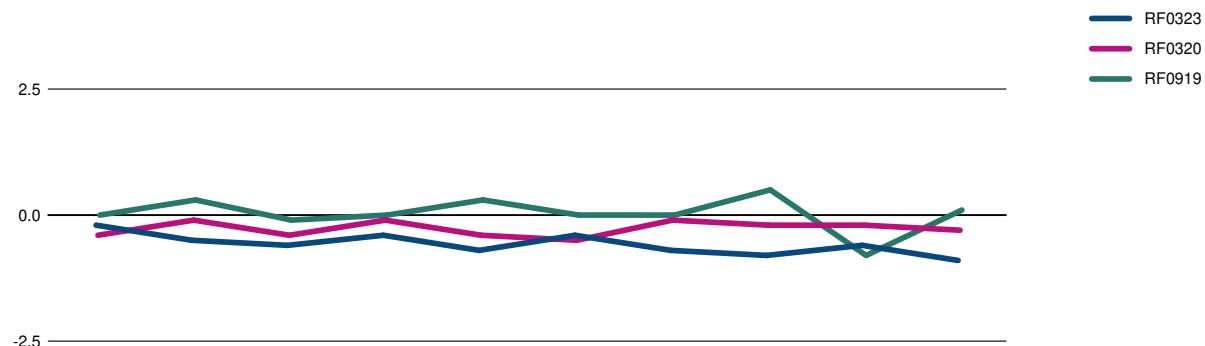
G	Your Z-Score PT					
		Fat <sub>ref</sub>	Protein <sub>ref</sub>	Lactose <sub>ref</sub>	Urea <sub>ref</sub>	SCC <sub>ref/alt</sub>
	Sample 1	-0.21	-56.20	0.32	0.55	1.30
	Sample 2	-1.40	75.75	0.22	-0.58	0.26
	Sample 3	-0.96	0.47	-0.05	-0.70	0.68
	Sample 4	-0.85	0.30	0.29	-0.55	0.91
	Sample 5	-0.69	0.62	-4.54	-0.03	1.49
	Sample 6	-1.18	0.31	0.10	-0.41	1.23
	Sample 7	-0.68	0.44	0.07	-0.62	1.25
	Sample 8	-2.31	-0.05	12.18	-0.38	0.61
If there is a sample with a "z-score" in the yellow or red area please check table VI and VII in correspondence of your lab code.						
Interpretation Z-Score						
Z-Score < -3		-3 <= Z-Score < -2		-2 <= Z-Score <= 2		2 < Z-Score <= 3
Poor		Moderate		Good		Moderate
						Poor

### ZSCORE-PT - FAT reference



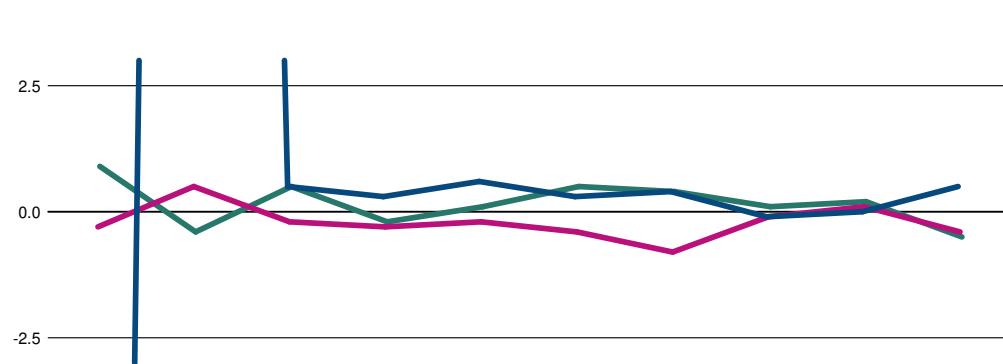
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2	RF0323	-0.2	-1.4	-1.0	-0.9	-0.7	-1.2	-0.7	<b>-2.3</b>	-0.9	-0.8	10%	0%	90%
2	RF0320	-0.5	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.7	-0.9	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-0.7	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0919	0.0	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.5	-1.3	0.2	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0319	0.1	-1.9	-1.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.9	<b>-2.3</b>	-0.1	-1.0	10%	0%	90%
2	RF0918	0.6	0.7	0.5	-1.6	-0.6	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-1.2	-0.6	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0318	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	-1.9	-0.4	0.1	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0917	0.0	0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.8	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.7	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0317	0.3	-0.3	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.6	1.6	0.6	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0916	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.7	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0316	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.5	0%	0%	100%

### ZSCORE-FIX - FAT reference



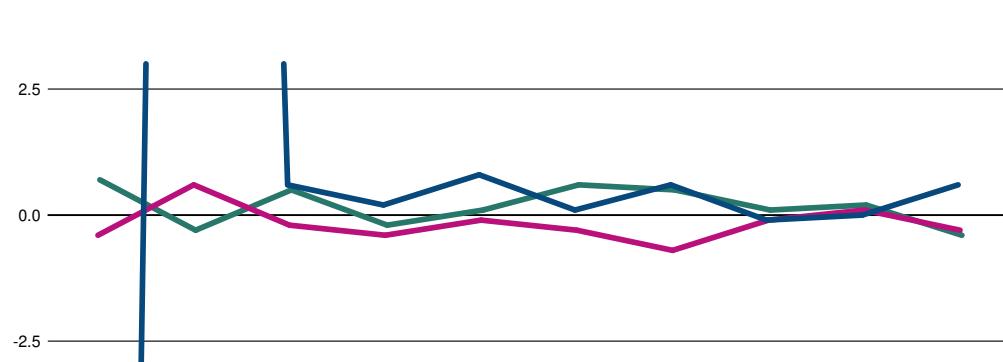
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2	RF0323	-0.2	-0.5	-0.6	-0.4	-0.7	-0.4	-0.7	-0.8	-0.6	-0.9	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0320	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0919	0.0	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	-0.8	0.1	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0319	0.1	-1.2	-0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.4	-1.5	0.0	-0.3	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0918	0.6	0.5	0.3	<b>-2.1</b>	-0.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	-1.1	-0.6	10%	0%	90%
2	RF0318	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	-1.1	-0.3	0.1	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0917	0.0	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0317	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.2	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0916	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.5	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0316	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	0%	0%	100%

### ZSCORE-PT - PROTEIN reference



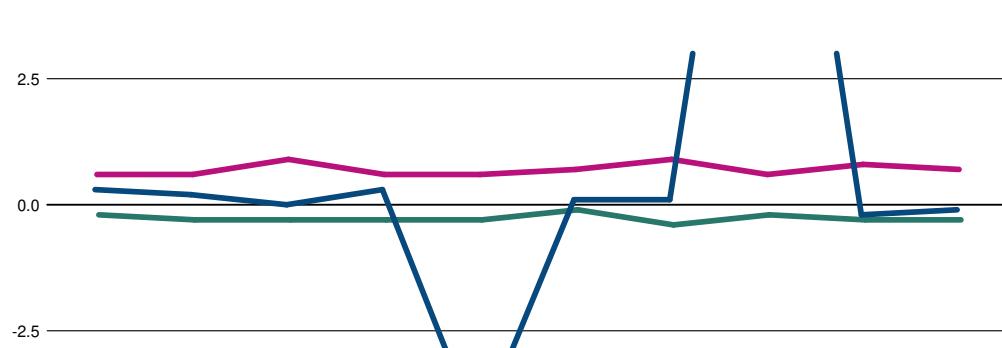
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2	RF0323	-56.2	75.8	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.5	0%	20%	80%	
2	RF0320	-0.3	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.8	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	0%	0%	100%	
1	RF0919	0.9	-0.4	0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	-0.5	0%	0%	100%	
2	RF0319	-0.2	-1.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0918	-0.4	-0.5	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0%	0%	100%	
2	RF0318	0.3	0.6	0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.7	0.0	0.6	0%	0%	100%	
2	RF0917	0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.2	-0.3	0%	0%	100%	
2	RF0317	0.7	-0.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	0.4	0.3	0.2	-0.3	0%	0%	100%	
2	RF0916	-0.9	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0	-0.9	-1.3	-1.3	-1.1	-2.0	-0.9	0%	0%	100%	
2	RF0316	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	-0.3	0.3	-0.6	0.1	-0.4	0%	0%	100%	

### ZSCORE-FIX - PROTEIN reference



Part. code	Round	SP01	SP02	SP03	SP04	SP05	SP06	SP07	SP08	SP09	SP10	Yellow	Red	White
2	RF0323	-59.1	60.1	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.6	0%	20%	80%
2	RF0320	-0.4	0.6	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0919	0.7	-0.3	0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.2	-0.4	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0319	-0.2	-1.5	-0.4	-0.1	-0.6	-0.5	0.2	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0918	-0.4	-0.3	0.2	-0.5	-0.5	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0318	0.3	0.8	0.7	-0.2	0.1	0.5	-0.1	0.7	0.0	0.7	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0917	0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.4	-0.3	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0317	0.6	-0.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.3	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0916	-0.8	-0.3	-0.7	-0.9	-1.0	-1.5	-0.9	-0.8	-2.0	-1.1	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0316	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4	-0.4	0.3	-0.5	0.1	-0.6	0%	0%	100%

### ZSCORE-PT - LACTOSE reference



Part. code	Round	SP01	SP02	SP03	SP04	SP05	SP06	SP07	SP08	SP09	SP10	Yellow	Red	White
1	RF0323	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	-4.5	0.1	0.1	12.2	-0.2	-0.1	0%	20%	80%
1	RF0320	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.7	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0919	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0319	-0.6	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0918	0.4	0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0318	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0917	-0.4	-0.3	-0.7	-0.8	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0317	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0916	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.2	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0316	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.4	0%	0%	100%

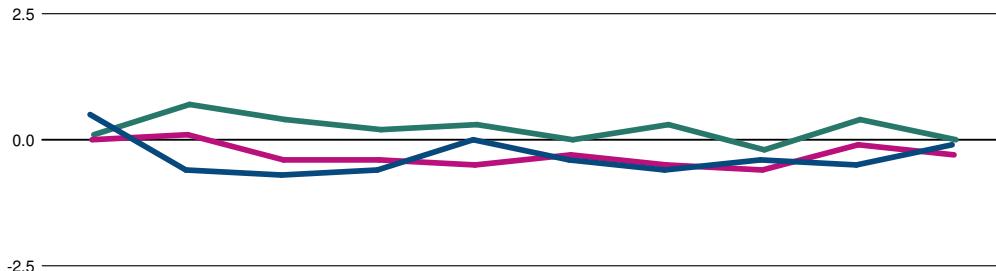
### ZSCORE-FIX - LACTOSE reference



Part. code	Round	SP01	SP02	SP03	SP04	SP05	SP06	SP07	SP08	SP09	SP10	Yellow	Red	White
1	RF0323	0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.4	-5.2	0.1	0.1	10.7	-0.2	-0.1	0%	20%	80%
1	RF0320	1.4	1.1	1.6	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.2	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0919	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.8	-0.2	-0.9	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0319	-0.5	-0.4	-0.9	-0.4	0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.2	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0918	0.6	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0318	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0917	-0.5	-0.8	-1.4	-1.1	-1.3	-0.7	-0.6	-0.8	-0.7	-0.1	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0317	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-1.1	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0916	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.7	-0.1	0.4	0.0	-0.3	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0316	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.5	0%	0%	100%

### ZSCORE-PT - UREA reference

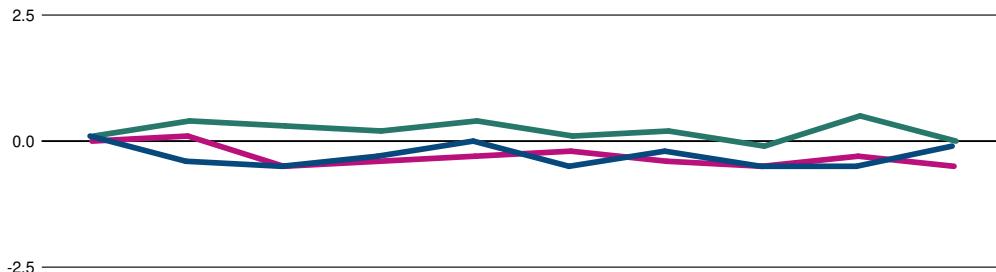
RF0323  
RF0320  
RF0919



Part. code	Round	SP01	SP02	SP03	SP04	SP05	SP06	SP07	SP08	SP09	SP10	Yellow	Red	White
2	RF0323	0.5	-0.6	-0.7	-0.6	0.0	-0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0320	0.0	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0919	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.4	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0319	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.3	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0918	0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	-0.3	-0.8	0.6	0.9	-0.3	0.0	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0318	0.9	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.8	1.6	2.1	0.7	1.5	1.4	10%	0%	90%
1	RF0917	-1.3	-1.5	-1.6	-1.2	-1.8	-1.1	-2.1	-1.5	-1.9	-4.0	10%	10%	80%
2	RF0317	-5.1	0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	1.3	0.5	-0.1	0%	10%	90%
2	RF0916	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0316	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.6	0.8	1.1	2.2	0.3	0.2	10%	0%	90%

### ZSCORE-FIX - UREA reference

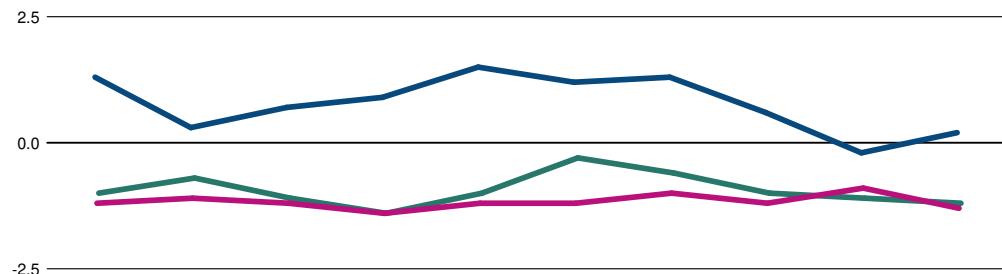
RF0323  
RF0320  
RF0919



Part. code	Round	SP01	SP02	SP03	SP04	SP05	SP06	SP07	SP08	SP09	SP10	Yellow	Red	White
2	RF0323	0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-0.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0320	0.0	0.1	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.5	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0919	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.5	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0319	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.6	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0918	0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.6	0.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.1	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0318	0.9	1.3	1.1	0.6	1.2	1.4	1.4	0.7	1.0	1.4	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0917	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-1.1	-1.0	-0.9	-0.9	-1.1	-0.7	-1.3	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0317	-3.7	0.2	0.2	-0.7	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	1.1	0.5	-0.1	0%	10%	90%
2	RF0916	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0316	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.5	2.8	0.3	0.2	10%	0%	90%

### ZSCORE-PT - SCC

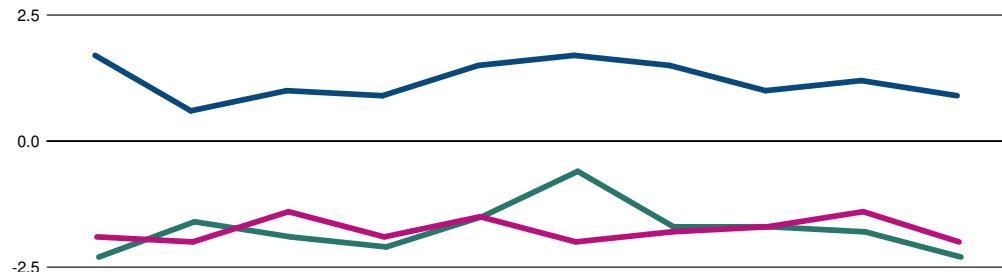
RF0323  
RF0320  
RF0919



Part. code	Round	SP01	SP02	SP03	SP04	SP05	SP06	SP07	SP08	SP09	SP10	Yellow	Red	White
3	RF0323	1.3	0.3	0.7	0.9	1.5	1.2	1.3	0.6	-0.2	0.2	0%	0%	100%
8	RF0320	-1.2	-1.1	-1.2	-1.4	-1.2	-1.2	-1.0	-1.2	-0.9	-1.3	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0919	-1.0	-0.7	-1.1	-1.4	-1.0	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0	-1.1	-1.2	0%	0%	100%
3	RF0319	-1.7	-1.6	-1.5	-1.7	-1.7	-1.5	-1.7	-1.5	-1.5	-1.3	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0918	-1.5	-1.2	-0.8	-1.3	-1.1	-1.3	-1.2	-1.2	-1.3	-1.1	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0318	-1.1	-1.0	-1.0	-0.8	-0.9	-1.0	-1.0	-1.4	-1.0	-1.1	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0917	-0.9	-1.0	-0.8	-1.0	-1.0	-1.1	-1.1	-1.0	-1.3	-1.1	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0317	-1.3	-1.5	-1.3	-1.4	-1.4	-1.6	-1.4	-1.5	-1.3	-1.2	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0916	-0.6	-1.4	-1.4	-1.2	-1.5	-1.4	-1.3	-1.4	-0.7	-1.5	0%	0%	100%
3	RF0316	-1.7	-1.9	-1.6	-1.4	-1.6	-2.3	-2.2	-1.8	-1.9	-1.6	20%	0%	80%

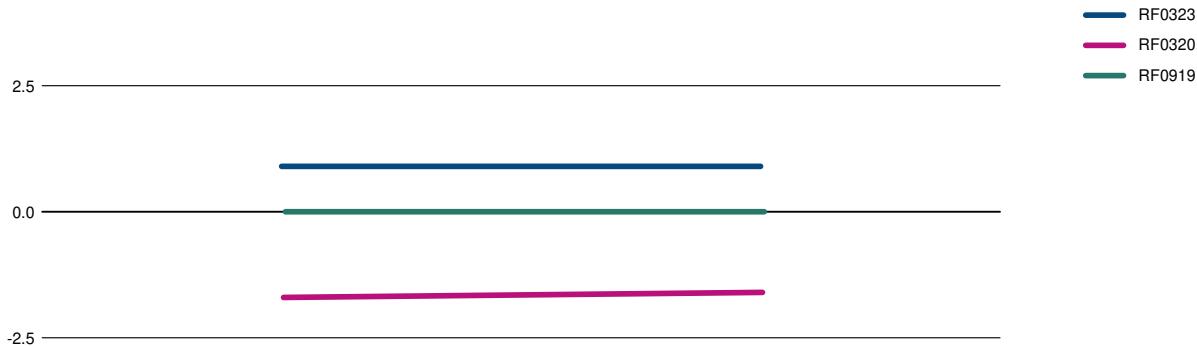
### ZSCORE-FIX - SCC

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RF0320  
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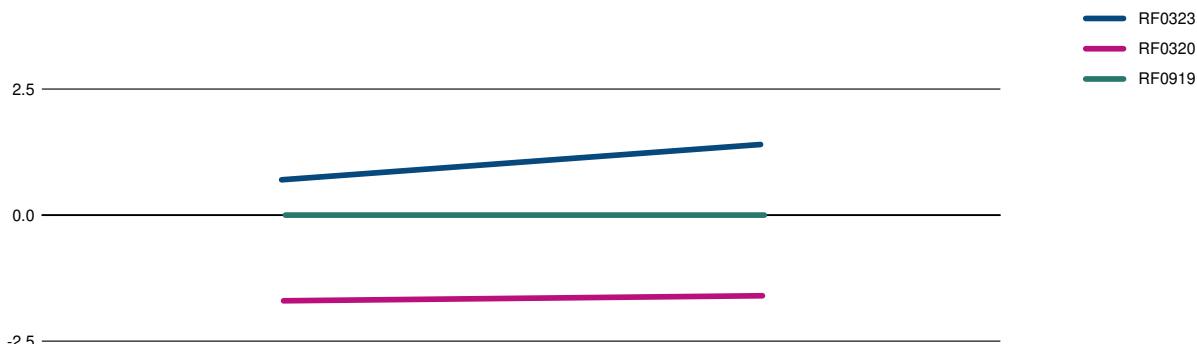
Part. code	Round	SP01	SP02	SP03	SP04	SP05	SP06	SP07	SP08	SP09	SP10	Yellow	Red	White
3	RF0323	1.7	0.6	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.0	1.2	0.9	0%	0%	100%
8	RF0320	-1.9	-2.0	-1.4	-1.9	-1.5	-2.0	-1.8	-1.7	-1.4	-2.0	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0919	-2.3	-1.6	-1.9	-2.1	-1.5	-0.6	-1.7	-1.7	-1.8	-2.3	30%	0%	70%
3	RF0319	-2.6	-2.5	-2.8	-2.4	-2.7	-2.7	-2.4	-3.2	-3.2	-3.0	80%	20%	0%
2	RF0918	-3.8	-2.6	-1.7	-2.5	-2.4	-2.9	-2.9	-3.1	-3.3	-2.7	60%	30%	10%
2	RF0318	-2.3	-2.4	-1.7	-2.4	-1.8	-1.7	-2.7	-2.9	-2.0	-3.1	50%	10%	40%
2	RF0917	-2.3	-3.4	-2.2	-2.6	-3.0	-3.8	-3.7	-4.0	-3.4	-3.6	40%	60%	0%
2	RF0317	-1.9	-2.0	-1.8	-3.0	-2.2	-2.5	-2.4	-1.9	-2.8	-2.7	60%	0%	40%
2	RF0916	-0.9	-2.9	-2.1	-1.8	-2.5	-2.1	-2.8	-2.6	-1.3	-3.2	60%	10%	30%
3	RF0316	-3.4	-3.3	-1.9	-1.8	-1.9	-3.9	-3.1	-2.4	-2.8	-2.4	30%	40%	30%

### ZSCORE-PT - SCC - Sample A and B



Part. code	Round	Sample A	Sample B	Yellow	Red	White
3	RF0323	0.9	0.9	0%	0%	100%
8	RF0320	-1.7	-1.6	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0919	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
3	RF0319	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0918	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0318	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0917	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0317	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0916	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
3	RF0316	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%

### ZSCORE-FIX - SCC - Sample A and B



Part. code	Round	Sample A	Sample B	Yellow	Red	White
3	RF0323	0.7	1.4	0%	0%	100%
8	RF0320	-1.7	-1.6	0%	0%	100%
1	RF0919	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
3	RF0319	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0918	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0318	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0917	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0317	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
2	RF0916	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%
3	RF0316	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	100%



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**PROFICIENCY TESTING SCHEME**

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**March 2023**

**Raw Milk**

**Determination of FAT CONTENT**

**Röse Gottlieb method**

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**Table I : Ranking of the laboratories**Units : g / 100 g

Nb	%	N°	d	Sd	D	Method
1	7	6	+ 0,003	0,003	0,004	A
2	14	10	- 0,004	0,004	0,006	A
3	21	5	- 0,004	0,005	0,006	A
4	29	9	- 0,006	0,005	0,008	A
5	36	8	- 0,003	0,010	0,010	B
6	43	11	- 0,001	0,012	0,012	A
7	50	2	- 0,012	0,004	0,012	C
8	57	12	- 0,005	0,012	0,013	A
9	64	7	- 0,004	0,014	0,014	A
10	71	13	+ 0,010	0,013	0,017	A
11	79	14	+ 0,014	0,010	0,017	A
12	86	3	- 0,029	0,019	0,035	A
13	93	4	+ 0,029	0,023	0,037	B
14	100	1	- 0,026	0,069	0,073	A

The table should be studied in parallel with figure 1 where the laboratories are located according to an acceptability area (or target) the limits of which are :  
 $\pm 0,020 \text{ g} / 100 \text{ g}$  for  $\bar{d}$  and  $0,030 \text{ g} / 100 \text{ g}$  for Sd  
REF : Assigned values are robust average values per sample according to algorithm A of standard ISO 13528, of 13 laboratories using the reference method ISO 1211|IDF 1, after outliers discarding using Grubbs test at 5% risk level,

A ISO 1211|IDF 1 Röse Gottlieb Method

B ISO 2446 / IDF 226

C Not specified

(NC : OUT of RANKING because of insufficient data number)

(Nb : laboratory rank; % : relative rank)

(N° : laboratory identification number)

(d et Sd : mean and standard deviation of the differences (laboratory -reference))

(D : Euclidian distance to YX-axis origin = SQUARE ROOT.(d<sup>2</sup> + Sd<sup>2</sup>))

**Note :** Limits are only indicative and so far do not constitute standard values; they indicate what is normally reachable by labs for their self evaluation.

Repeatability standard deviation of this ICAR proficiency test (after Cochran elimination at 5 %)

Sr<sub>PT</sub> 0,005

Reproducibility standard deviation of this ICAR proficiency test (after Cochran and Grubbs elimination at 5 %)

SR<sub>PT</sub> 0,015

**Table II : REPEATABILITY - Absolute difference between replicates in g / 100 g**

Sample Lab code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Sr	NL
1	0,000	0,010	0,010	0,000	0,010	0,020	0,410 *	0,010	0,030 *	0,030	0,092	20
2	0,009	0,007	0,007	0,006	0,012	0,014	0,009	0,006	0,005	0,016	0,007	20
3	0,006	0,002	0,010	0,024 *	0,036 *	0,011	0,023 *	0,020	0,007	0,014	0,013	20
4	0,020	0,000	0,000	0,048 *	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,012	20
5	0,006	0,000	0,000	0,002	0,006	0,004	0,002	0,000	0,003	0,004	0,002	20
6	0,004	0,003	0,002	0,000	0,003	0,006	0,006	0,003	0,004	0,010	0,003	20
7	0,009	0,001	0,007	0,013	0,003	0,007	0,008	0,007	0,002	0,012	0,006	20
8	0,004	0,020 *	0,001	0,010	0,018	0,002	0,001	0,002	0,008	0,005	0,007	20
9	0,003	0,008	0,005	0,008	0,000	0,006	0,002	0,002	0,003	0,006	0,004	20
10	0,006	0,000	0,014	0,001	0,015	0,008	0,001	0,014	0,005	0,007	0,006	20
11	0,002	0,003	0,002	0,006	0,007	0,002	0,009	0,007	0,000	0,003	0,004	20
12	0,009	0,001	0,001	0,003	0,002	0,006	0,000	**	0,011	0,016	0,005	18
13	0,001	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,002	0,001	0,006	0,003	0,004	0,000	0,002	20
14	0,007	0,002	0,003	0,000	0,003	0,004	0,002	0,005	0,003	0,002	0,003	20
Sr	0,005	0,005	0,004	0,011	0,009	0,006	0,078	0,006	0,007	0,008		278
NE	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	26	28	28		
L	0,020	0,011	0,016	0,015	0,022	0,022	0,013	0,021	0,013	0,031		

Sr : repeatability standard deviation of each laboratory limit 0,016 g/100g

NL : number of measurements per laboratory

L : Limit for difference between duplicates according Cochran test at 5% level.

SE : repeatability standard deviation per sample

NE : number of measurements per sample

\*: discarded data using the test of Cochran at 5 %

\*\*: missing data

r : limit of repeatability, absolute difference between two replicates=0,043 according ISO 1211 IDF 1D 2010

**Table III :** Means of the replicates in g / 100 g

Sample Lab code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	4,630	2,145	3,455	2,810	4,125	2,430	3,585 *	3,085	1,495	4,485
2	4,655	2,121	3,459	2,793	4,130	2,414	3,787	3,071	1,465	4,492
3	4,642	2,123	3,466	2,778	4,111	2,377 *	3,765	3,040 *	1,415 *	4,494
4	4,708	2,140	3,502	2,845 *	4,182	2,432	3,842	3,113 *	1,459	4,572
5	4,649	2,131	3,466	2,794	4,138	2,412	3,796	3,083	1,481	4,512
6	4,666	2,134	3,475	2,806	4,151	2,423	3,804	3,086	1,475	4,514
7	4,653	2,132	3,469	2,798	4,165	2,420	3,767	3,084	1,483	4,494
8	4,649	2,126	3,462	2,812	4,120	2,426	3,799	3,089	1,477	4,512
9	4,650	2,130	3,467	2,797	4,126	2,415	3,793	3,079	1,473	4,511
10	4,655	2,121	3,464	2,803	4,135	2,417	3,797	3,081	1,477	4,515
11	4,652	2,131	3,475	2,790	4,160	2,426	3,806	3,093	1,473	4,483
12	4,664	2,132	3,464	2,802	4,139	2,424	3,805		1,444	4,501
13	4,679	2,125	3,483	2,808	4,164	2,415	3,816	3,092	1,474	4,547
14	4,689	2,129	3,490	2,813	4,168	2,420	3,816	3,094	1,491	4,529
M	4,660	2,130	3,471	2,800	4,144	2,421	3,799	3,085	1,474	4,511
REF.	4,659	2,130	3,471	2,802	4,145	2,422	3,800	3,086	1,476	4,511
SD	0,020	0,007	0,013	0,010	0,021	0,006	0,020	0,007	0,013	0,025

M = mean per sample

REF. = reference values

SD = standard deviation per sample

\*: discarded data using the test of Grubbs at 5 %

**REF :** Assigned values are robust average values per sample according to algorithm A of standard ISO 13528, of 13 laboratories using the reference method ISO 1211 | IDF 1, after outliers discarding using Grubbs test at 5 % risk level.

**Table IV :** Outlier identification

Sample	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Outliers Cochran</b>		8		3; 4	3		1; 3		1	
<b>Outlier Grubbs</b>				4		3	1	3; 4	3	
<b>sr</b>	0,005	0,003	0,004	0,004	0,006	0,006	0,004	0,005	0,004	0,008
<b>SR</b>	0,020	0,007	0,013	0,008	0,020	0,008	0,018	0,007	0,012	0,025

**Table V :** ACCURACY - differences (laboratory - reference) in g / 100 g

Sample Lab code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	d	Sd <sub>lab</sub>	t
1	- 0,029	+ 0,015	- 0,016	+ 0,008	- 0,020	+ 0,008	- 0,215	- 0,001	+ 0,019	- 0,026	- 0,026	0,069	1,18
2	- 0,004	- 0,010	- 0,012	- 0,009	- 0,015	- 0,008	- 0,014	- 0,015	- 0,012	- 0,019	- 0,012	0,004	8,71
3	- 0,017	- 0,007	- 0,005	- 0,024	- 0,034	- 0,045	- 0,036	- 0,046	- 0,062	- 0,017	- 0,029	0,019	4,98
4	+ 0,049	+ 0,010	+ 0,031	+ 0,043	+ 0,037	+ 0,010	+ 0,042	+ 0,027	- 0,017	+ 0,061	+ 0,029	0,023	4,05
5	- 0,010	+ 0,001	- 0,005	- 0,008	- 0,007	- 0,010	- 0,004	- 0,003	+ 0,004	+ 0,001	- 0,004	0,005	2,58
6	+ 0,007	+ 0,003	+ 0,004	+ 0,004	+ 0,006	+ 0,001	+ 0,004	- 0,001	- 0,001	+ 0,003	+ 0,003	0,003	3,75
7	- 0,006	+ 0,001	- 0,002	- 0,004	+ 0,020	- 0,002	- 0,033	- 0,003	+ 0,007	- 0,017	- 0,004	0,014	0,89
8	- 0,010	- 0,004	- 0,009	+ 0,010	- 0,025	+ 0,004	- 0,002	+ 0,003	+ 0,001	+ 0,001	- 0,003	0,010	0,99
9	- 0,009	- 0,000	- 0,004	- 0,005	- 0,019	- 0,007	- 0,007	- 0,007	- 0,004	+ 0,000	- 0,006	0,005	3,60
10	- 0,004	- 0,009	- 0,007	+ 0,001	- 0,010	- 0,005	- 0,004	- 0,005	+ 0,000	+ 0,004	- 0,004	0,004	2,71
11	- 0,007	+ 0,000	+ 0,004	- 0,012	+ 0,015	+ 0,004	+ 0,005	+ 0,006	- 0,003	- 0,028	- 0,001	0,012	0,38
12	+ 0,005	+ 0,001	- 0,007	- 0,000	- 0,006	+ 0,002	+ 0,005	- 0,033	- 0,010	- 0,005	0,012	1,20	
13	+ 0,020	- 0,005	+ 0,012	+ 0,006	+ 0,019	- 0,007	+ 0,016	+ 0,005	- 0,002	+ 0,036	+ 0,010	0,013	2,37
14	+ 0,030	- 0,001	+ 0,019	+ 0,011	+ 0,023	- 0,002	+ 0,016	+ 0,007	+ 0,014	+ 0,018	+ 0,014	0,010	4,31
d	+ 0,001	- 0,000	+ 0,000	- 0,001	- 0,001	- 0,001	- 0,001	- 0,001	- 0,002	+ 0,001	- 0,003	0,025	
Sd	0,020	0,007	0,013	0,010	0,021	0,006	0,020	0,007	0,013	0,025	0,016		

d = mean of differences

Sd = standard deviation of differences

t = Student test - comparison to 0

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Upper limits : d = +/- 0,02 g / 100 g Sd = 0,03 g / 100g

**ISO 1211 | IDF 1 : Precision of the method :** Sr = 0,016 g / 100 g  
SR = 0,020 g / 100 g

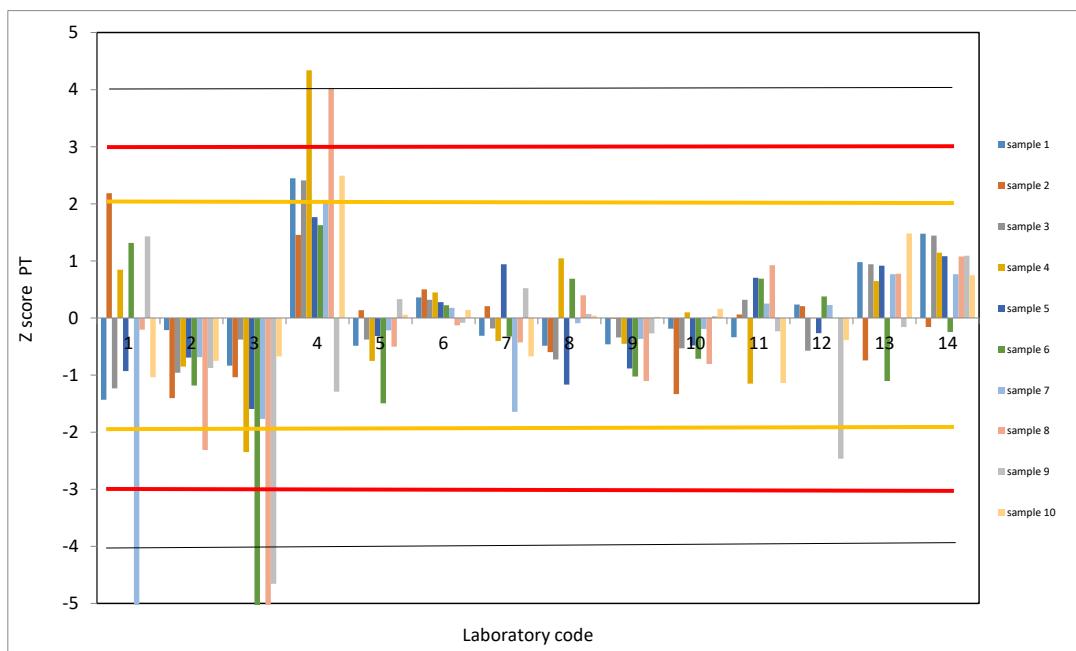
**Table VI :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation

Sample Lab code \	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	-1,43	+2,19	-1,23	+0,85	-0,93	+1,31	-10,60	-0,20	+1,43	-1,04
2	-0,21	-1,40	-0,96	-0,85	-0,69	-1,18	-0,68	-2,31	-0,88	-0,75
3	-0,83	-1,04	-0,38	-2,35	-1,59	-7,04	-1,77	-6,98	-4,66	-0,67
4	+2,45	+1,45	+2,41	+4,34	+1,77	+1,63	+2,05	+4,01	-1,29	+2,49
5	-0,49	+0,13	-0,38	-0,75	-0,32	-1,50	-0,22	-0,50	+0,33	+0,06
6	+0,36	+0,50	+0,32	+0,45	+0,28	+0,22	+0,18	-0,13	-0,08	+0,14
7	-0,31	+0,21	-0,19	-0,40	+0,94	-0,33	-1,64	-0,43	+0,52	-0,67
8	-0,49	-0,60	-0,73	+1,04	-1,17	+0,69	-0,09	+0,40	+0,07	+0,04
9	-0,46	-0,01	-0,34	-0,45	-0,88	-1,03	-0,36	-1,11	-0,27	+0,02
10	-0,19	-1,33	-0,53	+0,10	-0,48	-0,72	-0,19	-0,81	+0,03	+0,16
11	-0,34	+0,06	+0,32	-1,15	+0,70	+0,69	+0,25	+0,93	-0,23	-1,14
12	+0,23	+0,21	-0,57	-0,00	-0,27	+0,4	+0,2	-2,5	-0,39	
13	+0,98	-0,75	+0,94	+0,65	+0,92	-1,1	+0,8	+0,78	-0,2	+1,48
14	+1,48	-0,16	+1,44	+1,14	+1,08	-0,2	+0,8	+1,08	+1,1	+0,75

In yellow the values bigger or smaller than 2/-2

In red the values bigger or smaller than 3/-3

**Figure 2 :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation



**Table VII :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
ZS calculated on the standard deviation of reproducibility of the method

Sample Lab code \ Sample Lab code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	-1,44	+0,75	-0,79	+0,42	-0,98	+0,42	-10,77	-0,07	+0,94	-1,28
2	-0,21	-0,48	-0,62	-0,43	-0,73	-0,38	-0,70	-0,77	-0,58	-0,93
3	-0,84	-0,35	-0,24	-1,18	-1,68	-2,25	-1,80	-2,32	-3,08	-0,83
4	+2,46	+0,50	+1,56	+2,17	+1,87	+0,52	+2,08	+1,33	-0,86	+3,07
5	-0,49	+0,05	-0,24	-0,38	-0,33	-0,48	-0,22	-0,17	+0,22	+0,07
6	+0,36	+0,17	+0,21	+0,22	+0,29	+0,07	+0,18	-0,04	-0,06	+0,17
7	-0,31	+0,07	-0,12	-0,20	+0,99	-0,10	-1,67	-0,14	+0,34	-0,83
8	-0,49	-0,20	-0,47	+0,52	-1,23	+0,22	-0,10	+0,13	+0,04	+0,05
9	-0,46	-0,00	-0,22	-0,23	-0,93	-0,33	-0,37	-0,37	-0,18	+0,02
10	-0,19	-0,45	-0,34	+0,05	-0,51	-0,23	-0,20	-0,27	+0,02	+0,20
11	-0,34	+0,02	+0,21	-0,58	+0,74	+0,22	+0,25	+0,31	-0,16	-1,40
12	+0,24	+0,07	-0,37	-0,00	-0,28	+0,12	+0,2	-1,63	-0,48	
13	+0,99	-0,25	+0,61	+0,32	+0,97	-0,35	+0,8	+0,26	-0,11	+1,82
14	+1,49	-0,05	+0,93	+0,57	+1,14	-0,08	+0,8	+0,36	+0,72	+0,92

This table will allows to compare your ZSCORE from one PT to an other because the standard deviation has always the value of SR of the method SR=0,02

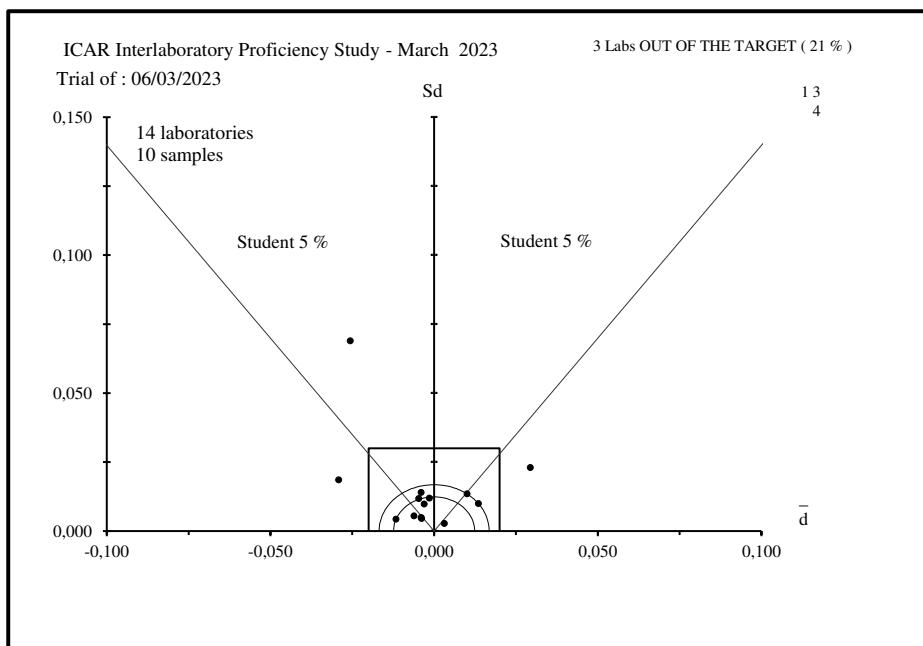
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**Figure 3 :**

Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the standard deviation of reproducibility of the method





**Figure 1 :** ACCURACY - Evaluation of the individual performances (to see table I).



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**March 2023**

**Raw Milk**

**Determination of CRUDE PROTEIN CONTENT  
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Sending date of statistical treatment :      24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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**Table I : Ranking of the laboratories**      Units : g / 100 g

Nb	%	N°	d	Sd	D
1	8	5	- 0,003	0,006	0,007
2	15	8	- 0,002	0,007	0,008
3	23	11	- 0,000	0,008	0,008
4	31	9	+ 0,001	0,008	0,008
5	38	7	- 0,008	0,006	0,010
6	46	12	- 0,007	0,009	0,012
7	54	4	+ 0,014	0,009	0,017
8	62	6	- 0,017	0,011	0,021
9	69	3	- 0,021	0,014	0,025
10	77	13	+ 0,022	0,017	0,028
11	85	10	+ 0,036	0,006	0,036
12	92	1	- 0,026	0,030	0,039
13	100	2	+ 0,008	0,536	0,537

The table should be studied in parallel with figure 1 where the laboratories are located according to an acceptability area (or target) the limits of which are :

+/- 0,025 g / 100 g for d and 0,020 g / 100 g for Sd

REF : Assigned values are robust average values per sample according to algorithm A of standard ISO 13528, of 13 laboratories using the reference method (ISO 8968-1|IDF 20-1 and ISO 8968-3 | IDF 20-3), after outlier discarding using Grubbs test at 5% risk level

N.B. : N° 7 and N° 9 : ISO 8968-3|IDF 20-3

(NC : OUT of RANKING because of insufficient data number)

(Nb : laboratory rank; % : relative rank)

(N° : laboratory identification number)

(d et Sd : mean and standard deviation of the differences (laboratory -reference))

(D : Euclidian distance to YX-axis origin = SQUARE ROOT.(d<sup>2</sup> + Sd<sup>2</sup>))

Note : Limits are only indicative and so far do not constitute standard values; they indicate what is normally reachable by labs for their self evaluation.

Repeatability standard deviation of this ICAR proficiency test (after Cochran elimination at 5 %)

S<sub>r<sub>PT</sub></sub> 0,006

Reproducibility standard deviation of this ICAR proficiency test (after Cochran and Grubbs elimination at 5 %)

S<sub>R<sub>PT</sub></sub> 0,020

**Table II :** REPEATABILITY - Absolute difference between replicates in g / 100 g

Sample Lab code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Sr	NL
1	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	20
2	0,001	0,000	0,003	0,002	0,002	0,001	0,003	0,000	**	0,005	0,002	18
3	0,013	**	0,012	0,020	0,025	0,008	0,022	0,014	0,001	0,026	0,012	18
4	0,022	0,003	0,004	0,004	0,003	0,019	0,002	0,026 *	0,005	0,015	0,010	20
5	0,001	0,003	0,006	0,003	0,000	0,003	0,003	0,001	0,002	0,002	0,002	20
6	0,001	0,001	0,009	0,013	0,001	0,003	0,000	0,001	0,004	0,001	0,004	20
7	0,000	0,006	0,010	0,004	0,002	0,005	0,004	0,001	0,006	0,001	0,003	20
8	0,013	0,006	0,010	0,002	0,022	0,004	0,011	0,003	0,003	0,033	0,010	20
9	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,013	0,006	0,006	0,013	0,013	0,006	0,006	0,006	20
10	0,001	0,003	0,011	0,000	0,009	0,006	0,004	0,007	0,010	0,006	0,005	20
11	0,011	0,001	0,003	0,006	0,036	0,000	0,013	0,011	0,001	0,011	0,010	20
12	0,002	0,013 *	0,006	0,003	0,016	0,012	0,011	0,003	0,009	0,006	0,007	20
13	0,007	0,004	0,007	0,002	0,004	0,006	0,006	0,003	0,004	0,003	0,003	20
Sr	0,006	0,003	0,005	0,006	0,010	0,005	0,007	0,007	0,004	0,009		256
NE	26	24	26	26	26	26	26	26	24	26		
L	0,023	0,008	0,019	0,021	0,038	0,020	0,024	0,017	0,013	0,034		

Sr : repeatability standard deviation of each laboratory limit 0,014 g /100g

NL : number of measurements per laboratory

L : Limit for difference between duplicates according Cochran test at 5% level.

SE : repeatability standard deviation per sample

NE : number of measurements per sample

\*: discarded data using the test of Cochran at 5 %

\*\*: missing data

r : limit of repeatability, absolute difference between two replicates=0,040 according ISO 8968-1 | IDF 20-1

**Table III :** Means of the replicates in g / 100 g

Sample Lab code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	3,714 *	2,701	3,253	2,934	3,575	2,831	3,441	3,066	3,278	3,685
2	2,725 *	3,799 *	3,315	2,924	3,607	2,822	3,507	3,106		3,698
3	3,772		3,300	2,890	3,558	2,820	3,469	3,098	3,278	3,645
4	3,799	2,731	3,322	2,936	3,616	2,825	3,513	3,138	3,306	3,688
5	3,787	2,712	3,296	2,909	3,593	2,811	3,496	3,102	3,304	3,698
6	3,774	2,700	3,272	2,911	3,557	2,805	3,498	3,099	3,279	3,665
7	3,778	2,710	3,300	2,919	3,580	2,811	3,490	3,093	3,303	3,668
8	3,780	2,717	3,306	2,921	3,589	2,823	3,492	3,110	3,306	3,667
9	3,783	2,718	3,305	2,916	3,589	2,810	3,490	3,113	3,321	3,697
10	3,824	2,751	3,343	2,945	3,637	2,851 *	3,534	3,141	3,343	3,727
11	3,794	2,726	3,312	2,926	3,581	2,825	3,493	3,095	3,298	3,684
12	3,766	2,715	3,296	2,904	3,584	2,823	3,488	3,095	3,314	3,681
13	3,819	2,720	3,324	2,920	3,630	2,822	3,531	3,127	3,326	3,741
M	3,789	2,718	3,304	2,920	3,592	2,819	3,496	3,106	3,305	3,688
REF.	3,788	2,717	3,305	2,920	3,592	2,819	3,497	3,107	3,304	3,687
SD	0,019	0,014	0,023	0,014	0,025	0,008	0,024	0,020	0,020	0,026

M = mean per sample

REF. = reference values

SD = standard deviation per sample

\*: discarded data using the test of Grubbs 5 %

REF : Assigned values are robust average values per sample according to algorithm A of standard ISO 13528, of 13 laboratories using the reference method ISO 8968-1 | IDF 20-1 and ISO 8968-3 | IDF 20-3, after outliers discarding using Grubbs test at 5 % risk level.

**Table IV :** Outlier identification

Sample	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Outliers</b>		12						4		
<b>Cochran</b>										
<b>Outlier</b>	2	2				10				
<b>Grubbs</b>										
<b>sr</b>	0,007	0,002	0,005	0,006	0,010	0,006	0,007	0,005	0,004	0,009
<b>SR</b>	0,020	0,015	0,023	0,015	0,026	0,009	0,025	0,019	0,020	0,026

**Table V :** ACCURACY - differences (laboratory - reference) in g / 100 g

Sample Lab Code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	d	Sd <sub>lab</sub>	t
1	- 0,074	- 0,016	- 0,052	+ 0,014	- 0,017	+ 0,012	- 0,056	- 0,041	- 0,026	- 0,002	- 0,026	0,030	2,75
2	- 1,063	+ 1,082	+ 0,011	+ 0,004	+ 0,015	+ 0,002	+ 0,011	- 0,001	+ 0,012	+ 0,008	0,536	0,05	
3	- 0,016		- 0,005	- 0,030	- 0,034	+ 0,001	- 0,028	- 0,009	- 0,026	- 0,042	- 0,021	0,014	4,32
4	+ 0,011	+ 0,014	+ 0,018	+ 0,016	+ 0,024	+ 0,006	+ 0,016	+ 0,031	+ 0,002	+ 0,001	+ 0,014	0,009	4,69
5	- 0,001	- 0,005	- 0,009	- 0,011	+ 0,002	- 0,008	- 0,001	- 0,005	- 0,000	+ 0,011	- 0,003	0,006	1,39
6	- 0,014	- 0,017	- 0,032	- 0,009	- 0,034	- 0,014	+ 0,001	- 0,008	- 0,025	- 0,022	- 0,017	0,011	4,97
7	- 0,010	- 0,007	- 0,005	- 0,001	- 0,012	- 0,008	- 0,007	- 0,013	- 0,001	- 0,019	- 0,008	0,006	4,69
8	- 0,008	+ 0,000	+ 0,002	+ 0,001	- 0,003	+ 0,004	- 0,005	+ 0,003	+ 0,002	- 0,020	- 0,002	0,007	1,08
9	- 0,005	+ 0,001	+ 0,000	- 0,004	- 0,003	- 0,009	- 0,007	+ 0,007	+ 0,017	+ 0,010	+ 0,001	0,008	0,28
10	+ 0,037	+ 0,034	+ 0,038	+ 0,025	+ 0,046	+ 0,031	+ 0,037	+ 0,034	+ 0,039	+ 0,040	+ 0,036	0,006	20,69
11	+ 0,006	+ 0,009	+ 0,008	+ 0,006	- 0,010	+ 0,006	- 0,004	- 0,012	- 0,007	- 0,002	- 0,000	0,008	0,02
12	- 0,022	- 0,002	- 0,009	- 0,016	- 0,008	+ 0,004	- 0,009	- 0,012	+ 0,010	- 0,006	- 0,007	0,009	2,35
13	+ 0,031	+ 0,003	+ 0,019	- 0,000	+ 0,039	+ 0,003	+ 0,034	+ 0,021	+ 0,022	+ 0,054	+ 0,022	0,017	4,06
d	+ 0,001	+ 0,001	- 0,001	- 0,000	+ 0,000	- 0,000	- 0,001	- 0,000	+ 0,001	+ 0,001	+ 0,001	0,136	
Sd	0,019	0,014	0,023	0,014	0,025	0,008	0,024	0,020	0,020	0,026	0,020		

d = mean of differences

Sd = standard deviation of differences

t = Student test - comparison to 0

Upper limits :  $\bar{d} = +/- 0,025 \text{ g} / 100 \text{ g}$       Sd = 0,020 g / 100 g

**ISO 8968-1|IDF 20-1 : Precision of the method :** Sr = 0,014 g / 100 g  
SR = 0,018 g / 100 g

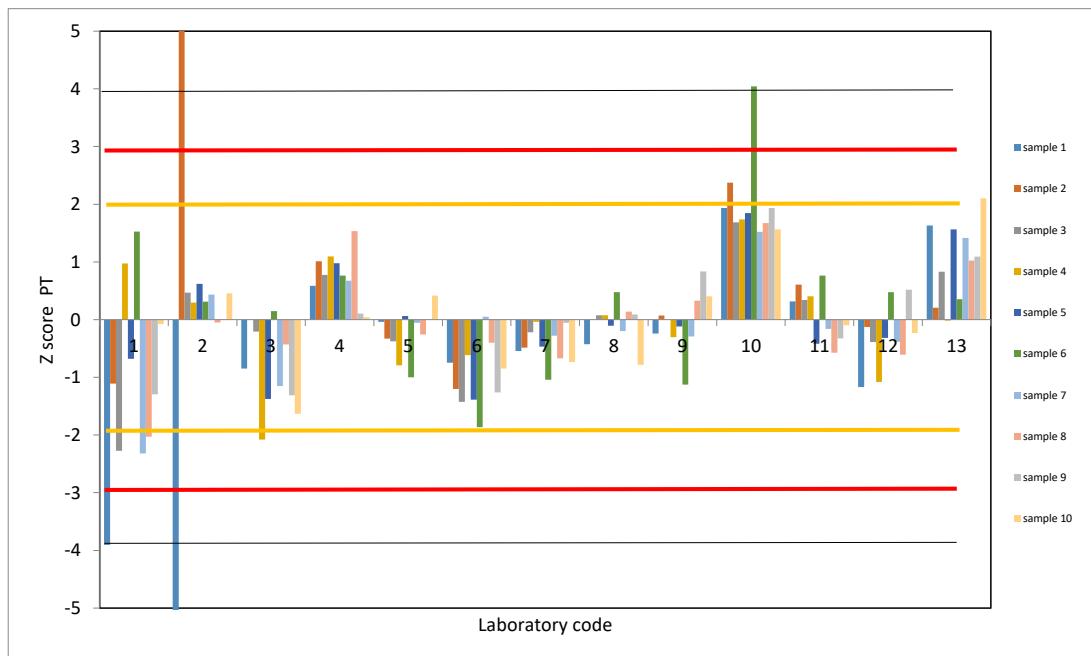
**Table VI :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation

Sample Lab code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	-3,91	-1,11	-2,27	+0,97	-0,68	+1,53	-2,32	-2,03	-1,30	-0,07
2	-56,20	+75,75	+0,47	+0,30	+0,62	+0,31	+0,44	-0,05		+0,45
3	-0,85		-0,21	-2,08	-1,38	+0,15	-1,15	-0,43	-1,31	-1,63
4	+0,58	+1,01	+0,77	+1,09	+0,98	+0,76	+0,67	+1,53	+0,11	+0,04
5	-0,04	-0,33	-0,37	-0,79	+0,06	-1,00	-0,05	-0,26	-0,01	+0,42
6	-0,75	-1,20	-1,42	-0,61	-1,39	-1,86	+0,05	-0,40	-1,26	-0,85
7	-0,54	-0,49	-0,22	-0,04	-0,47	-1,04	-0,28	-0,67	-0,05	-0,73
8	-0,43	+0,01	+0,07	+0,07	-0,11	+0,47	-0,20	+0,14	+0,09	-0,78
9	-0,24	+0,07	+0,00	-0,30	-0,12	-1,12	-0,29	+0,33	+0,84	+0,40
10	+1,93	+2,37	+1,68	+1,74	+1,85	+4,04	+1,52	+1,68	+1,93	+1,57
11	+0,31	+0,61	+0,34	+0,41	-0,42	+0,76	-0,16	-0,57	-0,32	-0,10
12	-1,17	-0,13	-0,39	-1,08	-0,31	+0,47	-0,38	-0,61	+0,52	-0,23
13	+1,63	+0,21	+0,83	-0,02	+1,56	+0,35	+1,42	+1,03	+1,09	+2,10

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**Figure 2 :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation



**Table VII :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
**ZS calculated on the standard deviation of reproducibility of the method**

Sample lab code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	-4,11	-0,88	-2,87	+0,78	-0,93	+0,66	-3,11	-2,27	-1,44	-0,11
2	-59,07	+60,14	+0,59	+0,24	+0,85	+0,13	+0,58	-0,06		+0,64
3	-0,89	-0,26	-1,66	-1,88	+0,06	-1,54	-0,48		-1,46	-2,32
4	+0,61	+0,80	+0,98	+0,87	+1,34	+0,33	+0,90	+1,71	+0,12	+0,06
5	-0,04	-0,26	-0,47	-0,63	+0,08	-0,43	-0,07	-0,29	-0,01	+0,59
6	-0,79	-0,95	-1,80	-0,49	-1,90	-0,80	+0,07	-0,45	-1,41	-1,20
7	-0,57	-0,39	-0,28	-0,03	-0,64	-0,45	-0,37	-0,75	-0,06	-1,04
8	-0,45	+0,00	+0,09	+0,06	-0,15	+0,21	-0,27	+0,15	+0,10	-1,11
9	-0,25	+0,06	+0,01	-0,24	-0,16	-0,49	-0,39	+0,37	+0,93	+0,57
10	+2,03	+1,88	+2,13	+1,39	+2,53	+1,75	+2,04	+1,87	+2,16	+2,22
11	+0,33	+0,48	+0,43	+0,32	-0,57	+0,33	-0,21	-0,64	-0,36	-0,14
12	-1,23	-0,10	-0,49	-0,86	-0,43	+0,21	-0,51	-0,68	+0,58	-0,33
13	+1,71	+0,16	+1,05	-0,01	+2,14	+0,15	+1,90	+1,15	+1,22	+2,98

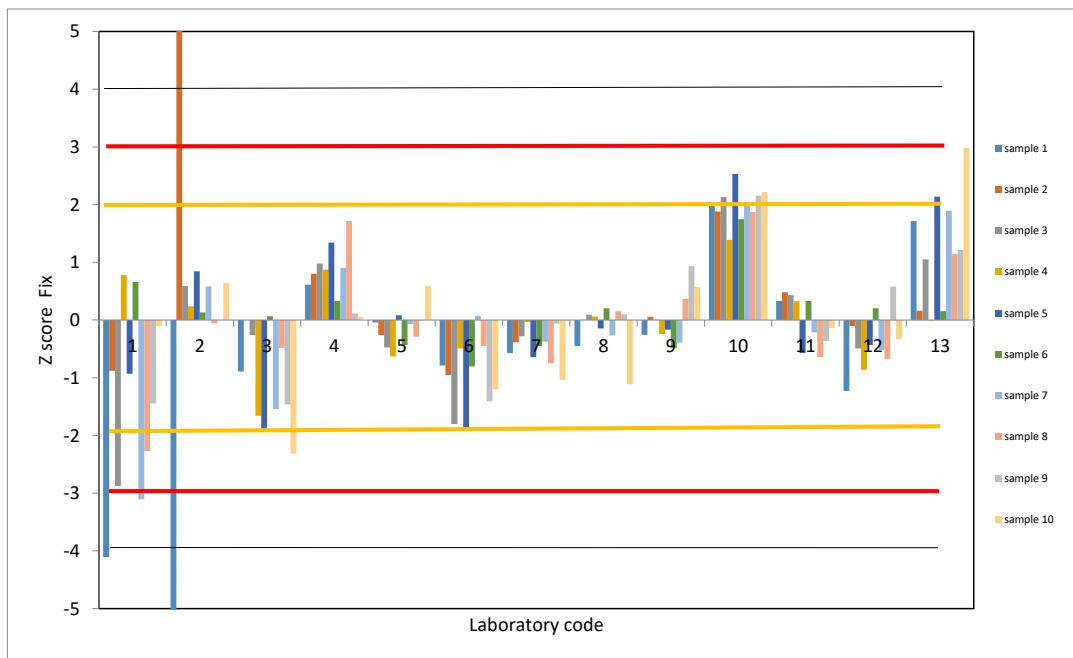
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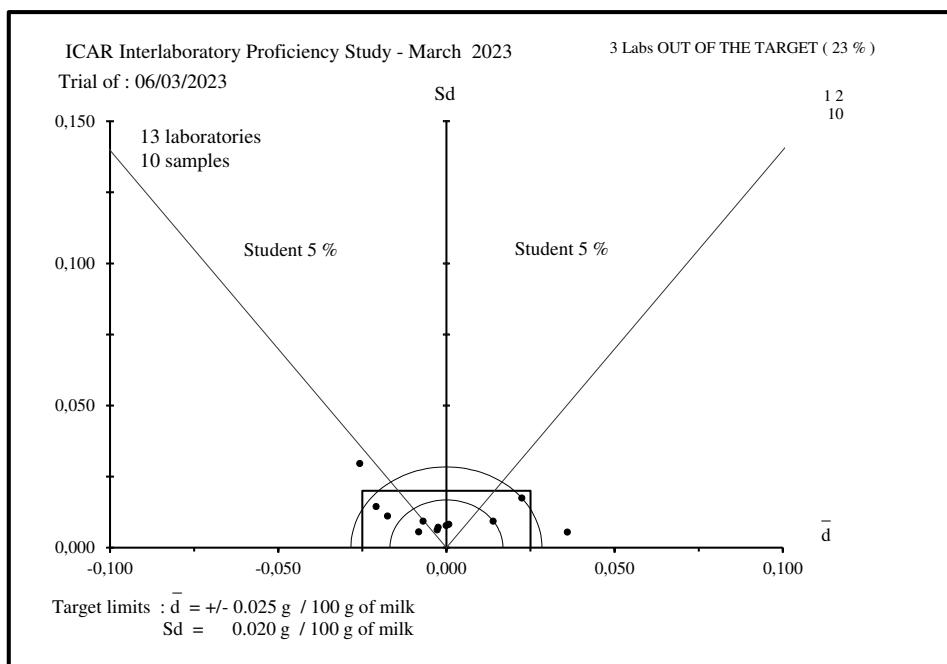
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**Figure 3 :**

Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the standard deviation of reproducibility of the method



**Figure 1 :** ACCURACY - Evaluation of the individual performances (to see table I).**Table VIII :** Relative recovery of nitrogen on pure solutions

N°	TRYP	GLY	SO4
1	90,1	98,9	94,4
2	99,7	100,2	100,3
3	95,1	99,5	99,7
4	99,7	99,5	100,3
5	95,6	98,5	100,4
6	100,4	100,3	100,7
7	99,5	100,2	100,2
8	97,2	99,7	100,2
9	99,6	100,2	100,2
10	100,5	100,5	100,7
11	99,8	99,8	100,1
12			
13	98,3	112,2	99,5

TRY = Tryptophan solution to 5,60 g N/l

GLY = Glycine solution to 5,60 g N/l

SO4 = Ammonium sulfate solution to 5,60 g N/l

TRYP : recovery 97 à 101 %

GLY : recovery 99 à 101 %

SO4 : recovery 99 à 101 %



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**March 2023**

**Raw Milk**

**Determination of LACTOSE CONTENT**

Sending date of statistical treatment :      24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Frame of activity :	ICAR Milk Analyses Sub Committee (MA SC)
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**Table I : Ranking of the laboratories**      Units : g / 100 g

Nb	%	N°	d	Sd	D	<b>Method</b>
1	10	2	- 0,017	0,010	0,019	ISO 22662 / IDF 198
2	20	6	+ 0,021	0,011	0,024	ISO 22662 / IDF 198
3	30	7	+ 0,024	0,018	0,030	enzymatic method in house
4	40	3	+ 0,005	0,031	0,031	Gravimetric
5	50	5	+ 0,031	0,029	0,042	Lane-Eynon method
6	60	4	- 0,044	0,031	0,054	ISO 26462 / IDF 214
7	70	10	+ 0,068	0,026	0,073	liquid chromatography pulse amperometric detector
8	80	8	- 0,085	0,029	0,090	ISO 26462 / IDF 214
9	90	9	+ 0,006	0,110	0,110	enzymatic
10	100	1	+ 0,029	0,186	0,186	Own method

(NC : OUT of RANKING because of insufficient data number)

(Nb : laboratory rank; % : relative rank)

(N° : laboratory identification number)

(d et Sd : mean and standard deviation of the differences (laboratory -reference))

(D : Euclidian distance to YX-axis origin = SQUARE ROOT.(d<sup>2</sup> + Sd<sup>2</sup>))

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Repeatability standard deviation of this ICAR proficiency test (after Cochran elimination at 5 %)

S<sub>r</sub><sub>PT</sub> 0,012

Reproducibility standard deviation of this ICAR proficiency test (after Cochran and Grubbs elimination at 5 %)

S<sub>R</sub><sub>PT</sub> 0,056

**Table II :** REPEATABILITY - Absolute difference between replicates in g / 100 g

Sample Lab code	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Sr	NL
1	0,001	0,007	0,000	0,007	0,002	0,011	0,000	0,020	0,006	0,004	0,006	20
2	0,001	0,002	0,024	0,010	0,006	0,003	0,000	0,007	0,004	0,003	0,006	20
3	0,047	0,016	0,002	0,034	0,020	0,016	0,021	0,019	0,009	0,024	0,017	20
4	0,020	0,024	0,019	0,018	0,002	0,013	0,031	0,031	0,026	0,013	0,015	20
5	0,006	0,002	0,009	0,005	0,007	0,003	0,003	0,007	0,004	0,001	0,004	20
6	0,007	0,006	0,004	0,000	0,004	0,005	0,005	0,005	0,008	0,001	0,004	20
7	0,006	0,030	0,013	0,003	0,015	0,003	0,030	0,023	0,040	0,044	0,018	20
8	0,023	0,003	0,014	0,048	0,004	0,015	0,023	0,024	0,020	0,010	0,016	20
9	0,008	0,004	0,005	0,005	0,013	0,015	0,002	0,015	0,007	0,006	0,006	20
10	0,029	0,027	0,012	0,013	0,040 *	0,016	0,004	0,038	0,003	0,034	0,018	20
Sr	0,014	0,011	0,009	0,014	0,011	0,008	0,012	0,015	0,012	0,014		200
NE	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
L	0,050	0,039	0,031	0,050	0,024	0,028	0,042	0,053	0,042	0,049		

Sr : repeatability standard deviation of each laboratory limit 0,022 g/100g

NL : number of measurements per laboratory

L : Limit for difference between duplicates according Cochran test at 5% level.

SE : repeatability standard deviation per sample

NE : number of measurements per sample

\*: discarded data using the test of Cochran at 5 %

\*\* : missing data

r : limit of repeatability, absolute difference between two replicates=0,061 according ISO 22662 / IDF 198

**Table III :** Means of the replicates in g / 100 g

Sample Lab code	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	LACT
1	5,023	5,175	5,078	5,252	4,638 *	4,441	4,658	5,231 *	4,571	4,798	4,903
2	4,994	5,149	5,078	5,224	4,864	4,404	4,639	4,710	4,550	4,794	4,917
3	5,029	5,212	5,106	5,261	4,915	4,409	4,626	4,731	4,545	4,791	4,934
4	4,920	5,077	4,999	5,206	4,860	4,435	4,643	4,699	4,548	4,746	4,863
5	5,081	5,221	5,132	5,282	4,914	4,462	4,640	4,724	4,597	4,827	4,915
6	5,012	5,184	5,089	5,254	4,899	4,450	4,677	4,752	4,623	4,844	4,945
7	5,059	5,177	5,111	5,276	4,896	4,458	4,659	4,746	4,585	4,850	4,874
8	4,937	5,109	5,048	5,136	4,781	4,365	4,558	4,638	4,461	4,685	4,819
9	4,915	5,063	4,992	5,132	4,839	4,638 *	4,751	4,777	4,721	4,806	
10	5,066	5,246	5,200	5,319	4,971	4,500	4,697	4,760	4,636	4,853	4,966
M	5,003	5,161	5,083	5,234	4,882	4,436	4,655	4,726	4,584	4,799	
REF.	5,003	5,161	5,081	5,234	4,884	4,437	4,655	4,730	4,582	4,804	4,912
SD	0,061	0,061	0,062	0,061	0,054	0,039	0,050	0,041	0,069	0,052	

M = mean per sample

SD = standard deviation per sample

REF. = reference values

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**Table IV :** Outlier identification

Sample	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
<b>Outliers Cochran</b>					10						
<b>Outlier Grubbs</b>					1	9		1			
<b>sr</b>	0,014	0,011	0,009	0,014	0,008	0,008	0,012	0,015	0,012	0,014	
<b>SR</b>	0,062	0,062	0,062	0,062	0,046	0,040	0,051	0,043	0,069	0,053	

**Table V :** ACCURACY - differences (laboratory - reference) in g / 100 g

Sample Lab Code	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	d	Sd <sub>lab</sub>	t
1	+ 0,019	+ 0,013	- 0,003	+ 0,018	- 0,246	+ 0,004	+ 0,003	+ 0,501	- 0,011	- 0,006	+ 0,029	0,184	0,50
2	- 0,010	- 0,012	- 0,003	- 0,010	- 0,020	- 0,033	- 0,016	- 0,021	- 0,032	- 0,011	- 0,017	0,010	5,38
3	+ 0,025	+ 0,051	+ 0,025	+ 0,027	+ 0,031	- 0,028	- 0,029	+ 0,000	- 0,037	- 0,013	+ 0,005	0,031	0,54
4	- 0,083	- 0,084	- 0,082	- 0,028	- 0,024	- 0,002	- 0,012	- 0,032	- 0,034	- 0,059	- 0,044	0,031	4,51
5	+ 0,078	+ 0,060	+ 0,051	+ 0,048	+ 0,030	+ 0,025	- 0,015	- 0,007	+ 0,015	+ 0,022	+ 0,031	0,029	3,34
6	+ 0,008	+ 0,023	+ 0,008	+ 0,020	+ 0,015	+ 0,013	+ 0,022	+ 0,021	+ 0,041	+ 0,039	+ 0,021	0,011	5,83
7	+ 0,056	+ 0,016	+ 0,030	+ 0,042	+ 0,012	+ 0,021	+ 0,004	+ 0,015	+ 0,003	+ 0,046	+ 0,024	0,018	4,28
8	- 0,067	- 0,053	- 0,033	- 0,098	- 0,103	- 0,072	- 0,097	- 0,092	- 0,121	- 0,119	- 0,085	0,029	9,44
9	- 0,088	- 0,098	- 0,089	- 0,102	- 0,045	+ 0,201	+ 0,096	+ 0,046	+ 0,139	+ 0,002	+ 0,006	0,110	0,17
10	+ 0,062	+ 0,084	+ 0,119	+ 0,085	+ 0,087	+ 0,063	+ 0,042	+ 0,030	+ 0,054	+ 0,049	+ 0,068	0,026	8,10
d	- 0,000	- 0,000	+ 0,002	- 0,000	- 0,002	- 0,001	- 0,000	- 0,004	+ 0,002	- 0,005	+ 0,004	0,079	
Sd	0,061	0,061	0,062	0,061	0,054	0,039	0,050	0,041	0,069	0,052	0,056		

d = mean of differences

Sd = standard deviation of differences

t = Student test - comparison to 0

Upper limits :  $\bar{d} = +/- 0.100 \text{ g / 100g}$    Sd = 0.100 g / 100g**ISO 22662 | IDF 198 : Precision of the method :**

Sr = 0.022 g / 100 g

SR = 0.047 g / 100 g

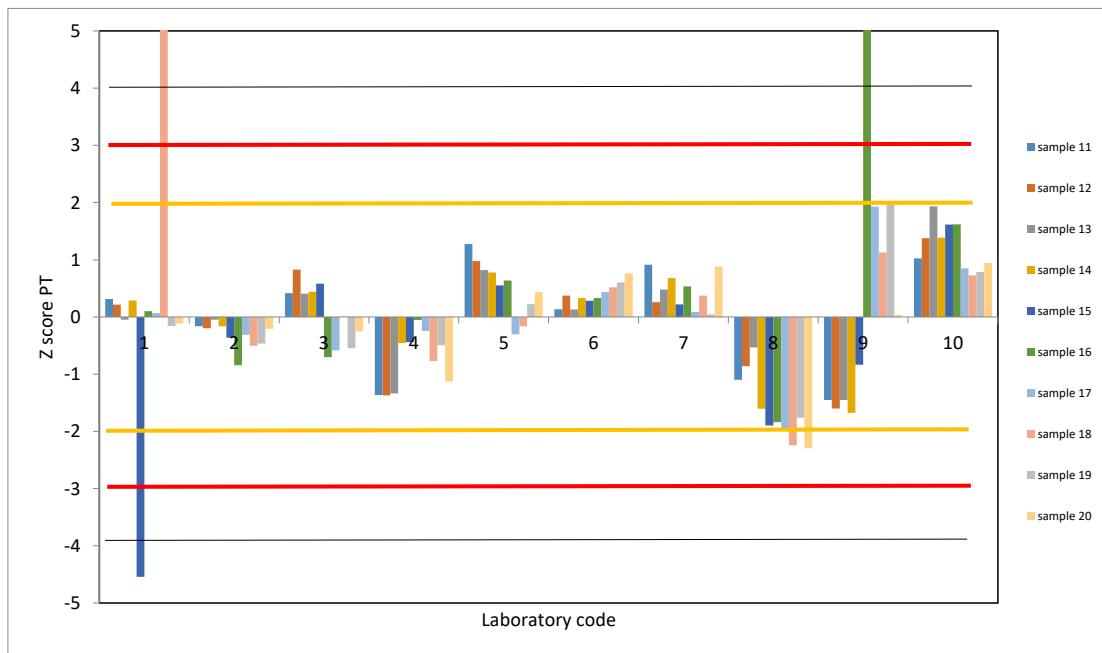
**Table VI :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation

Sample Lab code	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	+0,32	+0,22	-0,05	+0,29	-4,54	+0,10	+0,07	+12,18	-0,16	-0,12
2	-0,16	-0,20	-0,05	-0,16	-0,36	-0,84	-0,31	-0,50	-0,46	-0,20
3	+0,41	+0,83	+0,41	+0,44	+0,58	-0,70	-0,58	+0,01	-0,54	-0,25
4	-1,37	-1,37	-1,34	-0,46	-0,44	-0,05	-0,24	-0,77	-0,49	-1,13
5	+1,28	+0,98	+0,82	+0,78	+0,55	+0,64	-0,30	-0,16	+0,22	+0,43
6	+0,13	+0,37	+0,13	+0,33	+0,28	+0,33	+0,44	+0,52	+0,60	+0,76
7	+0,91	+0,26	+0,48	+0,68	+0,22	+0,53	+0,09	+0,37	+0,05	+0,88
8	-1,10	-0,86	-0,53	-1,60	-1,90	-1,84	-1,94	-2,24	-1,76	-2,29
9	-1,45	-1,60	-1,45	-1,68	-0,84	+5,12	+1,93	+1,13	+2,02	+0,04
10	+1,02	+1,38	+1,93	+1,38	+1,62	+1,62	+0,85	+0,73	+0,78	+0,94

In yellow the values bigger or smaller than 2/-2

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**Figure 2 :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation



**Table VII :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
**ZS calculated on the standard deviation of reproducibility of the method**

Sample lab code	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	+0,41	+0,28	-0,06	+0,37	-5,23	+0,08	+0,07	+10,66	-0,23	-0,13
2	-0,21	-0,26	-0,06	-0,21	-0,42	-0,70	-0,33	-0,44	-0,68	-0,23
3	+0,54	+1,08	+0,53	+0,58	+0,67	-0,59	-0,62	+0,01	-0,79	-0,28
4	-1,77	-1,79	-1,75	-0,59	-0,50	-0,04	-0,26	-0,67	-0,72	-1,25
5	+1,65	+1,27	+1,08	+1,01	+0,64	+0,53	-0,32	-0,14	+0,32	+0,48
6	+0,17	+0,49	+0,17	+0,43	+0,33	+0,28	+0,47	+0,45	+0,88	+0,84
7	+1,19	+0,34	+0,63	+0,88	+0,25	+0,45	+0,09	+0,33	+0,07	+0,98
8	-1,42	-1,12	-0,70	-2,08	-2,18	-1,53	-2,07	-1,96	-2,57	-2,53
9	-1,88	-2,09	-1,90	-2,18	-0,96	+4,28	+2,05	+0,99	+2,95	+0,04
10	+1,32	+1,79	+2,53	+1,80	+1,86	+1,35	+0,90	+0,64	+1,14	+1,04

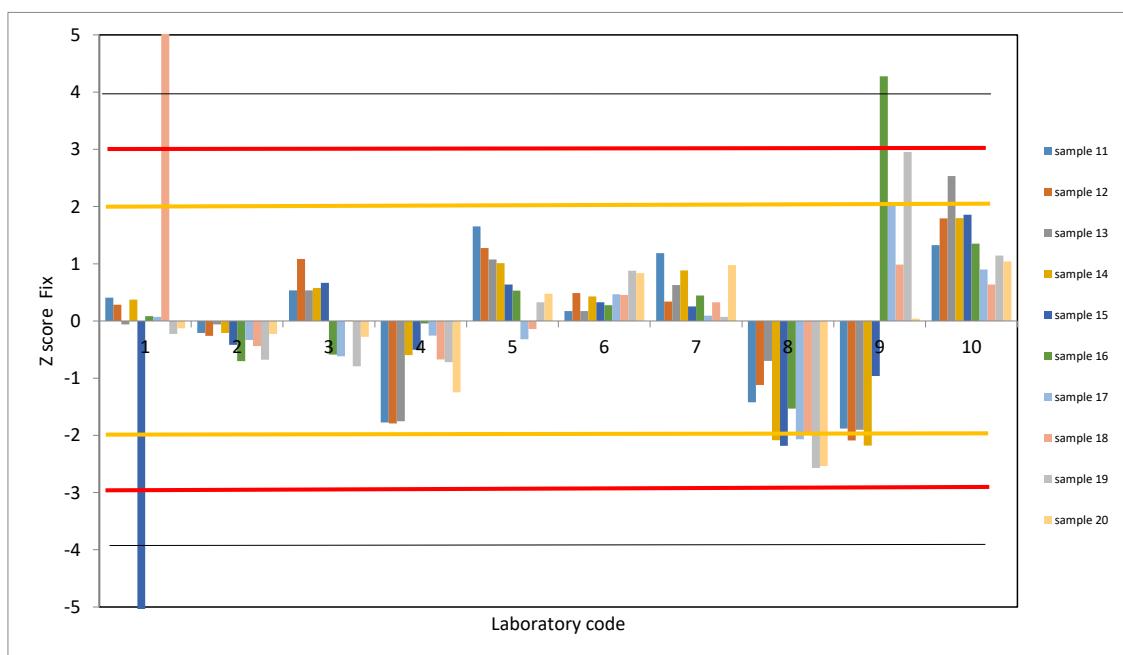
This table will allows to compare your ZSCORE from one PT to an other because the standard deviation has always the value of SR of the method SR=0,047

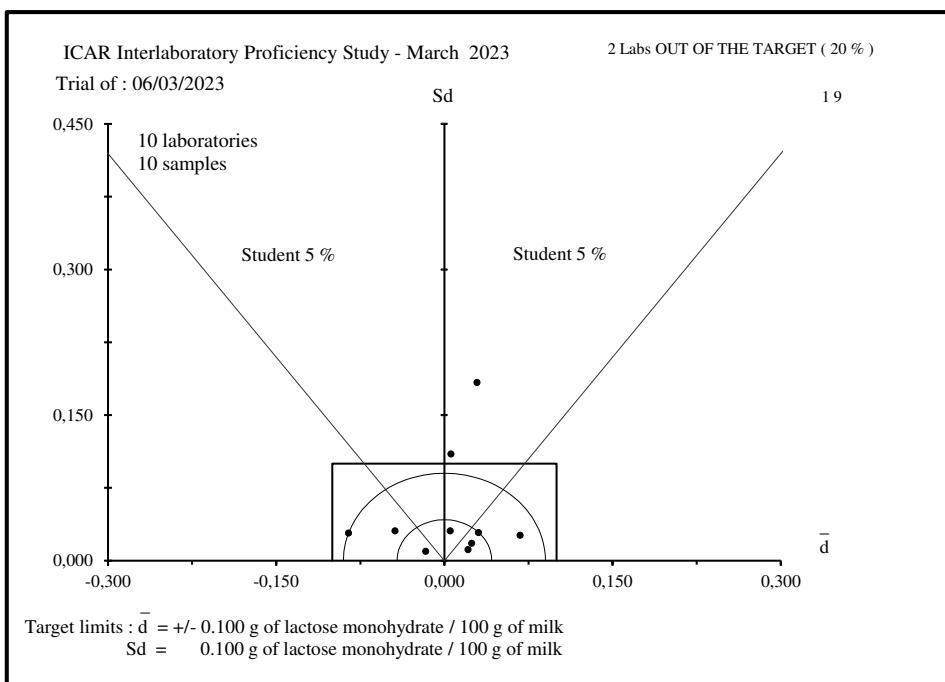
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Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the standard deviation of reproducibility of the method





**Figure 1 : ACCURACY - Evaluation of the individual performances (to see table I).**



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**March 2023**

**Raw Milk**

**Determination of UREA CONTENT**

Sending date of statistical treatment : 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Frame of activity :	ICAR Milk Analyses Sub Committee (MA SC)
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**Table I : Ranking of the laboratories**Units : mg / dl

Nb	%	N°	d	Sd	D	Method
1	11	6	- 0,44	0,30	0,53	ISO 14637 / IDF 195
2	22	2	- 0,51	0,41	0,66	ISO 14637 / IDF 195
3	33	5	+ 0,61	0,43	0,75	Skalar 612-322
4	44	1	- 0,54	0,61	0,81	ISO 14637 / IDF 195
5	56	7	- 0,60	0,55	0,82	ISO 14637 / IDF 195
6	67	3	- 0,18	1,42	1,43	ISO 14637 / IDF 195
7	78	4	+ 1,16	1,67	2,03	ISO 14637 / IDF 195
8	89	9	- 1,90	1,69	2,54	Enzymatic method in house
9	100	8	+ 2,90	0,79	3,01	ISO 14637 / IDF 195

The table should be studied in parallel with figure 1 where the laboratories are located according to an acceptability area (or target) the limits of which are :

+/- 2,50 mg / dl for d and 1,50 mg / dl for Sd

REF : Assigned values are robust average values per sample according to algorithm A of standard ISO 13528, of 7 laboratories using reference method (ISO 14637|IDF 195 or V 04-217), after outlier discarding using Grubbs test at 5% risk level

(NC : OUT of RANKING because of insufficient data number)

(Nb : laboratory rank; % : relative rank)

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(d et Sd : mean and standard deviation of the differences (laboratory -reference))

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Repeatability standard deviation of this ICAR proficiency test (after Cochran elimination at 5 %)

S<sub>r<sub>PT</sub></sub> 0,43

Reproducibility standard deviation of this ICAR proficiency test (after Cochran and Grubbs elimination at 5 %)

S<sub>R<sub>PT</sub></sub> 1,44

**Table II : REPEATABILITY - Absolute difference between replicates in mg / dl**

Sample lab code	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Sr	NL				
1	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,00	20				
2	0,400	0,370	0,060	0,150	0,060	0,000	0,050	0,830	0,310	0,150	0,24	20				
3	0,040	0,070	0,350	0,130	0,520	0,480	0,000	0,060	0,390	0,230	0,21	20				
4	0,500	1,100	1,700	2,000	*	1,000	3,200	*	2,100	*	0,700	3,300	*	1,500	1,37	20
5	0,010	0,400	0,650	0,480	0,420	0,880	0,010	0,060	0,090	0,310	0,31	20				
6	0,120	0,780	0,480	0,840	0,120	1,010	0,050	0,430	0,060	0,540	0,39	20				
7	0,300	0,300	1,100	0,100	0,700	0,600	1,100	0,400	0,400	1,200	0,51	20				
8	1,400	*	0,100	0,200	1,000	1,100	0,200	0,300	0,600	0,900	0,500	0,54	20			
9	0,010	0,100	0,620	0,030	0,660	0,050	0,890	1,160	0,980	0,290	0,45	20				
Sr	0,37	0,35	0,54	0,58	0,45	0,84	0,60	0,42	0,85	0,50		180				
NE	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18						
L	0,59	1,19	1,84	1,16	1,52	1,28	1,19	1,44	1,22	1,69						

Sr : repeatability standard deviation of each laboratory limit 0,54 mg/dl

NL : number of measurements per laboratory

L : Limit for difference between duplicates according Cochran test at 5% level.

SE : repeatability standard deviation per sample

NE : number of measurements per sample

\*: discarded data using the test of Cochran at 5 %

\*\* : missing data

r : limit of repeatability, absolute difference between two replicates=1,50 according ISO 14637 | IDF 195

**Table III :** Means of the replicates in mg / dl

Sample Lab code	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	19,09	42,47	28,31	33,46	37,54	46,76	23,60	51,48	56,41	61,13
2	18,79	42,11	27,79	33,03	37,81	46,89	23,48	52,22	56,70	61,70
3	20,57 *	43,64	29,58	34,47	37,48	46,48	24,23	52,25	55,64	59,53
4	18,45	42,85	27,85	33,20	38,30	52,20	24,75	55,25	60,25	64,15
5	19,30	43,69	29,26	34,11	38,95	48,11	23,90	53,32	57,87	63,26
6	18,25	41,68	28,19	33,45	37,88	47,19	23,49	52,58	57,06	61,49
7	18,25	42,45	28,65	32,65	37,95	46,90	23,65	51,40	56,90	60,80
8	23,30 *	45,45	31,40	35,80	40,15 *	49,90	27,15 *	56,60	60,65	64,25
9	18,87	41,89	27,33	32,25	37,80	45,54	22,67	48,84	54,25	57,22
M	18,71	42,91	28,71	33,60	37,96	47,77	23,72	52,66	57,30	61,50
REF.	18,57	42,79	28,65	33,61	37,83	47,72	23,85	53,07	57,66	61,86
SD	0,41	1,18	1,24	1,07	0,47	2,06	0,61	2,25	2,05	2,25

M = mean per sample

REF. = reference values

SD = standard deviation per sample

\*: discarded data using the test of Grubbs 5 %

REF : Assigned values are robust average values per sample according to algorithm A of standard ISO 13528, of 7 laboratories using the reference method ISO 14637 | IDF 195 or V 04-2017, after outliers discarding using Grubbs test 5% risk level

**Table IV :** Outlier identification

Sample	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Outliers Cochran</b>	8			4		5	4		4	
<b>Outlier Grubbs</b>	3; 8				8		8			
<b>sr</b>	0,19	0,35	0,54	0,35	0,39	0,39	0,38	0,42	0,37	0,50
<b>SR</b>	0,43	1,21	1,29	1,16	0,55	1,33	0,55	2,27	1,87	2,28

**Table V : ACCURACY - differences (laboratory - reference) in mg / dl**

Sample/lab code \	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	d	Sd <sub>lab</sub>	t
1	+ 0,52	- 0,32	- 0,34	- 0,15	- 0,29	- 0,96	- 0,26	- 1,59	- 1,24	- 0,73	- 0,54	0,61	2,79
2	+ 0,22	- 0,69	- 0,86	- 0,59	- 0,02	- 0,83	- 0,38	- 0,86	- 0,96	- 0,17	- 0,51	0,41	3,96
3	+ 2,00	+ 0,84	+ 0,92	+ 0,85	- 0,35	- 1,24	+ 0,38	- 0,82	- 2,02	- 2,34	- 0,18	1,42	0,40
4	- 0,12	+ 0,06	- 0,80	- 0,41	+ 0,47	+ 4,48	+ 0,90	+ 2,18	+ 2,59	+ 2,29	+ 1,16	1,67	2,20
5	+ 0,73	+ 0,90	+ 0,60	+ 0,50	+ 1,12	+ 0,39	+ 0,04	+ 0,25	+ 0,21	+ 1,39	+ 0,61	0,43	4,52
6	- 0,32	- 1,11	- 0,46	- 0,16	+ 0,05	- 0,54	- 0,37	- 0,50	- 0,60	- 0,37	- 0,44	0,30	4,54
7	- 0,32	- 0,34	- 0,00	- 0,96	+ 0,12	- 0,82	- 0,20	- 1,67	- 0,76	- 1,06	- 0,60	0,55	3,44
8	+ 4,73	+ 2,66	+ 2,75	+ 2,19	+ 2,32	+ 2,18	+ 3,30	+ 3,53	+ 2,99	+ 2,39	+ 2,90	0,79	11,60
9	+ 0,30	- 0,90	- 1,32	- 1,37	- 0,03	- 2,19	- 1,19	- 4,23	- 3,41	- 4,65	- 1,90	1,69	3,54
d	+ 0,15	+ 0,12	+ 0,05	- 0,01	+ 0,14	+ 0,05	- 0,13	- 0,42	- 0,36	- 0,36	+ 0,06	1,62	
Sd	0,41	1,18	1,24	1,07	0,47	2,06	0,61	2,25	2,05	2,25	1,53		

d = mean of differences

Sd = standard deviation of differences

t = Student test - comparison to 0

Upper limits :  $\bar{d} = +/- 2,50 \text{ mg / dl}$       Sd = 1,50 mg / dl**ISO 14637 | IDF 195 : Precision of the method :**

Sr = 0,54 mg / dl

SR = 1,81 mg / dl

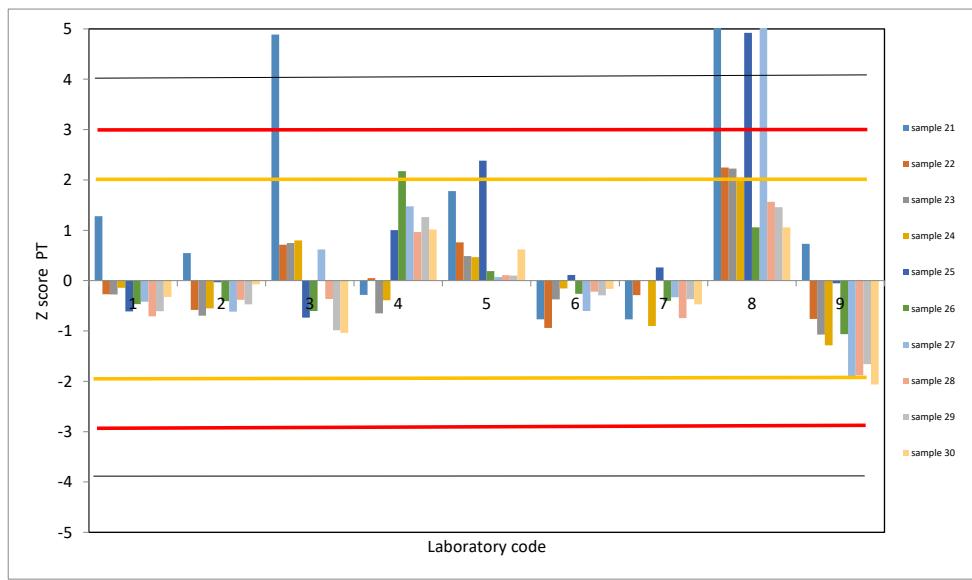
**Table VI :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation

Sample Lab Code \ Lab Code	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	+1,28	-0,27	-0,27	-0,14	-0,61	-0,47	-0,42	-0,71	-0,61	-0,32
2	+0,55	-0,58	-0,70	-0,55	-0,03	-0,41	-0,62	-0,38	-0,47	-0,07
3	+4,89	+0,71	+0,75	+0,80	-0,73	-0,61	+0,62	-0,37	-0,99	-1,04
4	-0,28	+0,05	-0,65	-0,39	+1,00	+2,18	+1,47	+0,97	+1,26	+1,02
5	+1,78	+0,76	+0,49	+0,46	+2,38	+0,19	+0,07	+0,11	+0,10	+0,62
6	-0,77	-0,94	-0,37	-0,15	+0,11	-0,26	-0,60	-0,22	-0,29	-0,17
7	-0,77	-0,29	-0,00	-0,90	+0,26	-0,40	-0,33	-0,74	-0,37	-0,47
8	+11,55	+2,25	+2,23	+2,05	+4,92	+1,06	+5,41	+1,56	+1,46	+1,06
9	+0,73	-0,76	-1,07	-1,28	-0,06	-1,06	-1,95	-1,88	-1,66	-2,06

In yellow the values bigger or smaller than 2/-2

In red the values bigger or smaller than 3/-3

**Figure 2 :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation



**Table VII :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
ZS calculated on the standard deviation of reproducibility of the method

Sample lab Code \ Lab code	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	+0,29	-0,18	-0,19	-0,08	-0,16	-0,53	-0,14	-0,88	-0,69	-0,40
2	+0,12	-0,38	-0,48	-0,33	-0,01	-0,46	-0,21	-0,47	-0,53	-0,09
3	+1,11	+0,47	+0,51	+0,47	-0,19	-0,69	+0,21	-0,46	-1,12	-1,29
4	-0,06	+0,03	-0,44	-0,23	+0,26	+2,47	+0,50	+1,20	+1,43	+1,26
5	+0,40	+0,50	+0,33	+0,27	+0,62	+0,21	+0,02	+0,14	+0,11	+0,77
6	-0,17	-0,61	-0,25	-0,09	+0,03	-0,30	-0,20	-0,28	-0,33	-0,21
7	-0,17	-0,19	0,00	-0,53	+0,07	-0,46	-0,11	-0,93	-0,42	-0,59
8	+2,62	+1,47	+1,52	+1,21	+1,28	+1,20	+1,82	+1,95	+1,65	+1,32
9	+0,17	-0,50	-0,73	-0,76	-0,01	-1,21	-0,66	-2,34	-1,88	-2,57

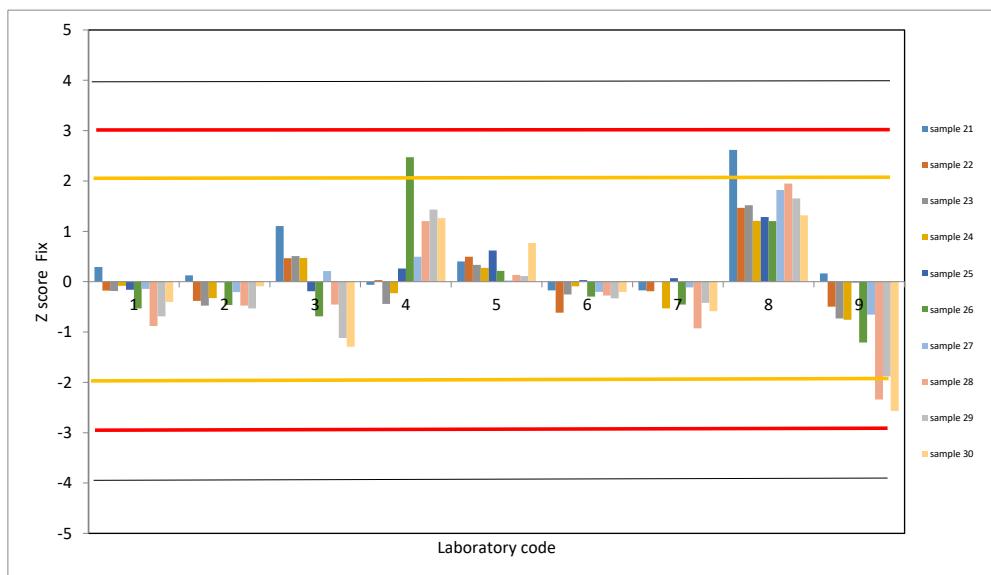
This table will allows to compare your ZSCORE from one PT to an other because the standard deviation has always the value of SR of the method SR=1,81

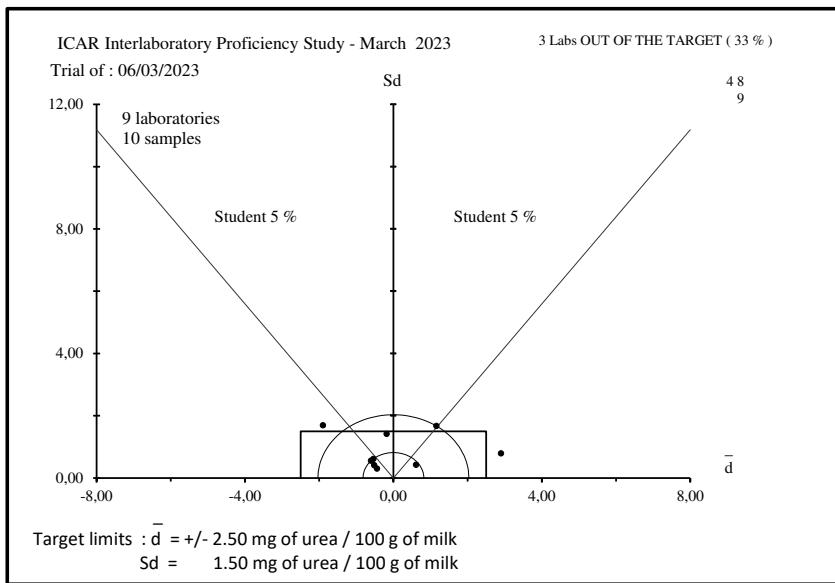
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**Figure 3 :**

Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the standard deviation of reproducibility of the method





**Figure 1 : ACCURACY - Evaluation of the individual performances (to see table I).**



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**March 2023**

**Raw Milk**

**Enumeration of SOMATIC CELLS**

Sending date of statistical treatment :

24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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**Table I : Ranking of the laboratories in %**

Nb	%	N°	d	Sd	D	Method
1	1	56	+ 1%	1%	1%	B
2	3	26	- 1%	1%	1%	B
3	4	10	+ 0%	1%	1%	B
4	6	36	+ 0%	1%	1%	B
5	7	21	- 0%	1%	1%	B
6	9	9	+ 0%	1%	1%	B
7	10	28	- 1%	1%	1%	B
8	12	4	+ 1%	1%	1%	B
9	13	23	+ 1%	1%	2%	B
10	14	25	+ 1%	2%	2%	B
11	16	7	- 1%	2%	2%	B
12	17	20	- 1%	2%	2%	B
13	19	32	+ 1%	2%	2%	B
14	20	43	- 1%	2%	2%	B
15	22	67	+ 0%	2%	2%	B
16	23	12	+ 0%	2%	2%	B
17	25	31	- 0%	2%	2%	B
18	26	29	+ 1%	2%	2%	B
19	28	14	+ 1%	2%	2%	B
20	29	69	+ 1%	2%	3%	B
21	30	58	+ 2%	2%	3%	B
22	32	18	- 1%	3%	3%	B
23	33	8	- 2%	2%	3%	B
24	35	11	+ 2%	3%	3%	B
25	36	27	- 3%	2%	3%	B
26	38	63	- 2%	3%	3%	B
27	39	66	+ 3%	2%	4%	B
28	41	68	- 3%	3%	4%	B
29	42	5	+ 3%	3%	4%	B
30	43	30	- 3%	3%	4%	B

(NC : OUT of RANKING because of insufficient data number)

(Nb : laboratory rank; % : relative rank)

(N° : laboratory identification number)

(d et Sd : mean and standard deviation of the differences (laboratory -reference))

(D : Euclidian distance to YX-axis origin = SQUARE ROOT.(d<sup>2</sup> + Sd<sup>2</sup>))

The table should be studied in parallel with figure 1 where the laboratories are located according to an acceptability area (or target) the limits of which are :

+/- 10% for d and 10% for Sd

Nb	%	N°	d	Sd	D	Method
31	45	42	+ 3%	3%	4%	B
32	46	64	+ 3%	3%	4%	B
33	48	62	+ 4%	3%	5%	B
34	49	65	+ 2%	5%	5%	B
35	51	59	- 0%	5%	5%	B
36	52	13	+ 3%	4%	5%	B
37	54	35	- 4%	4%	5%	B
38	55	22	+ 4%	4%	6%	B
39	57	2	+ 4%	4%	6%	B
40	58	60	- 2%	6%	6%	B
41	59	33	+ 5%	4%	6%	B
42	61	50	+ 2%	6%	6%	B
43	62	40	- 4%	5%	7%	B
44	64	19	- 5%	6%	7%	B
45	65	52	+ 4%	6%	8%	B
46	67	57	+ 6%	5%	8%	B
47	68	24	- 5%	6%	8%	B
48	70	34	+ 6%	5%	8%	B
49	71	3	+ 6%	6%	8%	B
50	72	6	- 6%	6%	9%	B
51	74	61	- 6%	6%	9%	B
52	75	51	- 7%	6%	10%	B
53	77	55	- 7%	7%	10%	B
54	78	41	- 7%	7%	10%	B
55	80	53	+ 7%	7%	10%	B
56	81	39	- 6%	8%	10%	B
57	83	44	+ 10%	7%	12%	A
58	84	49	+ 9%	8%	12%	B
59	86	47	- 10%	8%	12%	B
60	87	45	+ 10%	8%	13%	B
61	88	46	- 10%	8%	13%	B
62	90	38	- 9%	10%	13%	B
63	91	37	- 11%	10%	15%	B
64	93	54	+ 11%	13%	17%	B
65	94	15	+ 13%	11%	17%	B
66	96	48	- 10%	15%	18%	B
67	97	16	+ 15%	13%	20%	B
68	99	17	- 14%	16%	22%	A
69	100	1	- 78%	64%	101%	A

A ISO 13366-1 | IDF 148-1

B ISO 13366-2 | IDF 148-2

**REF** : Assigned values are robust average values per sample according to algorithm A of standard ISO 13528, of 68 laboratories using reference method ISO 13366-1|IDF 148-1 and alternative method ISO 13366-2|IDF 148-2

after outlier discarding using Grubbs test at 5% risk level

Repeatability standard deviation of this ICAR proficiency test (after Cochran elimination at 5 %)

Reproducibility Note : Limits are only indicative and so far do not constitute standard values; they indicate what is normally reachable by labs for their self evaluation.

Sr<sub>PT</sub> 12 2%SR<sub>PT</sub> 48 8%

**Table II :**  
**REPEATABILITY - Absolute difference between replicates in  $10^3$  cells / ml**

Sample Lab code	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	Sr	NL
1	8	1	3	4	4	14	3	9	6	6	5	20
2	9	39	14	24	14	47	32	42	3	2	19	20
3	11	7	4	8	5	12	10	17	0	9	7	20
4	17	6	9	8	4	30	4	16	0	3	9	20
5	2	39	13	14	17	5	23	12	5	7	12	20
6	34	20	2	10	2	9	30	13	0	1	12	20
7	28	21	31	18	9	27	8	9	3	2	13	20
8	43	31	6	18	16	12	22	1	4	6	14	20
9	32	27	22	22	3	6	19	7	4	9	13	20
10	13	2	7	17	9	13	9	11	2	1	7	20
11	11	7	0	13	1	15	12	19	0	0	7	20
12	10	14	5	2	34 *	37	4	7	1	2	12	20
13	2	18	0	25	6	100 *	17	6	1	7	24	20
14	27	11	6	32	4	47	4	14	0	4	15	20
15	11	4	5	5	6	11	0	8	2	2	5	20
16	17	29	2	11	1	28	13	5	1	0	11	20
17	6	17	10	8	12	40	27	4	2	5	12	20
18	6	26	6	15	24	9	41	4	11	6	13	20
19	15	32	5	3	3	14	53	5	1	7	15	20
20	42	34	12	8	10	33	9	2	1	8	15	20
21	2	39	0	53 *	4	8	6	1	6	5	15	20
22	6	21	18	4	5	1	15	22	3	7	9	20
23	2	4	4	5	3	15	9	4	5	3	5	20
24	10	10	3	2	8	13	15	10	1	3	6	20
25	9	8	4	9	1	14	13	18	2	5	7	20
26	5	24	3	3	15	22	25	6	0	2	10	20
27	11	20	8	2	2	25	9	10	1	1	8	20
28	15	9	8	11	13	17	8	0	4	5	7	20
29	29	34	29	2	7	16	3	2	2	17	13	20
30	26	14	2	23	11	5	7	1	1	13	9	20

**Table II :**  
**REPEATABILITY - Absolute difference between replicates in  $10^3$  cells / ml**

Sample lab code	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	Sr	NL
31	23	43	8	13	5	5	20	13	2	5	13	20
32	5	0	10	5	1	14	4	22	4	0	7	20
33	92	*	11	0	11	8	2	12	6	4	7	20
34	9	33	4	4	1	27	9	17	2	2	11	20
35	24	65	5	13	11	38	31	5	9	2	20	20
36	25	6	7	1	1	15	26	1	3	6	9	20
37	10	14	14	4	17	28	29	41	4	10	15	20
38	29	31	1	7	6	17	7	6	4	3	11	20
39	7	38	20	26	1	49	24	7	2	9	17	20
40	25	32	3	5	3	0	32	11	6	5	12	20
41	6	37	3	16	5	11	11	5	0	4	10	20
42	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	20
43	2	7	3	3	3	2	0	6	2	3	3	20
44	10	48	3	2	7	44	26	4	3	1	16	20
45	15	14	20	0	3	32	24	3	3	2	11	20
46	17	23	7	12	1	29	6	5	3	1	10	20
47	1	38	4	6	3	21	7	3	2	1	10	20
48	80	*	53	31	55	*	56	*	81	106	*	7
49	50	3	7	8	12	4	6	13	2	13	13	20
50	9	48	4	36	12	30	21	26	3	2	17	20
51	8	4	20	18	34	*	90	26	9	12	12	20
52	50	119	*	16	38	3	58	37	25	1	**	36
53	94	*	101	*	1	14	7	73	16	37	3	36
54	4	16	9	1	3	13	4	13	1	2	6	20
55	17	1	14	1	10	12	21	6	4	7	8	20
56	23	38	8	16	9	17	30	3	5	16	14	20
57	3	32	3	1	5	17	2	10	0	2	9	20
58	0	0	7	2	8	33	9	27	5	6	10	20
59	9	0	1	4	10	9	0	2	1	1	4	20
60	5	3	0	1	1	5	4	7	0	0	3	20
61	160	*	13	20	7	1	50	2	29	2	0	38
62	36	16	6	33	21	41	21	24	1	5	17	20
63	17	13	8	7	21	0	27	8	10	8	10	20
64	24	21	5	4	3	4	4	12	0	1	8	20
65	3	27	11	1	1	15	1	28	4	2	10	20
66	13	5	25	1	13	4	6	13	4	10	8	20
67	14	0	5	1	9	18	19	19	3	3	8	20
68	0	3	0	7	5	14	4	5	0	0	4	20
69	2	16	21	23	8	21	13	10	1	10	10	20
Sr	23	22	8	12	9	22	16	10	3	5		1378
r	126	126	42	50	42	126	63	63	25	25		
NE	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	136		
L	61	80	36	44	28	93	59	47	13	20		

Sr : repeatability standard deviation of each laboratory limit : Cf up down

NL : number of measurements per laboratory

L : Limit for difference between duplicates according Cochran test at 5% level.

SE : repeatability standard deviation per sample

NE : number of measurements per sample

\*: discarded data using the test of Cochran at 5 %

\*\*: missing data

r : limit of repeatability, absolute difference between two replicates according ISO 13366-2 / IDF 148-2 : Cf up down

Level $10^7$ / ml	Sr %	r
150	6	25
200	5	42
450	4	50
750	3	63
1500	3	126

**Table III :** Means of the replicates in  $10^3$  cells / ml

Sample lab code	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
1	195 *	263 *	54 *	114 *	42 *	332 *	158 *	140 *	18 *	20 *
2	1063	1290	303	434	198	1519	766	591	45	91
3	1109	1239	296	441	204	1570	803	586	44	94
4	1050	1228	286	422	180	1464	758	567	42	87
5	1043	1275	286	432	192	1497	775	559	49	94
6	953	1142	278	395	177	1362	694	531	39	82
7	1016	1204	284	408	187	1449	726	566	46	89
8	1015	1191	272	411	178	1430	731	532	43	93
9	1038	1238	282	418	184	1465	743	565	44	89
10	1024	1232	284	417	192	1462	745	556	48	91
11	1052	1256	291	423	189	1494	749	570	47	93
12	1013	1233	287	440	182	1473	747	558	45	85
13	1030	1201	306	453	191	1516	783	604	47	92
14	1028	1240	286	436	188	1481	738	576	39	93
15	1185	1384	314	477	213	1647	836	636	51	99
16	1211	1406	323	475	209	1668	866	617	52	100
17	1003	1167	272	323 *	168	1140	553 *	446	34	77
18	996	1248	276	413	196	1443	743	549	45	87
19	1029	1145	274	400	192	1358	705	518	47	95
20	1016	1207	291	419	181	1431	758	555	46	93
21	1031	1203	293	411	184	1454	745	561	47	86
22	1080	1281	296	429	200	1521	771	575	46	99
23	1041	1238	287	428	192	1458	766	554	43	93
24	1026	1196	278	386	179	1334	667	537	41	91
25	1048	1232	279	428	181	1471	743	551	43	97
26	1024	1224	280	409	183	1451	747	557	43	85
27	1011	1200	271	411	181	1411	727	538	47	89
28	1022	1207	282	424	184	1446	737	550	41	91
29	1052	1243	277	427	189	1484	743	565	48	95
30	1004	1177	270	415	184	1403	738	532	43	86

M = mean per sample

REF. = reference values

SD = standard deviation per sample

\*: discarded data using the test of Grubbs 5 %

REF : Assigned values are robust average values per sample according to algorithm A of standard ISO 13528,  
of 68 laboratories using the reference method ISO 13366 | IDF 148-1 and alternative method ISO 13366-2 | IDF 148-2,  
after outlier discarding using Grubbs test at 5% risk level

**Table IV :** Outlier identification

Sample	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
<b>Outliers Cochran</b>	33; 48 53; 61	52; 53		21; 48	12; 48 51	13	48			48
<b>Outlier Grubbs</b>	1	1	1	1; 17 54	1; 54	1	1; 17	1	1	1; 52
<b>sr</b>	14	18	8	10	6	21	13	10	3	4
<b>SR</b>	55	74	21	24	12	98	47	41	5	7
<b>sr %</b>	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	6%	5%
<b>SR %</b>	5%	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	7%	11%	8%

**Table III :** Means of the replicates in  $10^3$  cells / ml

Sample Lab code	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
31	1018	1198	298	422	197	1433	739	579	48	93
32	1049	1232	279	413	191	1482	746	567	44	94
33	1109	1266	286	435	194	1509	779	600	43	95
34	1101	1288	302	455	201	1550	795	597	47	95
35	1038	1192	268	402	171	1375	701	531	38	84
36	1040	1240	284	421	190	1450	753	557	45	90
37	964	1064	238	379	164	1269	664	496	37	75
38	929	1049	245	407	170	1325	692	563	46	94
39	1055	1175	273	375	172	1302	662	507	43	91
40	999	1151	265	424	182	1357	729	540	46	95
41	1001	1123	253	391	180	1318	700	518	47	83
42	1068	1271	292	432	193	1497	761	582	45	91
43	1025	1201	290	416	196	1427	752	548	52	97
44	1139	1327	334	451	203	1551	828	640	56	98
45	1131	1343	318	458	206	1579	847	628	47	96
46	933	1092	252	378	167	1317	663	496	41	80
47	947	1094	255	374	169	1317	685	494	41	81
48	963	1213	219	364	185	1166	722	432	35	111
49	1138	1330	297	460	196	1592	806	620	47	96
50	1003	1250	280	427	191	1555	740	574	42	88
51	978	1117	265	382	181	1347	688	512	44	80
52	1127	1287	284	437	197	1516	769	579	45	58
53	1154	1337	306	448	194	1501	806	598	52	92
54	1023	1455	342	509	*	229	*	1436	880	670
55	952	1132	270	406	177	1335	705	504	51	98
56	1036	1232	285	417	188	1459	755	564	50	98
57	1105	1236	301	450	197	1554	789	597	45	101
58	1054	1245	287	424	195	1481	763	579	45	92
59	1047	1148	281	391	199	1500	737	585	48	94
60	1034	1122	269	387	183	1490	718	555	45	93
61	1023	1145	269	405	168	1335	681	528	41	85
62	1063	1231	301	445	198	1519	773	589	48	99
63	1012	1203	269	422	183	1404	726	543	46	96
64	1087	1244	289	425	189	1505	770	563	44	94
65	1037	1227	280	409	189	1543	764	560	49	92
66	1047	1260	288	427	197	1491	774	587	52	101
67	1039	1232	264	428	193	1476	733	556	39	93
68	981	1181	276	401	190	1444	727	550	39	90
69	1061	1222	267	421	195	1447	768	587	51	95
M	1040	1222	283	419	188	1448	748	560	45	92
REF.	1037	1219	282	419	188	1451	746	560	45	92
SD	55	74	20	24	11	97	45	41	4	7
AVT	1004	1193	274	414	180	1422	735	548	40	86

M = mean per sample

REF. = reference values

SD = standard deviation per sample

\*: discarded data using the test of Grubbs 5 %

AVT = Assign value traceable to the ERM BD001

REF : Assigned values are robust average values per sample according to algorithm A of standard ISO 13528,  
of 68 laboratories using the reference method ISO 13366 | IDF 148-1 and alternative method ISO 13366-2 | IDF 148-2,  
after outlier discarding using Grubbs test at 5% risk level

**Table IV :** Outlier identification

Sample	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
<b>Outliers Cochran</b>	33; 48 53; 61	52; 53		21; 48	12; 48 51	13	48			48
<b>Outlier Grubbs</b>	1	1	1	1; 17 54	1; 54	1	1; 17	1	1	1; 52
<b>sr</b>	14	18	8	10	6	21	13	10	3	4
<b>SR</b>	55	74	21	24	12	98	47	41	5	7
<b>sr %</b>	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	6%	5%
<b>SR %</b>	5%	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	7%	11%	8%
SR Method for AVT values	60	72	22	30	16	86	45	37	4	8

**Table V :** ACCURACY - differences (laboratory - reference) in %

Sample Lab code	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	d	Sd <sub>lab</sub>	t
1	- 81%	- 78%	- 81%	- 73%	- 78%	- 77%	- 79%	- 75%	- 60%	- 78%	- 78%	64%	3,83
2	+ 2%	+ 6%	+ 7%	+ 3%	+ 5%	+ 5%	+ 3%	+ 5%	- 1%	- 1%	+ 4%	4%	3,28
3	+ 7%	+ 2%	+ 5%	+ 5%	+ 8%	+ 8%	+ 8%	+ 4%	- 2%	+ 2%	+ 6%	6%	2,90
4	+ 1%	+ 1%	+ 1%	+ 1%	- 4%	+ 1%	+ 2%	+ 1%	- 7%	- 6%	+ 1%	1%	1,76
5	+ 1%	+ 5%	+ 1%	+ 3%	+ 2%	+ 3%	+ 4%	- 0%	+ 8%	+ 2%	+ 3%	3%	2,49
6	- 8%	- 6%	- 2%	- 6%	- 6%	- 6%	- 7%	- 5%	- 13%	- 11%	- 6%	6%	3,62
7	- 2%	- 1%	+ 0%	- 3%	- 1%	- 0%	- 3%	+ 1%	+ 1%	- 3%	- 1%	2%	2,30
8	- 2%	- 2%	- 4%	- 2%	- 5%	- 1%	- 2%	- 5%	- 4%	+ 1%	- 2%	2%	4,39
9	+ 0%	+ 2%	- 0%	- 0%	- 2%	+ 1%	- 0%	+ 1%	- 2%	- 4%	+ 0%	1%	0,96
10	- 1%	+ 1%	+ 0%	- 1%	+ 2%	+ 1%	- 0%	- 1%	+ 7%	- 1%	+ 0%	1%	0,30
11	+ 1%	+ 3%	+ 3%	+ 1%	+ 0%	+ 3%	+ 0%	+ 2%	+ 4%	+ 1%	+ 2%	3%	2,53
12	- 2%	+ 1%	+ 1%	+ 5%	- 3%	+ 1%	+ 0%	- 1%	- 1%	- 7%	+ 0%	2%	0,48
13	- 1%	- 1%	+ 8%	+ 8%	+ 2%	+ 4%	+ 5%	+ 8%	+ 3%	- 0%	+ 3%	4%	2,19
14	- 1%	+ 2%	+ 1%	+ 4%	+ 0%	+ 2%	- 1%	+ 3%	- 13%	+ 1%	+ 1%	2%	1,51
15	+ 14%	+ 14%	+ 11%	+ 14%	+ 13%	+ 13%	+ 12%	+ 13%	+ 13%	+ 8%	+ 13%	11%	3,71
16	+ 17%	+ 15%	+ 14%	+ 13%	+ 11%	+ 15%	+ 16%	+ 10%	+ 14%	+ 9%	+ 15%	13%	3,53
17	- 3%	- 4%	- 4%	- 23%	- 11%	- 21%	- 26%	- 20%	- 24%	- 17%	- 14%	16%	2,75
18	- 4%	+ 2%	- 2%	- 2%	+ 4%	- 1%	- 0%	- 2%	- 1%	- 5%	- 1%	3%	0,84
19	- 1%	- 6%	- 3%	- 5%	+ 2%	- 6%	- 6%	- 8%	+ 3%	+ 3%	- 5%	6%	2,61
20	- 2%	- 1%	+ 3%	- 0%	- 4%	- 1%	+ 2%	- 1%	+ 1%	+ 1%	- 1%	2%	1,28
21	- 1%	- 1%	+ 4%	- 2%	- 2%	+ 0%	- 0%	+ 0%	+ 4%	- 7%	- 0%	1%	1,15
22	+ 4%	+ 5%	+ 5%	+ 2%	+ 6%	+ 5%	+ 3%	+ 3%	+ 1%	+ 7%	+ 4%	4%	3,35
23	+ 0%	+ 2%	+ 2%	+ 2%	+ 2%	+ 0%	+ 3%	- 1%	- 6%	+ 1%	+ 1%	1%	2,18
24	- 1%	- 2%	- 2%	- 8%	- 5%	- 8%	- 11%	- 4%	- 10%	- 1%	- 5%	6%	2,54
25	+ 1%	+ 1%	- 1%	+ 2%	- 4%	+ 1%	- 0%	- 2%	- 4%	+ 5%	+ 1%	2%	1,00
26	- 1%	+ 0%	- 1%	- 3%	- 3%	- 0%	+ 0%	- 1%	- 4%	- 7%	- 1%	1%	2,32
27	- 3%	- 2%	- 4%	- 2%	- 4%	- 3%	- 3%	- 4%	+ 3%	- 4%	- 3%	2%	3,96
28	- 1%	- 1%	- 0%	+ 1%	- 2%	- 0%	- 1%	- 2%	- 9%	- 1%	- 1%	1%	3,13
29	+ 1%	+ 2%	- 2%	+ 2%	+ 0%	+ 2%	- 0%	+ 1%	+ 7%	+ 3%	+ 1%	2%	2,07
30	- 3%	- 3%	- 4%	- 1%	- 2%	- 3%	- 1%	- 5%	- 6%	- 7%	- 3%	3%	3,50

d = mean of differences

Sd = standard deviation of differences

t = Student test - comparison to 0

Upper limits :  $\bar{d} = +/- 10\%$    Sd = 10%**ISO 13366-2 | IDF 148-2 : Precision of the method :**

Level SCC *10 <sup>3</sup> /ml	Sr %	r	SR %	R
150	6	25	9	38
200	5	42	8	67
450	4	50	7	88
750	3	63	6	126
1500	3	126	6	252

**Table V :** ACCURACY - differences (laboratory - reference) in %

Sample lab code	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	d	Sd <sub>lab</sub>	t
31	- 2%	- 2%	+ 6%	+ 1%	+ 5%	- 1%	- 1%	+ 3%	+ 7%	+ 1%	- 0%	2%	0,41
32	+ 1%	+ 1%	- 1%	- 2%	+ 1%	+ 2%	- 0%	+ 1%	- 2%	+ 2%	+ 1%	2%	1,62
33	+ 7%	+ 4%	+ 1%	+ 4%	+ 3%	+ 4%	+ 4%	+ 7%	- 4%	+ 3%	+ 5%	4%	3,33
34	+ 6%	+ 6%	+ 7%	+ 9%	+ 7%	+ 7%	+ 6%	+ 6%	+ 4%	+ 3%	+ 6%	5%	3,92
35	+ 0%	- 2%	- 5%	- 4%	- 9%	- 5%	- 6%	- 5%	- 17%	- 9%	- 4%	4%	3,41
36	+ 0%	+ 2%	+ 0%	+ 0%	+ 1%	- 0%	+ 1%	- 1%	- 1%	- 2%	+ 0%	1%	1,18
37	- 7%	- 13%	- 16%	- 10%	- 13%	- 13%	- 11%	- 12%	- 18%	- 18%	- 11%	10%	3,77
38	- 10%	- 14%	- 13%	- 3%	- 9%	- 9%	- 7%	+ 0%	+ 2%	+ 2%	- 9%	10%	2,68
39	+ 2%	- 4%	- 3%	- 11%	- 9%	- 10%	- 11%	- 10%	- 4%	- 1%	- 6%	8%	2,48
40	- 4%	- 6%	- 6%	+ 1%	- 3%	- 6%	- 2%	- 4%	+ 2%	+ 3%	- 4%	5%	2,47
41	- 3%	8%	- 11%	- 7%	- 4%	- 9%	- 6%	- 8%	+ 4%	- 10%	- 7%	7%	3,22
42	+ 3%	+ 4%	+ 3%	+ 3%	+ 3%	+ 3%	+ 2%	+ 4%	- 1%	- 1%	+ 3%	3%	3,26
43	- 1%	- 2%	+ 3%	- 1%	+ 4%	- 2%	+ 1%	- 2%	+ 15%	+ 5%	- 1%	2%	1,01
44	+ 10%	+ 9%	+ 18%	+ 8%	+ 8%	+ 7%	+ 11%	+ 14%	+ 23%	+ 6%	+ 10%	7%	4,55
45	+ 9%	+ 10%	+ 13%	+ 9%	+ 9%	+ 9%	+ 14%	+ 12%	+ 3%	+ 5%	+ 10%	8%	4,01
46	- 10%	- 10%	- 11%	- 10%	- 11%	- 9%	- 11%	- 12%	- 10%	- 13%	- 10%	8%	4,13
47	- 9%	- 10%	- 10%	- 11%	- 10%	- 9%	- 8%	- 12%	- 9%	- 12%	- 10%	8%	4,01
48	- 7%	- 1%	- 23%	- 13%	- 1%	- 20%	- 3%	- 23%	- 22%	+ 20%	- 10%	15%	2,24
49	+ 10%	+ 9%	+ 5%	+ 10%	+ 4%	+ 10%	+ 8%	+ 11%	+ 4%	+ 4%	+ 9%	8%	3,44
50	- 3%	+ 3%	- 1%	+ 2%	+ 2%	+ 7%	- 1%	+ 2%	- 8%	- 4%	+ 2%	6%	0,94
51	- 6%	- 8%	- 6%	- 9%	- 4%	- 7%	- 8%	- 9%	- 2%	- 13%	- 7%	6%	3,80
52	+ 9%	+ 6%	+ 1%	+ 4%	+ 5%	+ 4%	+ 3%	+ 3%	- 1%	- 37%	+ 4%	6%	2,16
53	+ 11%	+ 10%	+ 8%	+ 7%	+ 3%	+ 3%	+ 8%	+ 7%	+ 14%	- 0%	+ 7%	7%	3,27
54	- 1%	+ 19%	+ 21%	+ 21%	+ 22%	- 1%	+ 18%	+ 19%	+ 25%	+ 20%	+ 11%	13%	2,71
55	- 8%	- 7%	- 4%	- 3%	- 6%	- 8%	- 6%	- 10%	+ 13%	+ 6%	- 7%	7%	3,01
56	- 0%	+ 1%	+ 1%	- 1%	- 0%	+ 1%	+ 1%	+ 1%	+ 10%	+ 7%	+ 1%	1%	2,73
57	+ 7%	+ 1%	+ 6%	+ 7%	+ 5%	+ 7%	+ 6%	+ 7%	- 0%	+ 10%	+ 6%	5%	3,35
58	+ 2%	+ 2%	+ 1%	+ 1%	+ 4%	+ 2%	+ 2%	+ 3%	- 1%	+ 0%	+ 2%	2%	3,65
59	+ 1%	- 6%	- 1%	- 7%	+ 6%	+ 3%	- 1%	+ 4%	+ 6%	+ 2%	- 0%	5%	0,12
60	- 0%	- 8%	- 5%	- 8%	- 3%	+ 3%	- 4%	- 1%	- 0%	+ 1%	- 2%	6%	1,33
61	- 1%	- 6%	- 5%	- 4%	- 11%	- 8%	- 9%	- 6%	- 9%	- 7%	- 6%	6%	3,09
62	+ 3%	+ 1%	+ 7%	+ 6%	+ 5%	+ 5%	+ 4%	+ 5%	+ 6%	+ 7%	+ 4%	3%	3,85
63	- 2%	- 1%	- 5%	+ 1%	- 3%	- 3%	- 3%	- 3%	+ 2%	+ 5%	- 2%	3%	2,81
64	+ 5%	+ 2%	+ 2%	+ 1%	+ 0%	+ 4%	+ 3%	+ 0%	- 2%	+ 2%	+ 3%	3%	2,57
65	- 0%	+ 1%	- 1%	- 3%	+ 0%	+ 6%	+ 2%	- 0%	+ 9%	+ 0%	+ 2%	5%	1,15
66	+ 1%	+ 3%	+ 2%	+ 2%	+ 5%	+ 3%	+ 4%	+ 5%	+ 15%	+ 10%	+ 3%	2%	4,07
67	+ 0%	+ 1%	- 7%	+ 2%	+ 2%	+ 2%	- 2%	- 1%	- 14%	+ 1%	+ 0%	2%	0,24
68	- 5%	- 3%	- 2%	- 4%	+ 1%	- 0%	- 3%	- 2%	- 13%	- 2%	- 3%	3%	2,87
69	+ 2%	+ 0%	- 6%	+ 0%	+ 4%	- 0%	+ 3%	+ 5%	+ 12%	+ 3%	+ 1%	2%	1,69
d	+ 0%	+ 0%	+ 0%	- 0%	- 0%	+ 0%	+ 0%	- 0%	- 0%	- 0%	- 1%	12%	
Sd	5%	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	7%	10%	7%			

d = mean of differences

Sd = standard deviation of differences

t = Student test - comparison to 0

Upper limits :  $\bar{d} = +/- 10\%$    Sd = 10%**ISO 13366-2 | IDF 148-2 : Precision of the method :**

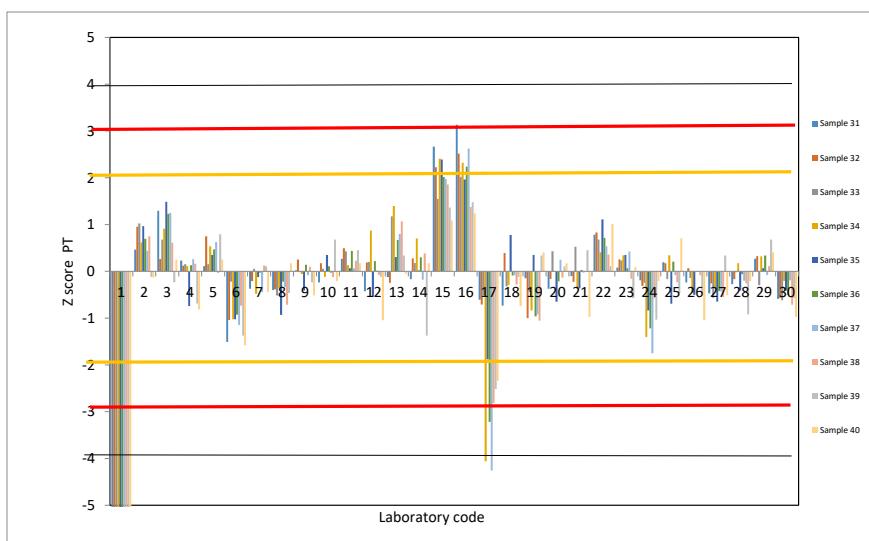
Level SCC *10 <sup>3</sup> /ml	Sr %	r	SR %	R
150	6	25	9	38
200	5	42	8	67
450	4	50	7	88
750	3	63	6	126
1500	3	126	6	252

**Table VI :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation

Sample lab code	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
1	-15,18	-12,91	-11,39	-12,86	-13,83	-11,56	-12,95	-10,34	-6,16	-10,95
2	+0,47	+0,95	+1,03	+0,62	+0,97	+0,70	+0,44	+0,75	-0,12	-0,13
3	+1,30	+0,26	+0,68	+0,91	+1,49	+1,23	+1,25	+0,61	-0,23	+0,25
4	+0,23	+0,12	+0,15	+0,11	-0,74	+0,13	+0,26	+0,16	-0,69	-0,82
5	+0,11	+0,75	+0,15	+0,53	+0,35	+0,47	+0,62	-0,04	+0,79	+0,25
6	-1,51	-1,04	-0,22	-1,03	-1,02	-0,93	-1,15	-0,74	-1,37	-1,58
7	-0,37	-0,21	+0,05	-0,48	-0,12	-0,03	-0,44	+0,12	+0,11	-0,44
8	-0,40	-0,38	-0,52	-0,35	-0,93	-0,22	-0,33	-0,71	-0,46	+0,17
9	+0,02	+0,25	-0,02	-0,06	-0,41	+0,14	-0,08	+0,10	-0,23	-0,51
10	-0,24	+0,18	+0,05	-0,12	+0,35	+0,11	-0,04	-0,12	+0,68	-0,21
11	+0,27	+0,49	+0,43	+0,13	+0,07	+0,44	+0,06	+0,22	+0,45	+0,17
12	-0,43	+0,19	+0,20	+0,87	-0,55	+0,22	+0,02	-0,07	-0,12	-1,05
13	-0,12	-0,24	+1,17	+1,40	+0,30	+0,67	+0,80	+1,07	+0,34	-0,06
14	-0,17	+0,28	+0,18	+0,70	+0,02	+0,30	-0,18	+0,38	-1,37	+0,17
15	+2,67	+2,23	+1,55	+2,41	+2,39	+2,02	+1,98	+1,85	+1,36	+1,09
16	+3,13	+2,52	+2,02	+2,32	+1,96	+2,24	+2,63	+1,38	+1,48	+1,24
17	-0,61	-0,71	-0,52	-4,06	-1,88	-3,22	-4,26	-2,81	-2,51	-2,34
18	-0,73	+0,39	-0,32	-0,29	+0,78	-0,09	-0,08	-0,28	-0,12	-0,74
19	-0,15	-1,00	-0,44	-0,84	+0,35	-0,96	-0,92	-1,05	+0,34	+0,40
20	-0,37	-0,16	+0,43	-0,01	-0,65	-0,21	+0,25	-0,13	+0,11	+0,17
21	-0,10	-0,22	+0,53	-0,37	-0,36	+0,03	-0,03	+0,00	+0,45	-0,97
22	+0,78	+0,83	+0,68	+0,41	+1,11	+0,72	+0,54	+0,36	+0,11	+1,01
23	+0,08	+0,26	+0,23	+0,34	+0,35	+0,07	+0,43	-0,16	-0,58	+0,10
24	-0,19	-0,31	-0,24	-1,40	-0,84	-1,22	-1,75	-0,58	-1,03	-0,21
25	+0,20	+0,18	-0,17	+0,34	-0,69	+0,20	-0,08	-0,23	-0,46	+0,71
26	-0,24	+0,07	-0,14	-0,46	-0,50	-0,00	+0,01	-0,08	-0,46	-1,05
27	-0,47	-0,26	-0,57	-0,35	-0,65	-0,42	-0,43	-0,55	+0,34	-0,51
28	-0,27	-0,17	-0,02	+0,17	-0,41	-0,06	-0,20	-0,26	-0,92	-0,21
29	+0,27	+0,32	-0,29	+0,32	+0,07	+0,34	-0,08	+0,11	+0,68	+0,40
30	-0,59	-0,57	-0,62	-0,20	-0,41	-0,50	-0,19	-0,71	-0,58	-0,97

In yellow the values bigger or smaller than 2/-2      In red the values bigger or smaller than 3/-3

**Figure 2 :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation



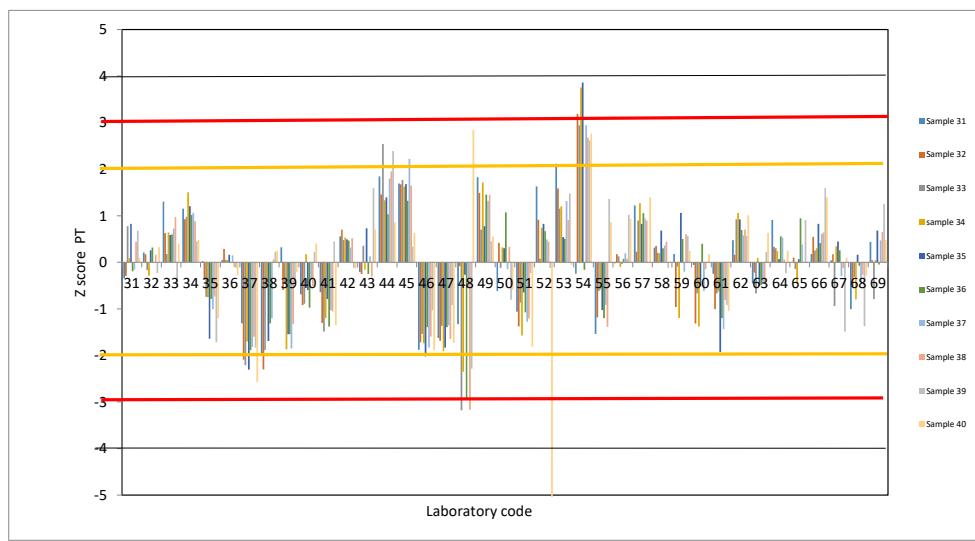
**Table VI :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation

Sample lab code	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
31	-0,35	-0,29	+0,78	+0,09	+0,82	-0,19	-0,16	+0,44	+0,68	+0,10
32	+0,21	+0,18	-0,17	-0,29	+0,26	+0,32	-0,00	+0,16	-0,23	+0,33
33	+1,30	+0,63	+0,18	+0,64	+0,59	+0,60	+0,72	+0,97	-0,46	+0,40
34	+1,15	+0,92	+0,98	+1,50	+1,20	+1,02	+1,06	+0,88	+0,45	+0,48
35	+0,02	-0,37	-0,74	-0,75	-1,64	-0,79	-1,00	-0,74	-1,72	-1,20
36	+0,05	+0,28	+0,05	+0,05	+0,16	-0,02	+0,15	-0,10	-0,12	-0,28
37	-1,31	<b>-2,09</b>	<b>-2,21</b>	-1,70	<b>-2,31</b>	-1,88	-1,82	-1,59	-1,83	<b>-2,57</b>
38	-1,95	<b>-2,30</b>	-1,89	-0,54	-1,69	-1,31	-1,20	+0,06	+0,22	+0,25
39	+0,32	-0,59	-0,47	-1,87	-1,55	-1,55	-1,85	-1,32	-0,46	-0,21
40	-0,66	-0,92	-0,89	+0,17	-0,60	-0,97	-0,38	-0,51	+0,22	+0,40
41	-0,64	-1,30	-1,49	-1,19	-0,79	-1,38	-1,03	-1,05	+0,45	-1,35
42	+0,56	+0,70	+0,48	+0,53	+0,49	+0,47	+0,32	+0,52	-0,12	-0,13
43	-0,21	-0,25	+0,35	-0,16	+0,73	-0,25	+0,13	-0,31	+1,59	+0,71
44	+1,85	+1,46	<b>+2,54</b>	+1,33	+1,39	+1,03	+1,80	+1,95	<b>+2,39</b>	+0,86
45	+1,69	+1,67	+1,77	+1,63	+1,68	+1,32	<b>+2,22</b>	+1,65	+0,34	+0,63
46	-1,88	-1,72	-1,54	-1,74	<b>-2,02</b>	-1,39	-1,83	-1,59	-1,03	-1,88
47	-1,63	-1,69	-1,36	-1,91	-1,83	-1,39	-1,36	-1,64	-0,92	-1,73
48	-1,33	-0,09	<b>-3,18</b>	<b>-2,35</b>	-0,27	<b>-2,95</b>	-0,53	<b>-3,17</b>	<b>-2,29</b>	<b>+2,84</b>
49	+1,83	+1,49	+0,70	+1,71	+0,78	+1,45	+1,32	+1,45	+0,45	+0,55
50	-0,62	+0,42	-0,12	+0,32	+0,30	+1,07	-0,15	+0,33	-0,80	-0,59
51	-1,06	-1,38	-0,87	-1,57	-0,65	-1,08	-1,28	-1,20	-0,23	-1,81
52	+1,63	+0,91	+0,08	+0,74	+0,82	+0,67	+0,49	+0,44	-0,12	<b>-5,16</b>
53	<b>+2,12</b>	+1,59	+1,15	+1,21	+0,54	+0,51	+1,32	+0,91	+1,48	-0,06
54	-0,25	<b>+3,19</b>	<b>+2,94</b>	<b>+3,75</b>	<b>+3,86</b>	-0,16	<b>+2,94</b>	<b>+2,68</b>	<b>+2,62</b>	<b>+2,76</b>
55	-1,54	-1,18	-0,62	-0,58	-1,02	-1,20	-0,92	-1,39	+1,36	+0,86
56	-0,02	+0,18	+0,13	-0,10	-0,03	+0,08	+0,19	+0,07	+1,02	+0,94
57	+1,22	+0,23	+0,90	+1,27	+0,82	+1,06	+0,94	+0,90	-0,01	+1,39
58	+0,31	+0,35	+0,20	+0,20	+0,68	+0,30	+0,36	+0,44	-0,12	+0,02
59	+0,18	-0,96	-0,09	-1,19	+1,06	+0,50	-0,20	+0,60	+0,56	+0,25
60	-0,06	-1,32	-0,67	-1,38	-0,50	+0,40	-0,62	-0,15	-0,01	+0,17
61	-0,25	-1,01	-0,67	-0,63	-1,93	-1,20	-1,43	-0,81	-0,92	-1,05
62	+0,47	+0,16	+0,93	+1,06	+0,92	+0,70	<b>+0,58</b>	+0,70	+0,56	+1,01
63	-0,45	-0,22	-0,67	+0,09	-0,50	-0,49	-0,45	-0,43	+0,22	+0,63
64	+0,91	+0,33	+0,30	+0,24	+0,07	+0,56	+0,52	+0,06	-0,23	+0,25
65	-0,00	+0,10	-0,14	-0,46	+0,07	+0,94	+0,38	-0,01	+0,91	+0,02
66	+0,18	+0,55	+0,25	+0,30	+0,82	+0,41	+0,61	+0,64	+1,59	+1,39
67	+0,04	+0,18	-0,94	+0,34	+0,45	+0,26	-0,30	-0,12	-1,49	+0,10
68	-1,00	-0,52	-0,32	-0,79	+0,16	-0,07	-0,42	-0,27	-1,37	-0,28
69	+0,44	+0,04	-0,79	+0,05	+0,68	-0,05	+0,47	+0,65	+1,25	+0,48

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**Figure 2 :**  
Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation



**Table VII :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
ZS calculated on AVT and standard deviation of reproducibility of the method

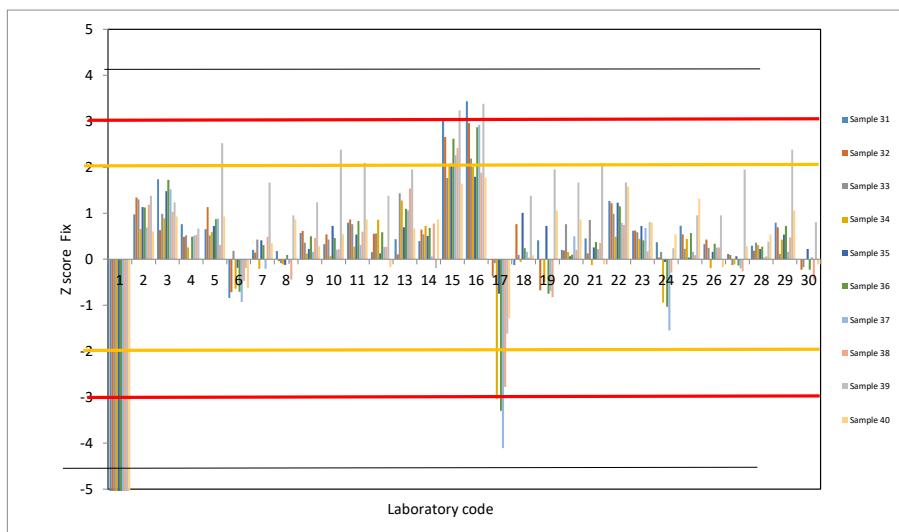
Sample/Lab Code	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
1	-13,43	-12,98	-9,84	-10,01	-8,68	-12,74	-12,98	-11,15	-6,19	-8,62
2	+0,98	+1,34	+1,30	+0,66	+1,14	+1,13	+0,69	+1,18	+1,38	+0,60
3	+1,74	+0,63	+0,99	+0,89	+1,48	+1,73	+1,52	+1,03	+1,24	+0,93
4	+0,76	+0,48	+0,52	+0,26	+0,00	+0,49	+0,51	+0,53	+0,67	+0,02
5	+0,65	+1,13	+0,52	+0,59	+0,73	+0,87	+0,88	+0,31	+2,52	+0,93
6	-0,84	-0,72	+0,18	-0,64	-0,19	-0,71	-0,93	-0,47	-0,19	-0,63
7	+0,20	+0,14	+0,43	-0,21	+0,41	+0,31	-0,21	+0,49	+1,67	+0,35
8	+0,18	-0,04	-0,08	-0,11	-0,12	+0,09	-0,10	-0,44	+0,95	+0,86
9	+0,57	+0,62	+0,36	+0,12	+0,22	+0,50	+0,16	+0,46	+1,24	+0,28
10	+0,33	+0,54	+0,43	+0,07	+0,73	+0,46	+0,21	+0,21	+2,38	+0,54
11	+0,79	+0,87	+0,76	+0,27	+0,54	+0,83	+0,31	+0,60	+2,10	+0,86
12	+0,15	+0,55	+0,56	+0,86	+0,13	+0,59	+0,26	+0,27	+1,38	-0,17
13	+0,44	+0,11	+1,43	+1,27	+0,69	+1,10	+1,06	+1,54	+1,95	+0,67
14	+0,40	+0,64	+0,54	+0,72	+0,51	+0,68	+0,06	+0,77	-0,19	+0,86
15	+3,00	+2,66	+1,77	+2,07	+2,08	+2,62	+2,26	+2,41	+3,24	+1,64
16	+3,44	+2,96	+2,19	+2,01	+1,80	+2,87	+2,93	+1,88	+3,38	+1,77
17	-0,01	-0,37	-0,08	-3,04	-0,75	-3,30	-4,11	-2,78	-1,62	-1,28
18	-0,13	+0,76	+0,09	-0,06	+1,01	+0,24	+0,16	+0,04	+1,38	+0,09
19	+0,41	-0,67	-0,02	-0,49	+0,73	-0,75	-0,69	-0,82	+1,95	+1,06
20	+0,20	+0,19	+0,76	+0,16	+0,07	+0,10	+0,50	+0,20	+1,67	+0,86
21	+0,45	+0,13	+0,85	-0,13	+0,25	+0,37	+0,22	+0,35	+2,10	-0,11
22	+1,27	+1,22	+0,99	+0,49	+1,23	+1,15	+0,79	+0,75	+1,67	+1,58
23	+0,62	+0,62	+0,59	+0,44	+0,73	+0,41	+0,68	+0,17	+0,81	+0,80
24	+0,37	+0,04	+0,16	-0,94	-0,06	-1,04	-1,55	-0,29	+0,24	+0,54
25	+0,73	+0,54	+0,23	+0,44	+0,03	+0,57	+0,16	+0,09	+0,95	+1,32
26	+0,33	+0,43	+0,25	-0,19	+0,16	+0,34	+0,25	+0,26	+0,95	-0,17
27	+0,11	+0,09	-0,13	-0,11	+0,07	-0,14	-0,20	-0,26	+1,95	+0,28
28	+0,30	+0,18	+0,36	+0,31	+0,22	+0,27	+0,04	+0,06	+0,38	+0,54
29	+0,79	+0,69	+0,12	+0,42	+0,54	+0,72	+0,16	+0,47	+2,38	+1,06
30	+0,00	-0,23	-0,17	+0,01	+0,22	-0,23	+0,05	-0,44	+0,81	-0,11

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**Table VII :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
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Sample Lab code	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
31	+0,23	+0,06	+1,08	+0,24	+1,04	+0,12	+0,08	+0,84	+2,38	+0,80
32	+0,74	+0,54	+0,23	-0,06	+0,66	+0,70	+0,24	+0,53	+1,24	+0,99
33	+1,75	+1,01	+0,54	+0,67	+0,88	+1,01	+0,98	+1,43	+0,95	+1,06
34	+1,61	+1,31	+1,25	+1,36	+1,29	+1,49	+1,33	+1,33	+2,10	+1,12
35	+0,57	-0,02	-0,29	-0,43	-0,59	-0,55	-0,78	-0,47	-0,62	-0,30
36	+0,59	+0,65	+0,43	+0,21	+0,60	+0,32	+0,40	+0,24	+1,38	+0,47
37	-0,66	-1,80	-1,60	-1,18	-1,03	-1,79	-1,61	-1,42	-0,76	-1,47
38	-1,25	-2,02	-1,31	-0,26	-0,63	-1,14	-0,98	+0,42	+1,81	+0,93
39	+0,84	-0,25	-0,04	-1,31	-0,53	-1,41	-1,65	-1,12	+0,95	+0,54
40	-0,09	-0,59	-0,42	+0,31	+0,10	-0,76	-0,14	-0,22	+1,81	+1,06
41	-0,05	-0,99	-0,96	-0,78	-0,03	-1,22	-0,80	-0,82	+2,10	-0,43
42	+1,06	+1,08	+0,81	+0,59	+0,82	+0,87	+0,57	+0,92	+1,38	+0,60
43	+0,35	+0,10	+0,70	+0,04	+0,98	+0,06	+0,38	+0,01	+3,52	+1,32
44	+2,25	+1,87	+2,66	+1,22	+1,42	+1,51	+2,08	+2,52	+4,52	+1,45
45	+2,11	+2,09	+1,97	+1,46	+1,61	+1,83	+2,51	+2,18	+1,95	+1,25
46	-1,18	-1,42	-1,00	-1,21	-0,85	-1,23	-1,62	-1,42	+0,24	-0,89
47	-0,95	-1,38	-0,84	-1,34	-0,72	-1,23	-1,14	-1,48	+0,38	-0,76
48	-0,68	+0,27	-2,47	-1,69	+0,32	-3,00	-0,30	-3,17	-1,33	+3,14
49	+2,23	+1,90	+1,01	+1,52	+1,01	+1,98	+1,59	+1,96	+2,10	+1,19
50	-0,02	+0,79	+0,27	+0,42	+0,69	+1,55	+0,09	+0,72	+0,52	+0,22
51	-0,43	-1,06	-0,40	-1,08	+0,07	-0,88	-1,06	-0,99	+1,24	-0,82
52	+2,05	+1,30	+0,45	+0,76	+1,04	+1,10	+0,75	+0,84	+1,38	-3,68
53	+2,50	+2,00	+1,41	+1,12	+0,85	+0,92	+1,59	+1,36	+3,38	+0,67
54	+0,32	+3,65	+3,02	+3,14	+3,05	+0,16	+3,25	+3,33	+4,81	+3,07
55	-0,87	-0,86	-0,17	-0,29	-0,19	-1,02	-0,69	-1,19	+3,24	+1,45
56	+0,53	+0,54	+0,50	+0,09	+0,47	+0,42	+0,44	+0,43	+2,81	+1,51
57	+1,67	+0,60	+1,19	+1,17	+1,04	+1,53	+1,21	+1,35	+1,52	+1,90
58	+0,84	+0,72	+0,56	+0,32	+0,95	+0,68	+0,61	+0,84	+1,38	+0,73
59	+0,71	-0,63	+0,29	-0,78	+1,20	+0,90	+0,04	+1,02	+2,24	+0,93
60	+0,49	-1,00	-0,22	-0,93	+0,16	+0,79	-0,39	+0,19	+1,52	+0,86
61	+0,32	-0,68	-0,22	-0,33	-0,78	-1,02	-1,22	-0,55	+0,38	-0,17
62	+0,98	+0,53	+1,21	+1,01	+1,10	+1,13	+0,84	+1,13	+2,24	+1,58
63	+0,13	+0,13	-0,22	+0,24	+0,16	-0,21	-0,22	-0,13	+1,81	+1,25
64	+1,38	+0,70	+0,65	+0,36	+0,54	+0,97	+0,78	+0,42	+1,24	+0,93
65	+0,54	+0,46	+0,25	-0,19	+0,54	+1,41	+0,63	+0,34	+2,67	+0,73
66	+0,71	+0,92	+0,61	+0,41	+1,04	+0,80	+0,87	+1,06	+3,52	+1,90
67	+0,59	+0,54	-0,46	+0,44	+0,79	+0,63	-0,06	+0,21	-0,33	+0,80
68	-0,38	-0,18	+0,09	-0,46	+0,60	+0,26	-0,19	+0,05	-0,19	+0,47
69	+0,95	+0,40	-0,33	+0,21	+0,95	+0,28	+0,72	+1,08	+3,10	+1,12

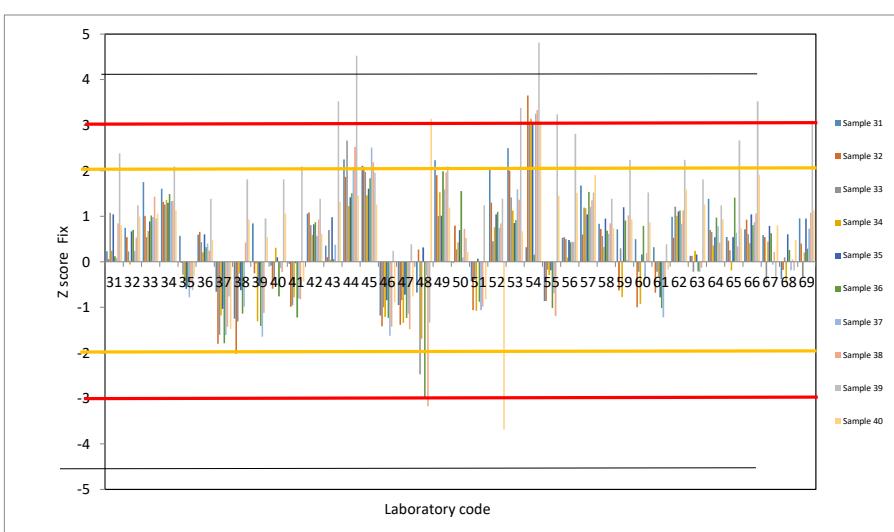
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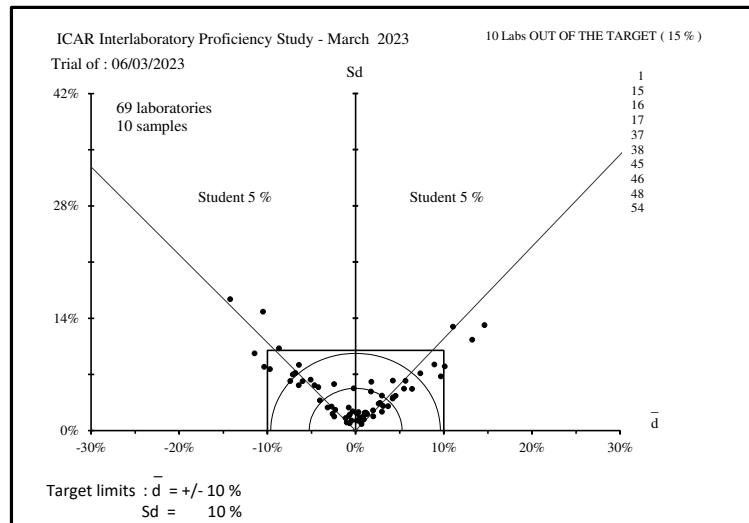
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**Figure 1 :** ACCURACY - Evaluation of the individual performances (to see table I).



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**Raw Milk**

**Enumeration of SOMATIC CELLS**

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**Table I : Ranking of the laboratories in %**

Nb	%	N°	d	Sd	D	Method
1	2	10	+ 0%	0%	0%	B
2	4	19	+ 1%	1%	1%	B
3	5	62	+ 1%	0%	1%	B
4	7	20	- 1%	1%	1%	B
5	9	9	- 1%	0%	1%	B
6	11	40	- 2%	1%	2%	B
7	13	67	+ 1%	2%	2%	B
8	15	18	- 0%	2%	2%	B
9	16	43	+ 2%	1%	2%	B
10	18	13	+ 1%	2%	2%	B
11	20	22	+ 2%	1%	2%	B
12	22	56	+ 0%	2%	2%	B
13	24	48	+ 1%	2%	2%	B
14	25	59	+ 1%	2%	3%	B
15	27	11	+ 0%	3%	3%	B
16	29	24	+ 1%	3%	3%	B
17	31	21	- 2%	2%	3%	B
18	33	36	- 3%	2%	3%	B
19	35	12	- 3%	2%	4%	B
20	36	66	- 0%	4%	4%	B
21	38	42	+ 2%	3%	4%	B
22	40	14	+ 4%	1%	4%	B
23	42	58	+ 5%	0%	5%	B
24	44	4	- 4%	3%	5%	B
25	45	68	- 0%	6%	6%	B
26	47	69	- 6%	1%	6%	B
27	49	31	- 3%	6%	6%	B
28	51	39	- 4%	5%	7%	B
29	53	38	- 7%	5%	8%	B
30	55	41	- 7%	5%	9%	B

(NC : OUT of RANKING because of insufficient data number)

(Nb : laboratory rank; % : relative rank)

(N° : laboratory identification number)

(d et Sd : mean and standard deviation of the differences (laboratory -reference))

(D : Euclidian distance to YX-axis origin = SQUARE ROOT.(d<sup>2</sup> + Sd<sup>2</sup>))

The table should be studied in parallel with figure 1 where the laboratories are located according to an acceptability area (or target) the limits of which are :

Nb	%	N°	d	Sd	D	Method
31	56	37	- 7%	5%	9%	B
32	58	32	- 3%	8%	9%	B
33	60	57	+ 6%	6%	9%	B
34	62	49	+ 8%	4%	9%	B
35	64	35	+ 7%	7%	10%	B
36	65	3	+ 8%	7%	11%	B
37	67	63	- 8%	8%	11%	B
38	69	33	+ 5%	10%	11%	B
39	71	2	+ 7%	9%	12%	B
40	73	6	- 10%	7%	12%	B
41	75	55	- 7%	11%	13%	B
42	76	23	- 8%	11%	14%	B
43	78	50	- 10%	11%	15%	B
44	80	16	+ 14%	14%	20%	B
45	82	15	+ 14%	14%	20%	B
46	84	44	+ 13%	15%	20%	A
47	85	46	- 15%	14%	21%	B
48	87	54	+ 13%	17%	21%	B
49	89	47	- 16%	15%	21%	B
50	91	51	- 16%	16%	23%	B
51	93	64	+ 20%	15%	25%	B
52	95	61	+ 26%	5%	27%	B
53	96	65	+ 20%	22%	30%	B
54	98	17	- 19%	23%	30%	A
55	100	1	- 74%	69%	101%	A
N.C.		5				B
N.C.		7				B
N.C.		8				B
N.C.		25				B
N.C.		26				B
N.C.		27				B
N.C.		28				B
N.C.		29				B
N.C.		30				B
N.C.		34				B
N.C.		45				B
N.C.		52				B
N.C.		53				B
N.C.		60				B

+/- 10% for d and 10% for Sd

A ISO 13366-1 | IDF 148-1

B ISO 13366-2 | IDF 148-2

REF : Assigned values are robust average values per sample according to algorithm A of standard ISO 13528, of 54 laboratories using reference method ISO 13366-1|IDF 148-1 and alternative method ISO 13366-2|IDF 148-2 after outlier discarding using Grubbs test at 5% risk level

Note : Limits are only indicative and so far do not constitute standard values; they indicate what is normally reachable by labs for their self evaluation.

Repeatability standard deviation of this ICAR proficiency test (after Cochran elimination at 5 %)

Reproducibility standard deviation of this ICAR proficiency test (after Cochran and Grubbs elimination at 5 %)

Sr<sub>PT</sub> 11 2%SR<sub>PT</sub> 57 11%

**Table II :** REPEATABILITY - Absolute difference between replicates in  $10^3$  cells / ml

Sample lab code	A	B	Sr	NL
1	5	4	3	4
2	4	8	4	4
3	5	1	3	4
4	5	16	8	4
5	**	**		
6	6	4	4	4
7	**	**		
8	**	**		
9	3	15	8	4
10	10	6	6	4
11	3	5	3	4
12	8	53	27	4
13	4	18	9	4
14	4	4	3	4
15	2	16	8	4
16	3	25	13	4
17	2	22	11	4
18	30	15	17	4
19	5	11	6	4
20	24	43	25	4
21	12	5	7	4
22	28	70	*	38
23	6	10	6	4
24	6	1	3	4
25	**	**		
26	**	**		
27	**	**		
28	**	**		
29	**	**		
30	**	**		

Sample lab code	A	B	Sr	NL
31	9	35	18	4
32	8	16	9	4
33	5	39	20	4
34	**	**		
35	21	13	12	4
36	7	29	15	4
37	2	15	8	4
38	15	30	17	4
39	15	15	11	4
40	1	2	1	4
41	4	0	2	4
42	1	15	8	4
43	11	11	8	4
44	9	4	5	4
45	**	**		
46	3	2	2	4
47	3	0	2	4
48	22	94	*	48
49	8	17	9	4
50	5	21	11	4
51	2	26	13	4
52	**	**		
53	**	**		
54	2	9	5	4
55	26	4	13	4
56	6	29	15	4
57	1	4	2	4
58	11	15	9	4
59	2	2	1	4
60	**	**		
61	20	28	17	4
62	0	0	0	4
63	0	0	0	4
64	9	9	6	4
65	2	35	18	4
66	10	14	9	4
67	3	15	8	4
68	0	0	0	4
69	14	5	7	4
Sr	8	17		220
r	42	126		
NE	110	110		
L	34	59		

Level $10^3$ / ml	Sr %	r
150	6	25
200	5	42
450	4	50
750	3	63
1500	3	126

Sr : repeatability standard deviation of each laboratory limit : Cf up down

NL : number of measurements per laboratory

L : Limit for difference between duplicates according Cochran test at 5% level.

SE : repeatability standard deviation per sample

NE : number of measurements per sample

\*: discarded data using the test of Cochran at 5 %

\*\* : missing data

r : limit of repeatability, absolute difference between two replicates according ISO 13366-2 / IDF 148-2 : Cf up down

**Table III :** Means of the replicates in  $10^3$  cells / ml

Sample Lab code	A	B
1	57 *	220 *
2	191	933
3	200	931
4	174	830
5		
6	159	782
7		
8		
9	177	855
10	184	863
11	175	874
12	176	839
13	182	873
14	208	875
15	202	986
16	209	987
17	169	675
18	189	853
19	191	864
20	186	854
21	179	842
22	190	875
23	183	775
24	178	877
25		
26		
27		
28		
29		
30		

Sample Lab code	A	B
31	188	824
32	199	815
33	178	926
34		
35	197	928
36	179	840
37	166	807
38	168	807
39	180	821
40	179	851
41	170	807
42	186	885
43	188	875
44	201	986
45		
46	157	730
47	158	726
48	179	873
49	213	919
50	177	769
51	160	717
52		
53		
54	189	989
55	190	783
56	195	855
57	196	917
58	209	887
59	182	876
60		
61	305 *	1016
62	192	866
63	173	792
64	233	1020
65	210	1050
66	170	874
67	183	872
68	205	840
69	151	832
M	185	863
REF.	185	861
SD	16	77
AVT	188	860

**Table IV :**

Sample	A	B
<b>Outliers</b>		
<b>Cochran</b>		22; 48
<b>Outlier Grubbs</b>	1; 61	1
<b>sr</b>		
<b>SR</b>		
<b>sr %</b>		
<b>SR %</b>		

SR Method for AVT values	16	52
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REF. = reference values

M = mean per sample

SD = standard deviation per sample

AVT = Assign value traceable to the ERM BD001

REF : Assigned values are robust average values per sample according to algorithm A of standard ISO 13528,  
of 54 laboratories using the reference method ISO 13366 | IDF 148-1 and alternative method ISO 13366-2 | IDF 148-2,  
after outlier discarding using Grubbs test at 5% risk level

Outlier identification \*: discarded data using the test of Grubbs 5 %

**Table V :** ACCURACY - differences (laboratory - reference) in %

Sample lab code	A	B	d	Sd <sub>lab</sub>	t
1	- 69%	- 74%	- 74%	69%	1,50
2	+ 4%	+ 8%	+ 7%	9%	1,20
3	+ 8%	+ 8%	+ 8%	7%	1,55
4	- 6%	- 4%	- 4%	3%	2,09
5					
6	- 14%	- 9%	- 10%	7%	1,95
7					
8					
9	- 4%	- 1%	- 1%	0%	12,21
10	- 0%	+ 0%	+ 0%	0%	0,53
11	- 5%	+ 1%	+ 0%	3%	0,10
12	- 5%	- 3%	- 3%	2%	2,19
13	- 1%	+ 1%	+ 1%	2%	0,65
14	+ 13%	+ 2%	+ 4%	1%	3,80
15	+ 9%	+ 14%	+ 14%	14%	1,33
16	+ 13%	+ 15%	+ 14%	14%	1,47
17	- 8%	- 22%	- 19%	23%	1,18
18	+ 2%	- 1%	- 0%	2%	0,33
19	+ 3%	+ 0%	+ 1%	1%	2,16
20	+ 1%	- 1%	- 1%	1%	0,68
21	- 3%	- 2%	- 2%	2%	1,77
22	+ 3%	+ 2%	+ 2%	1%	2,33
23	- 1%	- 10%	- 8%	11%	1,04
24	- 4%	+ 2%	+ 1%	3%	0,40
25					
26					
27					
28					
29					
30					

Sample lab code	A	B	d	Sd <sub>lab</sub>	t
31	+ 2%	- 4%	- 3%	6%	0,85
32	+ 8%	- 5%	- 3%	8%	0,52
33	- 4%	+ 7%	+ 5%	10%	0,80
34					
35	+ 6%	+ 8%	+ 7%	7%	1,44
36	- 3%	- 3%	- 3%	2%	1,76
37	- 10%	- 6%	- 7%	5%	2,02
38	- 9%	- 6%	- 7%	5%	1,91
39	- 3%	- 5%	- 4%	5%	1,28
40	- 3%	- 1%	- 2%	1%	3,81
41	- 8%	- 6%	- 7%	5%	1,73
42	+ 1%	+ 3%	+ 2%	3%	1,09
43	+ 2%	+ 2%	+ 2%	1%	1,58
44	+ 9%	+ 14%	+ 13%	15%	1,29
45					
46	- 15%	- 15%	- 15%	14%	1,54
47	- 15%	- 16%	- 16%	15%	1,50
48	- 3%	+ 1%	+ 1%	2%	0,36
49	+ 15%	+ 7%	+ 8%	4%	2,98
50	- 4%	- 11%	- 10%	11%	1,19
51	- 13%	- 17%	- 16%	16%	1,41
52					
53					
54	+ 2%	+ 15%	+ 13%	17%	1,07
55	+ 3%	- 9%	- 7%	11%	0,87
56	+ 6%	- 1%	+ 0%	2%	0,21
57	+ 6%	+ 6%	+ 6%	6%	1,49
58	+ 13%	+ 3%	+ 5%	0%	40,47
59	- 1%	+ 2%	+ 1%	2%	0,71
60					
61	+ 65%	+ 18%	+ 26%	5%	8,04
62	+ 4%	+ 1%	+ 1%	0%	4,37
63	- 6%	- 8%	- 8%	8%	1,40
64	+ 26%	+ 18%	+ 20%	15%	1,87
65	+ 14%	+ 22%	+ 20%	22%	1,31
66	- 8%	+ 1%	- 0%	4%	0,07
67	- 1%	+ 1%	+ 1%	2%	0,67
68	+ 11%	- 2%	- 0%	6%	0,02
69	- 18%	- 3%	- 6%	1%	17,05
d	+ 0%	+ 0%	- 1%	14%	
Sd	9%	9%			

d = mean of differences

Sd = standard deviation of differences

t = Student test - comparison to 0

Upper limits :  $\bar{d} = +/- 10\% \quad Sd = 10\%$ **ISO 13366-2/IDF 148-2 : Precision of the method :**

Level SCC *10 <sup>3</sup> /ml	Sr %	r	SR %	R
150	6	25	9	38
200	5	42	8	67
450	4	50	7	88
750	3	63	6	126
1500	3	126	6	252

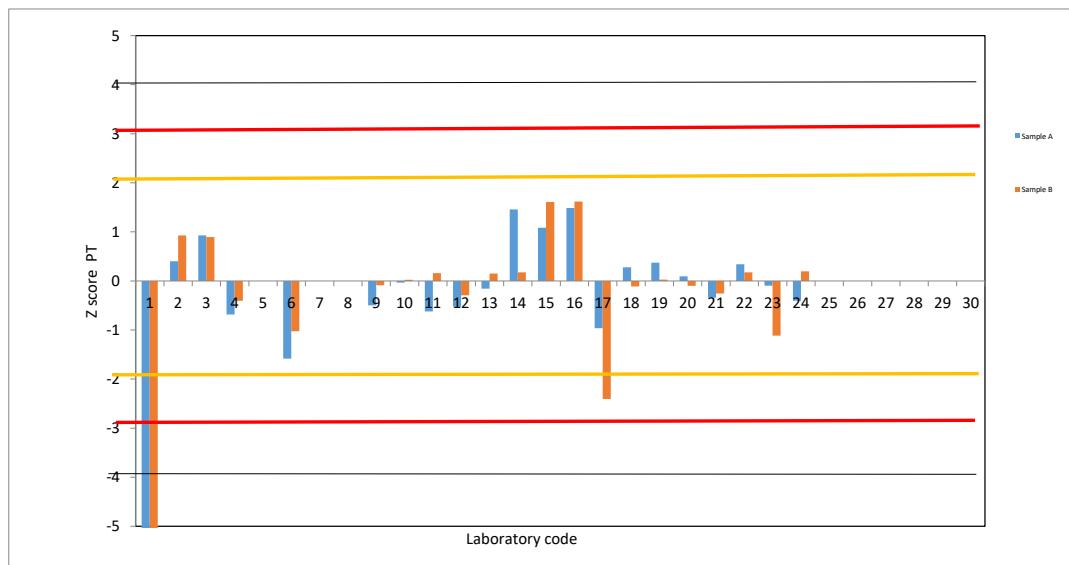
**Table VI :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation

Sample Lab code	A	B
1	-7,94	-8,29
2	+0,40	+0,93
3	+0,93	+0,89
4	-0,68	-0,40
5		
6	-1,58	-1,02
7		
8		
9	-0,50	-0,09
10	-0,03	+0,02
11	-0,62	+0,16
12	-0,53	-0,29
13	-0,16	+0,15
14	+1,46	+0,18
15	+1,08	+1,61
16	+1,49	+1,62
17	-0,96	-2,41
18	+0,28	-0,11
19	+0,37	+0,03
20	+0,09	-0,10
21	-0,34	-0,26
22	+0,34	+0,18
23	-0,09	-1,12
24	-0,40	+0,20
25		
26		
27		
28		
29		
30		

In yellow the values bigger or smaller than 2/-2

In red the values bigger or smaller than 3/-3

**Figure 2 :**  
Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation



**Table VI :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation

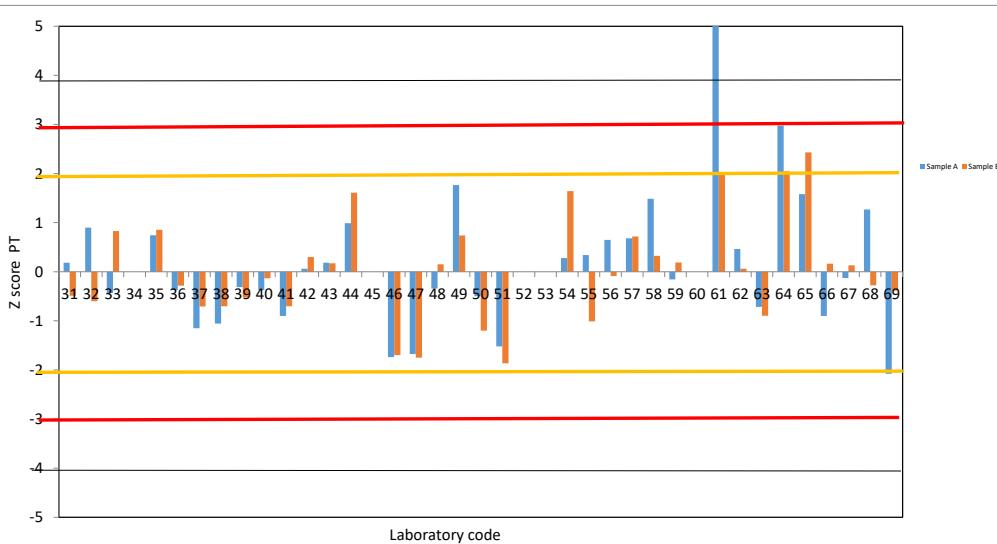
Sample Lab code	A	B
31	+0,18	-0,49
32	+0,90	-0,60
33	-0,44	+0,83
34		
35	+0,74	+0,86
36	-0,37	-0,28
37	-1,15	-0,71
38	-1,06	-0,70
39	-0,31	-0,53
40	-0,37	-0,13
41	-0,90	-0,70
42	+0,06	+0,30
43	+0,18	+0,17
44	+0,99	+1,61
45		
46	-1,74	-1,70
47	-1,68	-1,75
48	-0,34	+0,15
49	+1,77	+0,74
50	-0,50	-1,20
51	-1,52	-1,86
52		
53		
54	+0,28	+1,64
55	+0,34	-1,01
56	+0,65	-0,09
57	+0,68	+0,72
58	+1,49	+0,33
59	-0,16	+0,19
60		
61	+7,47	+2,00
62	+0,46	+0,06
63	-0,71	-0,90
64	+2,98	+2,04
65	+1,58	+2,43
66	-0,90	+0,16
67	-0,13	+0,13
68	+1,27	-0,28
69	-2,08	-0,39

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**Figure 2 :**

Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the PT standard deviation



**Table VII :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
ZS calculated on AVT and standard deviation of reproducibility of the method

Sample lab code	A	B
1	-8,22	-12,30
2	+0,19	+1,41
3	+0,72	+1,36
4	-0,91	-0,57
5		
6	-1,81	-1,50
7		
8		
9	-0,72	-0,10
10	-0,25	+0,06
11	-0,84	+0,26
12	-0,75	-0,41
13	-0,38	+0,25
14	+1,25	+0,29
15	+0,88	+2,43
16	+1,28	+2,44
17	-1,19	-3,55
18	+0,06	-0,14
19	+0,16	+0,07
20	-0,13	-0,12
21	-0,56	-0,35
22	+0,13	+0,29
23	-0,31	-1,63
24	-0,63	+0,32
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26		
27		
28		
29		
30		

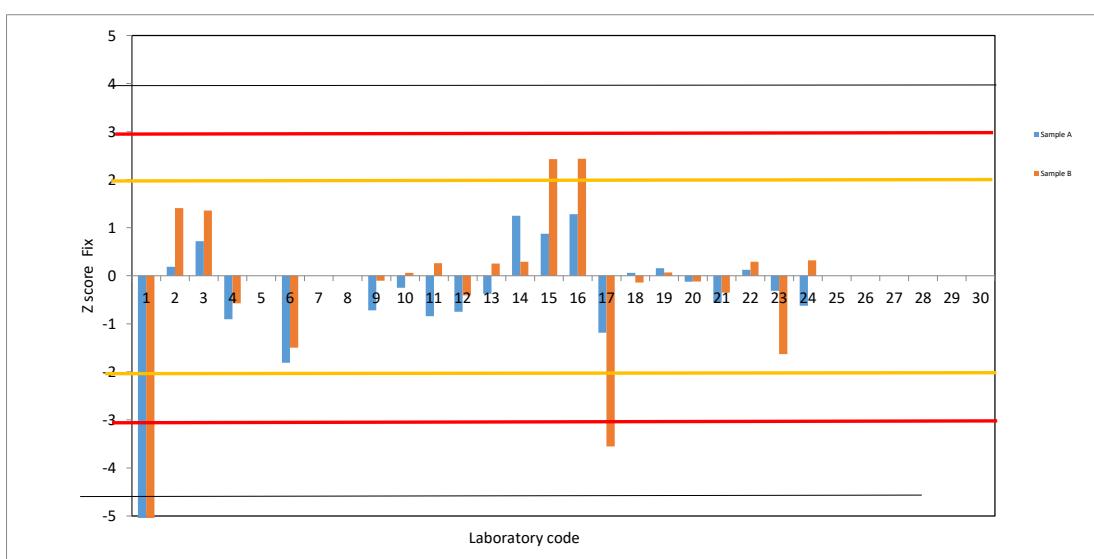
This table will allows to compare your ZSCORE from one PT to an other because the standard deviation has always the value of SR of the method SR : Cf page 7 and 8 /13

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**Figure 3 :**

Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the standard deviation of reproducibility of the method



**Table VII :** Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample.  
**ZS calculated on AVT and standard deviation  
of reproducibility of the method**

Sample lab code	A	B
31	-0,03	-0,70
32	+0,69	-0,86
33	-0,66	+1,26
34		
35	+0,53	+1,30
36	-0,59	-0,39
37	-1,38	-1,03
38	-1,28	-1,02
39	-0,53	-0,76
40	-0,59	-0,17
41	-1,13	-1,02
42	-0,16	+0,47
43	-0,03	+0,28
44	+0,78	+2,43
45		
46	-1,97	-2,50
47	-1,91	-2,57
48	-0,56	+0,25
49	+1,56	+1,13
50	-0,72	-1,76
51	-1,75	-2,75
52		
53		
54	+0,06	+2,47
55	+0,13	-1,48
56	+0,44	-0,10
57	+0,47	+1,10
58	+1,28	+0,51
59	-0,38	+0,31
60		
61	+7,31	+3,00
62	+0,25	+0,12
63	-0,94	-1,30
64	+2,78	+3,07
65	+1,38	+3,65
66	-1,13	+0,27
67	-0,34	+0,22
68	+1,06	-0,38
69	-2,31	-0,54

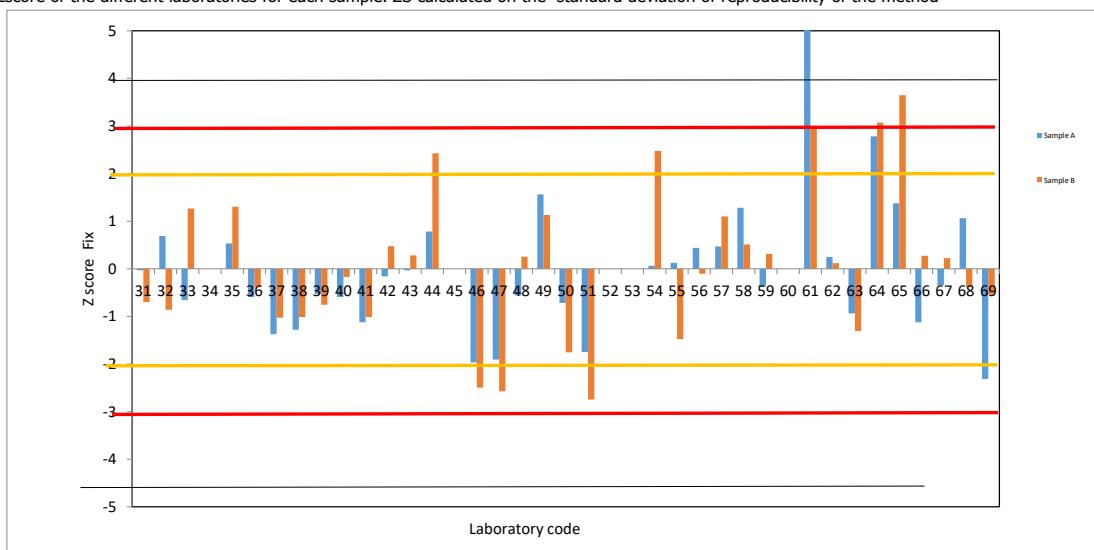
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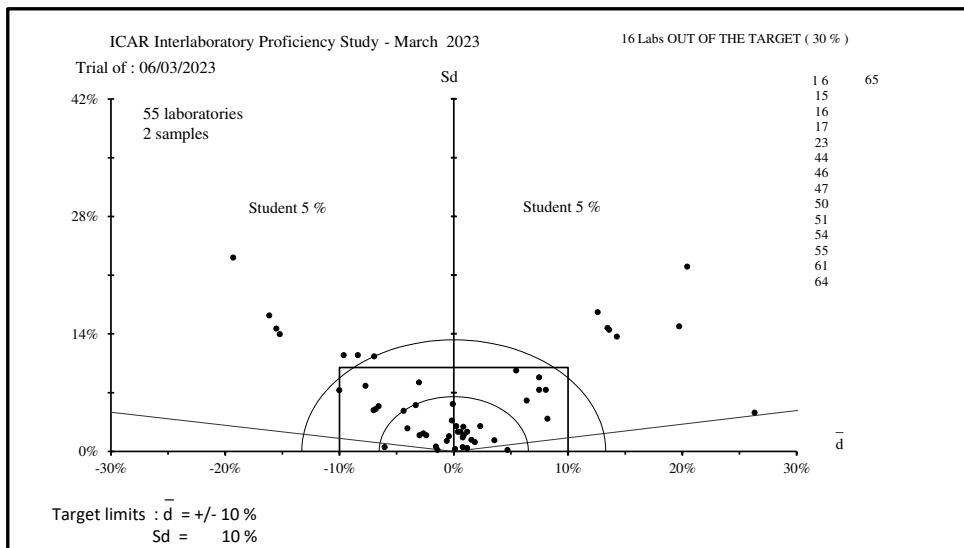
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Zscore of the different laboratories for each sample. ZS calculated on the standard deviation of reproducibility of the method





**Figure 1 :** ACCURACY - Evaluation of the individual performances (to see table I).