

# **ID-MS Based Reference Measurement Method for Small Analytes: Vitamin D, Creatinine, Glucose, Cholesterol and Amino acids**

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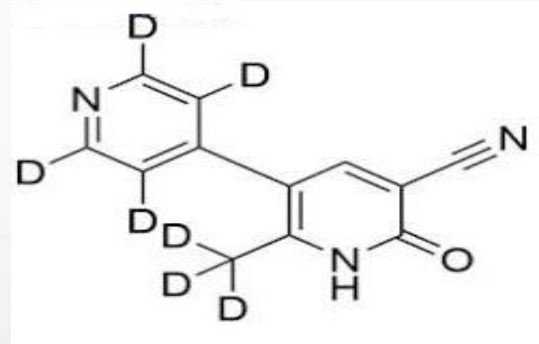
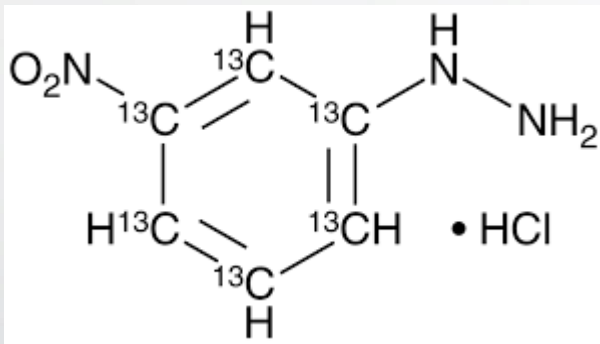
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# Isotope Dilution/Mass Spectrometry

- Isotope dilution mass spectrometry (IDMS) has become common with the increased use of Mass Spectrometry
- We need to use Internal Standard (IS) because Mass Spectrometry response changes
- We use labeled standards like  $^{13}\text{C}$  or deuterium



# Isotope Dilution/Mass Spectrometry

- A known amount of an isotopically-enriched version of compound is added to the matrix containing the compound of interest
- Mixing the isotopic standard with the sample dilutes the isotopic enrichment of the standard and this forms the basis for the ID method
- Unlike traditional analytical methods which rely on signal intensity, isotope dilution employs signal ratios

Internal Standard ( $^{13}\text{C}_6$ -phenylalanine)



Sample

The **ratio** of the quantity of **unlabeled to labeled** compound can be measured, and the **concentration** then can be determined

Concentration of Phe present in matrix(plasma) is determined in part by the ratio of the ion intensity of the **Phe to  $^{13}\text{C}_6$ -Phe**

# Isotope Dilution/Mass Spectrometry

- It is regarded as **primary** method
- Primary measurement methods, which are traceable to International System of Units like IDMS, provide a viable alternative to estimate true value
- A Primary Method is a method having the **highest metrological quality** and a complete **uncertainty statement** can be written down in terms of SI units
- IDMS compensates for errors at all stages of the analysis, from sample preparation to instrument measurement

# Isotope Dilution/Mass Spectrometry

- Response factor is calculated and used to determine the mass fraction of the analyte in the sample

$$RF = \frac{A_x \times C_{IS}}{A_{IS} \times C_x}$$

RF Response factor

$C_x$  Conc of native cpd

$A_x$  Peak area of native

$A_{IS}$  Peak area of labeled

$C_{IS}$  Conc of Labeled cpd

# Reference Methods for Markers in Blood/Urine

Cholesterol

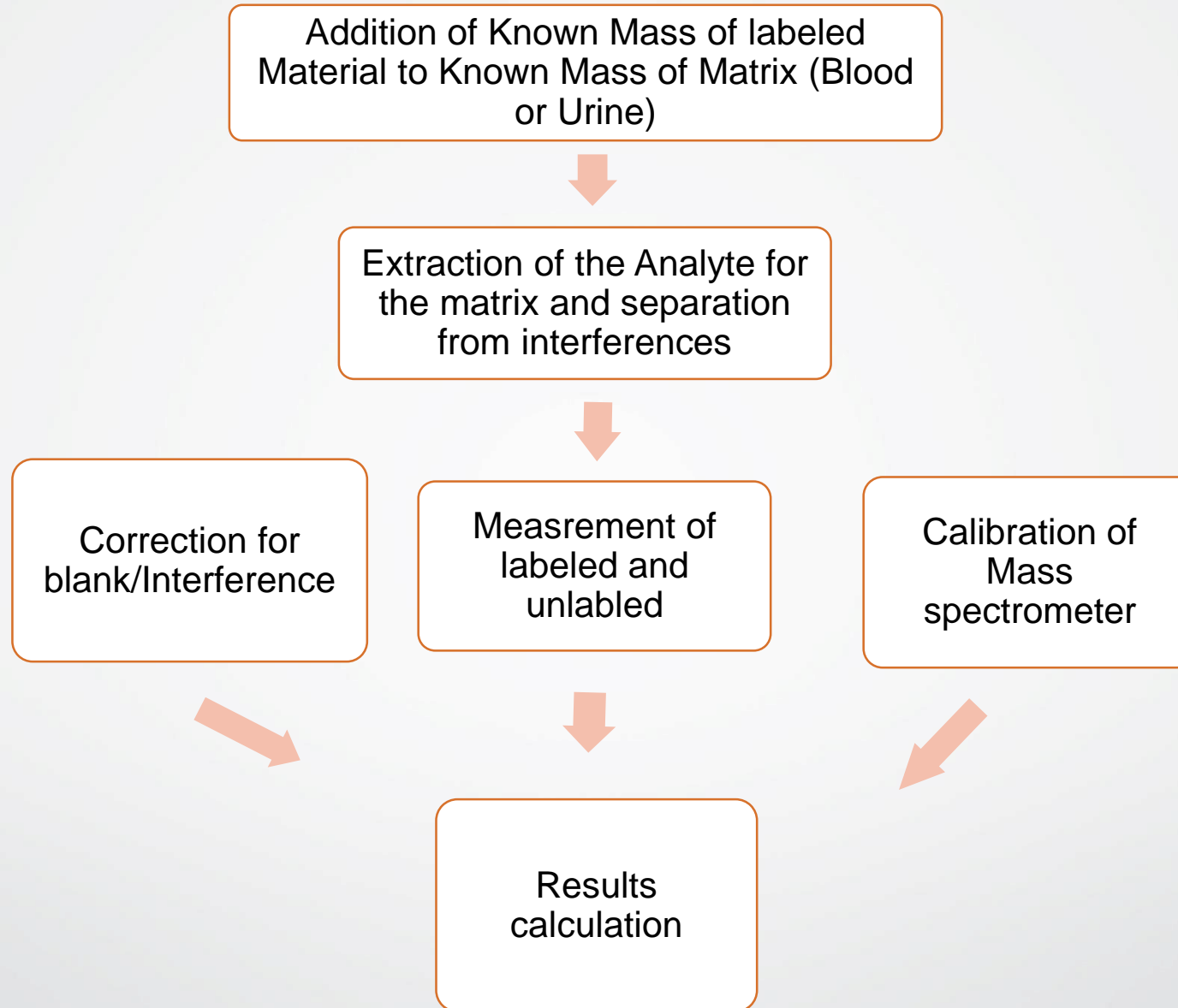
Glucose

Creatinine

Triglycerides

Urea

Vitamins



# Vitamin D Metabolites in Human Serum

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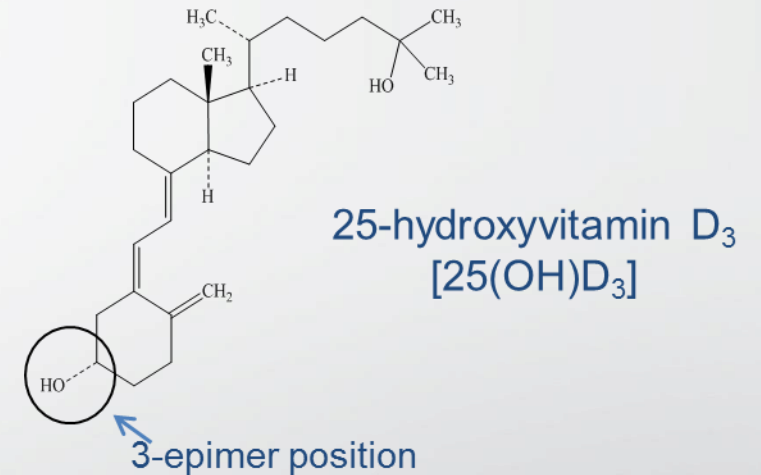
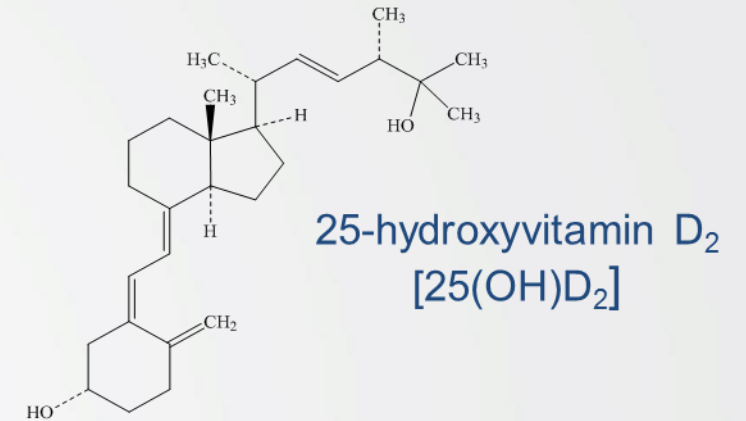
## Low Polarity Analytes in a Biological Matrix: Vitamin D Metabolites in Human Serum

### Serum Pool I: High level of 25(OH)D<sub>3</sub>

- 25(OH)D<sub>3</sub> = 30 ng/g – 50 ng/g
- 25(OH)D<sub>2</sub> = about 50x lower than 25(OH)D<sub>3</sub>
- 3-epi-25(OH)D<sub>3</sub> = typically <10% of 25(OH)D<sub>3</sub> level

### Serum Pool II: Normal level of 25(OH)D<sub>3</sub> with higher than normal level of 25(OH)D<sub>2</sub>

- 25(OH)D<sub>3</sub> = 15 ng/g – 30 ng/g
- 25(OH)D<sub>2</sub> = 1 ng/g – 10 ng/g
- 3-epi-25(OH)D<sub>3</sub> = typically <10% of 25(OH)D<sub>3</sub> level



# Vitamin D Metabolites in Human Serum

Zivak Tandem Gold LC-MS/MS	
Technique	APCI
Column	Reprosil Fluosil PFP 150 x 2 mm id x 3µm particle size
Mobile phase	78% MEOH : 22% Water + 0.1% Formic Acid
Flow	0.3 mL/ min
Mode	Isocratic

Analyte	Parent (m/z)	Daughter (m/z)
25-Hydroxy Vitamin D <sub>2</sub>	395.3	269.3
25-Hydroxy Vitamin D <sub>3</sub>	383.3	257.3
3- <i>epi</i> -25-Hydroxy Vitamin D <sub>3</sub>	383.3	257.3
IS(D6-25-Hydroxy Vitamin D <sub>3</sub> )	389.3	263.3

MS Setting	
Dry gas temp	300°C
Vaporizer gas temp	350°C
Drying gas pressure	20psi
Nebulizing gas pressure	55psi
Vaporizer gas pressure	2psi
Detector	600V
CID gas pressure	2.4mTorr

Internal Standard	Calibrant	Calibration Type
d <sub>6</sub> -25(OH)D <sub>3</sub>	UME CRM 1308 and Nist SRM 2972a	Single point





# Vitamin D Metabolites in Human Serum



0.4 g of the serum sample was weighed into the eppendorf tube



0.6 g of 50% Ammonium Sulfate solution was added



0.3 g D6-25-Hydroxy Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> solution was added



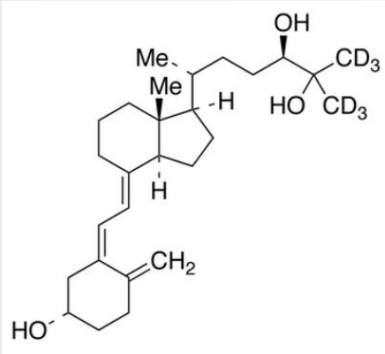
The mixture was vortexed and centrifuged at 14000 rpm for 15 min



200 µL of the upper layer was added into a vial and 200 µL of distilled water was added



The vial was vortexed and 50 µL of the mixture was introduced to the LC-MS/MS



Calibrant	Calibration Type
UME CRM 1308 and Nist SRM 2972a	Single point

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Certificate of the Reference Material

Name of the Material : 25-hydroxy vitamin D<sub>2</sub> and 25-hydroxy vitamin D<sub>3</sub> in lyophilized serum  
Material Code : UME CRM 1308  
Issue Date : 09.01.2015  
Revision Date : 10.09.2019 (Revision history can be found on the last page)  
Validity Period of the Certificate : 3 years from the sales date  
Certified Values :

Measurand	Certified Value [1]	Uncertainty [2]	Certified Value [1,2]	Uncertainty [2,3]
25-hydroxy vitamin D <sub>2</sub> concentration in lyophilized serum	50.0 ng/g	2.9 ng/g	51.0 ng/mL	3.0 ng/mL
25-hydroxy vitamin D <sub>3</sub> concentration in lyophilized serum	49.5 ng/g	2.6 ng/g	49.5 ng/mL	2.7 ng/mL

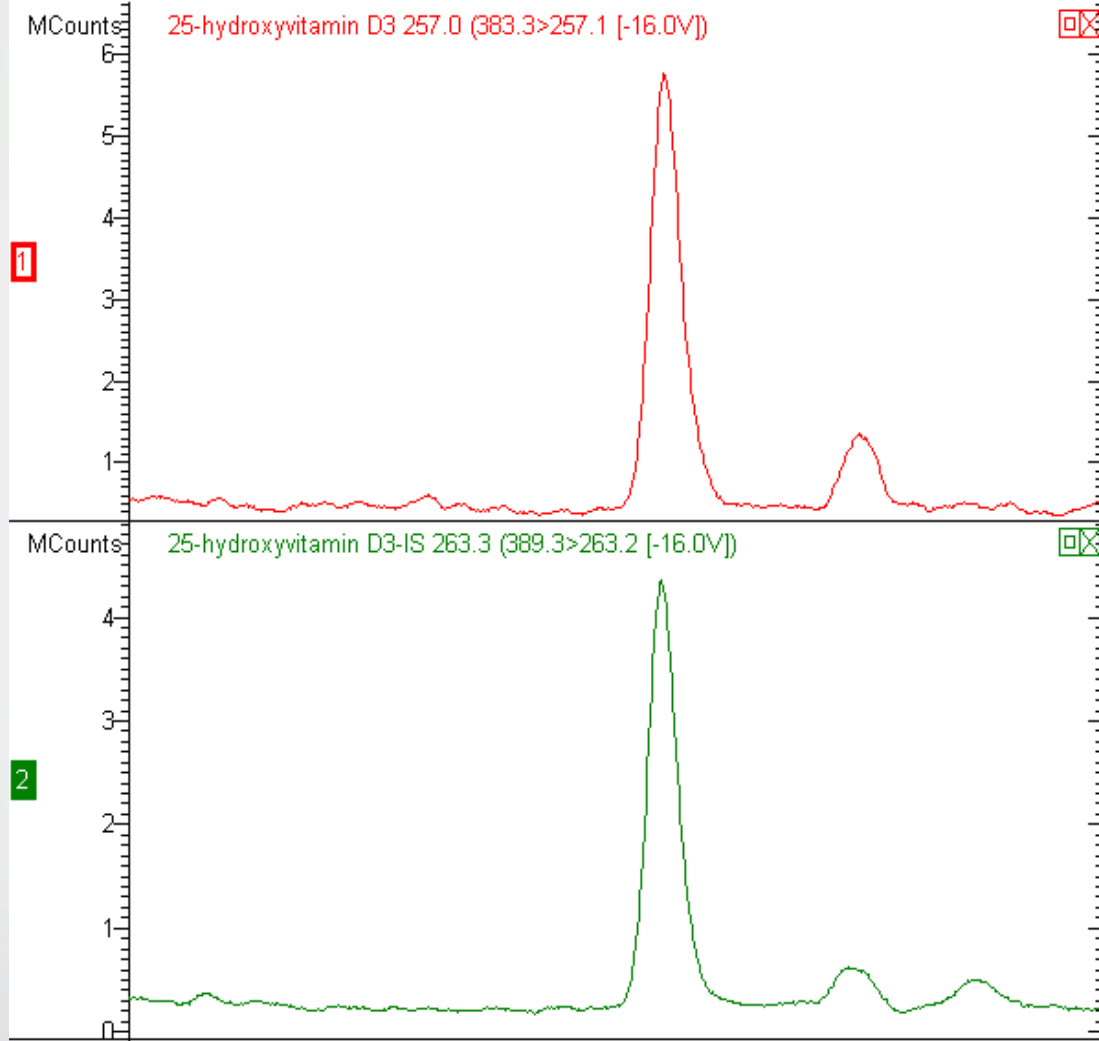
[1] Certified values are the mean of 6 measurement results obtained from two units of the CRM on two different days by ID-LC-MS technique. The certified values and the uncertainties are traceable to the International System of Units (SI).  
[2] The expanded uncertainty of certified value includes characterization, homogeneity, stability components and is stated as the standard uncertainty of measurement multiplied by the coverage factor  $k = 2$ , which for a normal distribution corresponds to a coverage probability of approximately 95%. The standard uncertainty of measurement has been determined in accordance with GUM (Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement).  
[3] Certified values and the uncertainties are calculated from the mass fraction (ng/g) using density of the material (1.0208 g/mL) measured at 22 °C.

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# Vitamin D Metabolites in Human Serum

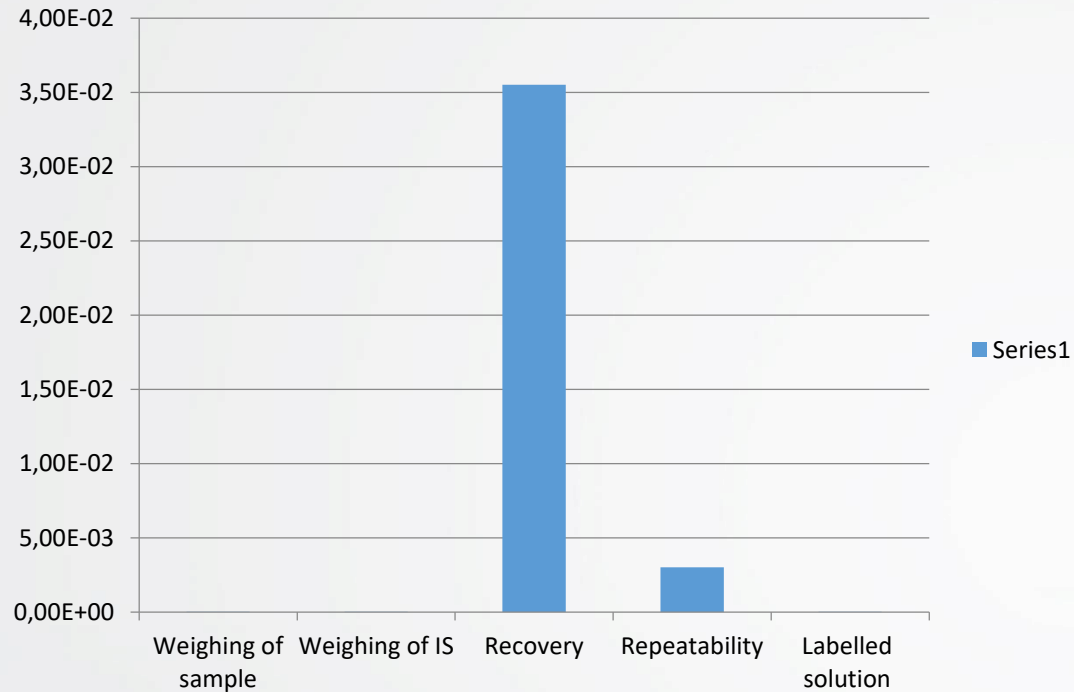


Serum Pool I		
Measurand	Mass Fraction (ng/g)	Expanded Uncertainty (ng/g)
25(OH)D2	0.50	0.03
25(OH)D3	37.82	2.71
3-epi-25(OH)D3	2.02	0.13

Serum Pool II		
Measurand	Mass Fraction (ng/g)	Expanded Uncertainty (ng/g)
25(OH)D2	6.05	0.36
25(OH)D3	25.84	1.84
3-epi-25(OH)D3	1.48	0.09

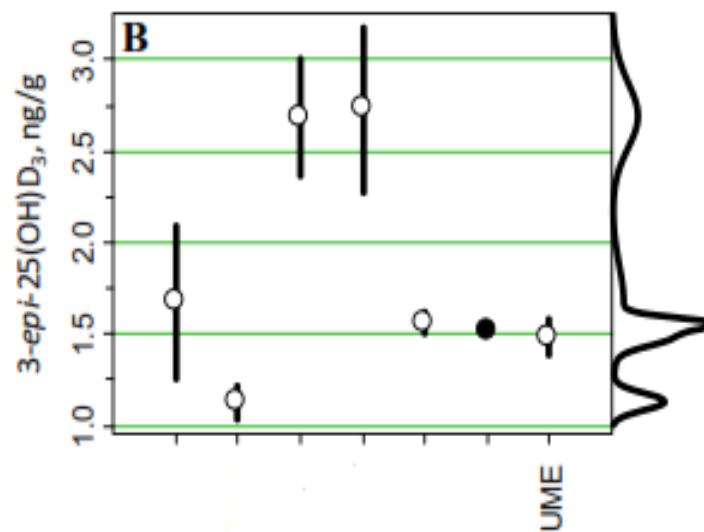
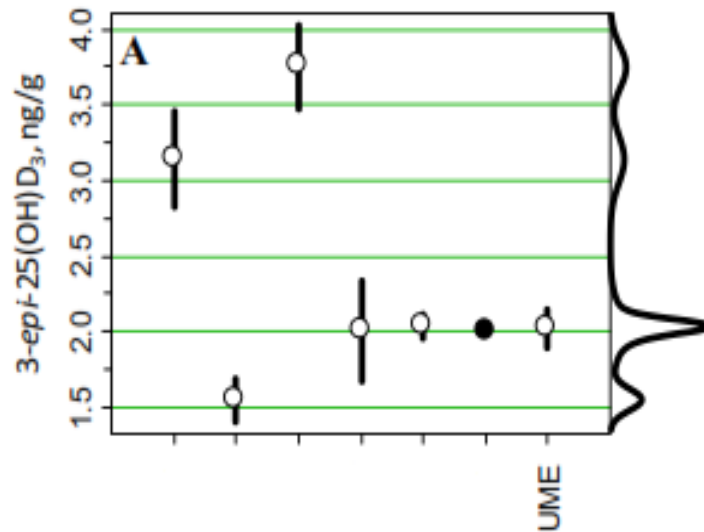
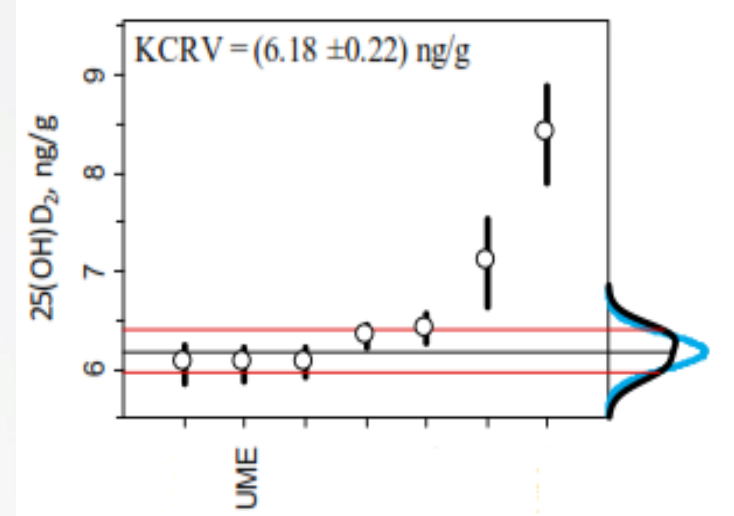
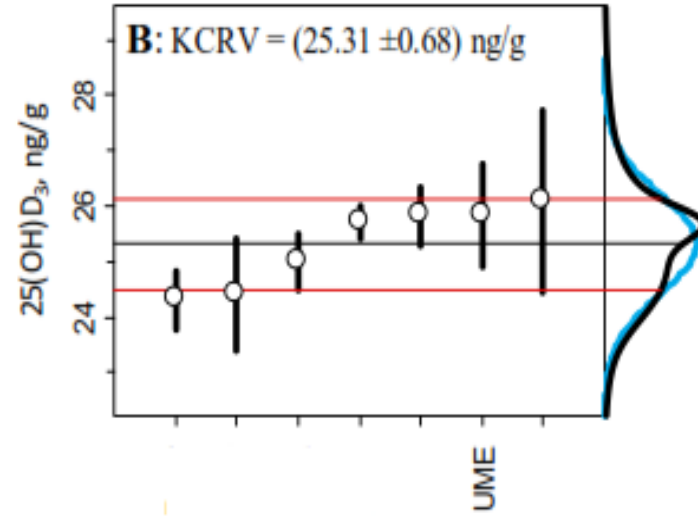
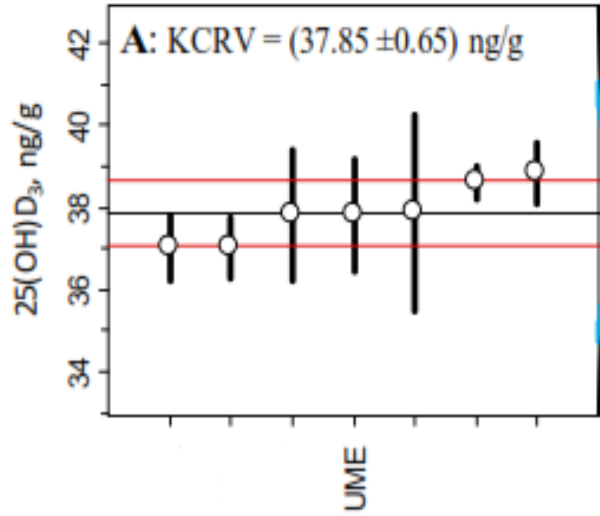
# Vitamin D Metabolites in Human Serum

## Uncertainty Contributions



Uncertainty budget of White cap D3				
		Value	u(x)	u(x)/x
Weighing of sample (mg)		406	8.16E-04	2.01E-06
Weighing of IS (mg)		305.64	1.39E-03	4.56E-06
Recovery		1	3.55E-02	3.55E-02
Repeatability		100	4.72E-01	4.72E-03
Labelled stock solution (ng/g)		50	1.32E-04	2.63E-06
				3.58E-02
Result (ng/g)	37.82			
Combined uncertainty		1.35		
Expanded uncertainty		2.71		
% Relative uncertainty		7.16		
% Relative standard uncertainty		3.58		

# Vitamin D Metabolites in Human Serum



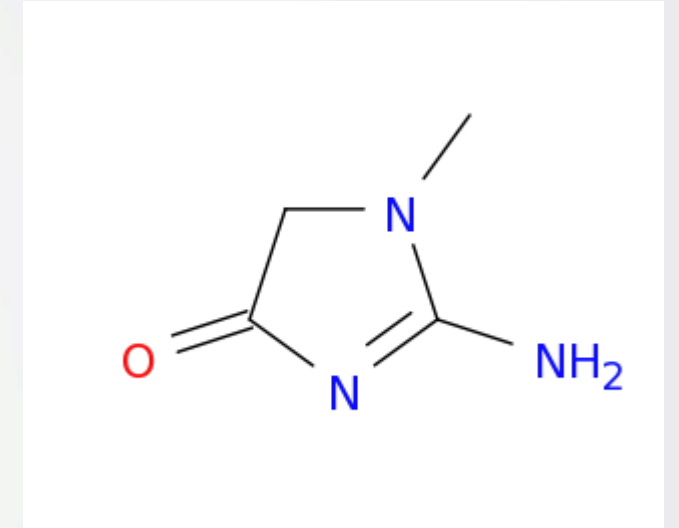
# Determination of Creatinine in Human Serum

## CCQM-K12.2

### Determination of Creatinine in Human Serum

Creatinine (molar mass 113 g/mol) is a polar analyte ( $pK_{ow} = 1.76$ ) that is present in human serum at relatively low concentrations (1  $\mu\text{g/g}$  to 30  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ).

The study material was **candidate SRM 1951c Lipids in Frozen Human Serum** (Level 2). Participants were provided with three vials of serum for determination of each analyte. Each vial contained 1 mL of human serum.



# Determination of Creatinine in Human Serum



## Zivak Tandem Gold LC-MS/MS

Technique	ESI
Column	Reprosil-Por RP 18-NE 3um 75 x 4mm
Mobile phase	75% methanol and 25% of 10 mmol/L ammonium acetate containing 0.4% formic acid (v/v)
Flow	0.5 mL/min
Mode	Isocratic

Analyte	Parent (m/z)	Daughter (m/z)	Collision Energy (V)	Capillary
Creatinine	114	44	15	100
Creatinine d3	117	47	15	100



Internal Standard	Calibrant	Calibration Type
Creatinine d3	Nist SRM 967a	Single point

# Determination of Creatinine in Human Serum

## Extraction Procedure

50  $\mu$ L of serum sample was weighed into 2 mL plastic centrifuge tube

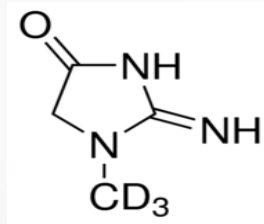
10  $\mu$ L of the internal standard Creatinine D3 solution (1mg/mL) was added and vortexed

1.2 mL of cold Methanol was added to precipitate the protein

The mixture was Vortexed

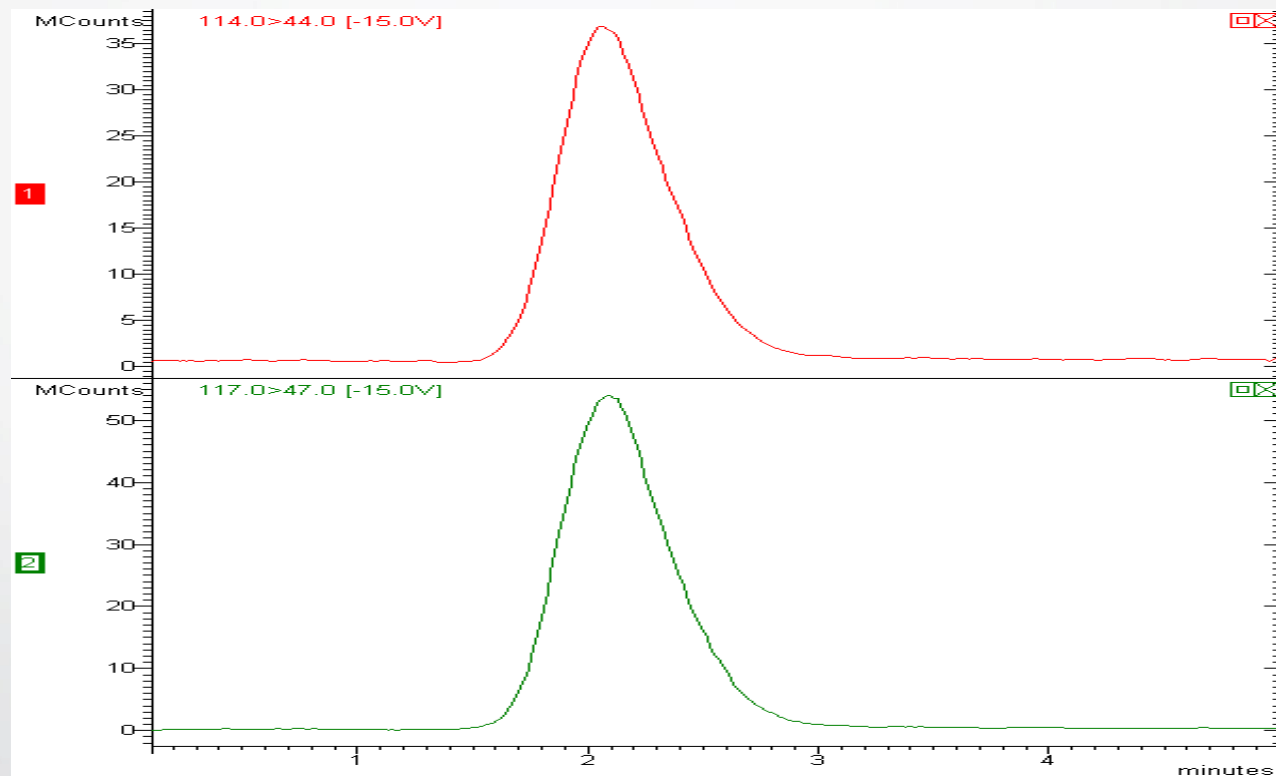
Sample was shaken for 10 min and centrifuged at 11.000 $\times$ g for 5 min

Supernate was filtered through 0.22  $\mu$ m syringe filter and analyzed by LC-MS/MS



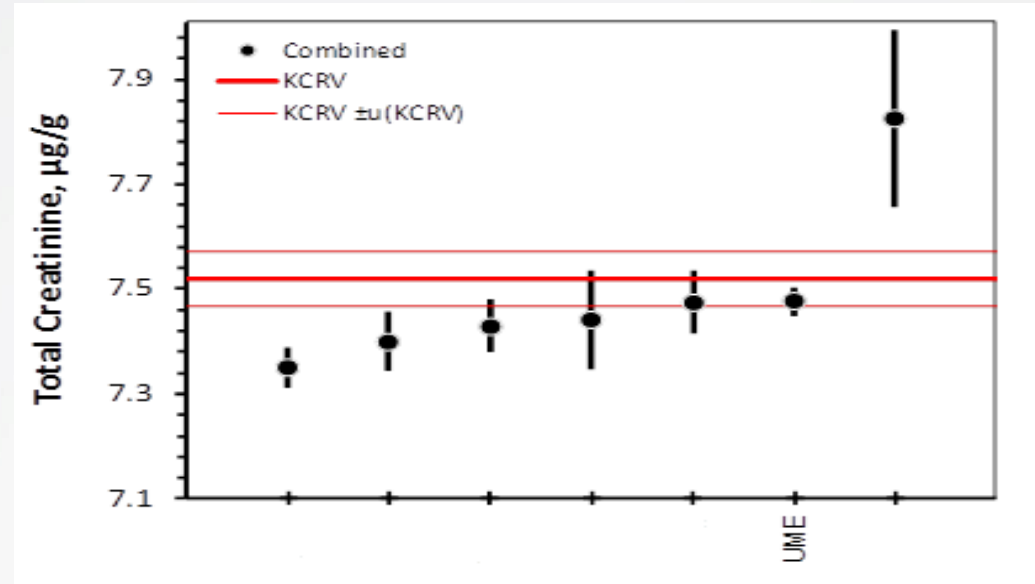
# Determination of Creatinine in Human Serum

Sample results	Mass Fraction ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	Combined Standard Uncertainty ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	Coverage Factor (k)	Expanded Uncertainty ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )
Sample 1	7.47E+00	3.73E-02	2	7.45E-02
Sample 2	7.48E+00	3.87E-02	2	7.74E-02

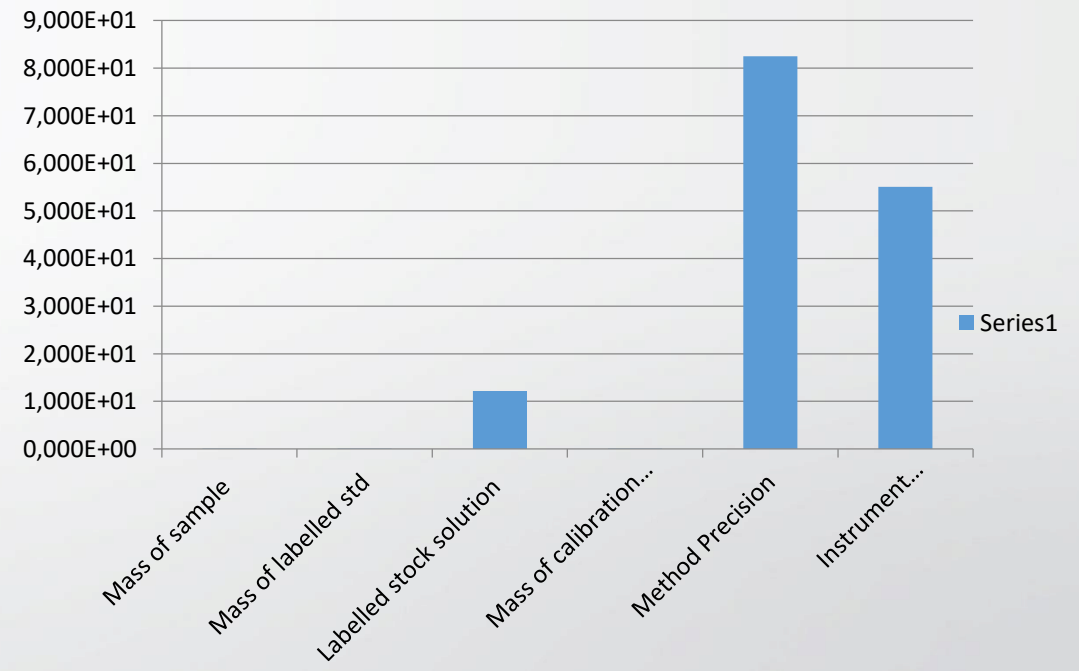




# Determination of Creatinine in Human Serum



Parameter	Value(X)	u(x)	u(x)/X
Mass of sample (mg)	5.01E+01	1.72E-06	3.43E-08
Mass of labelled std	9.25E+00	5.92E-08	6.40E-09
Labelled stock solution (mg/kg)	5.00E+01	3.09E-02	6.19E-04
Mass of calibration standard level 1 (mg)	4.89E+01	1.67E-06	3.41E-08
Method Precision	1.00E+02	4.19E-01	4.19E-03
Instrument repeatability	1.00E+02	2.63E-01	2.63E-03
<b>Relative Combined Uncertainty</b>			4.99E-03
Result (µg/g)	7.47E+00		
Combined Standard Measurement Uncertainty		3.73E-02	
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2)		7.45E-02	
Relative Uncertainty		9.97E-01	



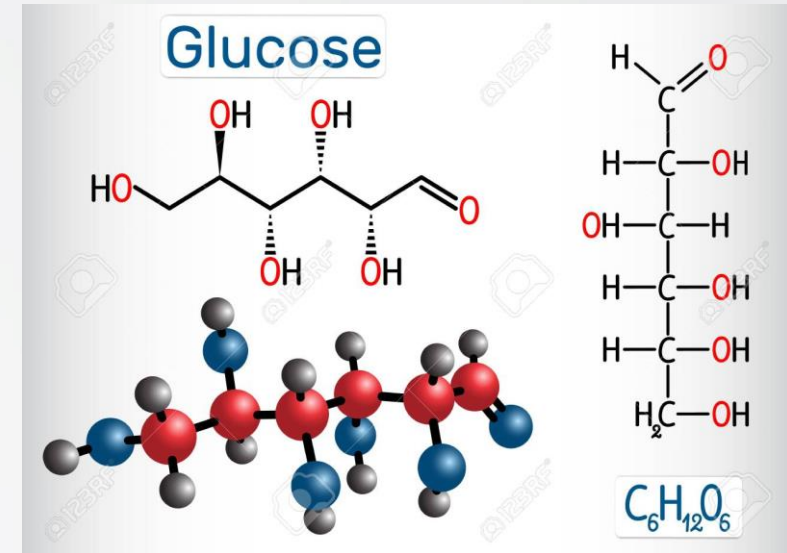
# Determination of Glucose in Human Serum

## CCQM-K11.2

### Determination of Glucose in Human Serum

Glucose (molar mass 180 g/mol) is a polar analyte ( $pK_{ow} = 2.82$ ), highly water-soluble (909 g/L) analyte that is present in human serum at relatively high concentrations (0.5 mg/g to 1.5 mg/g).

Participants were requested to analyze two vials of material for each analyte.



# Determination of Glucose in Human Serum

## Zivak Tandem Gold LC-MS/MS

Technique	ESI-ve
Column	Luna 5 $\mu$ NH2 100 A $^\circ$ 250 X 2 mm
Mobile phase	A:5 mmol ammonium formate in 0.05% formic acid, B: acetonitrile (A:20:B 80 by vol)
Flow	0.2 mL/min
Mode	Isocratic

Internal Standard	Calibrant	Calibration Type
13C6 D-Glucose	SRM 965 b Glucose in frozen Human	3 point calibration

Analyte	Parent (m/z)	Daughter (m/z)	Collision Energy (V)	Capillary
Glucose	224.7	88.7	12	100
13C6 D-Glucose	230.7	91.7	12	100



# Determination of Glucose in Human Serum

## Extraction Procedure

300  $\mu\text{L}$  of serum sample were weighed into 2 mL plastic centrifuge tube

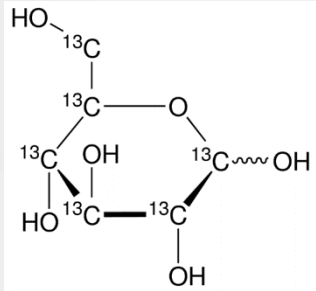
100  $\mu\text{L}$  of the internal standard  $^{13}\text{C}_6$  D-Glucose solution (1mg/mL) was added

The mixture was vortexed for 1 min and left to stand for 2 h

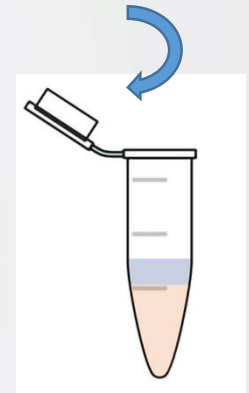
1.2 mL of acetonitrile was added for protein precipitation

The mixture was vortexed for 1 min and centrifuged

The supernate was filtered through 0.22  $\mu\text{m}$  syringe filter and transferred to vial and analyzed by LC-MS/MS



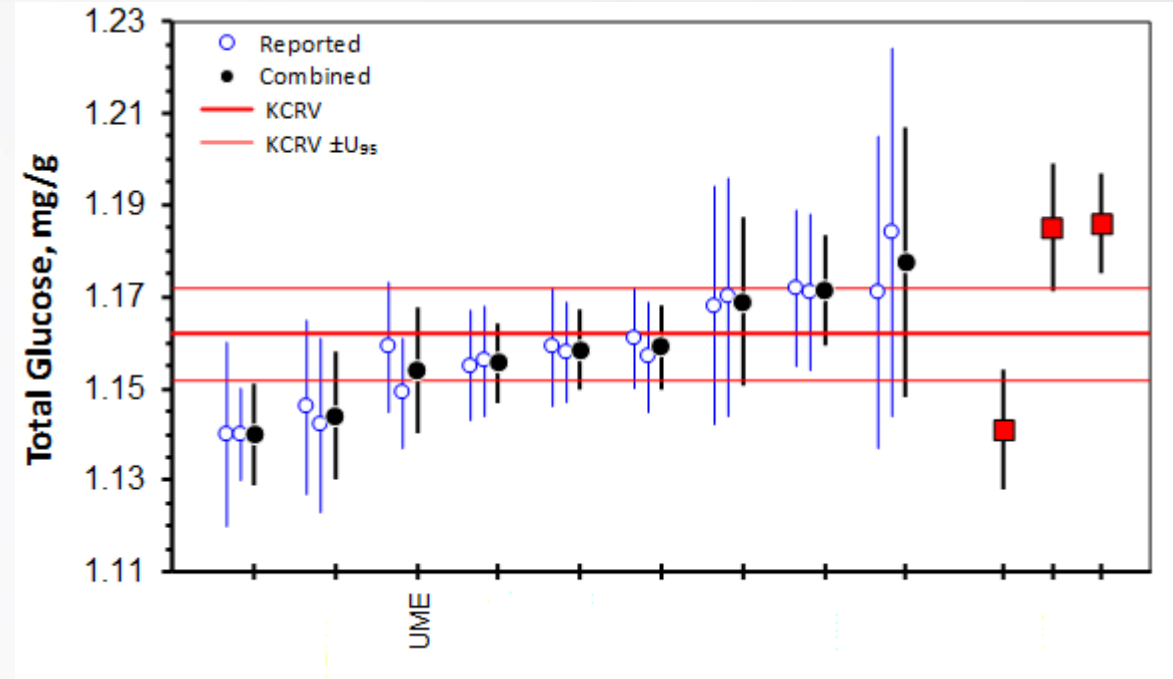
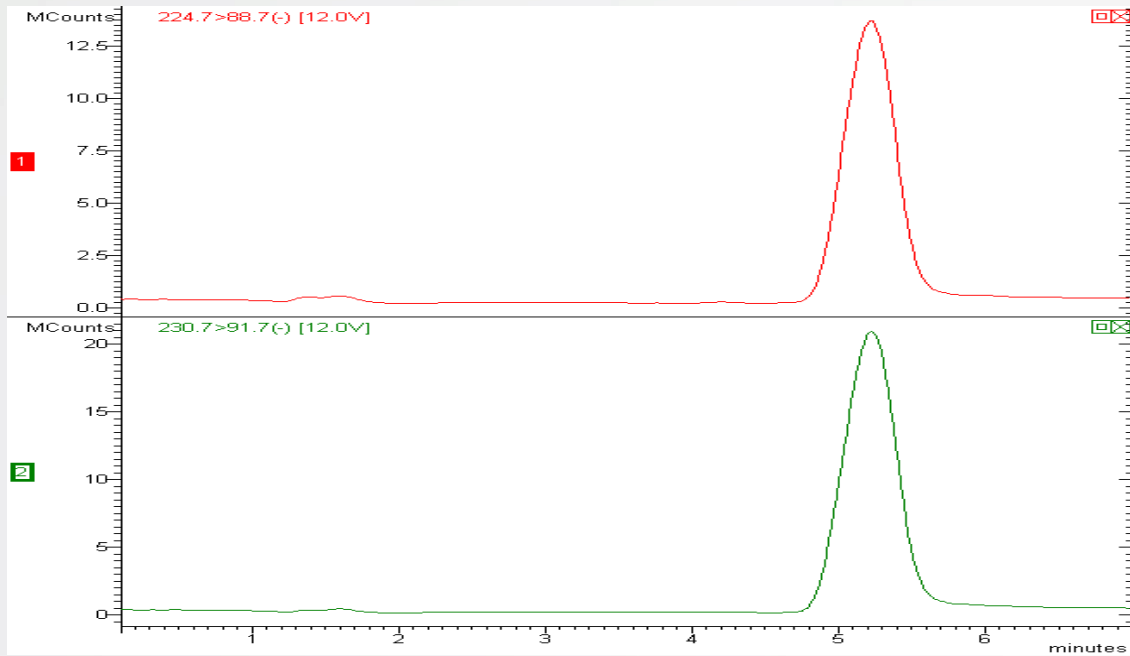
100  $\mu\text{L}$   $^{13}\text{C}_6$  D-Glucose



300  $\mu\text{L}$  serum sample



# Determination of Glucose in Human Serum

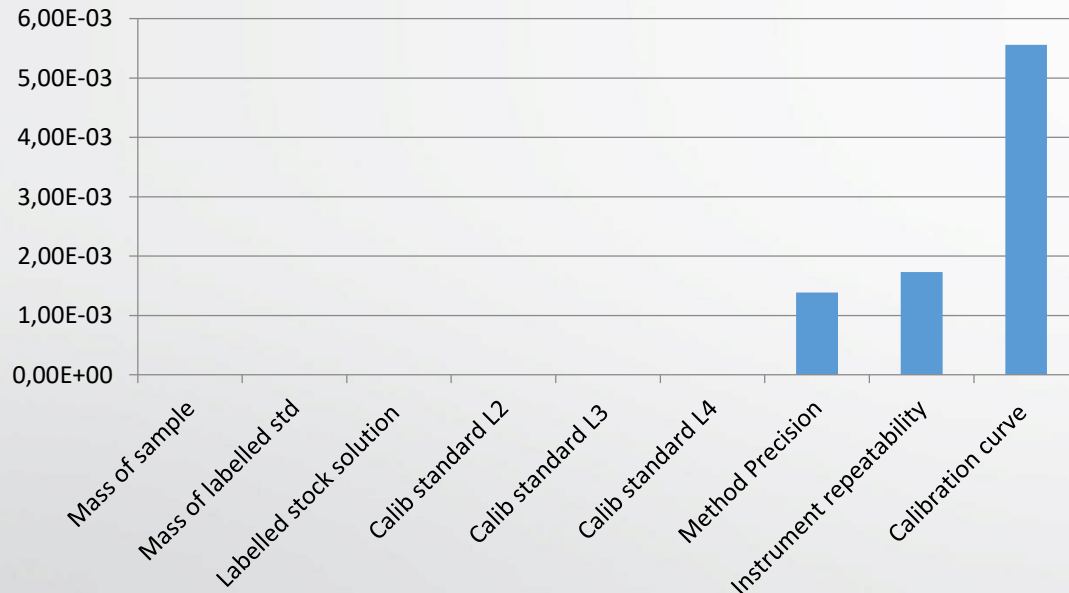


Sample results	Mass Fraction (mg/g)	Combined Standard Uncertainty (mg/g)	Coverage Factor (k)	Expanded Uncertainty (mg/g)
<b>Sample 1</b>	1.16E+00	6.94E-03	2	1.39E-02
<b>Sample 2</b>	1.15E+00	6.15E-03	2	1.23E-02

# Determination of Glucose in Human Serum

## Uncertainty Parameters

- Mass of sample
- Mass of labelled std
- Labelled stock solution
- Uncertainty of calibration standard level 2
- Uncertainty of calibration standard level 3
- Uncertainty of calibration standard level 4
- Method Precision
- Instrument repeatability
- Calibration curve



Parameter	Value(X)	u(x)	u(x)/X
Mass of sample (mg)	3.02E+02	6.22E-05	2.06E-07
Mass of labelled std(mg)	9.79E+01	6.55E-06	6.69E-08
Labelled stock solution (mg/kg)	1.00E+03	9.72E-06	9.72E-09
Uncertainty of calibration standard level 2 (mg)	3.01E+02	6.19E-05	2.06E-07
Uncertainty of calibration standard level 3 (mg)	3.03E+02	6.27E-05	2.07E-07
Uncertainty of calibration standard level 4 (mg)	3.03E+02	6.26E-05	2.07E-07
Method Precision	1.00E+02	1.39E-01	1.39E-03
Instrument repeatability	1.00E+02	1.73E-01	1.73E-03
Calibration curve	1.16E+00	6.44E-03	5.56E-03
<i>Relative Combined Uncertainty</i>			5.99E-03
Result (mg/g)	1.16E+00		
Combined Standard Measurement Uncertainty		6.94E-03	
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2)		1.39E-02	
Relative Uncertainty		1.20E+00	

# Determination of Total Cholesterol in Human Serum

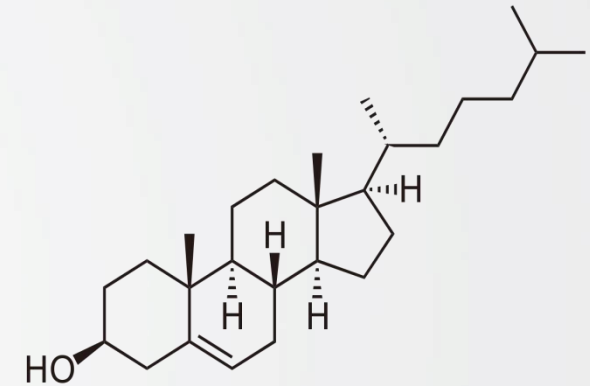
## CCQM-K6.2

### Determination of Cholesterol in Human Serum

Cholesterol (molar mass 365g/mol) is a low polarity analyte that is present in human serum at relatively high concentration (1 mg/g to 3 mg/g). Cholesterol is predominantly esterified with fatty acids in the blood.

The study material for CCQM-K6.2 was candidate SRM 1951c Lipids in Frozen Human Serum (Level 2), which was prepared as a replacement for SRM 1951b Lipids in Frozen Human Serum.

Participants were provided with three vials of serum for the determination of cholesterol. Each vial contained 1 mL of human serum.



# Determination of Total Cholesterol in Human Serum



Zivak Tandem Gold LC-MS/MS	
Technique	APCI
Column	Kinetex 2.6u C18 100A 100 mm 2.10 mm
Mobile phase	Isocratic mode ;acetonitrile and methanol (80:20 by vol)
Flow	0.25 mL/min
Mode	Isocratic

Analyte	Parent (m/z)	Daughter (m/z)	Collision Energy (V)	Capillary
<b>Cholesterol</b>	369	161	12	20
<b>[25,26,27-13C3] Cholesterol</b>	372	161	12	20

Internal Standard	Calibrant	Calibration Type
25,26,27-13C3 Cholesterol	Nist SRM 968e	2 point calibration

968e Fat Soluble Vitamins, Carotenoids, and Cholesterol in Human Serum -Two level concentration were used for calibration



# Determination of Total Cholesterol in Human Serum

## Extraction Procedure

250  $\mu\text{L}$  of CCQM 6.2 serum sample was placed in test tube

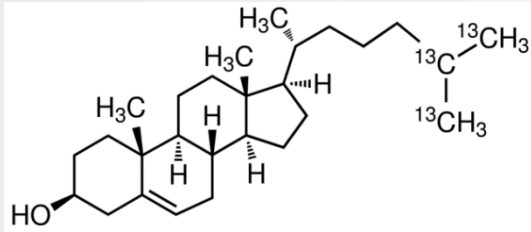
100  $\mu\text{L}$  of the internal standard [25,26,27- $^{13}\text{C}_3$ ] Cholesterol solution (4mg/mL) was added

150  $\mu\text{L}$  of an aqueous potassium hydroxide solution (8.9 mol/L) and 1 ml of ethanol were added

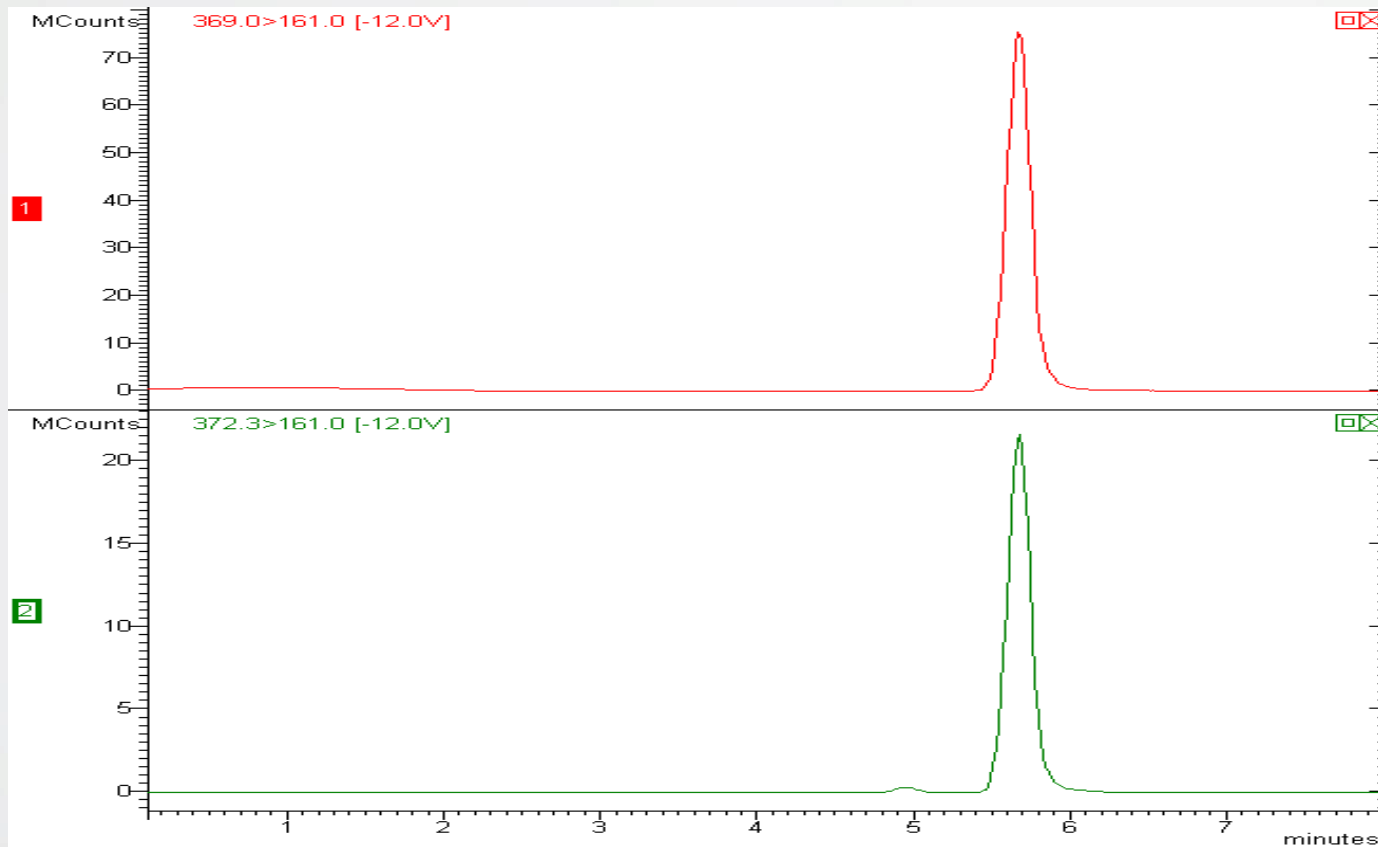
The mixture was vortexed for 10 s and heated at 50  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 4 h

After hydrolysis, 1 mL of deionized water and 2 mL of cyclohexane were added

After continuous shaking for 5 min the cyclohexane phase was filtered through 0.2 $\mu\text{m}$  membrane filter, transferred to vial and analyzed by LC-MS/MS



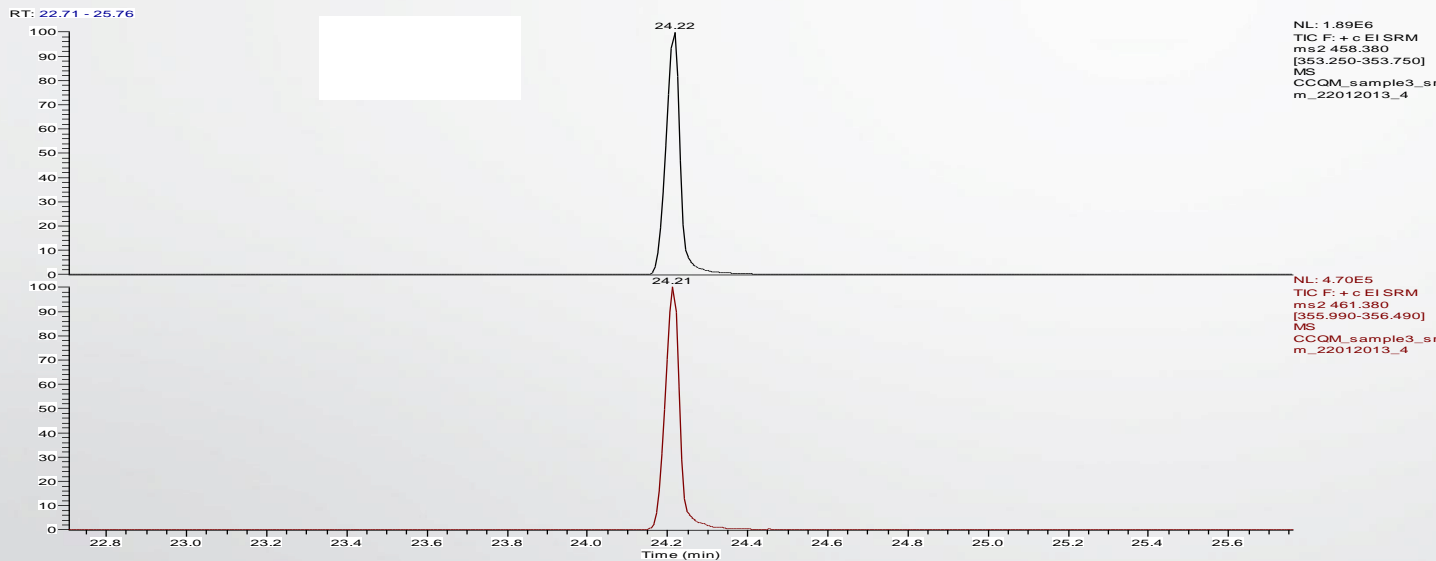
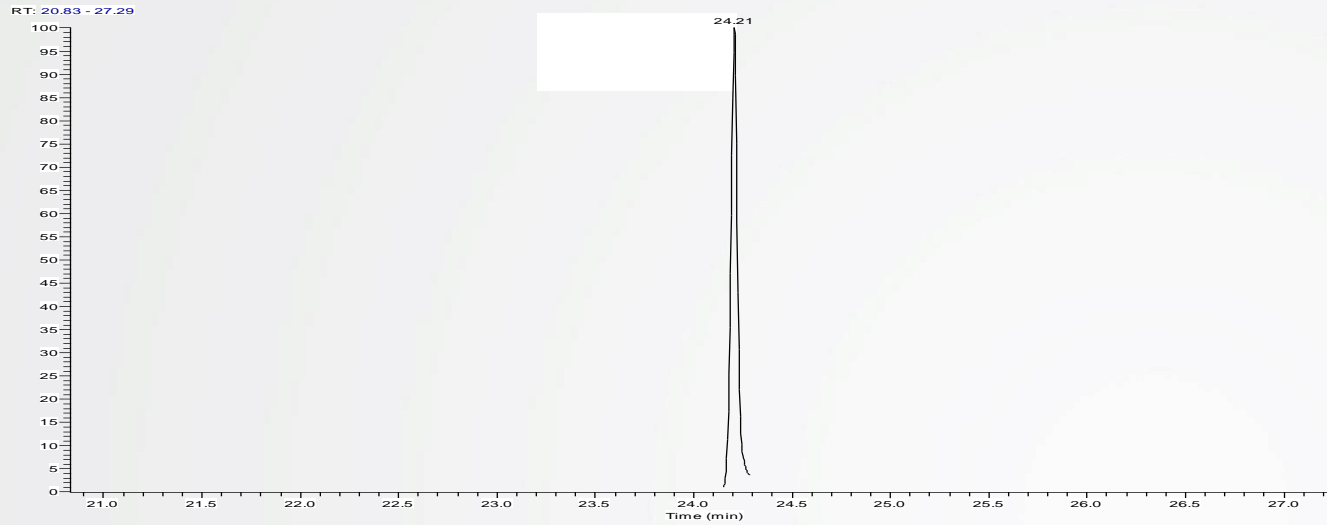
# Determination of Total Cholesterol in Human Serum



Sample results	Mass Fraction (mg/g)	Combined Standard Uncertainty (mg/g)	Coverage Factor (k)	Expanded Uncertainty (mg/g)
Sample 1	2.27E+00	3.09E-02	2	6.19E-02
Sample 2	2.31E+00	3.30E-02	2	6.60E-02

# Determination of Total Cholesterol in Human Serum

GC IDMS method were used for conformation



GC Column : DB-1, 30 m x 0.25 mm x 0,10 µm

	Rate (°C/min)	Temp (°C)	Hold Time
<b>Initial</b>		60	1.00
<b>Ramp 1</b>	10	300	5.00

# Determination of Total Cholesterol in Human Serum

## Uncertainty Parameters Used

Mass of sample

Mass of labelled std

Labelled stock solution

Uncertainty of calibration standard level 2

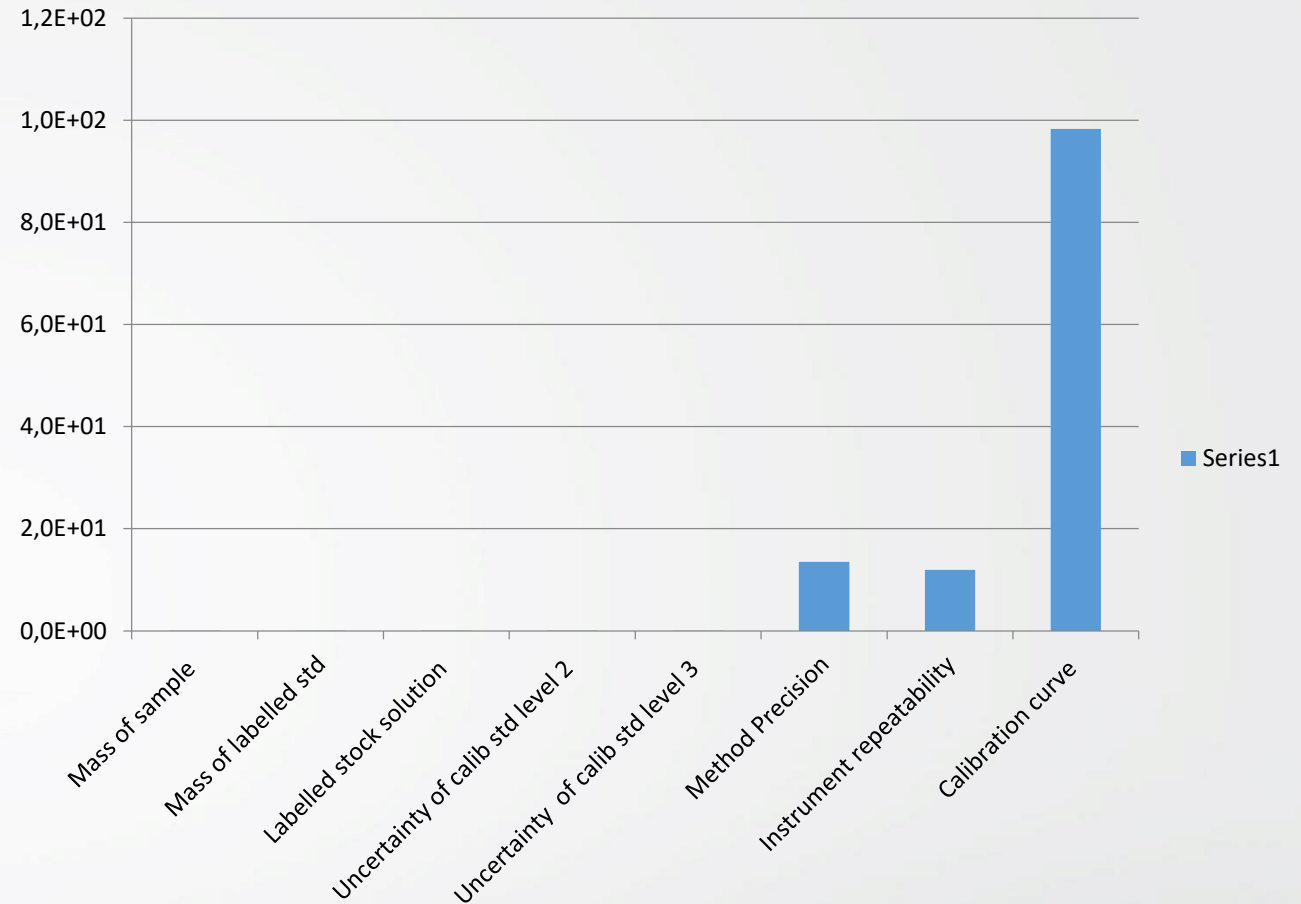
Uncertainty of calibration standard level 3

Method Precision

Instrument repeatability

Calibration curve

Parameter	Value(X)	u(x)	u(x)/X
Mass of sample (mg)	2.05E+02	2.86E-05	1.40E-07
Mass of labelled std(mg)	7.57E+01	3.91E-06	5.17E-08
Labelled stock solution (mg/kg)	4.00E+03	8.30E-03	2.08E-06
Uncertainty of calibration standard level 2 (mg)	2.07E+02	2.93E-05	1.41E-07
Uncertainty of calibration standard level 3 (mg)	2.06E+02	2.91E-05	1.41E-07
Method Precision	1.00E+02	1.89E-01	1.89E-03
Instrument repeatability	1.00E+02	1.77E-01	1.77E-03
Calibration curve	2.27E+00	3.04E-02	1.34E-02
<i>Relative Combined Uncertainty</i>			1.37E-02
<i>Result (mg/g)</i>	2.27E+00		
Combined Standard Measurement Uncertainty		3.09E-02	
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2)		6.18E-02	
Relative Uncertainty		2.73E+00	



# Amino Acids in acidic solution

CCQM-K78.a

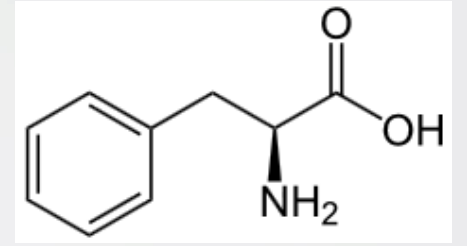
Amino acids in acidic solution

## Study Material

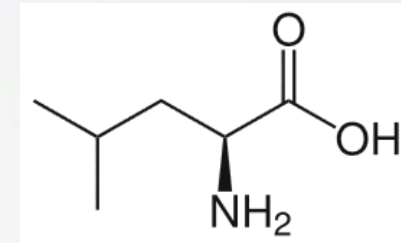
Standard solution in 0.01 N HCl containing,

- phenylalanine (Phe)
- leucine (Leu)
- isoleucine (Ile)
- proline (Pro)

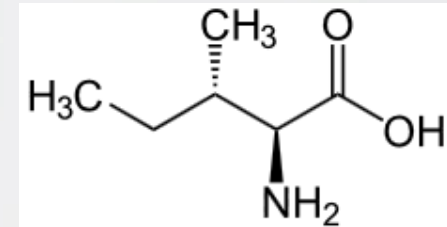
- 0.1 gram sample was diluted with 0.01 N HCl (aq) gravimetrically
- The analytes were derivatized with propyl chloroformate



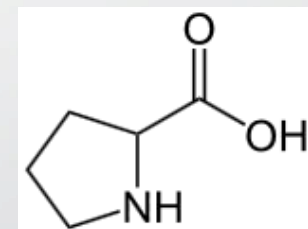
Phenylalanine (Phe)



Leucine (Leu)



Isoleucine (Ile)



Proline (Pro)

# Amino Acids in acidic solution

## Thermo Scientific Q Exactive, Orbitrap LC/MS

Column: Phenomenex EZ:fast 4u AAA-MS(250 x 2.0 mm i.d.)

AS; Injection volume : 2  $\mu$ L

Column temperature : 40  $^{\circ}$ C

Flow rate (mL/min) : 0.250

Mobile phase : A: MeOH: H<sub>2</sub>O (0.01 M ammonium formate) (1:1)  
B: MeOH (0.01 M ammonium formate)

Run length (min) : 22.0

Amino acids	Parent Ions	Daughter Ions
Phenylalanine, derivatized	294	168
Phenylalanine, IS, derivatized	299	198
Leucine, derivatized	260	184
Leucine, IS, derivatized	261	184
Isoleucine, derivatized	260	186
Isoleucine, IS derivatized	261	183
Proline, derivatized	244	152
Proline, IS derivatized	245	152



Retention time (min)	Flow (mL/min)	A %	B %
0.00	1.00	65	35
0.00	1.00	65	35
12.00	1.00	45	55
12.01	1.00	20	80
15.00	1.00	20	80
15.01	1.00	00	100
17.00	1.00	00	100
17.01	1.00	65	35
22.00	1.00	65	35

# Amino Acids in acidic solution

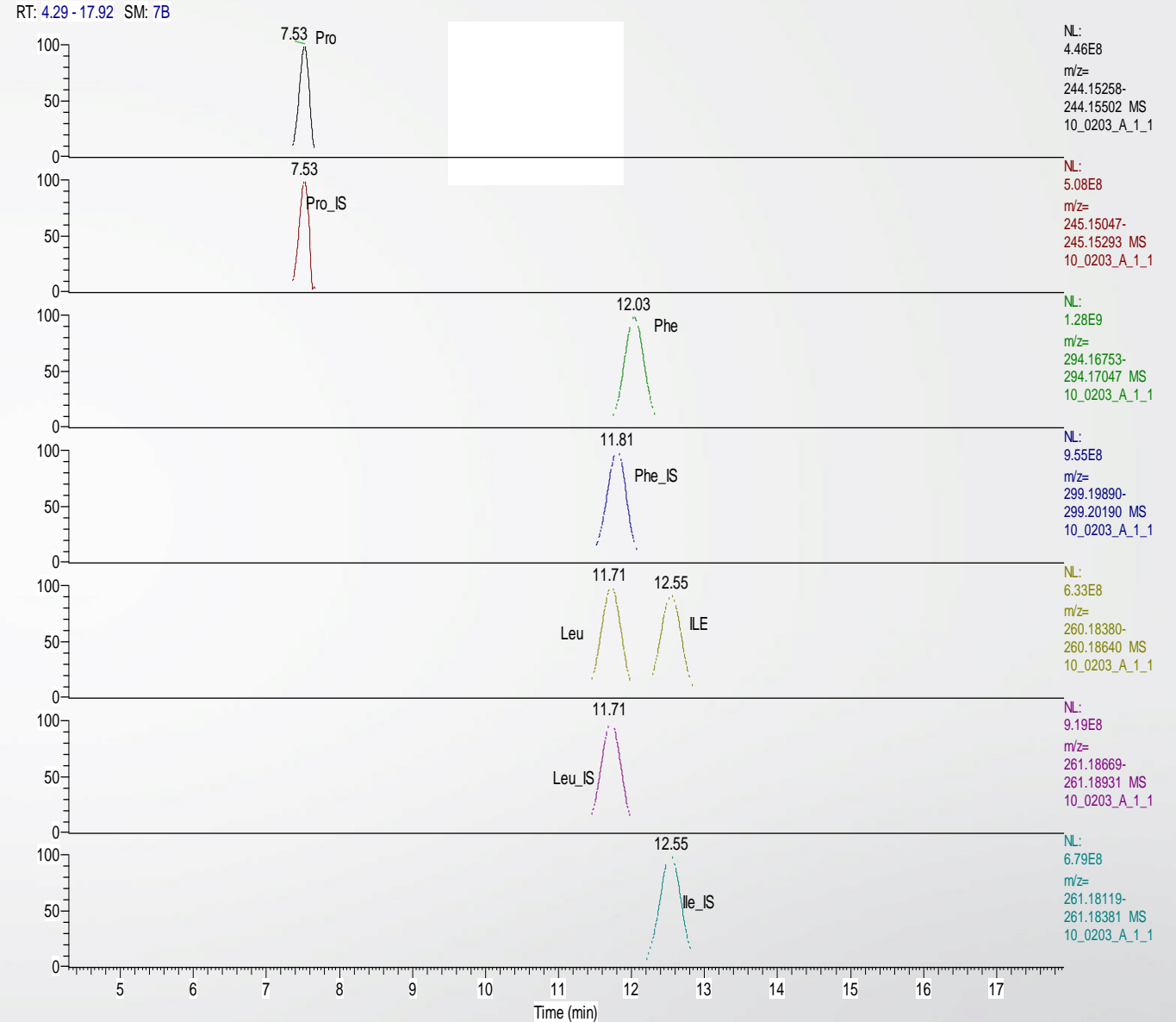
## Internal standards used

L-phenylalanine (Ring-D5, 98%) Cambridge Isotope Laboratories

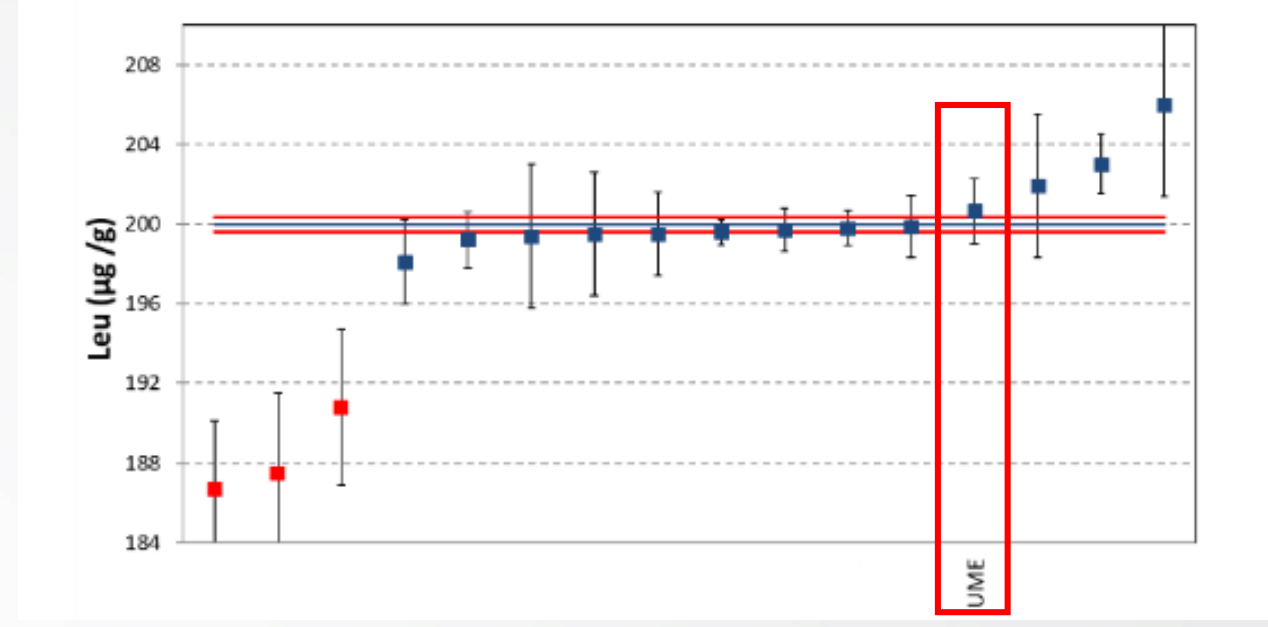
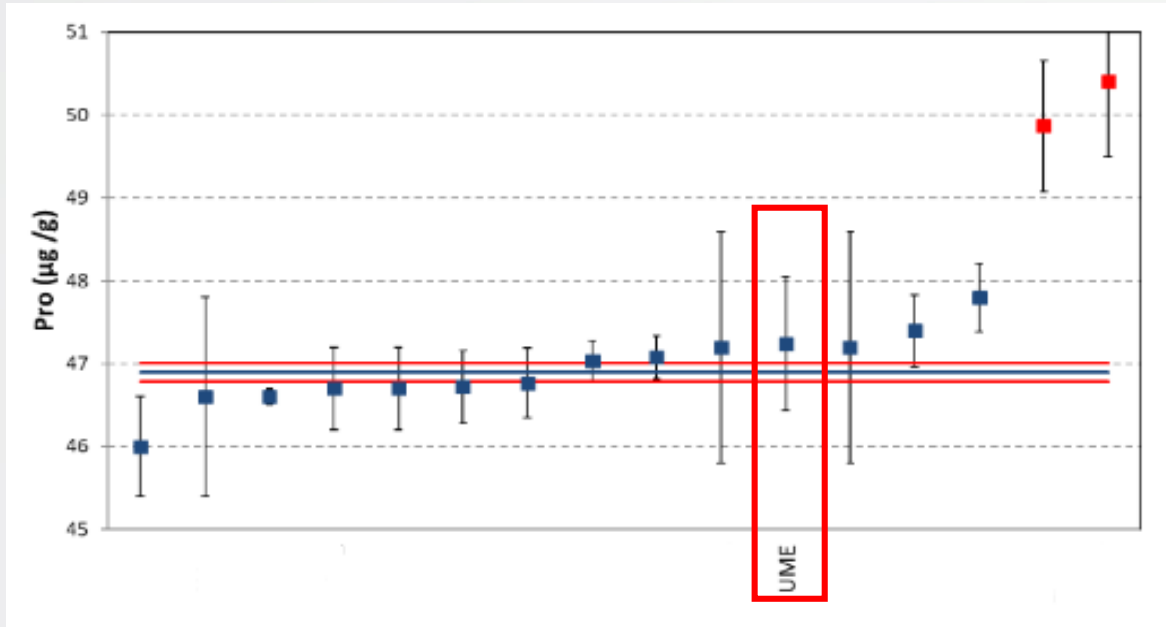
L-leucine (1-13C, 99%) Cambridge Isotope Laboratories

L-isoleucine (15N, 98%) Cambridge Isotope Laboratories

L-proline (15N, 98%) Cambridge Isotope Laboratories



# Amino Acids in acidic solution



Measurand	Mass Fraction (Average, reported value for CCQM K78a)(µg/g)	Mass Fraction (LC-MS)(µg/g)	Mass Fraction (qNMR)(µg/g)	Combined Standard Uncertainty (µg/g)	Coverage Factor (k)	Expanded Uncertainty (µg/g)
Phenylalanine (Phe)	482.59	482.94	482.24	3.60	2	7.20
Leucine (Leu)	200.64	197.49	203.78	1.62	2	3.24
Isoleucine (Ile)	218.98	219.98	217.97	3.50	2	7.00
Proline (Pro)	47.24	47.94	47.10	0.81	2	1.62

Uncertainty budget of Leu (LC-MS)						
			Value	u(x)	u(x)/x	
Weighing of sample (mg)			25	1,47E-04	5,88E-06	
Weighing of IS (mg)			25	1,57E-05	6,28E-07	
Standard stock solution (mg/g)			2500	5,02E+00	2,01E-03	
Internal stock solution (mg/g)			2500	7,65E+00	3,06E-03	
Intermediate precision			100	1,58E-01	1,58E-03	
Recovery			100	5,44E-03	5,44E-05	
Repeatability			100	1,95E-01	1,95E-03	
Calibration graph			1,8	1,22E-02	6,75E-03	
					8,08E-03	
Result (mg/g)		197,49				
Combined uncertainty				1,60		
Expanded uncertainty				3,19		
% Relative uncertainty				1,62		
% Relative standard uncertainty				0,81		



# Isotope Dilution/Mass Spectrometry

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