

EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT

Bio Group Medical System

A POWERFUL TOOL FOR A TOTAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

01. Who we are

Quality System since 1999 is a valuable tool for assessing the diagnostic quality of a laboratory. Quality System is the EQA brand of **Bio Group Medical System**, involved in the diagnostic sector since 1985.

Quality System offers a wide range of scheme, in total 16 programs.

Different frequency options are available for most of the available schemes.

Bio Group Medical System has been **ISO 17043:2010** accreditated as **Proficiency Testing Provider** by **ACCREDIA** (certificate n.17/P and related attachment that can be download from https://www.accredia.it/ banche-dati/).

Bio Group Medical System is member of The European Organisation For External Quality Assurance Providers in Laboratory Medicine **(EQALM).**

Statistical Elaboration procedures have been validated in cooperation with **Urbino University**.



Introduction

The clinical analysis laboratory has as its ultimate goal the generation of data about the health of the patient, data that will be used later in the diagnostic process. For this purpose, it plays a leading role in defining the behaviour that a clinician should follow to deal with a diagnosis or a follow-up treatment or a condition.

Therefore, the work carried out in a clinical analysis laboratory must follow a series of quality procedures in order to obtain a final data that meets the required precision and accuracy criteria.

Each laboratory must be able to work in compliance with the quality rules to ensure that the generated reports are as accurate as possible. In fact, that data output by clinical analysis is subjected to systematic and random errors. If the operator knows the magnitude of these errors, this will compensate system errors and provide experimental data as close as possible to reality.

ISO/IEC 17043:2010 Accreditation

The Proficiency Testing Providers are responsible for the organization of the interlaboratory proficiency tests (VEQ), from the design to the choice and preparation of the objects, to the homogeneity and stability checks of the materials, to the distribution of the samples to the participants, to the statistical analysis of the data up to the evaluation of the results and issuing of the report with the participants' performances.

The activity carried out by the Proficiency Testing Providers, therefore, is fundamental to allow the participating laboratories to monitor their performance over time, through participation on an ongoing basis.

Accreditation as an organizer of interlaboratory proficiency tests in compliance with the UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17043:2010 standard demonstrates the technical competence of the organizer to design, organize and manage the tests indicated in the field of accreditation. The organizer of interlaboratory proficiency tests is in fact responsible for ensuring that the technical and management requirements, specified in the reference standard, are also satisfied by the collaborators and subcontractors involved in the test schemes subject to accreditation.

Bio Group Medical System is a PT Provider accredited ISO 17043:2010 by ACCREDIA (certificate n.17/P and related attachment downloadable from the website https://www.accredia.it/banca-dati/)

Vision & Mission

"Ensure that each of our participants 05 can provide their own patients a precise diagnosis and effective"



Aim of Quality System

The purpose of the QS is to allow a comparison between independent laboratories.

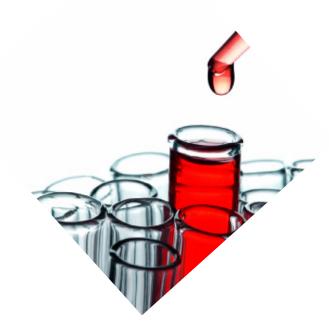
The external quality assessment statistically examines the final result of the entire work process, taking into consideration the pre-analytical phase, the entire phase involving the laboratory and also the final data transmission.

The control results allow making deductions on the good functioning of both the process itself as an organised structure and the various phases of which it is composed; in some cases, they also allow obtaining suggestions on the type of problem that prevents it from obtaining a good result.

In other words, the participation in QS programs is a valuable tool for assessing the diagnostic quality of a laboratory.

The periodic control obtained via QS allows the operator to assess his analytical system by comparing the results obtained with those of the daily IQC, thus validating the latter and the entire organisation.

The QS offers precise indications on any possible anomaly and is, therefore, a powerful tool for the constant improvement of the "Total Quality" and data quality assurance.



Our Schemes

CLINICAL CHEMISTRY

34 Parameters - Lyophilized Sera 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly / Monthly

HEMOSTASIS

7 Parameters - Lyophilized Plasma 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly / Monthly

ELECTROPHORESIS

5 Parameters - Lyophilized Sera 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly / Monthly

CARDIAC MARKERS

10 Parameters - Lyophilized Sera 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly / Monthly

INFECTIVOLOGY

29 Parameters - Lyophilized Sera 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly

URINE CHEMISTRY

13 Parameters - Liquid Sample 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly

DRUGS OF ABUSE

12 Parameters - Liquid Sample 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly

ERYTHROCYTE SED. RATE

Liquid Sample 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly

IMMUNOASSAY

35 Parameters - Lyophilized Sera 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly / Monthly

HEMATOLOGY

8 Parameters - Liquid Sample 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly / Monthly

SPECIFIC PROTEINS

9 Parameters - Lyophilized Sera 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly / Monthly

HBA1C Lyophilized Sera 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly / Monthly

MICROBIOLOGY

1 Lyophilized Sera 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly

URINE SEDIMENTATION

Liquid Sample 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly

FECAL OCCULT BLOOD

Liquid Sample 1 Level - Yearly / Quaterly

BLOOD SMEAR

Electronic File Yearly - Quaterly

Scheme: CLINICAL CHEMISTRY

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **Human Lyophilized Serum** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These Serums will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants. The coordinator will choose Serums which give measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals.

Each test material is tested by the QS Division based on the Coordinator before distribution to the participants, ensuring the requirements of uniformity and stability according to the goals required for the test.

Tests will be carried out on a number of statistically significant rates according to the instructions

contained in the reference standard ISO 13528:2015.

Parameters:

ALBUMINE	CHOLINESTERASE	LDH	TOTAL CHOLESTEROL
ALP	CK NAK	LDL CHOLESTEROL	TOTAL PROTEINS
ALT	COPPER	LIPASE	TRIGLYCERIDES
AMYLASE	CREATININE	LITHIUM	UIBC
AST	DIRECT BILIRUBIN	MAGNESIUM	UREA
BICARBONATE	GAMMA GT	PHOSPHORUS	URIC ACID
BILE ACIDS	GLUCOSE	POTASSIUM	ZINC
CALCIUM	HDL CHOLESTEROL	SODIUM	

Statistical Elaboration:

Quantitative

Frequency:

Yearly, Quaterly or Montlhy

Product Code:

MSEQSCH1 - MSEQSCH4 - MSEQSCH12

Level:

1 level per assay

OS Scheme: IMMUNOASSAY

Sample material:

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Parameters:

25 OH VITAMIN D	CORTISOL	IgE	T4
ALPHAPROTEIN	DHEA Sulfate	INSULIN	TESTOSTERONE
B-HCG	DIGOXIN	INTACT PTH	TG AB
C PEPTID	ESTRADIOL	LH	THYROGLOBULIN
CA 125	FERRITIN	PROGESTERONE	TMAB
CA 15-3	FOLATE	PROLACTIN	TPO AB
CA 19-9	FSH	PSA FREE	TSH
CARBAMAZEPINE	FT3	PSA TOTAL	VITAMIN B12
CEA	FT4	T ₃	

Statistical Elaboration:

Quantitative

Frequency:

Yearly, Quaterly or Montlhy

Product Code: MSEQSI1 - MSEQSI4 - MSEQSI12

Level:

1 level per assay

Scheme: HEMOSTASIS

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **Human Lyophilized Plasma** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These Plasma will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants. The coordinator will choose plasma which give measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals.

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Parameters:

PT PROTROMBINIC	ANTITHROMBIN III
PT INR	FIBRINOGEN
PROTEIN C	APTT
PROTEIN S	D DIMER

APTT TIME ANTITHROMBIN III ACTIVITY

Statistical Elaboration: Quantitative

Frequency: Yearyly, Quaterly or Montlhy

Product Code: MSEQSC1 - MSEQSC4 - MSEQSC12

Level: 1 level per assay

During the cycle we send different levels to analyze

¹⁰ Scheme: HEMATOLOGY

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **Human Blood** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These samples will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants. The coordinator will choose samples which give measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals.

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Tests will be carried out on a number of statistically significant rates according to the instructions

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Parameters:

RDW/IDR-SD	RBC/GR	RDW/IDR
MCHC	HGB	PLT/PLQ
MPV	MCV/VMG	HCT
WBC/GB	MCH/TCMH	

Statistical Elaboration:

Quantitative

Frequency: Yearly, Quaterly or Montlhy

Product Code: MSEQUALITYE12 - MSEQUALITYE8 - MSEQSE8

Level: 1 level per assay

During the cycle we send different levels to analyze



Scheme: ELECTROPHORESIS

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **Human Lyophilized Serum** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These Serums will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants. The coordinator will choose Serums which give measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals.

Each test material is tested by the QS Division based on the Coordinator before distribution to the participants, ensuring the requirements of uniformity and stability according to the goals required for the test.

Tests will be carried out on a number of statistically significant rates according to the instructions contained in the reference standard ISO 13528:2015.

Parameters:

ALBUMINE	BETA GLOBULINE
ALFA 1 GLOBULINE	GAMMA GLOBULINE
ALFA 2 GLOBULINE	
Statistical Elaboration: Quantitative	

Frequency: Yearly, Quaterly or Montlhy

Product Code: MSEQALITYEF - MSEQSEF12 - MSEQSEF1

Level: 1 level per assay

During the cycle we send different levels to analyze

Scheme: SPECIFIC PROTEINS

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **Human Lyophilized Serum** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These Serums will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants. The coordinator will choose Serums which give measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals.

Each test material is tested by the QS Division based on the Coordinator before distribution to the participants, ensuring the requirements of uniformity and stability according to the goals required for the test.

Tests will be carried out on a number of statistically significant rates according to the instructions

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Parameters:

ASO	C4
PCR	IGA
RF	IGG
TRANSFERRINA	IGM
C3	

Statistical Elaboration:

Quantitative

Frequency: Yearly, Quaterly or Montlhy

Product Code: MSQEQUALITYPS - MSEQSPS12 - MSEQSPS4

Level: 1 level per assay

During the cycle we send different levels to analyze

Scheme: CARDIAC MARKERS

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is Human Lyophilized Serum simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These Serums will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants. The coordinator will choose Serums which aive measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals. Each test material is tested by the QS Division based on the Coordinator before distribution to the participants, ensurina the requirements of uniand formity stability according to the goals required for the test. Tests will be carried out on a number of statistically significant rates according to the instructions contained in the reference standard ISO 13528:2015.

Parameters:

BNPCKMBHS CRPNT PRO BNPTROPONIN TCARDIAC D DIMERHOMOCYSTEINEMYOGLOBINPROCALCITONINTROPONIN I

Statistical Elaboration: Quantitative
Frequency: Yearly, Quaterly or Montlhy
Product Code: MSEQSCM1 - MSEQSCM4 - MSEQSCM12
Level: 1 level per assay. During the cycle we send different levels to analyze,

Scheme: HbA1C

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **Human Lyophilized Blood** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These samples will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants. The coordinator will choose samples which give measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals.

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Parameters:

HBA1C

Statistical Elaboration: Quantitative Frequency: Yearly, Quaterly or Montlhy

Scheme: INFECTIVOLOGY

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **Human Lyophilized Serum** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These Serums will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants.

The coordinator will choose Serums which give measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals

Each test material is tested by the QS Division based on the Coordinator before distribution to the participants, ensuring the requirements of uniformity and stability according to the goals required for the test.

Tests will be carried out on a number of statistically significant rates according to the instructions

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Parameters:

CHLAMYDIA IGG	HBCAB	HCV	ROSOLIA IGM
CHLAMYDIA IGM	HBCAB IGM	H. PYLORI IGG	SYPHILIS IGG
CYTOMEGALOVIRUS IGG	HBCAG	HERPES VIRUS I IGG	SYPHILIS IGM
CYTOMEGLOVIRUS IGM	HBEAB	HERPES VIRUS II IGG	TOXOPLASMA IGG
EPSTEIN BARR VCA IGG	HBEAG	HIV	TOXOPLASMA IGM
EPSTEIN BARR VCA IGM	HBSAB	HIV 1-2	TREPONEMA IGG
HAV IgG	HBSAG	ROSOLIA IGG	TREPONEMA IGM
HAV IGM			

Statistical Elaboration:

Qualitative

Frequency:

Yearly, Quaterly

Product Code: MSEQSSE1 - MSEQUALITYS

Level:

1 level per assay. During the cycle we send different levels to analyze



Scheme: MICROBIOLOGY

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **Lyophilized Bacterial Strain** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These samples will present a range of bacterail strains completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants.

Test samples must be treated in the same manner as that applied for the samples tested in the routine procedure. For each test parameter is required a single determination.

Statistical Elaboration: Qualitative

Frequency: Yearly, Quaterly

Product Code: MSEQSB1 - MSEQUALITYB

Level:

1 bacterial strain per assay



Scheme: URINE CHEMISTRY

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **Synthetic Urine** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These samples will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants.

The coordinator will choose samples which give measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals.

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Tests will be carried out on a number of statistically significant rates according to the instructions contained in the reference standard ISO 13528:2015.

Parameters:

ALBUMINE ASCORBIC ACID BILIRUBIN BLOOD GLUCOSE KETONES LEUKOCYTES MICROALBUMIN NITRITE UROBILINOGEN PROTEIN / PH SPECIFIC GRAVITY

Statistical Elaboration: Quantitative/Qualitative
Frequency: Yearyly, Quaterly
Product Code: MSEQSU1 - MSEQUALITYU
Level: 1 level per assay. During the cycle we send different levels to analyze

Scheme: URINE SEDIMENTATION

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **Synthetic Urine** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These samples will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants.

The coordinator will choose samples which give measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals.

Parameters:

RED BLOOD CELLS WHITE BLOOD CELLS CASTS CRYSTAL

Statistical Elaboration: Qualitative

Frequency: Yearly, QuaterlyProduct Code: MSEQSUS1 - MSEQUALITYUSLevel per assay. During the cycle we send different levels to analyze

Scheme: DRUGS OF ABUSE

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **Synthetic Urine** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These samples will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants.

The coordinator will choose samples which give measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals.

Each test material is tested by the QS Division based on the Coordinator before distribution to the participants, ensuring the requirements of uniformity and stability according to the goals required for the test.

Tests will be carried out on a number of statistically significant rates according to the instructions

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Parameters:

AMPHETAMINE AMPHETAMINE/METAMPHETAMINE BARBITURATES BENZODIAZEPINE BUPRENORPHINE CANNABINOIDS COCAINE EXTASY METAMPHETAMINE METHADONE MORPHINE OPIATES

Statistical Elaboration: Qualitative
Frequency: Yearyly, Quaterly
Product Code: MSEQSD1 - MSEQUALITYD
Level: 1 level per assay. During the cycle we send different levels to analyze,

Scheme: FECAL OCCULT BLOOD

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **Synthetic Stool** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These samples will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants.

The coordinator will choose samples which give measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals.

Each test material is tested by the QS Division based on the COP before distribution to the participants, ensuring the requirements of uniformity and stability according to the goals required for the test.

Tests will be carried out on a number of statistically significant rates according to the instructions

contained in the reference standard ISO 13528:2015. **Parameters:**

FECAL OCCULT BLOOD

Statistical Elaboration: Quantitative Frequency:Yearly, Quaterly

Scheme: ERYTHROCYTE SEDIMENTATION RATE Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **Human Blood** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These samples will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants.

The coordinator will choose samples which give measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals.

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Tests will be carried out on a number of statistically significant rates according to the instruction contained in the reference standard ISO 13528:2015.

Parameters:

ESR 1 HOUR ESR 2 HOURS K. INDEX

Statistical Elaboration: Quantitative/Qualitative

Frequency: Yearly, Quaterly Product Code: MSEQSEES1 - MSEQUALITYES **Level:** 1 level per assay. During the cycle we send different levels to analyze,

Scheme: BLOOD SMEAR

Sample material:

The proficiency testing item is **an Electronic File** simulating the biological findings usually measured by the participants. These files will present a range of values completely comparable with those found in the working routine of the participants.

The coordinator will choose files which give measurements that can be referred to both physiological and pathological intervals.

Statistical Elaboration: Qualitative

Frequency: Yearly, Quaterly MSEQSSM1 - MSEQUALITYSM Level: 1 file per assay





SHIPMENT SCHEDULE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	J UL	AUG	SE	СТ	NOV	DEC
CLINICAL CHEMISTRY	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS	QS/QS	QS	QS	QS/QS
HEMOSTASIS	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>									
IMMUNOASSAY	QS	QS	QS/QS	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>
SPECIFIC PROTEINS	QS	QS	QS/QS	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>
ELECTROPHORESIS	QS	QS	QS/QS	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>
HEMATOLOGY	QS/QS	QS	QS									
INFECTIVOLOGY	QS			QS			QS			QS		
MICROBIOLOGY	QS			QS			QS			QS		
URINE	QS			QS			QS			QS		
DRUG OF ABUSE	QS			QS			QS			QS		
FECAL OCCULT BLOOD	QS			QS			QS			QS		
HBA1C	QS/QS	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS
CARDIAC MARKERS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS	QS/QS	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS	QS/ <mark>QS</mark>	QS	QS
ESR	QS			QS			QS			QS		
URINE SEDIMENTATION	QS			QS			QS			QS		
SMEAR	QS			QS			QS			QS		

QS = Quaterly shipment

QS = Monthly shipment





	Q	
	QUALITY	
	User access	
Username	USER	
Password		
	P Login	

- Website available in multiple language
- Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
- Requirment: web access, Adobe Reader
- No additional software required
- Password data protection regulation

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Statistical Elaboration

The test report represents the final result of the external quality control and is the reference document for the participating laboratory.

Quality System elaborates **two types of Reports**: Quantitative Report, where the data is a numerical result Qualitative Report, where the data is a positive, negative or doubtful result

In each test report model, both the statistical and performance indexes and graphical representations are shown to make the participant immediately understand the possible presence of errors and their possible origins.

QUANTITATIVE REPORT - INDEX

Consensus Value:

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CV is the target value of the test or expected value. It is calculated according to algorithm A of ISO 13528: 2015: all the measurements sent by the participants converge. The algorithm excludes aberrant measurements in order to calculate a robust average of the measurements sent. This average, poorly influenced by aberrant values is the target value of the test.

Standard Deviation:

SD is the dispersion of data sampled in the test. It is calculated according to the requirements of algorithm A of ISO 13528: 2015 and is also a robust marker that is not influenced by too aberrant data.

Assigned DS:

It is the standard deviation assigned to the test, calculated by the provider on the basis of the parameter's historical data.

The provider calculates the average of the analyte standard deviations in recent years and expresses the relative standard deviation or RDS.

The standard deviation is the consensus average multiplied by RDS. The standard deviation will be used to calculate the Z and Z 'performance indices. This allows a fairer evaluation of the performance without the low number of participants or excessive mistakes among the participants could give rise to too severe performance indexes.

Standard Uncertainity

S.U. is the estimate linked to a test result that characterizes the excursion of the values within which the true value is assumed to fall. In calculating the performance index it represents a fundamental discriminant:

if it is less than 30% of the assigned standard deviation then it is considered negligible and only the standard deviation participates in the calculation of the Z Score performance index; if it is more than 30% of the assigned standard deviation then it is no longer negligible and must be considered in the calculation of the performance index which will become Z 'Score.

Z Score

Performance index calculated as the ratio between the absolute error (difference between measured value and consensus average) and the assigned standard deviation.

If the value of Z is between -2 and 2, the performance will be acceptable; if the value is between -3-2 and between 2 and 3 the performance will be questionable, if the value is less than -3 or greater than 3 the performance will be unacceptable.

Z' Score

If the measurement uncertainty is not negligible, it is responsible for calculating this performance index. For the interpretation the considerations expressed for the Z Score are valid.

CV

Expresses variance of data distribution in percent.

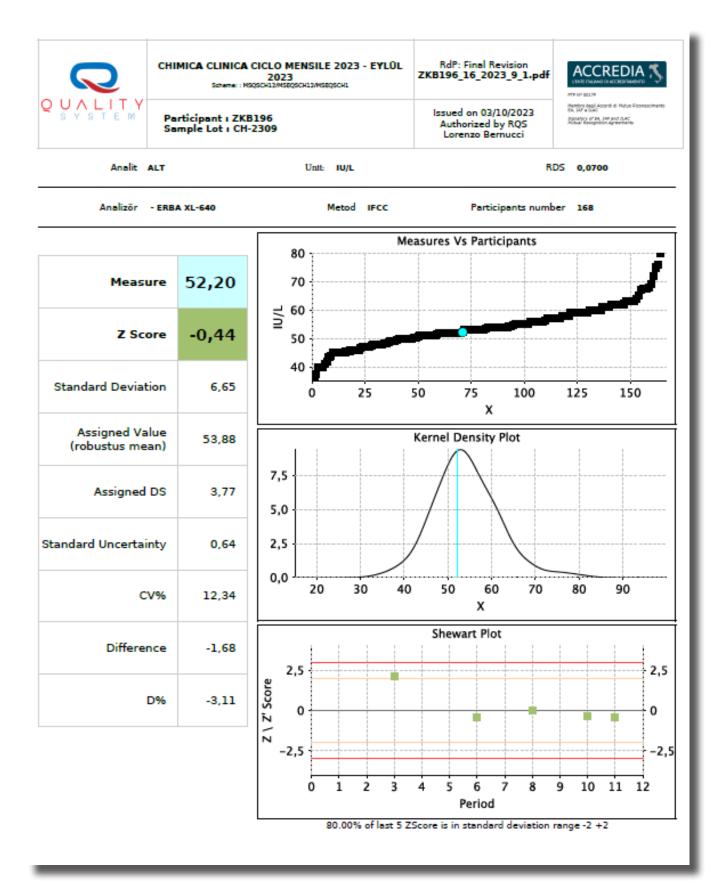
Difference

It expresses the absolute error of the performance, i.e. the difference between the measurement and the consensus mean.

D%

Absolute error expressed as a percentage.

QUANTITATIVE REPORT - GRAPHIC

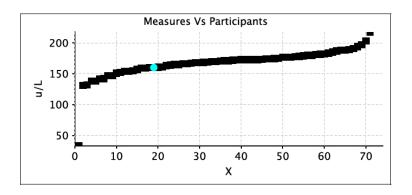




Measures Vs Participants

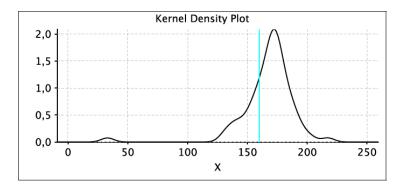
The graph represents the distribution of the measurements of the individual participants ordered by size.

This graph allows to identify at a glance the normality of the distribution and the possible magnitude of the measurement error committed.



Kernel Density Plot

It represents the distribution of results in probability density: it is useful to understand how any mistake made is not due to imprecision of method / instrument or to uneven statistical data.

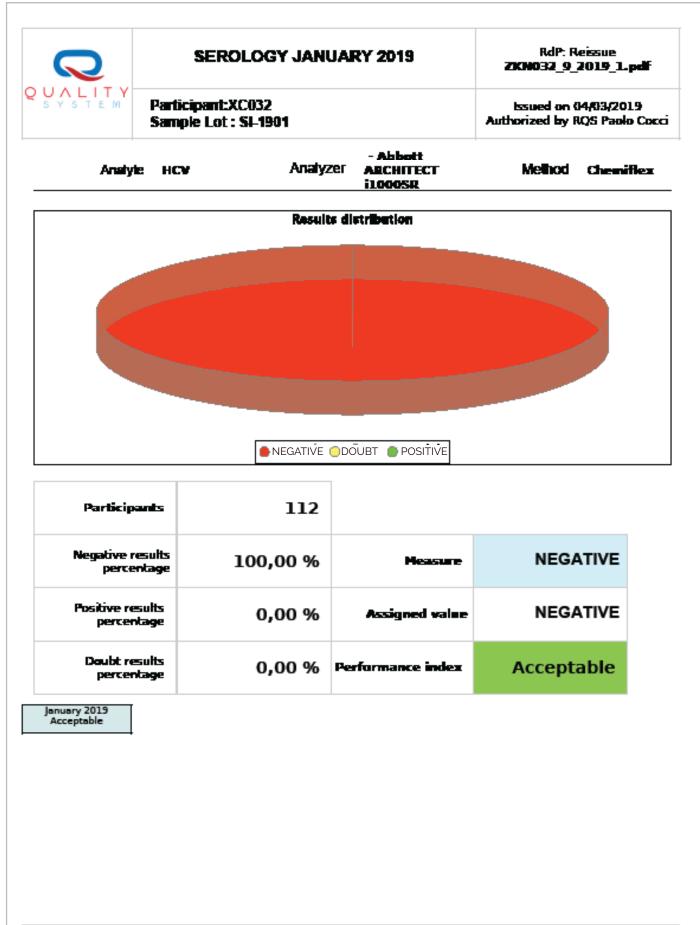


Shewart Plot

Graph showing in time order the Z scores obtained on the single analyte. Very useful to verify the performance over time of the services and especially useful for the verification of the effectiveness of any corrective actions carried out following a questionable or acceptable performance. It is the most important graph for the management of laboratory control charts.



QUALITATIVE REPORT - GRAPHIC



QUANTITATIVE REPORT - INDEX

The qualitative report expresses particularly synthetic data and performance indices.

Negative results percentage

This index is the number of negative results found by the participants.

Positive results percentage

This index is the number of positive results found by the participants.

Doubt results percentage

This index is the number of doubt results found by the participants.

Assigned value

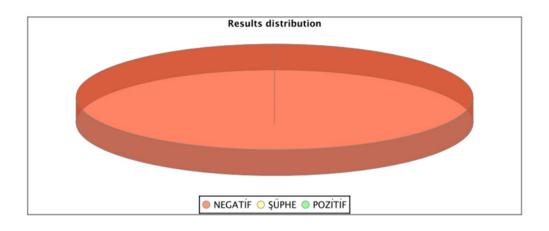
It is the expected result of the test: it is defined as the most frequent of the results provided.

Performance index

If the value provided by the participant corresponds to the assigned value, the performance index will be defined as acceptable; if it does not correspond it will be defined as unacceptable.

Results distribution

Partitioning graph that identifies the percentages of responses received



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