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Executive summary

The number of known mycotoxins, their precursors and metabolites has been steadily increasing over the past years. The European Commission puts special emphasis on the need to monitor the co-occurrence of mycotoxins of various families at levels that allow for a sound risk assessment, taking into account possible additive or synergistic effects. Prior any regulatory action is taken for mycotoxins for which a health concern has been expressed (e.g. enniatins and beauvericin) valid data on their prevalence in food is required.

LC-MS-based multi-mycotoxin methods have the potential of streamlining and widening the monitoring work carried out by the official control laboratories. Although many practical advantages have been recognised, such methodologies have not been adopted by all routine laboratories and only a handful of such methods are just on the verge to become standardised. It is of great interest to assess how well laboratories using diverse sample preparation methodologies and determination techniques perform.

Therefore, a proficiency test was organised by the European Union Reference Laboratory (EURL) for Mycotoxins for this purpose. The focus was the assessment of the measurement performance of EU Member States laboratories regarding the determination of aflatoxin B₁, deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, fumonisins B₁ & B₂, T-2 & HT-2 toxins, enniatins B, B₁, A, A₁ and beauvericin in two test materials (corn and oat) using single- or multi-mycotoxin methodologies.

Fifty-three laboratories, among them thirty-six National Reference Laboratories for mycotoxins in food and feed from the 28 EU Member States and 17 Official Control Laboratories, participated in the PT. For the regulated mycotoxins, 83.7 % of the results were rated with satisfactory z-scores. The performance of the laboratories was best for AFB₁ (94 %), followed by DON (91 %), ZON (89 %), FB₁ (87 %), FB₂ (78 %), T-2 (75 %) and HT-2 (64 %). Additionally, 11 laboratories submitted results for all enniatins and beauvericin. LC-MS/MS is gaining much preference as it allowed for the determination of all the proposed analytes (12) in the test materials. Nevertheless, the results provided by multi-mycotoxin methodologies did not differ statistically from those produced by single-analyte procedures. Many participants uphold the will to implement a methodology to analyse enniatins and beauvericin in the near future, while other laboratories' methods require improvements in the extraction efficiency and sensitivity.

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Table 1. Participating laboratories

Department	Country
LVA GmbH	Austria
AGES GmbH	Austria
CODA-CERVA	Belgium
Bulgarian Food Safety Agency	Bulgaria
Andrija Stampar Teaching Institute of Public Health	Croatia
State General Laboratory	Cyprus
Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority (CAFIA)	Czech Republic
UKZUZ (Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture)	Czech Republic
Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	Denmark
DTU Food	Denmark
Agricultural Research Centre	Estonia
Finnish Food Safety Authority Evira	Finland
Laboratoire SCL de Rennes	France
Laboratoire des Pyrenees et des Landes	France
CVUA Rheinland	Germany
Federal Institute for Risk Assessment	Germany
Lower Saxony State Office for Consumer Protection and Food Safety	Germany
CVUA Sigmaringen	Germany
Feedstuffs Control Laboratory of Athens, Ministry of Rural Development & Food	Greece
General Chemical State Laboratory	Greece
Chemical State Laboratory, Division of Piraeus and the Aegean	Greece
National Food Chain Safety Office, Food And Feed Safety Directorate, Food Toxicological NRL	Hungary
National Food Chain Safety Office, Food and Feed Safety Directorate, Feed Investigation National Reference Laboratory	Hungary
Public Analyst's Laboratory Dublin	Ireland
Ireland State Laboratory, Contaminants Department	Ireland
Azienda USL Toscana centro	Italy
Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Mezzogiorno	Italy
IZSLER	Italy
ARPAL	Italy
ATS Val Padana	Italy
IZS Sicilia	Italy
Istituto Superiore di Sanità – National Reference Laboratory for Mycotoxins	Italy
Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment "BIOR"	Latvia
National Food And Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute	Lithuania
Laboratoire national de santé	Luxembourg
Public Health Laboratory	Malta
RIKILT - Wageningen University and Research	Netherlands
National Veterinary Research Institute	Poland
ASAE	Portugal
Institute for Hygiene and Veterinary Public Health	Romania
Regional Public Health Authority in Poprad	Slovakia
State veterinary and food institute Dolný Kubín, Veterinary and food institute in Košice"	Slovakia
National laboratory for health, environment and food	Slovenia
National Centre for Food (Spanish Consuming Affairs, Food Safety and Nutrition Agency	Spain
Consejería de Desarrollo Rural y Rec. Naturales – Laboratorio de Sanidad Animal	Spain
GV. Conselleria de Sanidad Universal y Salud Pública. Centro de Salud Pública	Spain
CNTA	Spain
Laboratorio de Salud Pública de Albacete. Junta de Comunidades de Castilla-La Mancha	Spain
National Food Agency	Sweden

National Veterinary Institute (SVA)	Sweden
Fera Science Ltd	UK
West Yorkshire Analytical Services	UK
Public Analyst Scientific Services Limited	UK

List of abbreviations and definitions

AFB1	Aflatoxin B1
BEA	Beauvericin
CEN	European Committee for Standardization
DON	Deoxynivalenol
ELISA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
EN	Enniatin
EMD-IDMS	Exact-Matching Double Isotope Dilution Mass Spectrometry
EURL	European Union Reference Laboratory
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FB1&2	Fumonisin B1 and B2
HPLC-FLD	High performance liquid chromatography-fluorescence detection
HPLC-UV(DAD)	High performance liquid chromatography-ultraviolet/diode array detection
IAC	Immunoaffinity extraction column/clean-up
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
JRC	Joint Research Centre
LC-HiResMS	Liquid chromatography-high resolution mass spectrometry
LC-MS/MS	Liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry
GC-MS(/MS)	Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry or tandem mass spectrometry
LOD	Limit of Detection
LOQ	Limit of Quantification
MS	Member States
NRL	National Reference Laboratory
OCL	Official Control Laboratory
PT	Proficiency Test
QuEChERS	Quick, Easy, Cheap, Effective, Rugged and Safe
ZON	Zearalenone

1 Introduction

Mycotoxins are products of fungal secondary metabolism produced by filamentous fungi that can infect agricultural commodities both in the field and during storage [1]. Over 400 mycotoxins are known nowadays, but just about 30 occur in food and feed [2]. Aflatoxins, trichothecenes, fumonisins, ochratoxin A, zearalenone, patulin and *Alternaria* toxins are considered to be of the greatest importance to human and animal health, and to have the biggest detrimental economic impact in food trade [2-4].

They can display a range of severe toxic effects in humans and animals. Aflatoxin B1 (AFB1) is the most potent natural carcinogen in experimental animals (rats), ochratoxin A (OTA) is nephrotoxic, fumonisins B1 and B2 (FB1 and FB2) exhibit neuro- or hepatotoxicity and carcinogenicity depending on the target species affected, deoxynivalenol (DON) shows immunotoxic effects, zearalenone (ZON) is an endocrine disruptor, binding to the oestrogen receptors; and T-2 and HT-2 toxins inhibit protein synthesis and are highly haematotoxic [1,2,5,6].

Nowadays, their co-occurrence and combined toxicity is gaining increased interest. The same fungus might produce different mycotoxins, and various fungi can affect the same crop. Exposure to several classes of mycotoxins often results in an additive effect, not excluding a possible synergistic interaction [6-8]. Maize is an example where several mycotoxins have been reported to occur simultaneously.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has estimated that 25% of the world's food crops are contaminated with mycotoxins, but the actual figures might well be much higher [9]. Kovalsky *et al.* [6] reported contamination rates varying between 7 and 79 % for B trichothecenes and 88 % for ZON, while enniatins (ENs) were ubiquitous.

Presently, AFs are regulated with maximum levels in 18 food categories, OTA in 13, DON in 9, ZON in 10 and fumonisins in 6 [10]. Indicative levels were established for the sum of T-2 and HT-2 toxins in unprocessed cereals and cereal products [11]. Food safety concerns have been extended recently to the so-called "emerging" mycotoxins such as ENs and beauvericin (BEA). ENs exhibit biological activity acting as enzyme inhibitors, are antifungal and antibacterial agents, and immunomodulatory substances [12]. BEA is cytotoxic and can induce apoptosis and DNA fragmentation. ENs and BEA act as ionophores, disturbing the pH and physiological ionic balance [13]. Enniatin B, the most prevalent EN, was found by Juan *et al.* in 70 % of the baby food samples at levels of up to 1100 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ and in 44 % of the pasta samples at levels of up to 106 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$, while other authors reported contamination rates of between 50-90 % of the wheat, maize and barley samples with total concentrations of EN and BEA of up to 500 mg kg^{-1} [12].

The trends in food analysis go in the direction of developing multi-analyte methods, combining a generic sample preparation protocol with a highly selective instrumental analysis, such as liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) [14,15]. This may allow monitoring for larger numbers of potential contaminants and revealing heretofore unknown potential hazards [3]. LC-MS-based multi-mycotoxin methods offer improved selectivity and sensitivity, a substantial reduction of the sample preparation, and simultaneous quantification and confirmation of the identity [1,2]. Despite the fact that the performance of the laboratories has enhanced over the recent years, improvements in accuracy, efficiency and the management of matrix effects are still needed [1,2]. A previous proficiency test (PT) highlighted that matrix-matched calibrations or calibrations using ^{13}C -labelled mycotoxins as internal standards were essential for accurate mycotoxin quantification [1]. Nevertheless, neither all national reference laboratories (NRLs) use LC-MS methods for mycotoxin determinations nor they resort to the above tools for matrix compensation. Therefore, the continued evaluation of their proficiency is required. Besides, efforts should be undertaken to foster their analytical capability on the determination of emerging mycotoxins (e.g. ENs and BEA).

2 Scope

As stated in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council [16], one of the core duties of the EURL is to organise PTs for the benefit of the NRLs.

Given the fact that single mycotoxin PTs are only of relevance where a particular mycotoxin is regulated the conduction of multi-mycotoxin PTs is an elegant way of recognising the fact that for some food matrices a number of mycotoxins are potential contaminants. Therefore, a proficiency test including naturally contaminated test materials was organised covering all regulated mycotoxins in cereals, except ochratoxin A. Mycotoxins of emerging concern, such as ENs and BEA were also included to gauge the analytical capability and proficiency among the participants. The determination of enniatins A, A1, B, B1 and beauvericin was not mandatory but highly encouraged.

The proficiency test was addressed to all NRLs for mycotoxins and to appointed Official Control Laboratories (OCLs). Participation was mandatory and free of charge for the NRLs. Fifty-six laboratories from 28 Member States registered for the PT.

The EURL Mycotoxins performed the planning, execution and assessment of the measurement results based on the requirements laid down in ISO/IEC 17043:2010 [17]. Participants' results were evaluated using the ProLab software package (Quodata, Dresden, DE). The team that organised this PT is an ISO/IEC 17043:2010 accredited PT provider [18].

3 Confidentiality

The procedures used for the organisation of PTs are accredited according to ISO/IEC 17043:2010 [17] and guarantee that the identity of the participants and the information provided by them is treated as confidential. However, lab codes of the NRLs appointed in line with the Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 will be disclosed to DG SANTE upon request for (long-term) performance assessment.

4 Time frame

The PT was announced to the National Reference Laboratories by email and through the EURL Mycotoxins web page [18] on 15th July 2016. Registration for this PT was open until 02nd September 2016 (**Annex 1**). The participants were given six weeks after the dispatch of the samples (13th and 14th September 2016) for analysing them and reporting back the results together with the duly filled questionnaire. The deadline for reporting the results was 28th October 2016.

5 Materials

5.1 Preparation

The oat test material was produced by combining two contaminated oat batches with one blank oat. The corn material was produced by combining two low contaminated materials with a small amount of a highly contaminated corn supplied by Trilogy (Washington, USA). The materials were thoroughly homogenised, bottled and stored in the freezer until dispatch. Batches of approximately 5 kg of oat and 10 kg of corn were prepared and approximately 55 g and 100 g portions, respectively, were packed in amber plastic bottles. The materials were envisaged to contain as many regulated mycotoxins as possible, as well as enniatins and beauvericin. The contamination levels were in the range as commonly found in cereal samples.

5.2 Homogeneity

For checking the homogeneity of the test materials, 10 units per material (oat and corn) were randomly selected from the production lot. Two independent determinations were performed per bottle using a liquid chromatography-isotope dilution tandem mass spectrometry (LC-ID-MS/MS) method that was collaboratively validated to be published as CEN standard. The determination of beauvericin was carried out separately, consisting of an extraction with a mixture of water:ethyl acetate 1:2 followed by salting-out with sodium sulfate and clean-up with a silica solid-phase extraction column. Both methodologies are described in the working instruction D-00797 of the JRC Geel. The order of measurements was randomised. Homogeneity was evaluated according to ISO 13528:2015 [19]. The materials proved to be adequately homogeneous (**Annex 2**).

5.3 Stability study

The stability study was conducted following an isochronous experimental design [20]: -70 °C was chosen as the reference temperature for sample storage. Stability was assessed at the following test temperatures: room temperature (≈ 20 °C), 4 °C and -18 °C. The time periods considered in this study were: 14, 28 and 55 days. The stability was evaluated according to the requirements of ISO 13528:2015 [19]. A linear regression was drawn for each tested temperature over the duration of the study, and the significance of the slope departure from zero at 95 % confidence level was verified (**Annex 3**). The materials proved to be adequately stable at room temperature, 4 °C and -18 °C for the period between dispatch ($t=0$) and the submission date of the last results ($t=55$ days). Based on a similar PT (mycotoxins in cereals) of 2013, the regulated mycotoxins should be stable in the present PT matrix during 1-2 days shipment without cooling.

5.4 Distribution

The test materials were dispatched in polystyrene boxes at ambient temperature on 13th and 14th September 2016. The samples were mostly received within 24 hours after dispatch. Storage was required to be at -18 °C until analysis.

Each participant received:

- a) two test materials for analysis, packed in amber plastic bottles
 - Sample O-1## – oat (approx. 55 g)
 - Sample C-2## – corn (approx. 100 g)
- b) an accompanying letter with instructions on sample handling and reporting (**Annex 4**)
- d) a sample receipt form (**Annex 5**) and
- e) laboratory specific files for reporting with a lab code (by email).

6 Instructions to the participants

The scope of the PT and the instructions for sample handling and reporting of the results was communicated to the participants via an accompanying letter (**Annex 4**). The laboratories were required to report the mass fractions of the regulated mycotoxins and enniatins and beauvericin in $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ (mass as received) following their routine practices, accompanied by the measurement uncertainty ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$) for at least the regulated mycotoxins ($k=2$). Then, in the Questionnaire (**Annex 6**), participants were asked to mention whether the results were corrected for recoveries or not and to provide the recoveries figures (in %).

The results were reported by the participants using the RingDat software, which is part of the ProLab software [21]. Laboratory specific files generated by ProLab were sent to each laboratory by email. A detailed questionnaire was also included. The questionnaire was

intended to provide additional information on method-related aspects and laboratory capabilities to allow insights on potential individual and general results' trends as well as to improve the planning of future PTs.

Method-related details such as the type of extraction and clean-up protocols, chromatographic and detection conditions, calibration strategy and quality control; and performance parameters such as LODs and LOQs were requested.

Participants were informed about the shipment of the materials at ambient temperature and that upon arrival they should be transferred to -18 °C. Participants were also encouraged to perform the analysis as soon as possible to allow enough time for data treatment, get acquainted with the software for reporting and resolve any unexpected instrumental issue.

7 Reference values and their uncertainties

The assigned values of the regulated mycotoxins in the test materials and their uncertainties were established by Exact-Matching Double Isotope Dilution Mass Spectrometry (EMD-IDMS) at JRC-Geel (Table 2). This methodology is considered to provide the highest degree of accuracy of the assigned values [22].

The reference values for the enniatins were obtained by standard addition, due to the lack of the corresponding isotope-labelled standards required for performing EMD-IDMS. These values should be regarded as indicative.

Table 2. Assigned values of the analytes and their associated expanded uncertainties in oat and corn test items

Matrix	Analyte	Technique	Assigned value ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	U (k=2) ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)
Corn	Deoxynivalenol	EMD-IDMS	611	32
	Aflatoxin B1	EMD-IDMS	10.61	0.65
	Zearalenone	EMD-IDMS	161.6	8.8
	Fumonisin B1	EMD-IDMS	768	50
	Fumonisin B2	EMD-IDMS	224	16
Oat	T-2 toxin	EMD-IDMS	70.3	2.1
	HT-2 toxin	EMD-IDMS	150.3	9.5
	Enniatin B	Stand. Add.	36.4	2.8 ¹
	Enniatin B1	Stand. Add.	26.3	2.2 ¹
	Enniatin A1	Stand. Add.	7.95	0.84 ¹
	Enniatin A	Stand. Add.	<LOQ	–

U - expanded uncertainty of the assigned value

¹ A conservative approach was adopted in the absence of information about the uncertainty of the purity of the calibrants

8 Evaluation of the results

8.1 General observations

Fifty-six participants from 28 countries registered for the exercise and 53 datasets were reported back. Thirty-six laboratories were NRLs for mycotoxins and 17 were OCLs. Both NRLs for food and feed from Czech Republic, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Hungary, Slovakia and Sweden have participated in this PT.

It was intended that the test materials distributed would contain the widest possible range of regulated mycotoxins and additionally, enniatins and beauvericin. The

concentrations of ochratoxin A and enniatin A were, however, too low to be reliably quantified and most probably fall below the LOQs of routine analytical methods. The mycotoxins that were requested to be analysed were split between the two materials to limit the analytical work of the laboratories, although such materials may contain other mycotoxins.

The laboratories were free to use their method of choice reflecting their routine procedures. More than half of the laboratories (33) used LC-MS/MS-based multi-mycotoxin methods while many laboratories still used HPLC-UV(DAD) for the determination of DON, and HPLC-FLD was the preferred technique for the determination of AFB1.

8.2 Scores and evaluation criteria

The individual laboratory performance was assessed in terms of z- and zeta- (ζ) scores following ISO 13528:2015 [19]. The following formulas were used:

$$z = \frac{X_{lab} - X_{ref}}{\sigma_p} \quad \text{Equation 1}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{X_{Lab} - X_{ref}}{\sqrt{u_{lab}^2 + u_{ref}^2}} \quad \text{Equation 2}$$

where:

X_{lab} is the measurement result reported by a participant

X_{ref} is the reference value (assigned value)

u_{lab} is the standard uncertainty reported by a participant

u_{ref} is the standard uncertainty of the reference value

σ_p is the standard deviation for proficiency assessment (target standard deviation)

σ_p was calculated as 22 % of the assigned value. The coefficient derived from the Horwitz equation for a mass fraction of 120 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ ($\sigma_p = 0.22 C$) was applied regardless of the magnitude of the mass fraction of each given analyte. Data collected in previous PTs indicated that this coefficient often closely resembles the reproducibility standard deviation of the participants' data.

The z-score compares the participants' deviation from the reference value with the target standard deviation accepted for the proficiency test, σ_p . The z-score is interpreted as:

$ z \leq 2$	indicates satisfactory performance
$2 < z < 3$	indicates questionable performance
$ z \geq 3$	indicates unsatisfactory performance

The zeta (ζ)-score indicates whether the participants' estimate of the uncertainty is consistent with the observed deviation from the assigned value. The ζ -score is the most relevant evaluation parameter, as it includes all parts of a measurement result, namely the expected value, its uncertainty as well as the uncertainty of the assigned value.

The interpretation of the ζ -score is similar to the interpretation of the z-score:

$ \zeta \leq 2$	indicates satisfactory performance
$2 < \zeta < 3$	indicates questionable performance
$ \zeta \geq 3$	indicates unsatisfactory performance

An unsatisfactory performance based on a $|\zeta|$ -score ≥ 3 might be due to an underestimation of the uncertainty, a large deviation from the reference value or to a combination of the two factors.

8.3 Laboratory results and scoring

The statistical evaluation of the results was performed using the ProLab software [21]. Z- and ζ -scoring was based on the reference values (and respective uncertainties) assigned by EMD-IDMS instead of the consensus values (robust mean). The robust mean and the reproducibility standard deviation were computed according to the Algorithm A of ISO 13528:2015, and are given in Table 3 just for information purposes [19].

No performance scoring was attempted for the enniatins and beauvericin, as the reduced number of participants (max. 15) limited the robustness of the consensus estimation of the actual mass fraction while the calibration standards used in the organiser's estimations were not accompanied by the uncertainty of the purity. The two estimations above for enniatin B and A1 deviated 6.6 and 7.6 % from each other, respectively, which is in the range of their uncertainties, while the estimations for enniatin B1 deviated by 43 %. The mass fraction of enniatin A is below the method's LOQ, while, in general, the calibrations for beauvericin didn't meet the requirement of $r^2 > 0.99$ due to the dispersion of the results. The values supplied should be seen as indicative, and any technical judgement on the analytical performance is reserved to each of the participants.

83.7 % of the results reported by the participants were rated with satisfactory z-scores ($|z| \leq 2$), taking into consideration all regulated mycotoxins requested in the two matrices (DON, AFB1, ZON, FB1, FB2, HT-2 and T-2) (see figure 1).

6.1 % of the results fell into the unsatisfactory range with $|z| \geq 3$

Figure 2 shows that the performance of the laboratories analysing DON, AFB1, ZON, FB1 and FB2 present in the corn material was better than analysing HT-2 and T-2 (for which just a Commission Recommendation exists) in oat. Additionally, the number of laboratories that reported results for HT-2 (39) and T-2 (40) was lower than for AFB1 (52), ZON (49) and DON (48), which are strictly mandatory determinations in a variety of food matrices.

The determination of HT-2 and T-2 toxins was almost exclusively done by LC-MS/MS, which requires an appropriate compensation of the matrix effects by using the corresponding isotopologues, opposite to other mycotoxins which can be analysed by robust techniques such as HPLC-FLD after immunoaffinity clean-up (IAC).

Figures 3 and 4 present an overview of the individual z-scores assigned to the results provided by each laboratory. The longer the triangles, the larger were the differences to the assigned values. Blue triangles represent z-scores in the satisfactory range, yellow triangles in the questionable range and red triangles in the unsatisfactory performance range. The unsatisfactory scores are shown next to the red triangles.

The numerical values of the calculated z-scores and ζ -scores are compiled in Tables 4 and 5. All z- and ζ -scores in the satisfactory performance range are shown with a green background; those in the questionable range are displayed with a yellow background and scores indicating unsatisfactory performance are presented with a light-red background.

Figure 1. Overall distribution of the z-scores obtained by the participants for the regulated mycotoxins in the corn and oat materials

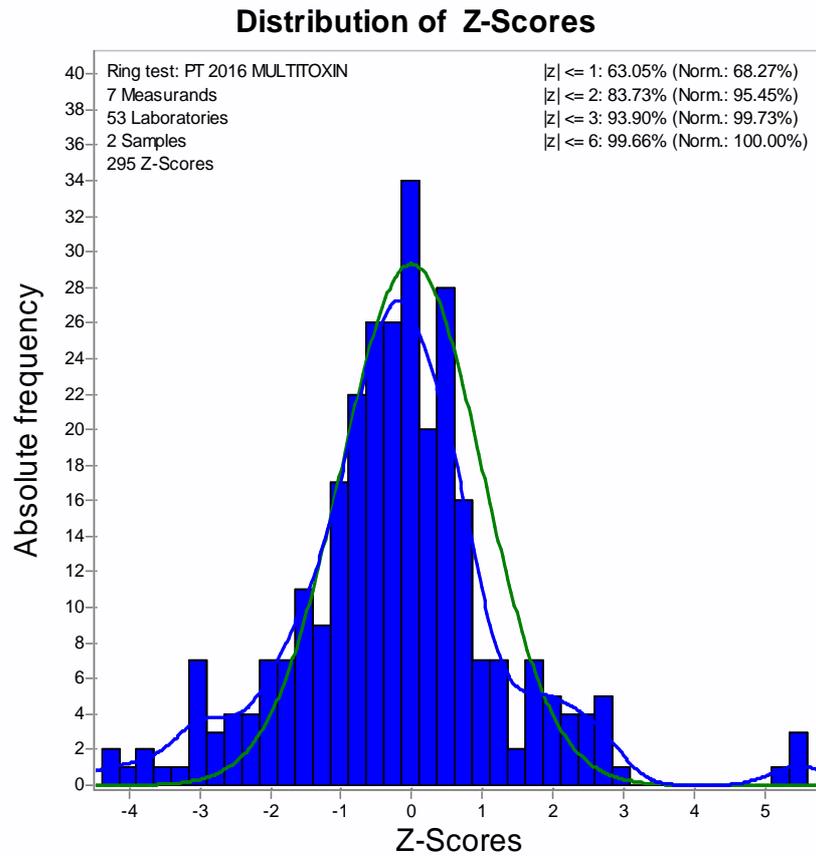
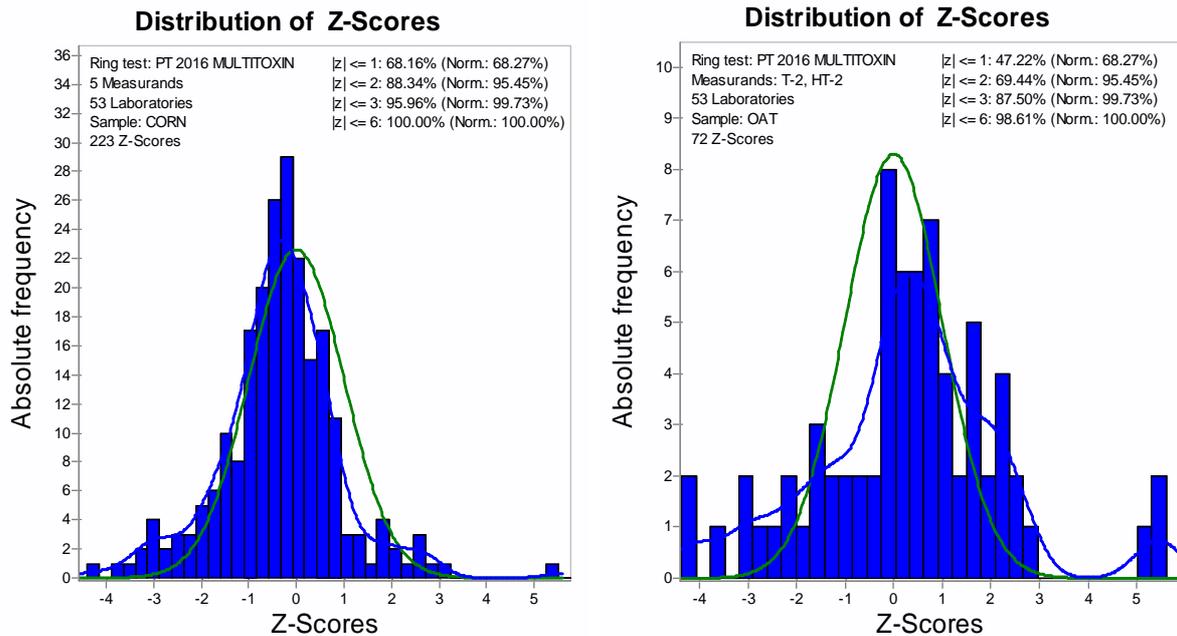


Figure 2. Distribution of the z-scores for the regulated mycotoxins present in the corn (left) and oat (right) materials



The graphical representations of the sigmoidal distribution of the results ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$) for each combination of analyte/sample are given in Figure 5. Reported values are shown as bars. The green line corresponds to X_{ref} ; the green shadow covers the boundary of the reference interval ($X_{\text{ref}} \pm u_{\text{ref}}$), and the red lines mark the boundary of the target interval ($X_{\text{ref}} \pm 2\sigma$). Green bars represent results with $|z\text{-score}| \leq 2$, yellow bars represent results with $2 < |z\text{-score}| < 3$, while the red bars represent results with $|z\text{-score}| \geq 3$.

Figure 3. Individual laboratory z-scores for the regulated mycotoxins in corn.

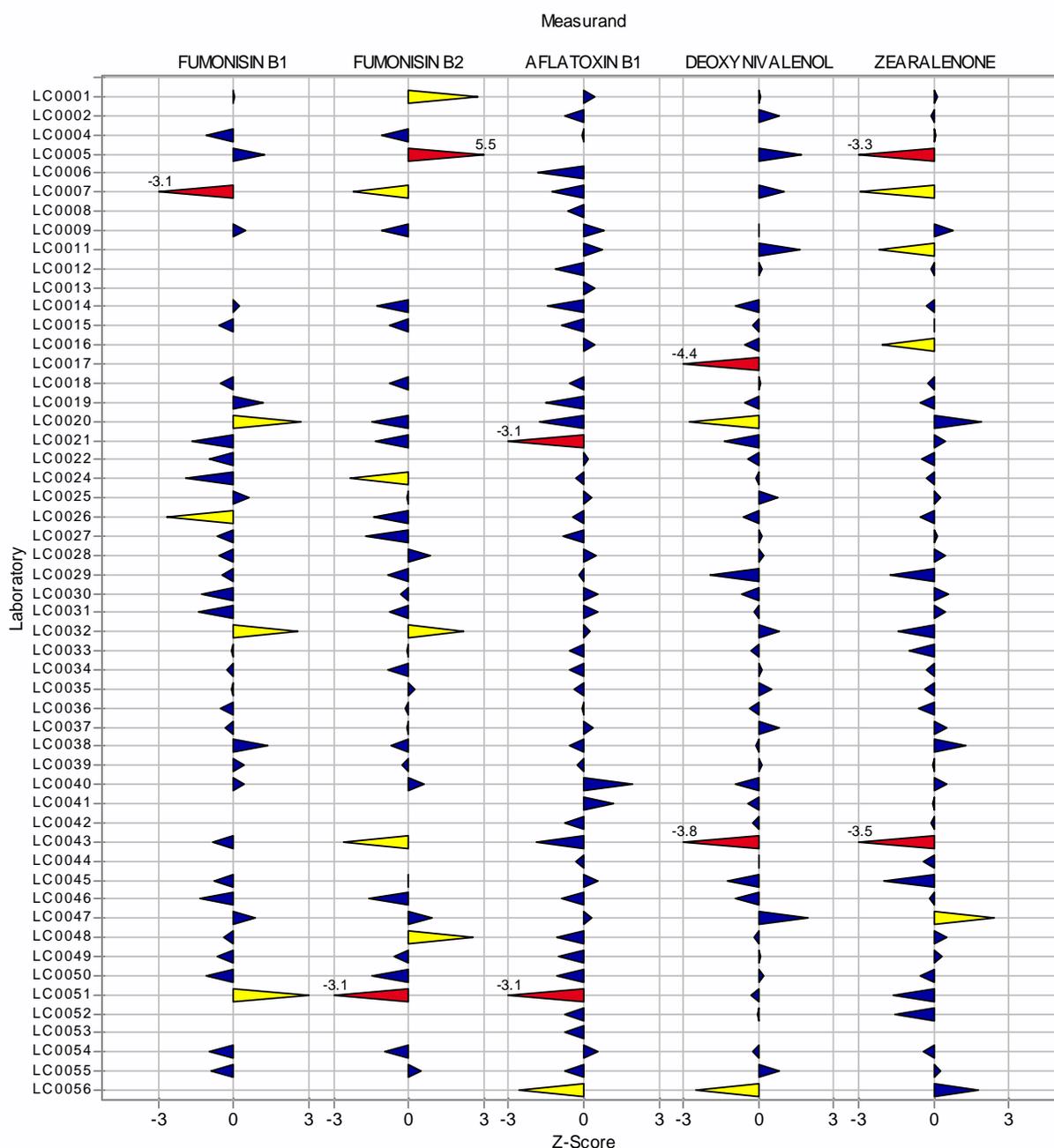
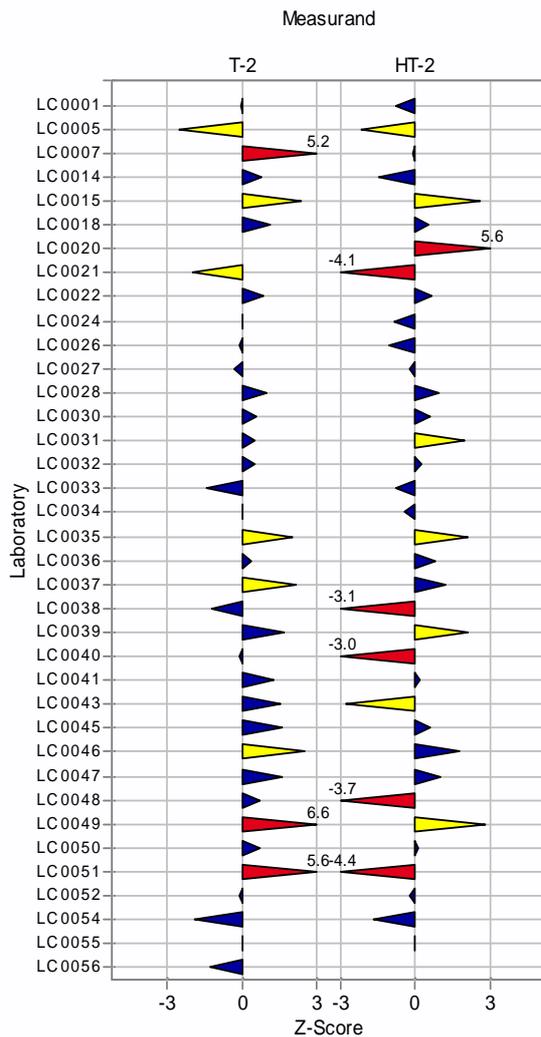


Figure 4. Individual laboratory z-scores for the regulated mycotoxins in oat.



A summary of the statistical evaluation of the results of the regulated mycotoxins, enniatins and beauvericin is presented in Table 3. The robust standard deviations of the reported results for AFB1, DON and ZON were close or below the target standard deviation (22 %) while they were somewhat higher for FB1 and FB2. On the other hand, the robust standard deviations for HT-2 and T-2 toxins are clearly above the target standard deviation (45 and 33 %, respectively). This finding reflects the maturity of the laboratories analysing these mycotoxins. Not all NRLs submitted results for the HT-2 and T-2 toxins and efforts are still needed to improve the analytical performance.

The limited number of laboratories reporting results for enniatins and the fact that these mycotoxins are not part of a routine monitoring may explain the higher robust standard deviation that was calculated (from 41 to 60 %). At the highest extreme is beauvericin, which suffers from considerable signal variability from run to run when analysed by LC-MS/MS. Presently, there are no commercially available isotope-labelled internal standards that can effectively compensate these analytical inconsistencies.

Annex 7 shows the individual kernel density plots for the mycotoxins covered by the PT. The confidence intervals of the robust means calculated from the participants' results overlap with the confidence intervals of the assigned values for all the analytes, except for the T-2 toxin.

Table 3. Summary statistics of the results submitted for the regulated mycotoxins, enniatins and beauvericin in corn and oat

		CORN					OAT						
	Units	DON	AFB1	ZON	FB1	FB2	HT-2	T-2	ENB	ENB1	ENA1	ENA	BEA
No. of participants		56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56
No. of laboratories that submitted results		48	52	49	41	39	39	40	15	13	12	13	15
Assigned value	$\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$	611	10.61	161.6	768	224	150.3	70.3	36.4	26.3	7.95	<LOQ	– ¹
Uncertainty of the assigned value (k=2)	$\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$	32	0.65	8.8	50	16	9.5	2.1	2.8 ²	2.2 ²	0.84 ²	–	–
Mean (robust)	$\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$	587	9.6	151	715	196	145	80	34.1	17.0	7.4	1.7	15.8
Reproducibility s.d.	$\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$	113	2.2	37	188	60	68	23	14.2	6.9	4.4	1.6	13.9
Target s.d.	$\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$	134	2.3	36	169	49	33	16	–	–	–	–	–
Rel. reproducibility s.d.	%	18	21	23	24	27	45	33	42	41	60	94	88
σ_p	%	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	–	–	–	–	–

¹ No reliable value could be established, see chapter 8.3 on page 10 for details.

² A conservative approach was adopted in the absence of information about the uncertainty of the purity of the calibrants

Table 4. Reported results and respective z-scores and ζ -scores in the corn test material

Lab code	Deoxynivalenol					Aflatoxin B1					Zearalenone					Fumonisin B1					Fumonisin B2				
	Result ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	U lab ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C*	Result ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	U lab ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C	Result ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	U lab ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C	Result ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	U lab ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C	Result ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	U lab ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C
LC0001	619	87.0	0.1	0.2	a	11.6	2.30	0.4	0.8	a	166	50.0	0.1	0.2	a	778	110.0	0.1	0.2	a	361	43.00	2.8	6.0	a
LC0002	723	115.0	0.8	1.9	a	8.91	1.20	-0.7	-2.5	a	158.5	36.1	-0.1	-0.2	a										
LC0004						10.5	2.70	0.0	-0.1	a	165	35.0	0.1	0.2	a	581	107.0	-1.1	-3.2	a	171	39.0	-1.1	-2.5	a
LC0005	842.2	151.8	1.7	2.98	a	-					43.8	8.8	-3.3	-18.9	a	975.5	117.1	1.2	3.3	a	495.2	87.5	5.5	6.1	a
LC0006						6.4	1.60	-1.8	-4.9	a															
LC0007	747	329.0	1.0	0.8	c	7.63	3.36	-1.3	-1.7	a	56	25.0	-2.97	-8.0	a	248	109.0	-3.1	-8.7	a	116	51.0	-2.2	-4.0	a
LC0008						9.12	1.37	-0.6	-2.0	a															
LC0009	608	122.0	0.0	0.0	a	12.5	2.50	0.8	1.5	a	190	38.0	0.8	1.5	a	846	169.0	0.5	0.9	a	170	51.0	-1.1	-2.003	a
LC0011	835		1.7			12.34	4.94	0.7	0.7	b	84.2		-2.2			<1000					<1000				
LC0012	625.75	188.0	0.1	0.2	a	7.97	1.40	-1.1	-3.4	a	156.8	34.0	-0.1	-0.3	a										
LC0013						11.7	2.30	0.5	0.9	a															
LC0014	482	33.0	-1.0	-5.6	a	7.2	0.70	-1.5	-7.1	a	151	15.0	-0.3	-1.2	a	808	36.0	0.2	1.3	b	161	8.0	-1.3	-6.9	b
LC0015	576	140.0	-0.3	-0.5	a	8.6	3.90	-0.9	-1.0	a	163	48.0	0.0	0.1	a	671	160.0	-0.6	-1.2	a	186	54.0	-0.8	-1.3	a
LC0016	533	187.0	-0.6	-0.8	a	11.6	5.10	0.4	0.4	c	89	39.0	-2.04	-3.6	a										
LC0017	20	8.0	-4.4	-35.8	b	<0.1					<10					<20					<20				
LC0018	617.5	64.9	0.0	0.2	a	9.3	1.00	-0.6	-2.2	a	152.9	7.5	-0.2	-1.5	b	683.8	47.6	-0.5	-2.4	b	185.1	20.5	-0.8	-2.9	a
LC0019	536	85.9	-0.6	-1.6	a	7.01	1.06	-1.5	-5.8	a	142.5	28.5	-0.5	-1.3	a	967	193.0	-0.11	-0.24	a					
LC0020	239.5	45.51	-2.8	-13.3	a	6.43	0.96	-1.8	-7.2	a	230	36.8	1.9	3.6	a	1220	244.0	2.7	3.6	a	153	27.54	-1.4	-4.4	a
LC0021	422.28		-1.4			3.39		-3.1			176.65		0.4			485.78		-1.7			158.24		-1.3		
LC0022	550	165.0	-0.5	-0.7	a	11	5.50	0.2	0.1	c	144	43.2	-0.5	-0.8	a	602	301.0	-1.0	-1.1	a					
LC0024	597	191.0	-0.1	-0.1	a	9.87	5.43	-0.3	-0.3	c	150	37.0	-0.3	-0.6	a	447	214.0	-1.9	-2.9	a	109	31.0	-2.3	-6.5	a
LC0025	716.1	94.5	0.8	2.1	a	11.34	7.60	0.3	0.2	c	171.2	33.6	0.3	0.6	a	873	222.0	0.6	0.9	a	220	70.0	-0.1	-0.1	a
LC0026	527.75	211.1	-0.6	-0.8	a	9.51	3.80	-0.5	-0.6	a	141.67	56.67	-0.6	-0.7	a	319.48	127.79	-2.7	-6.5	a	154.04	61.62	-1.4	-2.2	a
LC0027	630	221.0	0.1	0.2	a	8.75	4.40	-0.8	-0.8	a	167	84.0	0.2	0.1	c	657	263.0	-0.7	-0.8	a	138	55.0	-1.7	-2.98	a
LC0028	634	253.0	0.2	0.2	a	11.75	4.70	0.5	0.5	c	178	71.0	0.5	0.5	a	668	267.0	-0.6	-0.7	a	266	106.0	0.9	0.8	c
LC0029	347	104.1	-2.0	-4.8	a	10.1	3.03	-0.2	-0.3	a	98.4	29.5	-1.8	-4.1	a	686.1	205.8	-0.5	-0.8	a	182.8	54.8	-0.8	-1.4	a
LC0030	521	182.0	-0.7	-1.0	a	12	3.60	0.6	0.8	a	182	62.0	0.6	0.7	a	557		-1.2			208		-0.3		a
LC0031	589	177.0	-0.2	-0.2	a	11.9	3.60	0.6	0.7	a	177	53.1	0.4	0.6	a	536	214.0	-1.4	-2.1	a	185	55.5	-0.8	-1.3	a

Lab code	Deoxynivalenol					Aflatoxin B1					Zearalenone					Fumonisin B1					Fumonisin B2				
	Result (µg kg ⁻¹)	U lab (µg kg ⁻¹)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C*	Result (µg kg ⁻¹)	U lab (µg kg ⁻¹)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C	Result (µg kg ⁻¹)	U lab (µg kg ⁻¹)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C	Result (µg kg ⁻¹)	U lab (µg kg ⁻¹)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C	Result (µg kg ⁻¹)	U lab (µg kg ⁻¹)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C
LC0032	724.9	13.5	0.8	6.5	b	11.16	1.85	0.2	0.6	a	109.5	8.0	-1.5	-8.8	b	1201	260.0	2.6	3.3	a	332	70.0	2.2	3.0	a
LC0033	572.2	199.1	-0.3	-0.4	a	9.3	4.10	-0.6	-0.6	a	126.9	55.4	-1.0	-1.2	a	756.0	252.3	-0.1	-0.1	a	220.3	88.5	-0.1	-0.1	a
LC0034	630	37.0	0.1	0.8	a	9.34	4.43	-0.5	-0.6	a	150	35.0	-0.3	-0.6	a	727	74.0	-0.2	-0.9	a	182	9.0	-0.8	-4.5	b
LC0035	679.0	119.5	0.5	1.1	a	9.7	2.80	-0.4	-0.6	a	148.1	44.2	-0.4	-0.6	a	751.0	223.7	-0.1	-0.1	a	234.6	63.1	0.2	0.3	a
LC0036	556.74	16.73	-0.4	-3.0	b	10.4	2.90	-0.1	-0.1	a	139.14	1.69	-0.6	-5.0	b	679	230.9	-0.5	-0.8	a	217	73.4	-0.1	-0.2	a
LC0037	719	144.0	0.8	1.5	a	11.5	2.30	0.4	0.7	a	180	36.0	0.5	1.0	a	708	156.0	-0.4	-0.7	a	220	44.0	-0.1	-0.2	a
LC0038	592	118.0	-0.1	-0.3	a	9.3	1.90	-0.6	-1.3	a	207	41.0	1.3	2.2	a	999	200.0	1.4	2.2	a	190	38.0	-0.7	-1.6	a
LC0039	630	110.0	0.1	0.3	a	10	2.10	-0.3	-0.6	a	160	60.0	0.0	-0.1	a	840	180.0	0.4	0.8	a	210	27.0	-0.3	-0.9	a
LC0040	482	226.0	-1.0	-1.1	a	15.2	8.60	2.0	1.1	c	179	100.0	0.5	0.3	c	843	489.0	0.4	0.3	c	253	111.0	0.6	0.5	c
LC0041	552	276.0	-0.4	-0.4	c	13.4	6.50	1.2	0.9	c	160	80.0	0.0	0.0	c										
LC0042	581.4	173.4	-0.2	-0.3	a	8.9	3.70	-0.7	-0.9	a	158.3	52.9	-0.1	-0.1	a										
LC0043	99.9	10.8	-3.8	-30.2	b	6.18	1.05	-1.9	-7.2	a	35.4	8.37	-3.5	-20.8	b	630	85.4	-0.8	-2.8	a	96.3	15.8	-2.6	-11.2	b
LC0044	609.8	208.6	0.0	0.0	a	9.8	4.30	-0.3	-0.4	a	146.9	62.3	-0.4	-0.5	a										
LC0045	443	133.0	-1.2	-2.5	a	11.9	4.80	0.6	0.5	c	91	27.0	-2.0	-5.0	a	638	223.0	-0.8	-1.1	a	222	78.0	0.0	0.0	a
LC0046	485.9	114.4	-0.9	-2.1	a	8.48	3.70	-0.9	-1.1	a	154.8	43.3	-0.2	-0.3	a	540.8	125.3	-1.3	-3.4	a	145.2	41.0	-1.6	-3.6	a
LC0047	874	350.0	2.0	1.5	c	11.4	4.60	0.3	0.3	a	247	99.0	2.4	1.7	c	911	364.0	0.8	0.8	c	270	108.0	0.9	0.8	c
LC0048	583	60.0	-0.2	-0.8	a	8.1	0.90	-1.1	-4.5	a	180	27.0	0.5	1.3	a	707	127.0	-0.4	-0.9	a	352	57.0	2.6	4.3	a
LC0049	621	257.0	0.1	0.1	a	8.3	1.80	-1.0	-2.4	a	173.1	64.6	0.3	0.4	a	657	335.0	-0.7	-0.7	a	196	100.0	-0.6	-0.5	c
LC0050	637	192.0	0.2	0.3	a	8.1	2.50	-1.1	-1.9	a	141	43.0	-0.6	-0.9	a	586	293.0	-1.1	-1.2	a	153	77.0	-1.4	-1.8	a
LC0051	569.0		-0.3			3.3		-3.1			103.0		-1.6			1274.2		2.998			71.0		-3.1		
LC0052	601	30.0	-0.1	-0.5	b	8.8	1.90	-0.8	-1.8	a	107	4.6	-1.5	-11.0	b										
LC0053						8.9	3.90	-0.7	-0.9	a															
LC0054	580	180.0	-0.2	-0.3	a	11.9	3.90	0.6	0.7	a	146	44.0	-0.4	-0.7	a	603	190.0	-1.0	-1.7	a	176	53.0	-1.0	-1.7	a
LC0055	719	259.0	0.8	0.8	a	8.9	2.30	-0.7	-1.4	a	170	70.0	0.2	0.2	a	621	217.0	-0.9	-1.3	a	247	79.0	0.5	0.6	a
LC0056	271.66	45.29	-2.5	-12.2	a	4.52	0.75	-2.6	-12.3	a	225.74	37.63	1.8	3.3	a										

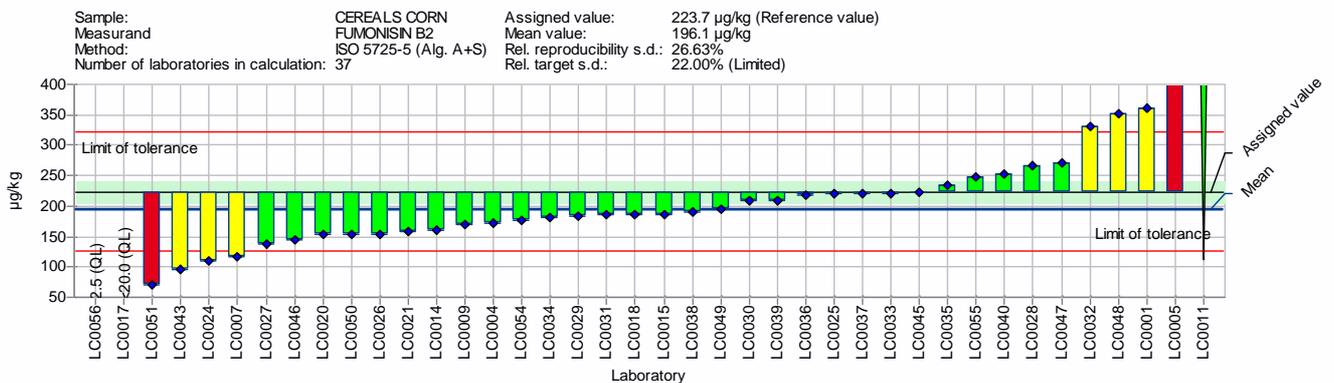
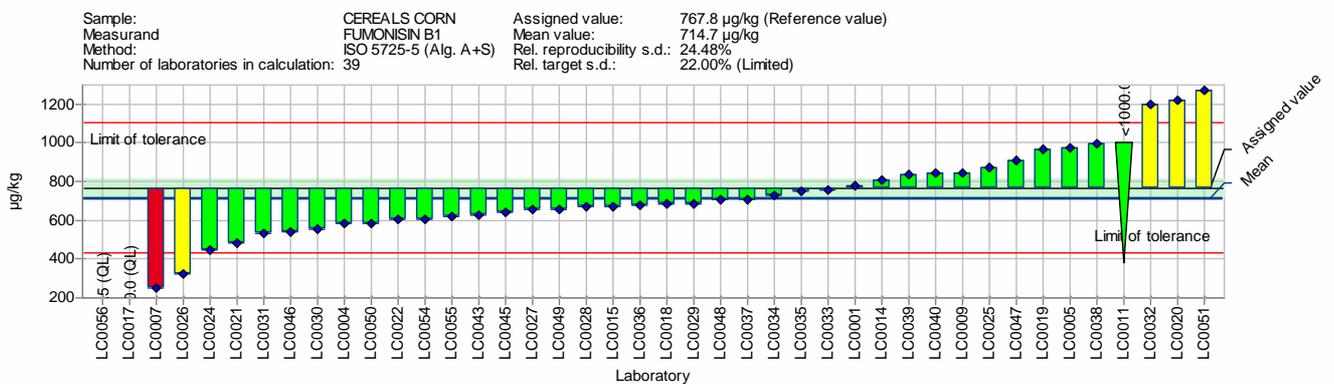
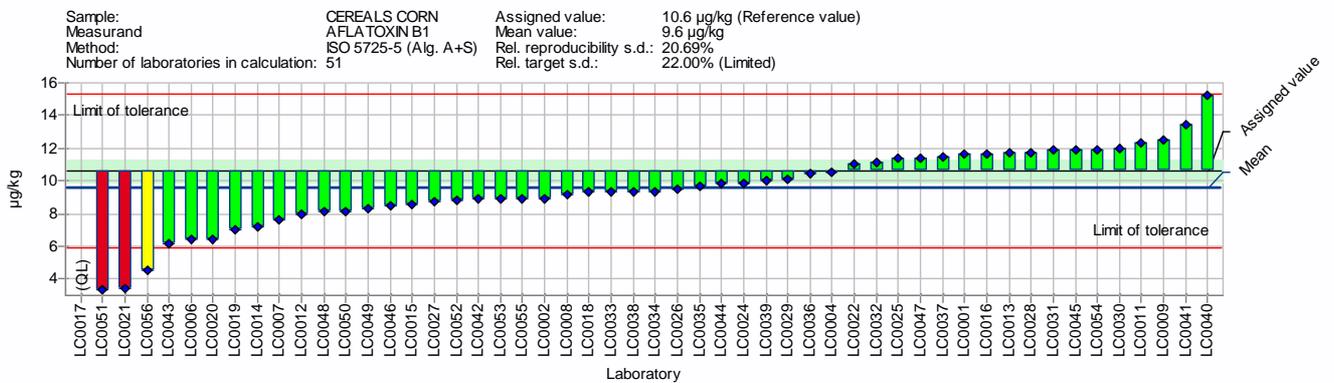
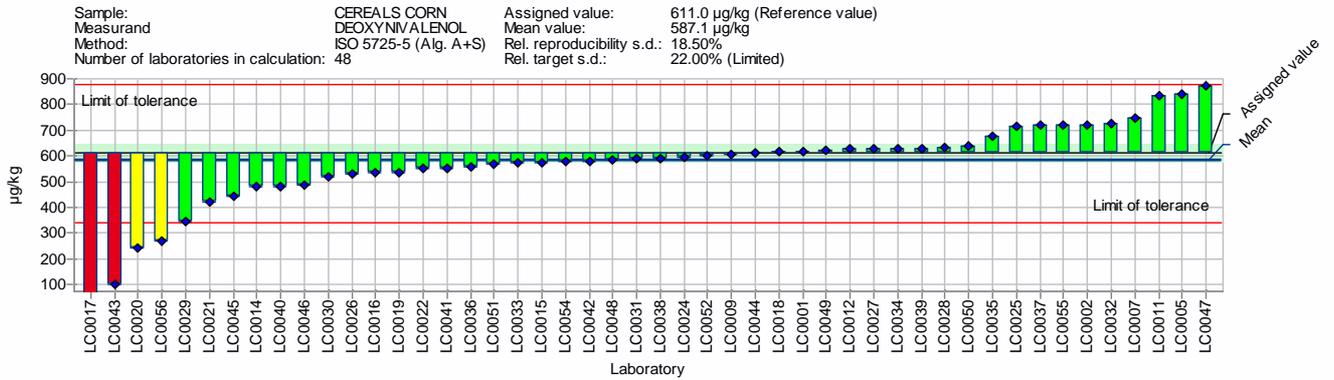
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Table 5. Reported results and respective z-scores and ζ -scores in the oat test material

Lab code	HT-2 toxin					T-2 toxin					SUM		Lab code	HT-2 toxin					T-2 toxin					SUM	
	Result ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	U lab ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C *	Result ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	U lab ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C	Result ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	Z-Score		Result ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	U lab ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C	Result ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	U lab ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	Z-Score	Zeta score	C	Result ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	Z-Score
LC0001	124	22.00	-0.8	-2.2	a	69.5	7.00	0.0	-0.2	a	193.5	-0.6	LC0039	220	72.00	2.1	1.9	c	97	24.00	1.7	2.2	a	317	1.99
LC0005	78.0	15.70	-2.2	-7.9	a	31.4	6.80	-2.5	-10.9	a	109.4	-2.4	LC0040	49.5	18.80	-3.0	-9.6	a	68.6	26.80	-0.1	-0.1	a	118.1	-2.1
LC0007	147	65.00	-0.1	-0.1	a	150	66.00	5.2	2.4	c	297	1.6	LC0041	157	79.00	0.2	0.2	c	90.5	45.00	1.3	0.9	c	247.5	0.6
LC0009	<50					<50							LC0043	58.4	10.50	-2.8	-13.0	a	94.5	12.50	1.6	3.8	a	152.9	-1.4
LC0011	<250					<250							LC0045	171.2	51.40	0.6	0.8	a	95.1	28.50	1.6	1.7	a	266.3	0.9
LC0014	101	7.00	-1.5	-8.4	b	82	5.00	0.8	4.3	a	183	-0.8	LC0046	208.1	55.70	1.7	2.04	a	109.0	32.10	2.5	2.4	c	317.1	1.99
LC0015	237	66.00	2.6	2.6	a	107	34.00	2.4	2.2	c	344	2.5	LC0047	183	73.00	1.0	0.9	c	95.2	38.00	1.6	1.3	c	278.2	1.2
LC0017	<10					<10							LC0048	29.5	8.40	-3.7	-19.0	b	81.6	16.90	0.7	1.3	a	111.1	-2.3
LC0018	168.0	34.00	0.5	1.0	a	88,3	3.80	1.2	8.3	a	256.3	0.7	LC0049	243	97.00	2.8	1.9	c	172	69.00	6.6	2.9	c	415	4.0
LC0020	334	50.10	5.6	7.2	a	<1.6					334	5.6	LC0050	154	47.00	0.1	0.2	a	81	25.00	0.7	0.9	a	235	0.3
LC0021	15.09		-4.1			39.09		-2.02			54.18	-3.4	LC0051	6.3		-4.4			156.9		5.6			163.2	-1.2
LC0022	171.8	51.50	0.6	0.8	a	83.5	25.10	0.9	1.1	a	255.3	0.7	LC0052	142	14.00	-0.3	-1.0	a	69	7.00	-0.1	-0.3	a	211	-0.2
LC0024	122	37.00	-0.9	-1.5	a	71	22.00	0.0	0.1	a	193	-0.6	LC0054	94.1	29.00	-1.7	-3.7	a	40.2	13.00	-1.9	-4.6	a	134.3	-1.8
LC0026	113.93	45.57	-1.1	-1.6	a	68.51	27.40	-0.1	-0.1	a	182.44	-0.8	LC0055	150	29.00	0.0	0.0	a	71	14.00	0.0	0.1	a	221	0.0
LC0027	143	46.00	-0.2	-0.3	a	65	22.00	-0.3	-0.5	a	208	-0.3	LC0056						50.79	8.50	-1.3	-4.4	a	50.79	-1.3
LC0028	182	73.00	1.0	0.9	c	86	34.00	1.0	0.9	c	268	1.0													
LC0030	169	49.00	0.6	0.7	a	79	26.00	0.6	0.7	a	248	0.6													
LC0031	217	109.00	2.02	1.2	c	77.9	23.40	0.5	0.6	a	294.9	1.5													
LC0032	158.0	35.00	0.2	0.4	a	78.3	21.00	0.5	0.8	a	236.3	0.3													
LC0033	123.0	53.90	-0.8	-1.0	a	48.0	21.10	-1.4	-2.1	a	171	-1.0													
LC0034	136	17.00	-0.4	-1.5	a	70.9	2.90	0.0	0.4	a	206.9	-0.3													
LC0035	221.0	61.20	2.1	2.3	a	102.3	27.30	2.1	2.3	a	323.3	2.1													
LC0036	176.1	74.00	0.8	0.7	c	76	33.40	0.4	0.3	c	252.1	0.6													
LC0037	191	38.20	1.2	2.1	a	104	20.80	2.2	3.2	a	295	1.5													
LC0038	48	9.60	-3.1	-15.1	a	51	10.00	-1.2	-3.8	a	99	-2.5													

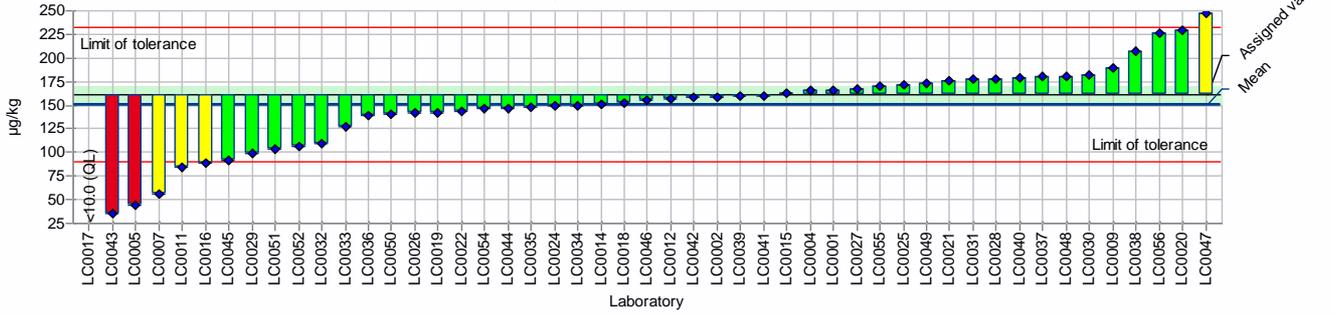
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Figure 5. Sigmoidal plots of individual laboratory results reported for the regulated mycotoxins, enniatins and beauvericin in corn and oat.



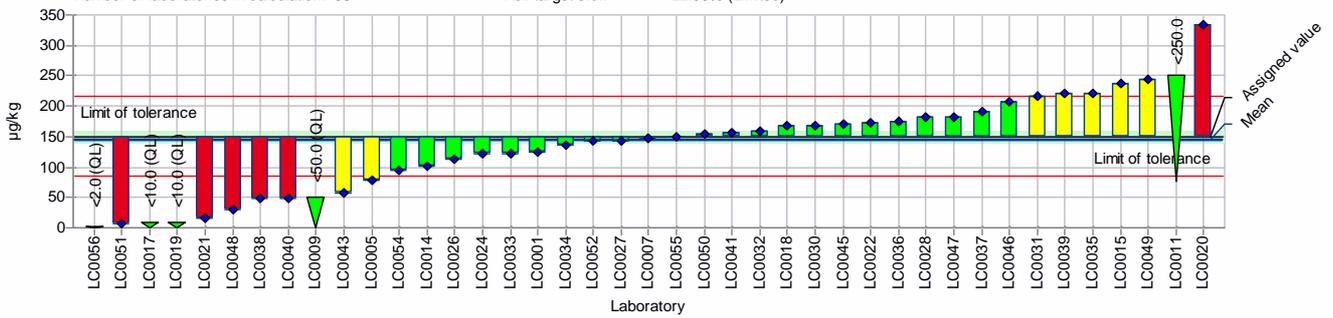
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 Measurand: ZEARALENONE
 Method: ISO 5725-5 (Alg. A+S)
 Number of laboratories in calculation: 48

Assigned value: 161.6 µg/kg (Reference value)
 Mean value: 151.4 µg/kg
 Rel. reproducibility s.d.: 22.83%
 Rel. target s.d.: 22.00% (Limited)



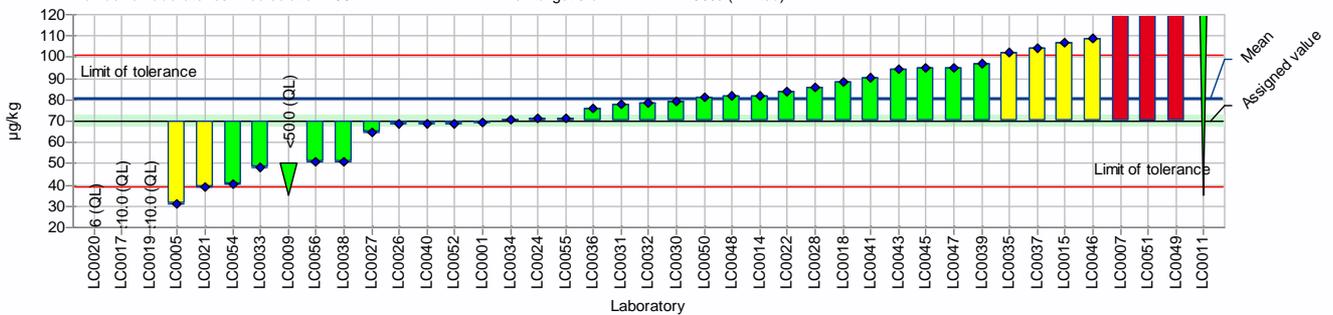
Sample: CEREALS OAT
 Measurand: HT-2
 Method: ISO 5725-5 (Alg. A+S)
 Number of laboratories in calculation: 36

Assigned value: 150.3 µg/kg (Reference value)
 Mean value: 145.4 µg/kg
 Rel. reproducibility s.d.: 45.40%
 Rel. target s.d.: 22.00% (Limited)

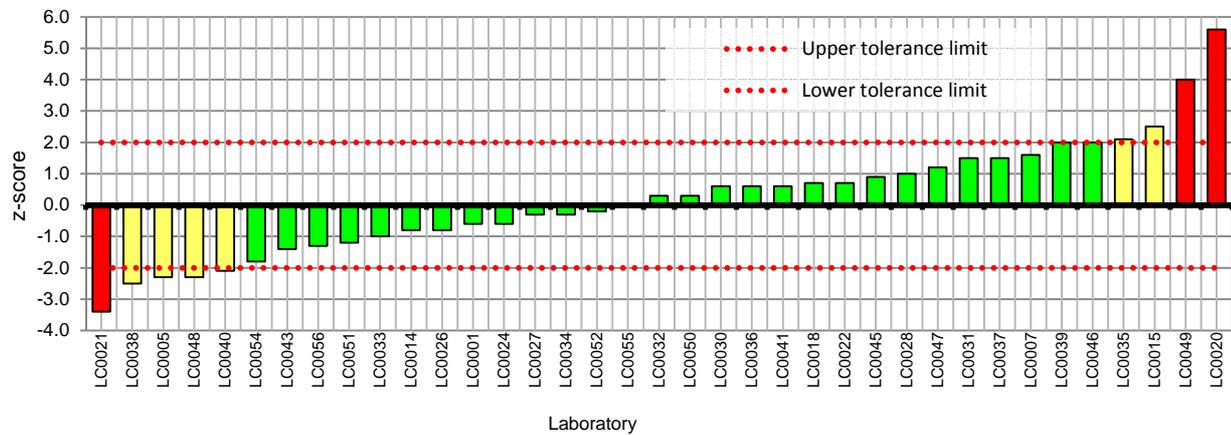


Sample: CEREALS OAT
 Measurand: T-2
 Method: ISO 5725-5 (Alg. A+S)
 Number of laboratories in calculation: 36

Assigned value: 70.3 µg/kg (Reference value)
 Mean value: 80.4 µg/kg
 Rel. reproducibility s.d.: 33.36%
 Rel. target s.d.: 22.00% (Limited)

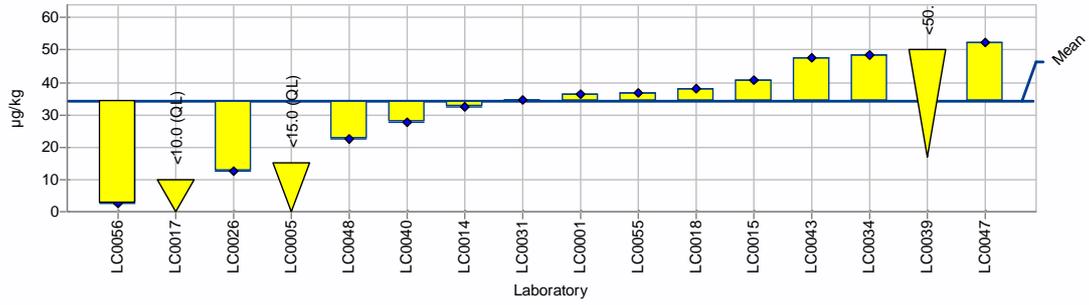


Cereals Oat: HT-2 + T-2 toxins Assigned value: 220.6 ug/kg



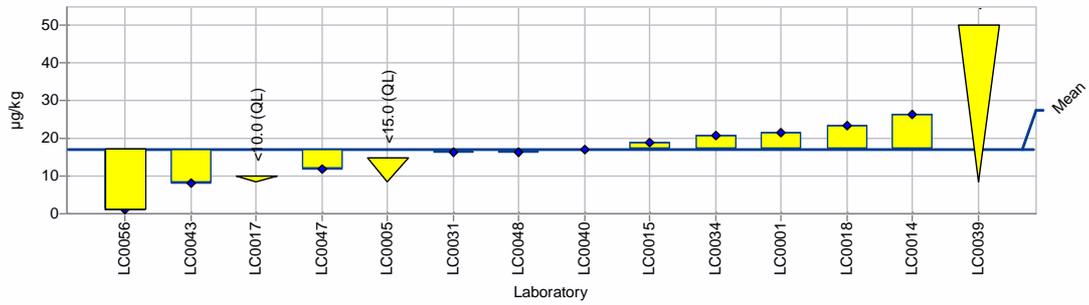
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 Method: ISO 5725-5 (Alg. A+S)
 Number of laboratories in calculation: 13

Mean value: 34.1 µg/kg
 Rel. reproducibility s.d.: 41.72%



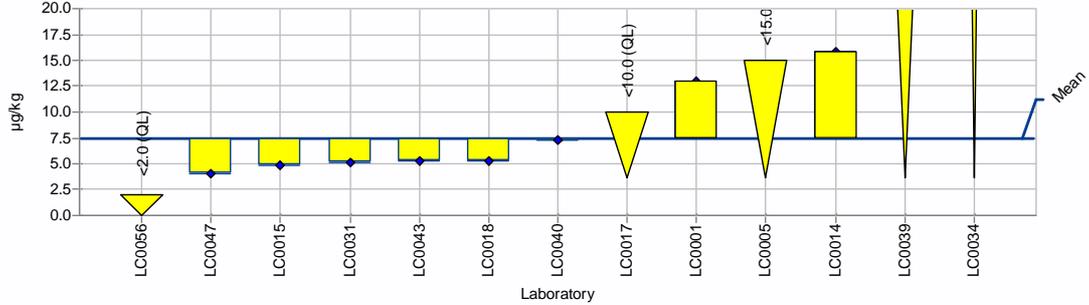
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 Measurand: ENNIATIN B1
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 Number of laboratories in calculation: 11

Mean value: 17.0 µg/kg
 Rel. reproducibility s.d.: 40.85%



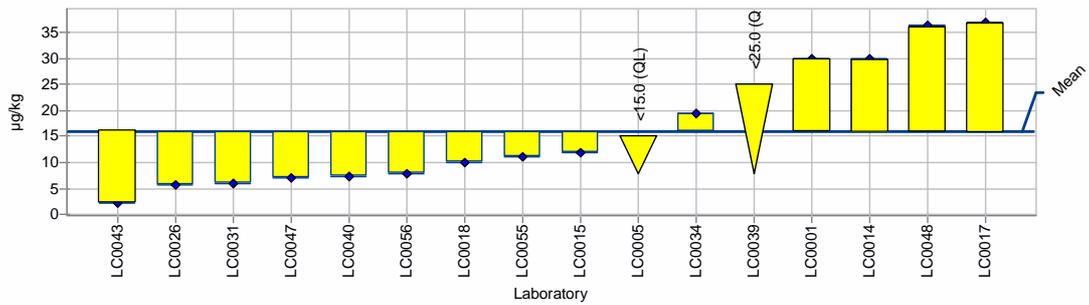
Sample: CEREALS OAT
 Measurand: ENNIATIN A1
 Method: ISO 5725-5 (Alg. A+S)
 Number of laboratories in calculation: 8

Mean value: 7.4 µg/kg
 Rel. reproducibility s.d.: 60.01%



Sample: CEREALS OAT
 Measurand: BEAUVERICIN
 Method: ISO 5725-5 (Alg. A+S)
 Number of laboratories in calculation: 14

Mean value: 15.8 µg/kg
 Rel. reproducibility s.d.: 87.68%



The plausibility of the uncertainty statements of the laboratories was assessed by classifying every reported uncertainty into one of the three groups (see column C in Tables 4 and 5) according to the following rules.

The standard measurement uncertainty of a result ($u(x_i)$) is most likely to fall within a range between a minimum and a maximum uncertainty (case "a": $u_{\min} \leq u(x_i) \leq u_{\max}$). The minimum uncertainty (u_{\min}) is set for the respective analyte to the standard uncertainty of the assigned value ($u(x_{pt})$). This is based on the assumption that it is unlikely that a laboratory carrying out the analysis on a routine basis would determine the measurand with a smaller measurement uncertainty than that achieved in the experiments for the characterisation of the test material, which was based on EMD-IDMS. The maximum uncertainty is set to the standard deviation accepted for the assessment of results (σ_{pt}). Consequently, case "a" becomes: $u(x_{pt}) \leq u(x_i) \leq \sigma_{pt}$.

If $u(x_i)$ is smaller than $u(x_{pt})$ (case "b": $u(x_i) < u(x_{pt})$) the laboratory might have underestimated its measurement uncertainty.

If $u(x_i)$ is larger than σ_{pt} (case "c": $u(x_i) > \sigma_{pt}$), the laboratory might have overestimated its measurement uncertainty or applied an analytical method that was not fit-for-purpose. Both cases require amendment.

The rate of the satisfactory ζ -scores is lower than the one for z-scores. The participants in categories "b" and "c" are encouraged to assess their uncertainty estimation in line with the above observations. The uncertainty is an integral part of the measurement result and has major implications on the assessment of the compliance of food according to the European Union legislation. **Annex 8** presents the sigmoidal distribution of the results associated with the respective uncertainties ($k=2$).

9 Evaluation of the questionnaire

The questionnaire distributed to the participants has provided very useful information concerning the approaches and capabilities of the laboratories in the determination of regulated mycotoxins, enniatins and beauvericin in cereals (**Annex 6**).

The questionnaire will be discussed in two parts:

- 1) the first part will address the answers regarding the previous experience of the participants and general organisational matters: questions Q.1-3 and Q.19-29.
- 2) the second part will deal with the outcome of the answers concerning analytical features (questions Q.4-16 and Q.18) and will present the validation data of the methods used by the PT participants.

9.1 Experience and organisational aspects

The participants were asked to classify their yearly work load on the analysis of mycotoxins in 3 categories (Q.1). The results are summarised in Figure 6. The most frequently analysed mycotoxins were: aflatoxins, deoxynivalenol and zearalenone, while the least were the enniatins and beauvericin, both in terms of the number of samples (mainly <50) and the number of laboratories that conducted it (18). The type of matrices was diverse: figs, nuts, spices, cereals/flour and cereal products, feed products, peanuts, baby-food, etc. (Q.2) (**Annex 9**). Of the 46 laboratories that answered the question on accreditation (Q. 3), 87 % hold an accreditation for measuring aflatoxin B1, 83 % for deoxynivalenol and 80 % for zearalenone. 35 % of the accredited methods were multi-mycotoxin procedures (Table 6).

Presently, 79 % of the participants don't analyse enniatins and beauvericin, and out of these, 35 % don't plan to implement this determination in the near future (Q. 19 and 20). Still, another 38 % foresee implementing a suitable analytical procedure in the mid-term future (within 1-2 years).

Figure 6. Number of mycotoxin determinations performed by the laboratories on a yearly basis.

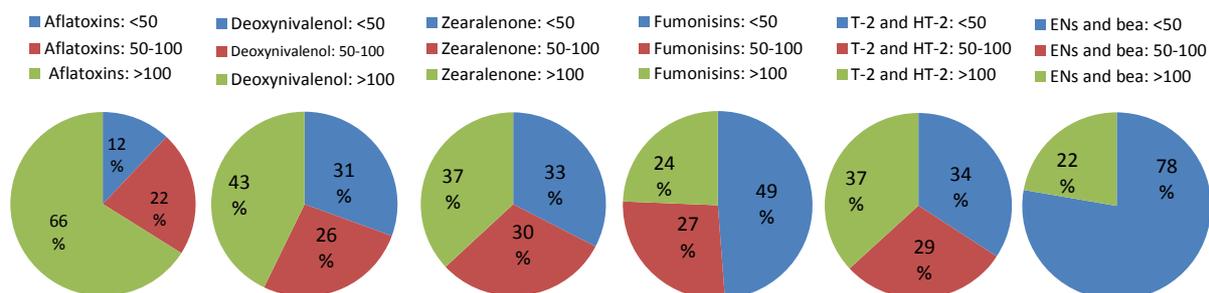


Table 6. Number of laboratories accredited for the determination of mycotoxins in food.

	AfB1	DON	ZON	FB1	FB2	HT-2	T-2	ENs	BEA	Multitoxin method
N. labs	40	38	37	23	23	30	29	4	3	16
%	87	83	80	50	50	65	63	9	7	35

The majority of the participants did not experience any difficulties during this PT (Q.21, Table 7). Those who mentioned issues related them mainly to the sensitivity of their analytical instruments and the complexity of the matrices (Q.22, Table 8). For 92 % of the participants the time allowed for reporting the results was adequate (Q.24), while 84 % also found the amount of sample provided as sufficient for the analysis (Q.25). The vast majority of the participants didn't face any difficulties with the software for reporting the results (Q. 27), and they were all happy with the instructions to carry-out the PT (Q.28) (**Annex 4**). About 65 % of the participants completed the PT analyses in one week or less (Q.26). Despite the general satisfaction with the layout of the PT and the information provided, some participants took the opportunity to raise some remarks in the Comments section (Q.29). A compilation can be found in Table 9.

The most effective route to spread information on upcoming PTs still seems to be by direct contact, via email or during the annual workshops (Q.23, Table 10).

Table 7. Answers related to the experience of the participants during this PT and the evaluation of organisational aspects.

Response		Q.21	Q.24	Q.25	Q.27	Q.28
NO	Nr.	40	4	8	43	0
	%	77	8	16	91	0
YES	Nr.	12	48	43	4	48
	%	23	92	84	9	100

Table 8. Analytical difficulties experienced running the PT

Sensitivity loss of 80 % for the multimethod
Recovery rates for enniatins and BEA were very low. We never had rates lower than about 90 % for the last 3 years in equal matrices! Probably due to the samples provided?
No, for the routine samples, but yes for new ones - sensitivity of the instrument, insufficient clean-up
not the right matrix for calibration
We have no LC MSMS, and for example we had problems with derivatisation of the T2/HT2 toxins (both the standard solutions and the samples)
complex matrix, therefore insufficient clean-up
Probably depending to the thinness of the sample particle it was impossible to obtain a clear test solution especially for DON-ZEA-T-2-HT-2 analysis.
Carry-over between subsequent LC-MS/MS runs was observed for fumonisin B1&B2 and beauvericin, which required thorough rinsing
Sensitivity of the instrument, pump leak, difficulties with recovery estimation ...
matrix effects for oat sample sensitivity problems on our MS/MS for enniatins and beauvericin
Some matrix effects due to insufficient clean-up of the PT samples
problem of filtration for Afla B1 in corn sample only
Sensitivity of the instrument

Table 9. Comments submitted by the participants

Besides Aflatoxin B1 in corn, there was Aflatoxin B2. The sum of aflatoxins is 9.83 µg/Kg.
The results for all enniatins and beauvericin are <LOD, where LOD was estimated as 5 ug/kg
Enniatin-amount is quite low in comparison to our routine samples.
For Fumonisin, the result is the sum of Fum B1+B2 together, but there is no possibility to type together, so I put it in the column for Fum B1. For T2 and HT2, I didn't obtain adequate recoveries, so I am not sending the results. Time and sample amount were enough for routine analyses, for new - I would appreciate more time and more samples to work on methods. We tried to analyse enniatins and beauvericin too, but the technique was not sensitive enough.
These samples were analysed with the newly validated multitoxin method. Will be accredited in few weeks.
The high uncertainty values obtained in some cases (AFB1 and FB1) do not exclude a lack of sufficient homogeneity in the sample.
Thank you for the opportunity to participate
No data reported for beauvericin, enniatins and fumonisins. This is due to the absence of recovery data. The chosen spiking level was not sufficient to significantly add to the residue already present, and therefore recovery values could not be calculated.
From the measurands requested, the only 3 mycotoxins which are reported are those which are analysed in the laboratory; AFLA, DON and ZON. Our laboratory does not have an LC-MS/MS and future analysis of the mycotoxins not reported here will depend on whether such instrumentation is procured.
We were not able to provide results for enniatins and beauvericin since with our current MS/MS detector (Waters TQD), it was not possible to implement a multimycotoxin method up to now. We hope to do this after installation of our new Xevo-TQ-S next month.
We don't use the terminology of "LOD/LOQ", for our routine analyses we report the "reporting limit" to the customer. This (usually) coincides with the LOQ. Hence we didn't report an LOD.
Unfortunately, we have no experience for enniatin and beauvericin.
The method used is screening
The recoveries indicated are "apparent recoveries", i.e to account for both extraction recovery and matrix effects Beauvericin and Enniatins integrated relative to the internal standard associated with T-2.

Table 10. Information source about the PT on multi-mycotoxins

Invitation/announcement of the PT	%
Invitation by email	73
Through the EURL Mycotoxins website	0
During the EURL workshop for the NRLs on mycotoxins	13
By the NRL in your country	23

9.2 Overview of the analytical methodologies

A considerable number of laboratories resorted to LC-MS/MS-based multi-mycotoxin methods for analysing the distributed PT samples (see Table 11). This was the only methodology that allowed analysing all the requested analytes, including regulated and emerging mycotoxins (enniatins and beauvericin). LC-MS/MS analysis was mostly preceded by a sample preparation of the "dilute and shoot" type (14 cases), but QuEChERS, IACs and SPE also found application in 4 to 5 cases each. Pressurised liquid extraction (PLE) was employed just by a single laboratory. HPLC-UV(DAD) was used by 11 participants to analyse DON while HPLC-FLD was used chiefly to analyse AFB1 but also ZON, fumonisins, HT-2 and T-2. These two techniques were almost invariably preceded by an IAC clean-up. LC coupled with high-resolution MS (HiResMS) was used as a screening method. One laboratory reported the sum of FB1 and FB2 as their ELISA did not allow individuating the analytes. Another laboratory also using ELISA reported results <LOQ for FB1, FB2, HT-2 and T-2.

Of the laboratories that employed LC-MS/MS methods, 62 % used ¹³C-labelled internal standards (Q.10) which were added in the majority of cases (88 %) after the extraction (Q.11). The analysis of calibration standards prepared in the pure solvent was the dominant strategy (78 %, Q.12) in good correlation with the use of either individual mycotoxin methods or multi-methods employing ¹³C internal standards.

Most of the laboratories (88 %) have estimated the methods' recoveries based on spiking experiments while the remaining used certified reference materials or an alternative strategy (Q.14). Nevertheless, in only 71 % of the cases, the results were corrected for recoveries (Q.15). The use of certified reference materials for quality control is not a common practice for the laboratories, but about 30 % of them mentioned the use of reference/quality control materials from FAPAS or Trilogy (Q.16).

The preferred approach for estimating the measurement uncertainty was using "initial method validation data" accounting for 53 % of the participants (Q.13).

Annex 9 presents a compilation of the main analytical conditions of the methods used by the participants such as the type of method, extraction conditions, clean-up, LC-MS acquisition settings, quantification strategy, amongst others. **Annex 10** compiles some important analytical figures of merit (recoveries, LODs and LOQs). The median recoveries for all analytes varied from 91 to 98 %. In general, the sensitivity of the methods was sufficient to analyse the mycotoxin levels present in the PT materials.

Table 11. Analytical methods and number of laboratories that have adopted them for participating in the PT

	DON	AFB1	ZON	FB1	FB2	HT-2	T-2	EN A	EN A1	EN B	EN B1	BEA
LC-MS/MS	33	24	30	28	27	31	32	13	12	15	13	15
HPLC-UV(DAD)	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HPLC-FLD	-	26	15	9	9	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
ELISA	2	1	3	3	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
LC-HiRes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
GC-MS(/MS)	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

10 Conclusions

A PT was organised by the EURL mycotoxins covering 12 mycotoxins spread over two test materials (oat and maize) to allow the participants to test their multi-mycotoxin procedures. Laboratories were also encouraged to report results for enniatins and beauvericin which, although not mandatory, was an important focus of this PT and of special interest for DG SANTE.

A total of 53 laboratories submitted results providing from 39 to 52 datasets for the

regulated mycotoxins and a maximum of 15 datasets for the enniatins and beauvericin. Overall, 83.7 % of the results reported by the participants for the regulated mycotoxins were classified as satisfactory. The rate of satisfactory z-scores for the individual mycotoxins was ranked as follows: AFB1 - 94 %, DON - 91 %, ZON - 89 %, FB1 - 87 %, FB2 - 78 %, T-2 - 75 % and HT-2 - 64 %. Twelve laboratories had satisfactory performance in all the 7 regulated mycotoxins while 8 additional laboratories had one questionable result.

Eleven laboratories reported results for all enniatins and beauvericin. The consensus values for enniatin B and A1 were very close to the EURL's estimate although no z-scoring was attempted as the reference values didn't meet the required level of accuracy to make sound statements.

Up to 33 laboratories used LC-MS/MS for analysing a combination of mycotoxins while 11 laboratories could analyse all the requested mycotoxins (12). HPLC-UV(DAD) was used by 11 laboratories to analyse DON exclusively. HPLC-FLD was the technique of choice for analysing AFB1 (26 laboratories) although it was also selected for analysing ZON (15 laboratories) and fumonisins (9 laboratories). ELISA was employed by 3 laboratories while GC-MS/MS and LC-HiResMS were used by a single laboratory each. The determination of mycotoxins by LC-MS/MS often included a straightforward sample preparation based on "extract, dilute & shoot", whereas HPLC-UV(DAD), HPLC-FLD and LC-HiResMS were preceded by an IAC clean-up.

No bias was observed when comparing LC-MS/MS-based multi-mycotoxin procedures and analyte-specific protocols based on the t-student test. The reproducibility standard deviation of the multi-mycotoxin and analyte-specific procedures was equivalent.

The aim of this PT on providing insight on the performance of multi-mycotoxin methods was successfully achieved as 24 laboratories determined the whole range of regulated mycotoxins. Some laboratories could also analyse enniatins and beauvericin although technical difficulties such as inappropriate recoveries and sensitivity issues hampered others to contribute as well.

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Annexes

Annex 1. Opening of the registration

Proficiency test for the determination of regulated mycotoxins and enniatins and beauvericin in cereal products

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On behalf of the European Union Reference Laboratory for Mycotoxins (EU-RL Mycotoxins), I have the pleasure to announce the opening for registration of the inter-laboratory comparison/proficiency test (PT) for the determination of regulated mycotoxins (Commission Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006) and additionally enniatins and beauvericin in cereal products.

The deadline for registration is 2nd September 2016.

The PT materials consist of 2 naturally contaminated cereal products (oat and maize) with selected combinations of mycotoxins. The dispatch of the samples is expected by mid-September 2016. Participants will have 6 weeks from the dispatch date to report back the results.

The aim of this study is to evaluate the proficiency of the European National Reference Laboratories (NRLs) and Official Control Laboratories (OCLs) on the determination of the regulated mycotoxins, as well as to assess their capability for analysing mycotoxins that might be subject to future regulation. The determination of enniatins and beauvericin is not mandatory but highly encouraged.

For NRLs the participation is free of charge. The participation fee for OCLs is 270 Euro per participant. The full participation fee is payable upon dispatch of the test samples. Enrolled Official Control Laboratories will be contacted for payment details upon registration. Confidentiality of results is guaranteed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best regards

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Annex 2. Homogeneity test

Homogeneity according to ISO 13528:2015	Corn: samples C-1##				
	Aflatoxin B1	DON	ZON	FB1	FB2
$\hat{\sigma}$	0.167 (22 %)	0.173 (22 %)	0.061 (22 %)	0.489 (22 %)	0.297 (22 %)
$0.3 \hat{\sigma}$ (critical value)	0.050	0.053	0.018	0.147	0.082
S_x (standard deviation of sample averages)	0.047	0.029	0.011	0.130	0.112
S_w (within-sample standard deviation)	0.055	0.038	0.025	0.177	0.020
S_s (between-sample standard deviation)	0.027	0.011	0.000	0.037	0.020
$S_s < 0.3 \hat{\sigma}$	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed

Aflatoxin B1

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1													
2		m =	10										
3	variances	mean =	0.758										
4	0.0022	$s_w =$	0.047		22.0%	= σ -trg(%)							
5	MSW = 0.0030	$s_{an} = s_w =$	0.055		0.167	= σ -trg				Homogeneity Tests			
6	$s^2_{sam} = 0.0008$	$s_s =$	0.027		0.050	= $0,3 * \sigma$ -trg							
7		$s_s =$	0.027										
8													
9		1) Cochran test	0.3678	$C = D_{max}^2 / SDD$									
10		no outlier	no outlier										
11		0.6020	0.7175	= Crit									
12		@ 95%	@ 99%										
13													
14		2) ISO-13528	$S_s < 0,3 * \sigma$ trg => passed										
15													
16		3) IUPAC	0.001	0.01	= Crit = $F1 * (0,3 * \sigma)^2 + F2 * MSW$								
17		$Ss2 < Crit$ => passed											
18													
19													
20	1	0.811	0.83	-0.019	1.641	0.8205							
21	2	0.771	0.827	-0.056	1.598	0.799							
22	3	0.825	0.762	0.063	1.587	0.7935							
23	4	0.747	0.691	0.056	1.438	0.719							
24	5	0.81	0.699	0.111	1.509	0.7545							
25	6	0.604	0.752	-0.148	1.356	0.678							
26	7	0.692	0.78	-0.088	1.472	0.736							
27	8	0.793	0.841	-0.048	1.634	0.817							
28	9	0.698	0.762	-0.064	1.46	0.73							
29	10	0.745	0.721	0.024	1.466	0.733							
30	11												
31	12												
32				$SDD = \sum(diff)^2 =$	0.059547								
33				$MSB = var(sum)/2 =$	0.0045								
34													
35													
36													
37													

IUPAC		
Tab1 Cochran		
m	Crit-95%	Crit-99%
3	0.9669	0.9933
4	0.9065	0.9676
5	0.8412	0.9279
6	0.7808	0.8828
7	0.7271	0.8376
8	0.6789	0.7945
9	0.6385	0.7544
10	0.6020	0.7175
11	0.5700	0.684
12	0.5410	0.6528

Tab2		
m	F1	F2
3	2.996	4.276
4	2.605	2.796
5	2.372	2.096
6	2.214	1.694
7	2.099	1.433
8	2.010	1.250
9	1.938	1.115
10	1.880	1.010
11	1.831	0.927
12	1.789	0.859

DON

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1													
2		m =	10										
3	variances	mean =	0.799										
4	0.0009	$s_w =$	0.029		22.0%	= σ -trg(%)							
5	MSW = 0.0015	$s_{an} = s_w =$	0.038		0.176	= σ -trg				Homogeneity Tests			
6	$s^2_{sam} = 0.0001$	$s_s =$	0.011		0.053	= $0,3 * \sigma$ -trg							
7		$s_s =$	0.011										
8													
9		1) Cochran test	0.5806	$C = D_{max}^2 / SDD$									
10		no outlier	no outlier										
11		0.6020	0.7175	= Crit									
12		@ 95%	@ 99%										
13													
14		2) ISO-13528	$S_s < 0,3 * \sigma$ trg => passed										
15													
16		3) IUPAC	0.000	0.01	= Crit = $F1 * (0,3 * \sigma)^2 + F2 * MSW$								
17		$Ss2 < Crit$ => passed											
18													
19													
20	1	0.863	0.809	0.054	1.672	0.836							
21	2	0.819	0.856	-0.037	1.675	0.8375							
22	3	0.763	0.778	-0.015	1.541	0.7705							
23	4	0.734	0.767	-0.033	1.501	0.7505							
24	5	0.796	0.846	-0.05	1.642	0.821							
25	6	0.765	0.778	-0.013	1.543	0.7715							
26	7	0.787	0.835	-0.048	1.622	0.811							
27	8	0.744	0.875	-0.131	1.619	0.8095							
28	9	0.793	0.778	0.015	1.571	0.7855							
29	10	0.814	0.774	0.04	1.588	0.794							
30	11												
31	12												
32				$SDD = \sum(diff)^2 =$	0.029558								
33				$MSB = var(sum)/2 =$	0.0017								
34													
35													
36													
37													

IUPAC		
Tab1 Cochran		
m	Crit-95%	Crit-99%
3	0.9669	0.9933
4	0.9065	0.9676
5	0.8412	0.9279
6	0.7808	0.8828
7	0.7271	0.8376
8	0.6789	0.7945
9	0.6385	0.7544
10	0.6020	0.7175
11	0.5700	0.684
12	0.5410	0.6528

Tab2		
m	F1	F2
3	2.996	4.276
4	2.605	2.796
5	2.372	2.096
6	2.214	1.694
7	2.099	1.433
8	2.010	1.250
9	1.938	1.115
10	1.880	1.010
11	1.831	0.927
12	1.789	0.859

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1														
2			m =	10										
3		variances	mean =	0.276										
4		0.0001	s _w =	0.011										
5	MSW =	0.0006	s _{an} =s _w =	0.025			22.0%	= σ-trg(%)						
6	s ² _{sam} =	0.0000	s _s =	0.000	MSB<MSW		0.061	= σ-trg						
7			s _s =	0.000			0.018	= 0,3*σ-trg						
8														
9			1) Cochran test	0.3272	C=D _{max} ² /SDD									
10				no outlier	no outlier									
11				0.6020	0.7175	= Crit								
12				@ 95%	@ 99%									
13														
14			2) ISO-13528	Ss < 0,3*strg =>	passed									
15														
16			3) IUPAC	0.000	0.00	= Crit = F1*(0,3*σ) ² +F2*MSW								
17				Ss2 < Crit =>	passed									
18														
19														
20														
21														
22														
23														
24														
25														
26	minimum 7													
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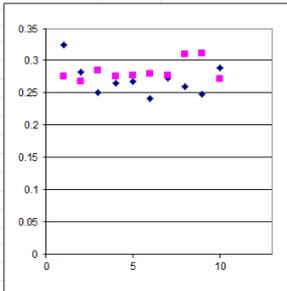
Bottle	Result_a	Result_b	diff	sum	avg
1	0.324	0.275	0.049	0.599	0.2995
2	0.282	0.267	0.015	0.549	0.2745
3	0.25	0.284	-0.034	0.534	0.267
4	0.264	0.275	-0.011	0.539	0.2695
5	0.267	0.277	-0.01	0.544	0.272
6	0.241	0.279	-0.038	0.52	0.26
7	0.272	0.277	-0.005	0.549	0.2745
8	0.26	0.309	-0.049	0.569	0.2845
9	0.248	0.311	-0.063	0.559	0.2795
10	0.288	0.271	0.017	0.559	0.2795
11					
12					

m	F1	F2
3	2.996	4.276
4	2.605	2.796
5	2.372	2.096
6	2.214	1.694
7	2.099	1.433
8	2.010	1.250
9	1.938	1.115
10	1.880	1.010
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8	2.010	1.250
9	1.938	1.115
10	1.880	1.010
11	1.831	0.927
12	1.789	0.859

SDD=Σ(diff)² = 0.012131
MSB = var(sum)/2 = 0.0002



FB1

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1														
2			m =	10										
3		variances	mean =	2.222										
4		0.0170	s _w =	0.130										
5	MSW =	0.0312	s _{an} =s _w =	0.177			22.0%	= σ-trg(%)						
6	s ² _{sam} =	0.0014	s _s =	0.037	MSB<MSW		0.489	= σ-trg						
7			s _s =	0.037			0.147	= 0,3*σ-trg						
8														
9			1) Cochran test	0.4973	C=D _{max} ² /SDD									
10				no outlier	no outlier									
11				0.6020	0.7175	= Crit								
12				@ 95%	@ 99%									
13														
14			2) ISO-13528	Ss < 0,3*strg =>	passed									
15														
16			3) IUPAC	0.001	0.07	= Crit = F1*(0,3*σ) ² +F2*MSW								
17				Ss2 < Crit =>	passed									
18														
19														
20														
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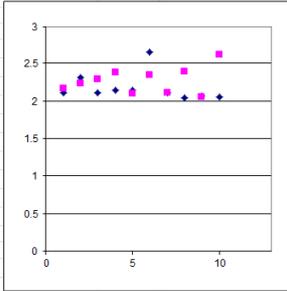
Bottle	Result_a	Result_b	diff	sum	avg
1	2.113	2.168	-0.055	4.281	2.1405
2	2.312	2.232	0.08	4.544	2.272
3	2.108	2.286	-0.178	4.394	2.197
4	2.141	2.378	-0.237	4.519	2.2595
5	2.144	2.102	0.042	4.246	2.123
6	2.655	2.352	0.303	5.007	2.5035
7	2.114	2.109	0.005	4.223	2.1115
8	2.047	2.397	-0.35	4.444	2.222
9	2.065	2.049	0.016	4.114	2.057
10	2.058	2.615	-0.557	4.673	2.3365
11					
12					

m	F1	F2
3	2.996	4.276
4	2.605	2.796
5	2.372	2.096
6	2.214	1.694
7	2.099	1.433
8	2.010	1.250
9	1.938	1.115
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3	0.9669	0.9933
4	0.9065	0.9676
5	0.8412	0.9279
6	0.7808	0.8828
7	0.7271	0.8376
8	0.6789	0.7945
9	0.6385	0.7544
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3	2.996	4.276
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8	2.010	1.250
9	1.938	1.115
10	1.880	1.010
11	1.831	0.927
12	1.789	0.859

SDD=Σ(diff)² = 0.623881
MSB = var(sum)/2 = 0.0339



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1														
2			m =	10										
3		variances	mean =	1.349										
4			s _e =	0.082										
5	MSW =	0.0067	s _{an} =s _w =	0.112										
6	s ² _{sam} =	0.0004	s _g =	0.020										
7			s _g =	0.020										
8														
9			1) Cochran test	0.3074	C=D _{max} ² /SDD									
10				no outlier	no outlier									
11				0.6020	0.7175	= Crit								
12				@ 95%	@ 99%									
13														
14			2) ISO-13528	Ss < 0,3*strg =>	passed									
15														
16			3) IUPAC	0.000	0.03	= Crit = F1*(0,3*σ) ² +F2*MSW								
17				Ss2 < Crit =>	passed									
18														
19														
20		Botlle	Result_a	Result_b	diff	sum	avg							
21		1	1.298	1.349	-0.051	2.647	1.3235							
22		2	1.249	1.359	-0.11	2.608	1.304							
23		3	1.304	1.48	-0.176	2.784	1.392							
24		4	1.424	1.228	0.196	2.652	1.326							
25		5	1.349	1.359	-0.01	2.708	1.354							
26	minimum 7	6	1.161	1.439	-0.278	2.6	1.3							
27		7	1.397	1.483	-0.086	2.88	1.44							
28		8	1.475	1.552	-0.077	3.027	1.5135							
29		9	1.189	1.25	-0.061	2.439	1.2195							
30		10	1.457	1.187	0.27	2.644	1.322							
31		11												
32		12												
33					SDD=Σ(diff) ² =	0.251423								
34					MSB = var(sum)/2 =	0.0134								
35														
36														
37														

IUPAC		
Tab1 Cochran		
m	Crit-95%	Crit-99%
3	0.9669	0.9933
4	0.9065	0.9676
5	0.8412	0.9279
6	0.7808	0.8828
7	0.7271	0.8376
8	0.6789	0.7945
9	0.6385	0.7544
10	0.6020	0.7175
11	0.5700	0.684
12	0.5410	0.6528

Tab2		
m	F1	F2
3	2.996	4.276
4	2.605	2.796
5	2.372	2.096
6	2.214	1.694
7	2.099	1.433
8	2.010	1.250
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Homogeneity according to ISO 13528:2015	Oat: samples O-2##					
	HT-2 toxin	T2 toxin	Enniatin B	Enniatin B1	Enniatin A1	Beauvericin
$\hat{\sigma}$	0.153 (22 %)	0.167 (22 %)	1280210 (22 %)	192729 (22 %)	66968 (22 %)	891.5 (22 %)
$0.3 \hat{\sigma}$ (critical value)	0.046	0.050	384063	57819	20090	267.4
S_x (standard deviation of sample averages)	0.031	0.024	148345	46432	22710	151.6
S_w (within-sample standard deviation)	0.037	0.054	146096	53406	19735	222.7
S_s (between-sample standard deviation)	0.016	0.000	106463	27016	17917	0.000
$S_s < 0.3 \hat{\sigma}$	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed

HT-2 toxin

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1													
2													
3		variances	m = 10 mean = 0.694										
4		MSW = 0.0010	$s_x = 0.031$			22.0%							
5		$s^2_{sam} = 0.0014$	$s_{an} = s_w = 0.037$			0.153							
6			$s_s = 0.016$										
7			$s_z = 0.016$			0.046							
8													
9		1) Cochran test	0.3597	$C = D_{max}^2 / SDD$									
10			no outlier	no outlier									
11			0.6020	0.7175	= Crit								
12			@ 95%	@ 99%									
13													
14		2) ISO-13528	$S_s < 0,3*strg \Rightarrow$ passed										
15													
16		3) IUPAC	0.000	0.01	= Crit = $F1*(0,3*\sigma)^2 + F2*MSW$								
17			$Ss2 < Crit \Rightarrow$ passed										
18													
19													
20													
21													
22													
23													
24													
25													
26		minimum 7											
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37													

Bottle	Result_a	Result_b	diff	sum	avg
1	0.74	0.71	0.03	1.45	0.725
2	0.73	0.74	-0.01	1.47	0.735
3	0.65	0.73	-0.08	1.38	0.69
4	0.65	0.75	-0.1	1.4	0.7
5	0.68	0.65	0.03	1.33	0.665
6	0.71	0.65	0.06	1.36	0.68
7	0.64	0.65	-0.01	1.29	0.645
8	0.7	0.7	0	1.4	0.7
9	0.63	0.7	-0.07	1.33	0.665
10	0.75	0.72	0.03	1.47	0.735
11					
12					

m	F1	F2
3	2.996	4.276
4	2.605	2.796
5	2.372	2.096
6	2.214	1.694
7	2.099	1.433
8	2.010	1.250
9	1.938	1.115
10	1.880	1.010
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m	Crit-95%	Crit-99%
3	0.9669	0.9933
4	0.9065	0.9676
5	0.8412	0.9279
6	0.7808	0.8828
7	0.7271	0.8376
8	0.6789	0.7945
9	0.6385	0.7544
10	0.6020	0.7175
11	0.5700	0.684
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3	2.996	4.276
4	2.605	2.796
5	2.372	2.096
6	2.214	1.694
7	2.099	1.433
8	2.010	1.250
9	1.938	1.115
10	1.880	1.010
11	1.831	0.927
12	1.789	0.859

T2 toxin

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1													
2													
3		variances	m = 10 mean = 0.761										
4		MSW = 0.0006	$s_x = 0.024$			22.0%							
5		$s^2_{sam} = 0.0029$	$s_{an} = s_w = 0.054$			0.167							
6			$s_s = 0.000$			0.050							
7			$s_z = 0.000$										
8													
9		1) Cochran test	0.3913	$C = D_{max}^2 / SDD$									
10			no outlier	no outlier									
11			0.6020	0.7175	= Crit								
12			@ 95%	@ 99%									
13													
14		2) ISO-13528	$S_s < 0,3*strg \Rightarrow$ passed										
15													
16		3) IUPAC	0.000	0.01	= Crit = $F1*(0,3*\sigma)^2 + F2*MSW$								
17			$Ss2 < Crit \Rightarrow$ passed										
18													
19													
20													
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22													
23													
24													
25													
26		minimum 7											
27													
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Bottle	Result_a	Result_b	diff	sum	avg
1	0.79	0.78	0.01	1.57	0.785
2	0.76	0.71	0.05	1.47	0.735
3	0.8	0.73	0.07	1.53	0.765
4	0.84	0.76	0.08	1.6	0.8
5	0.75	0.71	0.04	1.46	0.73
6	0.74	0.71	0.03	1.45	0.725
7	0.7	0.83	-0.13	1.53	0.765
8	0.85	0.7	0.15	1.55	0.775
9	0.78	0.74	0.04	1.52	0.76
10	0.77	0.76	0.01	1.53	0.765
11					
12					

m	F1	F2
3	2.996	4.276
4	2.605	2.796
5	2.372	2.096
6	2.214	1.694
7	2.099	1.433
8	2.010	1.250
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8	2.010	1.250
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11	1.831	0.927
12	1.789	0.859

Enniatin B

	A	B	C	D	E	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1														
2			m =	10										
3		variances	mean =	5819136.4										
4		22006371660.5	s _w =	148345.4		22.0%	= α-trg(%)							
5	MSW =	21344000381.7	s _{an} =s _w =	146095.9	1	1280210.0	= α-trg			Homogeneity Tests				
6	s ² _{sam} =	11334371469.7	s _e =	106463.0		384063.0	= 0,3*α-trg							
7			s _e =	106463.0										
9			1) Cochran test	0.4921	C=D _{max} ² /SDD									
10			no outlier	no outlier										IUPAC
11			0.6020	0.7175	= Crit									Tab1 Cochran
12			@ 95%	@ 99%										m
13														3
14			2) ISO-13528	Ss < 0,3*strg => passed										4
15														5
16			3) IUPAC	11334371469.7	298853023810	= Crit = F1*(0,3*α) ² +F2*MSW								6
17			Ss2 < Crit => passed											7
18														8
19														9
20														0
21														1
22														2
23														3
24														4
25														5
26	minimum 7													6
27														7
28														8
29														9
30														0
31														1
32														2
33														3
34														4
35														5
36														6
37														7

Bottle	Result_a	Result_b	diff	sum	avg
1	5793488	5888783	-95295	11682271	5841135.5
2	5473414	5653207	-17993	11126621	5563310.5
3	5724523	5713106	11417	11437629	5718814.5
4	6017863	6048325	-30462	12066188	6033094
5	5669382	5984339	-314957	11653721	5826860.5
6	5652763	6111088	-458325	11763851	5881925.5
7	5715687	5539073	176614	11254760	5627380
8	5783550	5886895	-103345	11670445	5835222.5
9	6021398	5962664	38734	12004062	6002031
10	5772452	5950728	-178276	11723180	5861590
11					
12					

SDD=Σ(diff)² = 426880007634
MSB = var(sum)/2 = 44012743321

m	F1	F2
3	0.9669	0.9933
4	0.9065	0.9676
5	0.8412	0.9279
6	0.7808	0.8828
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2	1.789	0.859

Enniatin B1

	A	B	C	D	E	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1														
2			m =	10										
3		variances	mean =	876041.1										
4		2155971005.3	s _w =	46432.4		22.0%	= α-trg(%)							
5	MSW =	2852172504.8	s _{an} =s _w =	53405.7	1	192729.0	= α-trg			Homogeneity Tests				
6	s ² _{sam} =	729884752.9	s _e =	27016.4		57818.7	= 0,3*α-trg							
7			s _e =	27016.4										
9			1) Cochran test	0.3761	C=D _{max} ² /SDD									
10			no outlier	no outlier										IUPAC
11			0.6020	0.7175	= Crit									Tab1 Cochran
12			@ 95%	@ 99%										m
13														3
14			2) ISO-13528	Ss < 0,3*strg => passed										4
15														5
16			3) IUPAC	729884752.9	9165707273	= Crit = F1*(0,3*α) ² +F2*MSW								6
17			Ss2 < Crit => passed											7
18														8
19														9
20														0
21														1
22														2
23														3
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27														7
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29														9
30														0
31														1
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35														5
36														6
37														7

Bottle	Result_a	Result_b	diff	sum	avg
1	870541	967178	-96637.86366	1837718.867	918859.43
2	966396	910868	55327.32817	1877263.466	938631.73
3	792627	806502	-13874.86324	1599129.688	799564.84
4	973519	882521	90559.7421	1856040.217	928020.11
5	921806	844577	77228.91461	1766382.592	883191.3
6	864170	880271	-16101.33644	1744440.596	872220.3
7	953821	807344	146477.3203	1761165.386	880582.69
8	797949	821678	-23729.79553	1619626.889	809813.44
9	892571	809552	83019.23185	1702123.156	851061.58
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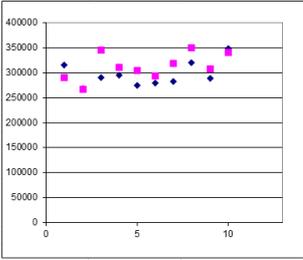
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m	F1	F2
3	2.996	4.276
4	2.605	2.796
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6	2.214	1.694
7	2.099	1.433
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Enniatin A1

	A	B	C	D	E	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1														
2			m =	10										
3		variances	mean =	304400.0										
4		515763944.5	s _x =	22710.4		22.0%	= σ-trg(%)							
5	MSW =	389456858.3	s _{an} =s _w =	19734.7		66968.0	= σ-trg			Homogeneity Tests				
6	s ² _{sam} =	321035415.4	s _z =	17917.5		20090.4	= 0,3*σ-trg							
7			s _z =	17917.5										
8														
9			1) Cochran test	0.4033	C=D _{max} ² /SDD									
10			no outlier	no outlier										IUPAC
11			0.6020	0.7175	= Crit									
12			@ 95%	@ 99%										
13														
14			2) ISO-13528	Ss < 0,3*strg => passed										
15														
16			3) IUPAC	321035415.4	1152193681	= Crit = F1*(0,3*σ) ² +F2*MSW								
17			Ss2 < Crit => passed											
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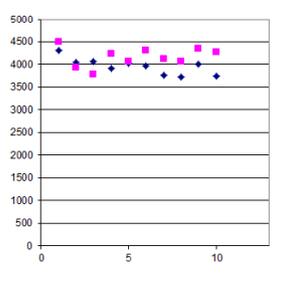
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7	0.7271	0.8376
8	0.6789	0.7945
9	0.6385	0.7544
#	0.6020	0.7175
#	0.5700	0.684
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Tab2

m	F1	F2
3	2.996	4.276
4	2.605	2.796
5	2.372	2.096
6	2.214	1.694
7	2.099	1.433
8	2.010	1.250
9	1.938	1.115
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Beauvericin

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1														
2			m =	10										
3		variances	mean =	4052.197										
4		22990.7328	s _x =	151.627		22.0%	= σ-trg(%)							
5	MSW =	49618.3960	s _{an} =s _w =	222.752		891.483	= σ-trg			Homogeneity Tests				
6	s ² _{sam} =	0.0000	s _z =	0.000	MSB<MSW	267.445	= 0,3*σ-trg							
7			s _z =	0.000										
8														
9			1) Cochran test	0.2817	C=D _{max} ² /SDD									
10			no outlier	no outlier										IUPAC
11			0.6020	0.7175	= Crit									
12			@ 95%	@ 99%										
13														
14			2) ISO-13528	Ss < 0,3*strg => passed										
15														
16			3) IUPAC	0.000	184586.42	= Crit = F1*(0,3*σ) ² +F2*MSW								
17			Ss2 < Crit => passed											
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Annex 3. Stability study

Oat material: O-1##

T (°C)	HT-2 toxin				T2 toxin			
	Slope	Lower 95 % *	Upper 95 % *	Null slope	Slope	Lower 95 %	Upper 95 %	Null slope
-18	-0.00040	-0.00378	0.00298	YES	-0.00170	-0.00464	0.00124	YES
4	-0.00019	-0.00274	0.00236	YES	-0.00192	-0.00465	0.00081	YES
20	0.00057	-0.00151	0.00266	YES	0.00039	-0.00233	0.00310	YES

* Upper and lower intervals of the regression slope at 95 % confidence level.

T (°C)	Enniatin B				Enniatin B1			
	Slope	Lower 95 %	Upper 95 %	Null slope	Slope	Lower 95 %	Upper 95 %	Null slope
-18	-2157.8	-12242.8	7927.3	YES	808.0	-2648.6	4264.5	YES
4	-1945.3	-5116.6	1226.0	YES	-303.2	-2814.9	2208.5	YES
20	-1397.9	-11833.8	9038.0	YES	-982.1	-3446.3	1482.0	YES

T (°C)	Enniatin A1				Beauvericin			
	Slope	Lower 95 %	Upper 95 %	Null slope	Slope	Lower 95 %	Upper 95 %	Null slope
-18	225.78	-167.27	618.83	YES	-228.94	-555.15	97.27	YES
4	53.10	-344.74	450.94	YES	-74.32	-582.69	434.05	YES
20	-232.40	-893.36	428.57	YES	-311.08	-898.89	276.72	YES

Corn material: C-2##

T (°C)	Aflatoxin B1				DON			
	Slope	Lower 95 %	Upper 95 %	Null slope	Slope	Lower 95 %	Upper 95 %	Null slope
-18	-0.00029	-0.00585	0.00528	YES	-0.00064	-0.00274	0.00146	YES
4	-0.00064	-0.00459	0.00330	YES	0.00143	-0.00032	0.00318	YES
20	-0.00018	-0.00660	0.00623	YES	-0.00107	-0.00520	0.00307	YES

T (°C)	FB1				FB2			
	Slope	Lower 95 %	Upper 95 %	Null slope	Slope	Lower 95 %	Upper 95 %	Null slope
-18	0.00682	-0.00072	0.01436	YES	0.00131	-0.00255	0.00517	YES
4	0.00653	-0.00549	0.01856	YES	0.00105	-0.00175	0.00386	YES
20	-0.00011	-0.01169	0.01148	YES	-0.00044	-0.00129	0.00042	YES

T (°C)	ZON			
	Slope	Lower 95 %	Upper 95 %	Null slope
-18	-0.00075	-0.00215	0.00065	YES
4	0.00021	-0.00123	0.00165	YES
20	0.00024	-0.00101	0.00150	YES

Annex 4. Accompanying letter



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European Union Reference Laboratory for Mycotoxins

Ref. Ares(2016)5432622 - 19/09/2016

Geel, 12th of September 2016

2016 PROFICIENCY TESTING TO THE NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORIES (NRLs) AND APPOINTED OFFICIAL CONTROL LABORATORIES (OCLs) REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF REGULATED MYCOTOXINS AND ENNIATINS AND BEAUVERICIN IN CEREAL PRODUCTS

Dear Participant,

Please read the following information carefully before starting any analysis. If doubts remain, do not hesitate to contact us either by phone or e-mail (see details at end of this doc.).

Please confirm the receipt of the parcel by e-mail upon arrival, by using the "**Materials Receipt Form**" that was provided. If some test material is damaged, please request new material immediately.

The materials are shipped at ambient temperature. After receipt transfer the samples immediately to -18°C until the analysis is performed. Begin the analysis as soon as possible.

The 2016 EURL PT on regulated mycotoxins and enniatins and beauvericin aims to assess the content of two naturally contaminated cereal products (Oat and Corn) on a combination of mycotoxins. You will be asked to analyse each mycotoxin just once, as follows:

Oat – HT-2 toxin, T-2 toxin, enniatins (A, A1, B and B1) and beauvericin
Corn – deoxynivalenol, aflatoxin B1, fumonisins (B1 and B2) and zearalenone

Please report their **concentration in $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$** , as you do in routine analysis, accompanied by the **measurement uncertainty ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)** for (at least) the regulated mycotoxins with a coverage factor of 2 ($k=2$). In the Questionnaire please mention whether the results **WERE CORRECTED for recoveries OR NOT** and provide the recoveries in the "Measured values" table (in %).

Additional information will be asked to enable us to interpret methodological trends and therefore allow the deepest insight in laboratory independent method-related aspects.

Please homogenise the test materials with a spatula before analysis, as segregation might have occurred during transport.

Reporting the results and Questionnaire

Data generated by the participants will be collected by using the software RingDat, supplementary to ProLab software, that has been used for professional data handling and statistical analyses of interlaboratory tests results. You should have received two files attached to this email for reporting the results. The instructions on how to use the software RingDat can be found in the Annex at the end of this document.

The deadline for reporting the PT results is the 28th October 2016.

If some incident happens during the analysis, please let us know as soon as possible, as an extension of the deadline is not foreseen.

Please keep in mind that collusion is contrary to professional scientific conduct and serves only to nullify the benefits of proficiency tests to costumers, accreditation bodies and analysts alike.

Should you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Success with the analysis!

With kind regards,

Carlos Gonçalves
(on behalf of the Operating Manager of the EU-RL Mycotoxins)

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Cc: Frans Verstraete, Hendrick Emons, Joerg Stroka

Annex: Instructions for reporting the results using RingDat.

1. Download the updated version of the data entry program (called RingDat) free from the QuoData web page using following link: http://quodata.de/ringdat_en.php

User: *ringdat*

Password: *prolabdata*

Alternatively, in case you already have Ringdat you can update it via the "Programm-update" button.

2. Save the two lab specific files with the extension **"*.Lab"** and **"*.LA2"**, generated by the ProLab software and provided to each individual laboratory (personal files attached to this email) to the same folder as RingData.exe.

The name of each laboratory and the samples are codified by the software, so that each participant will receive samples with unique codified numbers (i.e., C-229).

- The **"*.LA2"** file contains information about the participant – laboratory name and laboratory code;
- The **"*.LAB"** file is unique to each laboratory and contains information about the samples and measurands that have to be analysed and reported.

3. Start the RingDat.exe program and open **"*.LAB"** file to access your workspace.

- The first tab contains detailed information about the laboratory (Lab details).
- The second tab contains a table for entering the results for every measurand/sample combination (Measured values)
- The third tab contains a general questionnaire (Questions and Answers).

4. Fill in the results table (Measured values) with your data. Please find below some captures of the RingDat pages that have been configured for this PT.

Figure 1 – Capture of the "Measured Values" page

Sample	Measurand	Unit	Value	Uncertainty	Recovery rate [%]	LOQ	LOD
DAT	ENNIATIN A	µg/kg					
DAT	ENNIATIN A1	µg/kg					
DAT	ENNIATIN B	µg/kg					
DAT	ENNIATIN B1	µg/kg					
DAT	BEAUVERICIN	µg/kg					
DAT	T-2	µg/kg					
DAT	HT-2	µg/kg					
CORN	FUMONISIN B1	µg/kg					
CORN	FUMONISIN B2	µg/kg					
CORN	AFLATOXIN B1	µg/kg					
CORN	DEOXYNIVALENOL	µg/kg					
CORN	ZEARALENONE	µg/kg					

5. Afterwards, please fill in the questionnaire on the next tab.

Figure 2 – Capture of the "Questions and Answers" page

Q No.	Question	Answer
10	Use of CRMs: Do you use Certified Reference Materials for mycotoxin analysis? Please specify the mycotoxins, matrices and suppliers of the CRMs	
8	Clean-up: For each mycotoxin, please indicate the brand of the immunoaffinity column or SPE column used for sample clean-up (if applicable)	
14	Recovery estimate: How did you estimate the method's recovery?	
13	Approach method uncertainty: How have you estimated the method uncertainty?	
15	Samples per year: How many samples does your laboratory approximately analyse for the following mycotoxins per year?	
26	Time spent for the PT: How much time did you spend overall to analyse the samples, test data and report?	From initial method validation data Long term compilation of quality control data Other
23	PT announcement: How were you informed about the Proficiency Test?	Spiking Certified Reference Material Other
11	Addition of ISTD: If applicable, did you add the internal standards?	
22	Which difficulties: If 'Yes', please specify which? (e.g. variability of the instrument, pumps pressure, chromatographic resolution, tedious sample preparation, complex matrix, insufficient clean-up, etc)	
10	Isotope labelled ISTD: In case you have applied a LC-HPLC-MS multimer method, did you use isotope-labelled internal standards? Please indicate which?	
9	MS conditions: In case you have applied a LC-HPLC-MS multimer method, please indicate the MS transitions used for quantification (e.g., DDN = ESI+ m/z 297:248)	
20	Implementation Entrain: In case you don't analyse enniatins and beauvericin, do you plan to implement the method in the near future?	
3	Accreditation: Is your laboratory accredited for the determination of any of the following mycotoxins in cereals?	
7	Extraction conditions: Please describe the extraction conditions or give a bibliographic reference of the SOP, in case you have used a multimer method	
5	Analytical method: Please indicate the acronym of the analytical method used for each mycotoxin or group of mycotoxins analysed (e.g., DDN = HPLC-DAD)	
6	Reference official method: Please indicate the reference of the official method (if applicable) used to analyse each of the mycotoxins	Involvement by email Through the EURL_Mycotoxins website During the EURL workshop for the NRLs on mycotoxins By the NRL in your country
19	Recovery correction: The results submitted were?	
25	Sufficient sample: Was the sample amount dispatched sufficient for the analyses?	
24	Time for reporting: What is the time allowed for reporting the results adequate?	
2	Matrices: Which food or feed matrices does your laboratory analyse most frequently for mycotoxins on a routine basis?	
12	Calibration approach: Which type of calibration approach did you follow? Standards in pure solvent / Matrix matched calibration. Distinguish by mycotoxin, if needed	
17	Suppliers of standards: Which were the suppliers of the mycotoxin standards used for the Proficiency test	

6. After finishing the input, Save the file using the button on the top menu of the window. You can change the inputs after saving the file as long as you haven't pushed "Finish input" button. At the end finalise the data entry by pressing the "Finish input" button.

7. Send both the **"*.LAB"** and **"*.LA"** files back to us by e-mail to our functional mail box - JRC-EURL-MYCOTOX@ec.europa.eu

8. Should you want to correct some of your entries after finishing the input, you must use the original ***.LAB** file downloaded from the email and introduce all the information again (results and answers to the questionnaire).

Annex 5. Materials receipt form



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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Geel Site

European Union Reference Laboratory for Mycotoxins

Geel, 12th of September 2016

PROFICIENCY TESTING MATERIALS RECEIPT FORM

Name:
Institute:
Address:
Member State:

NOTE: STORE ALL MATERIALS IN A FREEZER AT -18 °C!

Please ensure that the items listed below have been received undamaged, and then check the relevant statement:

Date of receipt	
Samples' numbers (e.g. O-138 and C-223)	
All items have been received undamaged	YES / NO
<i>If NO, please list damaged items:</i>	

Contents of the parcel:

- a) **Two** test materials for analysis packed in ambar bottles:
 - 1 Corn sample and 1 Oat sample
- b) A bag containing the following documents:
 - This **materials receipt form**
 - The pro-forma invoice

Please sign this completed form and e-mail it to:

Carlos GONÇALVES

E-mail: JRC-EURL-MYCOTOX@ec.europa.eu

Your Signature / Stamp here:

Retieseweg 111, B-2440 Geel - Belgium. Telephone: (32-14) 571 211
Telephone: direct line (32-14) 571 229. Fax: (32-14) 571 783.

E-mail: jrc-imm-crl-mycotox@ec.europa.eu
Web site: <http://imm.jrc.ec.europa.eu>

Annex 6. Questionnaire

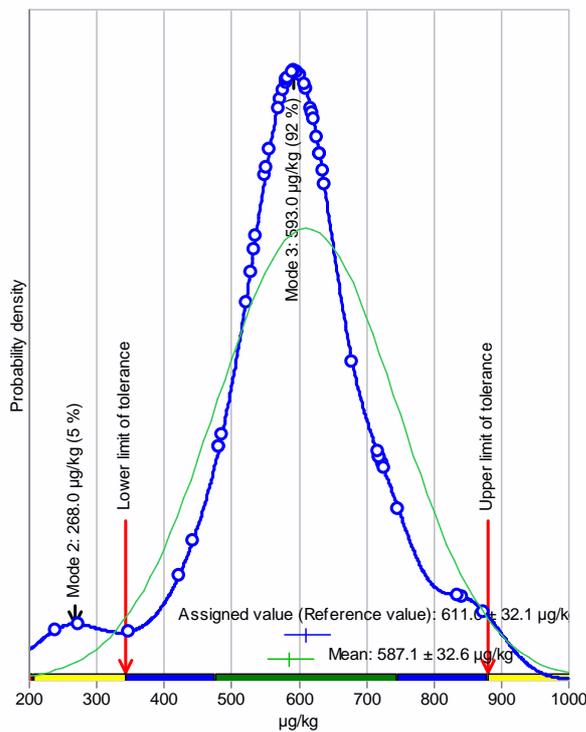
Ring test : PT 2016 MULTITOXIN (29 questions, 1277 answers)			
Nr.	Cue	Question	Answers
1	Samples per year	How many samples does your laboratory approximately analyse for the following mycotoxins per year? Aflatoxins, enniatins and beauvericin, T-2 and HT-2, deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, fumonisins	51 Answers
2	Matrices	Which food or feed matrices does your laboratory analyse most frequently for mycotoxins on a routine basis?	50 Answers
3	Accreditation	Is your laboratory accredited for the determination of any of the following mycotoxins in cereals? Aflatoxin B1, fumonisin B1, fumonisin B2, deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, T-2, HT-2, enniatins, beauvericin, multitoxin method	46 Answers
4	Multitoxin / individual method	Did you use a multitoxin method or individual methods?	53 Answers
5	Analytical method	Please indicate the acronym of the analytical method used for each mycotoxin or group of mycotoxins analysed (e.g., DON - IAC-HPLC-DAD)	53 Answers
6	Reference official method	Please indicate the reference of the official method (if applicable) used to analyse each of the mycotoxins	37 Answers
7	Extraction conditions	Please describe the extraction conditions or give a bibliographic reference of the SOP, in case you have used a multimethod	43 Answers
8	Clean-up	For each mycotoxin, please indicate the brand of the immunoaffinity column or SPE column used for sample clean-up (if applicable)	45 Answers
9	MS conditions	In case you have applied a LC-MS/MS multimethod, please indicate the MRM transitions used for quantification (e.g., DON - ESI+ m/z 297>249)	36 Answers
10	Isotope labelled Int Standards	In case you have applied a LC-MS/MS multimethod, did you use isotope-labelled internal standards? Please indicate which?	36 Answers
11	Addition of ISTD	If applicable, did you add the internal standards?	21 Answers
12	Calibration approach	Which type of calibration approach did you follow? Standards in pure solvent / Matrix matched calibration. Distinguish by mycotoxin, if needed.	49 Answers
13	Approach method uncertainty	How have you estimated the method uncertainty?	51 Answers
14	Recovery estimate	How did you estimate the method's recovery?	49 Answers
15	Recovery correction	The results submitted were?	47 Answers
16	Use of CRMs	Do you use Certified Reference Materials for mycotoxin analysis? Please specify the mycotoxins, matrices and suppliers of the CRMs	46 Answers
17	Suppliers of standards	Which were the suppliers of the mycotoxin standards used for this Proficiency test	47 Answers
18	Special precautions	Do you take special precautions to avoid the loss of analytes (e.g., acid washing of the glassware, amber glassware and protection from daylight, etc.)? Please indicate for which mycotoxins	48 Answers
19	Analysis of enniatins and beau	Did you analyse before enniatins and beauvericin in cereal samples? In case YES, for how long?	41 Answers
20	Implementation Enniatins	In case you don't analyse enniatins and beauvericin, do you plan to implement the method in the near future?	32 Answers
21	Difficulties	Did you have major difficulties analysing the distributed samples?	52 Answers
22	Which difficulties	If Yes, please specify which? e.g. sensitivity of the instrument; pumps pressure; chromatographic resolution; tedious sample preparation; complex matrix, insufficient clean-up, etc.	17 Answers
23	PT announcement	How were you informed about this Proficiency Test?	52 Answers
24	Time for reporting	Was the time allowed for reporting the results adequate?	52 Answers
25	Sufficient sample	Was the sample amount dispatched sufficient for the analyses?	51 Answers
26	Time spent for the PT	How much time did you spend overall to analyse the samples, treat data and report?	51 Answers
27	Problems with ProLab/RingDat	Did you have any problems using the ProLab/RingDat platform for results reporting? If Yes, describe which?	47 Answers
28	Instructions clear	Did you find the instructions distributed for this PT adequate? Yes/No. If No, which parts do you think can be improved?	48 Answers
29	Comments	Any other comments you wish to address?	26 Answers

Annex 7. Kernel density plots

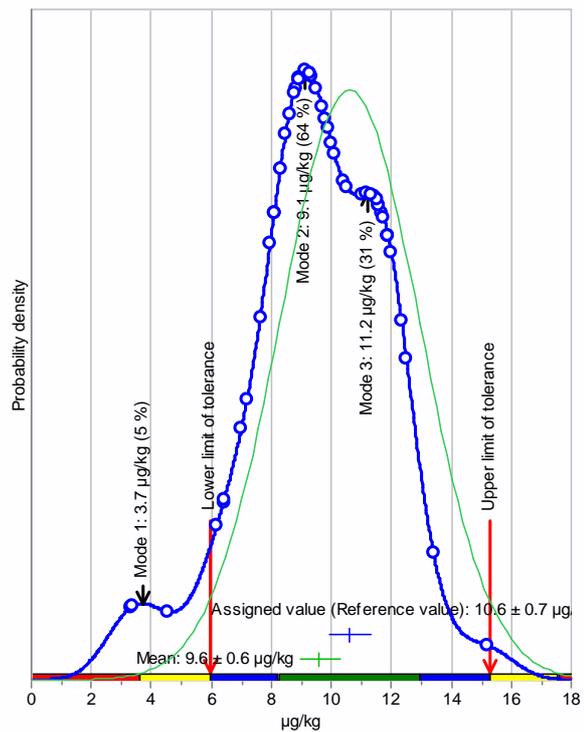
The assigned (reference) values for DON and HT-2 toxin cluster very closely with the respective major modes and the robust means calculated from the results of the participants. The pairs of kernel density plots FB1/FB2 and HT-2/T-2 toxins show a similar and minor deviation from a Gaussian distribution. There is seemingly a significant number of laboratories which underestimated HT-2 and T-2 mass fractions, that despite using LC-MS/MS, didn't use ^{13}C -labelled internal standards and the calibration standards were prepared in pure solvent. Although other participants following similar calibration strategy reached a satisfactory performance, this approach renders the procedure more vulnerable to systematic errors.

The deviation from normality in the AFB1 kernel density plot was investigated. Neither the different sample preparation techniques (IAC, dilute&shoot and QuEChERS) nor the analytical methods (LC-MS/MS and HPLC-FLD) used by or the participants could be unequivocally implicated in the apparent bimodality. Likewise, the origin of the calibration standards does not seem to have played any role in that regard.

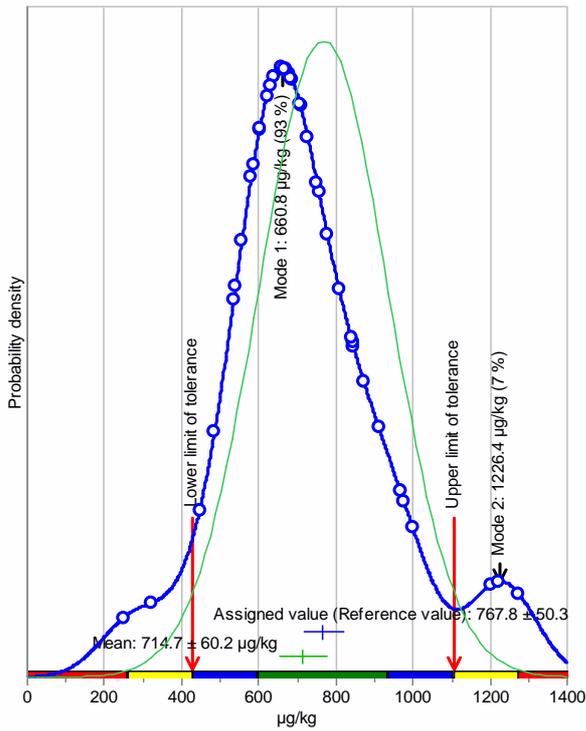
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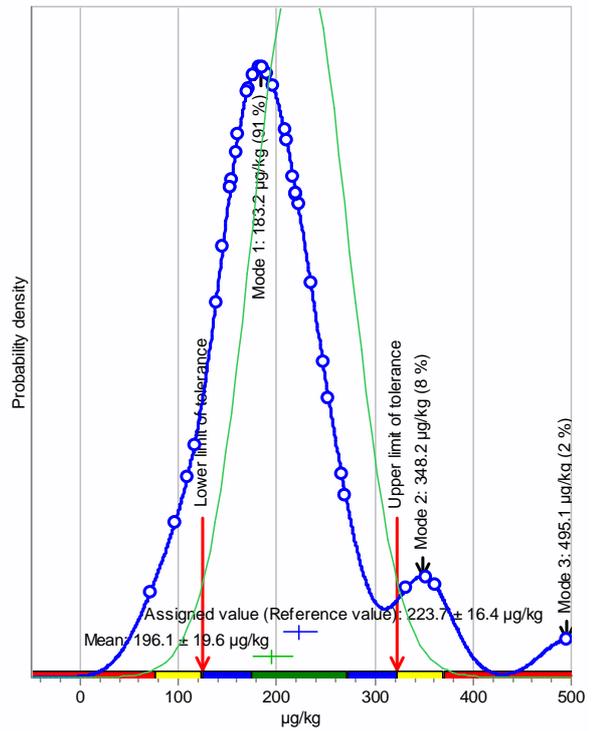
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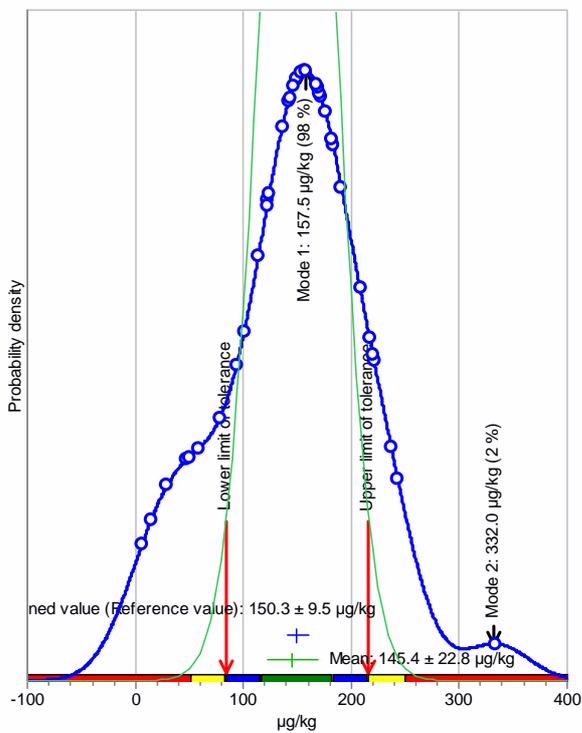
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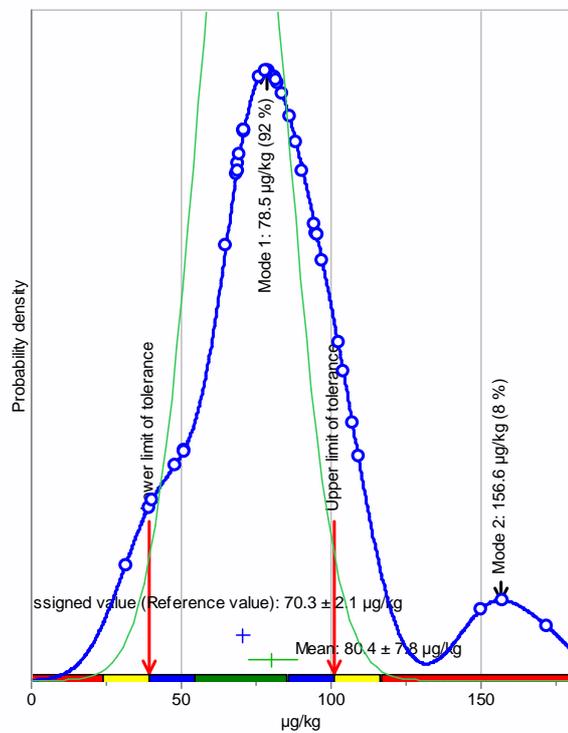
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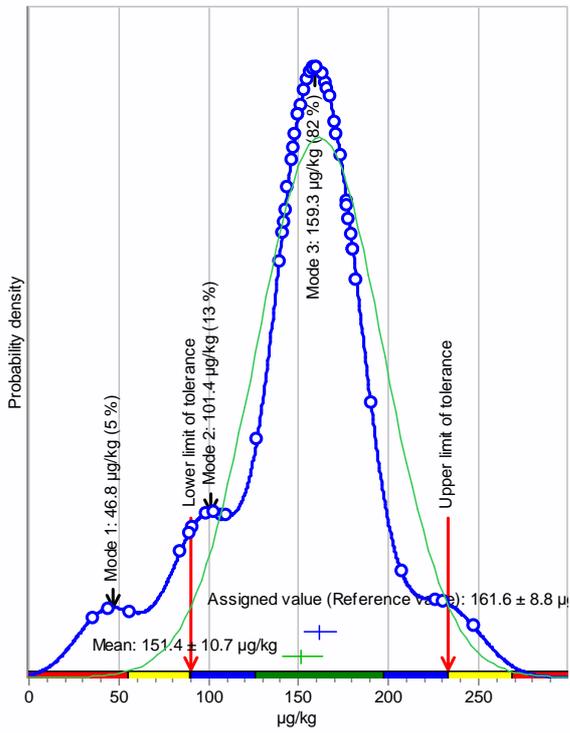
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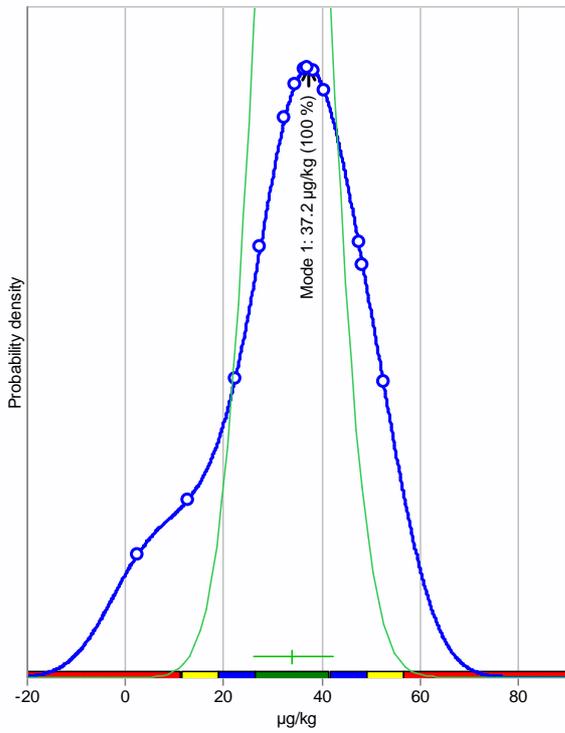
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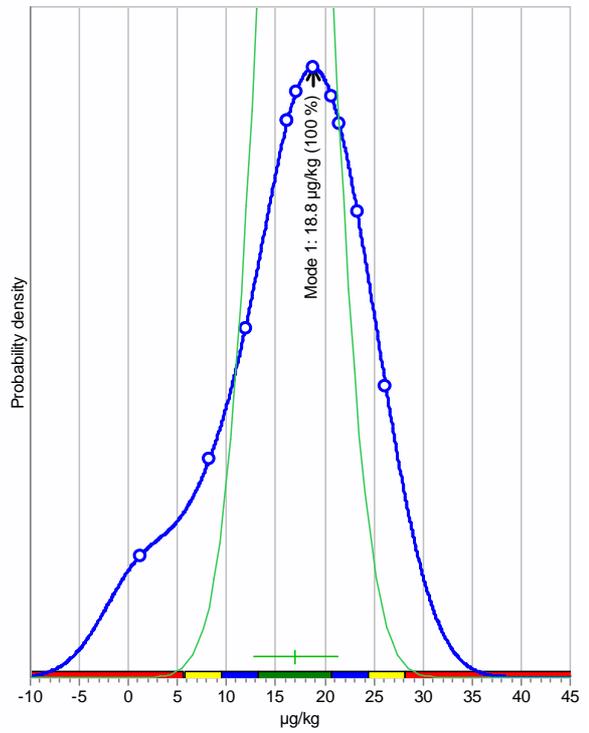
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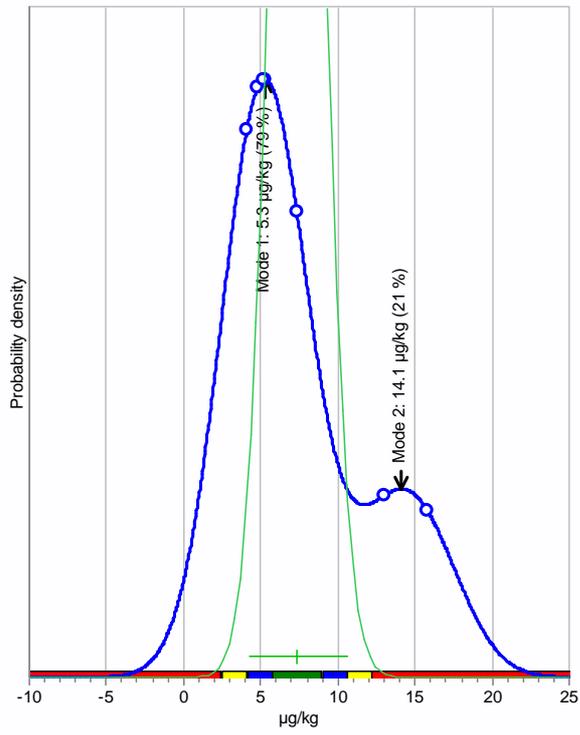
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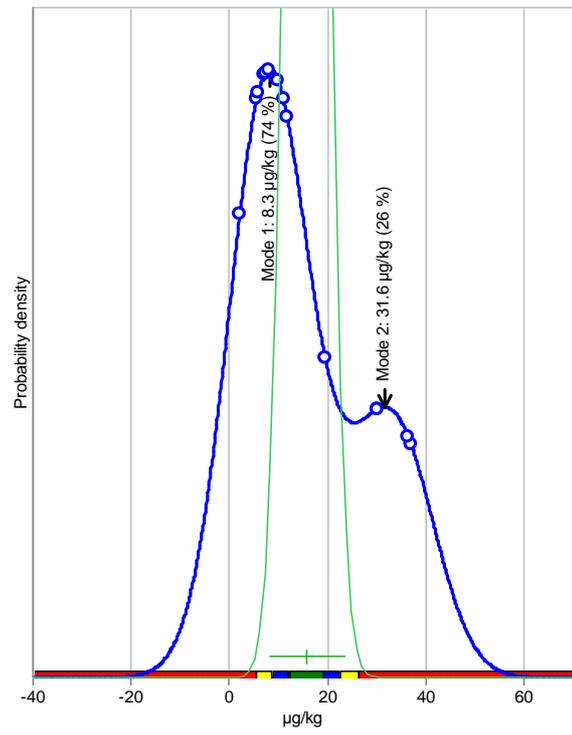
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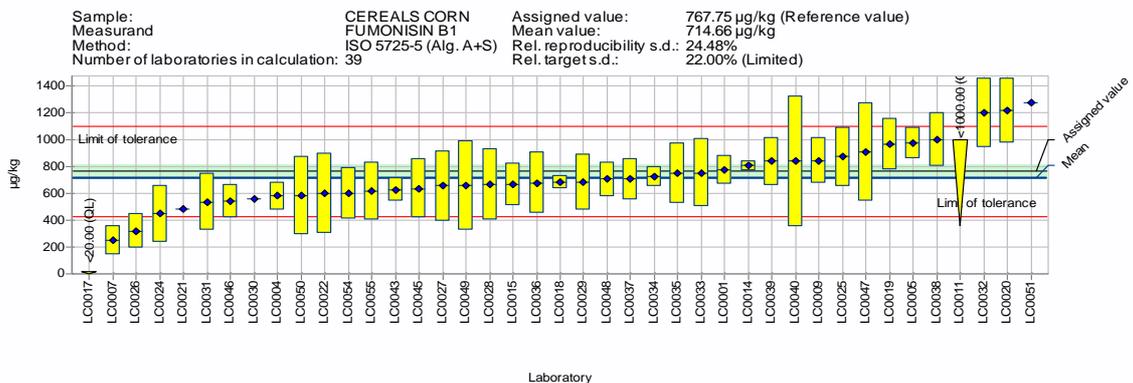
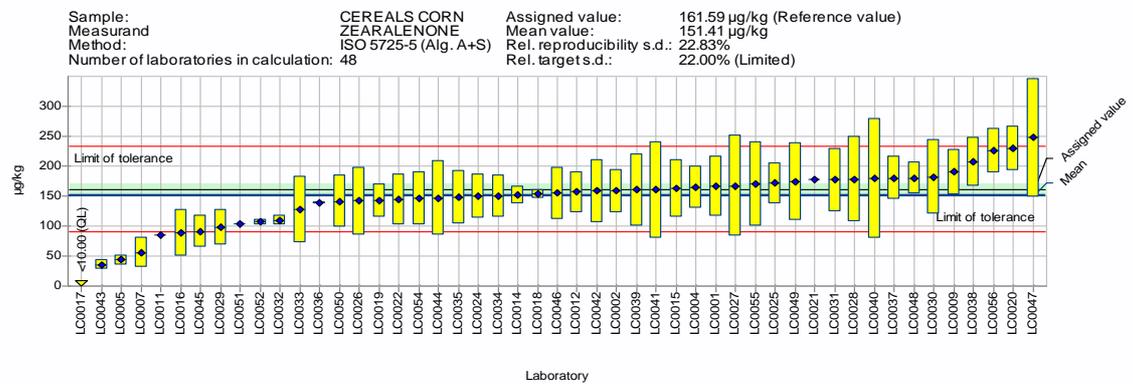
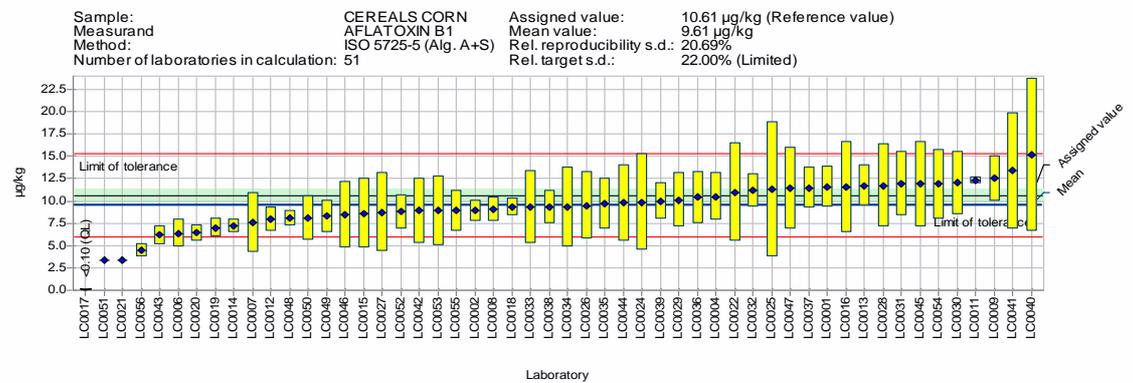
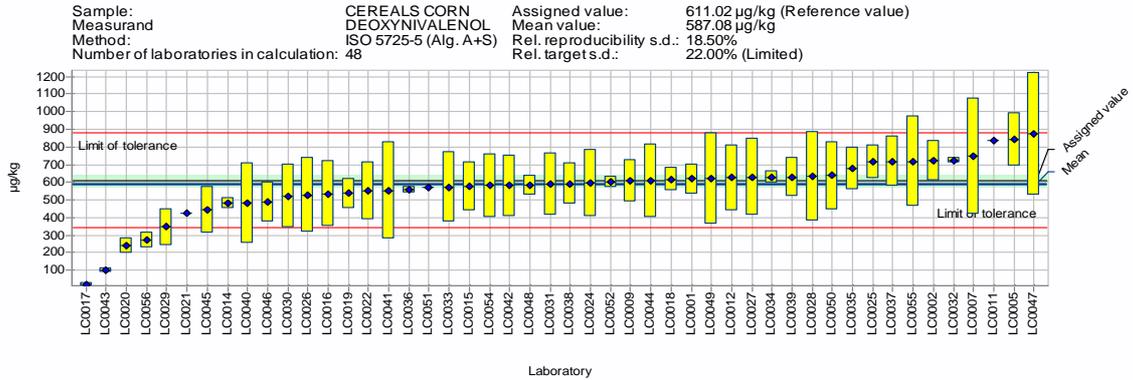
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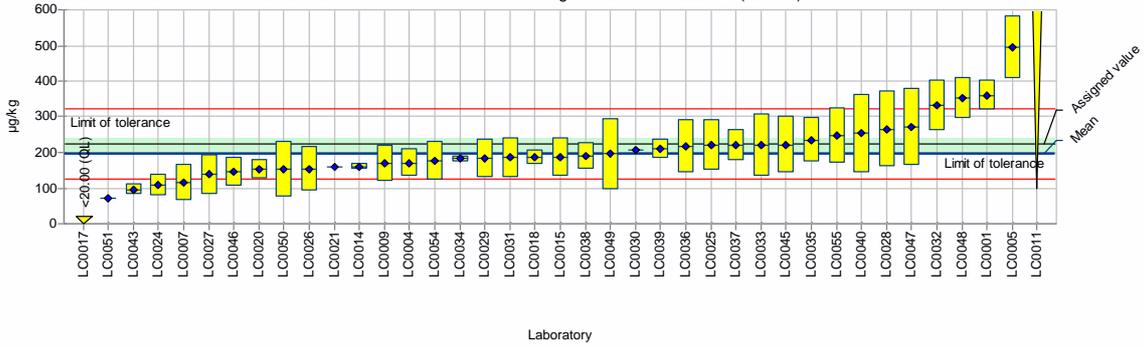


Annex 8. Distribution of individual results and respective uncertainties (k=2)



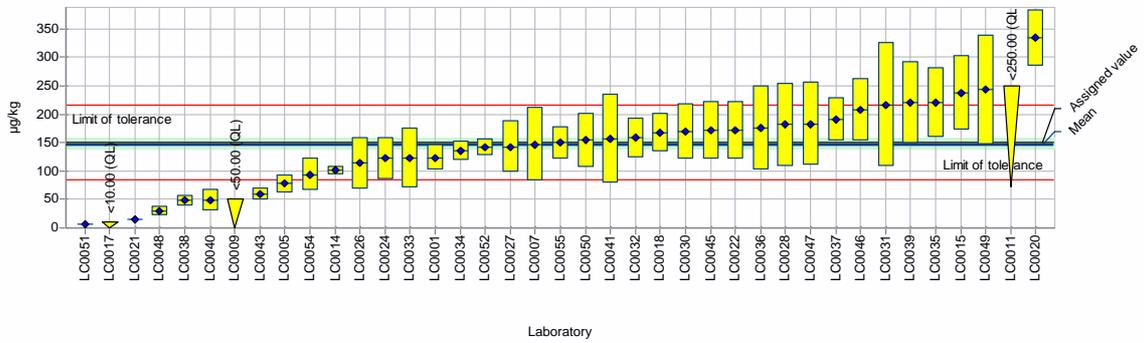
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 Measurand: FUMONISIN B2
 Method: ISO 5725-5 (Alg. A+S)
 Number of laboratories in calculation: 37

Assigned value: 223.66 µg/kg (Reference value)
 Mean value: 196.06 µg/kg
 Rel. reproducibility s.d.: 26.63%
 Rel. target s.d.: 22.00% (Limited)



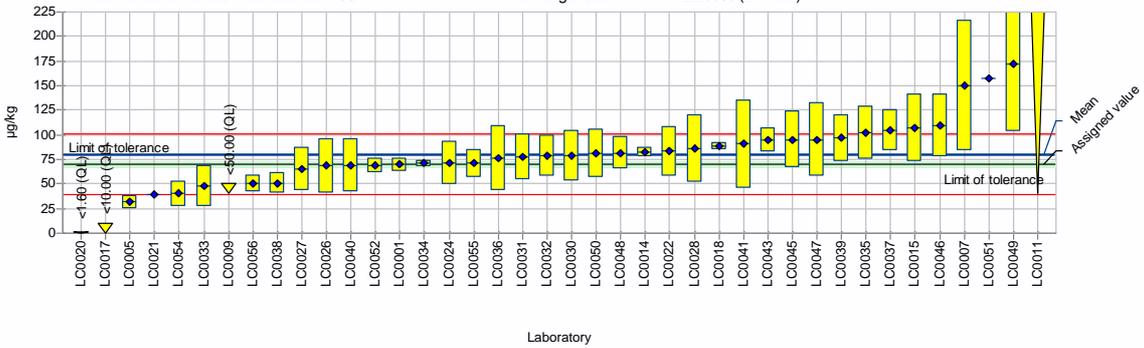
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 Measurand: HT-2
 Method: ISO 5725-5 (Alg. A+S)
 Number of laboratories in calculation: 36

Assigned value: 150.32 µg/kg (Reference value)
 Mean value: 145.39 µg/kg
 Rel. reproducibility s.d.: 45.40%
 Rel. target s.d.: 22.00% (Limited)



Sample: CEREALS OAT
 Measurand: T-2
 Method: ISO 5725-5 (Alg. A+S)
 Number of laboratories in calculation: 36

Assigned value: 70.27 µg/kg (Reference value)
 Mean value: 80.38 µg/kg
 Rel. reproducibility s.d.: 33.36%
 Rel. target s.d.: 22.00% (Limited)



Annex 9. Method conditions, quantification approaches and quality control

Lab code	Q.2 Matrices	Q.4 Multitox/ind. method	Q.5 Analytical method	Q.6 Reference official method	Q.7 Extraction conditions
LC0001	Figs, nuts, spices, milk, fish, cereals/flour (feed and food), many feed matrices	Mutitoxin method/ Individual methods	Aflatoxin B1 - IAC-UPLC-FD Fumonisin B1/B2 - IAC-HPLC-FD DON - UPLC-MS/MS ZON - UPLC-MS/MS HT-2 - UPLC-MS/MS T-2 - UPLC-MS/MS ENN A,A1,B,B1 - UPLC-MS/MS BEAU - UPLC-MS/MS	Aflatoxin B1 - ISO 17375/2006 Fumonisin B1/B2 - EN 14352 and other DON, ZON, HT-2, T-2, ENN, BEAU several non-official	10 g and 100 ml acetonitrile/water - 84/16 shaking in 60 min, filtration, dissolving with acetonitrile/water - 84/16 and adding internal standard. Evaporation to dryness. Resolving in 1 ml 40% methanol.
LC0002	Feed	Individual methods	B1 IAC -HPLC -FLD ZON - IAC -HPLC -FLD DON -IAC-HPLC -UV/VIS	B1- SR EN 16050/2011 ZON - ISO 17372/2008; SR EN 15792/2010 DON- SR EN 15791/2010	IAC specification
LC0004	Cereals and all products derived from cereals, dry fruits, dried fruits and feed	Individual methods	Aflatoxin - HPLC-FLD Fumonisin B1- HPLC-FLD Fumonisin B2 - HPLC-FLD Zearalenone - HPLC-FLD		
LC0005	Cereals, cereal products, baby foods	Mutitoxin method	Multi-toxin method "dilute and shoot", LC-MS/MS	Compilation of Waters LC/MS/MS application method and EURL method for multi mycotoxin determination in cereal based feed	weigh 5g sample, dilute with 25 mL of extraction solution (ACN/water/FA 79/20/1), vortex, shaking 1h, centrifuge, evaporation and redilution to MeOH/water 50/50
LC0006		Individual methods	HPLC-FLD		Sample 10 g Methanol/Water 20 ml (extraction)
LC0007	Corn and corn based products, dried fruits (pistachios and peanuts)	Mutitoxin method	LC-MS/MS for all the tested mycotoxins	No official method used	For T-2 and HT-2 the following method was applied: JRC 66507 EN - JRC - IRMM "Validation of an analytical method for the simultaneous determination of deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, T-2 and HT-2 toxins in unprocessed cereals - Validation report. Andreas Breidbach. 2011. The extraction of DON, AFB1, FB1, FB2 and ZON was performed by shaking for 60 minutes 2g of grounded sample with 8ml of AcCN:H2O:HCOOH 79:20:1
LC0008	Feed Materials	Individual methods	AflaB1-IAC-HPLC-FLD	In House Method based on ISO 17375:2006	50g of sample, 250ml extraction solvent acetone/H2O (85/15), 30' shaking
LC0009	Corn, wheat	Mutitoxin method	extraction ASE, LC-MS/MS		extraction with ASE (ACN, MeOH, water)
LC0011	Cereals, nuts, seeds, spices	Individual methods	Aflatoxin: IAC-HPLC-FLD DON, ZON, FUM, T2/HT2: ELISA		
LC0012	Frutos secos, cereals	Individual methods	DON-IAC-HPLC-DAD, ZEA-IAC-HPLC-FLD, AFLATOXIN-IAC-HPLC-KOBRACELL-FLD	ZEA: UNE-EN 15850:2010 AFLATOXI: UNE-EN 14123:2008, UNE-EN 16050:2011 DON: UNE-EN 15891:2010	
LC0013	Cereals, Dried fruit, Nuts, Baby foods.	Individual methods	B1: IAC-HPLC-PCD-FLD	B1: AOAC Official method 991.31	B1: MeOH-H2O 62,5%, NaCl

LC0014	Maize, wheat, barley rye, oats	Individual methods	Aflatoxin, ZEA, FB1, FB2, DON, HT2, T2 and Enniatins analysed by LC-MS/MS		Extraction is carried out with water-acetonitrile by shaking.
LC0015	nuts, dried fruit, spices, cereals, corn, baby food, coffee	Mutitoxin method	QuEChERS for all compounds	In-house method	2-gram sample, extraction with acetonitrile/formic acid, addition of magnesium sulphate and sodium chloride, shaking, centrifugation, filtration through syringe filter, LC-MS/MS
LC0016	cereals, spices, wine, coffee, dried fruit	Individual methods	AFLA-IAC-HPLC-FLD DON-IAC-HPLC-DAD ZEA-IAC-HPLC-FLD	AFLA: UNI EN 14123:2007 DON: UNI EN 15891:2010 ZEA: 15850:2010	
LC0017	Peanuts, dried figs, chilli powder	Individual methods	T2 + HT2, DON, ZON, Beauvericin + Enniatins - LC-MS/MS Aflatoxins - IAC-LC-FLD	T2 + HT2 - LC/GC Europe (17)11a, 2004, 25-30 DON + ZON - Internal method Beauvericin + Enniatins - Internal method Aflatoxins - EN 14123	T2 + HT2, DON, ZON, Beauvericin + Enniatins - extraction with ACN/H2O, SPE Clean-up Aflatoxins - IAC
LC0018	wheat, rye, barley, oat, rice, sunflower seeds, ...	Mutitoxin method	all mycotoxins - LC-MS/MS		samples were stirred in a water/acetonitrile/methanol-mixture
LC0019	baby food	Individual methods	B1 - IAC-HPLC-FD DON - IAC - HPLC - UV ZON - Elisa FUM - Elisa T2, HT2 - IAC - HPLC - FD EN, BEA - HPLC-UV, DAD		
LC0020		Individual methods	AFLA - HPLC - FLD T2, HT2 - HPLC - FLD ZEA - HPLC - FLD DON - HPLC - DAD FUMO B1,B2 HPLC FLD		
LC0021	cereal and cereal products	Mutitoxin method	dilute and shoot, LC-MS/MS	no reference	extract with ACN/water/acetic acid dilute 1:1 with ACN/water/acetic acid
LC0022	mixed feed	Mutitoxin method	LC-QQQ (dilute & shoot)		ACN/water/acetic acid (89/20/1); 120 min stirring; 25g; 100 ml
LC0024	cereals (barley, oat, wheat and rye) feed (cereal based)	Mutitoxin method	DON, T-2, TH-2, zearalenone, aflatoxin B1, fumonisins B1 and B2 - UHPLC-MS/MS enniatis and beauvericin - not analysed		EURL draft "Determination of deoxynivalenol, aflatoxin B1, fumonisins B1&B2, T-2 & HT-2 toxins, zearalenone and ochratoxin A in unprocessed cereals and cereal based compound feeds by liquid chromatography - tandem mass spectrometry.
LC0025	nuts, raisins, dried figs	Individual methods	AFB1-IAC-HPLC-FLD FB1FB2-IAC-HPLC-FLD ZON-IAC-HPLC-FLD DON-SPE-UPLC-MSMS		
LC0026	cereals, pastries, dried fruits, edible nuts	Mutitoxin method	Multitoxin - HPLC-MS/MS		Sulyok M et al. 2006. Rapid Communication in Mass Spectrometry 20, 2649-2659.
LC0027	cereals and cereal products, dried fruit, spices	Individual methods	DON-IAC-HPLC/DAD ZON-IAC-HPLC/FLD FUMONIZIN-IAC-LC-MS/MS AFLATOKSIN-IAC-LC-MS/MS	internal methods	

LC0028	Feed material and compound feed	Mutitoxin method	LC/MSMS for all analytes analysed	<p>1. The Detection of Mycotoxins Using a Simple Sample Extraction and LC-MS/MS with Fast Polarity Switching and the Scheduled MRM Algorithm. AB Sciex publication, Jianru Stahl-Zeng, Stephen Lock, Stefanie Krepperhofer, Kristen von Czapiewski</p> <p>2. LC-MS/MS multi-method for mycotoxins after single extraction, with validation data for peanut, pistachio, wheat, maize, cornflakes, raisins and figs. Food additives and Contaminants, April 2008;25(4): 472-489, Martien C. Spanjer, Peter M. Rensen and Jos M. Scholten</p>	80:20 acetonitrile:water
LC0029	peanuts, hazelnuts, pistachios, dried figs, red pepper, cereal crops such as wheat, corn, barley and wheat flour, corn oil.	Individual methods	<p>DON-IAC-HPLC-DAD ZON-IAC-HPLC-FLD AFLB1-IAC-HPLC-FLD FUM B1-IAC-HPLC-FLD FUM B2-IAC-HPLC-FLD T2-IAC-HPLC-FLD HT2-IAC-HPLC-FLD AFL-OTA-FUM-IAC-HPLC_FLD DON-ZON_T2/HT2-IAC-HPLC_FLD_DAD</p>	<p>AFL- EN ISO 16050 OTA EN 14132 DON EN 15891 ZEA - EN 15850 FUM -EN 14352</p>	<p>mutitoxin IACs with one sample preparation, but different chromatographic methods and detectors wavelengths. AFL-OTA-FUM-IAC-HPLC_FLD- 10g sample with 2 g NaCl was extracted with 40 ml mixture of methanol-water=60/40. after filtration 10 ml were diluted with 15 ml PBS solution. After filtration with glass microfiber filter, 5 ml are passed through the IAC. The IAC column was washed with 20 ml water. eluting with 1 ml methanol with backflushing and 1 ml of water. DON-ZON_T2/HT2-IAC-HPLC_FLD_DAD -10g sample with 2 g NaCl was extracted with 40 ml mixture</p>
LC0030	Barley and wheat.	Mutitoxin method	QUECHERS-HPLC-MS/MS	internal document: SOP 10575.1	
LC0031	cereals (wheat, triticale, barley,maize,rye), silage, hay, complete feed, supplementary compound feed	Mutitoxin method	all mycotoxins - QuEChERS-LC-MS		QuEChERS
LC0032	cereal based food, baby food, infant formula	Individual methods	<p>T2, HT-2 - LC MS/MS Fumonisin - LC MS/MS Aflatoxin B1 - HPLC-FLD DON - HPLC-UV F2 - HPLC-FLD</p>	<p>AFLA UNI EN 14123:2008 FUMO UNI EN 14352:2005 DON-ZEA-T-2-HT-2 Internal Method</p>	<p>T2, HT2 - ACN:H2O:CH3COOH - 79:20:1 Fumonisin - ACN:MEOH:H2O - 25:25:50 Aflatoxin B1 - MEOH:H2O - 70:30 DON - H2O F2 - ACN:H2O 50:50</p>
LC0033	Dry fruits, cereals and derived	Mutitoxin method/Individual methods	<p>AFLA IAC-HPLC-FLD FUMO IAC-HPLC-FLD DON-ZEA-T-2-HT-2 SPE-LC/MS/MS</p>	In-house validated method based on draft for ongoing CEN mandate "Multimethod for the screening of ochratoxin A, aflatoxin B1, deoxynivalenol, zearalenone and fumonisin B1 and B2 in foodstuffs by LC-MS/MS"	DON-ZEA-T-2-HT-2 Extraction with Acetonitrile / water 84:16
LC0034	none (no routine analysis)	Mutitoxin method	All analytes: HPLC-MS/MS	internal methods	Samples were extracted with a mixture of 10 ml water and 10 ml acetonitrile containing 0.1% formic acid. After 30 min shaking and centrifugation, 1 ml of the supernatant was mixed with 100 µl isotope-labelled standard

					solution and 250 mg MgSO ₄ . After phase separation, 300 µl of the organic phase was mixed with 300 µl water and analysed using LC-MS/MS
LC0035	cereals, baby foods, dried fruits	Individual methods	IAC-LC-MS/MS for all mycotoxins	Aflatoxins - EN 14123 T-2/HT-2 - Method of CRL 2006 Fumonisin - EN 14352 DON - EN 15891 ZON - EN 15850	Meoh/water or ACN/water
LC0036	Nuts, cereals, cereals products, spices, milk, milk products, premixes pig ration, poultry ration dairy ration	Individual methods	Aflatoxins - IAC - HPLC-FD Fumonisin - IAC - HPLC-FD DON - IAC - LC-MS ZON - IAC - LC-MS T-2 and HT-2 - IAC - GC-MSD	AflaB1 - MSZ EN ISO 17375:2006 Zearalenon - MSZ EN 15792:2010	
LC0037	corn, cereals, pet foods, mixed feed	Mutitoxin method/Individual methods	AflaB1-IAC-HPLC-FLD Zearalenon-IAC-HPLC-FLD Fumonizins-SPE-HPLC-MS DON, T2, HT2 SPE-HPLC-MS/MS mutitoxin		Acn/water 84/16, 2 hours extraction time, cleanup AflaZon 226 SPE
LC0038		Individual methods	UPLC-ToF		
LC0039	Feed	Mutitoxin method	multi mycotoxin - LC-MSMS		Quechers extraction
LC0040	cereals, cereal products, nuts, coffee, dried fruits	Mutitoxin method	LC-MS/MS for all toxins		Acetonitril:water:acetic acid (79:20:1). Shaking for 30 min. 12,5 g sample+50 ml extraction solvent
LC0041		Mutitoxin method	LC-MSMS		Shake with 50:50 water : 1 % HAc in MeCN
LC0042	Nuts Dried Fruits Cereals	Individual methods	AFLA: IAC-HPLC-FLD DON: IAC-HPLC-UV ZON: IAC-HPLC-FLD	AFLA: EN 15851:2010 DON: in-house method ZON: in-house method	Individual methods used
LC0043	feed animal tissues milk	Mutitoxin method	LC-MS/MS	Determination of Deoxynivalenol, Aflatoxin B1, Fumonisin B1&B2, T-2 & HT-2 toxins, Zearalenone and Ochratoxin A in unprocessed cereals and cereal-based compound feeds by Liquid Chromatography - Tandem Mass Spectrometry- DRAFT- SOP EURL GEEL	Determination of Deoxynivalenol, Aflatoxin B1, Fumonisin B1&B2, T-2 & HT-2 toxins, Zearalenone and Ochratoxin A in unprocessed cereals and cereal-based compound feeds by Liquid Chromatography – Tandem Mass Spectrometry- DRAFT- SOP EURL GEEL
LC0044	feed, raw materials and cereals for humans consumption	Individual methods	AFLATOXINE B1: UPLC-FD DON: HPLC-UV ZEARALENONE: UPLC-FD	RE(UE)519/2014 AMENDING REGULATION (EC) N°401/2006	AFLATOXINE: METHANOL-WATER (80/20) 100mL DON: WATER 200mL ZEARALENONE: ACETONITRILE-WATER (60/40) 200 mL
LC0045	Nuts, dried fruits, cereals and cereal based products.	Individual methods	AFLA B1-LC-MS/MS FUM B1-LC-MS/MS FUM B2-LC-MS/MS ZON-LC-MS/MS		Extraction with mixture of solvent, acetonitrile:water=70:30 (AFLA, ZON) Extraction with mixture of solvent, methanol:water=70:30 (T2, HT2)

			DON-LC-MS/MS T2-LC-MS/MS HT2-LC-MS/MS		Extraction with mixture of solvent, methanol:acetonitrile:water=1:1:2 (FUM B1, FUM B2) Extraction with water, DON
LC0046	cereal flours, biscuits, pistachios, peanut, baby food, feed ingredients	Individual methods	Afla: IAC-HPLC-FLD Zea: IAC-HPLC-FLD DON: IAC-UPLC-MS/MS FUM: IAC-UPLC-MS/MS T-2/HT-2: IAC-UPLC-MS/MS	in-house methods or derived from publications	not applicable
LC0047	Cereals	Mutitoxin method	All toxins via LC-MS/MS (different method for enniatins & beauvericin)	NA	Modified QuEChERS
LC0048	Cereals, cereal products, nuts and products, dried fruits	Mutitoxin method	Multimycotoxin - LC-MS-MS		Extraction solvent ACN:H2O (70:30), Shake for 2h, Centrifuge, Filter
LC0049	Feed, cereals, maize, nuts	Individual methods	Aflatoxin B1 - IAC-HPLC-FLD, Kobra cell Fumonisin - IAC-HPLC-FLD, DON - IAC-HPLC-DAD, ZON - IAC-HPLC-FLD, T-2, HT-2 - IAC-HPLC-FLD	Aflatoxin B1 - EN ISO 17375 Fumonisin - EN 13585, CEN/TS 16187 DON - EN 15791 ZON - EN 15792 T-2, HT-2 - R-BIOPHARM RHONE LTD IAK Description	
LC0050	food: dried fruits, cereals and cereals products, nuts,spices,baby food feed: raw materials, compounds feed,pet food	Mutitoxin method/Individual methods	T2;HT2,DON,Zea: LCMS Fumos B1 and B2: IAC-HPLC- fluo after derivatization (OPA) Afb1: IAC-HPLC-fluo after derivatization with Cobra cell	Afla B1: NF EN 14123 Fumos B1 and B2 : NF EN 16006 T2 HT DON ZEA: in-house method lcms	for Don,THT2,DON and Zea: - Extraction : Weigh 10g of sample (1mg precision)in an erlen, add 100ml of extraction solution : CH3CN/H2O/CH3COOH - 80/20/1 Agitate magnétically during 1h Filtration with paper - Preparation of extract injection : Transfer 1ml (=0,1g) of extract in a vial deactivated of 4ml. Add 25 µl of Mix IS in all vials at the same time (standards solutions and samples) with multipet and evaporate dry with nitrogen. Solubilize the residue in 500µl of mobile phase containing 1mM ammonium acetate + 0.1% acetic acid as follow: - Add 100µl of mobile phase B (M"
LC0051	Cereals	Mutitoxin method	MULTI IAC - UHPLC - HRMS/MS		Double extraction: PBS and methanol
LC0052	nuts, dried fruits, wine, coffee, spices, grains	Individual methods	Don, T2, HT2 - GC/MS Zearalenon - IAC - HPLC - FLD Aflatoxin B1 - IAC - HPLC - FLD		DON, T2; HT2 - ACN/H2O 84/16 Zearalenone - MeOH/H2O 3/2 AB1 - MeOH/H2O 4/1
LC0053	cereals, coffee, dried fruit, spices, wine, apple based products, beer	Individual methods	Aflatoxins B1- HPLC-FL	UNI EN ISO 16050 2011	methanol/water 80/20 extraction
LC0054	Cereals	Mutitoxin method	Aflatoxin B1 - IAC-HPLC-FL The other mycotoxins - UHPLC-MS/MS	In-house methods	AcN - acetonitrile/water 80/20 (v/v) The other mycotoxins - acetonitrile/water/formic acid 74/25/1 (v/v/v)
LC0055	Cereals, nuts, baby food, milk, apple juice, wine.	Mutitoxin method	UPLC-MS/MS Mutitoxin method	House Method based in the article Determination of mycotoxins in different food commodities by UPLC-MS/MS. Rapid Commun. Mass Spectrum. 2009; 23; 1801-1809.	10 g + 40 ml Acetonitrile 80% + 0.1% formic acid. Shaking 90 min. Centrifuge. Dilute 1 ml extract + 1 ml H2O. Filter 0.2 µm DON : 1 ml extract, evaporate (dryness). Add 1ml H2O. Filter 0.2 µm.

LC0056	cereals	Mutitoxin method	UPLC-MS/MS	Multi-Method Screening Mycotoxins CEN/TC 275/WG 5 N 720	5g of sample shaken with 20 mls of 92:8 ACN:Water
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Lab code	Q.8 Clean-up	Q.9 MS conditions	Q.10 Isotope-labelled ISTD	Q.11 Addition of ISTD	Q.12 Calibration approach
LC0001	Aflatoxin B1 - Aflaprep R-Biopharm Rhone Fumonisin B1/B2 - Fumoniprep R-Biopharm Rhone	DON - ESI- m/z 295>265 ZON - ESI- m/z 317>175 HT-2 - ESI+ m/z 447>345 T-2 - ESI+ m/z 489>387 ENN A - ESI+ m/z 704>350 ENN A1 - ESI+ m/z 690>350 ENN B - ESI+ m/z 662>336 ENN B1 - ESI+ m/z 676>336 BEAU - ESI+ m/z 806>384	13C DON, 13C T-2, 13C HT-2, 13C ZON	After extraction	Standard in pure solvent
LC0002	R-BIOPHARM RHONE	-	-		Standards in pure solvent (B1;DON; ZON)
LC0004	Zearalenone - Vicam Aflatoxin - R-Biopharm Fumonisin - Vicam	-	-		Standards in solvent
LC0005	-	DON-ESI+- m/z 297.1->231.2 ZON-ESI+-m/z 319->281.2 FB1-ESI+-m/z 722.4->352.1 FB2-ESI+-m/z 706.4->318.1 T2-ESI+-m/z 484.2->215 HT2-ESI+-m/z 442.2-> 323 ENA-ESI+-m/z 682.6->210.3 ENA1-ESI+-m/z 668.5->210 ENB-ESI+-m/z 640.5->195.9 ENB1-ESI+-m/z 654.5->195.9 BVR-ESI+-m/z 784.5->244.0	No		Standards in pure solvent (MeOH/water 50/50)
LC0006	Vicam Aflatest	T-2 489.6>327.1; HT-2 489.6>345.1; DON 297.3>231; AFB1 313>285; FB1 723.3>335.1; FB2 706.9>336.5; ZON 319>187. ESI+ for all the texted mycotoxins			Standard in pure solvent
LC0007	No IAC or SPE used for clean-up the samples.		isotope-labelled standard was used for the determination of T-2, HT-2; DON, AFB1, FBs		For T-2, HT-2, DON, AFB1, FB1, FB2 standards in pure solvent with the addition of the isotope-labelled standard was used. For ZON matrix, matched calibration was used.
LC0008	LC-Tech IAC				Standards in pure solvent
LC0009		FB1: ES+ 722.4>352.4 / FB2: ES+ 706.5>336.4/ AF B1: ES+ 313.1>241.1/ ZEA: ES+ 319.2>283.2/ DON: ES+ 297.2> 249.1	Deoxynivalenol C13, zearalenone C13, T2 C13, aflatoxin B1 C13, fumonisin B1 C13	Before extraction	T2/HT2: matrix matched calibration other mycotoxins: pure solvent
LC0011	R-Biopharm for Aflatoxins				
LC0012					Standards in pure solvent
LC0013	B1: VICAM Aflaprep WB				
LC0014	Fumonisin : IAC, Aflatoxin and ZEA : mycosep 226 DON, HT2, T2: mycosep 225 Enniatins, beauvericin: just	Enn A: 699 > 210, Enn A1: 685 > 210, Enn B: 657 > 196, Enn B1: 671 > 196, Beau: 801 > 244, HT2: 442>263, T2: 484>365		After extraction	Aflatoxins and Zea: matrix match calibration For the others, component used standard in pure solvent

	extract without clean-up	DON: 355>295 ZEA: 317>175 Afal B1: 313>213			
LC0015	No clean-up	ENN A: ESI+, 699/210 ENN A1: ESI+, 685/210 ENN B: ESI+, 657/196 ENN B1: ESI+, 671/196 BEA: ESI+, 801/244 T2: ESI+, 484/215 HT2: ESI+, 442/215 FB1: ESI+, 722/352 FB2: ESI+, 706/336 AFB1: ESI+, 313/285 DON: ESI-, 355/138 ZON: ESI-, 317/175	No		matrix-matched calibration
LC0016	BIOPHARM				STANDARDS IN PURE SOLVENTS
LC0018	no columns were used (neither SPE nor IAC)	DON_q 297,1 / 248,9 Zenon_q 317,1 / 130,8 FB1_q 720,4 / 156,8 FB2_q 704,4 / 156,9 AflaB1_q 313.1 / 241.1 BEA+NH4_q 801.41 / 244 EnnA+NH4_q 699.5 / 210.1 EnnA1+NH4_q 685.5 / 210.1 EnnB+NH4_q 657.4 / 196.1 EnnB1+NH4_q 671.4 / 196.1 HT2+NH4_q 442.2 / 262.9 T2+NH4_q 484.2 / 305	only for some toxins: T2-C13; HT2-C13; DON-C13; FB1-C13; FB2-C13; AflaB1-C13; ZEA-C13	After extraction	standards in pure solvent for all mycotoxins
LC0019	B1 - Aflaprep, Romer Lab DON - Donprep, Romer Lab T2, HT2 - Easi extract, Romer Lab				Standards in pure solvents
LC0020	Jemo trading all myko except for OCHRA, OCHRA- NEO CHEM				
LC0021	No clean-up	AFB1 313>241 FB1 722>334 FB2 706.5>336 DON 355>295 ZEA 317>131 T2 484>185 HT2 447.5>345	no		matrix matched calibration
LC0022		Analyte1=Target Name Q1 / Q3 Analyte2=Qualifier Name Q1 / Q3 DON 1 355.0 / 265.0 (-) DON 2 355.0 / 295.2 (-) AflaB1 1 313.1 / 285.1 AflaB1 2 313.1 / 128.1 HT2 1 442.1 / 263.1 HT2 2 442.1 / 105.0	C13 for all analytes	After extraction	Standards in pure solvent

		T2 1 484.1 / 214.9 T2 2 484.1 / 184.9 FumoB1 1 722.3 / 352.3 FumoB1 2 722.3 / 334.4 ZON 1 317.1 / 131.1 (-) ZON 2 317.1 / 175.0 (-)			
LC0024	not used	DON ESI+ m/z 297>231 T-2 ESI+ m/z 489>387 HT-2 ESI+ m/z 447>345 Afb1 ESI+ m/z 313>241 FB1 ESI+ m/z 722>352 FB2 ESI+ m/z 706>336 ZON ESI- m/z 317>175 OTA ESI+ m/z 404>239	13C15-DON, 13C24-T-2, 13C22-HT-2, 13C17-AFB1, 13C34FB1, 13C34-FB2, 13C18-ZON, 13C20-OTA	After extraction	Standards in pure solvent
LC0025	AFB1,ZON,FB1FB2 - IAC VICAM DON - SPE OASIS WATERS	Only for DON - ESI+ m/z 297.1 > 249.1	DON: 13C-DON	Before extraction	Standards in pure solvent
LC0026		AFB1 - [M+H]+ 313.1>285.0/241.0 BEA - [M+NH4]+ 801.4>784.4/262.1 DON - [M+H]+ 297.1>249.0/203.0 ENB - [M+NH4]+ 657.4>640.3/196.0 FUMB1 - [M+H]+ 722.4>352.4/334.4 FUMB2 - [M+H]+ 706.4>336.4/318.3 HT2 - [M+NH4]+ 442.2>263.0/215.0 T2 - [M+NH4]+ 484.3>305.0/215.1 ZON - [M-H]- 317.1>272.9/130.9	13C15-DON, 13C17-AFB1, 13C34-FUMB1, 13C34- FUMB2, 13C22-HT2, 13C24-T2, 13C18-ZON	After extraction	Standards in pure Methanol
LC0027	Rhone Biopharm				standards in pure solvent
LC0028	N/A	Analyte, Internal standard, Polarity, Precursor, Product ZON 13C18-ZON Negative 317.1 131.1 175.0 DON 13C15-DON Negative 355.018 59.00 295.2 AFB1 13C17-AFB1 Positive 313.0 285.2 128.1 T-2 13C24-T-2 Positive 484.076 214.9 184.9 HT-2 13C22-HT-2 Positive 442.097 263.1 105.0 OTA 13C20-OTA Positive 404.0 239.0 102.0 FB1 13C34-FB1 Positive 722.267 334.4 352.3 FB2 13C34-FB2 Positive 706.354 336.3 318.5 3C18-ZON Negative 335.1 140.1 13C15- DON	yes, C13	After extraction	solvent only calibration with C13 Internal stds
LC0029	multi_IAC AFL-OTA-FUM- R- Biopharm multi_IAC- DON-ZON_T2/HT2- R-Biopharm				standards in pure solvent
LC0030		AFB1 ESI + 313>241 DON ESI + 297>249 ZEA ESI - 317>131 FB1 ESI + 722>334 FB2 ESI + 706>336 T2 ESI + 484>215 HT2 ESI + 442>263	NO		Standard addition
LC0031	not applicated	DON: 297 / 231, AFB1: 313 /241, HT-2: 442 / 263, FB1: 722 / 352, T-2: 484 / 215, ZON: 319 / 187, FB2: 706 /	NO	Before extraction	matrix matched calibration

		336, ENB: 640 / 196, BEA: 784 / 244, ENB1: 654 / 196, ENA1: 669 / 210, ENA: 683 / 210			
LC0032	F2 - Romer DON - Romer Aflatoxin B1 - R-Biopharm	-	-		Standards in pure solvent Matrix matched calibration - Fumonisin
LC0033	AFLA R biopharm Easy Extract Aflatoxin FUMO R biopharm Fumoniprep DON-ZEA-T-2-HT-2 Waters Oasis HLB	DON ESI- m/z 355>59 - 355>295 HT-2 ESI+ m/z 442>215 - 442>263 T-2 ESI+ m/z 484>185 - 484>245 ZEA ESI- m/z 317>131 - 317>175	Yes: 13C15DON, 13C22HT-2, 13C24T-2, 13C18ZEA	After extraction	Standards in pure solvent
LC0034	-	Aflatoxin B1: ESI+ m/z 313.0 / 285.1 Beauvericin: ESI+ m/z 784.4 / 244.2 Enniatin A: ESI+ m/z 699.4 / 210.1 Enniatin A1: ESI+ m/z 685.4 / 210.1 Enniatin B: ESI+ m/z 657.5 / 196.1 Enniatin B1: ESI+ m/z 671.4 / 196.1 Deoxynivalenol: ESI+ m/z 297.1 / 249.0 Fumonisin B1: ESI+ m/z 722.4 / 334.3 Fumonisin B2: ESI+ m/z 706.4 / 336.3 HT2-Toxin: ESI+ m/z 442.1 / 263.0 T2-Toxin: ESI+ m/z 484.2 / 305.1 Zearalenon: ESI- m/z 317.1 / 131.0	13C17-Aflatoxin B1; 13C15-Deoxynivalenol, 15N3-Enniatin A; 15N3- Enniatin B; 13C34- Fumonisin B1; 13C34- Fumonisin B2; 13C24-T2- Toxin; 13C22-HT2-Toxin; 13C18-Zearalenon	After extraction	Standards in pure solvent were used.
LC0035	IAC			Before extraction	Standard in pure solvent
LC0036	IAC - R-Biopharm		no		in pure solvent
LC0037	AflaB1- Aflastar IAC Zearalenone- Zearastar IAC Fumonisin-SPE- Multisep 211 DON, T2, HT2 SPE Aflazon226	DON - ESI+ m/z 297,1>249,1 T2- ESI+ m/z 484,2>305 HT2- ESI+ m/z 442,3>263	DON, T2, HT2 C-13 labeled	After extraction	Standard in pure solvent
LC0038	DON, ZEN, HT2, T2, Aflatoxin B1 - Romer Labs, MycoSep			Before extraction	Matrix matched calibration
LC0039	-	Aflatoxin B1 - ESI + m/z 313>285.2 Beauvericin - ESI + m/z 784.4>244.2 Deoxynivalenol - ESI + m/z 297>249 Enniatin A - ESI + m/z 699.4>210.1 Enniatin A1 - ESI + m/z 685.4>210.1 Enniatin B - ESI + m/z 657.5>196.3 Enniatin B1 - ESI + m/z 671.4>196 Fumonisin B1 - ESI + m/z 722.5>334.4 Fumonisin B2 - ESI + m/z 706.4>336.3 HT2 toxin - ESI + m/z 441.9>263.1 T-2 Toxin - ESI + m/z 484.3>215.2 Zearalenone - ESI - m/z 317.1>175	No		All mycotoxins standard addition
LC0040		DON - ESI+ m/z 297>249 Afla B1 - ESI+ m/z 313>269 ZEA - ESI+ m/z 319>187 HT2 - ESI+ m/z 447>345 T2 - ESI+ m/z 484>215 FumoB1 - ESI+ m/z 723>352 FumoB2 - ESI+ m/z 706>318 Enn A - ESI+ m/z 700>210	yes, for all toxins except enniatiins and beauvericin	After extraction	Standards in pure solvent

		Enn A1 - ESI+ m/z 686>210 Enn B - ESI+ m/z 658>196 Enn B1 - ESI+ m/z 672>196 Beau - ESI+ m/z 802>244			
LC0041	NA	AFB1 - ESI+ m/z 313>285	NA		Standards in pure solvent.
LC0042	AFLA, DON, ZON: r-Biopharm				Solvents in pure solvent
LC0043	n.a.	DON - ESI NEG 355>265.1 ZEN - ESI NEG 317>131 AFLB1 ESI POS 313>241 FB1 ESI POS 722.2>352.2 FB2 ESI POS 706.5>336.6 BEA ESI POS 801>134 ENN A ESI POS 699.3>210.2 ENN A1 ESI POS 685>210 ENN B ESI POS 657>196 ENN B1 ESI POS 671>196 T-2 ESI POS489>245 HT-2 ESI POS 442>215	DON C13, ZEN C15, AFLB1 C15, FB1 C15, T-2 C15	After extraction	One point matrix matched calibration
LC0044	AFLATOXINE: VICAN ZEARALENONE: R-BIOPHARM DON: R-BIOPHARM	Doesn't apply	Doesn't apply		Standards in pure solvent
LC0045	IAC T2, HT2-Neogen IAC AFLA - VICAM IAC DON - ROMER IAC ZON - ROMER IAC FUM B1, FUM B2 - ROMER	AFLA B1 - ESI+ m/z 313 >285 DON - ESI+ m/z 297 >249 ZON - ESI- m/z 319 >283 FUM B1 - ESI+ m/z 722.4 >704.4 FUM B2 - ESI+ m/z 706.4 > 336.4 T2 - ESI+ m/z 484.2 > 305.0 HT2 - ESI+ m/z 442.2 > 263.1	No		Standards in pure solvent.
LC0046	Afla, ZON, ZEA, FUM: R-Biopharm all the others: Varian Bond elute	DON: 297.3-249.0 FUM B1: 722.2-334.3 FUM B2: 706.2-336.3 HT-2: 425,3-24; 425,3-263,3 T-2: 467,4-305,1; 467,4-365,2 Enniatine A : MRM1 : 682.6-99.9 ; MRM2 : 682.6-210.3 Enniatine A1 : MRM1 : 668.5-99.9 ; MRM2 : 668.5-210.0 Enniatine B 1: MRM1 : 654.5-85.9 ; MRM2 : 654.5-195.9 Beauvericine: 784.5-133.9; 784.5-244 Enniatine B : MRM1 : 640.5-85.9 ; MRM2 : 640.5-195.9	for fumonsins, use of a 13-C-fumonisin B2- internal standard		Standards in pure solvent
LC0047	none	DON 297>249 ESI+ AFLA B1 313>241 ESI+ HT2 442>263 ESI+ T2 484 >305 ESI+ ZEN 319 >283 ESI+ FB1 722 >334 ESI+ FB2 706> 336 ESI+ EnnA 683>100 ESI+ EnnA1 669>100 ESI+ EnnB 641>86 ESI+ EnnB1 655>86 ESI+ BEA 785>134 ESI+	Isotope labelled standards for DON,ZEN, HT2,T2 and Afb1	After extraction	Standards in pure solvent

LC0048		Enniatins B - ESI+ m/z 640>86, m/z 640>196 Enniatin B1 - ESI+ m/z 654>86, m/z 654>196 Enniatin A - ESI+ m/z 682>100, m/z 682>210 Beauvericin - ESI+ m/z 784>134, m/z 784>244 DON - ESI+ m/z 297>231, m/z 297>249 AFB1 - ESI+ m/z 313>241, m/z 313>285 AFB2 - ESI+ m/z 315>259, m/z 315>287 ZON - ESI+ m/z 319>187, m/z 319>283 AFG1 - ESI+ m/z 329>200, m/z 329>243 AFG2 - ESI+ m/z 331>245, m/z 331>313 OTA - ESI+ m/z 404>239, m/z 404>358 HT2 - ESI+ m/z 425>245, m/z 425>263 T2 - ESI+ m/z 467>245, m/z 467>305 FB2 - ESI+ m/z 706>318, m/z 706>336 FB1 - ESI+ m/z 722>334, m/z 722>352	No		Matrix matched calibration
LC0049	R-BIOPHARM RHONE LTD: Aflatoxin B1 - EASI-EXTRACT RP70N Fumonisin - FUMONIPREP P31 DON - DONPREP P50 ZON - EASI-EXTRACT RP91 T-2, HT-2 - EASI-EXTRACT P43				Standards in pure solvent
LC0050	IAC for AflaB1: Neogen IAC for fumos B1 and B2 : R-Biopharm	Analyte Ions Précurseurs Transition 1 (T1) Transition 2 (T2) DON 295 265 138 13C-DON 309 279 HT-2 toxine 442 263 215 13C-HT-2 464.5 229 T-2 toxine 484 215 185 13C-T-2 508 322 ZON 317 131 175 13C-ZON 335 290	13C-DON;13C-HT-2;13C-T-2;13C-ZON	After extraction	external calibration
LC0051	Vicam	B1- ESI+m/z 313.07>241.05 FB1- ESI+m/z 722.39>352.32 FB2- ESI+m/z 706.40>336.32 T2- ESI+m/z 484.25>305.14 HT2- ESI+m/z 442.24>263.12 ZON- ESI-m/z 317.20>131.05 DON- ESI-m/z 355.14>265.11	no		Matrix matched calibration
LC0052	all Romer Labs			After extraction	Standard in pure solvent
LC0053	R-biopharm	n.a.	n.a.		standards in pure solvent
LC0054	Aflatoxin B1 - Vicam	DON - ESI+ 297>249 ZEN - ESI+ 319>283 T2 - ESI+ 484>305 HT2 - ESI+ 442.2>263 FB1 - ESI+ 722.3>352.6 FB2 - ESI+706.3>336.4	No		Standards in pure solvents
LC0055	Dilute 1 ml extrate + 1 ml H2O Filter 0.2 um	AFB1- ESI+ m/z 313.10 > 241.20 : 313.10 > 285.20 DON - ESI+ m/z 297.30 > 249.20 : 314.30 > 249.20 FB1 - ESI+ m/z 706.50 > 74.00 : 706.50 > 318.20	No		Matrix matched calibration

		FB2 - ESI+ m/z 722.60 > 334.50 : 722.60 > 352.30 ZON - ESI- m/z 317.20 > 131.10 : 317.20 > 175.10 HT-2 - ESI+ m/z 442.40 > 215.20 : 442.40 > 263.20 T-2 - ESI+ m/z 484.40 > 185.20 : 484.40 > 305.30 EN A - ESI+ m/z 682.50 > 100.00 : 682.50 > 209.90 EN B- ESI+ m/z 640.00 > 196.10 : 640.00 > 214.10 BEA - ESI+ m/z 784.00 > 244.00 : 784.00 > 262.00			
LC0056	Mycosep 226 AflaZON	BEAUVERECIN ES+ m/z 783.9 > 243.9 ENNIATIN A ES+ m/z 699.2 > 209.8 ENNIATIN A1 ES+ m/z 685.1 > 209.8 ENNIATIN B ES+ m/z 657.1 > 196 ENNIATIN B1 ES+ m/z 671.2 > 195.9 HT2 ES+ m/z 447 > 345 T2 ES+ m/z 489.1 > 245 AFLA B1 ES+ m/z 312.8 > 284.9 DON ES+ m/z 296.9 > 248.9 FB1 ES+ m/z 722.3 > 334.4 ZON ES+ m/z 318.8 > 186.8	Yes for DON, ZON, T2 and HT2	After extraction	Standards in pure solvent

Lab code	Q.13 Approach uncertainty	Q.14 Recovery estimate	Q.15 Recovery correction	Q.16 Use of CRMs	Q.17 Supplier of standards	Q.18 Special precautions
LC0001	From initial method validation data/ Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking/ Certified Reference Material	Corrected for recoveries	No. We did earlier, but the quality is too bad. We have our own in-house material and are participating in many PT's	DON - Biopure, ZON - Biopure, HT-2 - Biopure, T-2 - Biopure, ENN A - Sigma/Aldrich, ENN A1 - Sigma/Aldrich, ENN B - Sigma/Aldrich, ENN B1 - Sigma/Aldrich, BEAU - Sigma/Aldrich	Protection from daylight, especially for aflatoxins
LC0002	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Not corrected for recoveries	No	FLUKA	NaOCl - washing of the glassware, amber glassware and protection from daylight
LC0004	Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	Aflatoxin - maize, dry fruit, feed - Fapas Zearalenone - maize, feed - Fapas Fumonisin - maize - Fapas	Aflatoxin - Sigma Zearalenone - Sigma Fumonisin B1, Fumonisin B2 - R-Biopharm	For all mycotoxins tested we use amber glassware and protection from daylight
LC0005	Other	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	No		No
LC0006	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries		Sigma Aldrich Aflatoxin B1+B2+G1+G2	
LC0007	Other	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	No	Biopure, for all the tested mycotoxins	No special precautions were taken, but no new glassware was used. Sample extracts were protected from daylight by wrapping the tubes with aluminium foil
LC0008	Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking		No	SIGMA	Yes for aflatoxin B1
LC0009	From initial method	Spiking/ Certified	Not corrected for	PT Bipea (corn and oat)	Romer Labs	

	validation data	Reference Material	recoveries			
LC0011	Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking		No	R-Biopharm	Protection from daylight
LC0012	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries		R-BIOPHARM (TRILOGY)	AMBAR GLASSWARE
LC0013	Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	No	B1: Biopure, Romer Labs	
LC0014	From initial method validation data	Spiking		-		No
LC0015	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	No	DON, ZON, AFB1, FB1, FB2, T2, HT2: Sigma Aldrich BEA, ENN A, ENN A1, ENN B, ENN B1: Enzo Lifesciences	amber vials, acid washing glassware
LC0016	From initial method validation data	Spiking/ Certified Reference Material	Corrected for recoveries		TRILOGY	NO SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS
LC0017	Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries			Acid-washed glassware
LC0018	Other	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	Not yet regularly	several	no glassware, only disposables
LC0019	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries		LGC Standards,	protection from daylight
LC0020	From initial method validation data	Spiking/ Certified Reference Material	Not corrected for recoveries			
LC0021				No	sigma aldrich	No
LC0022	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Not corrected for recoveries	No	Romer Labs	No
LC0024	From initial method validation data	Spiking/ Other	Not corrected for recoveries	not yet	Sigma, Biopure	acid washing of the glassware deactivated vials protection from the sunlight
LC0025	Long term compilation of quality control data/ Other	Spiking/ Other	Corrected for recoveries	Just Reference Materials from FAPAS for DON,ZON,FB1FB2 - Maize flour	SIGMA	acid washing of the glassware, use of amber glassware, precaution during the evaporation step (ZON,DON,FB1FB2) and protection from daylight
LC0026	From initial method validation data		Not corrected for recoveries	No		all mycotoxins are protected from daylight by using special glassware
LC0027	Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	FAPAS; corn; DON, ZON, AFLA, FUMONIZIN; T2, HT2	Romer Labs (Biopure)	deactivated glassware; dark vials
LC0028	From initial method validation data	Certified Reference Material	Not corrected for recoveries	FAPAS sample analysed in every batch, maize, Zon, Don, T-2. HT_2, AFB1, OTA, Fum B1, Fum B2	LGC	We use silanised glassware for fumonisin stds
LC0029	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Not corrected for recoveries	We don't use CRM; we use QC materials of FAPAS in matrices like nutmeg, dried figs, pistachio, red pepper	Biopure	Yes for aflatoxins -acid washing of the glassware and amber glassware
LC0030	From initial method validation data/ Long term		Corrected for recoveries	No	SIGMA ALDRICH	No

	compilation of quality control data					
LC0031	From initial method validation data	Spiking/ Certified Reference Material	Corrected for recoveries	Corn naturally contaminated with mycotoxins (aflatoxins, DON, OTA, T-2, HT-2, ZON, FB1 and FB2): Trilogy Analytical laboratory	Sigma Aldrich (aflatoxins, DON, OTA, T-2, HT-2, ZON, FB1 and FB2), Enzo life sciences (Enns + Bea)	Aflatoxins: protection from daylight
LC0032	Other	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	-	T-2, HT-2 - Romer Fumonisin - Romer DON - Romer Aflatoxin - Supelco F2 - Romer	standards and samples are protected from daylight
LC0033	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	DON-ZEA-T-2-HT-2 Maize Flour by FAPAS	Orsell	No
LC0034	Other	Spiking/ Certified Reference Material	Corrected for recoveries	Aflatoxin B1, Deoxynivalenol, Zearalenone: maize quality-control test material supplied by FAPAS (T04201QC) T2-Toxin, HT2-Toxin: oat flakes certified reference material supplied by BAM (ERM-BC720) Fumonisin B1: maize powder from 2013 EURL-PT multitoxin	Aflatoxin B1: IRMM (ERM AC057) certified reference standard solution Deoxynivalenol, Fumonisin B1+B2; HT2-Toxin, T2-Toxin, Zearalenone: Romer Labs "Biopure" certified standard solutions Enniatins, Beauvericin: Cfm Oskar Tropitzsch, bulk	amber, silanised glassware, including HPLC vials
LC0035	Other	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	No	Biopure	No
LC0036	Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking			Sigma-Aldrich	amber glassware protection from daylight
LC0037	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	No	Romerlabs	Aflatoxins
LC0038	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Not corrected for recoveries	No	Romer Labs, biopure	No
LC0039	Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	FAPAS animal feed;, DON, T2, HT2 and Zearalenone	Sigma-Aldrich Biopure	No
LC0040	From initial method validation data/ Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	No	Romer Labs	Acid washing of glassware, amber LC-vials, protection from UV (window filters and LED light)
LC0041	Other	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	NA		No.
LC0042	Long term compilation of quality control data/ Other	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	CRMs are sometimes used for Aflatoxin analysis for nuts and dried fruit matrices supplied by FAPAS	AFLA: Sigma DON: Biopure ZON: Biopure	Amber glassware and protection from daylight are applied through analysis
LC0043	Other	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	Yes, but not for this analysis.	Sigma Aldrich Romer labs	polypropylene tubes, amber vials
LC0044	Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	Yes, we use for quality control, and the supplier is R- Biopharm/Trilogy	SUPELCO/ALDRICH	Acid washing of glassware, amber glassware and protection from daylight
LC0045	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	No	AFLA - Sigma Aldrich LGC for all others	-
LC0046	Long term compilation of quality control data/ Other	Spiking	Not corrected for recoveries	No	Biopure except for Enniatins et beauvericin (Sigma-Aldrich)	acid washing of the glass ware
LC0047	Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	No	Romerlabs	No

LC0048	From initial method validation data/ Long term compilation of quality control data	Certified Reference Material	Corrected for recoveries	No	Sigma	Daylight protection
LC0049	Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	FAPAS, various matrices	Aflatoxin B1 - SUPELCO Fumonisin - SIGMA-ALDRICH DON - BIOPURE ZON - BIOPURE T-2, HT-2 - BIOPURE	For Aflatoxin B1 - acid washing of the glassware, for all mycotoxins - amber glassware and protection from daylight.
LC0050	Long term compilation of quality control data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	No	DON: Libios Zéa: Libios AflaB1: libios T2 and HT2 and fumos B1 and B2: Biopure	acid washing of the glassware and protection from daylight
LC0051			Corrected for recoveries	No	Romer	No
LC0052	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	Zearalenone: ERM Wheat DON: ERM Wheat	Biopure, Supelco	
LC0053	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	We use CRMs for aflatoxins.	Romer Labs	Protection from daylight
LC0054	From initial method validation data	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	Yes. Fapas QC materials	Aflatoxin B1 - Sigma Aldrich The other mycotoxins - Biopure	Acid washing of glass ware (all mycotoxins), daylight protection (aflatoxin B1)
LC0055	From initial method validation data	Spiking		No	Sigma Aldrich	Ambar glassware and protection from daylight.
LC0056	Other	Spiking	Corrected for recoveries	No	Romer Labs, BioPure	Silanised UPLC Vials

Annex 10. Method validation data

Lab code	DON			AFB1			ZON			FB1			FB2			HT-2			T-2		
	Rec	LOD	LOQ	Rec	LOD	LOQ	Rec	LOD	LOQ	Rec	LOD	LOQ	Rec	LOD	LOQ	Rec	LOD	LOQ	Rec	LOD	LOQ
LC0001	95		44	88		0.1	100		15	80		25	77		25	100		24	99		13
LC0002	94	60	116	98	0.1	0.2	103	6	20												
LC0004				91.5	0.3	0.8	97.3	3	8	82	41	122	79	19	38						
LC0005	102	15	45				72.1	1.6	5	110	10	30	115	10	30	118	5	15	103	5	15
LC0006				75	1	1.2															
LC0007	80	13	26	96	0.1	0.1	92	13	26	136	13	26	97	13	26	67	2.5	18	75	1.5	10.8
LC0008				100	0.1	0.5															
LC0009	116	17	50	95	0.2	0.5	105	1.7	5	104	17	50	87	17	50	100	17	50	100	17	50
LC0011				70.6	0.2	1			25			1000			1000			250			250
LC0012	99		90	100		0.6	107		12												
LC0013				80.9		0.6															
LC0014	60	19	57	36	0.1	0.1	51			106	40	120	110	25	75	96	5	15	92	8	24
LC0015	106	16	80	94	0.2	1	119	1	5	70	1	5	71	1	5	88	34	170	91	1	5
LC0016	100	6	18	90	0.1	0.3	95	7	21												
LC0017	100	5	10			0.1		5	10			20		20		5	10		5	10	
LC0018	105	20	40	98	0.2	0.4	97	4	8	100	20	40	101	20	40	99	3	6	96	3	6
LC0019	89	16	40	91	0	0.1	85	1.8	1.8	90	25	25				5	10		5	10	
LC0020	105	1.3	4	103	0.1	0.2	69	2.7	8	72	17	51	75	15	45	71	0.4	1.3	71	0.5	1.6
LC0021	100	250	100	100	1	0.5	100	10	5	100	25	10	100	25	10	100	10	5	100	10	5
LC0022	102	20	80	87	2.5	10	86	5	20		300	1000				102	40	160	98	20	80
LC0024	98	60	18	92	3.3	1	108	10	3	94	5	2	82	4	1	93	6	2	96	6	2
LC0025	76.9	1.7	202.9	89.7	0.1	0.2	95.2	0.1	5.1	72	0.3	60	117.1	1.4	30						
LC0026		13.3	40		0.1	0.2		6.7	20		33.3	100		33.3	100		3.3	10		3.3	10
LC0027	84	20	50	83	0.1	0.2	79	2.5	5	67	25	50	69	25	50	118	3	5	110	3	5
LC0028	92		200	104		2.5	101		20	92		100	92		100	86		50	96		10
LC0029	71.6	40	120	89.5	0.2	0.6	74.3	8.3	25	91.1	18.3	55	94	15	45						
LC0030			75			1			30			75			75			100			20
LC0031	96	50	100	97	1	2.5	96	10	20	98	10	20	95	10	20	90	10	20	80	10	20
LC0032	98	106	29.9	66.4	0.2	0.8	96.5	6.8	23.8	87	10	33	100	10	33	100	1.5	5	100	0.5	1.7
LC0033	107		50	96		0.1	110		5	86		38	82		38	116		2	113		2
LC0034		44	140		0.4	1.4		2.9	9.6		45	150		33	110		4.7	15		4.4	14
LC0035	100	25	50	70	0.3	0.5	100	5	10	100	12.5	25	100	12.5	25	70	2.5	5	70	2.5	5
LC0036			115			0.2			15			80			24			8			7
LC0037	89	8	40	96.2	0.1	0.2	97.8	4	10	99.1	10	25	91	10	25	72	2	10	77	2	10
LC0038			50			1			10			50			50			5			5
LC0039	89		200	91		2.5	92		50	97		100	101		40	94		20	92		20
LC0040	107.9	4	100	120.9	0.1	0.5	101.3	1	2	80.4	20	100	93.9	20	100	83.2	2	5	105.4	2	5

LC0041	69		20	58		0.5	129		10					116		10	82		10		
LC0042	76.1	25	50	72.8	0.5	1	108.7	5	10												
LC0043	81	10	25	75	0.5	1	76	1	2.5	86	10	25	85	5	20	74	2.5	5	84	1	2.5
LC0044	96.8		240	102.7		1	105.4		50												
LC0045	100	50	200	98	0.2	0.5	90	5	20	80	50	250	80	50	250	65	2	5	78	2	5
LC0046	85.8	10	5	109.7	0	0	97	3	0.3	82.5	20	60	83.5	20	60	55.6	30	10	60.6	60	20
LC0047	85		180	100		1	85		25	100		100	100		100	85		20	85		10
LC0048	99	8	25	91	0.2	0.7	101.8	3	10	64.1	30	99	68.8	8	26	108.2	3.3	11	100.2	6	21
LC0049	101.5	20	100	99	0.1	0.2	109.7	3	10	82	6	19	93	6	21	84	1.4	5	94	1.4	5
LC0050	95	50	150	95	0.2	0.6	95	3	10	100	20	60	100	30	90	100	5	15	95	3	10
LC0051	100			100			100			100			100			100			100		
LC0052	100	25	50	100	0.2	0.4	82	5	10						100	25	50	100	25	50	
LC0053				114	0.3	0.5															
LC0054	68		300	97		0.2	77		30	151		100	145		100	44		40	62		40
LC0055	85		200	107		0.6	98		20	81		100	89		100	106		10	103		5
LC0056	165.98	10	2.5	84.23	0.4	0.1	56.25	10	2.5		10	2.5		10	2.5		0.5	2	75.87	0.5	2
Median	97	19	50	95	0.2	0.5	97	4	10	91.1	18.3	51	93.45	15	40	95	4	10	95	3.15	10

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Lab code	Rec	LOD	LOQ	Rec	LOD	LOQ	Rec	LOD	LOQ	Rec	LOD	LOQ	Rec	LOD	LOQ
LC0001	95		10	95		10	95		10	95		10	100		15
LC0005	62	5	15	118.1	5	15	86	5	15	108.5	5	15	63.4	5	15
LC0014	104			98			104			109			109		
LC0015	108	0.5	2	101	0.5	2	112	0.5	2	105	2	10	96	0.5	2
LC0016															
LC0017		3	10		3	10		3	10		3	10	100	3	10
LC0018	63	2	4	57	2	4	67	2	4		2	2	45	2	4
LC0026		1.7	5											3.3	10
LC0031	95	5	10	104	5	10	101	5	10	80	5	10	81	5	10
LC0034		1.8	5.9		2.2	7.1		52	172		4.3	14		1.8	6
LC0039			50			50			50			50			25
LC0040	69.9	0.1	2	44.5	0.1	2	43.9	0.1	2	58.9	0.1	2	39.2	0.1	2
LC0043	80	0.1	0.1	80	0.1	0.1	85	0.1	0.1	85	0.1	0.1	85	0.1	0.1
LC0047	100		1	100		1	100		1	100		1	100		1
LC0048	97.3	0.2	0.6	94.1	0.2	0.6				93.1	0.2	0.6	81.8	0.2	0.6
LC0055	100		1									1	100		5
LC0056	113.02	0.5	2	100.55	0.5	2	112.15	0.5	2	110.49	0.5	2	92.49	0.5	2
Median	96	1.7	4	98	1.25	4	98	2	7	98	2	6	92	1.8	5

Rec – recovery (%), LOD – limit of detection ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$), LOQ - limit of quantification ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)

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