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Trace Elements Laboratory

TRACE ELEMENTS IN WHOLE BLOOD

Proficiency Test Report

Event #1, 2014

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Trace Elements in Whole Blood
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Dear Laboratory Director:

Results from the first proficiency test (PT) event in 2014 for Trace Elements in Whole Blood have been tabulated and summarized. Target values for Mercury (Hg) and Lead (Pb) in whole blood have been established along with acceptable ranges. For Hg and Pb, results are graded using element-specific criteria as indicated in each narrative section; a laboratory with an unacceptable significant analytical bias relative to the target value will be expected to investigate the source of the error. Due to an internal error, these PT pools were not supplemented with either Arsenic (as inorganic As^{3+}) or Cadmium (as Cd^{2+}). The values reported by participants reflect background levels that are largely below laboratory reportable limits. Consequently, all participants will receive a satisfactory score for whole blood As and Cd. A confidential three-digit code number assigned by the PT program identifies participant laboratories. The data for blood lead were previously reported in the Blood Lead PT Report issued March 13, 2014.

PT Materials

Test materials for the first event were prepared from caprine (goat) whole blood obtained from animals dosed with lead acetate to create physiologically bound lead (Pb). A total of five blood pools were supplemented with mercury as both inorganic (Hg^{2+}) and organic (ethylmercury ($CH_3CH_2Hg^+$) and methylmercury (CH_3Hg^+)) species. In addition to Pb and Hg, blood pools were supplemented with the trace elements manganese (Mn), thallium (Tl), tin (Sn), titanium (Ti), nickel (Ni), cobalt (Co), chromium (Cr), silver (Ag), tungsten (W) and vanadium (V).

Additional Elements to Become Graded for Performance Assessment

PT results for select trace elements, including Co and Cr, are graded as part of this PT event, although the data is used for "Educational Purposes" only, to inform laboratory participants of where improved practices may be necessary. Laboratories that test and report these, and other, trace elements on patient specimens should continue to report results obtained for whole blood PT samples.

The next PT event for trace elements in whole blood is scheduled to be mailed Wednesday, May 7th, 2014. Please inform our laboratory staff at (518) 474-7161 if the test materials have not arrived within five days of the scheduled mail out date. **The deadline for reporting results is Wednesday, May 28th, 2014.**

Thank you for your participation in this event.

Yours sincerely,

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Whole Blood Arsenic

Test materials for arsenic were prepared from caprine (goat) whole blood preserved with K_2EDTA anticoagulant. Although a total of five pools were drawn, supplementation with arsenic as inorganic As^{3+} did not occur as planned. Consequently, the concentrations in the five pools distributed are representative of background levels of arsenic in caprine blood. All participants will be given a "satisfactory" score for whole blood arsenic these PT samples.

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Blood Arsenic Test Results, 2014 Event #1
PERFORMANCE OF PARTICIPATING LABORATORIES

Lab Code	Method	Results (µg/L whole blood)					Info Only
		BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05	
		Target Values - not determined					
103	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	Info
110	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5	
147	ICP-MS	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	Info
156	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	
164	ICP-MS	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	
179	ICP-MS	<12.0	<12.0	<12.0	<12.0	<12.0	
197	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	
200	ICP-MS	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	Info
206	ICP-MS	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	
208	ICP-MS	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	
293	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	Info
305	ICP-MS	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	
312	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	4.9	6.0	3.5	4.2	4.8	
324	ICP-MS	7.9	7.8	8.5	7.5	8.0	Info
339	HR-ICP-MS	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	
359	ICP-MS	3.4	3.9	3.0	4.0	4.6	
391	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	<0.1	<0.1	0.2	0.4	<0.1	
481	ICP-MS	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	

Percent satisfactory results for all participants: 100.0 %

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Whole Blood Cadmium

Test materials for cadmium were prepared from caprine (goat) whole blood preserved with K_2EDTA anticoagulant. Although a total of five blood pools were drawn, supplemention with different amounts of cadmium (as Cd^{2+}) did not occur as planned. Consequently, the concentrations in the five pools distributed are representative of background levels of cadmium in caprine blood. All participants will be given a “satisfactory” score for whole blood cadmium these PT samples.

New York State Department of Health
Blood Cadmium Test Results, 2014 Event #1
PERFORMANCE OF PARTICIPATING LABORATORIES

Lab Code	Method	Results (µg/L whole blood)					Info Only
		BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05	
		Target Values - not determined					
103	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	Info
106	ICP-MS	<0.128	<0.128	<0.128	<0.128	<0.128	Info
107	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	Info
109	ICP-MS	0.06	0.08	0.09	<0.05	<0.05	Info
110	ICP-MS	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	
116	ICP-MS	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	Info
147	ICP-MS	0.1	<0.05	0.1	<0.05	0.1	Info
156	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
164	ICP-MS	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	
179	ICP-MS	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	
197	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	
200	ICP-MS	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	Info
206	ICP-MS	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
208	ICP-MS	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	
293	ICP-MS	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.2	Info
305	ICP-MS	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	
312	ICP-MS	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	
324	HR-ICP-MS	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	Info
339	HR-ICP-MS	0.08	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.07	Info
359	ICP-MS	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	
366	ETAAS-Z	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	Info
367	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	Info
391	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	Info
401	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	Info
410	ICP-MS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Info

Percent satisfactory results for all participants: 100.0 %

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Whole Blood Mercury

Test materials for mercury were prepared from caprine (goat) whole blood preserved with K_2EDTA anticoagulant. A total of five pools were supplemented with different amounts of mercury as both inorganic (Hg^{2+}) and organometallic (as both ethylmercury, $CH_3CH_2Hg^+$, and methylmercury, CH_3Hg^+) species.

Sample	Mercury species added
BE14-01	Hg^{2+} and CH_3Hg^+
BE14-02	Hg^{2+}
BE14-03	CH_3Hg^+
BE14-04	Hg^{2+} and CH_3Hg^+
BE14-05	Hg^{2+} and CH_3Hg^+

The Target Value assigned for each PT material is the robust mean of the results reported by all participants in this event. The robust statistics were obtained utilizing algorithms based on those presented in **ISO 13528:2005E** Statistical methods for use in proficiency testing by interlaboratory comparisons. Values for whole blood mercury range from 2.9 µg/L (14 nmol/L) to 47.0 µg/L (234 nmol/L).

Acceptable ranges were fixed at ±30%, or ±3 µg/L around the target value, whichever is greater. That is, the range is fixed at ±3 µg/L for concentrations below 10 µg/L, while above 10 µg/L, it is ±30%.

Discussion: Based on the above criteria, 98.5% of results reported by all participants were satisfactory, with none of the 27 laboratories reporting 2 or more of the 5 results outside the acceptable ranges.

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Blood Mercury Test Results, 2014 Event #1
ROBUST STATISTICAL SUMMARY

TARGET VALUE ASSIGNMENT AND STATISTICS

	Results (µg/L whole blood)				
	BE14-01	**BE14-02**	**BE14-03**	**BE14-04**	**BE14-05**
Robust Mean	**10.8**	**2.9**	**6.0**	**30.5**	**47.0**
Robust Standard Deviation	1.1	0.3	0.5	2.3	3.4
Standard Uncertainty	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.8
RSD (%)	10.2	10.0	8.6	7.6	7.3
Number of Sample Measurements	27	21	27	27	27
Acceptable Range:					
Upper Limit	14.0	5.9	9.0	39.6	61.1
Lower Limit	7.6	0.0	3.0	21.4	32.9

notes: Results reported as less than the method detection limit are excluded from statistical calculations.

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Blood Mercury Test Results, 2014 Event #1
PERFORMANCE OF PARTICIPATING LABORATORIES

Lab Code	Method	Results (µg/L whole blood) BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05	Info Only
	Target Values:	10.8	2.9	6.0	30.5	47.0	
103	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	10.3	2.5	5.4	28.1	43.7	Info
106	ICP-MS	11.3	3.1	6.0	31.5	49.7	Info
107	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	10.1	2.9	5.5	28.9	44.2	Info
109	ICP-MS	10.9	2.8	5.7	30.7	46.1	Info
110	ICP-MS	10.5	2.7	5.7	28.1	42.7	
116	ICP-MS	11.1	2.9	6.0	31.1	49.1	Info
147	ICP-MS	11.1	2.7	5.8	29.7	46.5	Info
156	ICP-MS	10.0	<3.0	5.8	30.0	46.0	
164	ICP-MS	12.0	<4.0	7.0	32.0	51.0	
179	ICP-MS	10.0	3.0	6.0	31.0	47.0	
197	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	11.0	<5.0	6.0	30.0	46.0	
200	ICP-MS	9.5	2.8	6.1	30.0	47.6	Info
206	ICP-MS	9.0	<3.0	5.0	28.0	43.0	
208	ICP-MS	11.7	<5.0	6.7	36.0	55.8	
293	ICP-MS	11.6	3.8	6.6	32.1	48.9	Info
305	ICP-MS	19.0 ↑	2.0	8.0	36.0	61.0	
312	ICP-MS	12.0	3.3	6.5	35.0	55.0	
324	AFS	9.9	3.3	6.0	26.7	38.8	Info
339	HR-ICP-MS	10.3	2.7	5.5	28.9	44.6	Info
359	ICP-MS	9.5	2.7	5.4	29.0	44.8	
366	ICP-MS	13.0	3.1	6.9	39.0	58.0	Info
367	CV-AAS	10.8	2.8	6.1	30.5	46.6	Info
391	CV-AAS	7.0 ↓	2.9	4.3	32.3	48.2	Info
401	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	11.2	3.2	5.8	30.5	47.1	Info
410	ICP-MS	11.5	3.1	6.2	32.0	48.6	Info
453	Atomic Spectrometry Other	11.7	3.2	5.9	28.3	44.9	Info
481	ICP-MS	10.0	<5.0	5.1	28.5	42.9	

Percent satisfactory results for all participants: 98.5 %

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY BY METHOD

	Results (μg/L whole blood)				
	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
AFS					
Number of Sample Measurements:	1	1	1	1	1
Mean:	10	3	6	27	39
Standard Deviation:	?	?	?	?	?
RSD (%):	—	—	—	—	—
Atomic Spectrometry					
Number of Sample Measurements:	1	1	1	1	1
Mean:	12	3	6	28	45
Standard Deviation:	?	?	?	?	?
RSD (%):	—	—	—	—	—
CV-AAS					
Number of Sample Measurements:	2	2	2	2	2
Mean:	9	3	5	31	47
Standard Deviation:	3	0	1	1	1
RSD (%):	—	—	—	—	—
DRC/CC-ICP-MS					
Number of Sample Measurements:	4	3	4	4	4
Mean:	11	3	6	29	45
Standard Deviation:	1	0	0	1	2
RSD (%):	5.0	—	4.9	3.7	3.5
HR-ICP-MS					
Number of Sample Measurements:	1	1	1	1	1
Mean:	10	3	6	29	45
Standard Deviation:	?	?	?	?	?
RSD (%):	—	—	—	—	—
ICP-MS					
Number of Sample Measurements:	18	13	18	18	18
Mean:	11	3	6	32	49
Standard Deviation:	2	0	1	3	5
RSD (%):	19.3	14.1	11.9	9.6	10.7
All Laboratories					
Number of Sample Measurements:	27	21	27	27	27
Mean:	11	3	6	31	48
Standard Deviation:	2	0	1	3	5
RSD (%):	18.1	12.3	11.9	9.2	10.4

notes: ? Insufficient data for calculation.

Whole Blood Lead

Test materials for lead were prepared from caprine (goat) whole blood obtained from animals dosed with lead acetate to create physiologically-bound Pb. Whole blood was collected into collection bags containing K_2EDTA anticoagulant.

Target values were established as the mean of 19 measurements performed by 17 reference laboratories using ICP-MS, ETAAS and ASV methods. Values range from 2 µg/dL to 18 µg/dL. Among the reference group, imprecision (SD) varied from 0.5 - 1.0 µg/dL, increasing with Pb concentration.

Acceptable ranges are based on the CLIA '88 criteria (Federal Register Volume 57, Number 40, §§ 493.2 and 493.937, February 28, 1992). The criteria are set at ±10% or ±4 µg/dL, whichever is greater.

Discussion Based on the CLIA '88 criteria, 97.0% of results reported by all participants were judged as satisfactory, with three of 87 participant laboratories (3.4%) reporting 2 or more of the 5 results outside the acceptable ranges.

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Blood Lead Test Results, 2014 Event #1
PERFORMANCE OF PARTICIPATING LABORATORIES

Lab Code	Method	Results (µg/dL whole blood)					Normalized Mean	Info Only
		BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05		
	Target values:	11	18	8	2	18		
103	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	11	18	8	3	19	1.02	
103	ASV-LeadCare	10	17	7	<3	19	1.00	Info
104	ETAAS-Z	12	18	8	3	20	1.07	
106	ICP-MS	11	18	8	3	19	1.02	Info
107	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	11	18	8	3	19	1.02	
107	ASV-LeadCare	12	18	8	<3	19	1.05	Info
109	ETAAS-Z	12	19	8	2	17	1.03	
109	ASV-LeadCare	13	19	8	<3	20	1.12	Info
109	ICP-MS	11	17	8	2	17	0.96	
110	ETAAS-Z	12	18	8	2	18	1.03	
110	ICP-MS	11	17	8	2	18	0.98	
110	ASV-LeadCare	9	16	7	<3	18	0.94	Info
112	ETAAS-Z	12	19	8	2	20	1.09	
116	ICP-MS	11	18	8	2	18	1.00	Info
121	ETAAS-Z	13	21	9	3	21	1.17	Info
123	ETAAS-Z	10	17	7	3	17	0.94	
126	ETAAS-Z	11	18	8	<3	18	1.00	
131	ETAAS-Z	12	18	9	3	19	1.05	
143	ETAAS-Z	10	16	7	<1	16	0.89	
144	ETAAS-Z	10	15	7	<2	17	0.89	
147	ICP-MS	11	17	8	2	18	0.98	
150	ETAAS-Z	12	18	8	3	19	1.05	
156	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	11	16	8	2	18	0.96	

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PERFORMANCE OF PARTICIPATING LABORATORIES

Lab Code	Method	Results (µg/dL whole blood) BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05	Normalized Mean	Info Only
	Target values:	11	18	8	2	18		
158	ICP-MS	11	18	8	<3	18	1.00	
160	ICP-MS	10	17	7	2	17	0.94	
164	ICP-MS	12	18	8	3	18	1.03	
166	ETAAS-Z	12	19	9	2	20	1.09	
168	ETAAS-Z	12	18	8	3	19	1.05	
179	ICP-MS	11	18	8	3	19	1.02	
197	ICP-MS	12	18	8	3	19	1.05	
198	ETAAS-Z	11	17	8	3	18	0.98	
200	ICP-MS	10	16	7	2	18	0.94	
204	ASV-3010	11	13 ↓	5	<2	13 ↓	0.81	
206	ICP-MS	11	17	7	3	18	0.98	
208	ETAAS-Z	10	16	7	<3	17	0.92	
232	ASV-3010	11	17	7	2	18	0.98	
237	ETAAS-Z	12	19	9	3	20	1.09	
243	ASV-3010	10	17	7	2	18	0.97	
254	ETAAS-Z	9	14	4	1	16	0.83	
255	ETAAS-Z	12	17	8	2	18	1.01	
269	ETAAS-Z	9	14	6	1	15	0.81	
272	ETAAS-Z	13	18	9	3	19	1.08	
279	ETAAS-Z	9	15	6	2	15	0.83	
290	ICP-MS	11	17	8	2	18	0.98	
291	ASV-3010	12	21	10	4	23 ↑	1.18	
293	ICP-MS	11	17	8	2	17	0.96	

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	Target values:	11	18	8	2	18		
295	ASV-3010	8	16	5	<1	17	0.92	
301	ETAAS Other	10	16	7	1	17	0.92	
305	ETAAS-Z	11	16	8	2	17	0.94	
312	ICP-MS	11	17	8	2	18	0.98	
317	ETAAS-Z	13	19	9	3	20	1.12	
324	HR-ICP-MS	11	17	8	2	18	0.98	
325	ETAAS-Z	11	18	8	2	8 ↓	1.00	Info
333	ETAAS-Z	13	20	9	2	21	1.15	
337	ASV-LeadCare	9	17	6	<3	18	0.97	
339	HR-ICP-MS	10	17	7	2	17	0.94	Info
340	ETAAS-Z	12	18	8	2	20	1.07	
343	ASV-LeadCare	11	18	8	3	19	1.02	Info
345	ASV-LeadCare	9	18	8	<3	18	1.00	
348	ETAAS-Z	12	18	8	2	19	1.05	
349	ETAAS-Z	11	17	8	2	18	0.98	
350	ASV-LeadCare	9	17	7	<2 ◥	16	0.92	
353	ETAAS-Z	10	16	7	<2	17	0.92	
365	ETAAS-Z	11	17	8	2	19	1.00	
366	ETAAS-Z	10	17	8	3	19	1.00	Info
367	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	11	18	8	3	19	1.02	Info
368	ASV-3010	11	18	6	3	20	1.04	
369	ASV-3010	9	17	6	1	18	0.97	
374	ASV-3010	11	20	7	<2	19	1.06	

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	Target values:	11	18	8	2	18		
384	ASV-3010	7	2 ↓	21 ↑	23 ↑	9 ↓	7.06	
388	ASV-LeadCare	9	16	7	<2	16	0.89	
389	ETAAS-Z	10	17	7	2	18	0.97	
391	ETAAS-Z	12	19	8	4	16	1.01	Info
393	ASV-LeadCare	10	18	6	<3	18	1.00	
401	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	11	17	7	2	17	0.96	Info
410	ICP-MS	12	18	8	3	19	1.05	Info
461	ASV-3010	11	17	7	1	18	0.98	
464	ASV-LeadCare	20 ↑	3 ↓	7	17 ↑	9 ↓	5.16	
466	ASV-LeadCare	11	19	8	4	16	0.98	
469	ICP-MS	10	16	7	3	17	0.92	
470	ASV-LeadCare	10	16	6	<3	19	0.97	
475	ASV-LeadCare	10	18	6	<3	21	1.08	
476	ASV-LeadCare	10	17	7	3	20	1.03	
477	ASV-LeadCare	10	17	7	<3	18	0.97	
478	ASV-LeadCare	13	21	8	5	18	1.12	
481	ICP-MS	9	14	6	1	14	0.78	
482	ASV-LeadCare	12	19	8	<3	20	1.09	

Percent satisfactory results for all participants: 97.0 %

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Lab Code	Method	TARGET VALUE ASSIGNMENT AND STATISTICS Results (µg/dL whole blood) BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
103	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	11	18	8	3	19
104	ETAAS-Z	12	18	8	3	20
107	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	11	18	8	3	19
109	ETAAS-Z	12	19	8	2	17
109	ICP-MS	11	17	8	2	17
110	ETAAS-Z	12	18	8	2	18
110	ICP-MS	11	17	8	2	18
112	ETAAS-Z	12	19	8	2	20
147	ICP-MS	11	17	8	2	18
156	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	11	16	8	2	18
160	ICP-MS	10	17	7	2	17
164	ICP-MS	12	18	8	3	18
166	ETAAS-Z	12	19	9	2	20
179	ICP-MS	11	18	8	3	19
198	ETAAS-Z	11	17	8	3	18
200	ICP-MS	10	16	7	2	18
243	ASV-3010	10	17	7	2	18
293	ICP-MS	11	17	8	2	17
324	HR-ICP-MS	11	17	8	2	18
Number of Sample Measurements:		19	19	19	19	19
Mean (target value):		**11**	**18**	**8**	**2**	**18**
Standard Deviation:		0.7	0.9	0.5	0.5	1.0
RSD (%):		6.2	5.2	5.8	20.6	5.4
Acceptable Range:						
Upper Limit:		15	22	12	6	22
Lower Limit:		7	14	4	0	14

notes: Results reported as less than the detection limits are treated as zero for statistical and grading purposes.

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	Results (µg/dL whole blood)				
	BE14-01	**BE14-02**	**BE14-03**	**BE14-04**	**BE14-05**
ASV-3010					
Number of Sample Measurements:	10	9	9	5	10
Mean:	10.1	17.3	6.7	1.8	17.3
Standard Deviation:	1.6	2.3	1.5	0.8	3.8
RSD (%):	15.8	13.2	22.5	46.5	22.1
ASV-LeadCare					
Number of Sample Measurements:	17	17	18	2	18
Mean:	10.4	17.7	7.2	3.0	17.9
Standard Deviation:	1.4	1.3	0.8	0.0	2.6
RSD (%):	13.2	7.4	11.0	—	14.7
DRC/CC-ICP-MS					
Number of Sample Measurements:	5	5	5	5	5
Mean:	11.0	17.4	7.8	2.6	18.4
Standard Deviation:	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.9
RSD (%):	0.0	5.1	5.7	21.1	4.9
ETAAS Other					
Number of Sample Measurements:	1	1	1	1	1
Mean:	10.0	16.0	7.0	1.0	17.0
Standard Deviation:	?	?	?	?	?
RSD (%):	—	—	—	—	—
ETAAS-Z					
Number of Sample Measurements:	33	33	33	27	33
Mean:	11.2	17.5	7.8	2.3	17.9
Standard Deviation:	1.2	1.6	1.1	0.6	2.4
RSD (%):	10.7	9.2	13.5	26.6	13.4
HR-ICP-MS					
Number of Sample Measurements:	2	2	2	2	2
Mean:	10.5	17.0	7.5	2.0	17.5
Standard Deviation:	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.7
RSD (%):	—	—	—	—	—
ICP-MS					
Number of Sample Measurements:	18	18	18	17	18
Mean:	10.9	17.1	7.7	2.4	17.8
Standard Deviation:	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.6	1.2
RSD (%):	7.0	6.0	7.7	25.8	6.6
All Laboratories					
Number of Sample Measurements:	86	85	86	59	87
Mean:	10.8	17.4	7.5	2.3	17.8
Standard Deviation:	1.2	1.5	1.0	0.7	2.3
RSD (%):	11.2	8.4	13.2	28.2	13.1

notes: ? Insufficient data for calculation.
A Standard Deviation displayed as 0.0 should be interpreted as <0.1

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	Results (µg/dL whole blood)				
	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
Evaluated					
Number of Sample Measurements:	52	51	52	30	53
Mean:	10.6	17.2	7.3	2.2	17.6
Standard Deviation:	1.3	1.7	1.2	0.8	2.5
RSD (%):	12.7	9.7	15.9	34.6	14.0
Info					
Number of Sample Measurements:	15	15	15	10	15
Mean:	11.1	17.9	7.8	2.6	17.9
Standard Deviation:	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.5	3.0
RSD (%):	10.1	6.5	7.2	19.9	16.8
Reference					
Number of Sample Measurements:	19	19	19	19	19
Mean:	11.2	17.5	7.9	2.3	18.3
Standard Deviation:	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.5	1.0
RSD (%):	6.2	5.2	5.8	20.6	5.4
All Laboratories					
Number of Sample Measurements:	86	85	86	59	87
Mean:	10.8	17.4	7.5	2.3	17.8
Standard Deviation:	1.2	1.5	1.0	0.7	2.3
RSD (%):	11.2	8.4	13.2	28.2	13.1

notes: ? Insufficient data for calculation.

Additional Trace Elements Reported in Whole Blood

Participant laboratories reported their analytical results for any additional trace elements (other than As, Cd, Hg and Pb) that are routinely reported so that a more complete characterization can be recorded for these proficiency test materials. Results for the additional trace elements cobalt (Co) and chromium (Cr) are reported here. Although these data are provided solely for educational and informational purposes, target values and acceptable ranges are provided. The New York State grading criteria were established after discussions with the FDA and with other trace element PT scheme organizers. Departures from the acceptable ranges should trigger an internal Quality Assurance review.

Additional Elements

Co and Cr

Whole Blood Cobalt

Test materials for chromium were prepared from caprine (goat) whole blood preserved with K_2EDTA anticoagulant. A total of five pools were supplemented with cobalt as inorganic Co^{2+}.

The Target Values assigned for each PT material is the robust mean of the results reported by all participants for the event. The robust statistics were obtained utilizing algorithms based on those presented in **ISO 13528:2005E** Statistical methods for use in proficiency testing by interlaboratory comparisons. Values for whole blood cobalt range from 1.5 µg/L to 15.4 µg/L.

Acceptable range: The acceptable range for cobalt is set at ±1.5 µg/L or ±20%, whichever is greater. Thus, it is fixed at ±1.5 µg/L for concentrations below 7.5 µg/L. These NYS grading criteria were established after discussions with the FDA and with other trace element PT scheme organizers.

Discussion: Based upon the above criteria, 92.7% of test results reported were within the acceptable ranges, with one of the 11 laboratories (9.1%) reported 2 or more of the 5 results outside the acceptable ranges. Upward and downward indicator arrows next to individual results should be used as part of a laboratory's on-going internal quality assessment (QA) program. Note that this grading scheme is intended for educational purposes. Departures from the acceptable ranges should trigger an internal QA review.

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TARGET VALUE ASSIGNMENT AND STATISTICS

	Results (µg/L whole blood)				
	BE14-01	**BE14-02**	**BE14-03**	**BE14-04**	**BE14-05**
Robust Mean	**3.4**	**1.5**	**7.7**	**12.8**	**15.4**
Robust Standard Deviation	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.4	1.0
Standard Uncertainty	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.4
RSD (%)	4.4	11.1	6.7	11.1	6.3
Number of Sample Measurements	11	11	11	11	11
Acceptable Range:					
Upper Limit	4.9	3.0	9.2	15.4	18.5
Lower Limit	1.9	0.0	6.2	10.2	12.3

notes: Results reported as less than the method detection limit are excluded from statistical calculations.

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PERFORMANCE OF PARTICIPATING LABORATORIES

Lab Code	Method	Results (µg/L whole blood)					Info Only
		BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05	
	Target Values:	3.4	1.5	7.7	12.8	15.4	
110	ICP-MS	3.7	1.7	8.2	14.0	16.7	
147	ICP-MS	3.42	1.46	7.48	12.8	15.4	Info
156	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	2.8	1.1	6.1 ↓	11	14	
164	ICP-MS	3.1	1.4	7.2	11.9	13.8	
197	ICP-MS	3.1	1.2	7.8	12.2	14.9	
206	ICP-MS	3.4	1.6	7.1	13.2	15.8	
305	ICP-MS	3.4	1.5	7.8	13.1	16.1	
312	ICP-MS	3.6	1.6	7.9	14	16	
324	ICP-MS	3.5	1.6	7.5	12.7	15.1	Info
366	ICP-MS	3.5	1.7	8.0	9.0 ↓	15	Info
391	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	3.5	1.5	9.6 ↑	18.6 ↑	16.2	Info

Percent satisfactory results for all participants: 92.7 %

NOTE: Grading is for educational purposes only

notes: ↑ Reported outside upper limit
↓ Reported outside lower limit
◥: Result unacceptable
◢: Result not reported

notes: Results reported as less than the method detection limit are excluded from statistical calculations.
Info only: results included for informational purposes only.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY BY METHOD

	Results (μg/L whole blood)				
	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
DRC/CC-ICP-MS					
Number of Sample Measurements:	2	2	2	2	2
Mean:	3.2	1.3	7.9	14.8	15.1
Standard Deviation:	0.5	0.3	2.5	5.4	1.6
RSD (%):	—	—	—	—	—
ICP-MS					
Number of Sample Measurements:	9	9	9	9	9
Mean:	3.4	1.5	7.7	12.5	15.4
Standard Deviation:	0.2	0.2	0.4	1.5	0.8
RSD (%):	5.9	10.4	4.8	12.0	5.5
All Laboratories					
Number of Sample Measurements:	11	11	11	11	11
Mean:	3.4	1.5	7.7	13.0	15.4
Standard Deviation:	0.3	0.2	0.9	2.4	0.9
RSD (%):	7.8	12.9	11.1	18.2	5.9

notes: ? Insufficient data for calculation.
A Standard Deviation displayed as 0.0 should be interpreted as <0.1

Whole Blood Chromium

Test materials for chromium were prepared from caprine (goat) whole blood preserved with K_2EDTA anticoagulant. A total of five pools were supplemented with chromium as inorganic Cr^{3+}.

The Target Values assigned for each PT material is the arithmetic mean of the results reported by all participants for the event. Values for whole blood chromium range from 1.5 µg/L (29 nmol/L) to 19.5 µg/L (375 nmol/L) after outlier exclusion.

Acceptable range: The acceptable range for chromium is set at ±2 µg/L or ±20%, whichever is greater. Thus, it is fixed at ±2 µg/L for concentrations below 10 µg/L. These NYS grading criteria were established after discussions with the FDA and with other trace element PT scheme organizers.

Discussion: Based upon the above criteria, 90.0% of test results reported were within the acceptable ranges, with one of the 10 laboratories (10.0%) reported 2 or more of the 5 results outside the acceptable ranges. Upward and downward indicator arrows next to individual results should be used as part of a laboratory's on-going internal quality assessment (QA) program. Note that this grading scheme is intended for educational purposes. Departures from the acceptable ranges should trigger an internal QA review.

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TARGET VALUE ASSIGNMENT AND STATISTICS

	Results (µg/L whole blood)				
	BE14-01	**BE14-02**	**BE14-03**	**BE14-04**	**BE14-05**
Arithmetic Mean*	**1.5**	**3.6**	**7.8**	**13.5**	**19.5**
Standard Deviation	0.4	0.6	1.0	3.1	2.1
RSD (%)	24.3	17.4	13.4	23.2	10.7
Number of Sample Measurements*	8	9	9	10	10
Acceptable Range:					
Upper Limit	3.5	5.6	9.8	16.2	23.4
Lower Limit	0.0	1.6	5.8	10.8	15.6

notes: Results reported as less than the method detection limit are excluded from statistical calculations.

* Outliers identified by Grubbs' test excluded

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PERFORMANCE OF PARTICIPATING LABORATORIES

Lab Code	Method	Results (µg/L whole blood)					Info Only
		BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05	
	Target Values:	1.5	3.6	7.8	13.5	19.5	
110	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	1.5	3.6	8.5	14.3	20.4	
147	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	1.63	3.79	9.00	15.3	22.0	Info
156	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	1.1	2.9	6.5	12	18	
164	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	1.7	3.6	8.3	13.5	20.4	
197	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	1.8	3.6	8.8	13.3	20.0	
305	ICP-MS	0.8	2.4	6.6	11.3	16.7	
312	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	1.8	4.4	8.5	16	23	
324	HR-ICP-MS	<1.2	3.7	6.4	11.8	16.6	Info
366	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	1.4	4.3	8.0	8.0 ↓	19	Info
391	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	5.7 ↑	7.3 ↑	12.6 ↑	19.7 ↑	19.0	Info

Percent satisfactory results for all participants: 90.0 %

NOTE: Grading is for educational purposes only

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◥: Result unacceptable
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notes: Results reported as less than the method detection limit are excluded from statistical calculations.
Info only: results included for informational purposes only.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY BY METHOD

	Results (μg/L whole blood)				
	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
DRC/CC-ICP-MS					
Number of Sample Measurements:	7	7	8	8	8
Mean:	1.6	3.7	8.8	14.0	20.2
Standard Deviation:	0.3	0.5	1.7	3.4	1.6
RSD (%):	16.1	13.4	19.7	24.0	8.1
HR-ICP-MS					
Number of Sample Measurements:	0	1	1	1	1
Mean:		3.7	6.4	11.8	16.6
Standard Deviation:		?	?	?	?
RSD (%):	—	—	—	—	—
ICP-MS					
Number of Sample Measurements:	1	1	1	1	1
Mean:	0.8	2.4	6.6	11.3	16.7
Standard Deviation:	?	?	?	?	?
RSD (%):	—	—	—	—	—
All Laboratories					
Number of Sample Measurements:	8	9	10	10	10
Mean:	1.5	3.6	8.3	13.5	19.5
Standard Deviation:	0.4	0.6	1.8	3.1	2.1
RSD (%):	24.3	17.4	21.6	23.2	10.7

notes: ? Insufficient data for calculation.
A Standard Deviation displayed as 0.0 should be interpreted as <0.1

Additional Trace Elements Reported in Whole Blood

Participant laboratories reported their analytical results for any additional trace elements (other than As, Cd, Hg and Pb) that are routinely reported so that a more complete characterization can be recorded for these proficiency test materials. Results for additional trace elements are reported here, but no target value is implied nor are any acceptable ranges provided. These data are provided solely for educational and informational purposes.

In addition to As, Cd, Pb and Hg, the whole blood pools were supplemented with the following additional trace elements as indicated below

Additional Elements

Mn, Sn, Tl, Ti, V, W, Ni, Ag

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Blood Aluminum (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
147	ICP-MS	<10.8	<10.8	<10.8	<10.8	<10.8
305	ICP-MS	10.7	10.2	10.2	8.8	11.2
359	ICP-MS	33.4	37.1	30.6	46.3	53.4

Blood Antimony (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
110	ICP-MS	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	0.15	<0.10
147	ICP-MS	<0.0365	<0.0365	<0.0365	<0.0365	<0.0365
206	ICP-MS	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0

Blood Barium (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
147	ICP-MS	17.0	9.64	10.7	6.62	10.8
197	ICP-MS	18.4	10.7	12.3	7.4	12.5
312	ICP-MS	18	10.1	11.9	6.9	11.5
	Arithmetic Mean	**18**	**10**	**12**	**7.0**	**12**
	SD	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.9
	n	3	3	3	3	3

Blood Beryllium (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
147	ICP-MS	<0.901	<0.901	<0.901	<0.901	<0.901
197	ICP-MS	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	0.2	0.2

Blood Bismuth (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
147	ICP-MS	0.107	0.0765	0.061	0.0566	0.0775
197	ICP-MS	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
206	ICP-MS	<1.0	<1.0	1.8	<1.0	<1.0
305	ICP-MS	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5

Blood Cesium (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
110	ICP-MS	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.4

Blood Copper (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
110	ICP-MS	1352	1242	1217	1220	1177
147	ICP-MS	1296	1334	1328	1277	1207
197	ICP-MS	1280	1280	1200	1180	1090
312	ICP-MS	1320	1400	1370	1300	1260
	Arithmetic mean	**1312**	**1314**	**1279**	**1244**	**1184**
	SD	31	69	83	54	71
	n	4	4	4	4	4

Blood Iodine (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
147	ICP-MS	31.4	35.8	30.8	25.8	50.4

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Blood Lithium (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
147	ICP-MS	1.15	1.28	1.10	0.937	0.854

Blood Manganese (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
103	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	29.2	14.3	32.3	19.9	38.7
107	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	28.0	13.5	30.8	19.2	35.7
110	ETAAS-Z	28.6	12.9	31.4	19.6	36.7
147	ICP-MS	29.8	15.2	32.9	21.1	37.9
156	ICP-MS	34	*22	37	26	45
179	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	27.9	14.5	31.5	19.6	37.7
197	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	26.6	12.4	29.6	18.6	38.9
206	ICP-MS	>25.0	17.9	>25.0	24.7	>25.0
293	ICP-MS	28.9	14.3	32.8	19.1	37.6
305	ICP-MS	24.7	12.5	28.3	18.6	35.1
312	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	27	18	35	22	39
324	HR-ICP-MS	24.2	11.8	27.4	17.1	31.5
391	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	30.7	13.4	41.4	29.9	40.5
**Outlier*	**Arithmetic mean**	**28**	**14**	**33**	**21**	**38**
	SD	2.6	2.0	3.9	3.6	3.2
	n	12	12	12	13	12

Blood Molybdenum (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
147	ICP-MS	25.8	22.0	30.6	17.1	21.0
197	ICP-MS	29.7	26.6	35.1	20.9	27.8
305	ICP-MS	25.6	23.4	30.1	17.3	21.7
312	ICP-MS	29	26	35	20	26
324	HR-ICP-MS	24.8	21.6	29.2	16.2	20.9
	Arithmetic mean	**27**	**24**	**32**	**18**	**23**
	SD	2.2	2.3	2.8	2.0	3.2
	n	5	5	5	5	5

Blood Nickel (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
110	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	12.3	21.5	3.2	10.3	17.2
147	ICP-MS	10.9	20.1	2.70	9.63	16.3
197	ICP-MS	12.4	22.5	3.0	10.7	17.9
312	ICP-MS	12	22	4	10	17
	Arithmetic mean	**12**	**22**	**3.2**	**10**	**17**
	SD	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.7
	n	4	4	4	4	4

Blood Platinum (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
110	ICP-MS	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10
312	ICP-MS	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2

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Blood Selenium (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
107	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	317	338	290	288	317
147	ICP-MS	320	335	277	288	317
305	ICP-MS	340	388	323	324	388
312	ICP-MS	344	380	323	315	372
359	ICP-MS	305	343	313	307	345
	Arithmetic Mean	**325**	**357**	**305**	**304**	**348**
	SD	16	25	21	16	32
	n	5	5	5	5	5

Blood Silver (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
147	ICP-MS	20.0	1.76	3.91	8.55	12.1
197	ICP-MS	19.4	1.6	3.8	8.4	12.4

Blood Tellurium (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
147	ICP-MS	<0.0766	<0.0766	<0.0766	<0.0766	<0.0766
197	ICP-MS	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0

Blood Thorium (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
147	ICP-MS	<0.116	<0.116	<0.116	<0.116	<0.116

Blood Thallium (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
110	ICP-MS	0.0	12.7	7.0	5.7	4.2
147	ICP-MS	-	12.3	6.93	5.48	3.97
156	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	<0.5	12	6.8	4.5	4
179	ICP-MS	<1	12	7	5	4
197	ICP-MS	<1.0	10.3	5.7	4.6	3.4
206	ICP-MS	<1.0	11.8	6.3	5.4	3.8
305	ICP-MS	<0.2	11.0	6.0	5.0	3.5
312	ICP-MS	<0.1	12	6.5	5.2	3.9
324	HR-ICP-MS	<0.09	11.8	6.5	5.2	3.9
**Outlier*	**Arithmetic mean**	**-**	**12**	**6.5**	**5.1**	**3.9**
	SD	-	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3
	n	-	9	9	9	9

Blood Tin (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
110	ICP-MS	<0.10	17.3	14.6	10.9	5.1
147	ICP-MS	<0.119	16.9	14.4	11.2	4.69
156	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	<2.0	16	14	9.3	6.3
197	ICP-MS	<5.0	16.4	13.7	10.3	5.6
	Arithmetic Mean	**-**	**17**	**14**	**10**	**5.4**
	SD	-	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.7
	n	-	4	4	4	4

Blood Tungsten (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
103	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	8.3	0.1	3.1	2.3	10.2
110	ICP-MS	8.6	0.1	2.9	2.4	10.1
324	HR-ICP-MS	8.8	<0.7	3.1	2.1	10.6
	Arithmetic Mean	8.6	**-**	3.0	2.3	10
	SD	0.3	-	0.1	0.2	0.3
	n	3	-	3	3	3

Blood Uranium (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
110	ICP-MS	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
147	ICP-MS	<0.007	<0.007	<0.007	<0.007	<0.007
312	ICP-MS	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
324	HR-ICP-MS	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1

Blood Vanadium (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
110	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	1.1	0.5	3.1	12.3	5.4
147	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	1.25	0.566	3.29	13.1	5.56
324	HR-ICP-MS	1.1	0.6	2.7	10.5	4.5
312	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	*2.2	0.9	4.7	18	8.2
**Outlier*	**Arithmetic Mean**	**1.2**	**0.6**	**3.4**	**13**	**6**
	SD	0.1	0.2	0.9	3	2
	n	3	4	4	4	4

Blood Zinc (µg/L)

Lab Code	Method	BE14-01	BE14-02	BE14-03	BE14-04	BE14-05
110	ICP-MS	2123	2200	1957	3471	1854
147	ICP-MS	1935	2020	1837	3353	1784
197	ICP-MS	1730	1790	1700	2930	1690
312	ICP-MS	2210	2320	2110	3540	1990
	Arithmetic mean	**2000**	**2083**	**1901**	**3324**	**1830**
	SD	213	231	174	273	126
	n	4	4	4	4	4

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ATOMIC SPECTROMETRY METHODS

A-1 ETAAS-Z (Electrothermal atomic absorption spectrometry with Zeeman background correction)

A-2 ETAAS other (i.e., D_2, S-H background correction)

A-3 FAAS (Flame atomic absorption spectrometry)

A-4 CV-AAS (Cold vapor atomic absorption spectrometry)

A-5 HG-AAS (Hydride generation atomic absorption spectrometry)

A-6 AFS (Atomic fluorescence spectrometry)

A-7 Other

INDUCTIVELY COUPLED PLASMA

P-1 ICP-MS (Inductively coupled plasma - mass spectrometry)

P-2 DRC/CC-ICP-MS (ICP-MS used in the Dynamic Reaction Cell or Collision Cell mode)

P-3 ICP-AES/OES (ICP atomic/optical emission spectrometry)

P-4 HR-ICP-MS (High resolution ICP-MS)

P-5 ETV-ICP-MS (Electrothermal vaporization ICP-MS)

P-6 ID-ICP-MS (Isotope dilution ICP-MS)

P-7 Other

ELECTROCHEMICAL METHODS

E-1 ASV (Anodic stripping voltammetry without digestion)

E-2 ASV-LeadCare® (Anodic stripping voltammetry using the ESA LeadCare® system)

E-3 Fluoride specific electrode

E-4 Other

MOLECULAR FLUORIMETRY

F-1 EtOAc (Ethyl acetate-acetic acid extraction method for determination of erythrocyte protoporphyrin)

F-2 Aviv hematofluorometry (for determination of EP at hematocrit 35)

F-3 Helena ZPP (for determination of zinc protoporphyrin in μmol ZPP/mol heme)

F-4 Other

OTHER METHODS

If your method is not listed in the above list, please describe it briefly.