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**“CCQM Activities and Impact in Healthcare”**

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# NMI's around the world *are working together to link our global measurement system to the fundamental constants of nature*

<b>Unit</b>		<b>Reference value used to define the unit</b>		
		<u>in current SI</u>	<u>in the new SI</u>	
second,	s	$\Delta\nu(^{133}\text{Cs})_{\text{hfs}}$	$\Delta\nu(^{133}\text{Cs})_{\text{hfs}}$	Cs hyperfine splitting
metre,	m	$c$	$c$	speed of light in vacuum
<b>kilogram,</b>	<b>kg</b>	$m(\mathcal{K})$	$h$	Planck constant
ampere,	A	$\mu_0$	$e$	elementary charge
kelvin,	K	$T_{\text{TPW}}$	$k$	Boltzmann constant
<b>mole,</b>	<b>mol</b>	$M(^{12}\text{C})$	NA	Avogadro constant
candela,	cd	$K_{\text{cd}}$	Kcd	luminous efficacy of a 540 THz source

Rigorous realization of these units has provided undeniable impact on trade, commerce, and quality of life

In addition to supporting the realization of SI units, more and more **countries are directing their NMIs to focus increasing amounts of their research and measurement services activities on:**

***Quality of Life and Economic & Social Sustainability issues***

- ***health***
- ***food***
- ***environment***

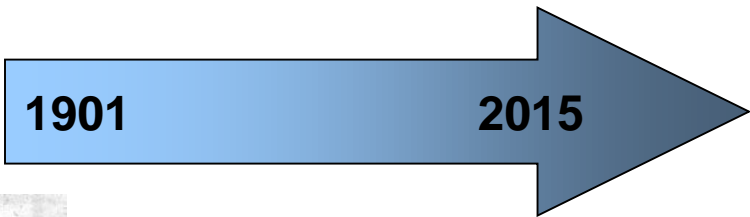
**Since NIST's inception, in addition to maintaining the more traditional National Physical Measurement Standards, we have also focused a significant portion of our research and measurement services activities on addressing contemporary societal needs.**

**Supporting the Industrial Revolution**



**NIST has become:**

- a key player on the Administration's Innovation Team
- the nation's go-to agency for measurements, standards, and technology



- Advanced Communications
- **Advanced Manufacturing**
- **Advanced Materials**
- Cyber-Physical Systems
- Cybersecurity and Privacy
- Disaster Resilience
- **Forensic Science**
- **GHG Measurements**
- **Healthcare**

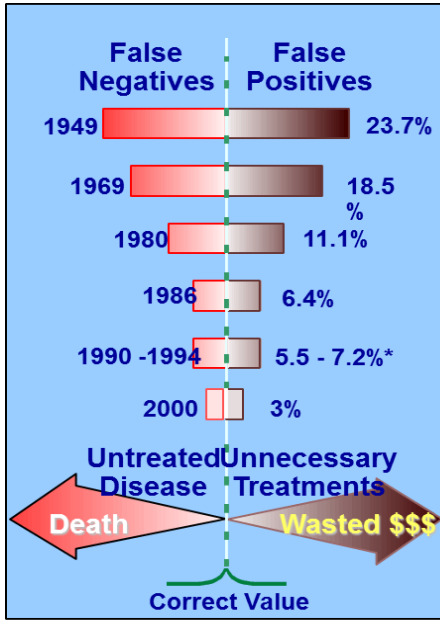
# Healthcare reform is a major issue throughout the world

- The rising cost of healthcare and increased prevalence of chronic diseases is having a devastating affect of economic security and quality of life in all parts of the world.
- Major efforts are underway to reform healthcare and reduce spending through increased efficiency and quality, focusing on prevention of disease and creating a healthier population.
- **It is a stated goal of the Obama Administration to improve the quality of U.S. health care while lowering its cost** by computerizing all Americans' medical records. ... “this will cut waste, eliminate red tape, and reduce the need to repeat expensive medical tests .... it will save lives by reducing the deadly but preventable medical errors that pervade our health care system”.
- **Need interoperable health IT network that is correct, complete, secure, usable, and testable**

**Measurements that are comparable over space and time are key to achieving these Global and National Goals**

- **In 2015 in the U.S. alone, ~\$2.9 trillion to be spent on healthcare of which 10% -15% was based on measurements**
  - 70% of healthcare decisions are based on results from clinical laboratory measurements
  
- **Measurement bias affects quality of life and leads to**
  - Incorrect diagnosis and treatment
  - Impairment of patient well-being

- **Standards exists for only ~10% of the 700 diagnostic markers routinely measured**
  - Several NMIs have begun developing CRMs to address this lack of standards



### NIST Contributions to National Reference System for Cholesterol

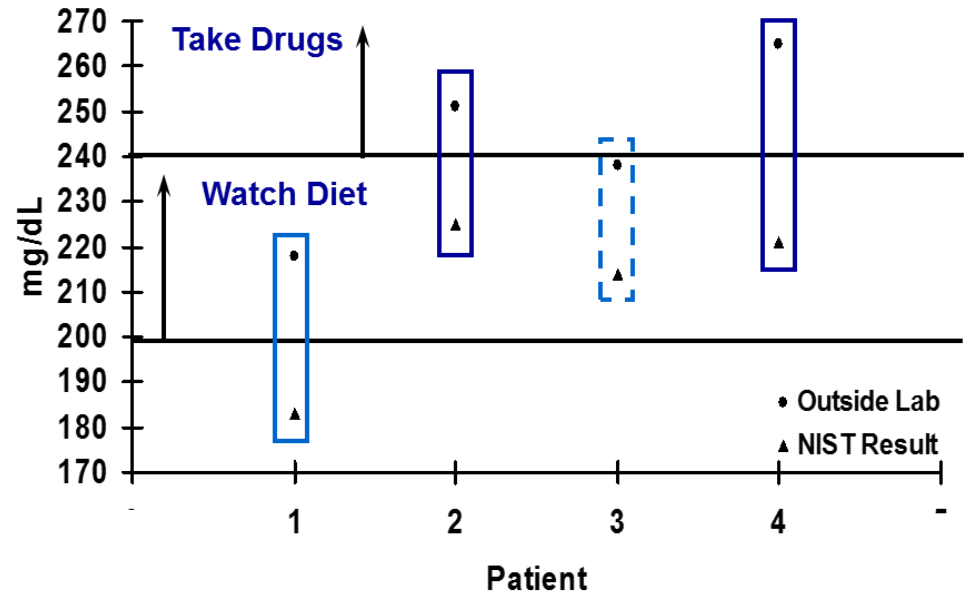
- 1967 – Pure Cholesterol SRM (*SRM 911*)
- 1980 – Cholesterol in Serum Definitive Method
- 1981 – First Cholesterol in Human Serum SRM (*SRM 909*)
- 1988 – New Suite of Cholesterol in Serum SRMs at Medical Decision Points
- 1997 – New Suite of Fresh-Frozen Serum SRMs designed to address clinical analyzer commutability issues; Total-, HDL-, and LDL-Cholesterol and Triglyceride Values

## Improved Cholesterol Measurement Accuracy Saves Health Care Dollars

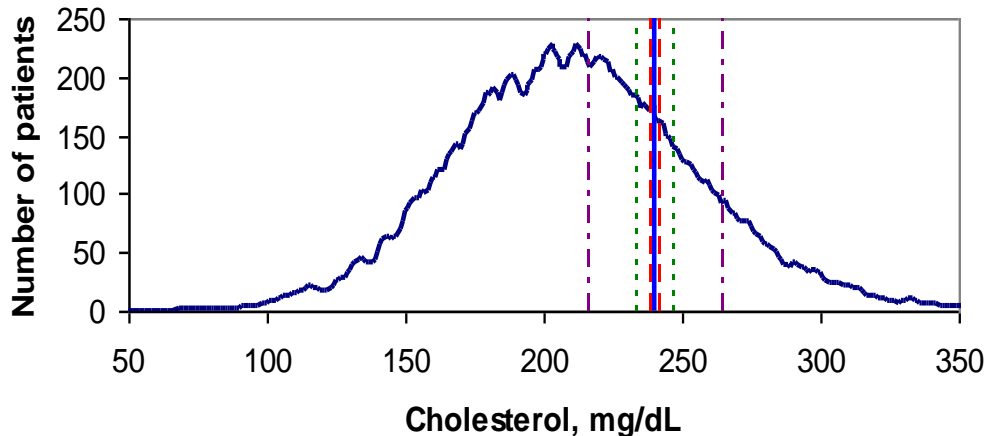
Improvement in precision since 1968 has been estimated to **save \$100M/yr in treatment costs**

\*Data from GAO and CAP

### NIST Cholesterol-in-Blood Experiment - Impact of Inaccurate Measurements



# Bias in Cholesterol Measurements Affects Medical Decision-Making



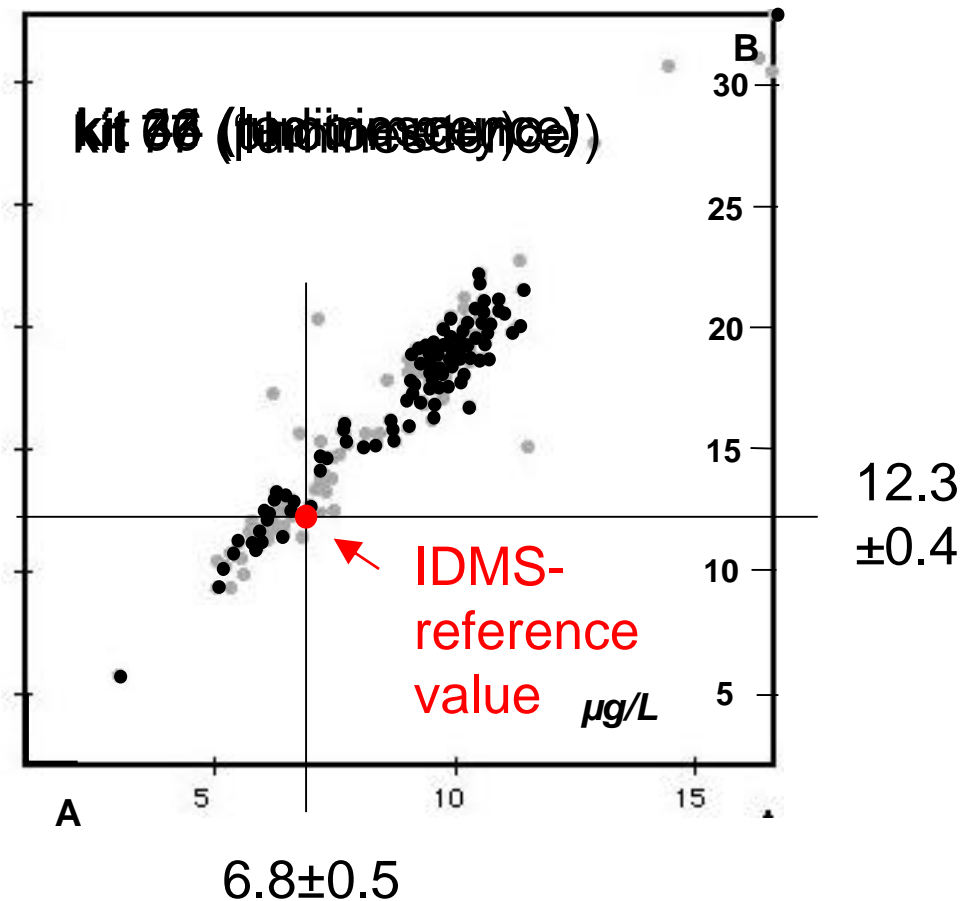
**Cholesterol Frequency Distribution of >20,000 Mayo Clinic Patients**  
*(with +1%, +3% and +10% limits around 240 mg/dL criteria point)*

<u>If measurement bias were:</u>	<u>Positives (&gt;240 mg/dL) per 1000</u>	<u>Predicted Change in "Positives/1000"</u>
-10% bias	120	-129
-3% bias	203	
-1% bias	234	
0% bias	249	-46
+1% bias	263	-15
+3% bias	300	+14
+10% bias	446	+51
		+197



# Results from Analysis of "HGH" in two serum samples

- Different labs
- Different kits



[Data: Referenzinstitut für Bioanalytik, dgkl-rfb.de]

IDMS measurement:  
PTB, Arsene, C./Henrion, A.

# CCQM Activities in Support of Measurements

- The CCQM is responsible for developing, improving and documenting the **degree of equivalence of national standards** (certified reference materials and reference methods) **for chemical and biological measurements.**
  - Key Comparisons among National Metrology Institutes
- Education and outreach, both among peer NMIs/DIs and the global measurement community

## Working Groups are responsible for:

- **Over 5700 CMCs currently published in the KCDB**
  - **830 different analytes ( 3050 different analyte-matrix combinations)**
    - Number of analyte matrix combinations increasing at a rate of about 250 per year.
- **365 comparisons have been conducted over past 15 years**
- **25 additional comparisons are currently underway** Including the first 2 comparisons on Microbial Identity and Cell Counting

# WGs Conduct Key Comparisons that Interrogate Measurement Competencies across a Broad Range of Critical Areas

... including the following examples:

## Health

- Clinical diagnostic markers in blood

## Food

- Pesticides, antibiotics hormones
- vitamins and minerals
- drinking water
- ethanol in “Adult Beverages”

## Environment

- air, soil, sediments
- biological tissues
- waste water

## Advanced Materials

- semiconductors, alloys, polymers

## General Studies

- pH and electrolytic conductivity
- purity assessment
- calibration solutions mixtures

## Forensics

- drugs, breathalyzer (*ethanol-in-air*)
- explosive residues
- DNA profiling

## Commodities

- emissions trading, sulfur in fossil fuels
- natural gas
- cement

## Biotechnology

- DNA quantification
- protein quantitation
- GMO

# List of Completed CCQM Key Comparisons in Healthcare Area

Key Comp.	Title	Year Started
CCQM-K6 CCQM-K6.1 CCQM-K6.2	<b>Cholesterol in serum</b>	1999 2001 2012
CCQM-K11 CCQM-K11.1 CCQM-K11.2	<b>Glucose in serum</b>	2001 2005 2112
CCQM-K12 CCQM-K12.1 CCQM-K12.2	<b>Creatinine in serum</b>	2001 2003 2112
CCQM-K14	<b>Calcium in Serum</b>	2003
CCQM-K55.a	<b>Purity assessment of high purity organic materials: (17<math>\beta</math>-Estradiol)</b>	2008-2009
CCQM-K55.c	<b>Purity assessment of high purity organic materials: L-valine</b>	2011
CCQM-K63.a	<b>Non-Peptide Hormones in Serum: Cortisol</b>	2007-2008
CCQM-K63.b	<b>Non-Peptide Hormones in Serum: Progesterone</b>	2007-2008
CCQM-K61	<b>Quantitative PCR</b>	2007
CCQM-K69	<b>Anabolic steroids in urine: Testosterone glucuronide</b>	2008
CCQM-K80	<b>Comparison of value-assignment of CRMs and PT materials: Creatinine in Serum</b>	2010
CCQM-K86	<b>Relative quantification of genomic DNA fragments extracted from a biological tissue</b>	2010

## Completed Comparisons for pH

*(spans range) and applicable to sectors in addition to Healthcare)*

6 Key Comparisons (plus 3 Subsequent Linked Studies)

## List of In-Progress Comparisons in Healthcare Area

Comp.	Title	Year Started
CCQM-K107	Elements and Se speciation in human serum	2012
CCQM-K115	Peptide purity determination - synthetic human C peptide (HCP)	2013
CCQM-P123	Cell quantification on solid substrate	2010
CCQM-P154	Absolute quantification of DNA	2013
CCQM-P155	Multiple cancer cell biomarker measurement	2013

## List of Planned Comparisons in Healthcare Area

Comp.	Title
CCQM-K134	Relative quantification of genomic DNA fragments extracted from oil matrix (OSR)
CCQM-K135	Relative quantification of genomic DNA fragments extracted from starch matrix (rice)
CCQM-P55.2	Peptide purity determination - synthetic human C peptide (HCP)
CCQM-P137	Clinical amylase measurement
CCQM-P164	HGH quantification in serum
CCQM-P165	Quantification of CD34+ cell counts
CCQM-K139	Elements in human serum
CCQM-K55.d	Purity assessment of high purity organic materials: Folic Acid
CCQM-K78	Mass Fraction of Organic Calibration Solution: Amino acids in aqueous solution
CCQM-K109	Urea and uric acid in serum
CCQM-K132	Vitamin D in serum

# How Far Does the Light Shine?

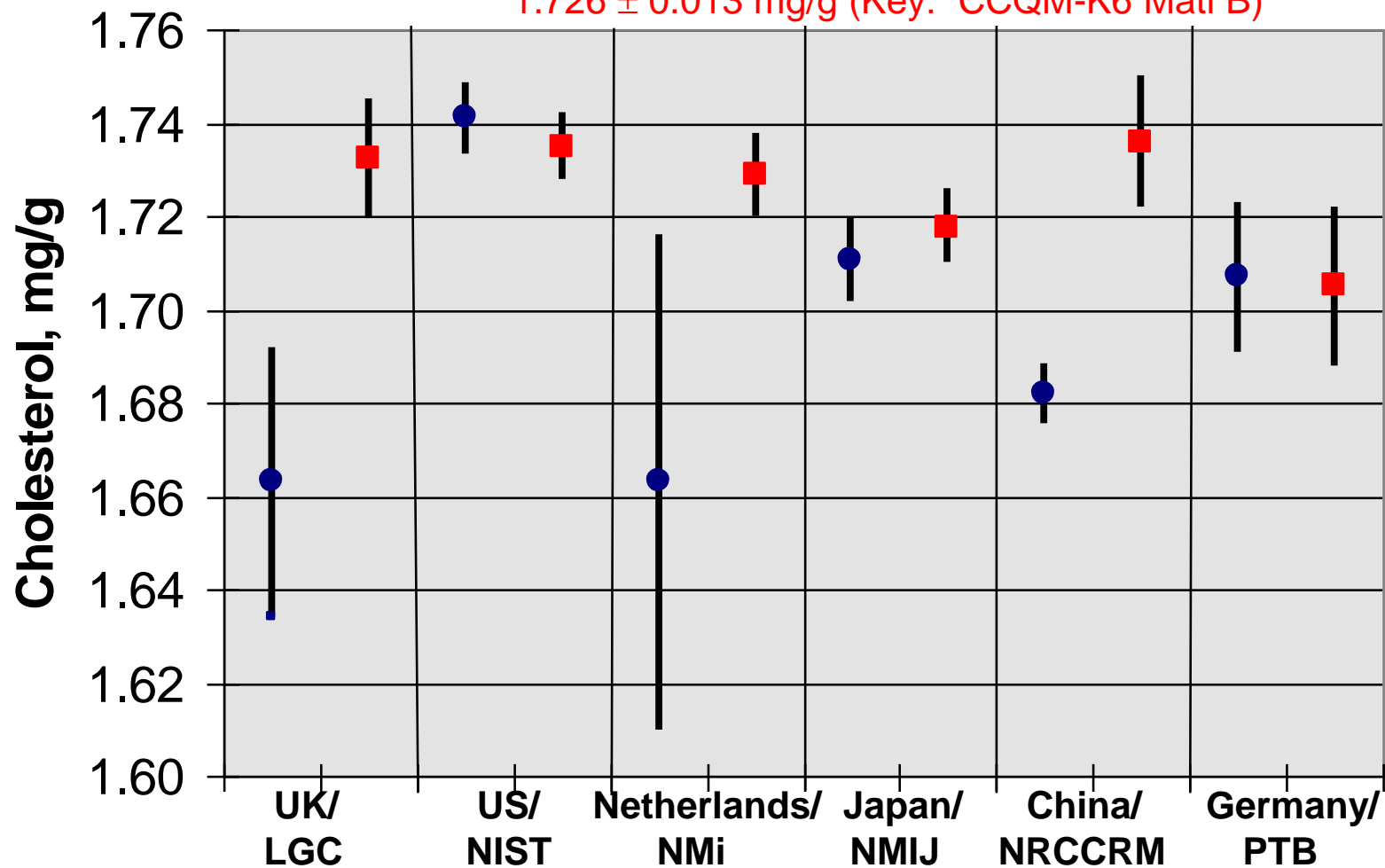
## Set of CCQM Comparisons for Well-Defined Small Molecule Health Status Markers

To assess the capabilities of NMI for delivering services for **well-defined small organic analytes in serum**, the CCQM conducted Comparisons for the determinations of **serum cholesterol, glucose and creatinine**. They were chosen because they present very different challenges thus providing a more complete picture of the capabilities of participating NMIs.

- **Cholesterol** is lipophilic and present in serum primarily as fatty acid esters.
- **Glucose** is highly water-soluble and also associates strongly with proteins.
- **Creatinine** is very polar, present at much lower levels than cholesterol, and glucose and its determination requires considerable care to assure separation from creatine, without interconversion between creatinine and creatine.

# CCQM – Comparison of Results for Cholesterol in Serum in 1999 Pilot Study • and in 2000 Key Comparison

mean  $\pm$  U: 1.700  $\pm$  0.029 mg/g (Pilot: CCQM-P6 Matl A<sub>p</sub>)  
1.726  $\pm$  0.013 mg/g (Key: CCQM-K6 Matl B)



# CCQM-K6 and Subsequent Study

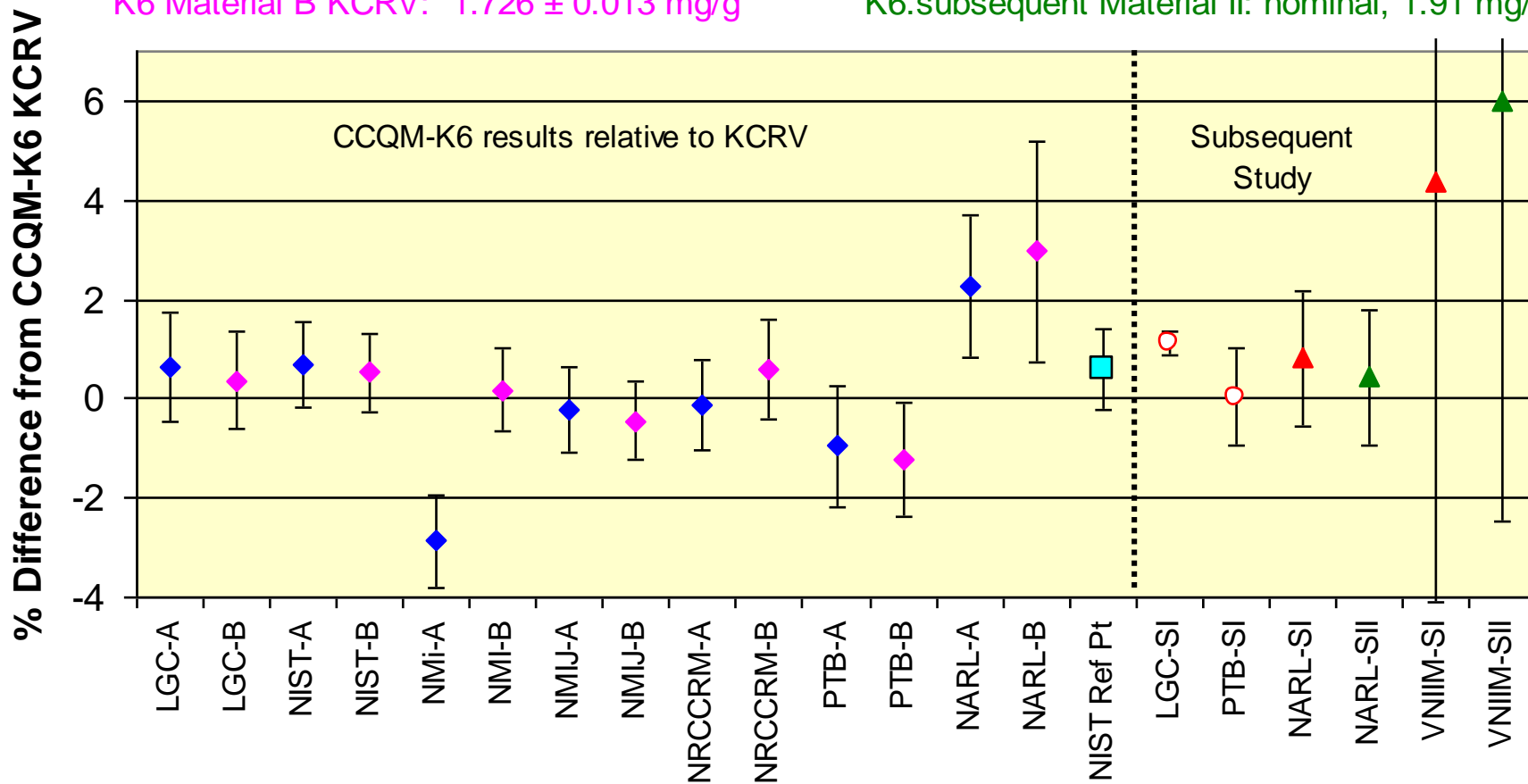
## CCQM-K6 and Subsequent Study - Relative Results

K6 Material A KCRV:  $2.200 \pm 0.019$  mg/g

K6 Material B KCRV:  $1.726 \pm 0.013$  mg/g

K6.subsequent Material I: nominal, 1.93 mg/g

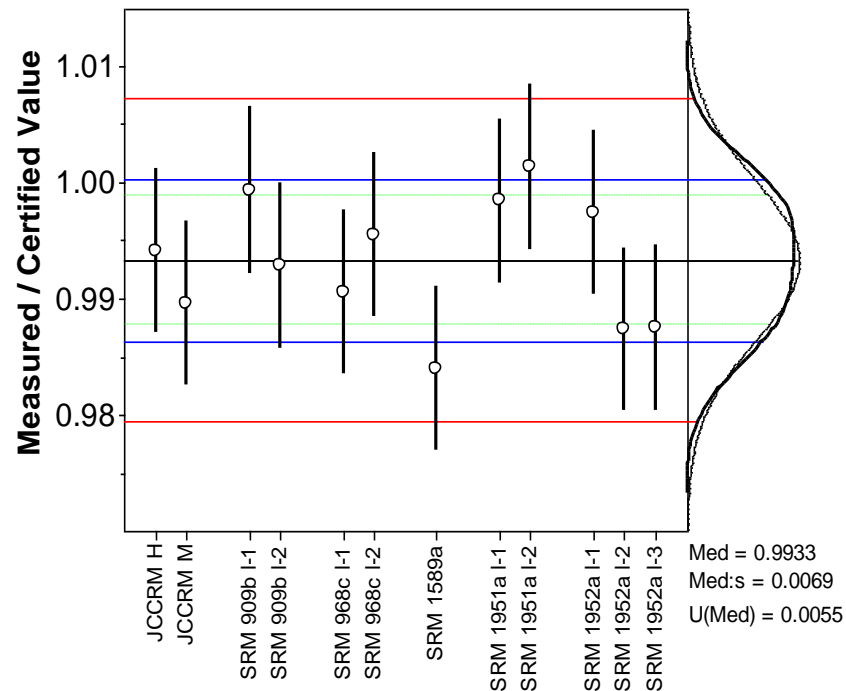
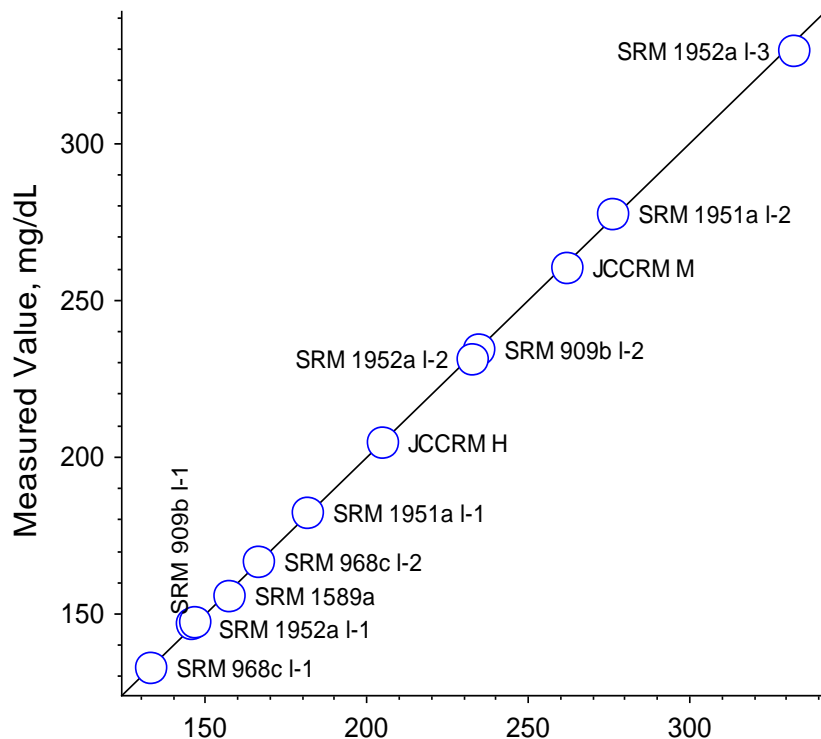
K6.subsequent Material II: nominal, 1.91 mg/g





# Cholesterol in Serum: Reverse-Comparison

measurements of relevant NMI CRMs were made at NIST under repeatability conditions



**Comparability of Cholesterol in Serum CRMs between NIST/US and NMIJ/Japan**



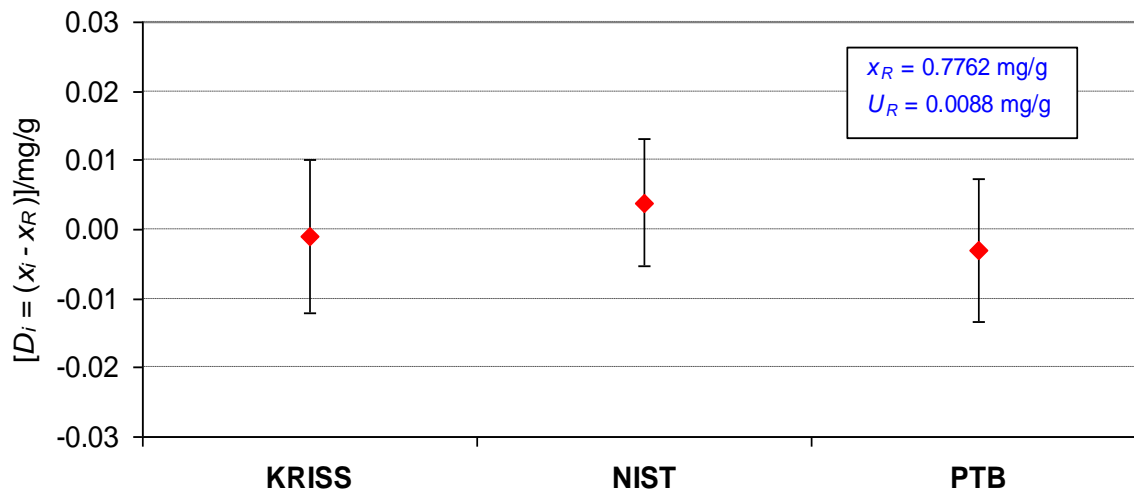
The measured/certified ratios for this set of CRMs are:

- ~ normally distributed
- with a standard deviation of ~0.7%

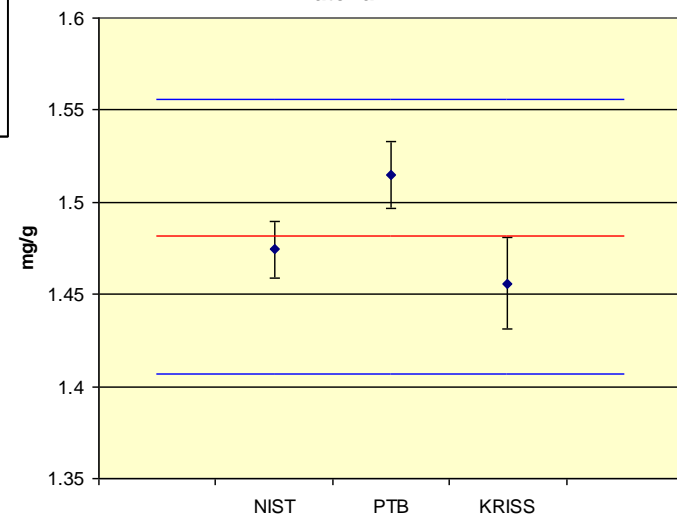
# CCQM- K11 Glucose in Serum

## CCQM-K11 Glucose in Human Serum (Material I)

Degrees of equivalence [ $D_i$  and expanded uncertainty (95% confidence interval)  $U_i$ ]



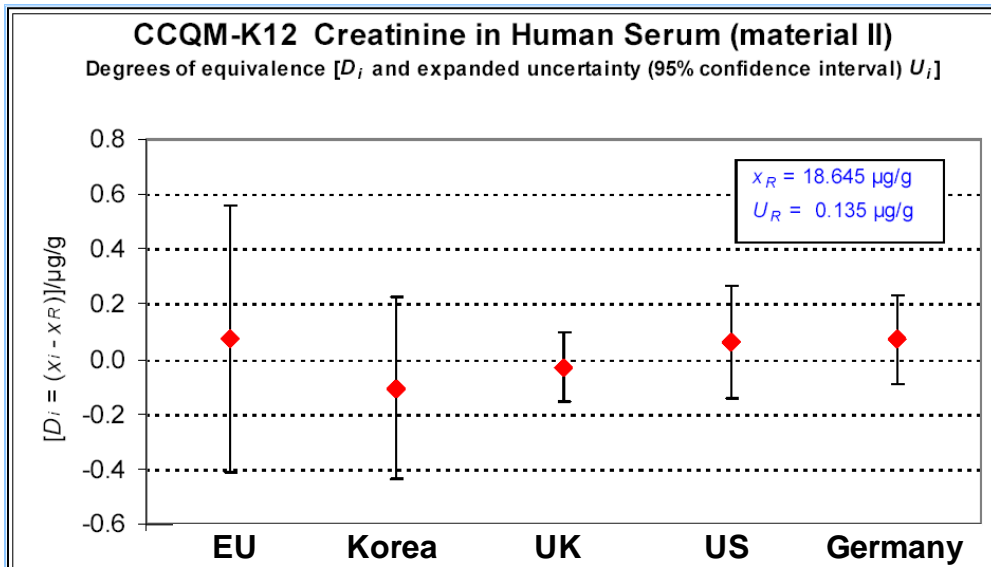
## CCQM-K11 Glucose in Human Serum Material II



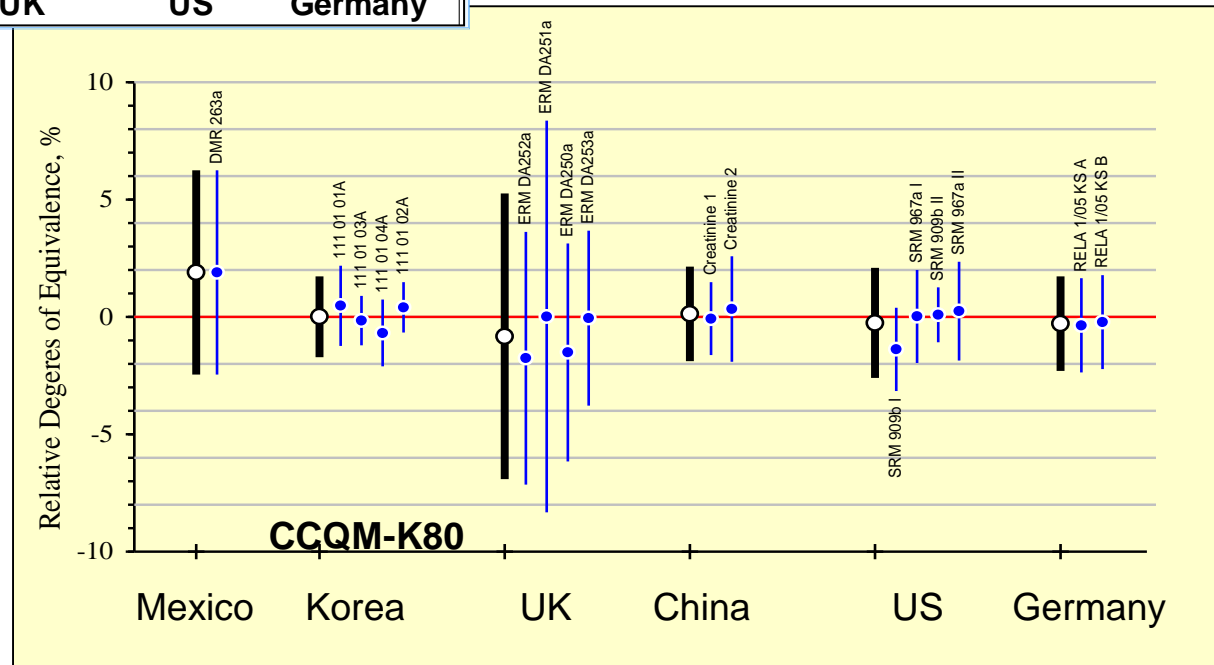
**Study Period: 2000-2001**

# Creatinine in Human Serum

Document degree of equivalence of measurement capabilities



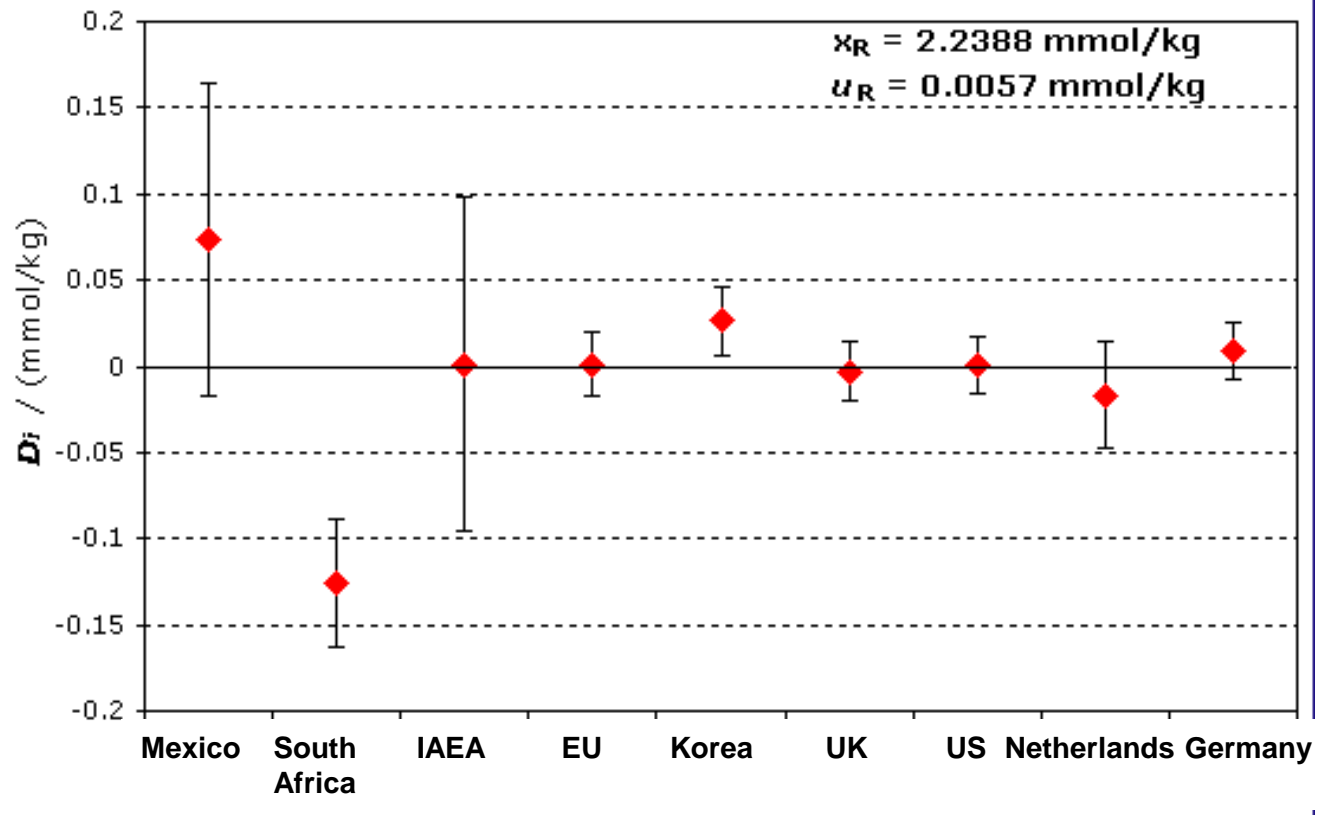
Comparison of value-assignment of CRMs



# CCQM-K14: Calcium in Serum

MEASURAND : Amount content of Ca in human serum  
NOMINAL VALUE :  $\sim 2$  mmol/kg

Degrees of equivalence  $D_i$  and expanded uncertainties  $U_i$  ( $k = 2$ ) expressed in mmol/kg



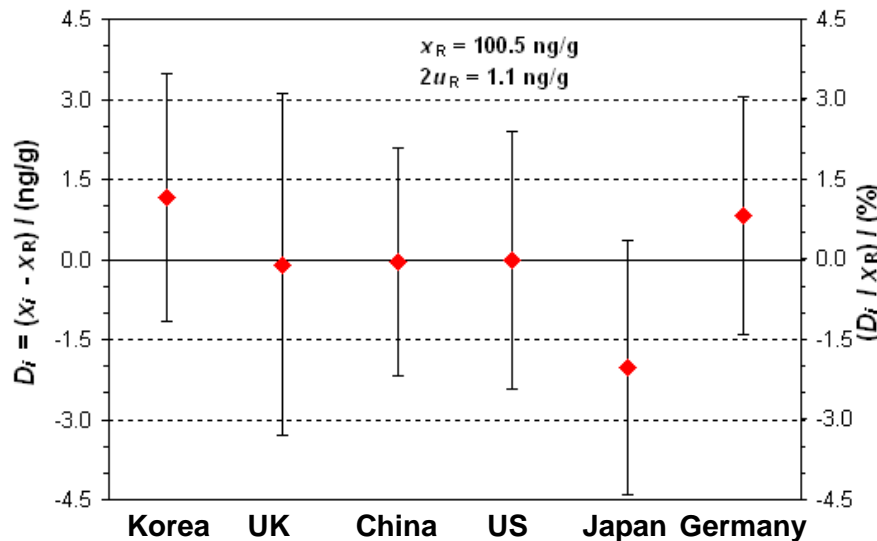
# Steroid hormone measurements

-- to help in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of breast, testicular and prostate cancers

## CCQM-K63.a Cortisol in human serum

MEASURAND : Mass fraction of Cortisol in human serum

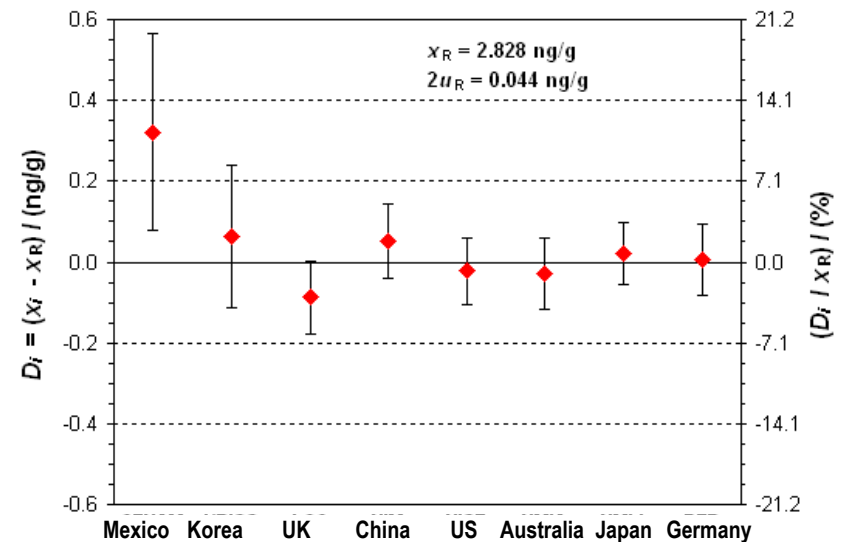
Degrees of equivalence:  $D_i = (x_i - x_R)$  and expanded uncertainty  $U_i$  ( $k = 2$ ), both expressed in ng/g



## CCQM-K63.a Progesterone in human serum

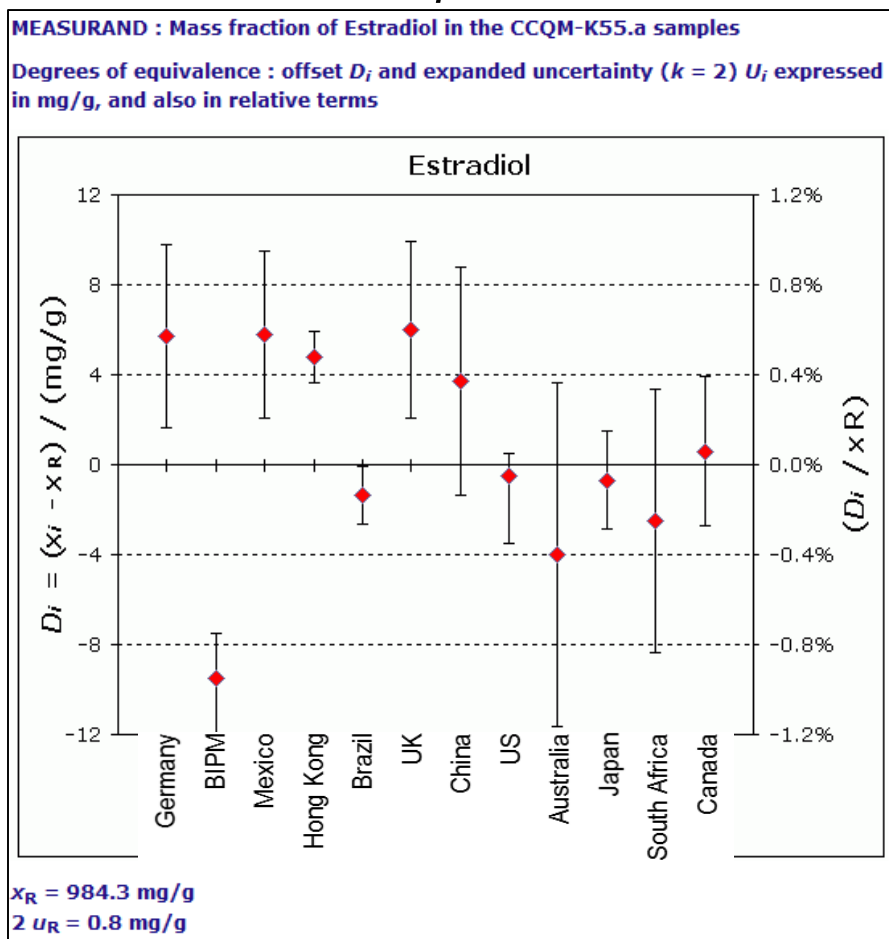
MEASURAND : Mass fraction of Progesterone in human serum

Degrees of equivalence:  $D_i = (x_i - x_R)$  and expanded uncertainty  $U_i$  ( $k = 2$ ), both expressed in ng/g

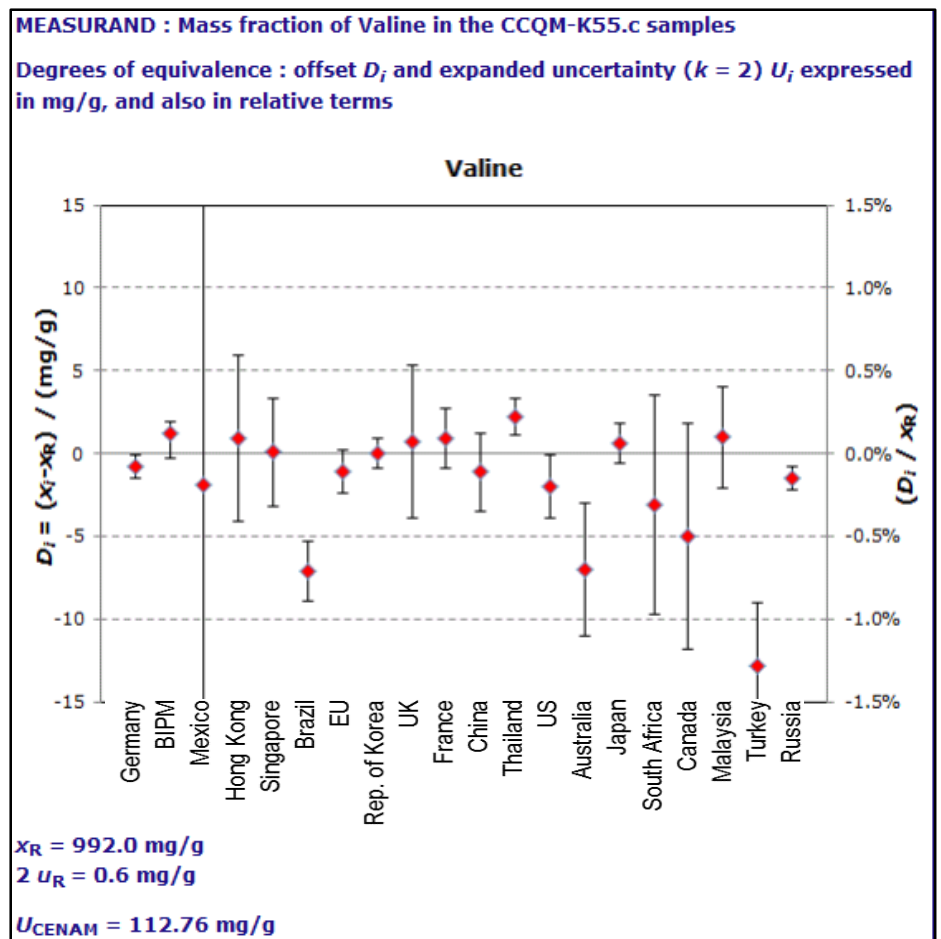


# Purity Assessment of High-Purity Materials – critical for Metrological Traceability

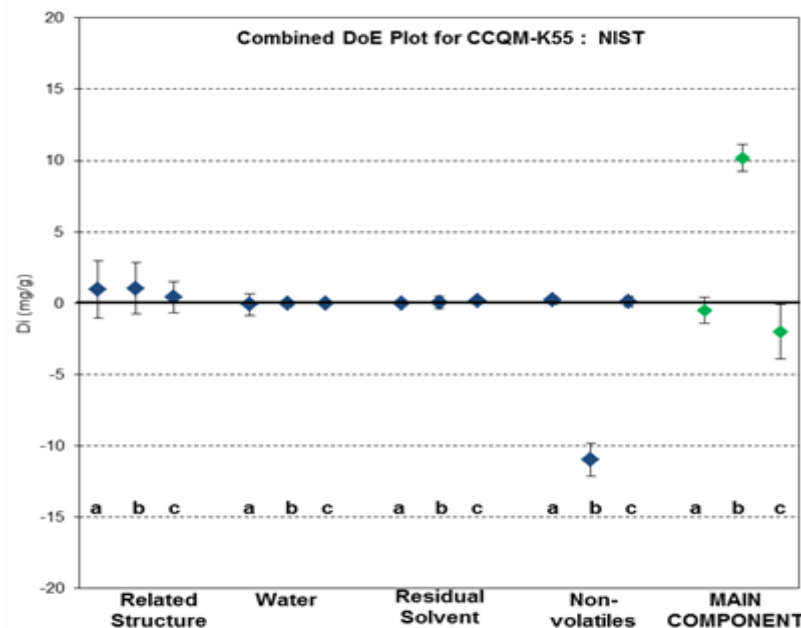
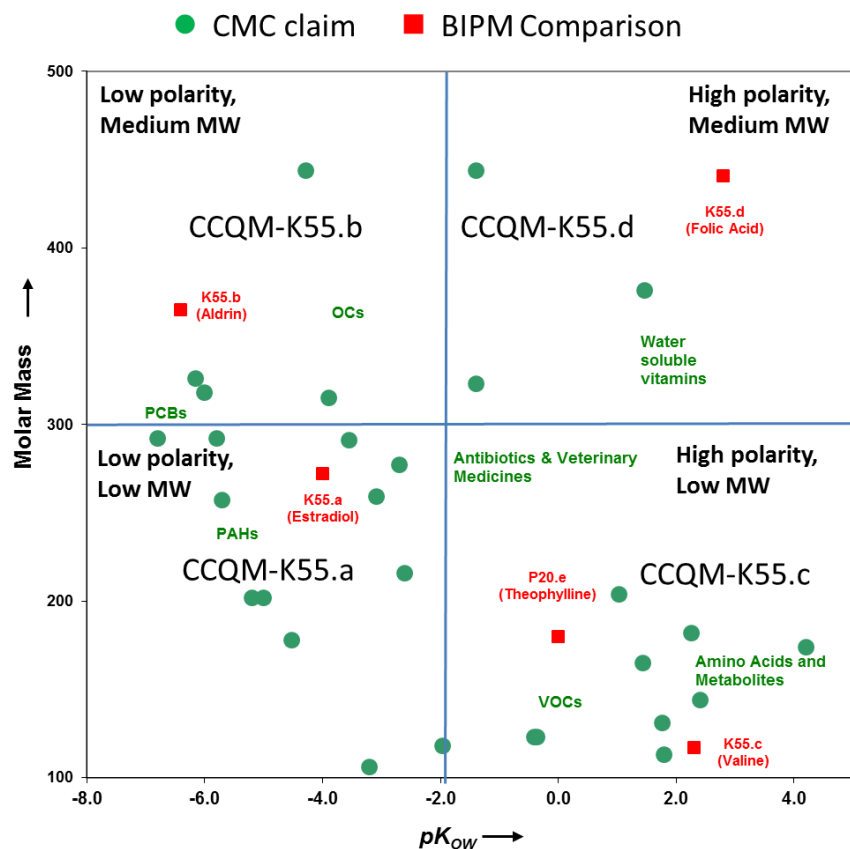
## K55.a 17 $\beta$ -Estradiol



## K55.c Valine



# CCQM Activities Support Provision of Primary References for Clinical Diagnostic Analyses



Comparisons have assisted in establishing and or validating NMI capabilities for establishing primary references for organic molecules with molecular weight less than 500 Da. Standard uncertainties are less than 1 mg/g for purities greater than 950 mg/g.

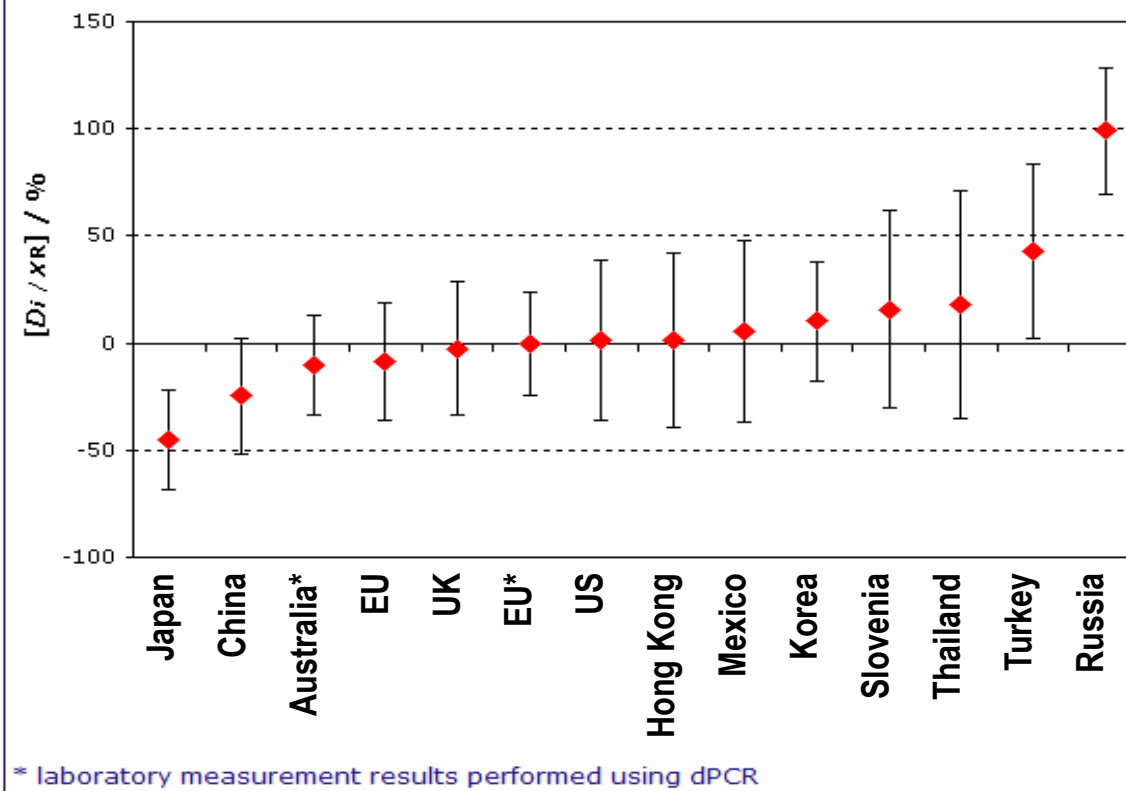
MW range	Polarity	Sector specific Purity KC/Pilot study
100 to 300	$pK_{ow} < -2.0$	CCQM-K55.a, Estradiol
100 to 300	$pK_{ow} > -2.0$	CCQM-P20.e, Theophylline; CCQM-K55.c, Valine
300 to 500	$pK_{ow} < -2.0$	CCQM-K55.b, Aldrin
300 to 500	$pK_{ow} > -2.0$	CCQM-K55.d, Folic Acid
500 to 1000	$pK_{ow} < -2.0$	CCQM-K104*, Avermectin
500 to 1000	$pK_{ow} > -2.0$	CCQM-P20.f, Digoxin

# CCQM-K86: Relative quantification of genomic DNA fragments extracted from a biological tissue

**MEASURAND** : Ratio of number of copies of specified intact sequence segments of a length in the range of 70 to 100 nucleotides in a single genomic DNA extract

**SAMPLE 1** : Mixture of dried non genetically (GM) maize seed powder and GM MON810 maize seed powder, with an assigned mass fraction value of 8.1 g/kg and associated expanded uncertainty ( $k = 2$ ) of 0.7 g/kg

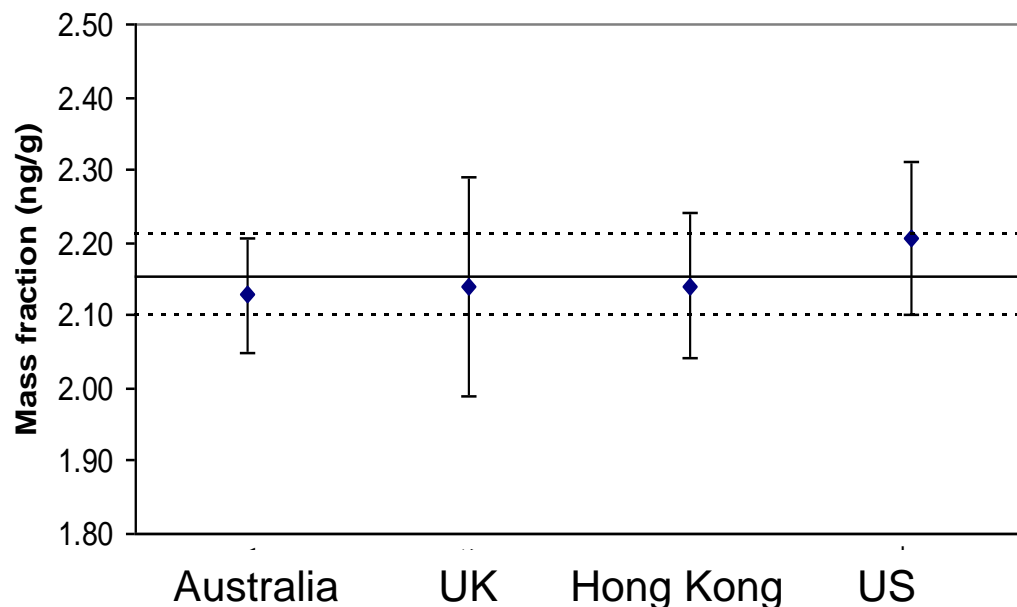
**Degrees of equivalence: offset  $D_i$  and expanded uncertainty ( $k = 2$ )  $U_i$  given in relative terms (%)**





# CCQM-P68: Participants' Methodologies and Results

Laboratory	Method Summary	Instrumentation
NMIA	Addition of D <sub>4</sub> -NNA, enzyme hydrolysis, solvent extraction, HPLC fractionation, TMS derivatisation	GC/HRMS
GL of HKSAR	Addition of D <sub>4</sub> -NNA, enzyme hydrolysis, SPE and liq-liq extraction, TMS derivatisation	GC/HRMS
LGC	Addition of D <sub>4</sub> -NNAG, enzyme hydrolysis, solvent extraction, HPLC fractionation, TMS derivatisation	GC/MS
NIST	Addition of D <sub>4</sub> -NNA, enzyme hydrolysis, solvent extraction	LC/MS/MS



Required appropriate process design, method validation, etc., and analytical challenges include:

- Purity Assessment/value assignment of calibrant material
- Gravimetric Preparation of Calibration Solutions
- Extraction of analytes of interest from matrix
- Hydrolysis
- Derivatization
- Fractionation – separation of analytes of interest from bulk of matrix
- Chromatographic Analysis of Complex mixtures: separation of analyte from similar compounds in matrix
- Value-Assignment, including Uncertainty Determination

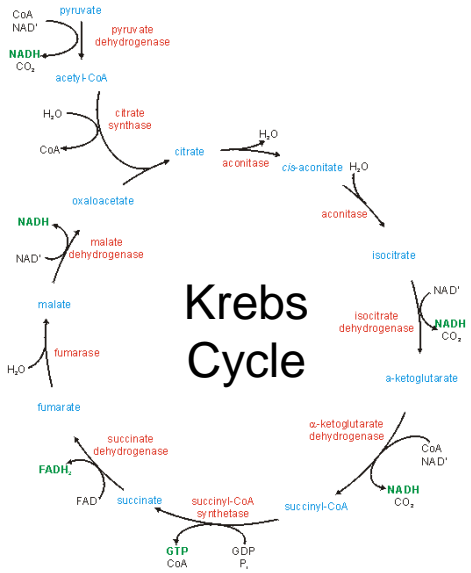
## **Next Areas of Priority**

### **Assessing the Comparability of National References to support:**

- Personalized/Precision Medicine
- Manufacture and Regulatory Approval of Biosimilar/Follow-on Biologics

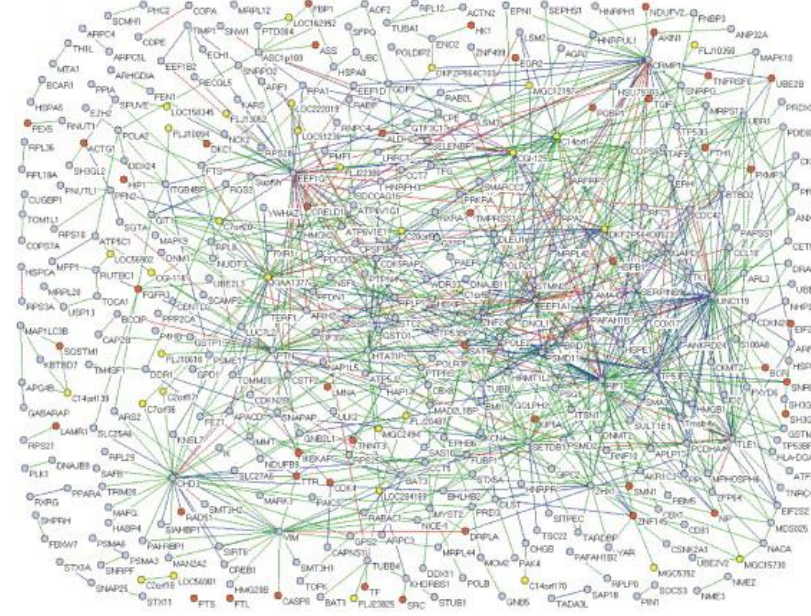
# Facilitating Innovation in the “Biosciences” is Hard

Life processes are very complex and the information space is very vast



Krebs  
Cycle

Not as simple  
as we once  
thought



Understanding life processes requires more than physical and chemical measurements

**Physical:** What's the mass of Willie? 90 kg

**Chemical:** How much cholesterol is there in Willie's blood? 150 mg/dL

**Biological:** Which cholesterol-lowering drug would be best for Willie in terms of both efficacy and potential side effects? Personalized Medicine

# What is “Personalized Medicine”?

The use of information and data from a patient's genotype and phenotype (level of gene expression and/or other clinical information) to:

- stratify disease
- select a medication
- provide a therapy
- initiate a preventative measure that is particularly suited to that patient at the time of administration

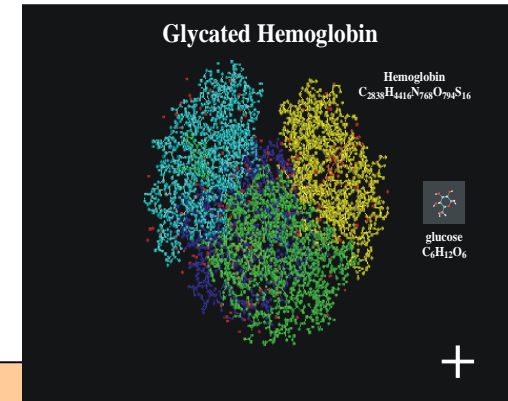
## Answers are being sought such as:

- **Why do adverse drug reactions and interactions occur in some people and others not?**
- **Can I be sure that I am getting the right treatment for me**
- **Can I be sure that the generic protein drug that I get will work the same as the more expensive name brand drug?**

# Laboratory Medicine: New Challenges

## Reference systems for markers that typically exhibit:

- High molecular mass (>20,000 daltons)
- Heterogeneity, low concentration, instability of analyte form
- **Cannot all be determined using GC- ID/MS or ICP/MS-based methodologies**
- Such as the following:



### Protein Analysis

- **Single Blood Protein Biomarkers**

- |                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| • Troponin-I         | <i>Myocardial Infarction</i> |
| • C-Reactive Protein | <i>Risk of Heart Attack</i>  |
| • PSA                | <i>Prostate Cancer</i>       |
| • Albumin            | <i>Kidney Function</i>       |

### Genetic Testing

- **Single Gene Mutations**

- **Genetics Directed Therapy**

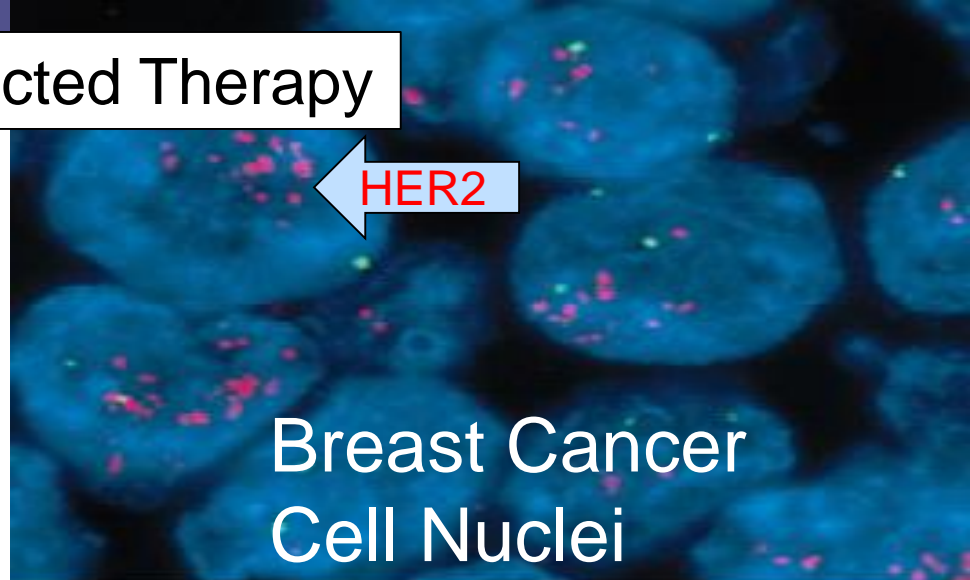
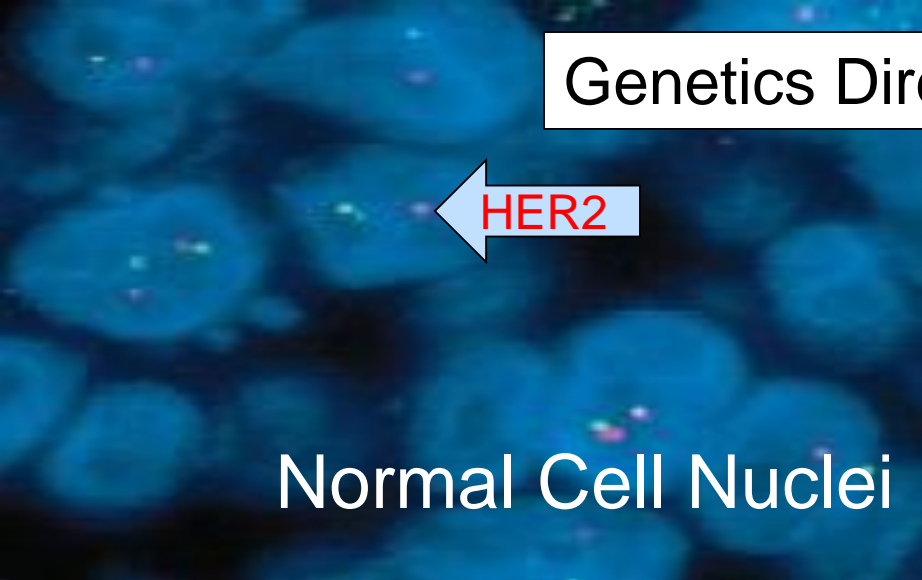
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| • Her2-Nu           | <i>Breast cancer</i>   |
| • CYP2C9 and VKORC1 | <i>Warfarin Dosage</i> |
| • Kras              | <i>Colon Cancer</i>    |

- **Diagnostics**

- |                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| • DNA Triplet Repeat | <i>Fragile X</i>            |
| • CAG Repeats        | <i>Huntington's Disease</i> |

- **Genome Sequencing to support Direct to Consumer Genetic Testing**

# Genetics Directed Therapy



“The college of American Pathologists and the American Society of Clinical Oncology have estimated that around 20% of HER-2 testing may be inaccurate”

## HER2 Test

180,000/  
year

### False positive

Up to 32,000

### Get Herceptin unnecessarily

- Expensive
- Numerous side effects

### False negative

Up to 32,000

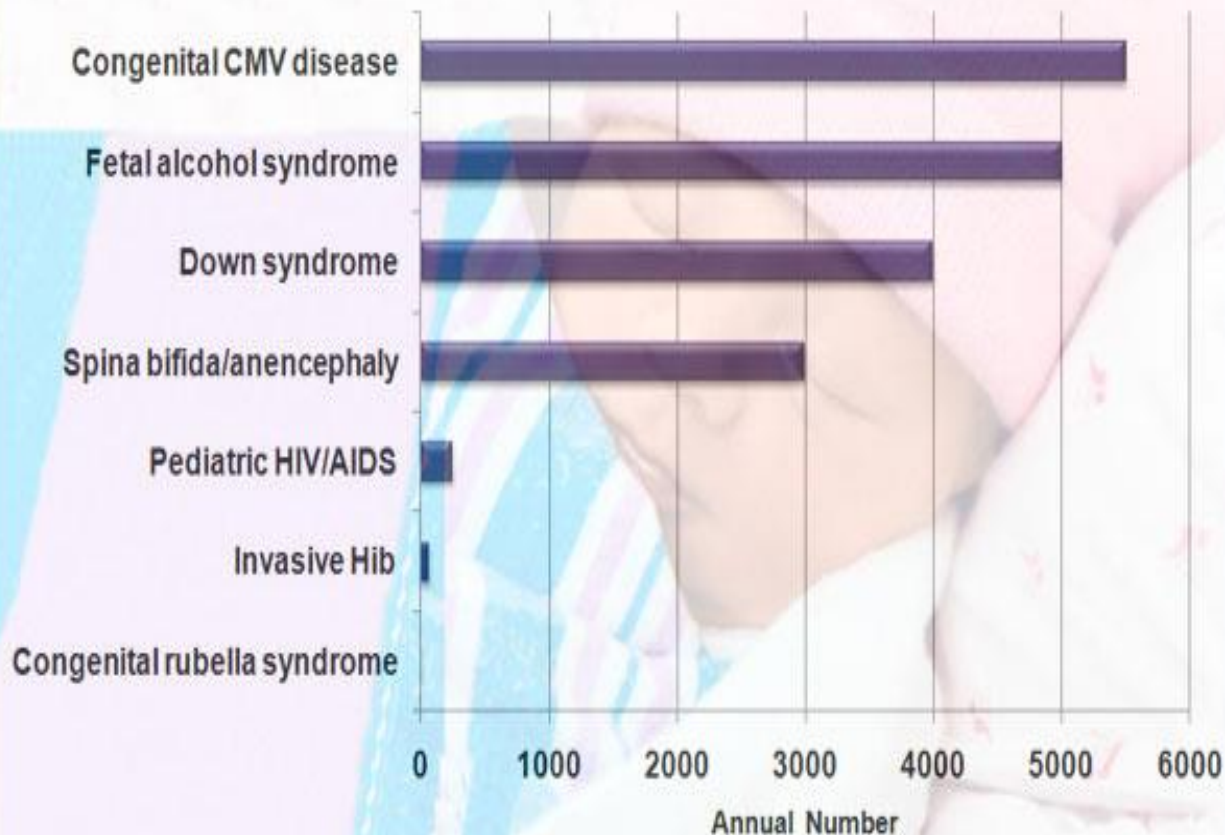
### Herceptin Treatment withheld

- Inappropriate treatment
- Increased morbidity
- Increased mortality

# Cytomegalovirus (CMV)

CMV can cause serious disease in people with weakened immune systems and in babies who are infected before birth. Congenital CMV infection causes more long-term problems and childhood deaths than Down syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome, and neural tube defects.

U.S. Children Born with or Developing Long-Term Medical Conditions Each Year



Treatment for CMV, which has toxic side effects and is available only intravenously, depends on **accurate measurement of the viral load** – and interlaboratory comparisons show widely varying results.

**NIST is working on development of a CMV SRM which should improve lab to lab variability, and thus treatment options.**

# Huntington's Disease

Classification of the trinucleotide repeat, and resulting disease status, depends on the number of CAG repeats:

Repeat Count	Classification	Disease Status
< 28	Normal	Unaffected
29-34	Intermediate	Individual will not develop HD but the next generation is at risk
35-39	Reduced Penetrance	Some, but not all, individuals in this range will develop HD; next generation is also at risk
>40	Full Penetrance	Individual will develop HD

Nationwide, an estimated 30,000 people have Huntington's Disease. Although there is no cure, knowledge of the repeat count can be used to guide treatment of clinical symptoms and give an estimate of age of onset.

**NIST has issued SRM 2393, CAG Repeat Length Mutation in Huntington's Disease, to facilitate accurate genotyping of this gene.**

*Penetrance in genetics is the proportion of individuals carrying a particular variation of a gene that also express an associated trait.*



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## **First FDA Authorization for Next-Generation Sequencer**

**Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., and Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D.**

The FDA has also been active in addressing other regulatory issues surrounding personalized medicine.<sup>5</sup> Along with authorizing the Illumina technology for marketing, the FDA recognized the need for reference materials and methods that would permit performance assessment.

As a result, the FDA collaborated with the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) to develop reference materials consisting of whole human genome DNA, together with the best possible sequence interpretation of such genomes. The first human genome reference materials are expected to be available for public use in the next 12 months.

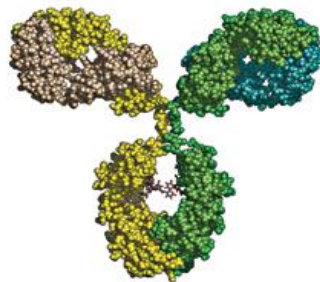
# Measurements and Standards for Biologic Drugs

- The Cost of Protein Therapeutics is one of the fastest growing components to the overall cost of healthcare. The global biological drugs market was valued at \$161B in 2014 and is predicted to reach a value of 287B by 2020.
- These “biologic drugs” are not synthesized chemically, but rather are made in bioreactors using living cells.
- These drugs have proven to be very therapeutic and substantially improve patients’ health and quality of life. However, they are very expensive and generics are not widely available
  - Rand researchers predict \$44 billion in savings due to the approval of biosimilars over the next 10 years.
  - Challenges exist regarding the manufacture and regulatory approval of generic/ follow-on biologics



Prozac

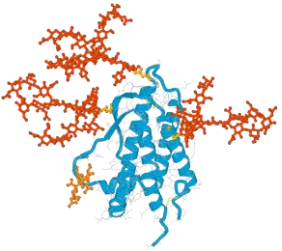
- Small, simple (MW = 309.3261 g/mol)
- Structure definitively known



Rituxan: Biologic Drug

- Large, complex (~150,000 kDa)
- Heterogeneous product

# New measurement science and standards needed to support manufacturing & regulatory approval of biologic drugs



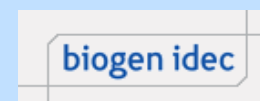
Technical Area	Outputs
<b>Immunogenicity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Critical evaluation of the underpinning measurement science for protein aggregate measurements</li> <li>▪ Reference methods and Standard Reference Materials for protein aggregate measurements</li> <li>▪ Validated in vitro methods and models for measurement of human immune system response</li> </ul>
<b>Structure (3-D and PTM)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spectroscopic reference methods (reference spectra, data and standards) for measuring 'sameness' related to protein 3-D structure</li> <li>▪ Reference methods, data, and standards for glycan analysis</li> <li>▪ Stable Isotope Protein Labeling User Facility to support high resolution protein structural analysis</li> </ul>
<b>Production Cell Efficiency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reference genetic markers and methods for cell line ID</li> <li>▪ Reference methods and standards to support gene expression measurements and measurement of transcriptome of CHO cells</li> <li>▪ Reference methods and standards to support proteomic measurements of CHO cells</li> <li>▪ Reference Data (molecular signatures) for predicting CHO cell performance in Biologic Drug manufacturing.</li> </ul>

## Developed with Input from Stakeholders:



### Others:

- USP
- NIBSC
- NIH



# Top Ten Biologic Drugs and Their Global Sales in 2011

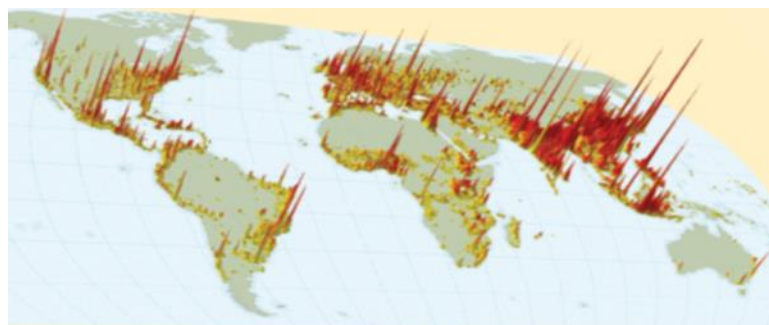
1. **Humira**      rheumatoid arthritis, \$6.6 billion
2. **Enbrel**      rheumatoid arthritis, \$6.5 billion
3. **Remicade**    rheumatoid arthritis, \$6.4 billion
4. **Avastin**      cancers, \$5.5 billion
5. **Mabthera**    non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, \$5.4 billion
6. **Lantus**      diabetes, \$5.1 billion
7. **Herceptin**    breast cancer, \$4.5 billion
8. **Neulasta**    chemotherapy infections, \$4.1 billion
9. **Lovenox**      deep vein thrombosis, \$3.7 billion
10. **Copaxone**    multiple sclerosis, \$3.6 billion

Source: IMS Health

## Established in 1993:

**CCQM Activities have** -- without question –

- enabled NMIs to identify “spikes” of excellence within the chem/bio world that have led to establishment of strategic collaborations for both research and standards development purposes



# Examples of Impact of CCQM Activities for Healthcare

## ■ **CCQM Comparisons have:**

- documented the degree of comparability among the measurement capabilities and measurement services provided by NMIs
- resulted in significantly increased # of NMIs providing measurement services in HC
  - Also improved overall quality of HC CRMs available to customers
- Provided objective data to support peer review of CMC claims

## ■ **Symposia for Stakeholders have furthered awareness /communication**

- Workshop on the Frontiers of Traceability in Chem/Bio Measurement (22 April 2009)
- Pharma & Bio-pharma Workshop (4-5 December 2008)
- International Symposium on Certified Reference Materials for Quality of Life (1 November 2006)
- Workshop on higher-order measurement methods for physiologically significant molecules (13 April 2005)

## ■ **Numerous workshops to provide a forum for the exchange of information within CCQM and CCQM WGs**

- topics cover a wide range of research and measurement service delivery programs and other technical activities of the CC members and observers
- **new opportunities for collaboration created.**



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**Thanks for Your Attention**

**Questions and Comments?**