

# An international multi-center serum protein electrophoresis accuracy and M-protein isotyping study.

**Part I: Factors impacting LoQ**

**Part II: LoD and follow-up of small M-proteins**

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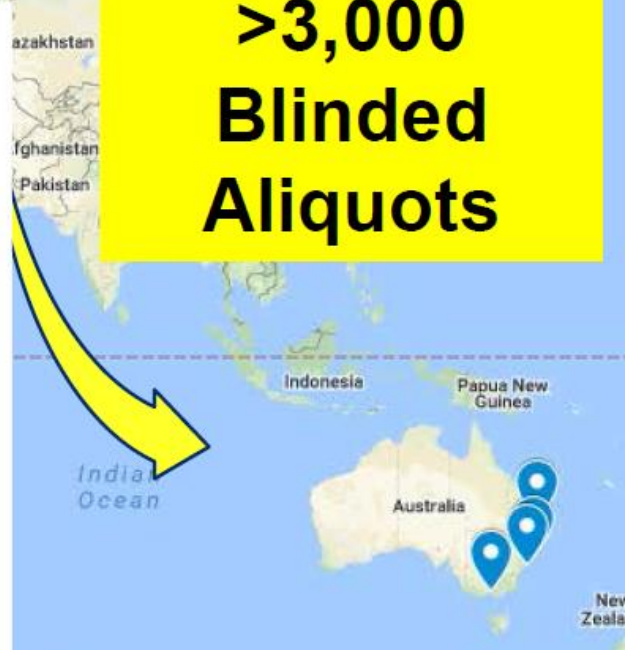


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University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
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- Shared serum sample set
- Run along-side patient samples
- According to their institution's SOP (standard operating procedure) for SPEP and IFE
- Total protein was measured and provided by Mayo (Reverse Biuret, Advia 1200)

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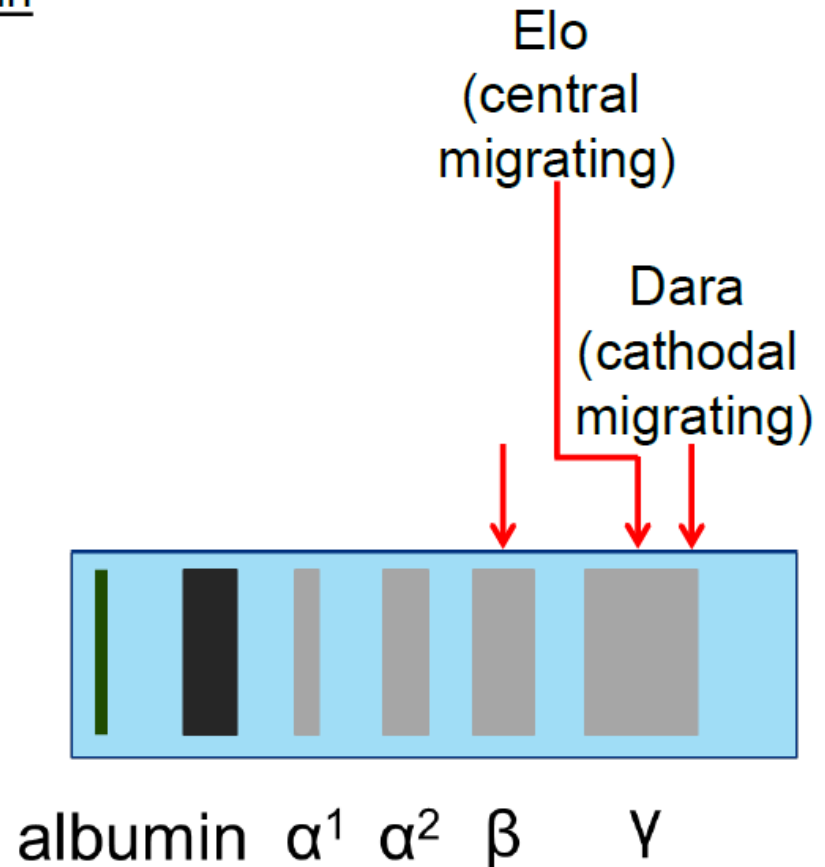




# Blinded Shared Sample Set

## Artificial “patient” samples containing a M-protein

- Pooled patient samples (~120 mL each)
- Gamma Fraction Background
  - Hypogamma background
    - < 0.5 g/dL
  - Normal gamma background
    - 0.6-1.5 g/dL
  - Hypergamma background
    - > 1.7 g/dL
- Monoclonal antibody (mAb)-spiked samples
  - 1.0-0.0125 g/dL
  - Elotuzumab (Elo)
  - Daratumumab (Dara)
  - IgG1κ isotype
- Beta-migrating-pooled patient samples





## SPEP/IFE LOQ Studies

Recycle Bin

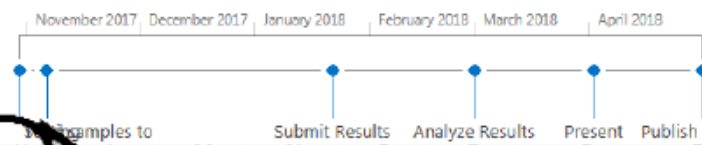
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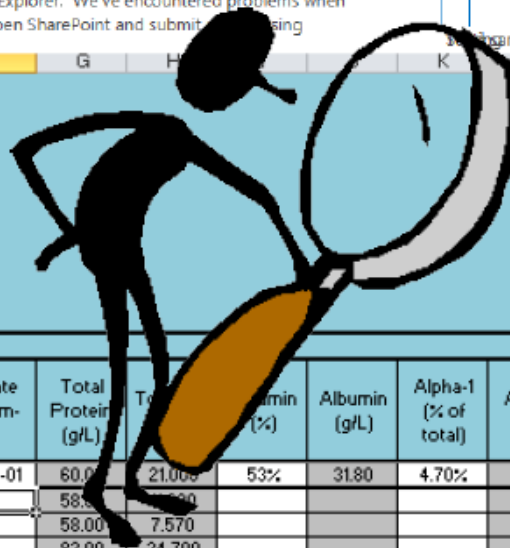
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## Milestones



Testing Site Information		Result Entry																
Run ID	Sample ID	Expected Isotype	Run Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Total Protein (g/L)	Total IgG (g/L)	Total IgM (g/L)	Total IgA (g/L)	Albumin (g/L)	Alpha-1 (% of total)	Alpha-1 (g/L)	Alpha-2 (% of total)	Alpha-2 (g/L)	Beta1 (% of total)	Beta1 (g/L)	Abnormality in beta fraction?	Beta M-spike (% of total)	Beta spike (g/L)	
EXAMPLE	IFCC-0	IgG kappa	2017-05-01	60.00	21.00	1.00	1.00	53%	31.80	4.70%	2.82	11.20%	6.72	7.20%	4.32	None	0.00%	0.00
Run 1	IFCC-1	IgG kappa		58.00	7.570													
Run 1	IFCC-2	IgG kappa		58.00	7.570													
Run 1	IFCC-3	IgG kappa		82.00	24.700													
Run 1	IFCC-4	IgG kappa		49.00	10.400													
Run 1	IFCC-5	IgG kappa		79.00	22.900													
Run 1	IFCC-6	IgG kappa		39.00	12.200													
Run 1	IFCC-7	IgG kappa		75.00	13.100													
Run 1	IFCC-8	IgG kappa		47.00	12.100													
Run 1	IFCC-9	IgG kappa		47.00	8.020													
Run 1	IFCC-10	IgG kappa		55.00	5.340													
Run 1	IFCC-11	IgG kappa		57.00	10.500													
Run 1	IFCC-12	IgG kappa		51.00	5.160													
Run 1	IFCC-13	IgG kappa		80.00	22.600													
Run 1	IFCC-14	IgG kappa		53.00	8.610													
Run 1	IFCC-15	IgG kappa		79.00	21.700													
Run 1	IFCC-16	IgG kappa		70.00	20.900													
Run 1	IFCC-17	IgG kappa		57.00	8.570													
Run 1	IFCC-18	IgG kappa		43.00	11.400													
Run 1	IFCC-19	IgG kappa		81.00	25.500													



# Methodology Distribution

SPEP Method	Number of Institutions
Helena AGE	4
Sebia AGE	5
Sebia CZE	10

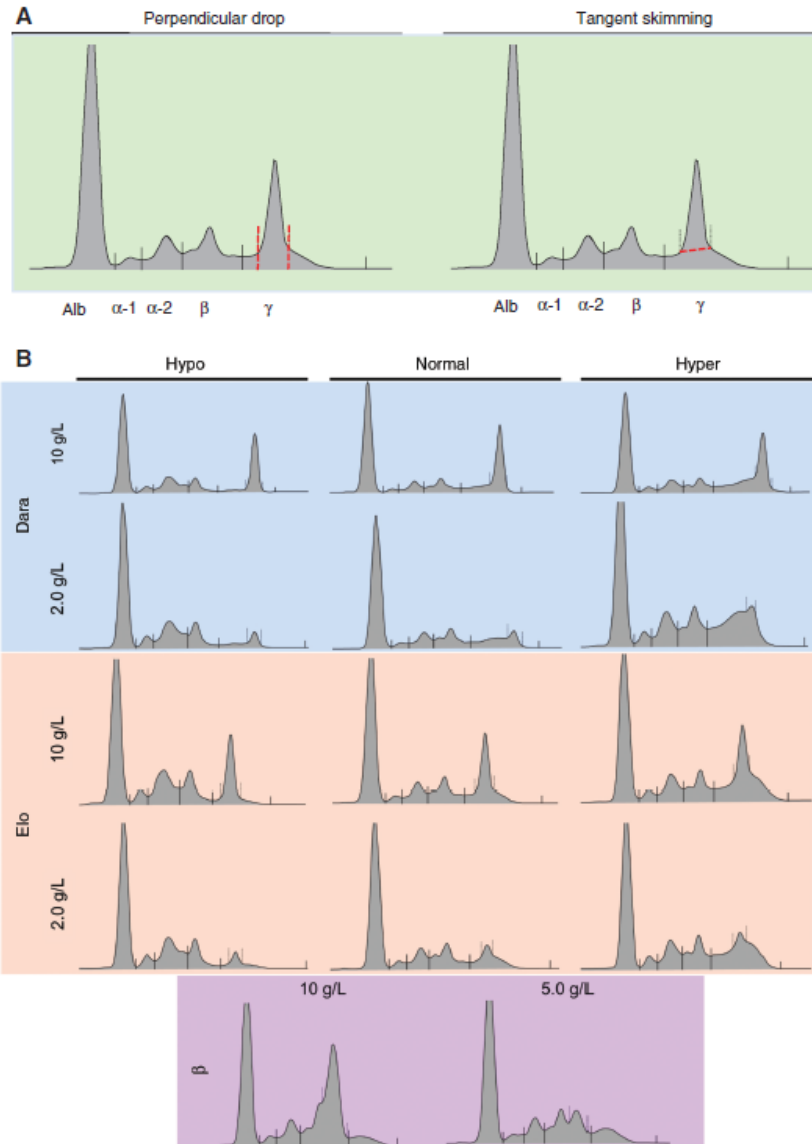
IFE Method	Number of Institutions
Monovalent Antisera	11
Pentavalent Antisera	2
Immunosubtraction	3

\*Note: Some institutions provided  $\geq 1$  method

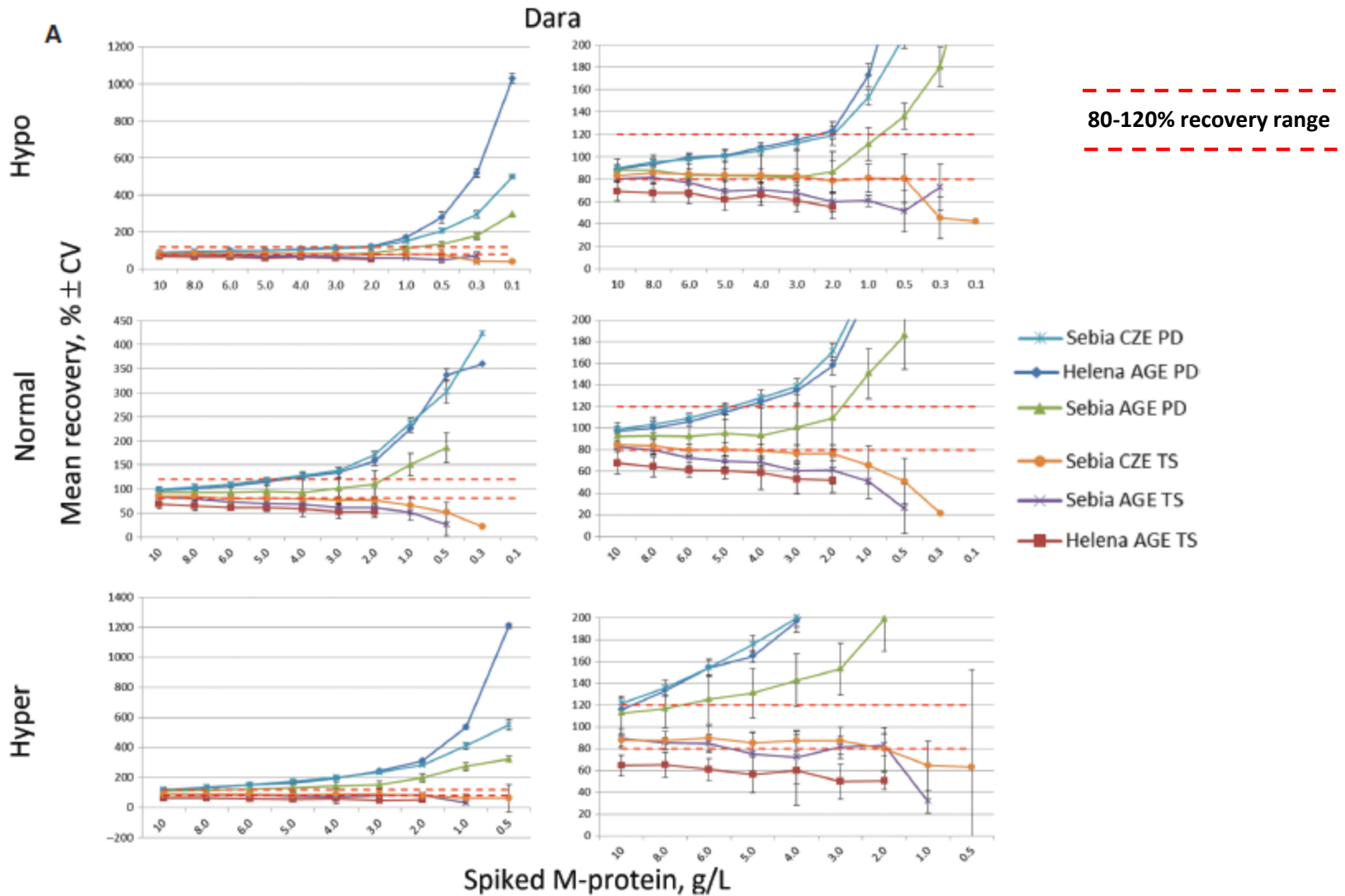
**Table 1:** Institutions' methodology distribution for serum protein electrophoresis and Immunofixation/Immunosubtraction.

	North America	Europe	Australia
SPEP			
Helena AGE			
PD			
Primary	1	1	1
Supplemental	-	-	1
TS			
Primary	-	-	-
Supplemental	-	-	1
Sebia AGE			
PD			
Primary	1	1	1
Supplemental	-	-	1
TS			
Primary	-	-	1
Supplemental	-	1	-
Sebia CZE			
PD			
Primary	1	5	2
Supplemental	-	-	-
TS			
Primary	1	1	-
Supplemental	-	4	1
IFE/ISUB			
Helena			
Mono	-	1	1
Penta	-	-	1
Sebia			
Mono	2	5	2
Penta	-	1	-
ISUB	1	2	-

# Serum protein electrophoresis

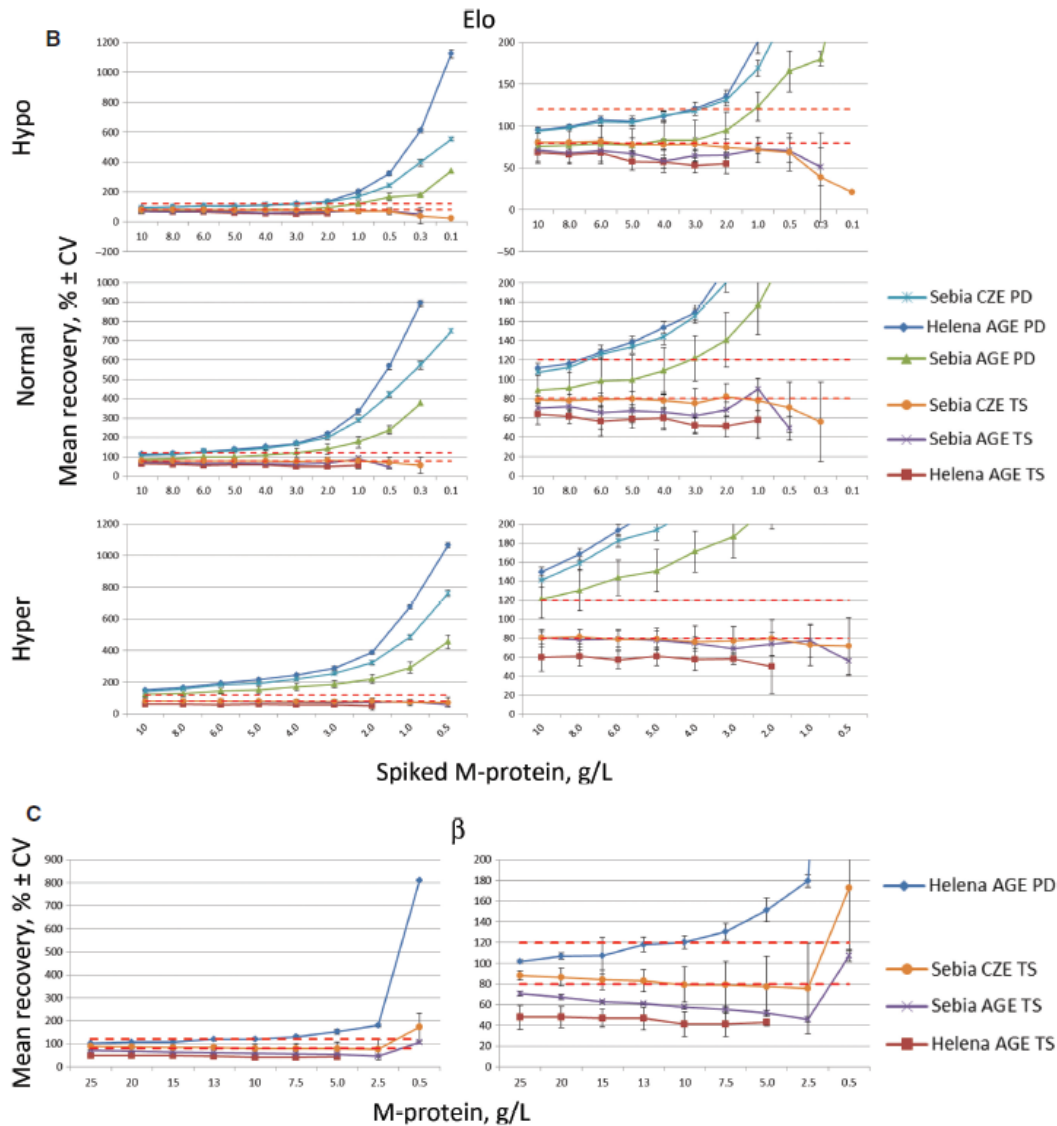


# SPE: Accuracy of M-protein quantification (Dara)





# SPE: Accuracy of M-protein quantification (Elo and B-migrating)



80-120% recovery range

# SPE: LoD



# Conclusions Part I

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**Accuracy of M-protein quantitation is dependent on:**

**M-protein concentration**

- Highest inaccuracy in small M-proteins

**Gamma fraction background**

- Highest inaccuracy with hyper-gamma

**Migration pattern of M-protein**

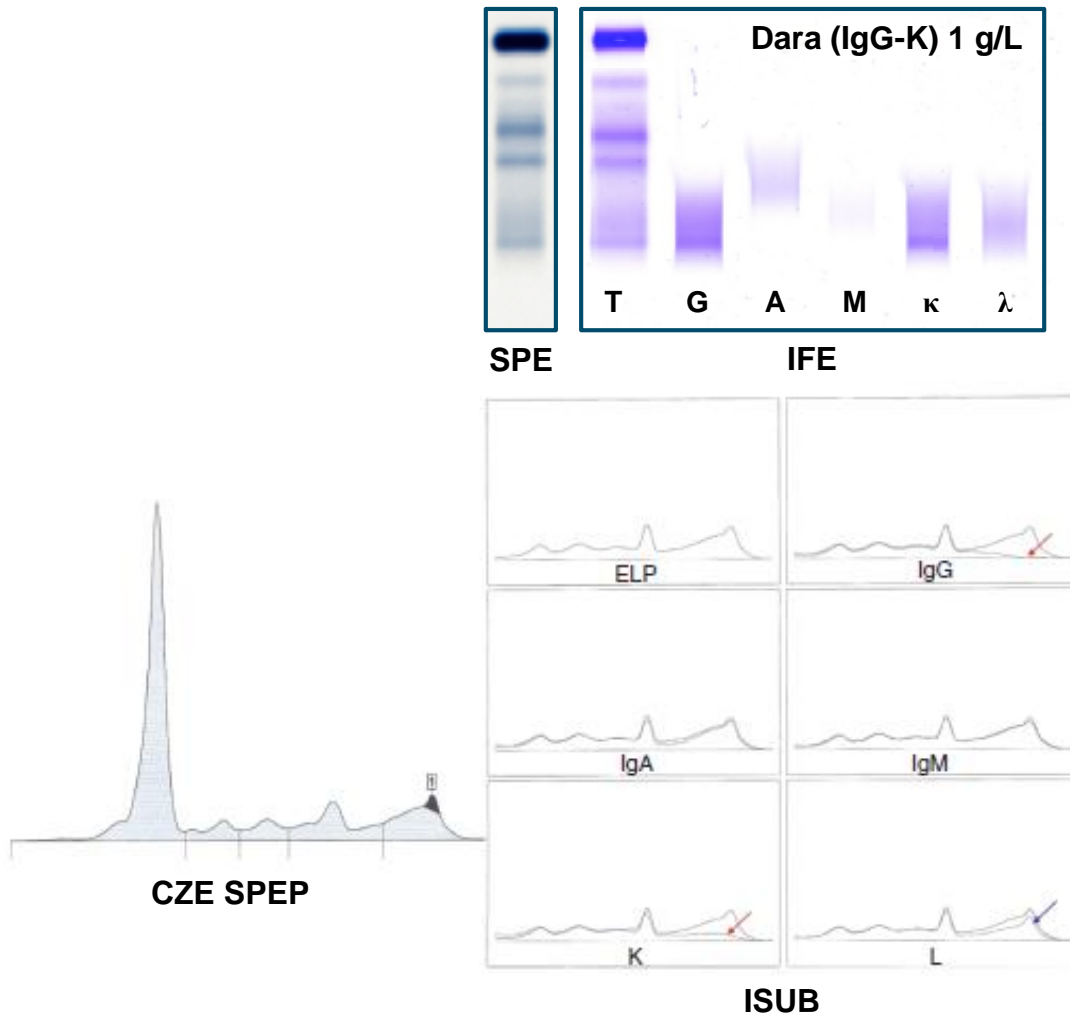
- Highest inaccuracy in central gamma migration

**Gating strategy**

- TS leads to underestimation
- PD leads to overestimation

*'The quantitation of small M-proteins especially in high polyclonal background is associated with analytical inaccuracy'*

# IFE and ISUB (Dara in normal gamma region)



# SPE, IFE and ISUB: LoD

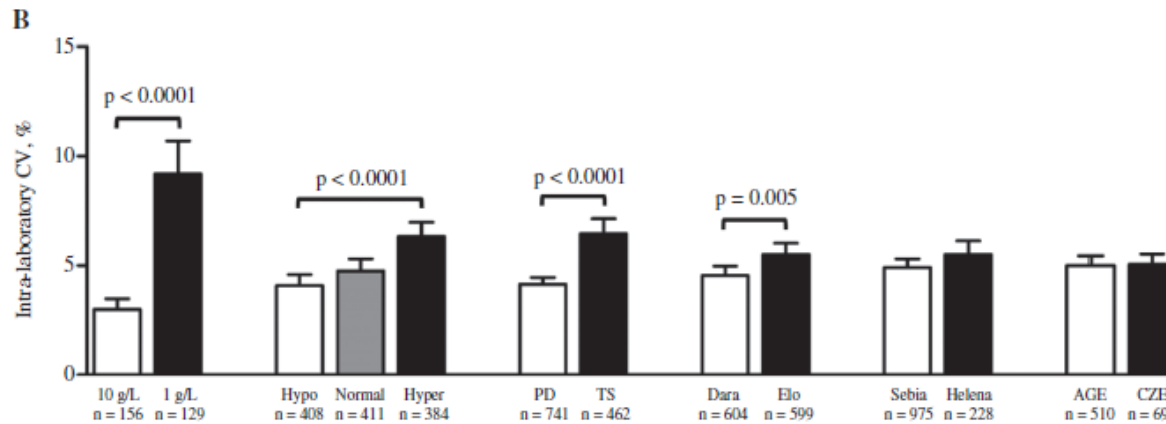
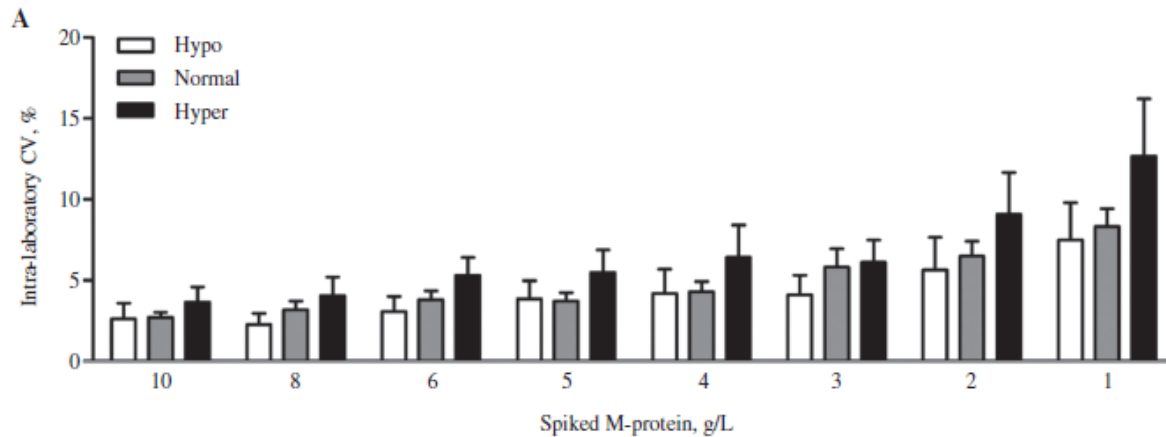
**Table 1:** Limit of detection for SPEP and Immunofixation/Immunosubtraction.

	Dara			Elo			Beta
	Hypo	Normal	Hyper	Hypo	Normal	Hyper	
<b>SPEP LOD</b>							
Helena AGE	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	<0.5
Sebla AGE	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	<0.5
Sebla CZE	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	<0.5
<b>IFE/ISUB LOD</b>							
Helena							
Mono	<0.1	0.5	<0.5	<0.1	0.3	<0.5	<0.5
Penta	<0.1	<0.1	<0.5	<0.1	<0.1	<0.5	-
Sebla							
Mono	<0.1	0.5	1	<0.1	0.5	2	<0.5
Penta	<0.1	0.3	<0.5	<0.1	<0.1	<0.5	-
Sebla							
ISUB	0.3	0.5	<0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	<0.5

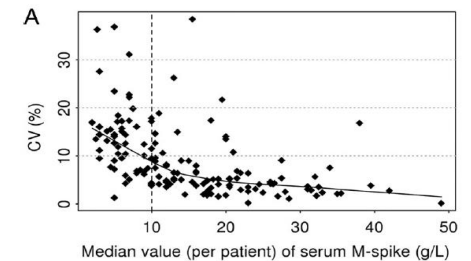
SPEP LOD and IFE/ISUB LOD (g/L) were defined as the lowest M-protein concentration in which an M-protein was detected and qualitatively reported in all samples analyzed. Samples marked with (<) are cases where the LOD was below the tested concentrations.



# Consistency within single institute: intra-laboratory CV%

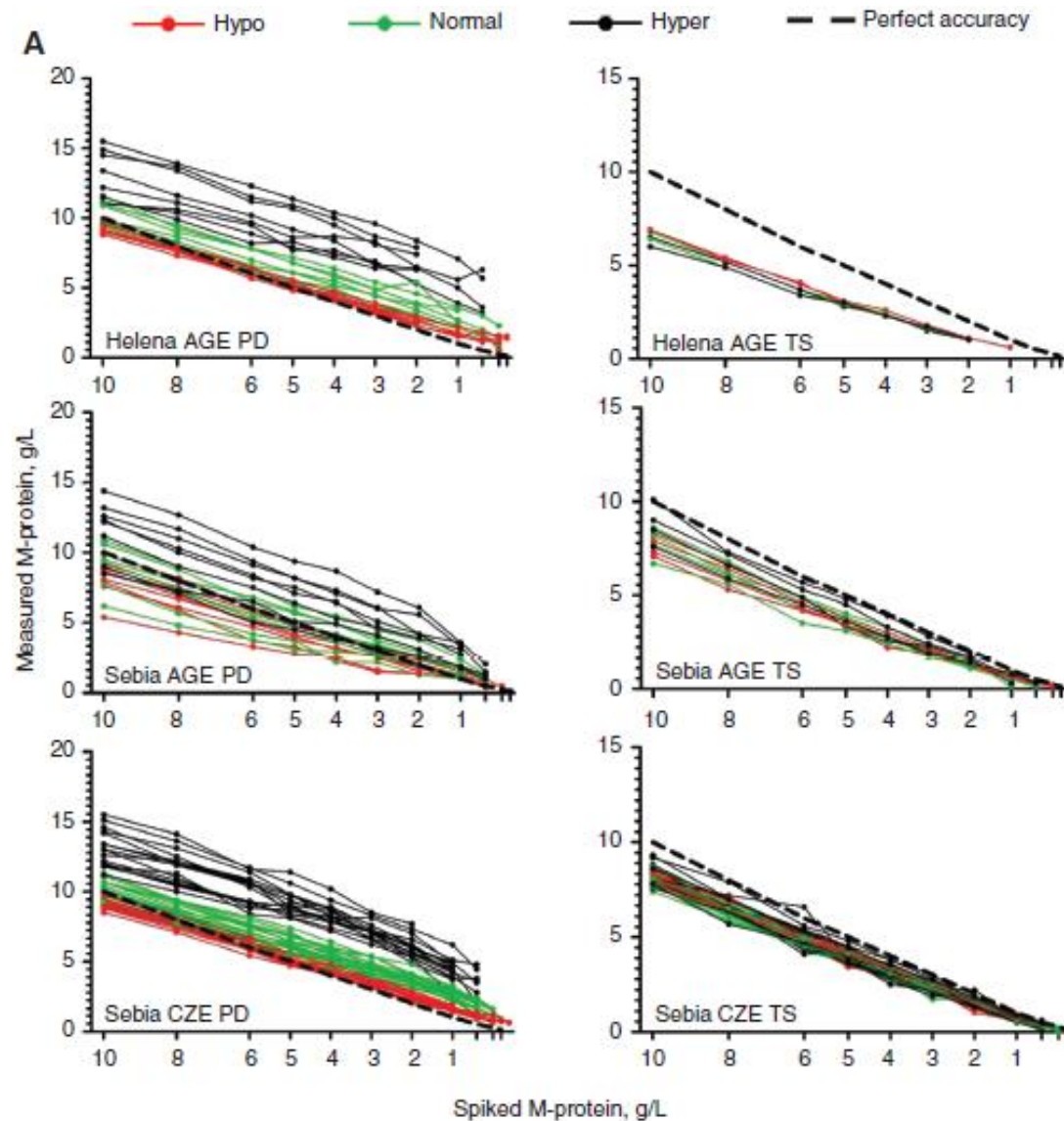


**Average CV (all samples)**  
= **5.0%**



Katzmann et al. Clin Chem 2011

# Follow-up within single institute



# Conclusions Part II

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**Satisfactory intra-laboratory precision was observed (average CV=5%)**

**Dependent on:**

- M-protein concentration (best precision large M-proteins)
- Gamma fraction background (best precision hypo-gamma)
- Gating strategy (best precision PD gating)

*'Quantification of small M-proteins to monitor patients over time is appropriate, when subsequent testing is performed within the same laboratory'*

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Editorial

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## **New insights on the analytical performances for detecting and quantifying monoclonal proteins**

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