

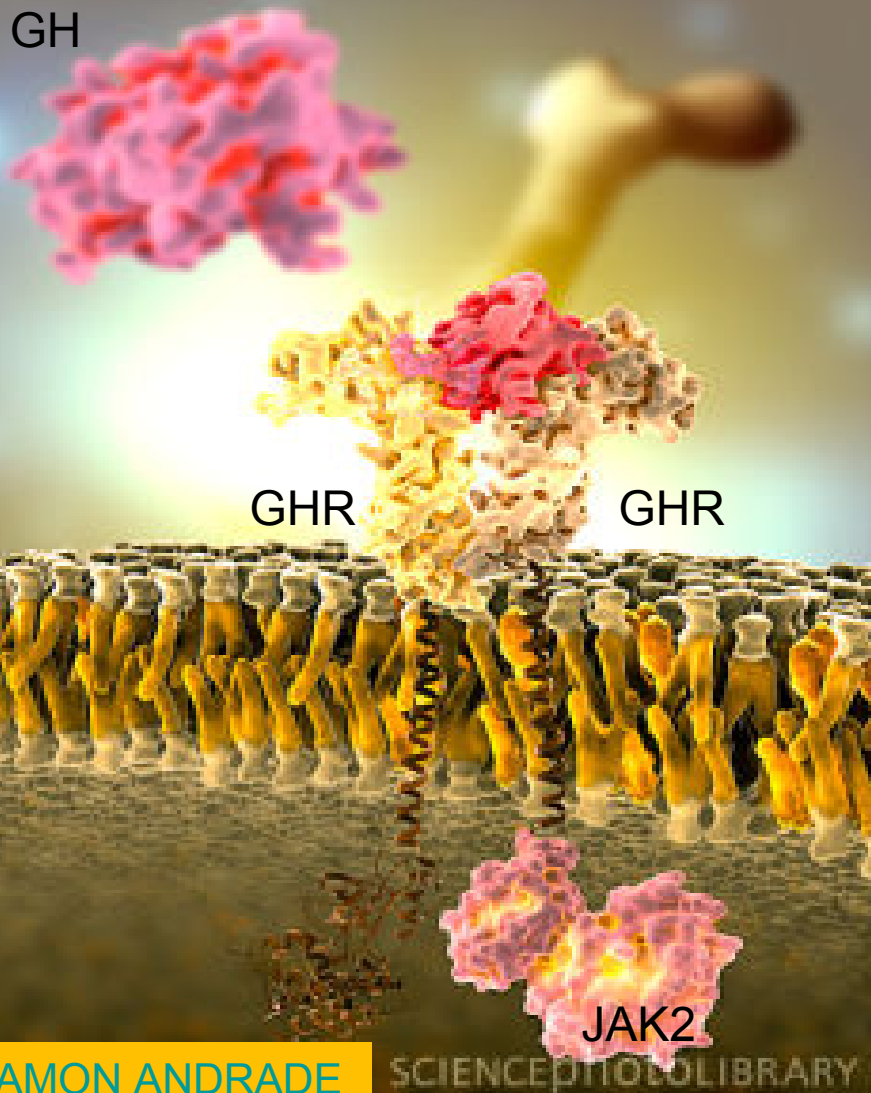
# **GH harmonisatie**

**Eef Lentjes**  
**namens de SKML-sectie endocrinologie**



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GH



GHR

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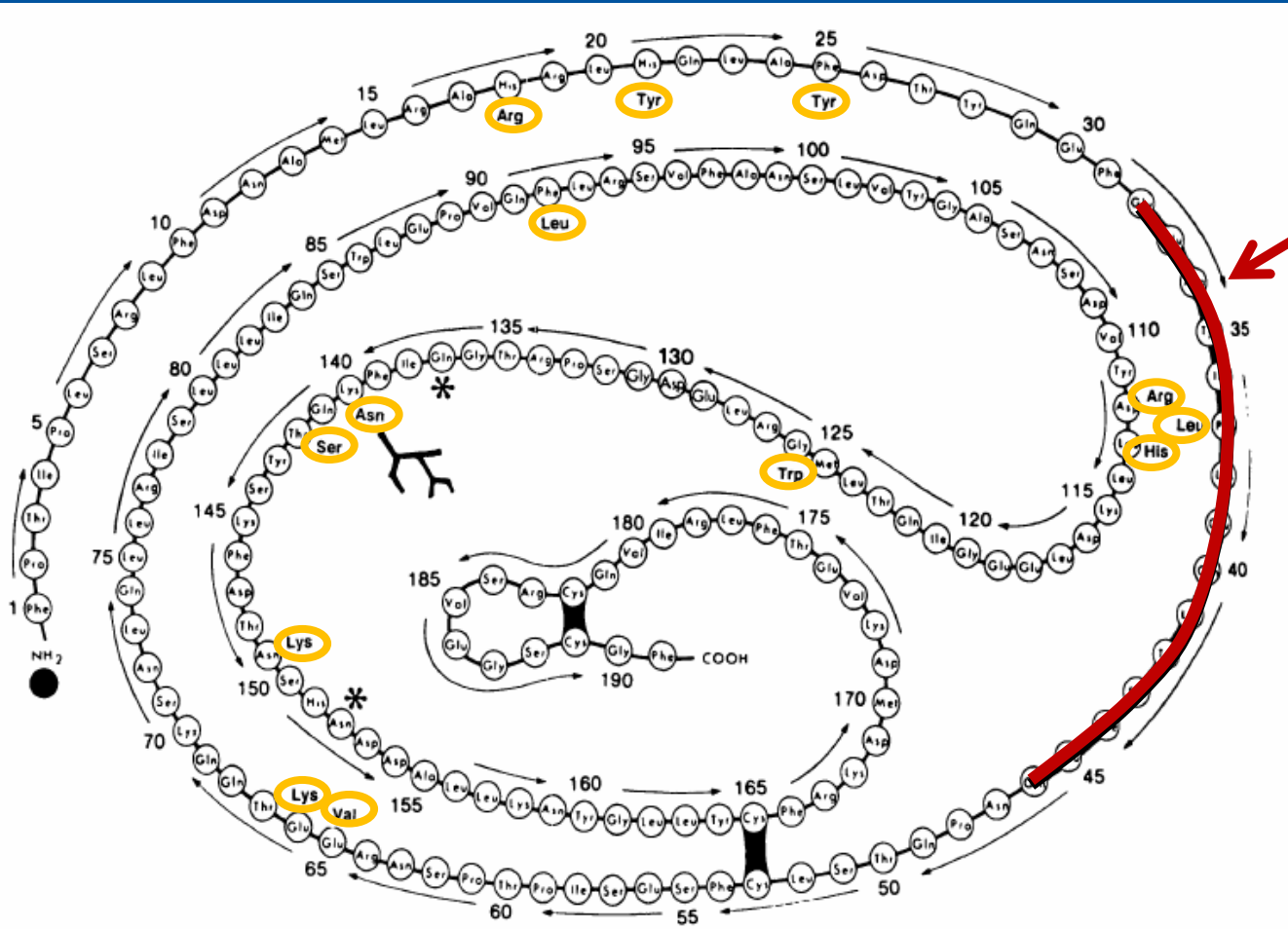
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Gebaseerd op presentatie van  
Alec Ross

Growth hormone harmonisation in  
the Netherlands: reduction of  
between-lab variation by  
introduction of a single reference  
sample


(SKML 2006)

# Primaire structuur groeihormoon & varianten



22 KD: 191 az  
20 KD: ex 32-46

O: placentair GH  
: glycosylering (placent. GH)

★: deamidering  
: az1-acylering

# Major constituents of serum hGH



## *Monomers:*

22K

free 21%

bound 22%

total 22K 43%

20K

free 5.5%

bound 2.5%

total 20K 8%

Desamido- forms 5%

## *Oligomers:*

22K-dimers total 20%

20K-dimers total 7%

higher 15%

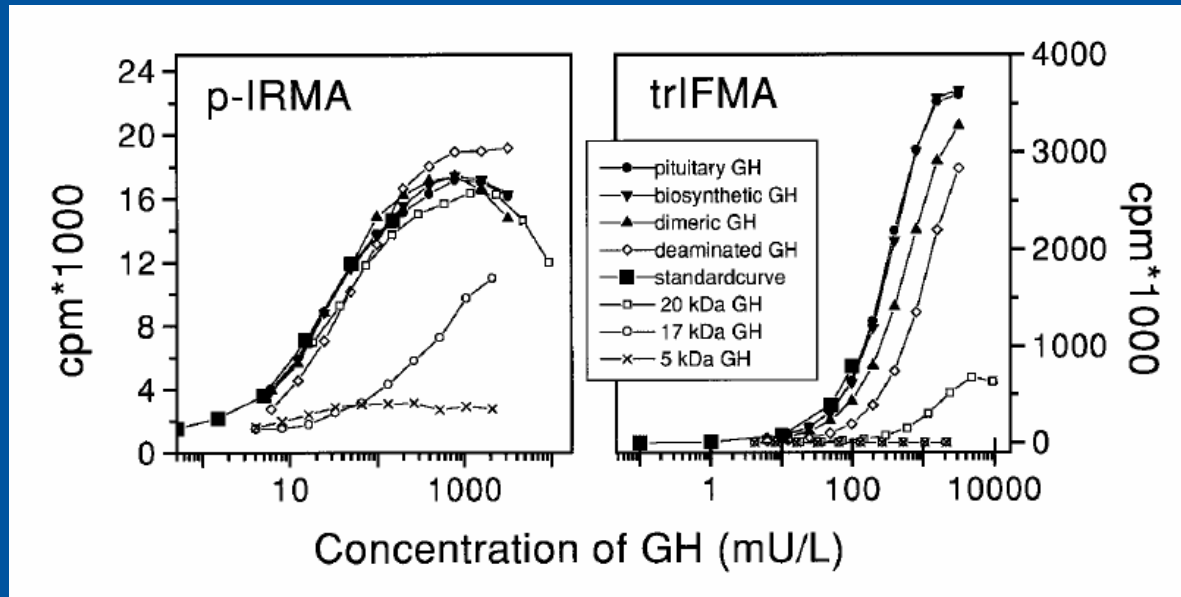
*Fragments:* 0-2%



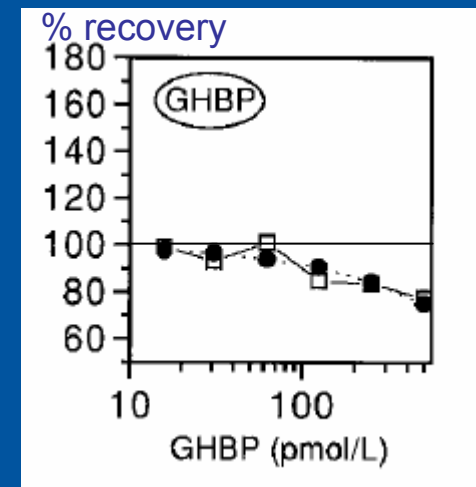
# Oorzaak van variatie in GH resultaten

- GH vormen in circulatie
  - 22 en 20 KDa, fragmenten GH(1-43), GH (44-191)
  - Monomeren, dimeren en oligomeren, desamido-GH, N-acetyl-GH
- GH-binding protein: 50% GH gebonden
  - Invloed van GHBP o.a. door Mab's en korte incubatietijden op analysers (Negatieve bias door afscherming van antibody bindingsplaats of epitopen)
  - Variatie in concentratie door voeding en metabolisme
- Calibratoren
  - hypofyse extracten: IS 66/217 (1969) en IS 80/505 (1982)
  - Recombinant 22 KDa: IS 88/624 en IS 98/574 (>96% 22 KDa)
  - Matrix van calibrator
- Methoden
  - Poly-monoclonaal, competitief – sandwich
  - Gebruik van diverse omrekeningsfactoren van  $\mu\text{g/L}$   $\rightarrow$  mU/L

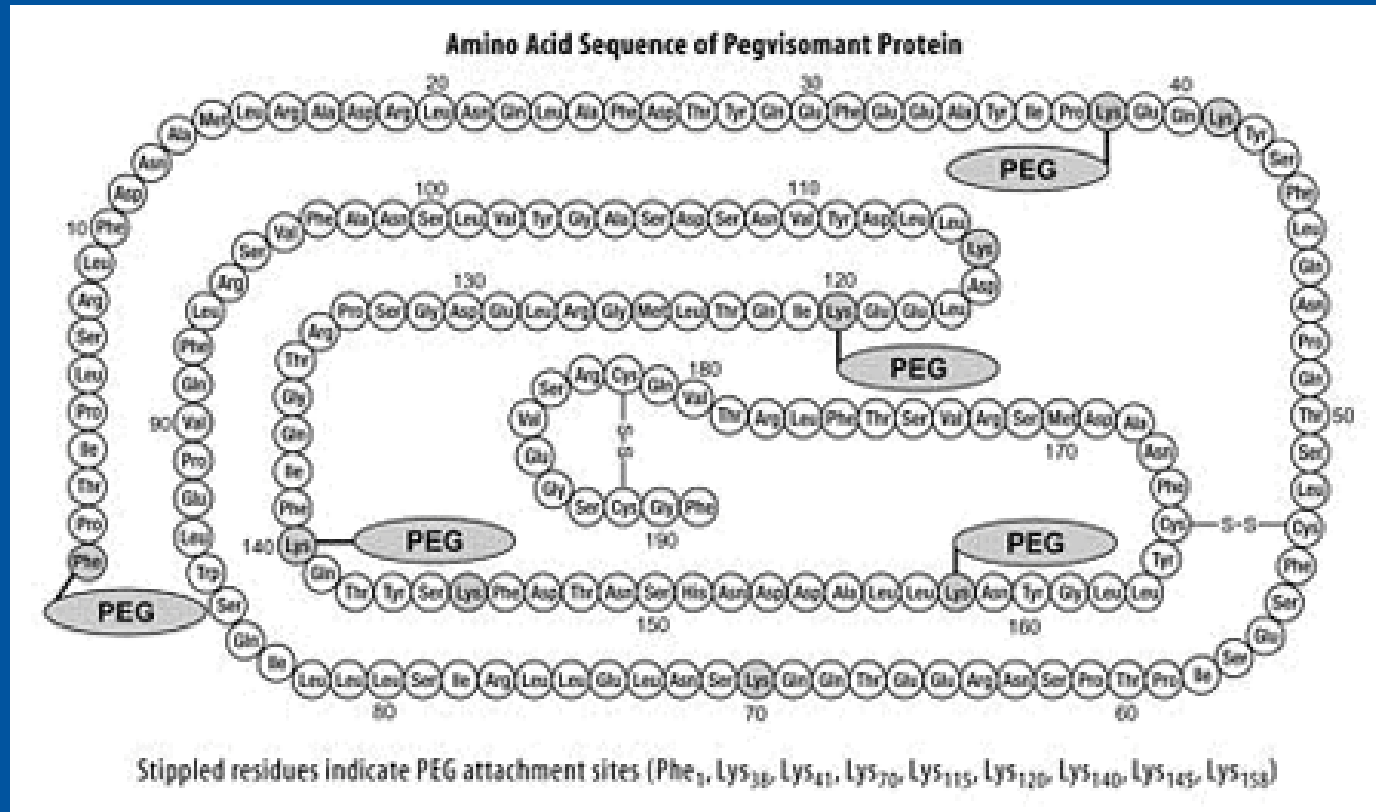
## Kruisreacties isovormen GH Pharmacia polyclon/ Delfia monocl



Polyclonaal Ab (●)  
Monoclonaal Ab (□)



# Interferentie door Pegvisiomant



#### 4. UNITAGE

**1.95 mg per ampoule**  
(somatropin + somatropin-related impurities)

→ **3.0 International units per mg Somatropin**

Uncertainty: The International Unit of 98/574 is assigned without uncertainty. Where required, the uncertainty of the ampoule content of 98/574 may be considered to be the coefficient of variation of the fill volume, which was determined to be 0.07%.



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#### STANDARDIZATION

The assay is calibrated to the NIBSC 2<sup>nd</sup> IS 98/574 for Somatropin (22kD recombinant DNA derived materials). The previous calibration (Catalog No. 62-7006) was based upon the older WHO 1<sup>st</sup> IS 80/505 reference preparation (pituitary derived hGH). To convert 2<sup>nd</sup> IS 98/574 results to the older 1<sup>st</sup> IS 80/505 (Catalog No. 62-7006) divide the results in ng/mL by the factor 0.56.

To convert result in ng/mL to  $\mu$ IU/mL, multiply the result by the factor 3.0  $\mu$ IU/ng, per WHO documentation.

#### Conversion Factor:

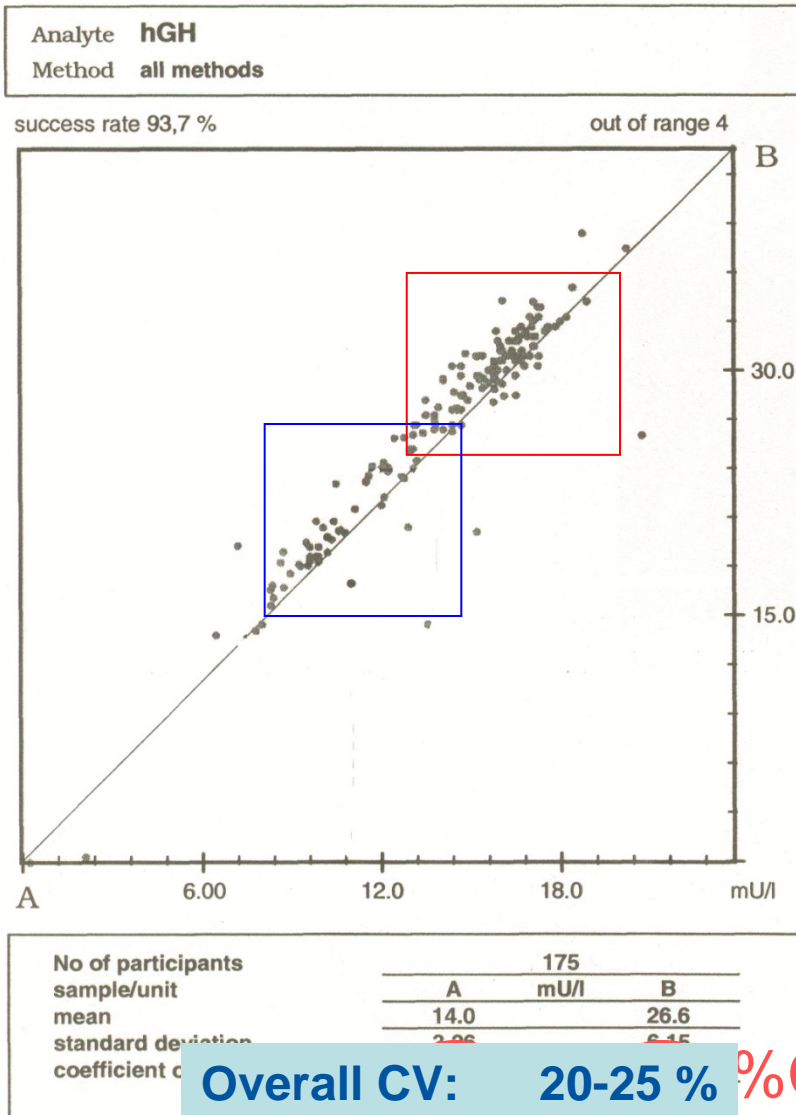
→ ng/mL  $\times$  2.4  $\rightarrow$  mIU/L  
WHO NIBSC 2<sup>nd</sup> IS 98/574  
(For kit lots 206 and up)

ng/mL  $\times$  2.6  $\rightarrow$  mIU/L  
WHO NIBSC 1<sup>st</sup> IS 80/505  
(For kit lots 205 and below)

Vanaf lotnr 109 (gebruik MoAb  
Imm 1000) ng/ml  $\times$  3.0  $\rightarrow$  mU/L  
WHO 98/574



# EQAS: Ringversuch 2006 (RfB)



Sample A mU/l							6	12	18
M Kit	N	Min	16.P	50.P	84.P	Max			
Alle	175	0.250	10.2	14.9	17.0	49.9			
1	36	3	14.9	16.1	17.3	17.3			
Scher2	3	8.74	8.96	24.1					
1	53	4	7.80	8.31	8.39	8.39			
1	76	7	12.1	14.4	49.9	49.9			
1	111	6	7.20	10.1	15.2	15.2			
2	66	3	6.45	8.62	13.6	13.6			
3	91	11	9.50	9.78	11.5	13.2	13.2		
4	13	4	13.8	14.1	15.6	15.6			
4	44	107	9.90	13.6	15.9	17.1	17.1		
4	77	5	9.60	9.90	10.4	10.4			

Sample B mU/l							15	30	
M Kit	N	Min	16.P	50.P	84.P	Max			
Alle	175	0	19.5	28.7	32.1	90.0			
1	36	3	31.1	33.3	34.3	34.3			
Scher2	3	16.7	17.6	46.4					
1	53	4	14.1	15.9	16.6	16.6			
1	76	7	24.4	29.5	90.0	90.0			
1	111	6	18.9	19.7	23.1	23.1			
2	66	3	13.8	14.5	18.2	18.2			
3	91	11	19.5	20.7	23.3	26.2	26.2		
4	13	4	26.7	27.8	30.0	30.0			
4	44	107	18.6	26.7	30.3	32.4	32.4		
4	77	5	18.3	18.9	19.7	19.7			

Other kits (number):  
1 23(2), 1 43(2), 1 77(2), 1 79(1), 1 99(2), 2 35(1), 2 54(1), 2 111(2), 3 04(1), 3 54(2), 4 62(2),  
4 262(2), 4 99(1), 4 111(1).

Median method 91:

A 11.5, B 23.3

Median method 44:

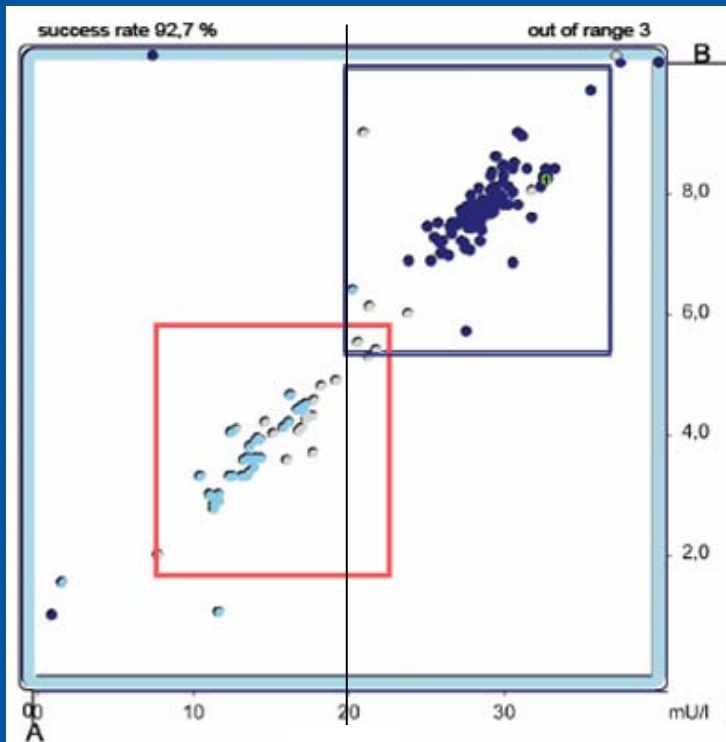
A 15.9, B 30.3

Systematic difference: 27%!

# CBO consensus “Diagnostiek kleine lichaamslengte bij kinderen” 1996



.....een maximale groeihormoon-serumconcentratie  $< 20$  mE/l na uitvoeren van 2 verschillende provocatietests, waarbij voorbehandeling met geslachtshormonen ('priming') bij prepuberale kinderen in de puberale leeftijd dient te worden toegepast;



Toekenning van GH wordt  
Bepaald door gebruikte methode  
→ Verzoek van Ned Groeistichting  
om verschillen te verkleinen



**Ook internationale richtlijnen gebruiken cutoff  
waarden**



CONSENSUS STATEMENT

**Consensus guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of adults with GH deficiency II: a statement of the GH Research Society in association with the European Society for Pediatric Endocrinology, Lawson Wilkins Society, European Society of Endocrinology, Japan Endocrine Society, and Endocrine Society of Australia**

Ken K Y Ho on behalf of the 2007 GH Deficiency Consensus Workshop Participants

ITT and glucagons test: a peak GH < 3  $\mu\text{g/l}$  (=9 mU/L)

GHRH/arginine:

BMI <25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>: a peak GH <11  $\mu\text{g/l}$  (=33 mU/L)

BMI 25–30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>: a peak GH <8  $\mu\text{g/l}$

BMI >30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>: a peak GH <4  $\mu\text{g/l}$

The GH Res Soc advocates the use of recombinant 22 kDa GH calibrator (International Reference Preparation (IRP) 98/574) in all GH assays.

## JCEM 2011 Endocrine Society (2006 update)



Cutoff points for ITT: 5.1  $\mu\text{g/L}$  and for GHRH/arg: 4.1  $\mu\text{g/L}$  (Biller JCEM 2002)  
Use different GHRH/arg cutoff points according to BMI.

## JCEM 2011 Endocrine Society



“For each GH assay, normative data for glucose-suppressed GH concentrations are necessary for conclusions about adequate control in individual patients. To define restoration of normal neuroregulation of GH secretion, glucose suppression of GH should be measured. This may correspond to levels as low as 0.3  $\mu\text{g/liter}$  in a two-site assay with monoclonal antibodies.”

# Situatie nu ?

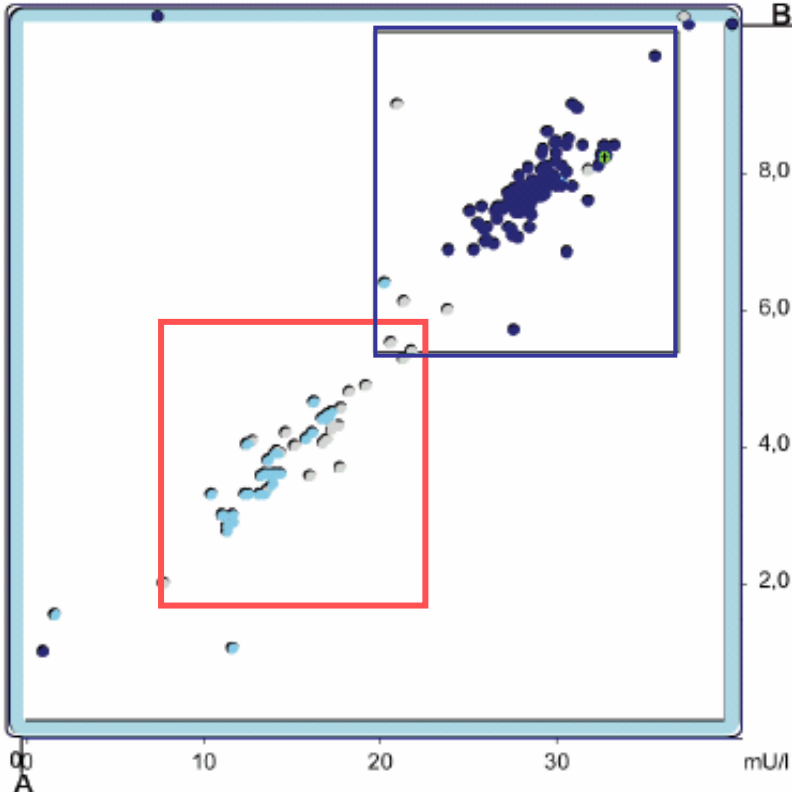
## Ringversuch 2011 (RfB)



Analyte **hGH**  
Method **all methods**

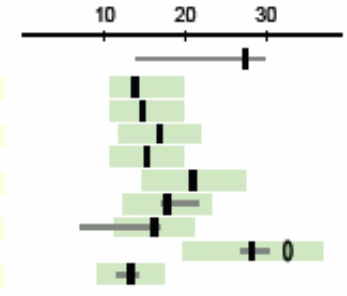
success rate 92,7 %

out of range 3



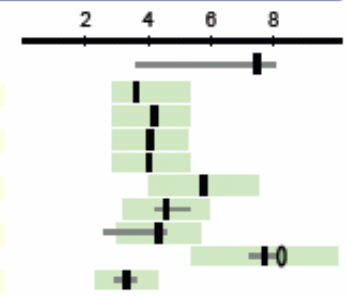
### Sample A [mU/l]

M	Kit	N	Min	16.P	50.P	84.P	Max
Alle		179	1.00	13.9	27.4	29.9	40.2
1	77	3	13.7		13.8		14.2
1	99	3	14.7		14.7		21.0
1	111	5	14.4		16.8		18.3
1	143	3	7.80		15.2		17.1
2	66	4	17.8		21.0		23.9
3	91	9	17.0	17.1	17.8	21.5	21.8
4	13	8	1.64	7.15	16.2	17.0	17.1
4	44	111	1.00	27.0	28.3	30.3	40.2
4	77	26	10.5	11.5	13.3	14.1	17.3



### Sample B [mU/l]

M	Kit	N	Min	16.P	50.P	84.P	Max
Alle		179	1.00	3.60	7.47	8.04	27.9
1	77	3	3.36		3.60		3.93
1	99	3	4.20		4.20		9.00
1	111	5	3.57		4.05		4.80
1	143	3	2.00		4.01		4.47
2	66	4	3.69		5.76		6.12
3	91	9	4.10	4.19	4.56	5.33	5.40
4	13	8	1.54	2.58	4.31	4.57	4.65
4	44	111	1.00	7.26	7.70	8.25	27.9
4	77	26	1.05	2.92	3.30	3.60	4.30



The deviation of your results from the median of the corresponding sub-collective (kit) is:  
A 15 %  
B 7.14 %

Andere Kits (Anzahl):  
1-41(1), 1-76(1), 1-92(1), 4-23(1), 4-30(2), 4-40(1).

No of participants sample/unit	A	179	B
mean	23.6	mU/l	6.34
standard coefficient	2010-2011: 13-36% %CV		

Median method 91:  
A 17.8, B 4.56  
Median method 44:  
A 28.3, B 7.70

Systematic difference: 40%!

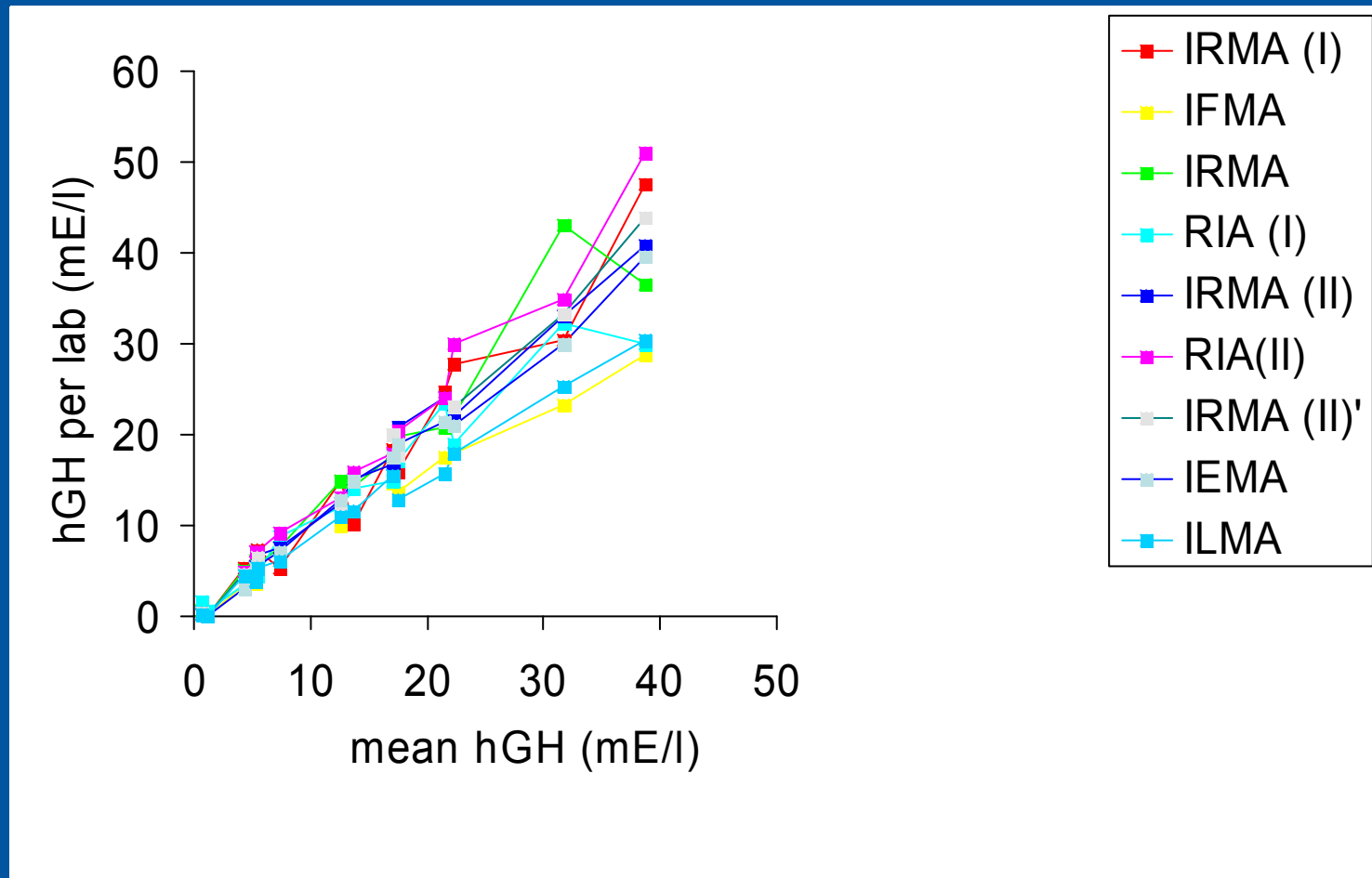


# Kunnen de verschillen kleiner?

- Standaardiseren is alleen mogelijk voor enkelvoudige en eenduidige componenten als T4 en cortisol
  - Standaarden met true values
  - elimineren van interferentie wordt dan de uitdaging
    - LCMS-MS
    - extractie-immunoassay; chromatografie-immunoassay
- Voor hormonen die in meerdere vormen circuleren en ook biologische actief zijn is standaardiseren niet mogelijk. Bv GH, LH, TSH, prolactine
- Harmonisatie is mogelijk als methoden goed correleren.
  - Kan afhankelijk zijn van ziektebeeld: verhouding isovormen
  - Nier-, leverfunctiestoornissen: klaringsverschillen van isovormen

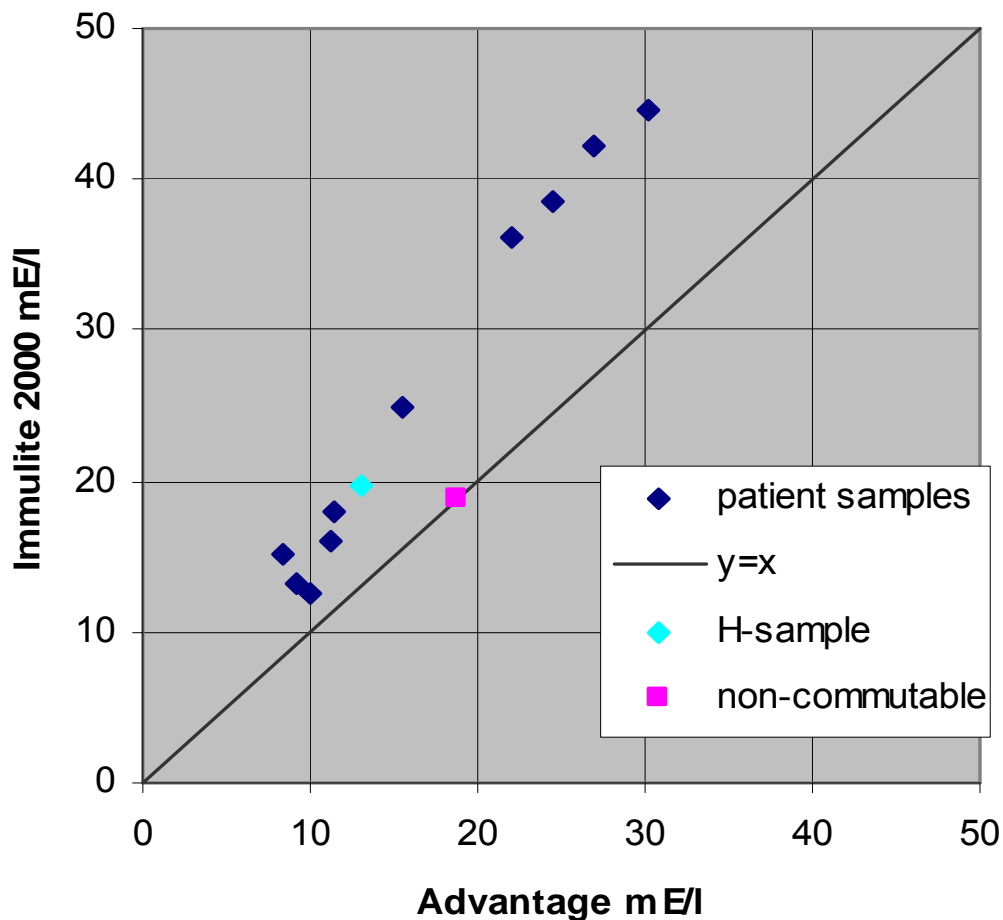


# Eerste pilot (1994) 9 deelnemers, 14 monsters





### commutability of H-sample

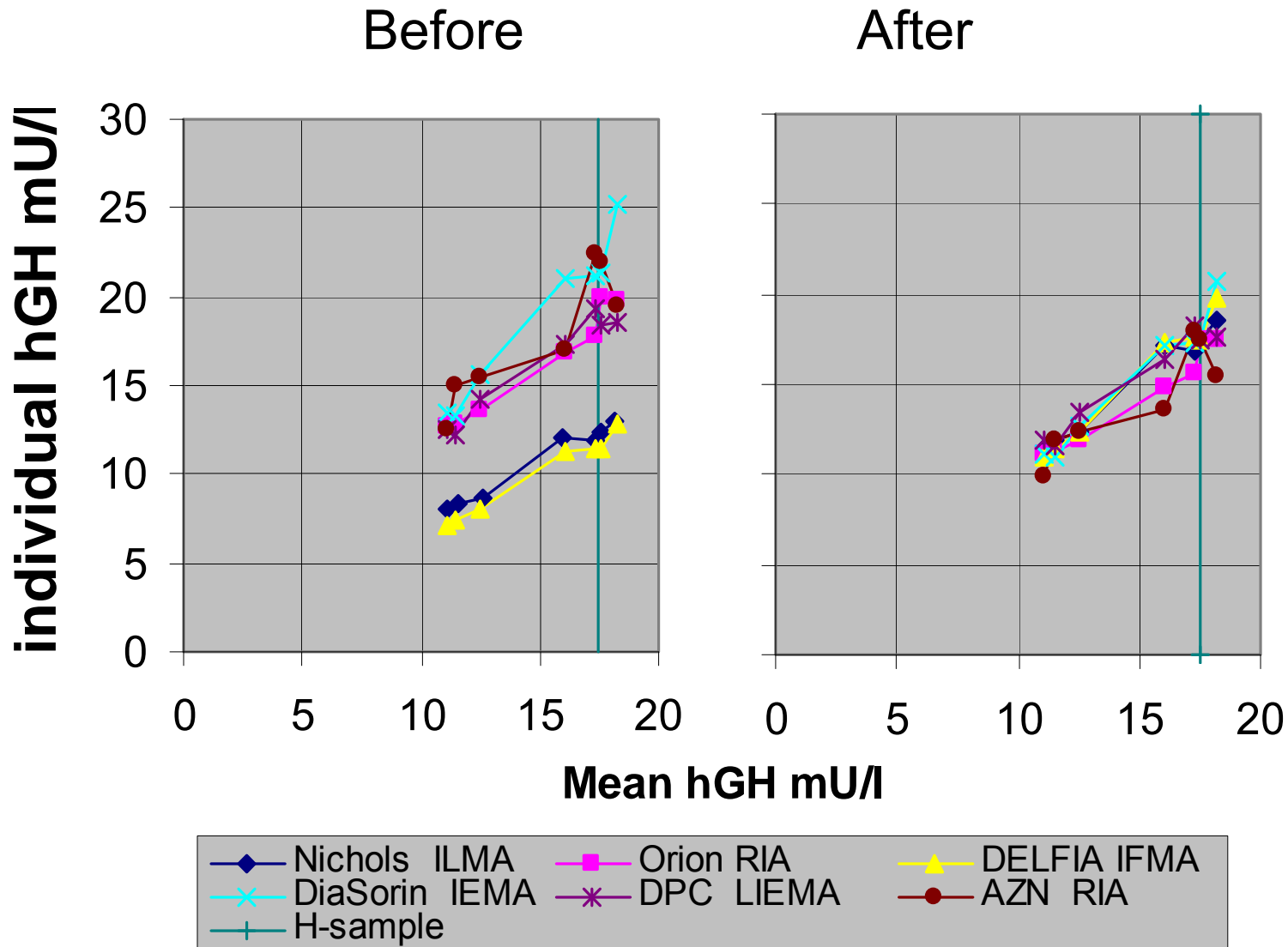


## Commuteerbaar H monster (1999)

- Serum van gezonde donoren, na inspanning

- Consensuswaarde = gemiddelde van alle methoden (17.5 mE/L)

# Pilot:effect of harmonization

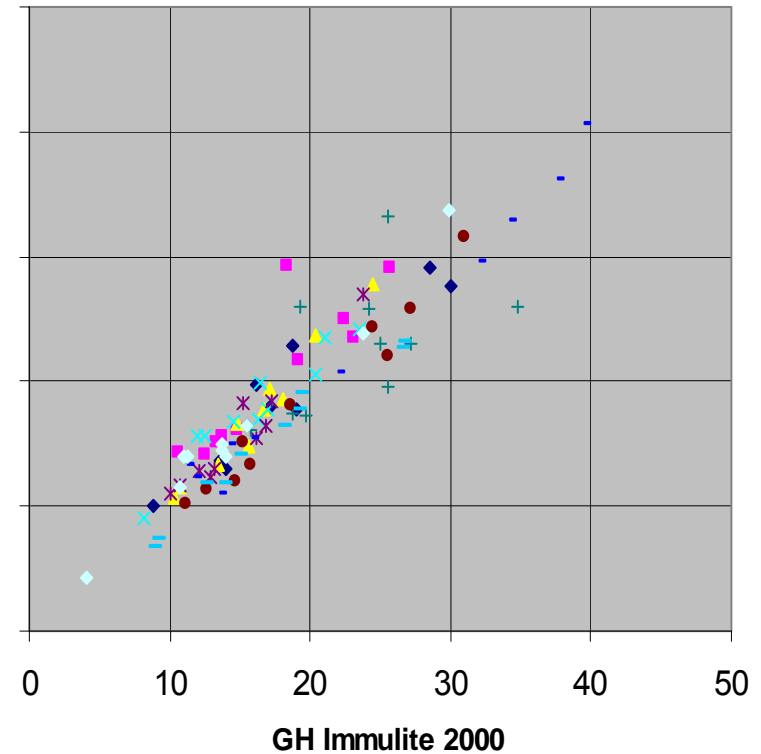
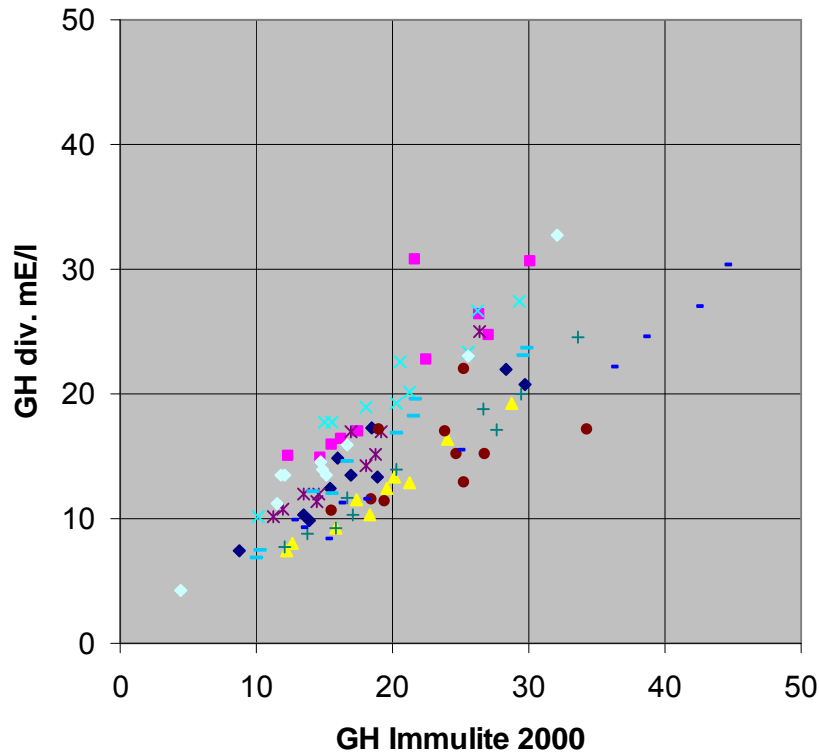




‘Twin’ study for evaluation of GH harmonization:

- Pairs of labs that use different GH assays are formed
- These pairs exchange patient samples with GH levels between 10 and 30 mU/l
- Both labs measure GH in these samples and the H-sample
- The harmonization correction is performed.

# GH twin study 2004



Avg. corrected between-lab CV, (including previous twin study)

Direct: **21%** (22%)

Harmonized: **6%** (8%)

SKML  
WBA  
ronde  
2004/4

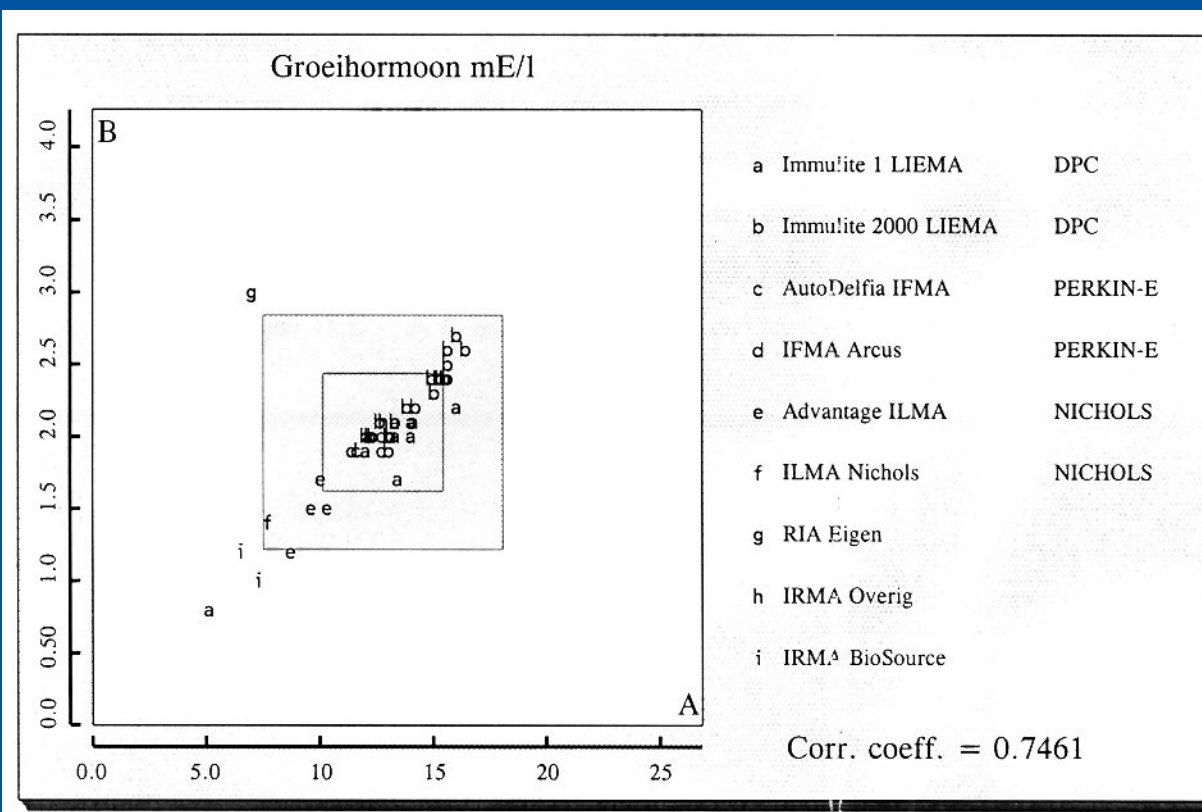
Groeihormoon  
mE/l

Toevoeging: 11.6 mE/l  
Aantal Kits/Methoden: 12

20.7%

20.0%

Methode	Groep	N	A Gem.	SD	CV %	N	B Gem.	SD	CV %	Rec %
TOTAAL		46	12.8	2.64	20.7	44	2.03	0.405	20.0	91.4



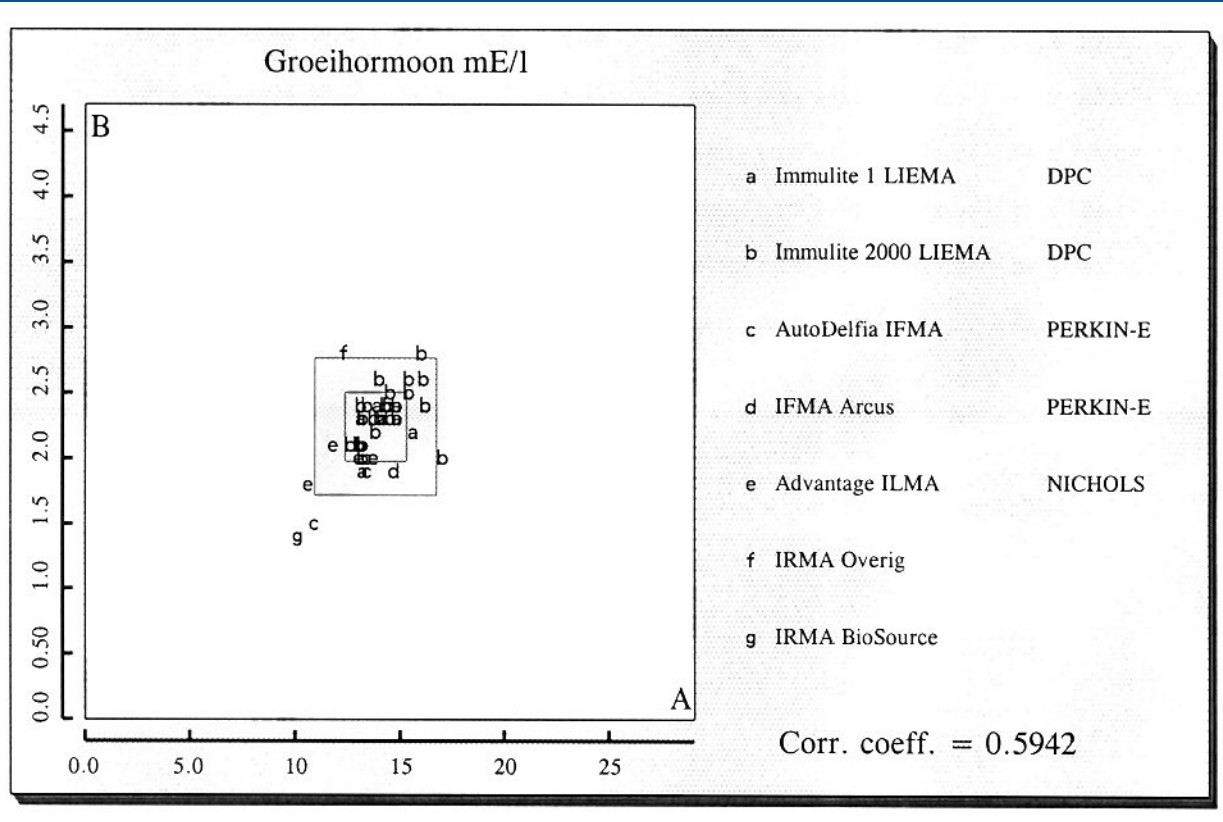
SKML  
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ronde  
2005/3

Groeihormoon  
mE/l  
Toevoeging: 12.4 mE/l  
Aantal Kits/Methoden: 9

10.5%

11.7%

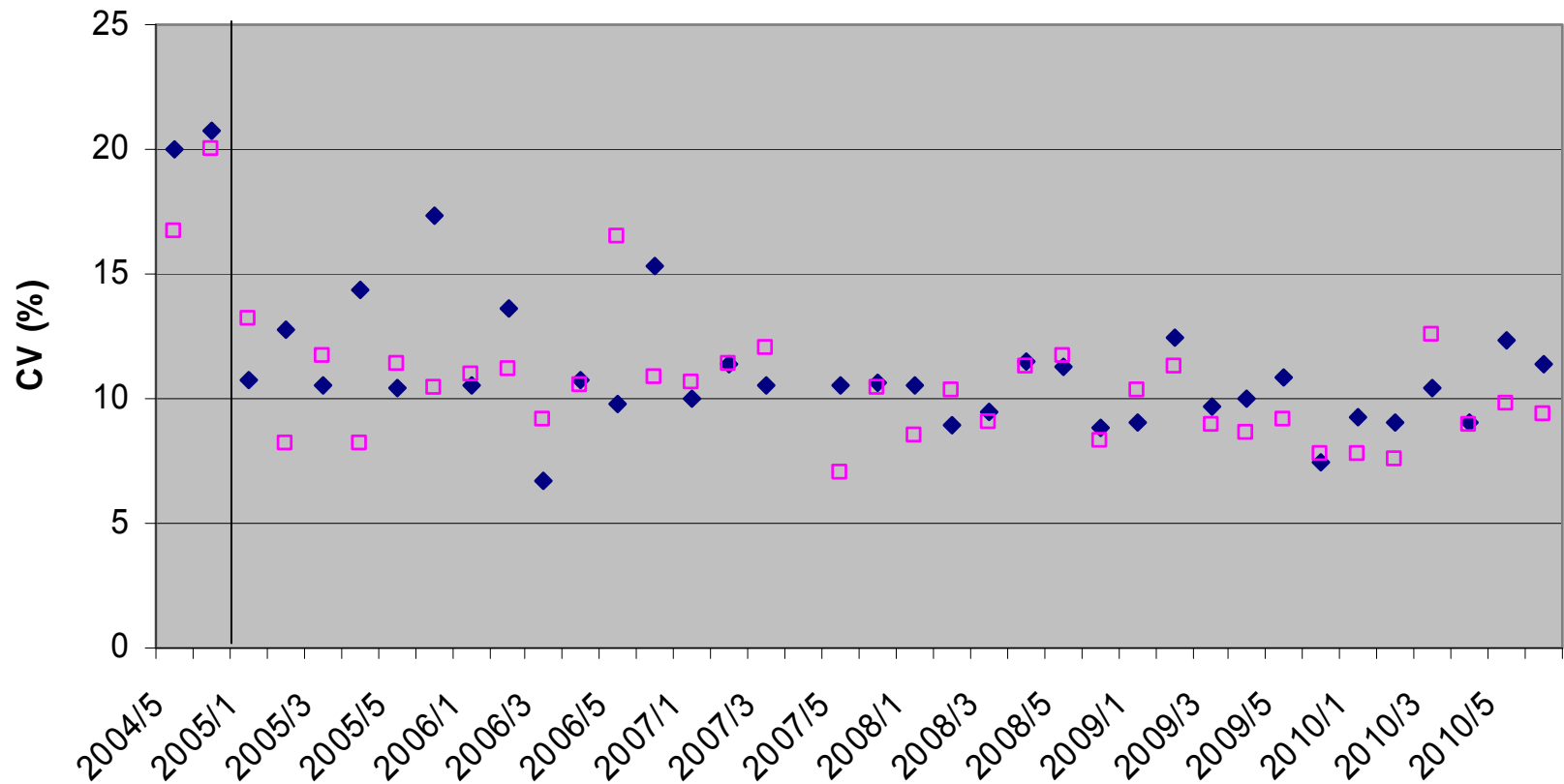
Methode	Groep	N	A Gem.	SD	CV %	N	B Gem.	SD	CV %	Rec %
TOTAAL		45	13.9	1.46	10.5	43	2.24	0.262	11.7	93.7



# Resultaten sinds start harmonisatie



CV (%) per ronde (2005 - 2010)  
GH > 0,75 mU/L



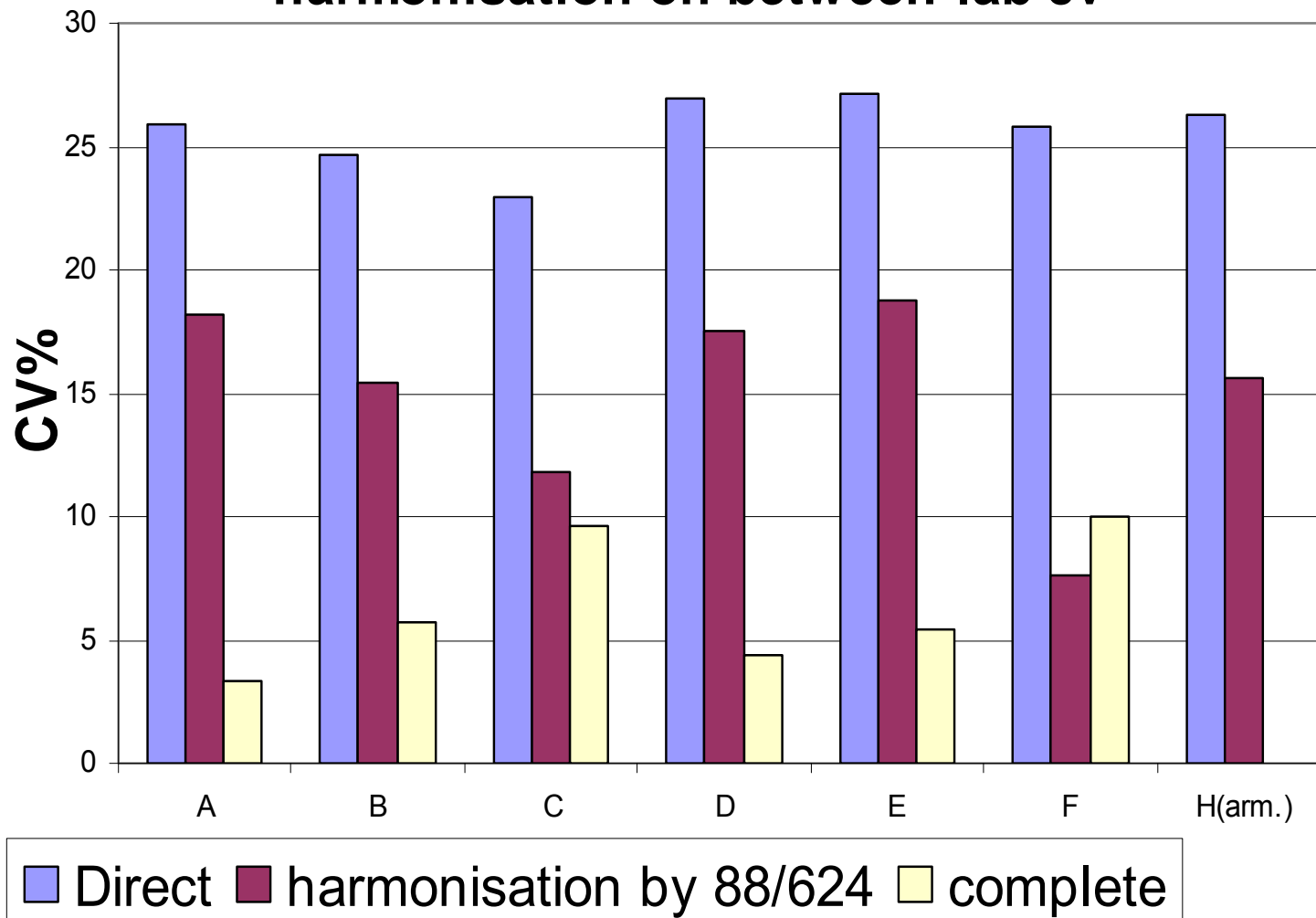


EQA results do not realistically represent the effect of harmonisation, as QC samples are spiked with recombinant GH

Conversely, attempts to harmonize just by employing the same recombinant standard, as recommended by the British Association for Clinical Biochemists (Eur. J. of Endocrinology 2006;155:1-2) are bound to give sub-optimal results.



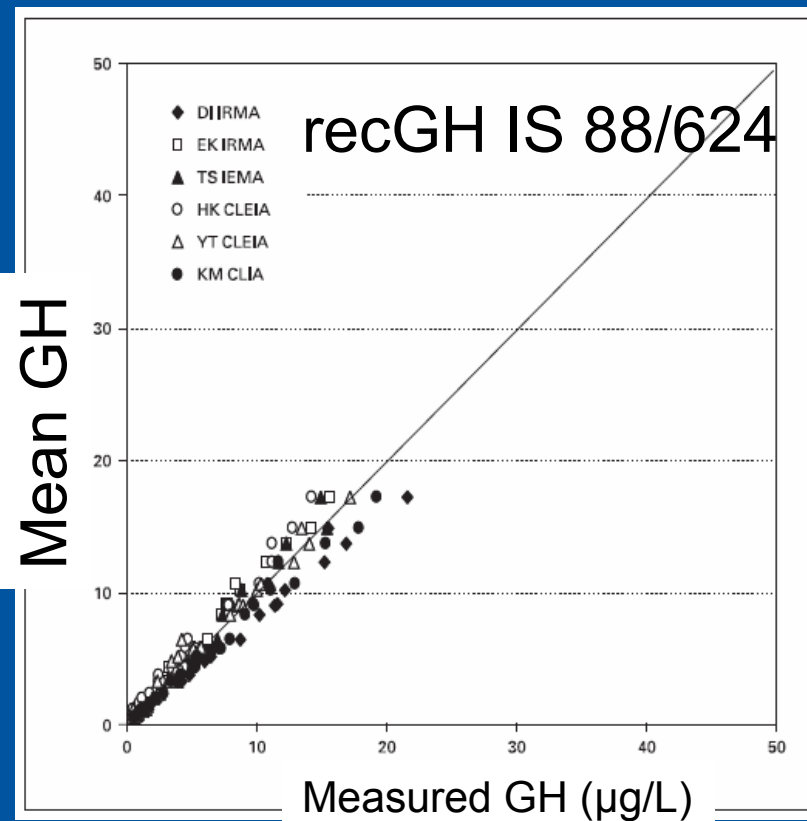
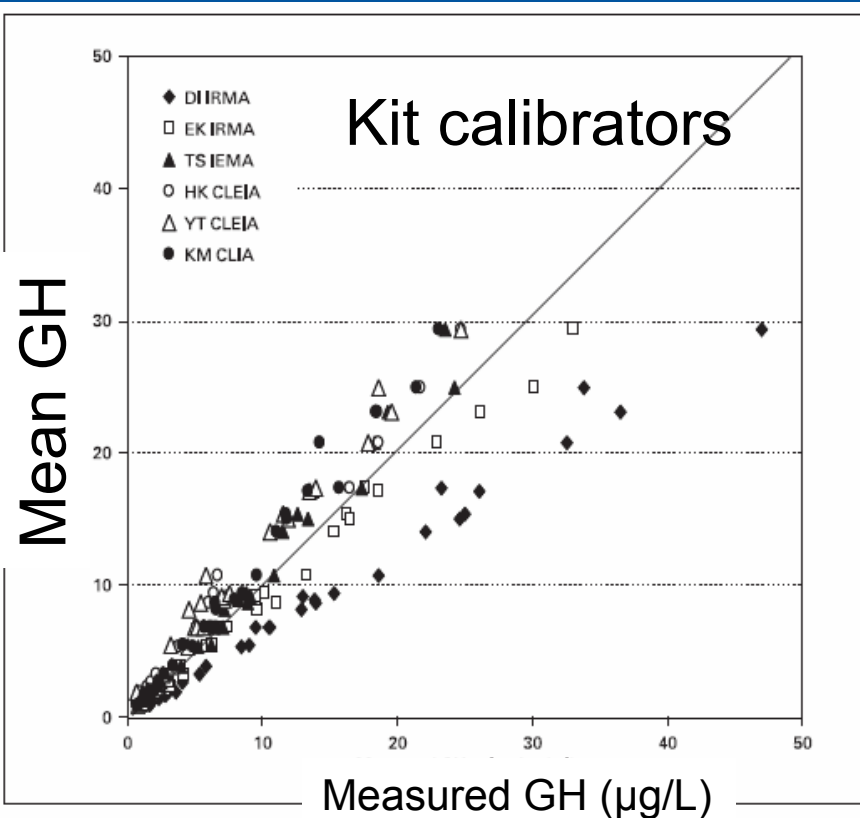
## Effect of partial and complete harmonisation on between-lab cv



2005

# A Nationwide Attempt to Standardize Growth Hormone Assays

Toshiaki Tanaka<sup>a,b</sup> Katsuhiko Tachibana<sup>a</sup> Akira Shimatsu<sup>a</sup>



- Standaardisatie van immunoassays voor hormonen met meerdere (bioactieve) isovormen als bv GH, is niet mogelijk, tenzij de antistoffen selectief één isovorm herkennen
- Het gebruik van het harmonisatiemonster voor GH is een pragmatische oplossing om verschillen tussen methoden te reduceren.
- Internationaal overgaan op recombinant GH (98/574) maakt het noodzakelijk de cutoff waarden van ITT, GHRH/arg, glucagon testen opnieuw vast te stellen