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Hb variant rondzending en standaardizatie HbA₂

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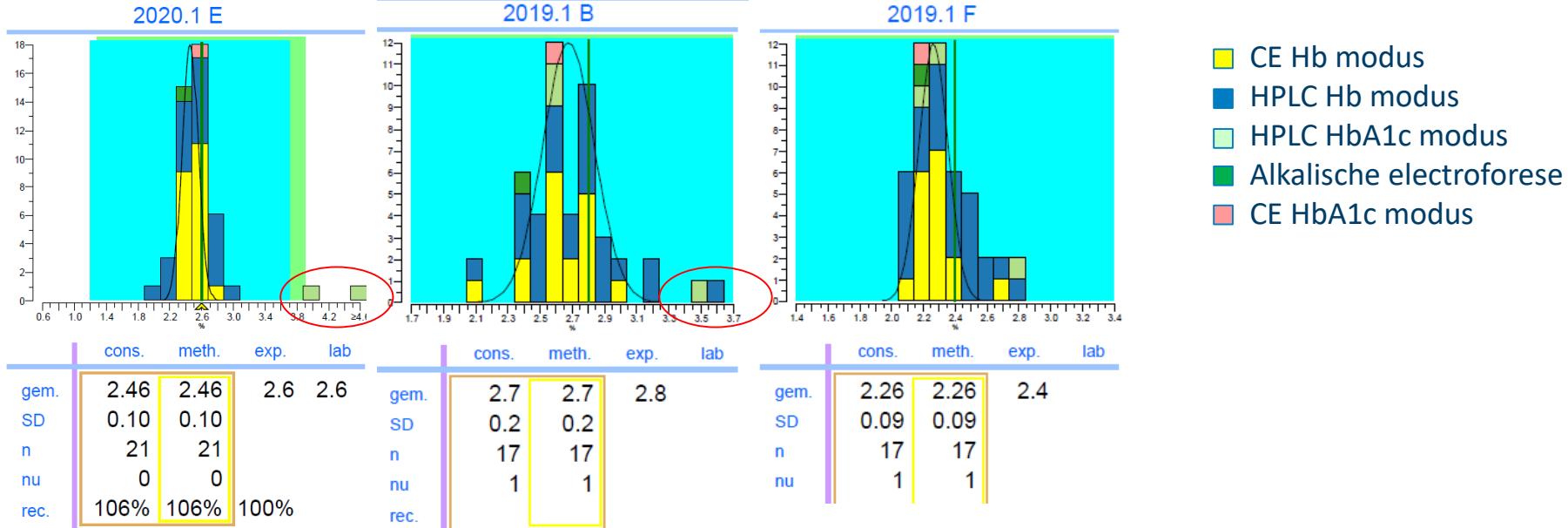
SKML Hb varianten rondzending

- Twee rondes per jaar (.1 en .2), ieder 6 monsters, 12 in totaal
- Casusomschrijving per monster
- Analyse HPLC/CE (in Hb of A1c modus) of Alkaline Electroforese
- Afwijkend/normale scheiding?
- Percentages Hb fracties (HbA, HbA₂, HbF, HbX1, HbX2)
- Eventuele verdenking alfa-thalassemie
- Advies familie/partner onderzoek

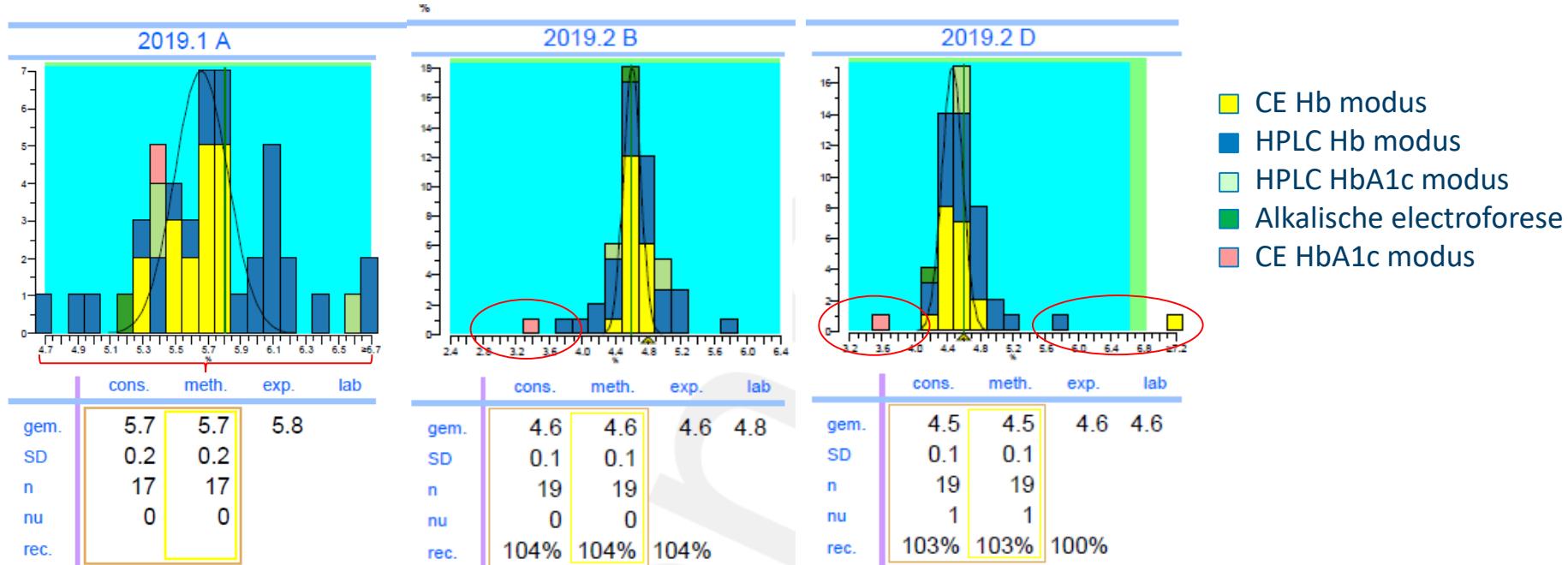


Een verhoogde HbA₂ is indicatief voor een beta-thalassemie drager

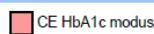
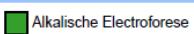
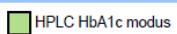
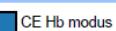
Normale HbA₂ waarden (2.2-3.2%)



Beta-thalassemie dragers; verhoogde HbA₂ (4-6%)



Legenda



HbA₂ UKNEQAS QA scheme Hb variants

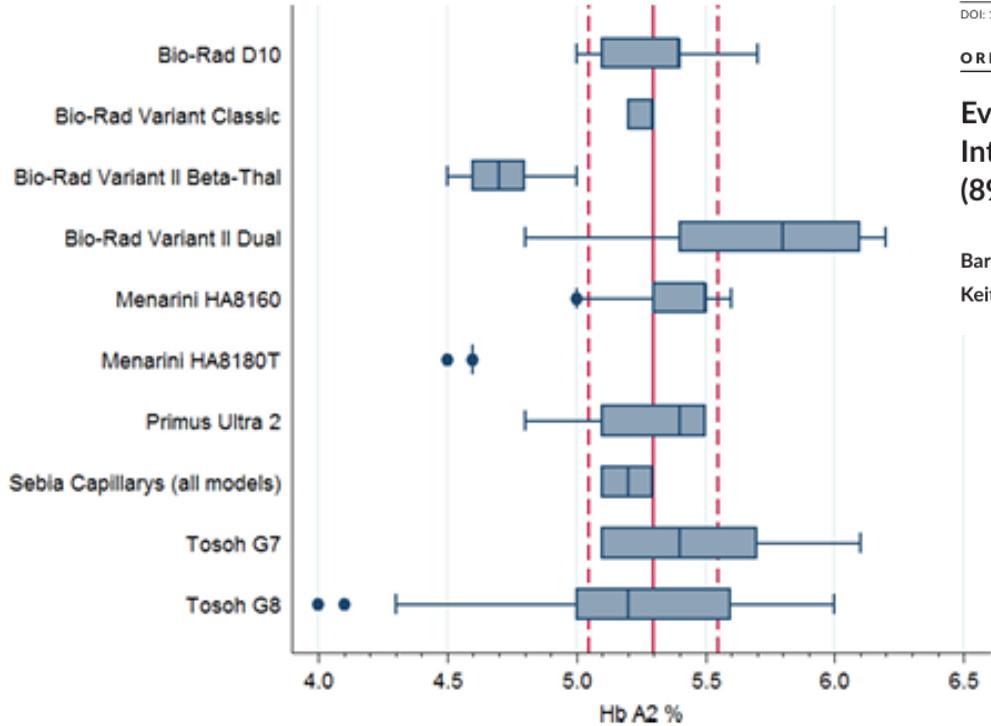
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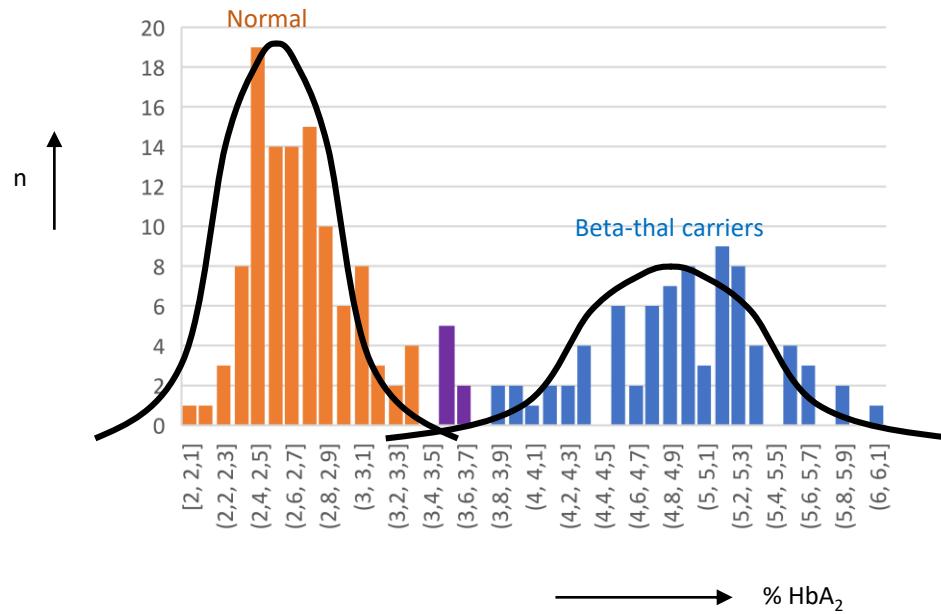
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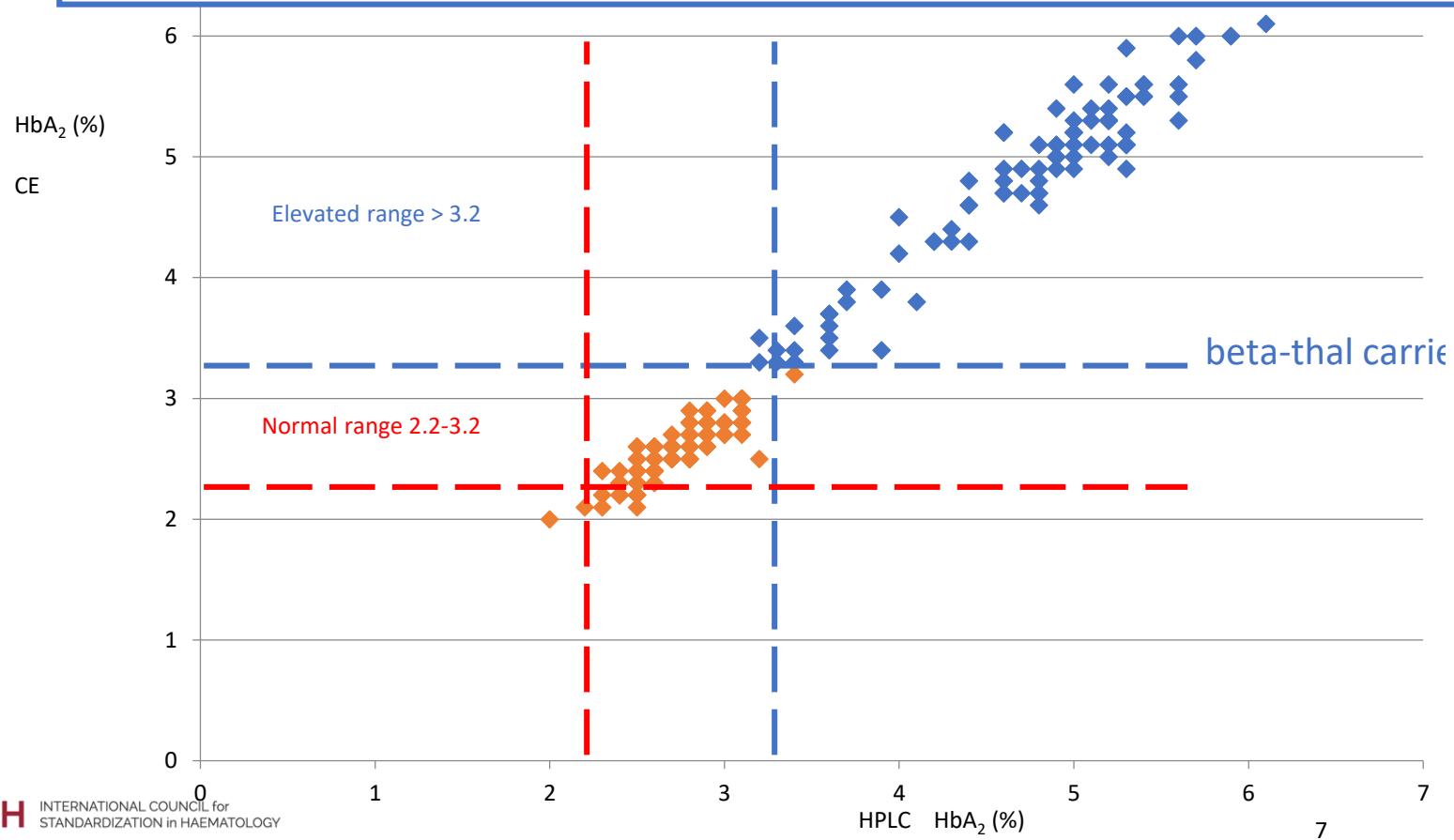
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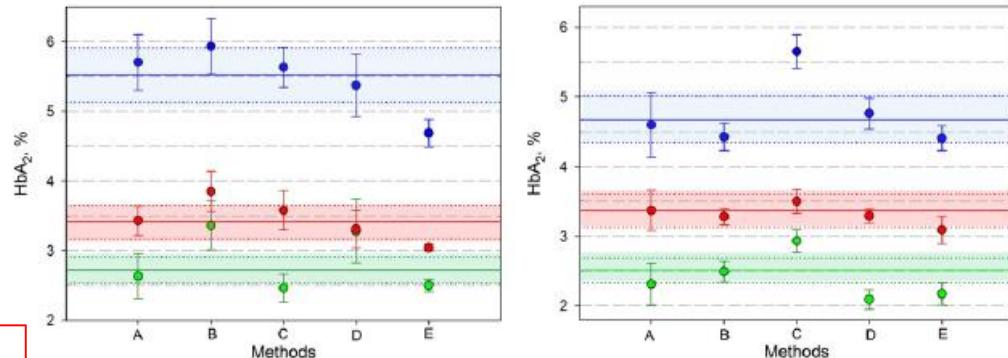


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Different separation methods used to quantify HbA₂:

different CE and HPLC devices and programs are being used:

Need for standardization to compare results within and between laboratories



- A. Bio-Rad Variant II dual kit (27, 28, 29)
- B. Tosoh G7 (10, 10, 8)
- C. Tosoh G8 (35, 34, 36)
- D. HPLC, others (16, 14, 16)
- E. Sebia Capillarys (8, 9, 10)

- A. Bio-Rad D10 dual kit (73, 74, 70)
- B. Bio-Rad Variant II β -thal short (97, 65, 54)
- C. Bio-Rad Variant II dual kit (59, 60, 55)
- D. Tosoh G7/G8 (9, 10, 10)
- E. Sebia Capillarys (9, 9, 9)

From: "Developing a reference system for the IFCC standardization of HbA₂"
Paleari et al. 2017 Clinica Chimica Acta; 467:21-26



Need for Standardization of HbA₂

**IFCC/ICSH Joined Working
Group for HbA₂ standardization**

Members:

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Kees Harteveld (ICSH-representative)

IFCC members:

**Ian Young (chair IFCC), Ferruccio Ceriotti,
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ICSH members:

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Background:

IFCC working group:

A. Mosca	Chair	IT	1st	2017 01 - 2019 12
C. Arsene	Member	DE		
P. Kaiser	Member	DE		
Q. Liu	Member	SG		
R. Palleari	Member	IT		

Terms of Reference

- To promote the standardisation of hemoglobin A2 measurement through the definition of an international reference system, including a reference measurement procedure and primary and secondary reference materials.

Current Projects

- Definition of a reference measurement procedure using mass spectrometry associated with proteolytic degradation.
- Preparation of a secondary reference material for hemoglobin A2 (in cooperation with JRC).

IFCC and ICSH Joint Working Group (Paris 2015):

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De CRM (certified reference material) bestaat uit een normale HbA₂ waarde (mix van normaal donorbloed) en een verhoogde HbA₂ waarde (mix van beta-thalassemie donoren) (Paleari et al. 2010 Clin Chem Lab Med; 48:1611-1618)

Om de HbA₂ waarde toe te kennen aan de CRM is een isotoop gelabelde spiking methode ontwikkeld door twee Metrologische Laboratoria:

- INSTAND e.V., Düsseldorf, Germany (Patricia Kaiser)
- Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt, Braunschweig, Germany (Cristian Arsene).

Reference measurement procedure

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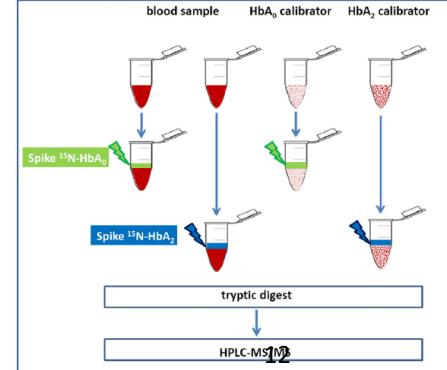
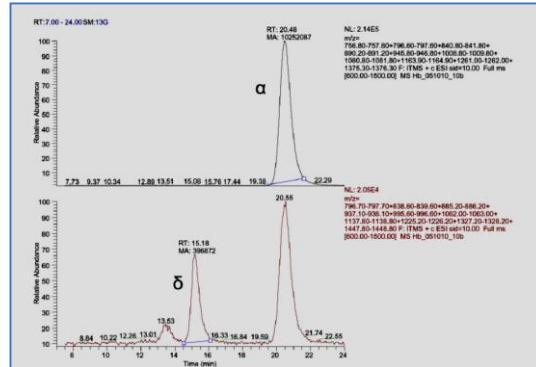
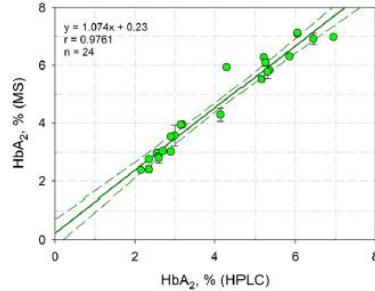
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Reference measurement procedure (RMP):

Two principles to determine δ/α ratio (as representative for HbA₂):

1-Separation of *INTACT* δ- and α-globin chains by Liquid Chrom-ElectroSpray Ionization-tandem Mass Spec (LC-ESI/MS)

2- Separation of *TRYPTIC DIGEST* of δ- and α-globin chain fragments by Isotope Dilution Mass Spectrometry (ID-MS) using recombinant ¹⁵N-HbA₀ and ¹⁵N-HbA₂ as calibrator (Arsene et al. 2018 Clinica Chimica Acta; 487:318-324)



Reference measurement procedure

Een gepubliceerde referentie-methode is een vereiste voor de productie van een CRM

(Arsene et al. 2018 Clinica Chimica Acta; 487:318-324)

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Determination of HbA₂ by quantitative bottom-up proteomics and isotope dilution mass spectrometry

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Vervolgens produceert EU-JRC dit CRM

Reduction of Inter-method differences

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(Paleari et al. 2018 Clinica Chimica Acta; 477:60-65)

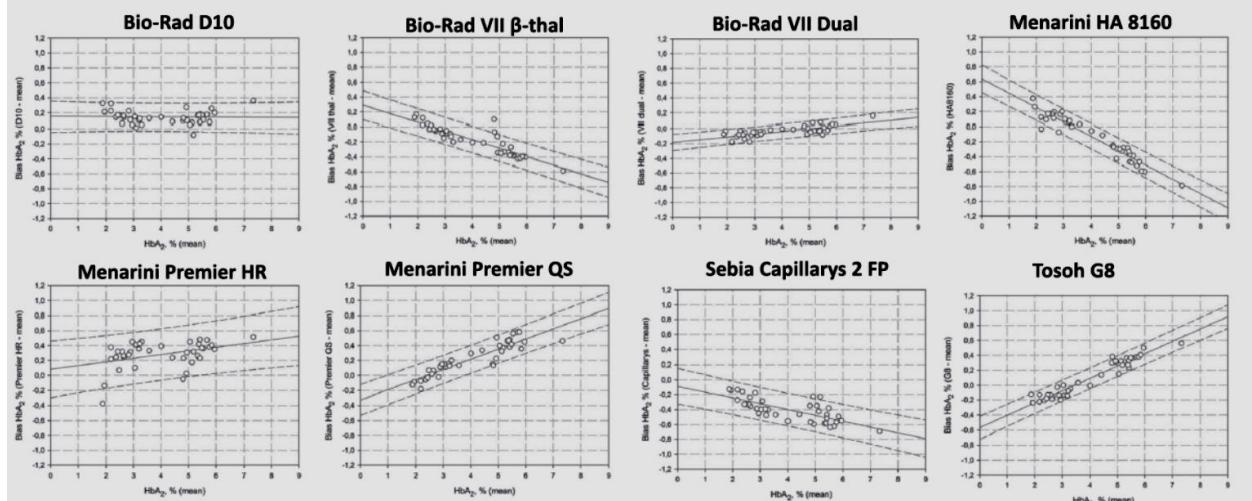
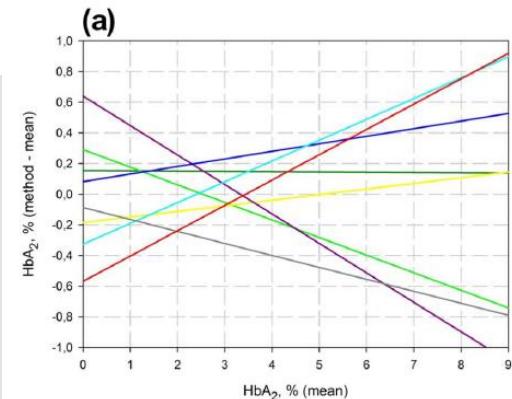


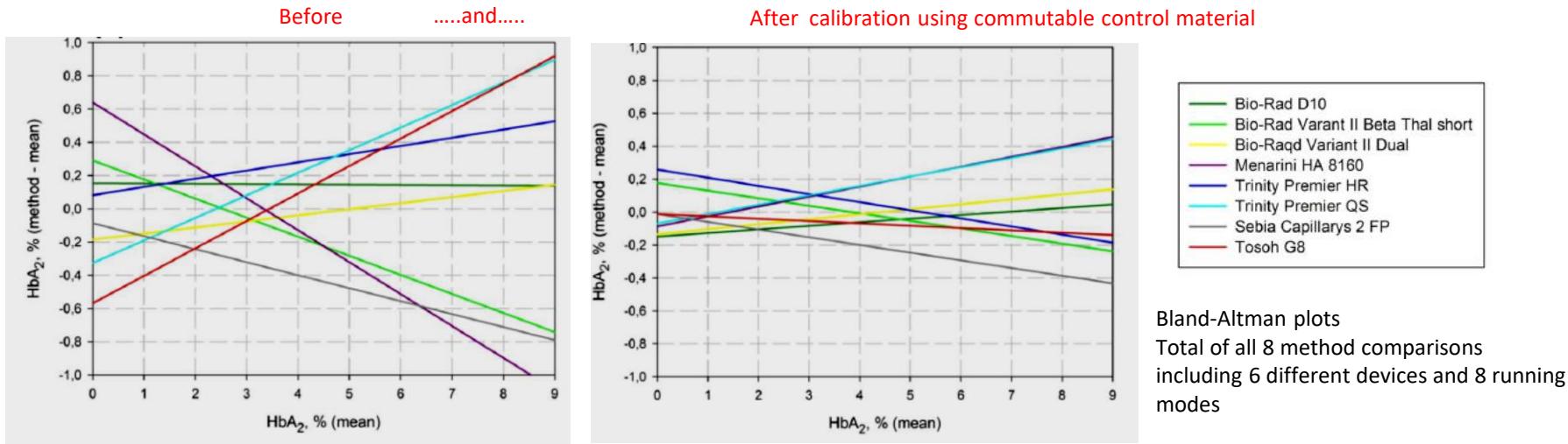
Fig. 1. Bland-Altman plots for method comparison (x-axis: mean HbA₂ of all methods; y-axis: bias between test method and consensus mean). Regression line (solid line) and 95% confidence interval (dashed line) are reported.



Bland-Altman plots
Total of all 8 method comparisons
including 6 different devices and 8 running modes

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Manufacturing the reference materials at the
Joint Research Center (EU-JRC, Geel, BE)



Preparation of large batch of CRM for value assignment

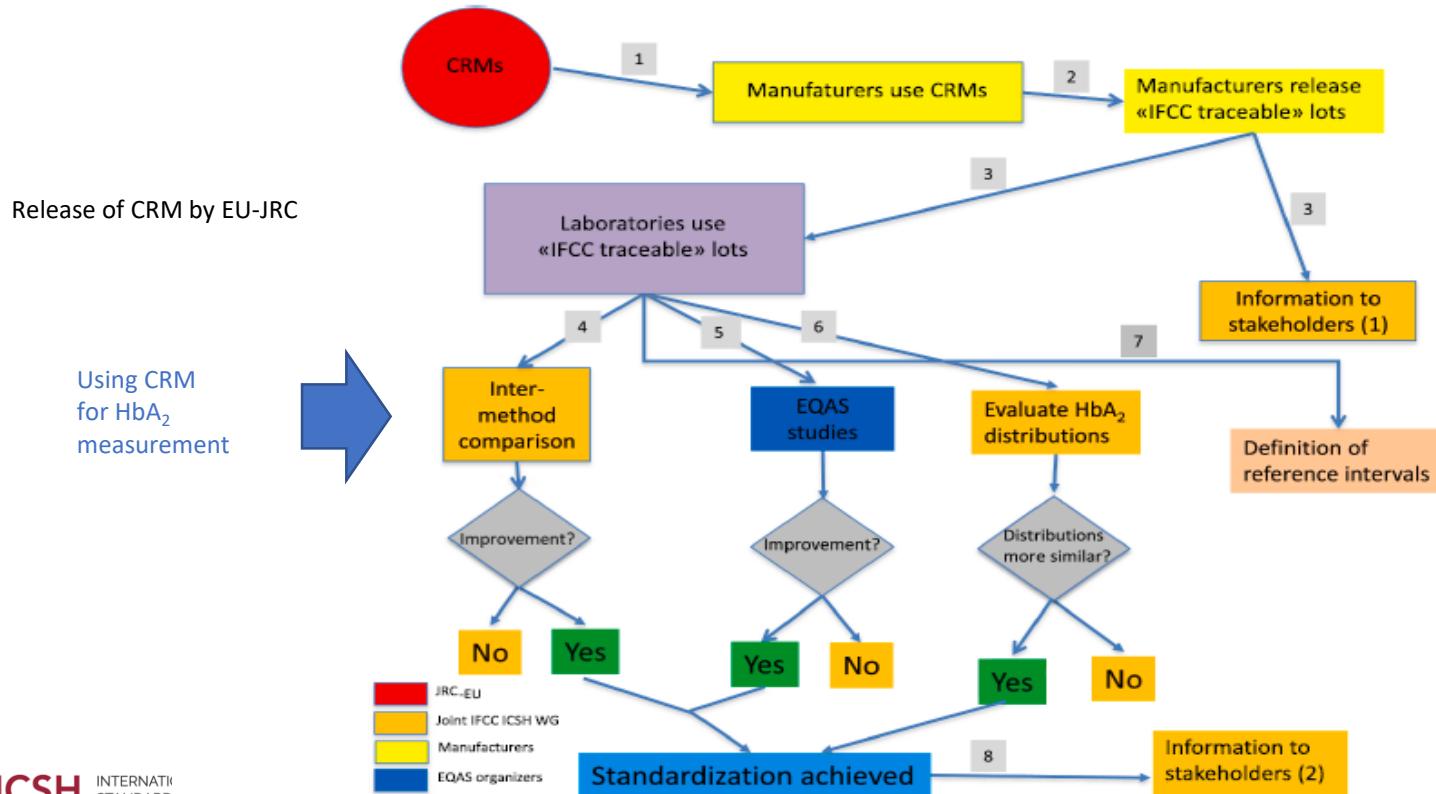
- **EU-JRC (European-Joined Research Center, Geel Belgium)**
 - Preparation of two values CRM (normal 2.5% and elevated 5.4% HbA₂), 3500 ampoules freeze-dried material of pooled donors.
- **Homogeneity and short-term stability** (accelerated degradation tests) **completed**
- **Long-term stability completed**
- **Commutability tests completed 2022**

Data collected on 9 methods (Bio-Rad Variant II dual kit and beta-thal mode, Bio-Rad D10, Trinity Premier HR, Helena CE V8 Nexus, Menarini Hb Next, Tosoh G11, Arkray Adams HA-8180T and Sebia CE)

- **Final value assignment with uncertainties**
 - Value assignment using the Reference Measurement Procedure in two separate rounds in INSTAND e.V., Düsseldorf, Germany (Patricia Kaiser) and Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt, Braunschweig, Germany (Cristian Arsene) is now ready (summer 2024).
 - CRM will be available from EU-JRC by the end of this year

Roadmap Certified Reference Material

(Mosca et al. 2021 Clinica Chimica Acta; 512:185-190)



Conclusies en vooruitzichten

- De CRMs in twee waarden komen eind 2024 beschikbaar
- Firma's hebben toegezegd als stakeholders dat zij CRM als kalibratoren zullen gebruiken om hun instrumenten te ijken.
- Feedback aan de Joined Working Group door test-labs/gebruikers
- Continue monitoring in external quality assessment schemes
- Is standardisatie bereikt? (dat zal moeten blijken)

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