

# **IFCC Scientific Division Update for General Conference Madrid 2016**

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Name	Position	Country	Term	Time in Office
I. Young	Chair	UK	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2014 01 - 2016 12
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T. Nobori	Member	JP	1 <sup>st</sup>	2015 01 - 2017 12
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H. Schimmel	IRMM Consultant	BE		
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C. Burns	NIBSC Cousultant	UK		
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# IFCC SD

- Mission and objectives
- How SD is structured and how it works
- Achievements and work programme
- Future activities

# IFCC SD

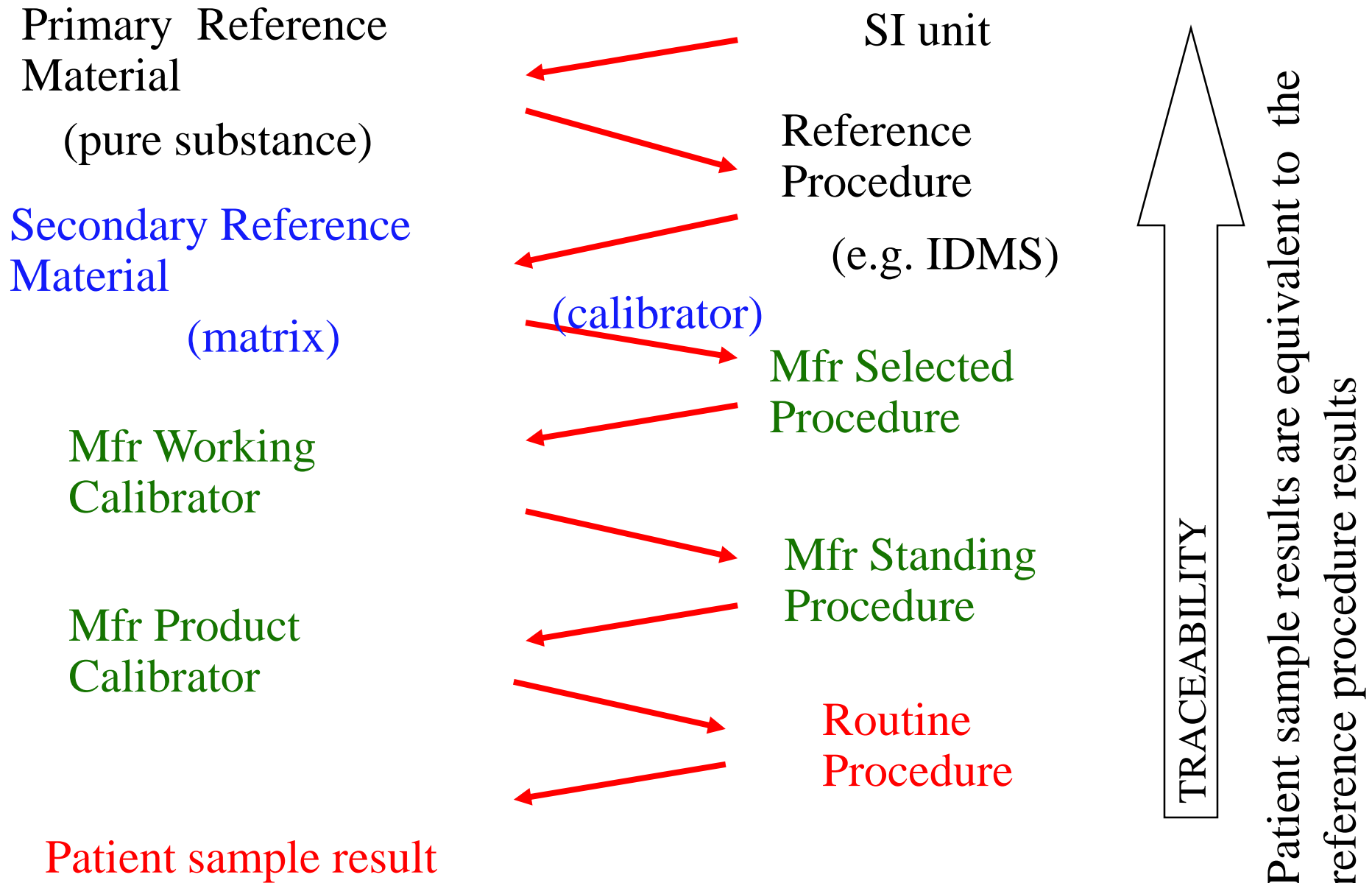
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# IFCC SD

**Mission: to** advance the science of Clinical Chemistry and to apply it to the practice of Clinical Laboratory Medicine

- By identifying technical innovations and diagnostic strategies and assisting the transfer of these to the profession
- By promoting the standardization of laboratory tests and the comparability of patient results through the development of reference measurement systems, or harmonization activities where this is not currently possible
- By establishing standards for scientific and technical aspects of good laboratory practice

# Traceability (based on ISO 17511)



# IFCC-SD – Working in Partnership

- IFCC Divisions
- Corporate members
- Metrology institutions
- Governmental bodies and non-Governmental organisations
- Other professional bodies
- Clinicians and clinical organisations



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# Scientific Division

## Committees

Theme orientated

Appointed Chair  
plus four/five  
elected members

Corresponding  
members

## Working Groups

Task orientated

Appointed Chair  
plus unlimited members

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# IFCC SD – some key achievements

- More than 150 scientists and clinicians from all IFCC regions involved as members of Cs / WGs
- SD symposia at most major international congresses
- Bergmeyer conferences
- Key publications

# SD-Committees

8.2.6.	Nomenclature, Properties and Units (C-NPU) in collaboration with International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)	R.Flatman (AUS)
8.2.11.	Molecular Diagnostics (C-MD)	D.Payne (US)
8.2.21.	Reference Systems of Enzymes (C-RSE)	F. Ceriotti (IT)
8.2.23.	Traceability in Laboratory Medicine (C-TLM)	L.Siekman (DE)
8.2.24.	Reference Intervals and Decision Limits (C-RIDL)	Y.Ozarda (TR)
8.2.25.	Standardization of Thyroid Function Tests (C-STFT)	L. Thienpont (BE)

# Committee on Nomenclature, Properties and Units

## Robert Flatman (AUS)

### ■ **Current Projects**

- Transfer and maintenance of the NPU generic database on the IFCC site
- Mapping of the IFCC-IUPAC laboratory coding system to SNOMED CT
- Development of an international vocabulary for nominal examinations in scientific communication

# Committee on Molecular Diagnostics

## Debs Payne (US)

- **Current Projects**
- Establish an International Network of IFCC Reference Centres in Molecular Diagnostics
- Standardise formats for reporting of molecular diagnostic results

# Committee on Reference Systems of Enzymes

## Ferruccio Ceriotti (IT)

- Development of a reference measurement procedure for Pancreatic Lipase
- A recertification campaign for a primary reference material for LD, CK and ALT in cooperation with IRMM
- A certification campaign for a primary reference material for ALP in cooperation with IRMM



# **Committee on Traceability in Laboratory Medicine**

## **Lothar Siekmann (DE)**

- To support activities regarding Traceability in Laboratory Medicine
- To support reference laboratories in the context of complete reference systems by establishing an External Quality Assessment Scheme (EQAS) for reference laboratories in order to monitor their competence
- To promote establishment and maintenance of IFCC reference laboratory networks for clinically relevant measurands

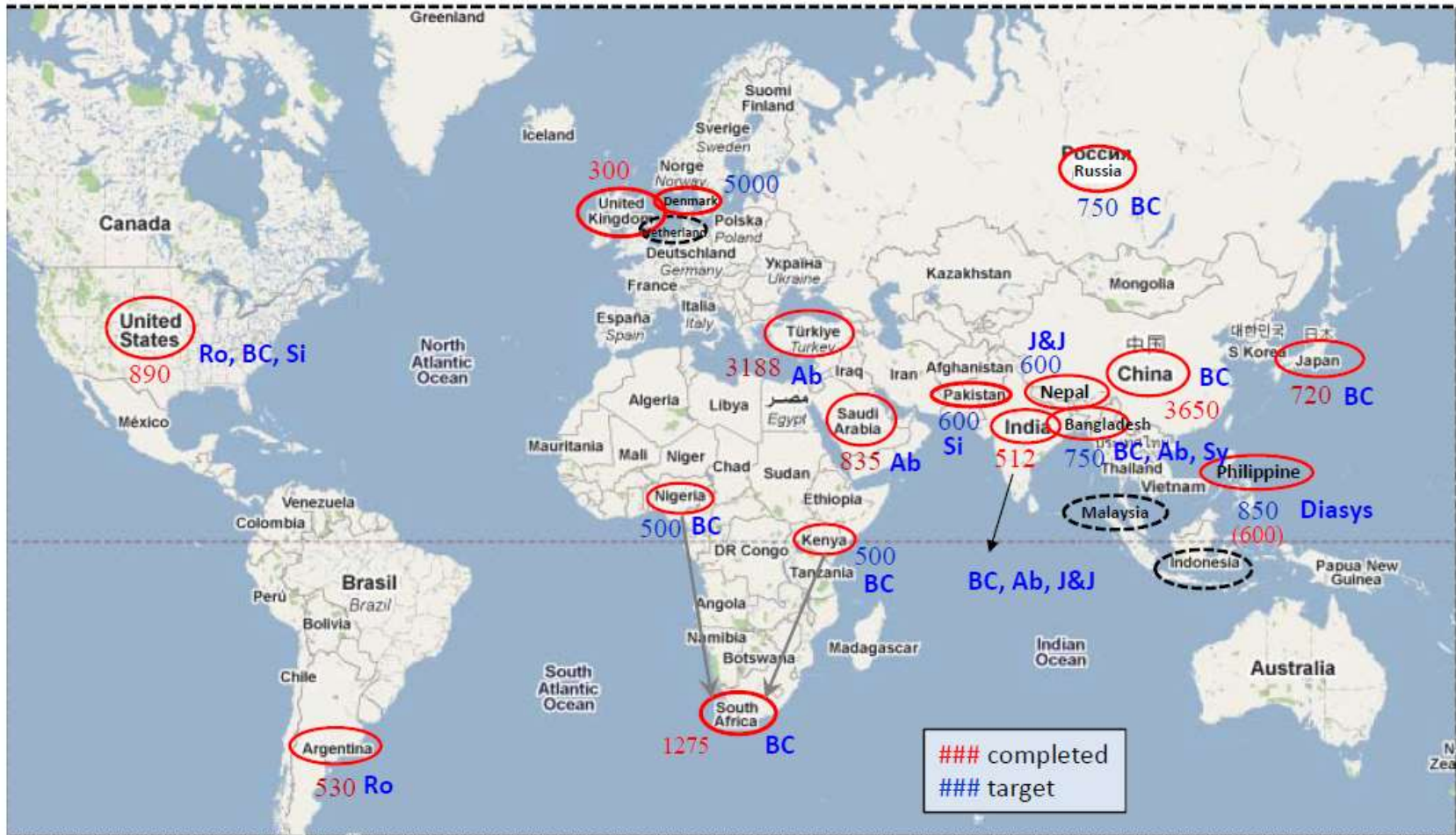
# Reference Intervals and Decision Limits

## Yesim Ozarda (TR)

- To make available reference intervals and decision limits that respect the requirements of international directives
- To compare alternative approaches to establishment of reference intervals and to make recommendations about the applicability of such approaches

# The 18 countries collaborating in the global study

Rev: 2014/6/7



BC: Beckman Coulter; Ab: Abbott; Ro: Roche; Si: Siemens;  
 Sy: Sysmex; J&J: Jonson and Johnson; Diasys;

# Reference Intervals and Decision Limits

## Kiyoshi Ichihara (JP)

- Ichihara K, Ozarda Y, Klee G, Straseski J, Baumann N, Ishikura K; Committee on Reference Intervals and Decision Limits, International Federation for Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine.
- Utility of a panel of sera for the alignment of test results in the worldwide multicenter study on reference values
- Clin Chem Lab Med. 2013 May;51(5):1007-25. doi: 10.1515/cclm-2013-0248

# SD Working Groups

8.3.35	Standardisation of Haemoglobin A2 (WG-HbA2)	R. Paleari (IT)
8.3.36	Standardisation of Carbohydrate-Deficient Transferrin (WG-CDT)	J.Wielders (NL)
8.3.39	Standardisation of Albumin Assay in Urine (WG-SAU)	L.Bachmann (US)
8.3.40	Standardisation of Pregnancy-Associated Plasma Protein A (WG-PAPP A)	S.Wittfooth (FI)
8.3.42	Standardisation of Insulin Assays (WG-SIA)	M. Steffes (US)
8.3.43	Standardisation of Troponin I (WG-TNI)	D.Bunk (US)

# SD Working Groups

8.3.45	Harmonisation of Autoantibody Tests (WG-HAT)	J. Sheldon (UK)
8.3.47	Clinical Quantitative Mass Spectrometry Proteomics (WG-cMSP)	S.Lehmann (FR)
8.3.48	Serum Parathyroid Hormone (WG-sPTH)	C.Sturgeon (UK)
8.3.49	CSF Proteins (WG-CSFP)	K.Blennow (SE)
8.3.50	Standardization of Bone Marker Assays (WG-SBMA)	H.Morris (AU)
8.3.51	Commutability (WG-COMM)	G.Miller (US)

# WG – Carbohydrate Deficient Transferrin

## J. Wielders (NL)

### ■ **Terms of Reference**

- Definition of the measurand and standardisation of the nomenclature
- Preparation of reference material and selection of reference method
- Establishment of appropriate reference intervals
- Development of guidelines for clinical use of CDT assays

# Carbohydrate deficient transferrin (CDT)

- CDT is the generic term that refers to the transferrin glycoforms whose concentration in blood is temporarily increased by sustained alcohol consumption






Normal human serum  
(abstinence)



**CDT** < 1.5-2.0 % of total Tf

**PO** Absence of asialo-Tf



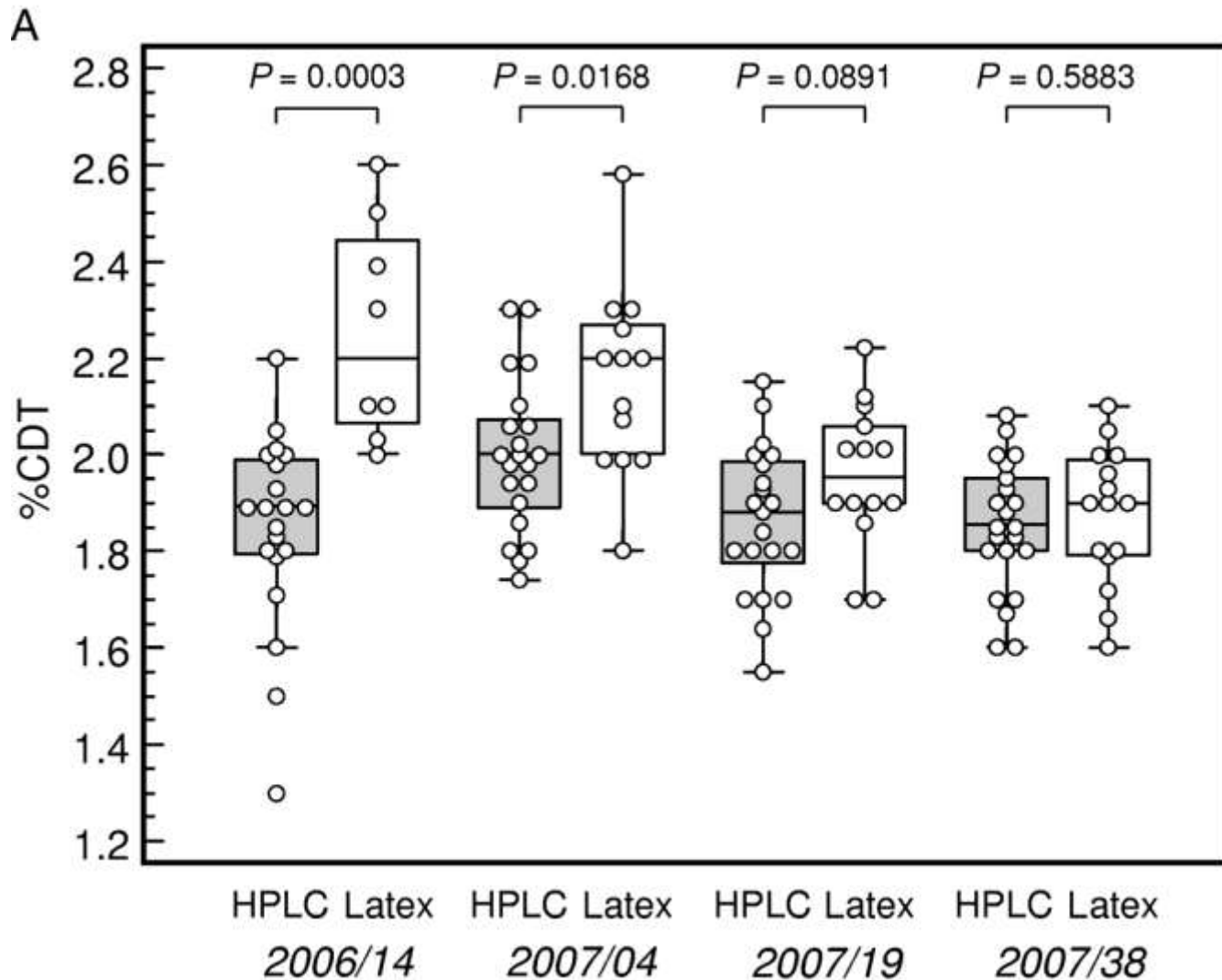
Chronic alcohol abuse  
(50-80 g/day)



**CDT** > 1.5 % of total Tf  
⇒ disialo-Tf (P2) ↗ 5-10x

**PO** Presence of asialo-Tf  
⇒ Specific biomarker

# Need for CDT standardization



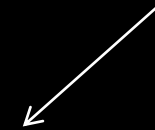
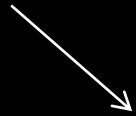
	<u>Harmonization potential</u>					
	Patient panel P1 and P3				Spiked panel S3	
Method	P1 before	P1 after	P3 before	P3 after	S3 before	S3 after
Bio-Rad	1.12	1.23	3.69	3.99	4.22	4.58
Siemens N Latex	1.85	1.34	4.09	3.80	3.87	3.60
Sebia	0.66	1.31	3.46	3.70	3.42	3.66
Candidate reference	1.16	1.16	3.83	3.83	4.27	4.27
Mean	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>3.77</b>	<b>3.83</b>	<b>3.94</b>	<b>4.03</b>
Intermethod CV	<b>40%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>12%</b>

Table 2: Calibration potential of candidate reference materials applied to mean results obtained in EQA laboratories with three different samples.

# Development of New Projects

SD horizon scanning

Third party approach



Assessment of need

Development and submission of formal proposal

Agreement on terms of reference



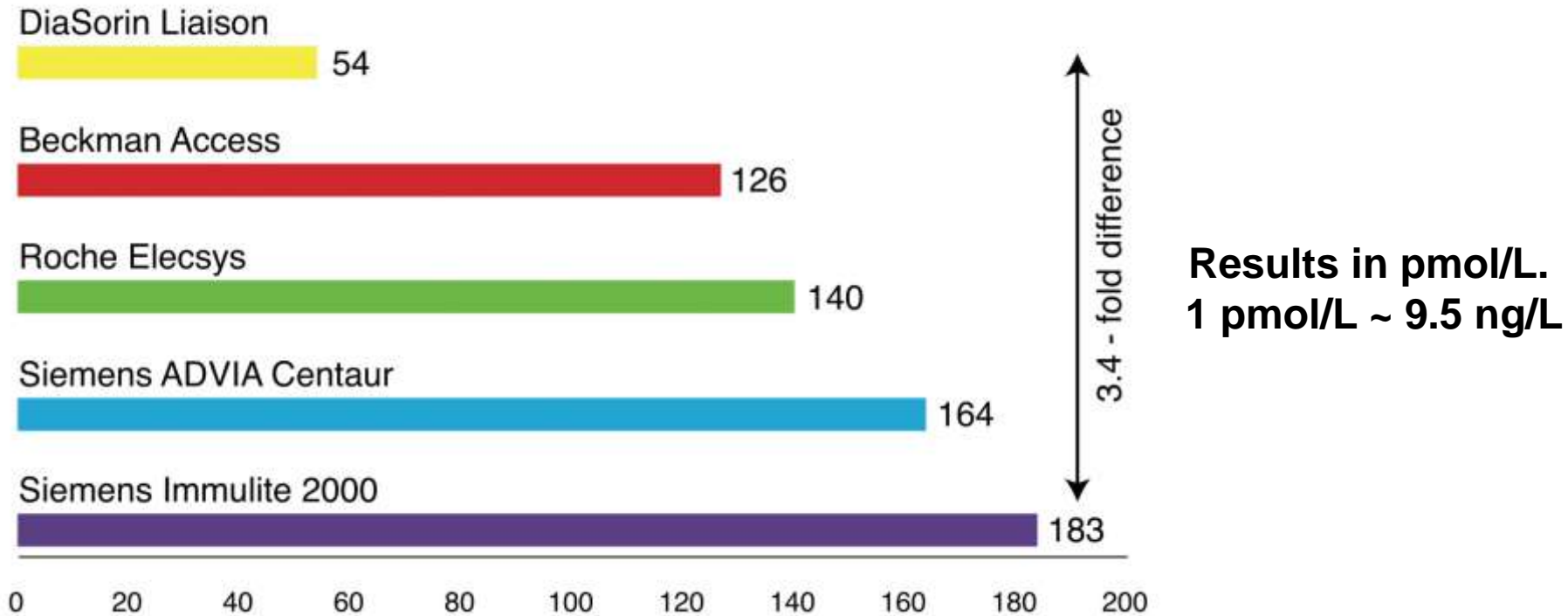
Approval by SD and EB

Establishment of WG or C



Work cycle with ongoing review

# PTH results - single patient

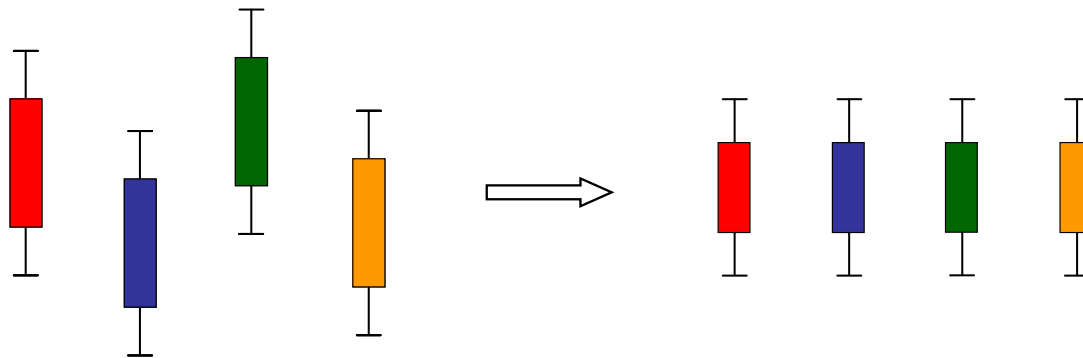


**In the patients studied, differences ranged from 1.4-fold to 4.2-fold (mean 2.8-fold) although manufacturers' reference ranges are similar.**

**Almond, Walker & Ellis. Ann Clin Biochem 2012; 69: 43-7**

# International Consortium for Harmonization of Clinical Laboratory Results

*Harmonization.net*



**AACC**

<http://www.ifcc.org/ifcc-scientific-division/>

# Becoming involved in the work of SD

- Apply for positions on SD or C's
- Become a corresponding member of a C
- Become a member of a WG
- Propose a new WG or C

**On behalf of SD**

Thank you!

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