
Wadsworth Center

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Trace Elements Laboratory

TOXICOLOGY – Blood Lead

Proficiency Test Report

Event #3, 2013

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Dear Laboratory Director:

A statistical summary report for all proficiency test (PT) results evaluated in the third blood lead event of 2013 is enclosed. A confidential three-digit code number assigned by the PT program identifies participating laboratories. Each laboratory will receive an individual performance summary for the last three PT test events under separate cover. To pass the PT for Blood Lead, a laboratory must achieve a minimum score of 80% (4 out of 5 correct) on two consecutive testing events, or two out of three consecutive testing events. Summary reports for Trace Elements in Whole Blood (other than Blood Lead) will be distributed shortly.

PT Materials

The blood-based test materials were obtained from lead-dosed goats prior to the test. On Tuesday, September 10th, 2013, 400-500 mL of blood were drawn from each animal into a blood bag containing 750 mg K₂EDTA. The animals provided pools with lead concentrations ranging from 2 µg/dL to 25 µg/dL. Aliquots of whole blood were transferred into cryovials, and shipped to participating laboratories Wednesday, September 11th, 2013. PT samples for laboratories using the LeadCare® system were shipped by overnight express for delivery Wednesday, September 11th, 2013. Target values were established by a ≥90% consensus of 21 measurements performed by 19 reference laboratories using ICP-MS, ETAAS and ASV methods.

Certification for CLIA '88 and OSHA Purposes

Participation in this program may also be used to obtain approval for blood lead testing from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Dept. of Labor. For further information on OSHA approval, contact: James S. Pike at 801-233-4927.

Scheduled PT Events

Samples are scheduled to be mailed Wednesday, January 15th, 2014. The laboratory is required to notify the section (trel@wadsworth.org) within five days of shipment that samples have not arrived or are unacceptable for testing. For laboratories using the LeadCare® system samples are scheduled to be mailed Tuesday, January 14th, 2014, for delivery Wednesday, January 15th, 2014. These laboratories are required to notify the section (trel@wadsworth.org) by 12:00 pm (EST) the day after shipment that samples have not arrived or are unacceptable for testing. Failure to notify the section will result in a score of zero. The deadline for reporting results is Wednesday, February 5th, 2014.

Sincerely,



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PERFORMANCE OF PARTICIPATING LABORATORIES

Lab Code	Method	Results (µg/dL whole blood)					Normalized Mean	Info Only
		BE13-11	BE13-12	BE13-13	BE13-14	BE13-15		
Target values:		2	18	25	12	5		
103	ASV-LeadCare	<3.3	19	26	13	5	1.06	Info
103	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	2	19	27	13	5	1.07	
104	ETAAS-Z	2	18	26	12	5	1.01	
106	ICP-MS	ND	18	26	13	5	1.04	Info
107	ASV-LeadCare	<3.3	21	29	14	6	1.16	Info
107	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	2	18	26	13	5	1.04	
109	ETAAS-Z	1	17	24	12	4	0.97	
109	ICP-MS	1.9	19.2	26.8	13.4	5.4	1.07	
110	ETAAS-Z	3	20	27	13	6	1.09	
110	ASV-LeadCare	<3	19	25	12	5	1.02	Info
110	ICP-MS	2	16	23	11	4	0.91	
112	ETAAS-Z	2	19	27	13	5	1.07	
114	ICP-MS	2	18	26	13	5	1.04	
116	ICP-MS	2	18	26	13	5	1.04	Info
121	ETAAS-Z	1	19	27	14	6	1.10	Info
123	ETAAS-Z	3	16	23	11	6	0.91	
126	ETAAS-Z	<3	18	24	12	4	0.99	
131	ETAAS-Z	3	18	24	13	5	1.01	
143	ETAAS-Z	<1	15	23	11	4	0.89	
144	ETAAS-Z	<2	16	23	11	4	0.91	
147	ICP-MS	2	17	25	12	5	0.98	
150	ETAAS-Z	<2	18	26	12	5	1.01	
156	ICP-MS	2	18	26	13	5	1.04	
158	ICP-MS	<3	18	26	12	5	1.01	

Notes: ↑ reported value outside upper limit
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160	ICP-MS	2	17	24	12	5	0.97	
164	ICP-MS	<2	18	25	13	5	1.03	
166	ASV-3010	<2	14	23	10	4	0.85	
168	ETAAS-Z	2	19	26	13	5	1.06	
179	ICP-MS	2	19	26	13	5	1.06	
198	ETAAS-Z	<2	18	25	13	5	1.03	
200	ICP-MS	1	18	25	12	5	1.00	
204	ASV-3010	2	13 ↓	23	9	<2	0.82	
206	ICP-MS	<2	19	27	13	5	1.07	
208	ETAAS-Z	<3	17	26	12	5	0.99	
232	ASV-3010	3	16	24	11	3	0.92	
237	ETAAS-Z	2	21	30 ↑	15	6	1.21	
243	ASV-3010	1	19	27	13	5	1.07	
254	ETAAS-Z	1	17	24	12	5	0.97	
255	ETAAS-Z	2	17	24	12	5	0.97	
269	ETAAS-Z	<1	14	20 ↓	10	4	0.79	
272	ETAAS-Z	2	17	25	13	5	1.01	
279	ETAAS-Z	1	13 ↓	18 ↓	9	3	0.72	
290	ICP-MS	2	16	23	12	5	0.94	
291	ASV-3010	3	14	23	13	4	0.93	
293	ICP-MS	2	16	24	12	5	0.95	
295	ASV-3010	2	19	27	13	5	1.07	
301	ETAAS Other	<1	15	20 ↓	10	3	0.82	
305	ETAAS-Z	2	17	23	12	5	0.95	

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312	ICP-MS	2	18	26	13	5	1.04	
317	ETAAS-Z	2	20	27	14	6	1.12	
324	ICP-MS	2	15	22	10	4	0.86	
325	ETAAS-Z	2	18	25	12	5	1.00	
333	ETAAS-Z	3	20	28	14	6	1.13	
337	ASV-LeadCare	<3	20	26	14	5	1.11	
339	HR-ICP-MS	2	18	24	12	4	0.99	Info
340	ETAAS-Z	<2	18	27	13	5	1.05	
343	ASV-LeadCare	2	19	27	12	5	1.05	Info
345	ASV-LeadCare	<3	20	27	15	7	1.15	
348	ETAAS-Z	1	19	26	13	5	1.06	
349	ETAAS-Z	1	16	22	11	4	0.90	
350	ASV-3010	2	17	23	11	<4	0.93	
353	ETAAS-Z	<2	15	22	10	3	0.86	
365	ETAAS-Z	<2	18	25	13	5	1.03	
366	ETAAS-Z	2	17	24	11	5	0.94	Info
367	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	2	19	28	14	6	1.11	Info
368	ASV-3010	3	19	27	15	6	1.13	
369	ASV-3010	3	18	27	13	6	1.05	
374	ASV-3010	<2	17	23	10	3	0.93	
388	ASV-3010	<2	13 ↓	21	12	5	0.85	
389	ETAAS-Z	2	16	23	11	4	0.91	
391	ETAAS-Z	1.3	16.6	25.4	12.4	4.4	0.98	Info
393	ASV-LeadCare	<3	20	28	16	5	1.19	

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Target values:		2	18	25	12	5		
401	ETAAS Other	2	20	27	13	6	1.09	Info
410	ICP-MS	2	19	27	13	5	1.07	Info
461	ASV-3010	2	17	25	12	6	0.98	
463	ASV-LeadCare	<3	21	28	14	6	1.15	
464	ASV-LeadCare	6	16	42 ↑	16	4	1.30	
466	ASV-LeadCare	2	20	23	12	5	1.01	
469	ICP-MS	2	17	24	12	5	0.97	
470	ASV-LeadCare	<3	18	26	13	5	1.04	
473	ASV-LeadCare	<3	19	30 ↑	15	6	1.17	
475	ASV-LeadCare	<3	22	31 ↑	15	6	1.24	
476	ASV-LeadCare	<2	16	26	11	4	0.95	
477	ASV-LeadCare	<3	19	25	14	5	1.07	
478	ASV-LeadCare	>8 ↑	22	28	15	6	1.20	
481	ID-ICP-MS	1	15	23	10	4	0.88	
482	ASV-LeadCare	<3	22	34 ↑	16	5	1.31	

Percent satisfactory results for all participants: 97.2 %

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

TARGET VALUE ASSIGNMENT AND STATISTICS						
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104	ETAAS-Z	2	18	26	12	5
107	DRC/CC-ICP-MS	2	18	26	13	5
109	ETAAS-Z	1	17	24	12	4
109	ICP-MS	1.9	19.2	26.8	13.4	5.4
110	ETAAS-Z	3	20	27	13	6
110	ICP-MS	2	16	23	11	4
112	ETAAS-Z	2	19	27	13	5
147	ICP-MS	2	17	25	12	5
156	ICP-MS	2	18	26	13	5
160	ICP-MS	2	17	24	12	5
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166	ASV-3010	<2	14	23	10	4
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200	ICP-MS	1	18	25	12	5
243	ASV-3010	1	19	27	13	5
293	ICP-MS	2	16	24	12	5
324	ICP-MS	2	15	22	10	4
325	ETAAS-Z	2	18	25	12	5
350	ASV-3010	2	17	23	11	<4
Number of Sample Measurements:		18	21	21	21	20
Mean (target value):		2	18	25	12	5
Standard Deviation:		0.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	0.5
RSD (%):		25.0	8.4	6.1	8.2	10.3
Acceptable Range:						
Upper Limit:		6	22	29	16	9
Lower Limit:		0	14	21	8	1

notes: Results reported as less than the detection limits are treated as zero for statistical and grading purposes.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY BY METHOD**

		Results (µg/dL whole blood)				
		BE13-11	BE13-12	BE13-13	BE13-14	BE13-15
ASV-3010						
Number of Sample Measurements:		9	12	12	12	10
Mean:		2.3	16.3	24.4	11.8	4.7
Standard Deviation:		0.7	2.3	2.1	1.7	1.2
RSD (%):		30.3	14.1	8.6	14.3	24.7
ASV-LeadCare						
Number of Sample Measurements:		2	17	17	17	17
Mean:		2.0	19.6	28.3	13.9	5.3
Standard Deviation:		0.0	1.8	4.4	1.6	0.8
RSD (%):		—	9.2	15.4	11.2	14.6
DRC/CC-ICP-MS						
Number of Sample Measurements:		3	3	3	3	3
Mean:		2.0	18.7	27.0	13.3	5.3
Standard Deviation:		0.0	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.6
RSD (%):		—	—	—	—	—
ETAAS Other						
Number of Sample Measurements:		1	2	2	2	2
Mean:		2.0	17.5	23.5	11.5	4.5
Standard Deviation:		?	3.5	4.9	2.1	2.1
RSD (%):		—	—	—	—	—
ETAAS-Z						
Number of Sample Measurements:		22	32	32	32	32
Mean:		1.9	17.4	24.7	12.2	4.8
Standard Deviation:		0.7	1.8	2.4	1.3	0.8
RSD (%):		37.0	10.2	9.6	10.7	16.8
HR-ICP-MS						
Number of Sample Measurements:		1	1	1	1	1
Mean:		2.0	18.0	24.0	12.0	4.0
Standard Deviation:		?	?	?	?	?
RSD (%):		—	—	—	—	—
ICP-MS						
Number of Sample Measurements:		15	19	19	19	19
Mean:		1.9	17.6	25.1	12.4	4.9
Standard Deviation:		0.3	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.3
RSD (%):		13.4	6.7	5.8	6.9	6.8
ID-ICP-MS						
Number of Sample Measurements:		1	1	1	1	1
Mean:		1.0	15.0	23.0	10.0	4.0
Standard Deviation:		?	?	?	?	?
RSD (%):		—	—	—	—	—

notes: ? Insufficient data for calculation.

A Standard Deviation displayed as 0.0 should be interpreted as <0.1 (see DRC/CC-ICP-MS and HR-ICP-MS participants)

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY BY CLASS**

	Results ($\mu\text{g/dL}$ whole blood)				
	BE13-11	BE13-12	BE13-13	BE13-14	BE13-15
Evaluated					
Number of Sample Measurements:	27	53	53	53	52
Mean:	2.1	17.6	25.4	12.6	4.9
Standard Deviation:	0.7	2.3	3.7	1.8	0.9
RSD (%):	32.6	13.0	14.5	14.1	19.1
Info					
Number of Sample Measurements:	9	13	13	13	13
Mean:	1.8	18.7	26.3	12.8	5.2
Standard Deviation:	0.4	1.2	1.5	0.9	0.6
RSD (%):	21.1	6.2	5.5	7.1	12.3
Reference					
Number of Sample Measurements:	18	21	21	21	20
Mean:	1.9	17.6	25.1	12.2	4.9
Standard Deviation:	0.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	0.5
RSD (%):	25.0	8.4	6.1	8.2	10.3
All Laboratories					
Number of Sample Measurements:	54	87	87	87	85
Mean:	2.0	17.8	25.5	12.5	4.9
Standard Deviation:	0.6	2.0	3.0	1.5	0.8
RSD (%):	29.2	11.3	11.9	12.1	16.4

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METHOD NOTES

ATOMIC SPECTROMETRY METHODS

- A-1 ETAAS-Z (Electrothermal atomic absorption spectrometry with Zeeman background correction)
- A-2 ETAAS other (i.e., D₂, S-H background correction)
- A-3 FAAS (Flame atomic absorption spectrometry)
- A-4 CV-AAS (Cold vapor atomic absorption spectrometry)
- A-5 HG-AAS (Hydride generation atomic absorption spectrometry)
- A-6 AFS (Atomic fluorescence spectrometry)
- A-7 Other

INDUCTIVELY COUPLED PLASMA

- P-1 ICP-MS (Inductively coupled plasma - mass spectrometry)
- P-2 DRC/CC-ICP-MS (ICP-MS used in the Dynamic Reaction Cell or Collision Cell mode)
- P-3 ICP-AES/OES (ICP atomic/optical emission spectrometry)
- P-4 HR-ICP-MS (High resolution ICP-MS)
- P-5 ETV-ICP-MS (Electrothermal vaporization ICP-MS)
- P-6 ID-ICP-MS (Isotope dilution ICP-MS)
- P-7 Other

ELECTROCHEMICAL METHODS

- E-1 ASV (Anodic stripping voltammetry without digestion)
- E-2 ASV-LeadCare® (Anodic stripping voltammetry using the ESA LeadCare® system)
- E-3 Fluoride specific electrode
- E-4 Other

MOLECULAR FLUORIMETRY

- F-1 EtOAc (Ethyl acetate-acetic acid extraction method for determination of erythrocyte protoporphyrin)
- F-2 Aviv hematofluorometry (for determination of EP at hematocrit 35)
- F-3 Helena ZPP (for determination of zinc protoporphyrin in $\mu\text{mol ZPP/mol heme}$)
- F-4 Other

OTHER METHODS

If your method is not listed in the above list, please describe it briefly.
