

# Proficiency testing for in-house measuring laboratories – Results and Evaluation

## Proficiency testing scheme Metals on filters July/August 2020

## Summary of laboratory test results

Sample 1

	cobalt Z score		copper Z score		lead Z score		manganese Z score		nickel Z score	
Unit	µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute	
6	2,88	0,96	18,32	0,87	79,93	1,04	44,57	0,74	3,47	1,09
13	2,46	-0,65	16,98	0,08	70,83	-0,21	38,81	-0,65	3,06	-0,24
26	2,64	0,05	17,10	0,15	66,79	-0,77	42,23	0,18	3,08	-0,16
38	2,50	-0,49	16,00	-0,51	68,00	-0,60	46,00	1,08	2,90	-0,74
42	2,57	-0,22	15,96	-0,53	73,66	0,18	41,57	0,02	3,13	0,00
54	2,61	-0,05	16,45	-0,24	74,69	0,32	41,18	-0,08	3,18	0,16
68	2,75	0,47	16,80	-0,03	77,05	0,65	42,40	0,22	3,30	0,54
70	2,55	-0,28	16,75	-0,06	69,78	-0,36	40,19	-0,32	3,03	-0,31
71	2,57	-0,23	16,42	-0,26	71,20	-0,16	40,21	-0,31	3,09	-0,13
73	2,60	-0,11	17,00	0,09	72,00	-0,05	43,00	0,36	3,20	0,22
74	2,70	0,27	16,90	0,03	72,50	0,02	41,70	0,05	3,10	-0,10
90	2,63	0,01	16,87	0,01	73,53	0,16	41,24	-0,06	3,12	-0,03
106	2,67	0,16	16,58	-0,16	74,33	0,27	41,85	0,08	3,21	0,26
111	2,75	0,45	19,97	1,85	76,44	0,56	42,23	0,17	3,29	0,50
129	3,17	2,06 E	16,76	-0,05	76,66	0,59	42,69	0,29	2,61	-1,66
138	2,53	-0,37	16,80	-0,03	82,60	1,41	46,10	1,11	3,28	0,48
177	2,10	-2,01 E	14,40	-1,46	57,70	-2,03 E	37,00	-1,08	2,28	-2,72 BE
206	2,22	-1,55	15,00	-1,10	60,00	-1,71	35,60	-1,42	2,82	-0,99
252	2,55	-0,30	16,34	-0,30	74,67	0,32	40,75	-0,18	3,04	-0,29
263	2,81	0,69	19,50	1,57	70,20	-0,30	35,50	-1,45	3,06	-0,22
269	2,87	0,92	17,80	0,56	78,80	0,89	44,10	0,63	3,49	1,15
272	2,68	0,20	16,90	0,03	73,00	0,09	41,20	-0,07	3,28	0,48
279	2,63	0,01	16,00	-0,51	70,10	-0,31	44,40	0,70	3,13	0,00
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Method	ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2	
Assessment	Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00	
No. of laboratories that submitted results	23		23		23		23		23	
Mean	2,63		16,85		72,37		41,50		3,13	

	cobalt	Z score	copper	Z score	lead	Z score	manganese	Z score	nickel	Z score
Reproducibility s.d.	0,21		1,21		5,71		2,81		0,20	
Rel. reproducibility s.d.	8,15 %		7,19 %		7,89 %		6,78 %		6,27 %	
Reference value	2,58		16,40		72,10		38,70		2,90	
Target s.d.	0,26		1,69		7,24		4,15		0,31	
Rel. target s.d.	10,00 %		10,00 %		10,00 %		10,00 %		10,00 %	
Lower limit of tolerance	2,10		13,48		57,89		33,20		2,50	
Upper limit of tolerance	3,15		20,22		86,84		49,80		3,76	
Type B outliers									1	
No. of laboratories after elimination of outliers type A-D and F (without laboratories that only gave states but no measured values)	23		23		23		23		22	

## Explanation of outlier types

A: Single outlier Grubbs

B: Differing laboratory mean Grubbs

C: Excessive laboratory s.d. Cochran

D: Excluded manually

E: mean outside tolerance limits

F: |Z-Score|&gt;3,5

	zinc	Z score	indium	Z score
Unit	µg absolute		µg absolute	
6	29,32	1,55	0,138	1,62
13	27,77	0,94	0,124	0,47
26	25,72	0,14	0,060	-4,95 BE
38	21,00	-1,72	0,120	0,11
42	26,03	0,26	0,130	0,95
54	23,52	-0,73	0,114	-0,37
68	27,90	0,99	1,150	86,84 BE
70	24,98	-0,16		
71	25,81	0,17	0,283	13,83 BE

	zinc	Z score	indium	Z score
73	27,00	0,64	0,120	0,11
74	26,20	0,32		
90	25,05	-0,13	0,090	-2,42 E
106	24,10	-0,50	0,130	0,95
111	26,51	0,45	0,133	1,17
129	23,30	-0,82		
138	23,80	-0,62	0,095	-2,00 E
177	21,70	-1,45	0,120	0,11
206	21,30	-1,61	0,100	-1,58
252	23,76	-0,64	0,120	0,11
263	28,30	1,15	0,124	0,44
269	29,10	1,47	0,123	0,36
272	26,60	0,48		
279	24,90	-0,19		
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Method	ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2	
Assessment	Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00	
No. of laboratories that submitted results	23		18	
Mean	25,38		0,119	
Reproducibility s.d.	2,35		0,014	
Rel. reproducibility s.d.	9,25 %		11,61 %	
Reference value	26,70		0,124	
Target s.d.	2,54		0,012	
Rel. target s.d.	10,00 %		10,00 %	
Lower limit of tolerance	20,30		0,095	
Upper limit of tolerance	30,45		0,143	
Type B outliers			3	
No. of laboratories after elimination of outliers type A-D and F (without laboratories that only gave states but no measured values)	23		15	

## Summary of laboratory test results

Sample 2

	cobalt		Z score		copper		Z score		lead		Z score		manganese		Z score		nickel		Z score	
Unit	µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute	
6	4,04	0,84	6,39	0,65	23,16	0,95	9,14	0,74	9,86	0,93										
13	3,75	0,07	6,46	0,77	22,31	0,55	8,40	-0,13	9,15	0,13										
26	3,78	0,14	6,10	0,17	19,47	-0,79	8,73	0,26	8,79	-0,26										
38	3,70	-0,08	5,80	-0,33	20,00	-0,54	9,60	1,28	9,00	-0,03										
42	3,60	-0,34	5,59	-0,68	21,54	0,19	8,58	0,08	8,78	-0,27										
54	3,66	-0,18	5,54	-0,76	20,87	-0,13	8,31	-0,23	8,91	-0,13										
68	3,90	0,46	5,95	-0,08	22,65	0,71	8,65	0,16	9,60	0,64										
70	3,80	0,18	6,71	1,18	22,15	0,48	8,68	0,20	8,78	-0,27										
71	3,72	-0,02	5,94	-0,09	20,90	-0,12	8,45	-0,07	9,12	0,11										
73	3,80	0,19	5,90	-0,16	21,00	-0,07	8,70	0,22	9,20	0,19										
74	3,70	-0,08	5,80	-0,33	20,40	-0,35	8,40	-0,13	8,70	-0,36										
90	3,79	0,17	6,02	0,04	21,36	0,10	8,54	0,03	9,22	0,22										
106	3,77	0,11	5,86	-0,23	21,64	0,23	8,35	-0,19	8,94	-0,09										
111	3,90	0,46	6,21	0,36	21,99	0,40	8,81	0,35	9,44	0,46										
129	3,80	0,19	5,64	-0,60	21,83	0,32	8,48	-0,04	8,59	-0,48										
138	3,75	0,06	6,04	0,07	21,30	0,07	8,69	0,21	9,48	0,50										
177	3,16	-1,52	5,94	-0,10	17,50	-1,72	7,38	-1,33	7,06	-2,18 BE										
206	3,14	-1,58	5,26	-1,23	17,40	-1,77	7,34	-1,38	8,05	-1,08										
252	3,77	0,11	5,93	-0,11	22,16	0,48	8,58	0,08	9,08	0,06										
263	3,75	0,06	6,82	1,37	20,90	-0,12	7,47	-1,22	8,73	-0,33										
269	4,18	1,21	6,47	0,79	23,80	1,26	9,29	0,91	10,00	1,08										
272	3,60	-0,34	5,70	-0,50	20,30	-0,40	8,03	-0,57	8,98	-0,05										
279	3,69	-0,10	5,87	-0,21	21,70	0,26	9,19	0,80	8,14	-0,98										
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Method	ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2											
Assessment	Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00											
No. of laboratories that submitted results	23		23		23		23		23											
Mean	3,73		6,00		21,14		8,51		9,02											

	cobalt	Z score	copper	Z score	lead	Z score	manganese	Z score	nickel	Z score
Reproducibility s.d.	0,22		0,38		1,53		0,56		0,48	
Rel. reproducibility s.d.	5,99 %		6,26 %		7,25 %		6,61 %		5,29 %	
Reference value	3,67		5,77		21,00		8,00		8,67	
Target s.d.	0,37		0,60		2,11		0,85		0,90	
Rel. target s.d.	10,00 %		10,00 %		10,00 %		10,00 %		10,00 %	
Lower limit of tolerance	2,98		4,80		16,92		6,81		7,22	
Upper limit of tolerance	4,47		7,20		25,37		10,22		10,83	
Type B outliers									1	
Type F outliers										
No. of laboratories after elimination of outliers type A-D and F (without laboratories that only gave states but no measured values)	23		23		23		23		22	
Explanation of outlier types										
A: Single outlier	Grubbs									
B: Differing laboratory mean	Grubbs									
C: Excessive laboratory s.d.	Cochran									
D: Excluded manually										
E: mean outside tolerance limits										
F:  Z-Score >3,5										
	zinc		indium		zinc		indium			
Unit	µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute			
6	85,50	1,21	1,854	1,15						
13	79,39	0,41	1,680	0,10						
26	76,73	0,06	0,750	-5,49	FE					
38	62,00	-1,87	1,600	-0,38						
42	84,51	1,09	1,750	0,53						
54	71,01	-0,69	1,595	-0,41						
68	83,45	0,95	1,750	0,53						
70	77,31	0,14								

	zinc	Z score	indium	Z score
71	78,19	0,26	1,685	0,13
73	81,00	0,62	1,800	0,83
74	76,40	0,02		
90	78,32	0,27	1,250	-2,48 E
106	71,80	-0,58	1,640	-0,14
111	80,46	0,55	1,750	0,52
129	70,70	-0,73		
138	70,80	-0,71	1,650	-0,08
177	63,00	-1,74	0,680	-5,91 FE
206	63,80	-1,63	1,360	-1,82
252	74,09	-0,28	1,690	0,16
263	83,60	0,97	1,660	-0,02
269	87,70	1,50	1,890	1,37
272	79,20	0,39		
279	74,50	-0,23		
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Method	ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2	
Assessment	Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00	
No. of laboratories that submitted results	23		18	
Mean	76,24		1,663	
Reproducibility s.d.	7,10		0,164	
Rel. reproducibility s.d.	9,31 %		9,85 %	
Reference value	79,10		1,570	
Target s.d.	7,62		0,166	
Rel. target s.d.	10,00 %		10,00 %	
Lower limit of tolerance	60,99		1,330	
Upper limit of tolerance	91,48		1,995	
Type F outliers			2	
No. of laboratories after elimination of outliers type A-D and F (without laboratories that only gave states but no measured values)	23		16	

## Summary of laboratory test results

Sample 3

	cobalt Z score		copper Z score		lead Z score		manganese Z score		nickel Z score	
Unit	µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute		µg absolute	
6	0,47	0,57	4,24	0,40	88,42	0,68	3,08	-0,03	8,49	0,87
13	0,47	0,48	4,38	0,74	86,37	0,43	3,14	0,16	7,77	-0,05
26	0,45	0,04	4,12	0,11	75,43	-0,89	3,17	0,25	7,64	-0,22
38	0,48	0,71	4,00	-0,19	79,00	-0,46	3,60	1,64	7,90	0,12
42	0,46	0,26	3,96	-0,29	86,90	0,49	3,33	0,77	7,59	-0,28
54	0,46	0,33	3,89	-0,45	83,29	0,06	3,13	0,13	7,88	0,09
68	0,50	1,15	4,15	0,18	89,05	0,75	3,20	0,35	8,50	0,88
70	0,48	0,82	5,92	4,53 BE	84,82	0,24	3,24	0,48	8,09	0,35
71	0,42	-0,72	4,19	0,27	83,54	0,09	3,08	-0,03	7,95	0,18
73	0,44	-0,19	4,10	0,06	81,00	-0,22	3,10	0,03	8,00	0,24
74	0,40	-1,08	3,80	-0,68	76,10	-0,81	2,80	-0,95	7,30	-0,65
90	0,46	0,26	4,11	0,08	83,98	0,14	3,15	0,19	8,10	0,37
106	0,47	0,48	4,00	-0,19	81,19	-0,20	3,00	-0,30	7,81	0,00
111	0,49	1,00	4,40	0,80	86,72	0,47	3,26	0,55	8,26	0,58
129	0,36	-1,97	3,65	-1,05	84,10	0,16	3,11	0,06	7,39	-0,54
138	0,41	-0,86	3,94	-0,34	88,70	0,71	3,04	-0,17	8,10	0,37
177	0,25	-4,42 BE	4,34	0,65	69,00	-1,67	2,56	-1,72	6,68	-1,45
206	0,38	-1,52	3,69	-0,95	68,30	-1,75	2,66	-1,40	7,13	-0,87
252	0,42	-0,63	3,94	-0,34	85,57	0,33	2,99	-0,33	7,71	-0,13
263	0,47	0,57	4,52	1,09	82,40	-0,05	2,65	-1,43	7,72	-0,11
269	0,51	1,26	4,26	0,45	90,70	0,95	3,32	0,74	8,62	1,04
272	0,44	-0,19	4,10	0,06	83,40	0,07	3,20	0,35	8,13	0,41
279	0,41	-0,77	3,91	-0,41	86,70	0,47	3,30	0,67	6,86	-1,22
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Method	ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2	
Assessment	Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00	
No. of laboratories that submitted results	23		23		23		23		23	
Mean	0,45		4,08		82,81		3,09		7,81	



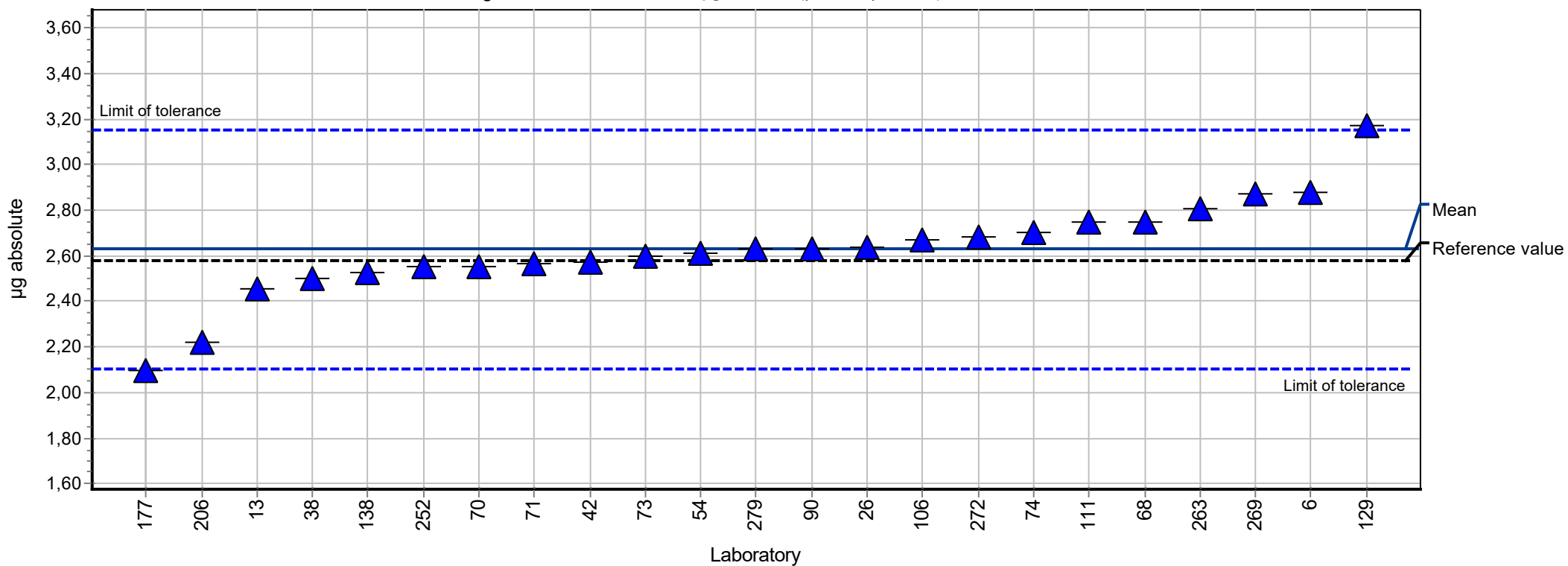
	cobalt	Z score	copper	Z score	lead	Z score	manganese	Z score	nickel	Z score
Reproducibility s.d.	0,04		0,23		5,89		0,24		0,49	
Rel. reproducibility s.d.	8,76 %		5,56 %		7,12 %		7,77 %		6,34 %	
Reference value	0,46		3,93		81,90		2,93		8,11	
Target s.d.	0,04		0,41		8,28		0,31		0,78	
Rel. target s.d.	10,00 %		10,00 %		10,00 %		10,00 %		10,00 %	
Lower limit of tolerance	0,36		3,26		66,25		2,47		6,25	
Upper limit of tolerance	0,54		4,89		99,37		3,71		9,37	
Type B outliers	1		1							
Type F outliers										
No. of laboratories after elimination of outliers type A-D and F (without laboratories that only gave states but no measured values)	22		22		23		23		23	
Explanation of outlier types										
A: Single outlier	Grubbs									
B: Differing laboratory mean	Grubbs									
C: Excessive laboratory s.d.	Cochran									
D: Excluded manually										
E: mean outside tolerance limits										
F:  Z-Score >3,5										
	zinc		Z score		indium		Z score			
Unit	µg absolute				µg absolute					
6	53,43	1,02	0,227	0,84						
13	50,55	0,43	0,223	0,65						
26	47,65	-0,17	0,100	-5,22	FE					
38	40,00	-1,75	0,220	0,51						
42	49,37	0,19	0,230	0,99						
54	44,94	-0,73	0,198	-0,56						
68	53,60	1,06	< 0,350							
70	50,18	0,35								

	zinc	Z score	indium	Z score
71	50,40	0,40	0,784	27,45 BE
73	50,00	0,32	0,210	0,03
74	45,30	-0,65		
90	48,79	0,07	0,160	-2,36 E
106	44,78	-0,76	0,220	0,51
111	50,67	0,45	0,224	0,70
129	46,00	-0,51		
138	42,00	-1,33	0,220	0,51
177	48,80	0,07	0,100	-5,22 FE
206	42,00	-1,33	0,170	-1,88
252	45,34	-0,65	0,200	-0,45
263	55,62	1,48	0,220	0,51
269	54,60	1,26	0,279	3,33 FE
272	53,10	0,96		
279	47,70	-0,16		
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Method	ISO 5725-2		ISO 5725-2	
Assessment	Z <=2,00		Z <=2,00	
No. of laboratories that submitted results	23		18	
Mean	48,47		0,209	
Reproducibility s.d.	4,20		0,022	
Rel. reproducibility s.d.	8,67 %		10,50 %	
Reference value	49,60		0,208	
Target s.d.	4,85		0,021	
Rel. target s.d.	10,00 %		10,00 %	
Lower limit of tolerance	38,78		0,167	
Upper limit of tolerance	58,16		0,251	
Type B outliers			1	
Type F outliers			3	
No. of laboratories after elimination of outliers type A-D and F (without laboratories that only gave states but no measured values)	23		13	

## Summary results

**Measurand:** cobalt      **Mean:** 2,63 µg absolute  
**Sample:** 1      **Reprod. s.d.:** 0,21 µg absolute  
**Method:** ISO 5725-2      **Rel.reprod. s.d.:** 8,15%  
**Rel.target s.d.:** 10,00% (Limited)      **Reference value:** 2,58 µg absolute

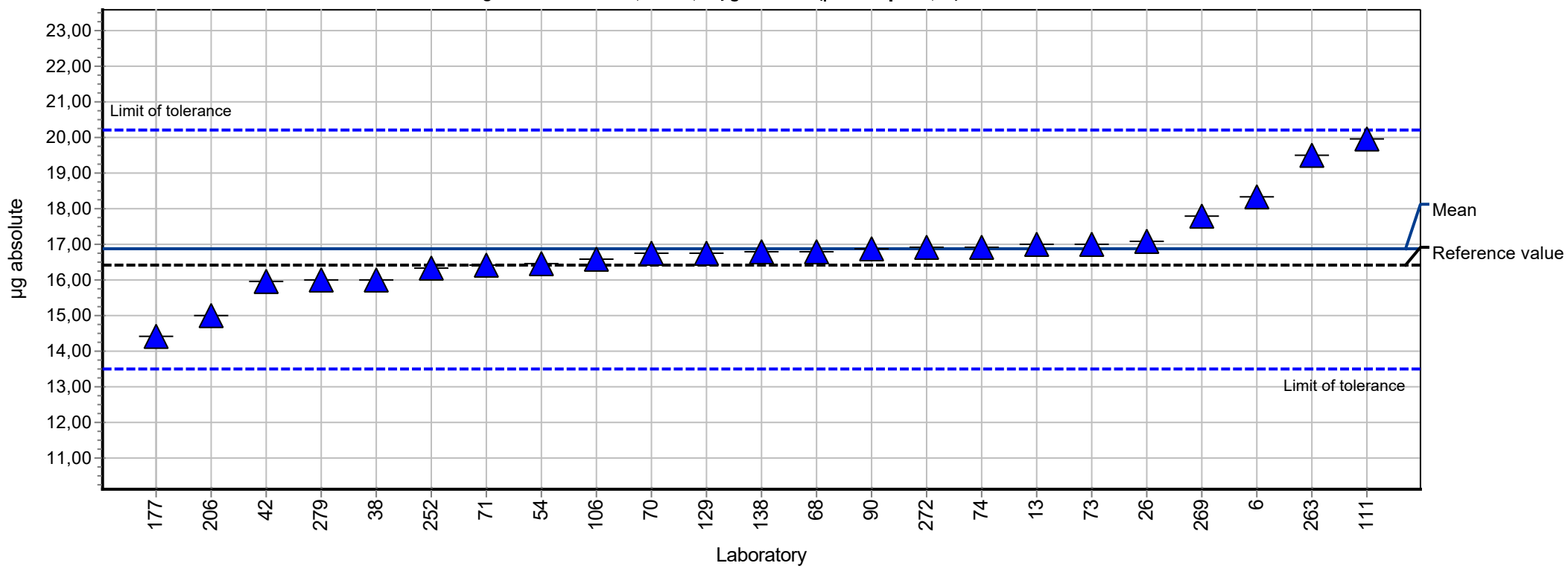
**Number of laboratories in calculation:** 23      **Range of tolerance:** 2,10 - 3,15 µg absolute ( $|Z\text{-Score}| \leq 2,00$ )



## Summary results

**Measurand:** copper      **Mean:** 16,85 µg absolute  
**Sample:** 1      **Reprod. s.d.:** 1,21 µg absolute  
**Method:** ISO 5725-2      **Rel.reprod. s.d.:** 7,19%  
**Rel.target s.d.:** 10,00% (Limited)      **Reference value:** 16,40 µg absolute

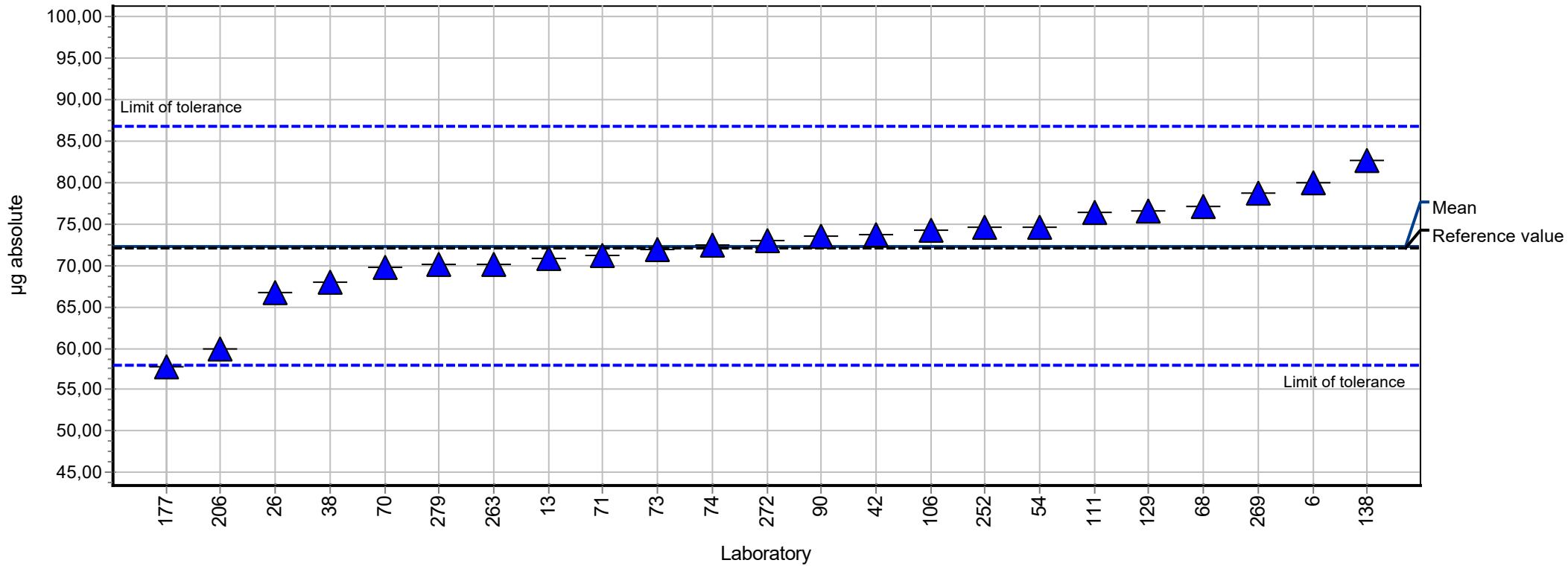
**Number of laboratories in calculation:** 23      **Range of tolerance:** 13,48 - 20,22 µg absolute ( $|Z\text{-Score}| \leq 2,00$ )



## Summary results

**Measurand:** lead      **Mean:** 72,37 µg absolute  
**Sample:** 1      **Reprod. s.d.:** 5,71 µg absolute  
**Method:** ISO 5725-2      **Rel.reprod. s.d.:** 7,89%  
**Rel.target s.d.:** 10,00% (Limited)      **Reference value:** 72,10 µg absolute

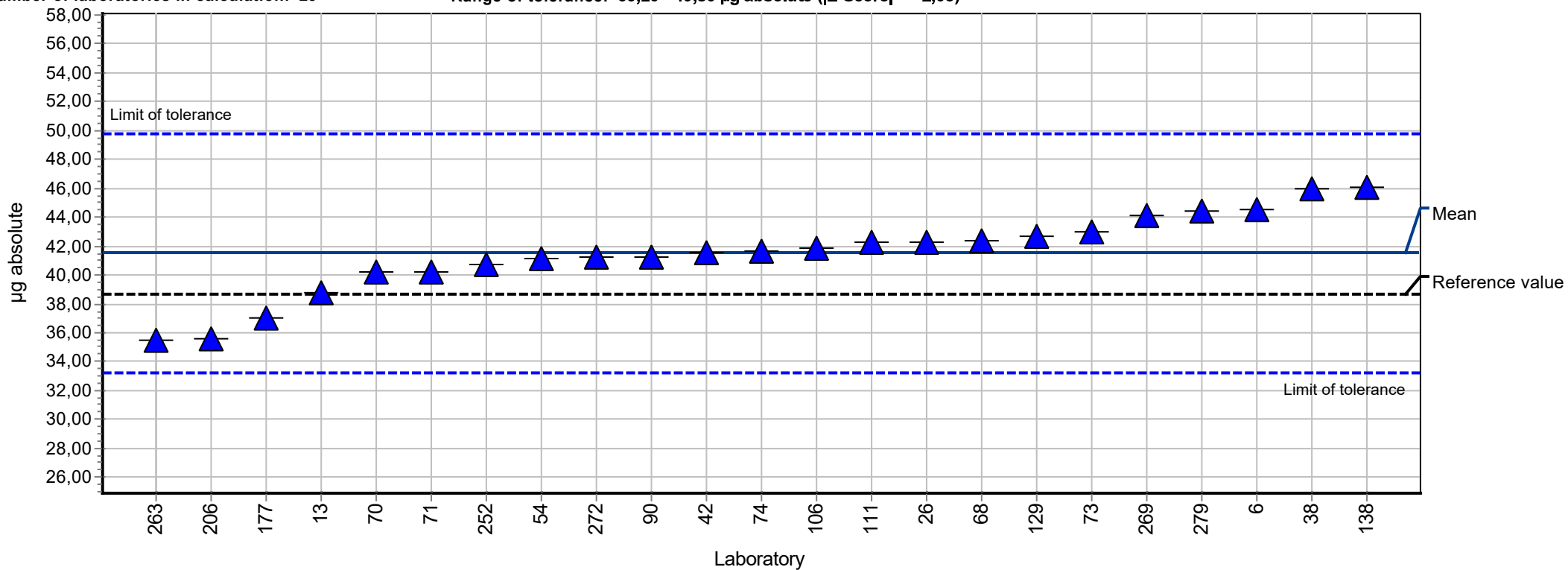
**Number of laboratories in calculation:** 23      **Range of tolerance:** 57,89 - 86,84 µg absolute ( $|Z\text{-Score}| \leq 2,00$ )



## Summary results

**Measurand:** manganese      **Mean:** 41,50 µg absolute  
**Sample:** 1                      **Reprod. s.d.:** 2,81 µg absolute  
**Method:** ISO 5725-2        **Rel.reprod. s.d.:** 6,78%  
**Rel.target s.d.:** 10,00% (Limited)    **Reference value:** 38,70 µg absolute

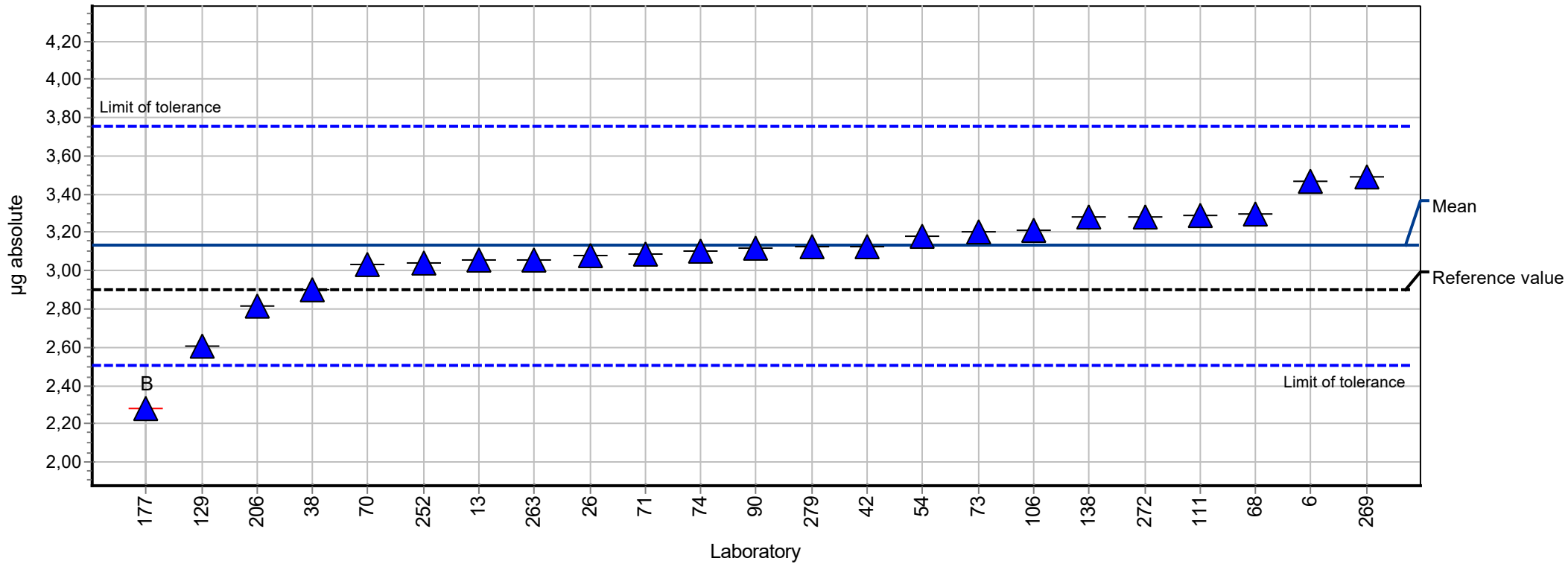
**Number of laboratories in calculation:** 23      **Range of tolerance:** 33,20 - 49,80 µg absolute ( $|Z\text{-Score}| \leq 2,00$ )



## Summary results

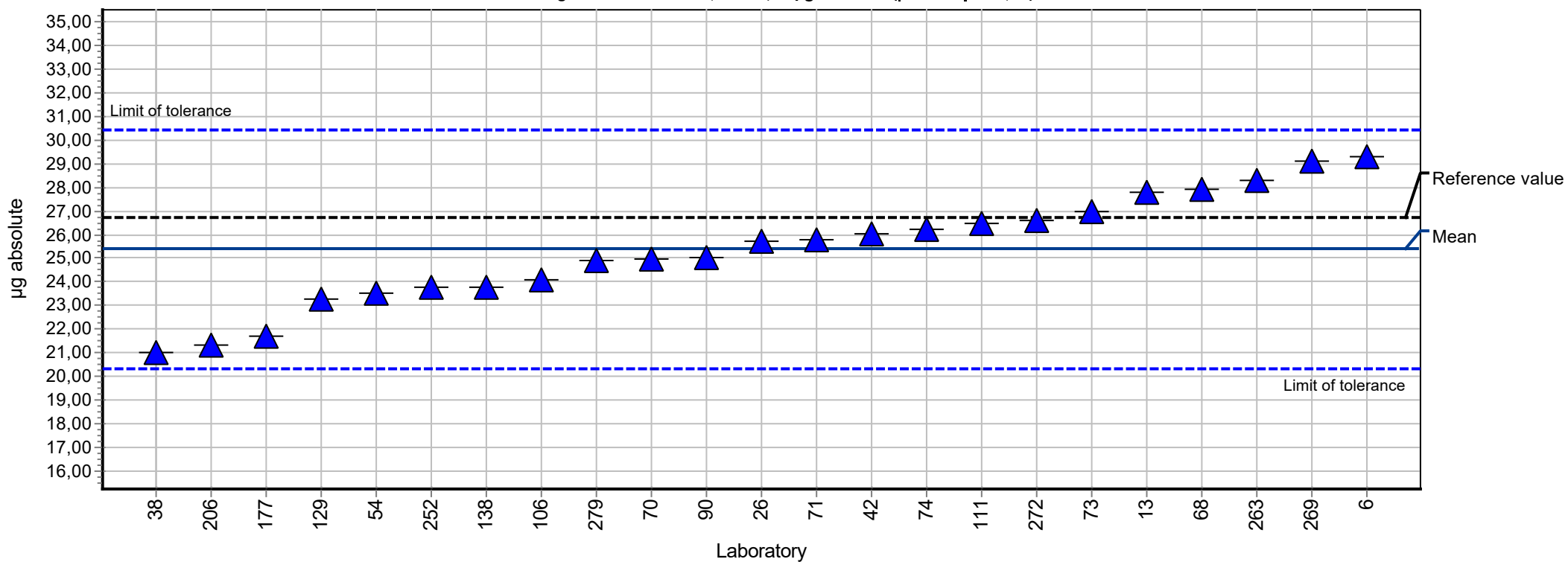
**Measurand:** nickel      **Mean:** 3,13 µg absolute  
**Sample:** 1      **Reprod. s.d.:** 0,20 µg absolute  
**Method:** ISO 5725-2      **Rel.reprod. s.d.:** 6,27%  
**Rel.target s.d.:** 10,00% (Limited)      **Reference value:** 2,90 µg absolute

**Number of laboratories in calculation + outliers:** 23      **Range of tolerance:** 2,50 - 3,76 µg absolute ( $|Z\text{-Score}| \leq 2,00$ )



## Summary results

<b>Measurand:</b>	<b>zinc</b>	<b>Mean:</b>	<b>25,38 µg absolute</b>
<b>Sample:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Reprod. s.d.:</b>	<b>2,35 µg absolute</b>
<b>Method:</b>	<b>ISO 5725-2</b>	<b>Rel.reprod. s.d.:</b>	<b>9,25%</b>
<b>Rel.target s.d.:</b>	<b>10,00% (Limited)</b>	<b>Reference value:</b>	<b>26,70 µg absolute</b>
<b>Number of laboratories in calculation:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Range of tolerance:</b>	<b>20,30 - 30,45 µg absolute ( Z-Score  ≤ 2,00)</b>

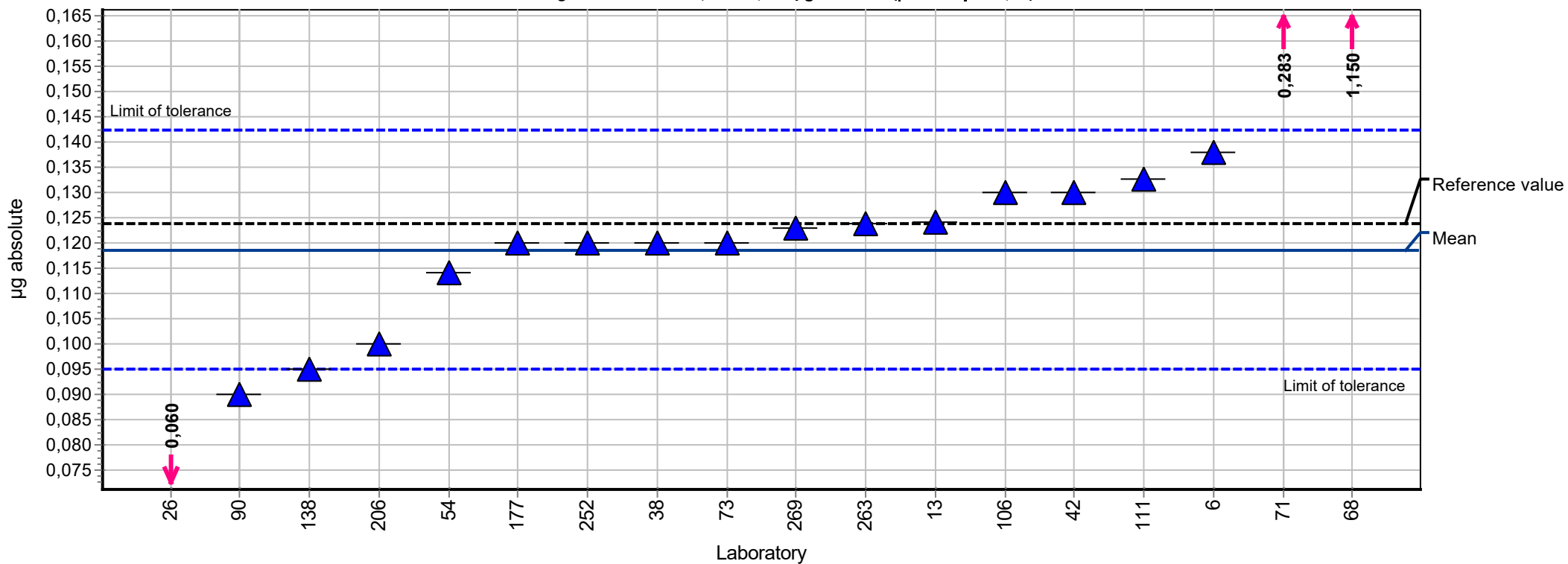




## Summary results

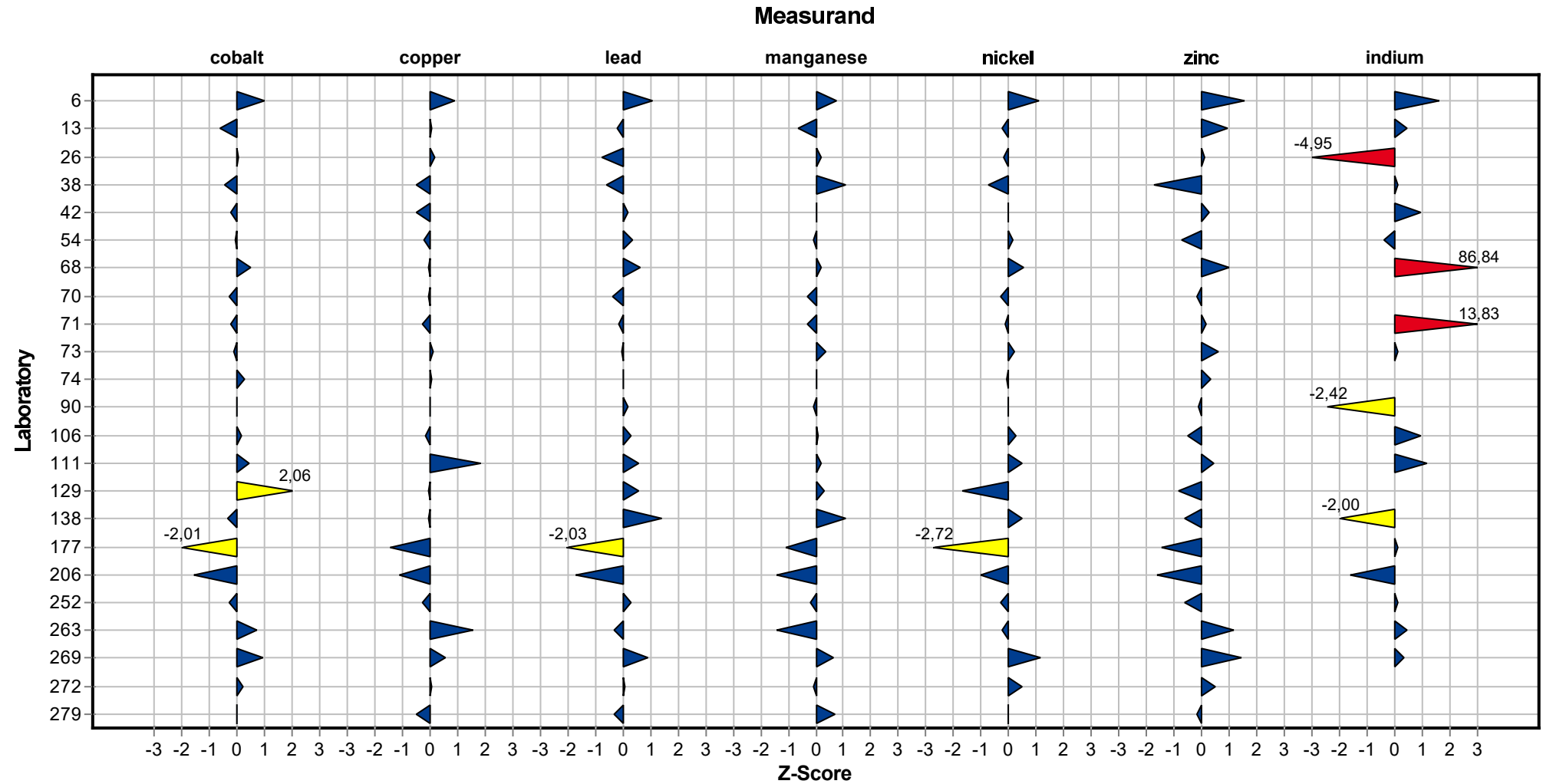
**Measurand:** indium      **Mean:** 0,119 µg absolute  
**Sample:** 1      **Reprod. s.d.:** 0,014 µg absolute  
**Method:** ISO 5725-2      **Rel.reprod. s.d.:** 11,61%  
**Rel.target s.d.:** 10,00% (Limited)      **Reference value:** 0,124 µg absolute

**Number of laboratories in calculation + outliers:** 18      **Range of tolerance:** 0,095 - 0,143 µg absolute ( $|Z\text{-Score}| \leq 2,00$ )



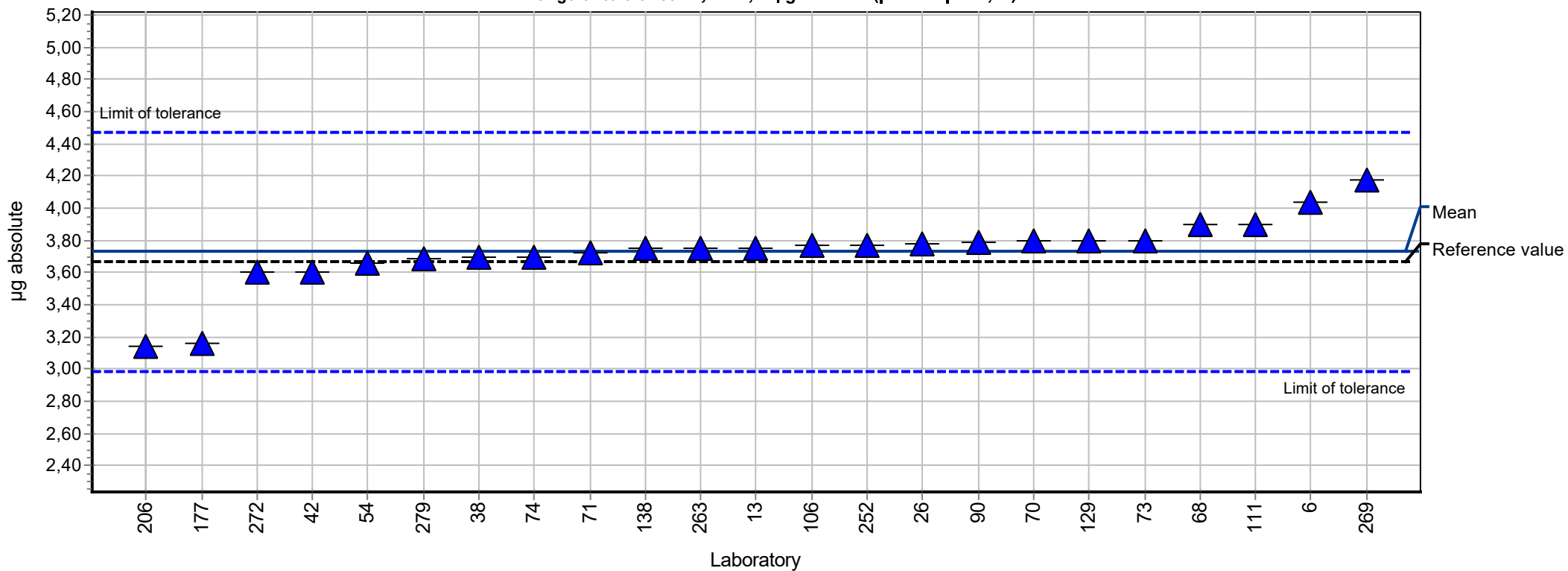
# Sample chart of Z-scores

Sample 1



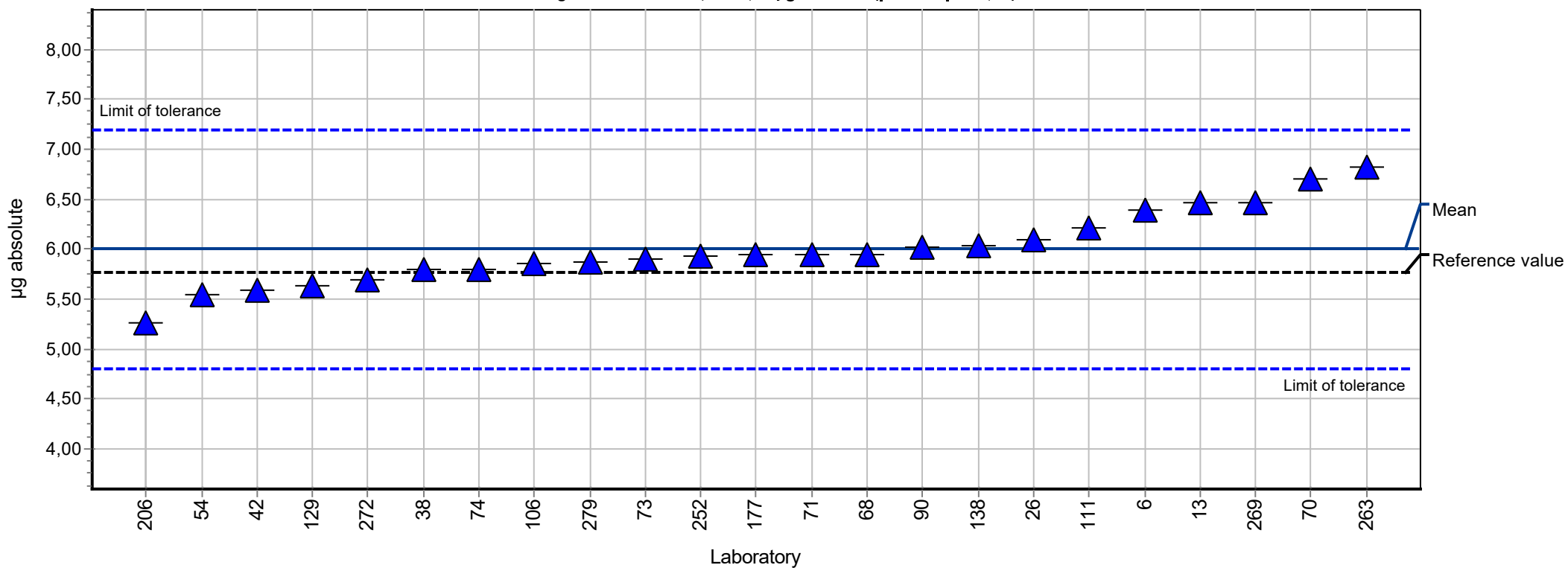
## Summary results

<b>Measurand:</b>	cobalt	<b>Mean:</b>	3,73 µg absolute
<b>Sample:</b>	2	<b>Reprod. s.d.:</b>	0,22 µg absolute
<b>Method:</b>	ISO 5725-2	<b>Rel.reprod. s.d.:</b>	5,99%
<b>Rel.target s.d.:</b>	10,00% (Limited)	<b>Reference value:</b>	3,67 µg absolute
<b>Number of laboratories in calculation:</b> 23		<b>Range of tolerance:</b> 2,98 - 4,47 µg absolute ( $ Z\text{-Score}  \leq 2,00$ )	



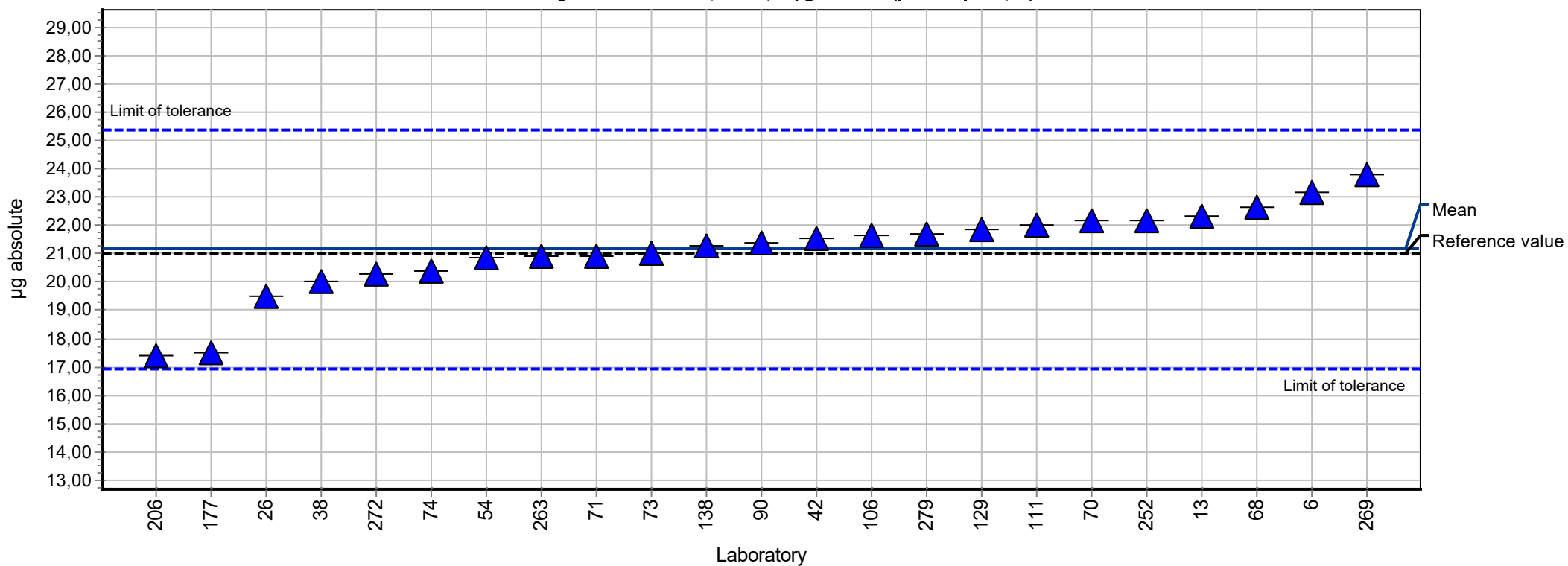
## Summary results

<b>Measurand:</b>	copper	<b>Mean:</b>	6,00 µg absolute
<b>Sample:</b>	2	<b>Reprod. s.d.:</b>	0,38 µg absolute
<b>Method:</b>	ISO 5725-2	<b>Rel.reprod. s.d.:</b>	6,26%
<b>Rel.target s.d.:</b>	10,00% (Limited)	<b>Reference value:</b>	5,77 µg absolute
<b>Number of laboratories in calculation:</b>	23	<b>Range of tolerance:</b>	4,80 - 7,20 µg absolute ( $ Z\text{-Score}  \leq 2,00$ )



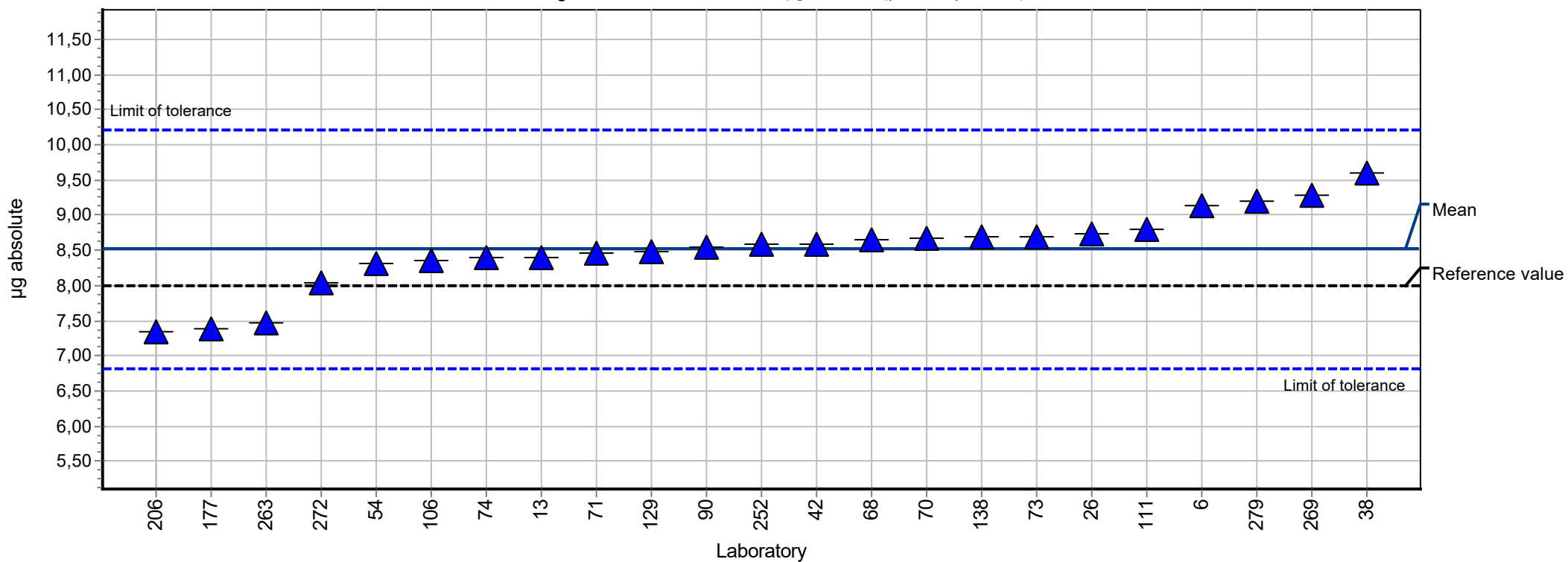
## Summary results

<b>Measurand:</b>	lead	<b>Mean:</b>	21,14 µg absolute
<b>Sample:</b>	2	<b>Reprod. s.d.:</b>	1,53 µg absolute
<b>Method:</b>	ISO 5725-2	<b>Rel.reprod. s.d.:</b>	7,25%
<b>Rel.target s.d.:</b>	10,00% (Limited)	<b>Reference value:</b>	21,00 µg absolute
<b>Number of laboratories in calculation:</b> 23		<b>Range of tolerance:</b> 16,92 - 25,37 µg absolute ( $ Z\text{-Score}  \leq 2,00$ )	



## Summary results

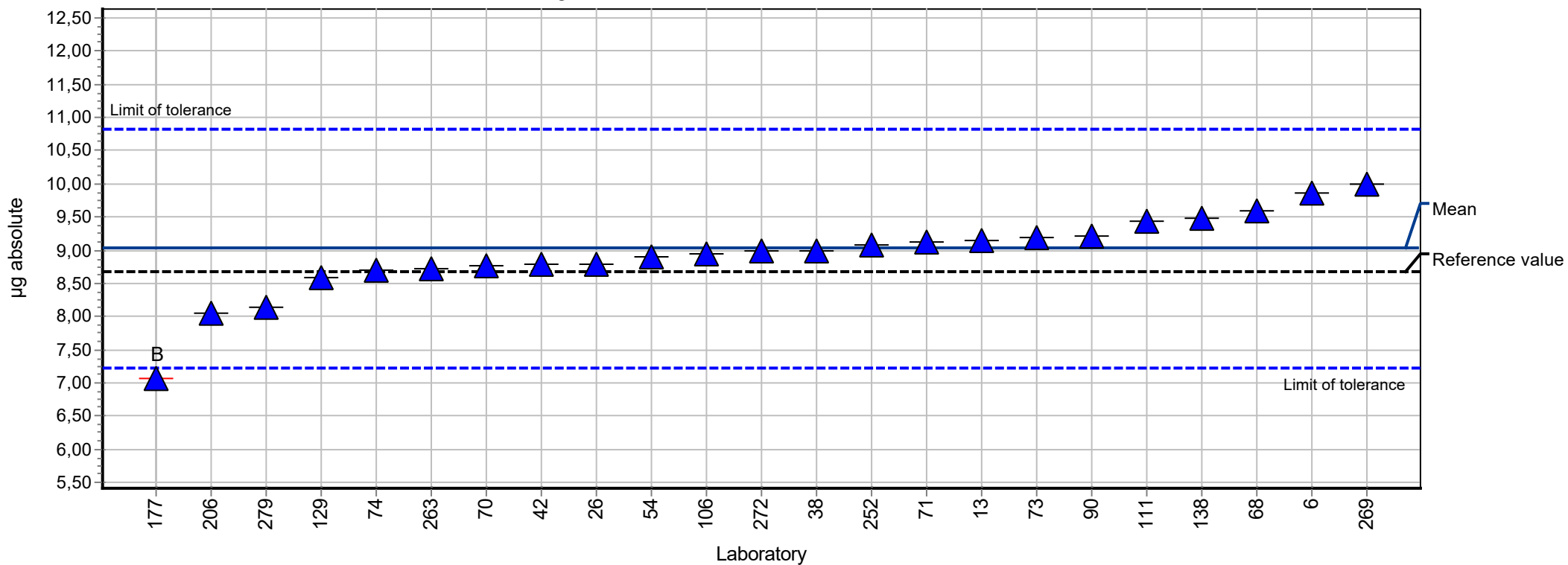
<b>Measurand:</b>	manganese	<b>Mean:</b>	8,51 µg absolute
<b>Sample:</b>	2	<b>Reprod. s.d.:</b>	0,56 µg absolute
<b>Method:</b>	ISO 5725-2	<b>Rel.reprod. s.d.:</b>	6,61%
<b>Rel.target s.d.:</b>	10,00% (Limited)	<b>Reference value:</b>	8,00 µg absolute
<b>Number of laboratories in calculation:</b> 23		<b>Range of tolerance:</b> 6,81 - 10,22 µg absolute ( $ Z\text{-Score}  \leq 2,00$ )	



## Summary results

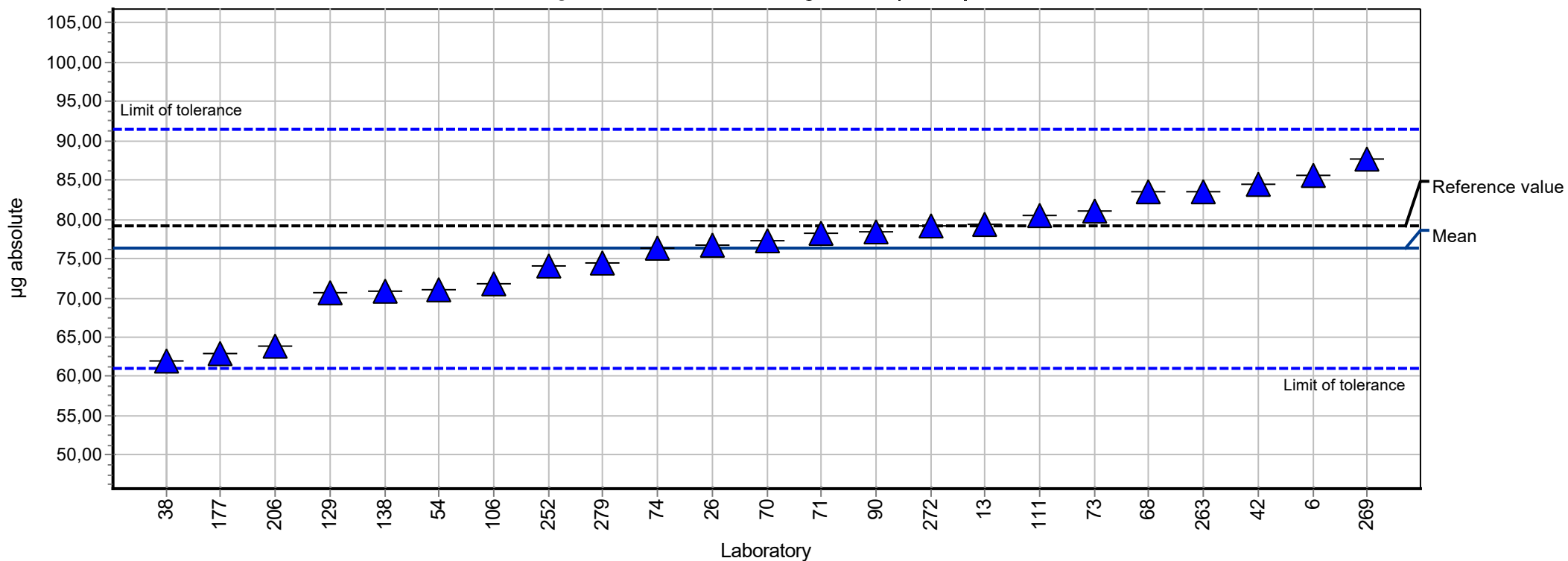
**Measurand:** nickel      **Mean:** 9,02 µg absolute  
**Sample:** 2      **Reprod. s.d.:** 0,48 µg absolute  
**Method:** ISO 5725-2      **Rel.reprod. s.d.:** 5,29%  
**Rel.target s.d.:** 10,00% (Limited)      **Reference value:** 8,67 µg absolute

**Number of laboratories in calculation + outliers:** 23      **Range of tolerance:** 7,22 - 10,83 µg absolute ( $|Z\text{-Score}| \leq 2,00$ )



## Summary results

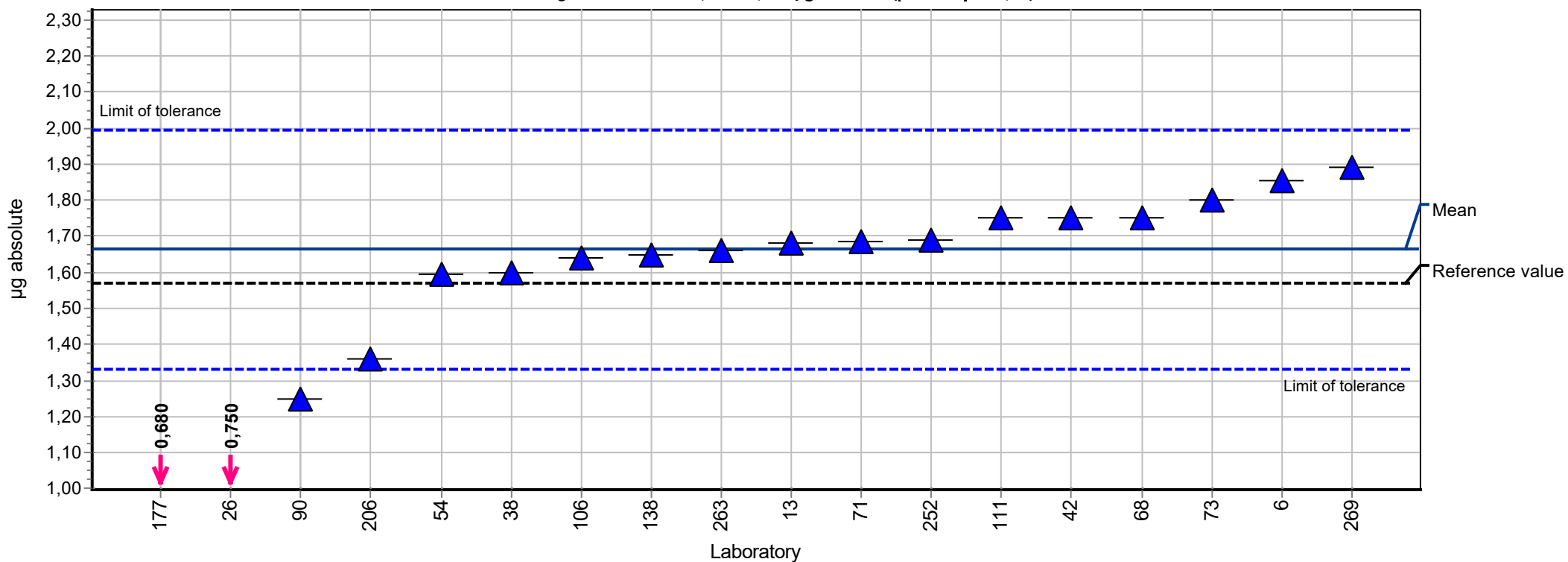
<b>Measurand:</b>	zinc	<b>Mean:</b>	76,24 µg absolute
<b>Sample:</b>	2	<b>Reprod. s.d.:</b>	7,10 µg absolute
<b>Method:</b>	ISO 5725-2	<b>Rel.reprod. s.d.:</b>	9,31%
<b>Rel.target s.d.:</b>	10,00% (Limited)	<b>Reference value:</b>	79,10 µg absolute
<b>Number of laboratories in calculation:</b>	23	<b>Range of tolerance:</b>	60,99 - 91,48 µg absolute ( $ Z\text{-Score}  \leq 2,00$ )





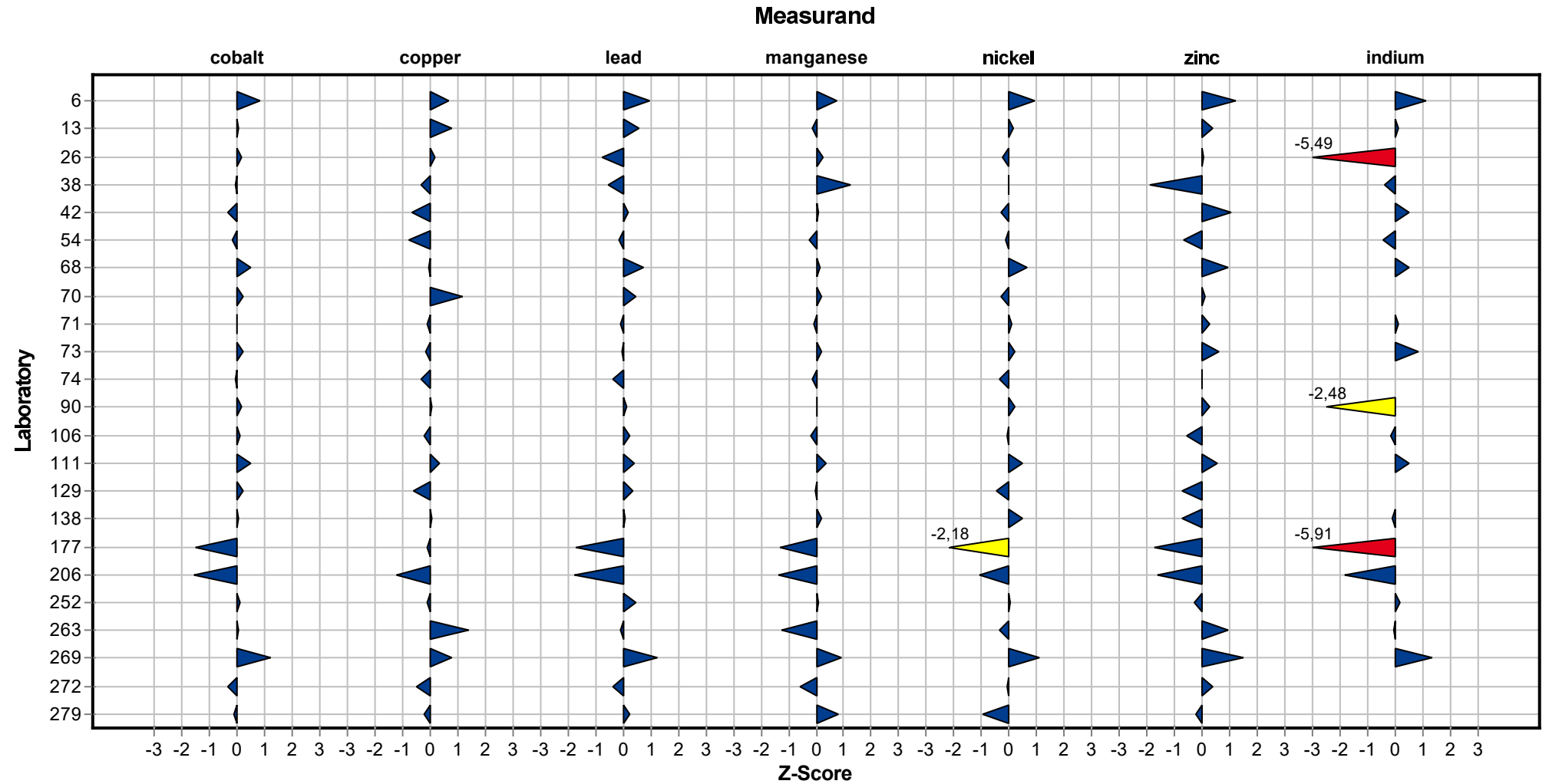
## Summary results

<b>Measurand:</b>	indium	<b>Mean:</b>	1,663 µg absolute
<b>Sample:</b>	2	<b>Reprod. s.d.:</b>	0,164 µg absolute
<b>Method:</b>	ISO 5725-2	<b>Rel.reprod. s.d.:</b>	9,85%
<b>Rel.target s.d.:</b>	10,00% (Limited)	<b>Reference value:</b>	1,570 µg absolute
<b>Number of laboratories in calculation:</b> 16		<b>Range of tolerance:</b> 1,330 - 1,995 µg absolute ( $ Z\text{-Score}  \leq 2,00$ )	



# Sample chart of Z-scores

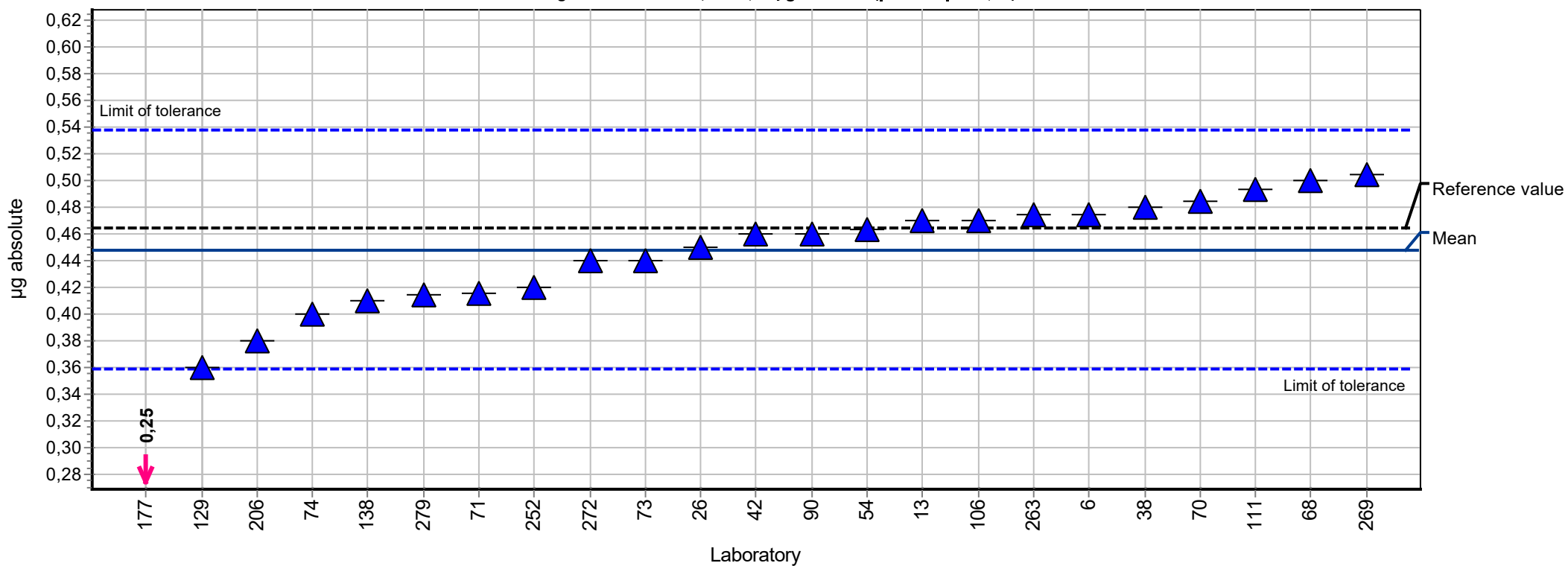
Sample 2



## Summary results

Measurand:	cobalt	Mean:	0,45 µg absolute
Sample:	3	Reprod. s.d.:	0,04 µg absolute
Method:	ISO 5725-2	Rel.reprod. s.d.:	8,76%
Rel.target s.d.:	10,00% (Limited)	Reference value:	0,46 µg absolute

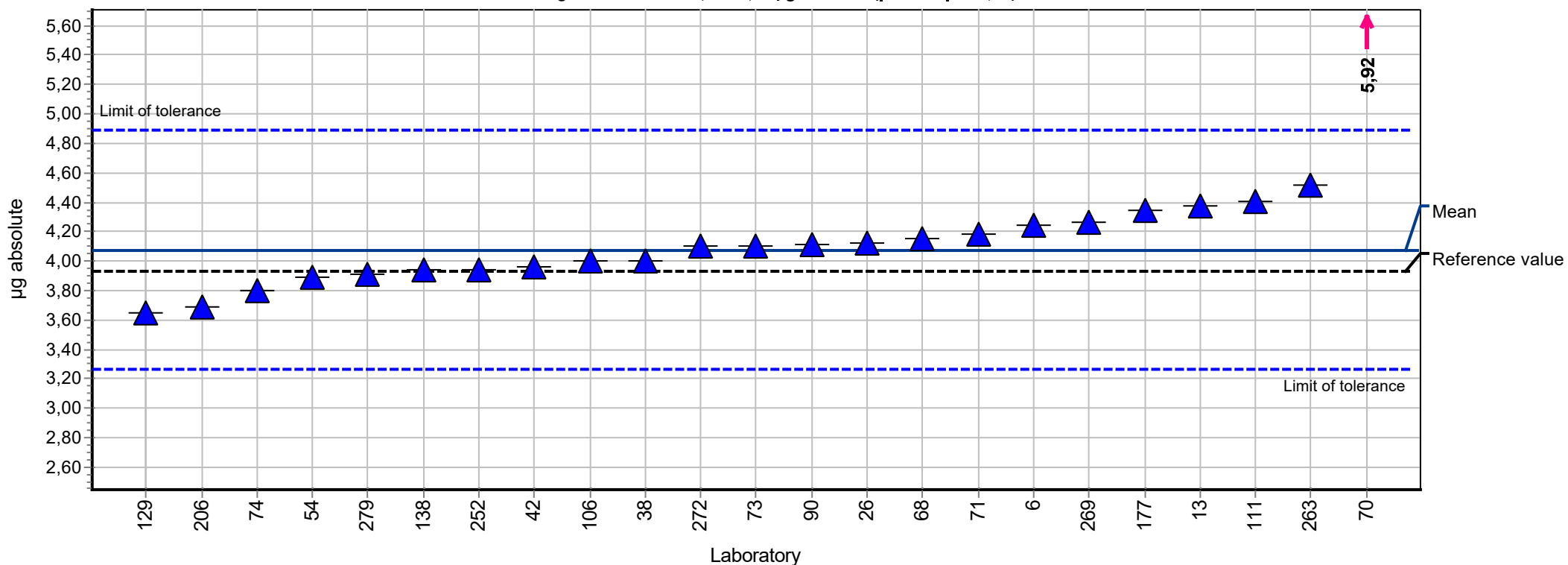
Number of laboratories in calculation + outliers: 23      Range of tolerance: 0,36 - 0,54 µg absolute ( $|Z\text{-Score}| \leq 2,00$ )



## Summary results

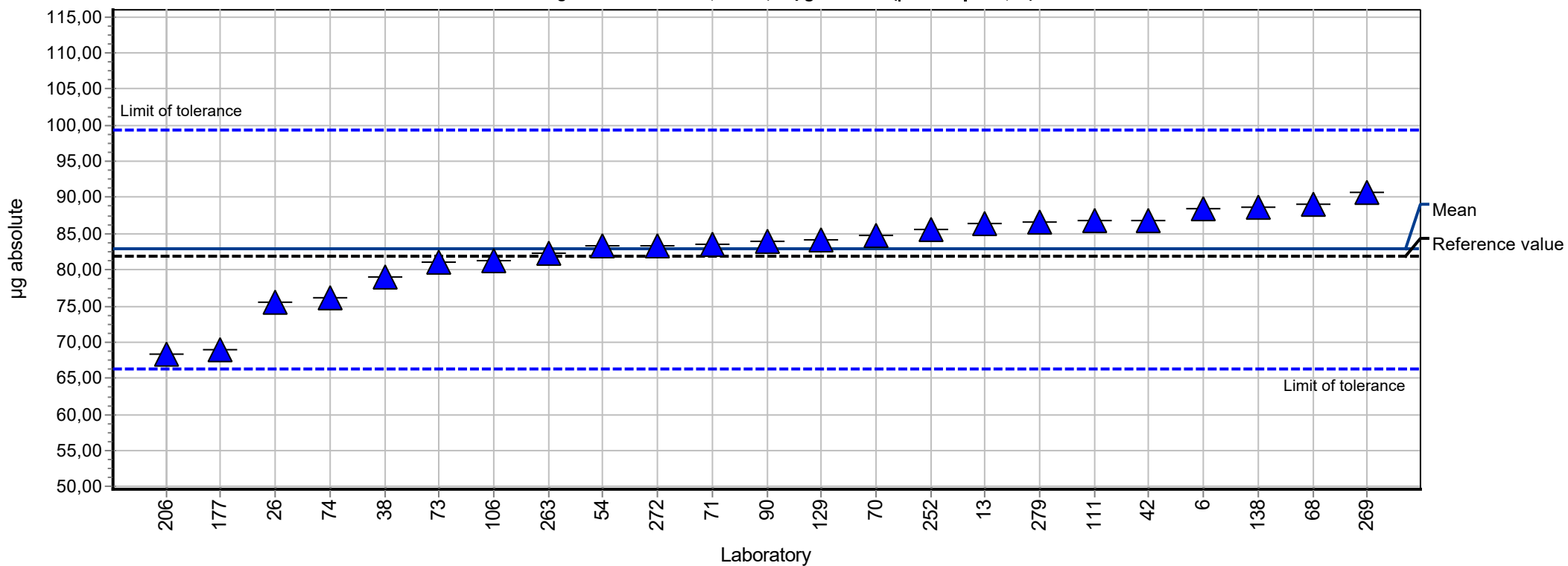
**Measurand:** copper      **Mean:** 4,08 µg absolute  
**Sample:** 3      **Reprod. s.d.:** 0,23 µg absolute  
**Method:** ISO 5725-2      **Rel.reprod. s.d.:** 5,56%  
**Rel.target s.d.:** 10,00% (Limited)      **Reference value:** 3,93 µg absolute

**Number of laboratories in calculation + outliers:** 23      **Range of tolerance:** 3,26 - 4,89 µg absolute ( $|Z\text{-Score}| \leq 2,00$ )



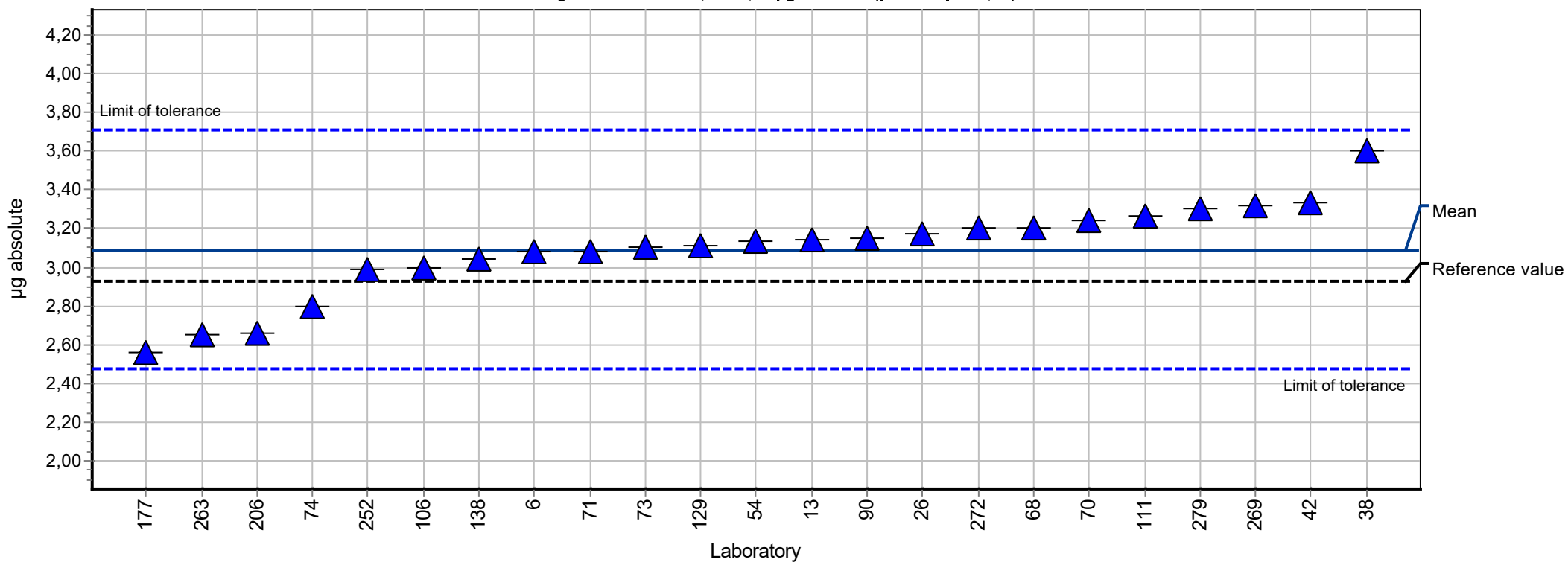
## Summary results

<b>Measurand:</b>	lead	<b>Mean:</b>	82,81 µg absolute
<b>Sample:</b>	3	<b>Reprod. s.d.:</b>	5,89 µg absolute
<b>Method:</b>	ISO 5725-2	<b>Rel.reprod. s.d.:</b>	7,12%
<b>Rel.target s.d.:</b>	10,00% (Limited)	<b>Reference value:</b>	81,90 µg absolute
<b>Number of laboratories in calculation:</b> 23		<b>Range of tolerance:</b> 66,25 - 99,37 µg absolute ( $ Z\text{-Score}  \leq 2,00$ )	



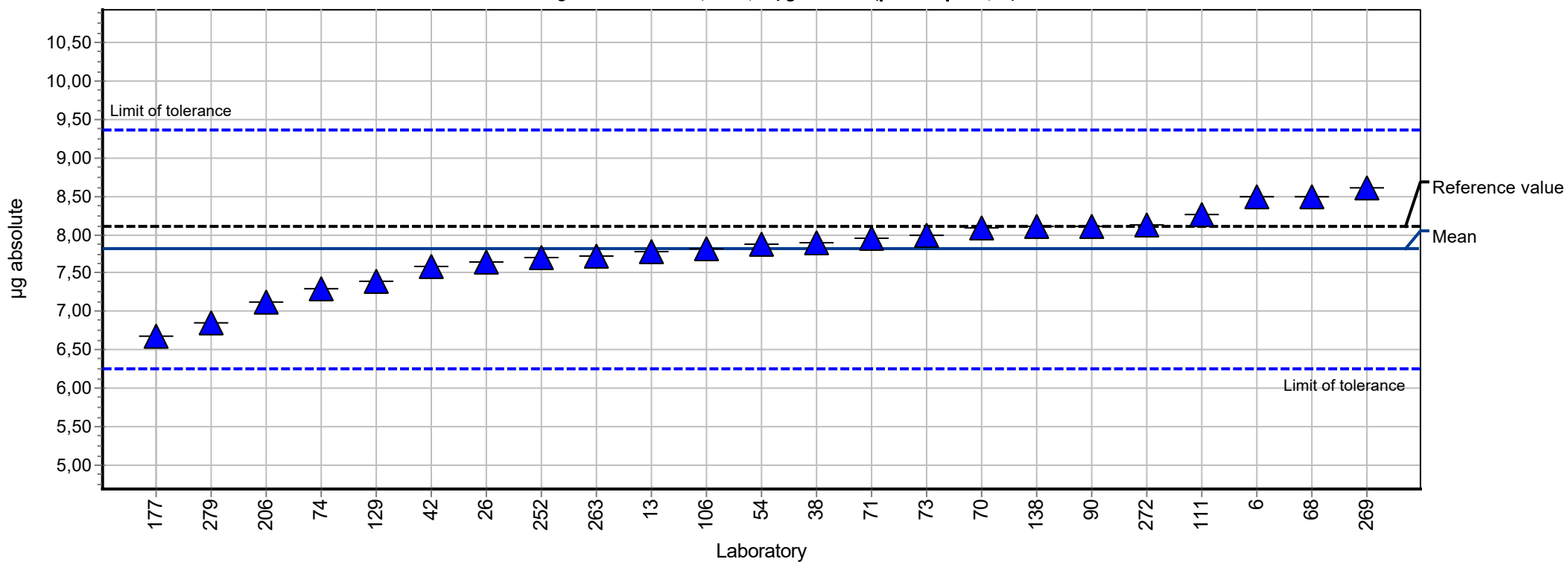
## Summary results

<b>Measurand:</b>	manganese	<b>Mean:</b>	3,09 µg absolute
<b>Sample:</b>	3	<b>Reprod. s.d.:</b>	0,24 µg absolute
<b>Method:</b>	ISO 5725-2	<b>Rel.reprod. s.d.:</b>	7,77%
<b>Rel.target s.d.:</b>	10,00% (Limited)	<b>Reference value:</b>	2,93 µg absolute
<b>Number of laboratories in calculation:</b> 23		<b>Range of tolerance:</b> 2,47 - 3,71 µg absolute ( $ Z\text{-Score}  \leq 2,00$ )	



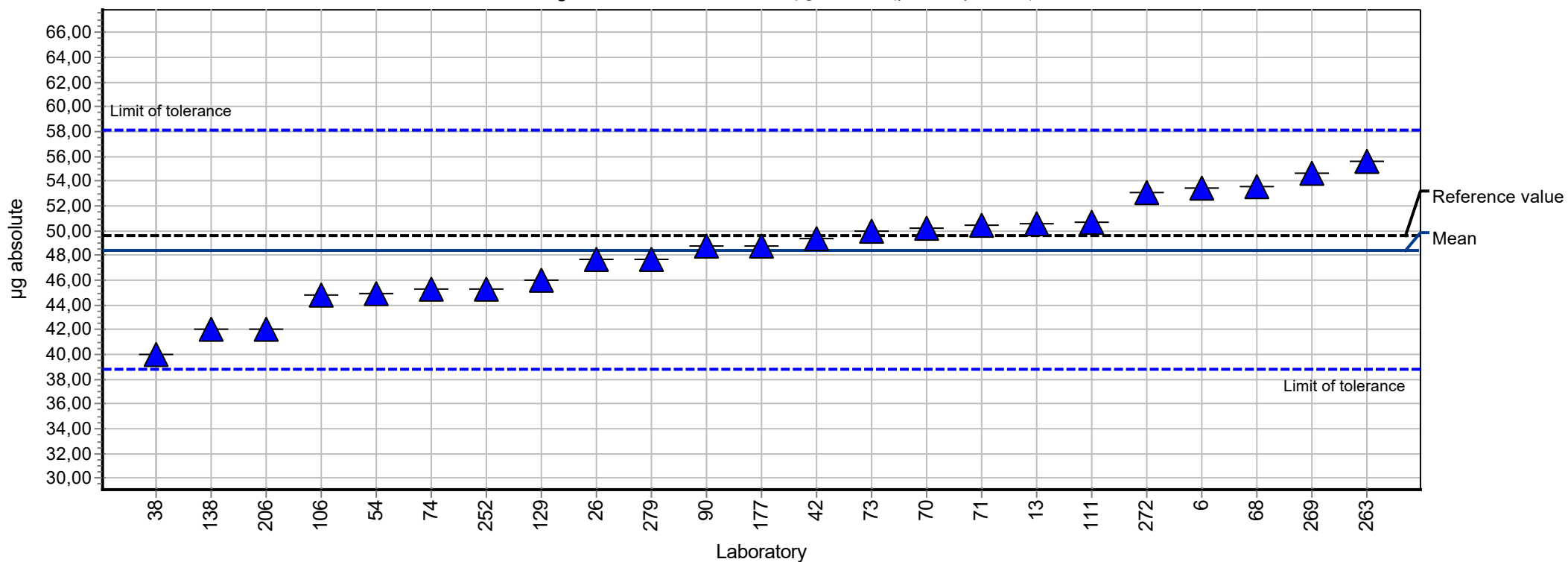
## Summary results

<b>Measurand:</b>	<b>nickel</b>	<b>Mean:</b>	<b>7,81 µg absolute</b>
<b>Sample:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Reprod. s.d.:</b>	<b>0,49 µg absolute</b>
<b>Method:</b>	<b>ISO 5725-2</b>	<b>Rel.reprod. s.d.:</b>	<b>6,34%</b>
<b>Rel.target s.d.:</b>	<b>10,00% (Limited)</b>	<b>Reference value:</b>	<b>8,11 µg absolute</b>
<b>Number of laboratories in calculation:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Range of tolerance:</b>	<b>6,25 - 9,37 µg absolute ( Z-Score  ≤ 2,00)</b>



## Summary results

<b>Measurand:</b>	<b>zinc</b>	<b>Mean:</b>	<b>48,47 µg absolute</b>
<b>Sample:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Reprod. s.d.:</b>	<b>4,20 µg absolute</b>
<b>Method:</b>	<b>ISO 5725-2</b>	<b>Rel.reprod. s.d.:</b>	<b>8,67%</b>
<b>Rel.target s.d.:</b>	<b>10,00% (Limited)</b>	<b>Reference value:</b>	<b>49,60 µg absolute</b>
<b>Number of laboratories in calculation: 23</b>		<b>Range of tolerance: 38,78 - 58,16 µg absolute ( Z-Score  &lt;= 2,00)</b>	

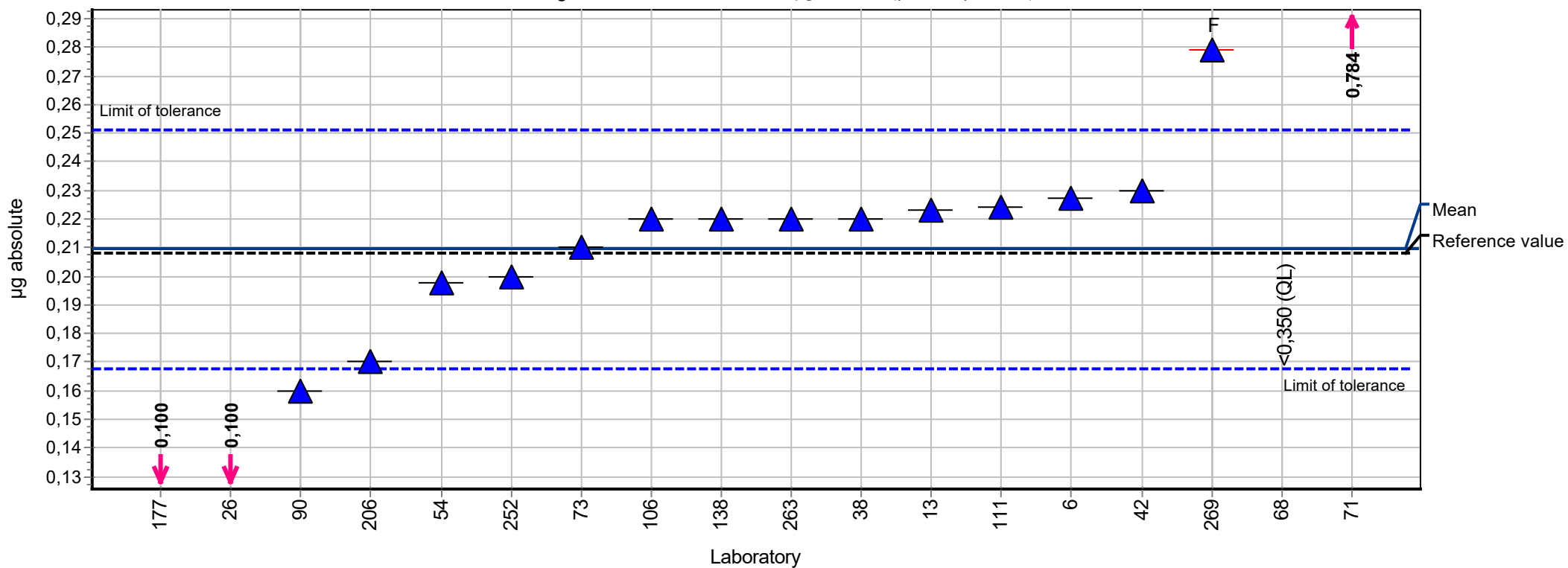




## Summary results

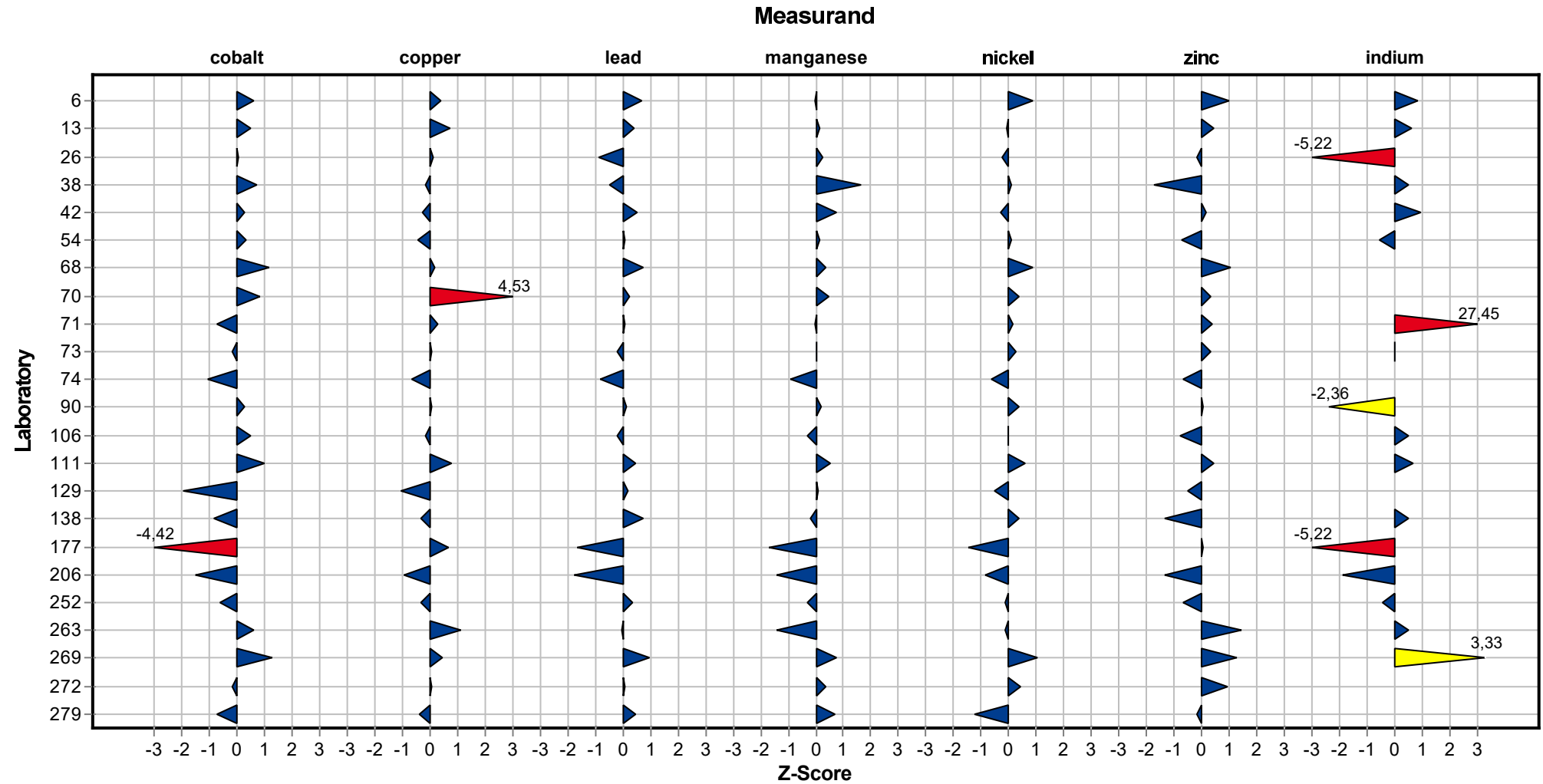
**Measurand:** indium      **Mean:** 0,209 µg absolute  
**Sample:** 3      **Reprod. s.d.:** 0,022 µg absolute  
**Method:** ISO 5725-2      **Rel.reprod. s.d.:** 10,50%  
**Rel.target s.d.:** 10,00% (Limited)      **Reference value:** 0,208 µg absolute

**Number of laboratories in calculation + outliers:** 14      **Range of tolerance:** 0,167 - 0,251 µg absolute ( $|Z\text{-Score}| \leq 2,00$ )



# Sample chart of Z-scores

Sample 3



## Questions and Answers

Participant	pulping method	acid concentration
6	IFA- Arbeitsmappe, Blatt 6015	HNO3 65%, HCl 25%
13	Own method	12% HNO3 in final solution
26	Mikrow ellenaufschluss in Anlehnung an IFA 6015	3mL HNO3 (65%) + 2mLHF (40%)
38	MW-Aufschluss nach Blatt 6015	69%
42	IFA-Arbeitsmappe, 6015	HNO3 65%, HCl 25%
54	IFA Arbeitsmappe, Blatt 6015, offener Aufschluss	69 % Salpetersäure, 25 % Salzsäure
68		37 % HCl / 65% HNO3
70	IFA-Mikrow ellendruckaufschluss	65%ige Salpetersäure
71	nach BIA	HNO3 65 %ig ; HCl 30 %ig
73	folder Mikrow ave (5 ml HNO3)	65 %
74	IFA 6015 10ml HNO3 aufgeschlossen in der Mikrow elle	65%
90	Microw ave digestion method 6015	HNO3 65 %
106	Lösung in 65 % Salpetersäure bei 80 °C	65 % Salpetersäure
111	IFA-Arbeitsmappe, Blatt 6015	Salpetersäure 65%
129	IFA- Arbeitsmappe, Blatt 6015	Salpetersäure: 65%; Salzsäure: 30%
138	Mikrow ave digestion according BGIA 6015	HNO3 65 % / HCl 25 %
177	IFA-Arbeitsmappe, Blatt 6015	HNO3 69% / HCl 37%
206		HCl 32%, HNO3 65%, H2O2 30%
252	IFA-Arbeitsmappe, Blatt 6015	entsprechend IFA-Arbeitsmappe, Blatt 6015
263	Microw ellendruckaufschluss nach IFA - Arbeitsmappe (Blatt 6015)	HNO3 65%
269	IFA-Arbeitsmappe Blatt 6015	2 Teile (v) HNO3 (65%) + 1 Teil (v) HCl (25%)
272	Mikrow ellendruckaufschluss nach IFA-Arbeitsmappe (Blatt 6015)	10 mL HNO3 (>65%)
279	Offener Standardaufschluss	HNO3 = 65%; HCl = 25%

Participant	mixing ratio
6	2:1
13	1:1
26	3/2
38	-

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Participant	mixing ratio
42	HNO <sub>3</sub> : HCl = 2 : 1
54	2 Anteile Salpetersäure, 1 Anteil Salzsäure
68	1:2
70	10 ml Salpetersäure
71	2:1
73	only HNO <sub>3</sub>
74	-
90	only HNO <sub>3</sub>
106	0,5 ml Salpetersäure
111	10 ml Salpetersäure
129	2:1
138	2 / 1
177	2:1
206	HNO <sub>3</sub> , HCl, H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1:1:1)
252	entsprechend IFA-Arbeitsmappe, Blatt 6015
263	-
269	Ausschluss mit 12,5ml des Gemisches nach 2
272	100% HNO <sub>3</sub>
279	HNO <sub>3</sub> : HCl = 2 : 1

Participant	time of pulping
6	2
13	2
26	25min + 15min Haltezeit + 10 Abkühlzeit = 0,83h
38	0,75
42	2
54	2 Stunden
68	2
70	in 15 min auf 220°C, in 5 min auf 240°C, 45 min halten -> 65 min
71	2h
73	0.6 h (35 min)
74	15 min. Rampe 45 min. Haltezeit

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Participant	time of pulping
90	1h30
106	2
111	0,25 Stunden Aufheizen auf 200°C, anschließend 1 Stunde halten bei 200°C
129	2
138	0,25
177	2
206	45 Min
252	0,5
263	45 Min
269	2h (siedend)
272	Rampe: 25 min, Maximale Temperatur: 240 °C, Haltezeit 45 min, Leistung: 16000 W, Gesamtlaufzeit 1,75 Std
279	2

Participant	reagent volume	equipment
6	50 ml	unter Rückfluss
13	25	Closed
26	Aufschlusslösung wird in 50 ml-Kolben überführt und mit Reinstwasser aufgefüllt	geschlossen
38	25	Mikrowelle
42	20	unter Rückfluss
54	20 ml	unter Rückfluss
68	50	geschlossen
70	aufgefüllt auf 25 ml	mikrowellenassistierter Druckaufschluss
71	25 mL	geschlossen
73	25 ml	closed (Mikrowelle)
74	25	Mikrowellenaufschluß
90	10 ml HNO <sub>3</sub> qsp 50 ml mit Wasser	closed
106	16,25 ml	geschlossen
111	25 ml	geschlossen (Mikrowellendruckaufschluss)
129	20	offen unter Rückfluss
138	50	closed
177	20	unter Rückfluss
206	Aufschluss (10 ml) mit internem Standard, direkt 1:10 gemessen	Mikrowellendruckaufschluss

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Participant	reagent volume	equipment
252	50 ml	offen
263	50 mL	geschlossen
269	auf 25ml mit Reinstw assen	offen unter Rückfluss
272	50 mL	Mikrow ellendruckaufschlussystem
279	25	offen unter Rückfluss

Participant	method for cobalt	method for lead	method for zinc	method for copper
6	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
13	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
26	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
38	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
42	ICP/MS	ICP/MS	ICP/MS	ICP/MS
54	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
68	ICP/OES	ICP/OES	ICP/OES	ICP/OES
70	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES
71	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES
73	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES
74	ICP/OES	ICP/OES	ICP/OES	ICP/OES
90	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
106	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
111	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
129	AAS/Flamme	AAS/Flamme	AAS/Flamme	AAS/Flamme
138	ICP / AES	ICP / AES	ICP / AES	ICP / AES
177	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES
206	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
252	ICP-OES/ ICP-MS	ICP-OES/ ICP-MS	ICP-OES/ ICP-MS	ICP-OES/ ICP-MS
263	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
269	DIN EN ISO 11885 (ICP-OES)	DIN EN ISO 11885 (ICP-OES)	DIN EN ISO 11885 (ICP-OES)	DIN EN ISO 11885 (ICP-OES)
272	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES
279	AAS-Graphitrohr	AAS-Graphitrohr und AAS-Flamme	AAS-Flamme	AAS-Graphitrohr

**Proficiency testing scheme Metals 2020**

<b>Participant</b>	<b>method for nickel</b>	<b>method for indium</b>	<b>method for mangan</b>
6	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
13	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
26	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
38	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
42	ICP/MS	ICP/MS	ICP/MS
54	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
68	ICP/OES	ICP/OES	ICP/OES
70	ICP-OES	Indium w urde nicht bestimmt	ICP-OES
71	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES
73	ICP-OES	ICP-MS/-OES	ICP-OES
74	ICP/OES	-	ICP/OES
90	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
106	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
111	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
129	AAS/Flamme		AAS/Flamme
138	ICP / AES	ICP / AES	ICP / AES
177	ICP-OES	AAS Graphitrohr	ICP-OES
206	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
252	ICP-OES/ ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-OES/ ICP-MS
263	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS
269	DIN EN ISO 11885 (ICP-OES)	DIN EN ISO 11885 (ICP-OES)	DIN EN ISO 11885 (ICP-OES)
272	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES
279	AAS-Graphitrohr	Keine Analyse durchgeführt	AAS-Graphitrohr