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1. Introduction

The participation in proficiency testing schemes is an essential element of the quality-management-system of every laboratory testing food and feed, cosmetics and food contact materials. The implementation of proficiency tests enables the participating laboratories to prove their own analytical competence under realistic conditions. At the same time they receive valuable data regarding the verification and/or validation of the particular testing method [1, 5].

The purpose of DLA is to offer proficiency tests for selected parameters in concentrations with practical relevance.

Realisation and evaluation of the present proficiency test follows the technical requirements of DIN EN ISO/IEC 17043 (2010) and DIN ISO 13528:2009 / ISO 13528:2015 [2, 3].

2. Realisation

2.1 Test material

The test material is a mixture of two common in commerce sunscreen lotions (SPF 50) from European Suppliers with the allowed UV filters Octocrylene, Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane, Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxyphenyl Triazine and Titanium Dioxide as well as Ethylhexyl Salicylate. The materials were mixed and homogenized.

The composition of the PT samples (list of ingredients) is shown in table 1.

Afterwards the samples were portioned to approximately 25 g into 28 ml plastic containers, sealed in metallised PET film bags and chronologically numbered.

Table 1: Composition of DLA-Samples

PT-Sample Sunscreen Product (SPF 50)
<p>Sunscreen lotion (SPF 50) <u>Ingredients:</u> Aqua, Octocrylene, Alcohol Denat, Glycerin, C12-15 Alkyl Benzoate, Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane, Ethylhexyl Salicylate, Titanium Dioxide (nano), Dicaprylyl Ether, Tocopheryl Acetate, VP/Hexadecene Copolymer, Silica, Panthenol, Triaccontanyl PVP, Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxyphenyl Triazine, Acrylates/C10-30 Alkyl Acrylate Crosspolymer, Parfum, Caprylyl Glycol, Ethylhexylglycerin, Sodium Hydroxide, Carbomer, Xanthan Gum, Dimethicone, Disodium EDTA, Linalool, Limonene, Caprylhydroxamic Acid, Alpha-Isomethyl Ionone, Benzyl Alcohol, Benzyl Benzoate, Hexyl Cinnamal, Citronellol, Geraniol, Tocopherol</p>
<p>Sunscreen lotion for children (SPF 50) <u>Ingredients:</u> Aqua, Octocrylene, Alcohol Denat, Glycerin, C12-15 Alkyl Benzoate, Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane, Ethylhexyl Salicylate, Titanium Dioxide (nano), Dicaprylyl Ether, Tocopheryl Acetate, VP/Hexadecene Copolymer, Silica, Panthenol, Triaccontanyl PVP, Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxyphenyl Triazine, Acrylates/C10-30 Alkyl Acrylate Crosspolymer, Caprylyl Glycol, Ethylhexylglycerin, Carbomer, Sodium Hydroxide, Xanthan Gum, Dimethicone, Disodium EDTA, Aloe Barbadensis Leaf Juice Powder, Citric Acid, Tocopherol</p>

Note: The metrological traceability of temperature, mass and volume during production of the PT samples is ensured by DAkkS calibrated reference materials.

2.1.1 Homogeneity

The calculation of the **repeatability standard deviation S_r of the duplicate determination of the participants** was also used as an indicator of homogeneity. It is for the analytes OC, BMDM and BEMT in the range of 0,9% - 5,1%. Therefore the repeatability standard deviations are similar to the precision data of the standardized method (ASU K 84.00-28 or DIN EN 16344, s. 3.6.2) (see Tab. 3) [18]. The repeatability standard deviation of the participants' results is given in the table of statistic data (see 4.1 to 4.3).

Furthermore, the homogeneity was graphically characterized for information by the **trend line function of participants' results for chronological bottled single samples** (s. 5.2.1).

If the criteria for sufficient homogeneity of the test material are not fulfilled on a particular parameter, the impact on the target standard deviation is checked and optionally the evaluation of the results of the participants will be done using the z'-score considering the standard uncertainty of the assigned value (see 3.8 and 3.11) [3].

2.1.2 Stability

Experience has shown that unopened sunscreens are stable for several years. For the products, the manufacturer gave a shelf life of 12 months after opening. The stability of the sample material was thus ensured during the investigation period under the specified storage conditions.

2.2 Sample shipment and information to the test

Two portions of test material were sent to every participating laboratory in the 10th week of 2018. The testing method was optional. The tests should be finished at 20th April 2018 the latest.

With the cover letter along with the sample shipment the following information was given to participants:

The two portions contain identical samples of a mixture of common in commerce sun protection milks with a sun protection factor 50 with the UV filters Octocrylene, Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane, Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxyphenyl Triazine and Titanium Dioxide.

*Please note the attached information on the proficiency test.
(see documentation, section 5.3 Information on the PT)*

2.3 Submission of results

The participants submitted their results in standard forms, which have been handed out with the samples (by email).

The finally calculated concentrations of the parameter as average of duplicate determinations of both numbered samples were used for the statistical evaluation. For the calculation of the repeatability- and reproducibility standard deviation the single values of the double determination were used.

Queried and documented were single results, recovery and the used testing methods.

In case participants submitted several results for the same parameter obtained by different methods these results were evaluated with the same evaluation number with a letter as a suffix and indication of the related method.

All 13 participants submitted results in time.

3. Evaluation

3.1 Consensus value from participants (assigned value)

The robust mean of the submitted results was used as assigned value (X_{pt}) („consensus value from participants“) providing a normal distribution. The calculation was done according to algorithm A as described in annex C of ISO 13528 [3]. If there are < 12 quantitative results and an increased difference between robust mean and median, the median may be used as the assigned value (criterion: Δ median - rob. mean > 0,3 σ_{pt}) [3].

The condition is that the majority of the participants' results show a normal distribution or are distributed unimodal and symmetrically. To this end, an examination of the distribution is carried out, inter alia, using the kernel density estimate [3, 12].

In case there are indications for sources of higher variability such as a bimodal distribution of results, a cause analysis is performed. Frequently different analytical methods may cause an anomaly in results' distribution. If this is the case, separate evaluations with own assigned values (X_{pti}) are made whenever possible.

The statistical evaluation is carried out for all the parameters for a minimum of 7 values are present, in justified cases, an evaluation may also be carried out from 5 results onwards.

The actual measurement results will be drafted. Individual results, which are outside the specified measurement range of the participating laboratory (for example with the result > 25 mg/kg or < 2,5 mg/kg) or the indicating "0" will not be considered for the statistic evaluation [3].

3.2 Robust standard deviation

For comparison to the target standard deviation σ_{pt} (standard deviation for proficiency assessment) a robust standard deviation (S^*) was calculated. The calculation was done according to algorithm A as described in annex C of ISO 13528 [3].

3.3 Repeatability standard deviation

The repeatability standard deviation S_r is based on the laboratory's standard deviation of (outlier free) individual participant results, each under repeatability conditions, that means analyses was performed on the same sample by the same operator using the same equipment in the same laboratory within a short time. It characterizes the mean deviation of the results within the laboratories [3] and is used by DLA as an indication of the homogeneity of the sample material.

In case single results from participants are available the calculation of the repeatability standard deviation S_r , also known as standard deviation within laboratories S_w , is performed by: [3, 4].

The relative repeatability standard deviation as a percentage of the mean

value is indicated as coefficient of variation CV_r in the table of statistical characteristics in the results section in case single results from participants are available.

3.4 Reproducibility standard deviation

The reproducibility standard deviation S_R represents a inter-laboratory estimate of the standard deviation for the determination of each parameter on the bases of (outlier free) individual participant results. It takes into account both the repeatability standard deviation S_r and the within-laboratory standard deviation S_s . Reproducibility standard deviations of PT's may differ from reproducibility standard deviations of ring trials, because the participating laboratories of a PT generally use different internal conditions and methods for determining the measured values.

In the present evaluation, the specification of the reproducibility standard deviation, therefore, does not refer to a specific method, but characterizes approximately the comparability of results between the laboratories, assumed the effect of homogeneity and stability of the sample are negligible.

In case single results from participants are available the calculation of the reproducibility standard deviation S_R is performed by: [3, 4].

The relative reproducibility standard deviation as a percentage of the mean value is indicated as coefficient of variation CV_R in the table of statistical characteristics in the results section in case single results from participants are available. Its meaning is explained in more detail in 3.9.

3.5 Exclusion of results and outliers

Before statistical evaluation obvious blunders, such as those with incorrect units, decimal point errors, too few significant digits (valid digits) or results for another proficiency test item can be removed from the data set [2]. Even if a result e.g. with a factor >10 deviates significantly from the mean and has an influence on the robust statistics, a result of the statistical evaluation can be excluded [3].

All results should be given at least with 2 significant digits. Specifying 3 significant digits is usually sufficient.

Results obtained by different analytical methods causing an increased variability and/or a bi- or multimodal distribution of results, are treated separately or could be excluded in case of too few numbers of results. For this results are checked by kernel density estimation [3, 12].

Results are tested for outliers by the use of robust statistics (algorithm A): If a value deviates from the robust mean by more than 3 times the robust standard deviation, it can be classified as an outlier (see above) [3]. Due to the use of robust statistics outliers are not excluded, provided that no other reasons are present [3]. Detected outliers are only mentioned in the results section, if they have been excluded from the statistical evaluation.

3.6 Target standard deviation (for proficiency assessment)

The target standard deviation of the assigned value σ_{pt} (= standard deviation for proficiency assessment) can be determined according to the following methods.

If an acceptable quotient S^*/σ_{pt} is present, the target standard deviation of the general model by Horwitz is preferably used for the proficiency assessment. It is usually suitable for for evaluation of interlaboratory studies, where different analytical methods are applied by the participants. On the other hand the target standard deviation from the evaluation of precision data of an precision experiment is derived from collaborative studies with specified analytical methods.

In cases where both above-mentioned models are not suitable, the target standard deviation is determined based on values by perception, see under 3.6.3.

For information the z-scores of both models are given in the evaluation, if available.

For the valuation of Octocrylene (OC), Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane (BMDM) and Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxy-phenyl Triazine (BEMT) the target standard deviation of a precision experiment (see 3.6.2) was applied in the present PT (German official method ASU S64 Methode K 84.00-28 corresponding to DIN EN 16344).

Additionally, the target standard deviation of the general model of Horwitz was given for information (see 3.6.1).

Due to the number of < 7 the results for Titanium Dioxide and Ethylhexyl Salicylate (EHS) were not evaluated with z-scores.

3.6.1 General model (Horwitz)

Based on statistical characteristics obtained in numerous PTs for different parameters and methods Horwitz has derived a general model for estimating the reproducibility standard deviation σ_R [6]. Later the model was modified by Thompson for certain concentration ranges [10]. The reproducibility standard deviation σ_R can be applied as the relative target standard deviation σ_{pt} in % of the assigned values and calculated according to the following equations [3]. For this the assigned value X_{pt} is used for the concentration c .

Equations	Range of concentrations	corresponds to
$\sigma_R = 0,22c$	$c < 1,2 \times 10^{-7}$	< 120 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$
$\sigma_R = 0,02c^{0,8495}$	$1,2 \times 10^{-7} \leq c \leq 0,138$	$\geq 120 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$
$\sigma_R = 0,01c^{0,5}$	$c > 0,138$	> 13,8 $\text{g}/100\text{g}$

with c = mass content of analyte (as relative size, e.g. 1 mg/kg = 1 ppm = 10^{-6} kg/kg)

3.6.2 Value by precision experiment

Using the reproducibility standard deviation σ_R and the repeatability standard deviation σ_r of a precision experiment (collaborative trial or proficiency test) the target standard deviation σ_{pt} can be derived considering the number of replicate measurements m of participants in the present PT [3]:

$$\sigma_{pt} = \sqrt{\sigma_R^2 - \sigma_r^2 (m-1/m)}$$

The values of relative repeatability standard deviation (RSD_r) and relative reproducibility standard deviation (RSD_R) given in Table 3 were determined in collaborative trials using the specified methods. The in the table indicated resulting target standard deviation σ_{pt} was applied for the evaluation of the present PT results.

Table 3: Relative repeatability standard deviations (RSD_r) and relative reproducibility standard deviations (RSD_R) from precision experiments and resulting target standard deviations σ_{pt} [18]

Parameter Abbr. ²	Matrix	Mittel- werte [g/100g]	RSD_r	RSD_R	σ_{pt}	Method / Li- terature
OC	Sunscreen milk SPF 40 (Sample 1)	6,16	1,9%	5,4%	5,23% ¹	Aceton/Metha- nol-Extraction / HPLC [18]
BMDM	Sunscreen milk SPF 40 (Sample 1)	4,95	1,8%	4,9%	4,73% ¹	Aceton/Metha- nol-Extraction / HPLC [18]
DEBT	Sunscreen milk SPF 40 (Sample 1)	1,36	2,0%	7,2%	7,06%	Aceton/Metha- nol-Extraction / HPLC [18]
BEMT	Sunscreen milk SPF 40 (Sample 1)	0,84	1,6%	8,7%	8,63% ¹	Aceton/Metha- nol-Extraction / HPLC [18]

¹ used for evaluation (s. chapter 4)

² **Abbr.:** Octocrylene (OC), Diethylhexyl Butamido Triazon (DEBT), Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane (BMDM) and Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxy-phenyl Triazine (BEMT)

3.6.3 Value by perception

The target standard deviation for proficiency assessment can be set at a value that corresponds to the level of performance that the coordinator would wish laboratories to be able to achieve [3].

For the present evaluation the target standard deviation according to 3.6.2 were regarded suitable.

3.7 z-Score

To assess the results of the participants the z-score is used. It indicates about which multiple of the target standard deviation (σ_{pt}) the result (x_i) of the participant is deviating from the assigned value (X_{pt}) [3].

Participants' z-scores are derived from:

$$z_i = \frac{(x_i - X_{pt})}{\sigma_{pt}}$$

The requirements for the analytical performance are generally considered as fulfilled if

$$-2 \leq z \leq 2 .$$

The z-score valid for the PT evaluation is designated z-score (σ_{pt}), while the value of z-score (Info) is for information only. The two z-scores are calculated using the different target standard deviations according to 3.6.

3.7.1 Warning and action signals

In accordance with the norm ISO 13528 it is recommended that a result that gives rise to a z-score above 3,0 or below -3,0, shall be considered to give an "action signal" [3]. Likewise, a z-score above 2,0 or below -2,0 shall be considered to give a "warning signal". A single "action signal", or "warning signal" in two successive PT-rounds, shall be taken as evidence that an anomaly has occurred which requires investigation. An error or cause analysis can be carried out by checking the analysis process including understanding and implementation of the measurement by the staff, details of the measurement process, calibration of equipment and composition of reagents, transmission or calculation errors, accuracy and precision and use of reference material. if necessary appropriate corrective measures should be applied [3].

In the figures of z-scores DLA gives the limits of warning and action signals as yellow and red lines respectively. According to ISO 13528 the signals are valid only in case of a number of ≥ 10 results [3].

3.8 z'-Score

The z'-score can be used for the valuation of the results of the participants, in cases the standard uncertainty has to be considered (s. 3.11). The z'-score represents the relation of the deviation of the result (x) of the participant from the respective consensus value (X) to the square root of quadrat sum of the target standard deviation ($\hat{\sigma}$) and the standard uncertainty (U_{x_{pt}}) [3].

The calculation is performed by:

$$z'_i = \frac{x_i - x_{pt}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{pt}^2 + u_{(x_{pt})}^2}}$$

If carried out an evaluation of the results by means of z 'score, we have defined below the expression in the denominator as a target standard deviation σ_{pt}' .

The requirements for the analytical performance are generally considered as fulfilled if

$$-2 \leq z' \leq 2 .$$

For warning and action signals see 3.7.1.

3.9 Reproducibility coefficient of variation (CV_R)

The coefficient of variation (CV_R) of the reproducibility (= relative reproducibility standard deviation) is calculated from the standard deviation and the mean as follows [4, 13]:

$$CV_R = \frac{S_R * 100}{X}$$

In contrast to the standard deviation as a measure of the absolute variability the CV_K gives the relative variability within a data region. While a low CV_R, e.g. < 5-10% can be taken as evidence for a homogeneous set of results, a CV_R of more than 50% indicates a "strong inhomogeneity of statistical mass", so that the suitability for certain applications such as the assessment of exceeded maximum values or the performance evaluation of the participants possibly can not be done [3].

3.10 Quotient S^*/σ_{pt}

Following the HorRat-value the results of a proficiency-test (PT) can be considered convincing, if the quotient of robust standard deviation S^* and target standard deviation σ_{pt} does not exceed the value of 2. A value > 2 means an insufficient precision, i.e. the analytical method is too variable, or the variation between the test participants is higher than estimated. Thus the comparability of the results is not given [3].

3.11 Standard uncertainty and traceability

The consensus value has a standard uncertainty $U(X_{pt})$ that depends on the analytical method, differences between the analytical methods used, the test material, the number of participant laboratories (P) and perhaps on other factors. The standard uncertainty of the assigned value ($U(X_{pt})$) for this PT is calculated as follows [3]:

$$u_{(x_{pt})} = 1,25 \times \frac{s^*}{\sqrt{p}}$$

If $U(X_{pt}) \leq 0,3 \sigma_{pt}$ the standard uncertainty of the consensus value needs not to be included in the interpretation of the results of the PT [3]. A clear exceeded the value of 0,3 is an indication that the target standard deviation was possibly set too low for the standard uncertainty of the assigned value.

The traceability of the assigned value is ensured on the basis of the consensus value as a robust mean of the participant results.

4. Results

All following tables are anonymized. With the delivering of the evaluation-report the participants are informed about their individual evaluation-number.

In the first table the characteristics are listed:

Statistic Data
<i>Number of results</i>
<i>Number of outliers</i>
Mean
Median
Robust mean (X_{pt})
Robust standard deviation (S^*)
<i>Number with m replicate measurements</i>
Repeatability standard deviation (S_r)
Coefficient of Variation (CV_r) in %
Reproducibility standard deviation (S_R)
Coefficient of Variation (CV_R) in %
<i>Target range:</i>
Target standard deviation σ_{pt} or σ_{pt}'
Target standard deviation for information
lower limit of target range ($X_{pt} - 2\sigma_{pt}$) *
upper limit of target range ($X_{pt} + 2\sigma_{pt}$) *
Variation coefficient V_K in %
<i>Quotient S^*/σ_{pt} or S^*/σ_{pt}'</i>
<i>Standard uncertainty $U(X_{pt})$</i>
<i>Number of results in the target range</i>
<i>Percent in the target range</i>

* Target range is calculated with z-score or z'-score

In the second table the individual results of the participating laboratories are listed formatted to 3 digits**:

Auswerte- nummer	Parameter [Einheit / Unit]	Abweichung	z-Score	z-Score	Hinweis
Evaluation number		Deviation	σ_{pt}	(Info)	Remark

** In the documentation the results are given as submitted by the participants.

4.1 Octocrylene OC (as Ester in g/100 g)**Vergleichsuntersuchung / Proficiency Test**

Statistic Data	
Number of results	13
Number of outliers	-
Mean	9,71
Median	10,0
Robust Mean (X)	10,0
Robust standard deviation (S*)	0,320
Number with 2 replicates	10
Repeatability SD (S_r)	0,0937
Repeatability (CV_r)	0,93%
Reproducibility SD (S_R)	0,177
Reproducibility (CV_R)	1,75%
Target range:	
Target standard deviation σ_{pt}	0,525
Target standard deviation (for Information)	0,284
lower limit of target range	8,98
upper limit of target range	11,1
Quotient S^*/σ_{pt}	0,61
Standard uncertainty $U(x_{pt})$	0,111
Results in the target range	10
Percent in the target range	77%

Comments to the statistic data:

The target standard deviation was calculated according to 3.6.2 precision experiments (ASU K 84.00-28 / DIN EN 16344). The target standard deviation for information was calculated according to the general model of Horwitz (s. 3.6.1).

The results showed a normal to low variability with almost a symmetrical distribution (see kernel density estimation next page).

The quotient S^*/σ_{pt} was well below 2,0. The repeatability and reproducibility standard deviations were in the range of established values for the applied methods (see 3.6.2). The comparability of results is given.

77% of results were in the target range.

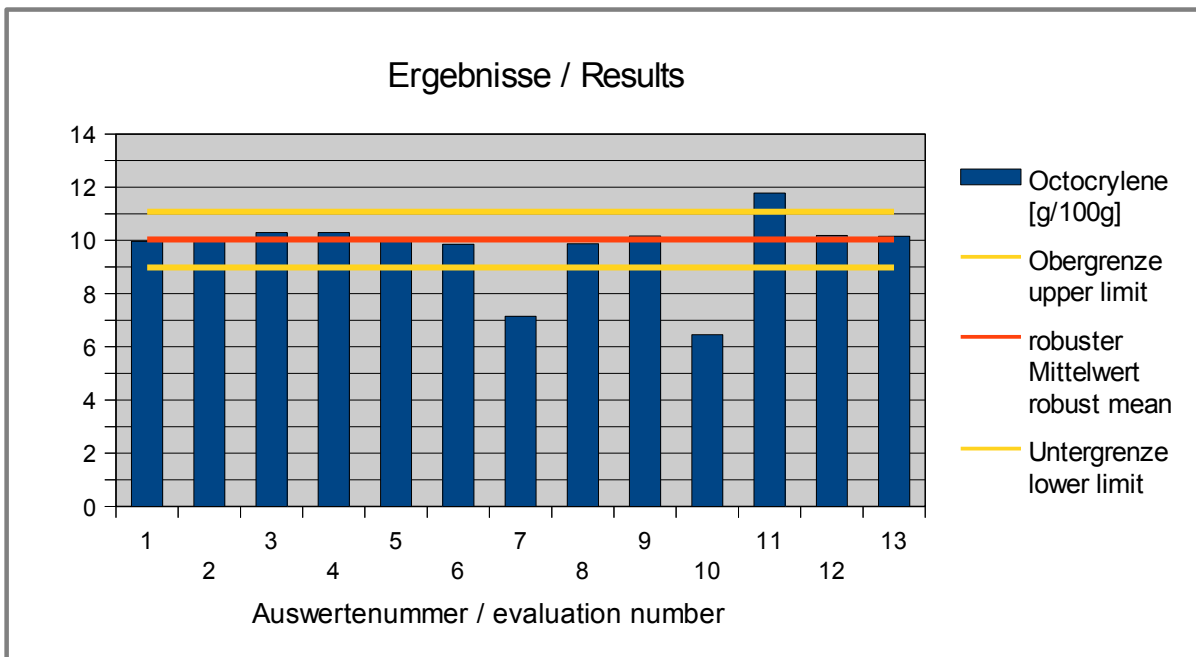


Abb. / Fig. 1: Ergebnisse / Results Octocrylene (OC)

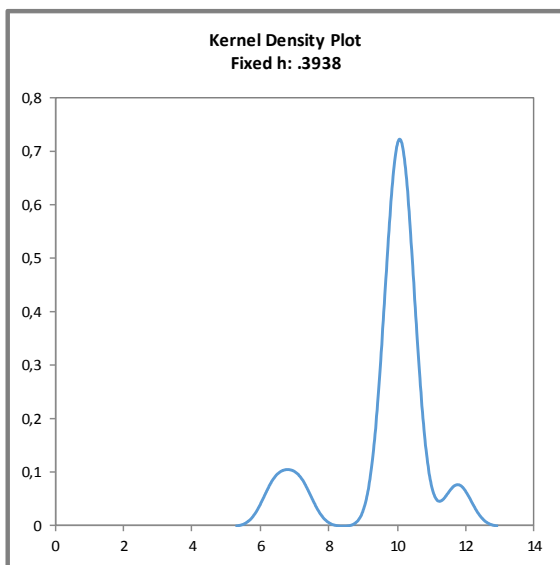


Abb. / Fig. 2:

Kerndichte-Schätzung der Ergebnisse
(mit $h = 0,75 \times \sigma_{pt}$ von X_{pt})

Kernel density plot of results
(with $h = 0,75 \times \sigma_{pt}$ of X_{pt})

Comment:

The kernel density plot shows almost a symmetrical distribution of results with two side peaks, which are due to three results outside the target range.

**Ergebnisse der Teilnehmer:
Results of Participants:**

Auswertenummer	Octocrylene [g/100g]	Abweichung [g/100g]	z-Score (σ _{pt})	z-Score (Info)	Hinweis
Evaluation number		Deviation [g/100g]		(Info)	Remark
1	9,97	-0,062	-0,12	-0,22	
2	10,0	-0,032	-0,06	-0,11	
3	10,3	0,259	0,49	0,91	
4	10,3	0,268	0,51	0,94	
5	10,0 *	-0,032	-0,06	-0,11	
6	9,85	-0,182	-0,35	-0,64	
7	7,15	-2,88	-5,5	-10	indicated as acid?
8	9,87	-0,162	-0,31	-0,57	
9	10,2	0,138	0,26	0,49	
10	6,46	-3,57	-6,8	-13	indicated as acid?
11	11,8	1,75	3,3	6,2	
12	10,2	0,158	0,30	0,56	
13	10,2 *	0,128	0,24	0,45	

* Mean calculated by DLA

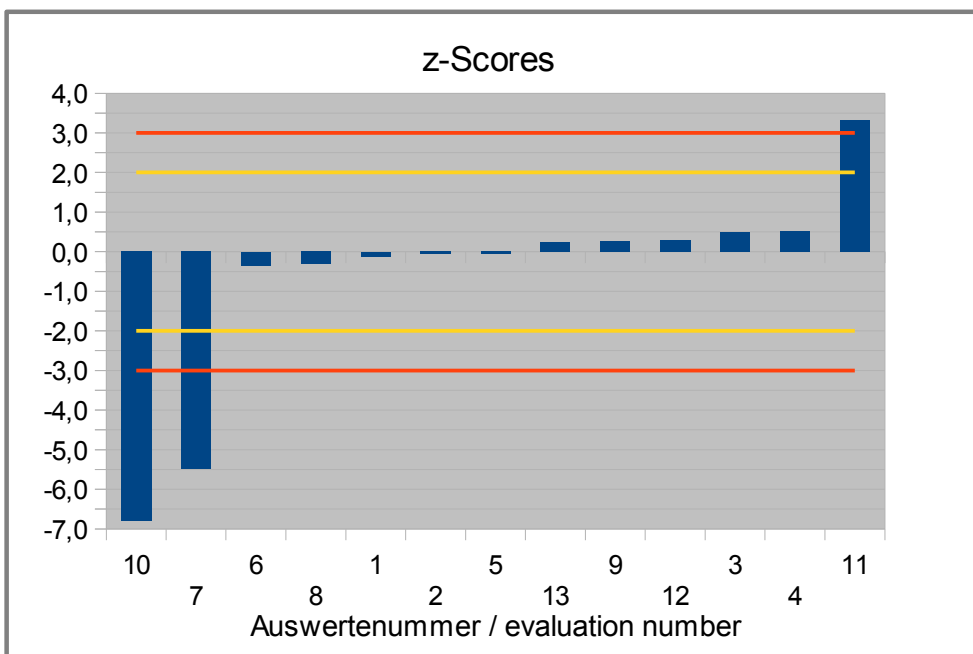


Abb. / Fig. 3: Z-Scores Octocrylene (OC)

4.2 Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane BMDM (in g/100 g)**Vergleichsuntersuchung / Proficiency Test**

Statistic Data	
Number of results	12
Number of outliers	0
Mean	5,02
Median	5,09
Robust Mean (X)	5,03
Robust standard deviation (S*)	0,301
Number with 2 replicates	12
Repeatability SD (S_r)	0,0442
Repeatability (CV_r)	0,88%
Reproducibility SD (S_R)	0,294
Reproducibility (CV_R)	5,86%
Target range:	
Target standard deviation σ_{pt}	0,238
Target standard deviation (for Information)	0,158
lower limit of target range	4,56
upper limit of target range	5,51
Quotient S^*/σ_{pt}	1,26
Standard uncertainty $U(x_{pt})$	0,109
Results in the target range	9
Percent in the target range	75%

Comments to the statistic data:

The target standard deviation was calculated according to 3.6.2 precision experiments (ASU K 84.00-28 / DIN EN 16344). The target standard deviation for information was calculated according to the general model of Horwitz (s. 3.6.1).

The results showed a normal to low variability with almost a symmetrical distribution (see kernel density estimation next page).

The quotient S^*/σ_{pt} was well below 2,0. The repeatability and reproducibility standard deviations were in the range of established values for the applied methods (see 3.6.2). The comparability of results is given.

75% of results were in the target range.

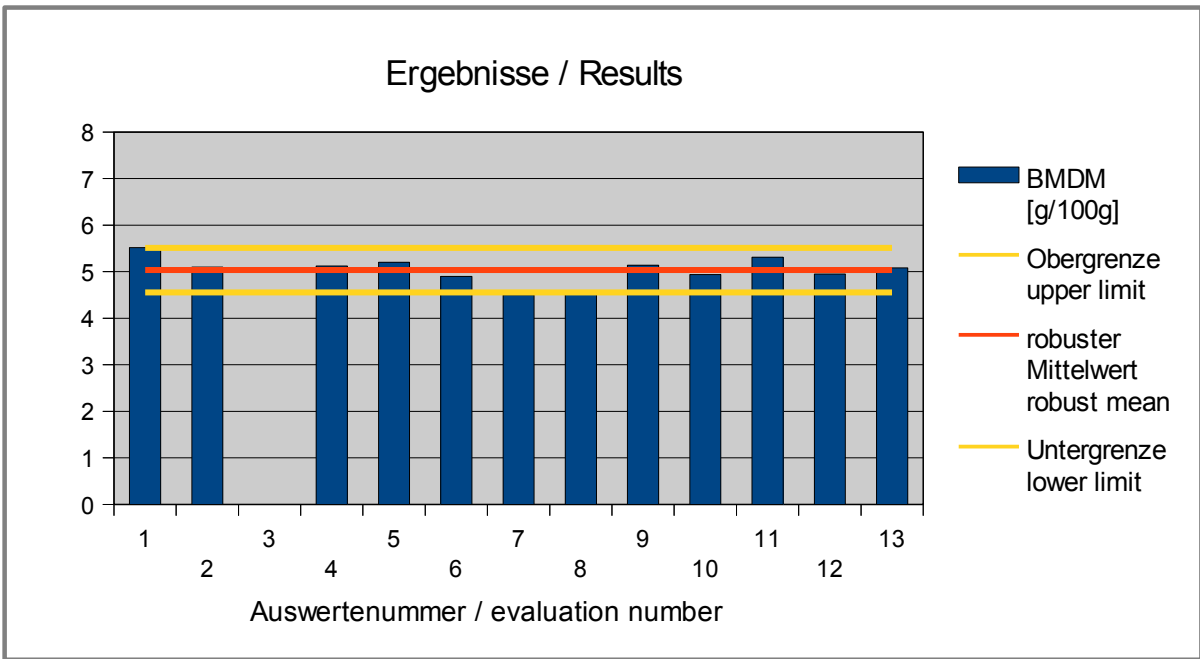


Abb. / Fig. 4: Ergebnisse / Results Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane (BMDM)

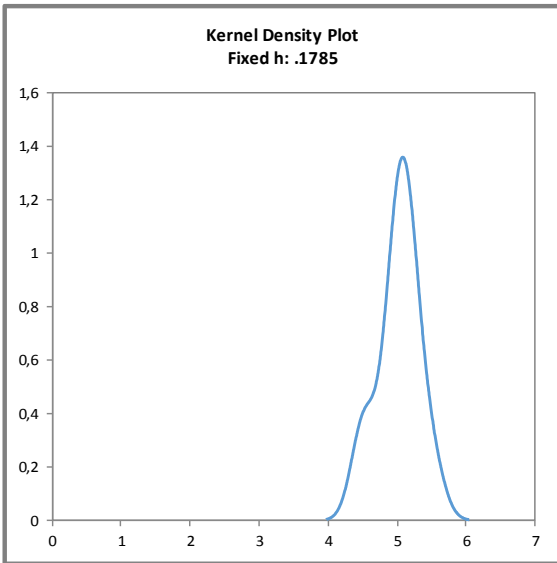


Abb. / Fig. 5:

Kerndichte-Schätzung der Ergebnisse
(mit $h = 0,75 \times \sigma_{pt}$ von X_{pt})

Kernel density plot of results
(with $h = 0,75 \times \sigma_{pt}$ of X_{pt})

Comment:

The kernel density plot shows almost a symmetrical distribution of results with a slight shoulder.

Ergebnisse der Teilnehmer:
Results of Participants:

Auswertenummer	BMDM [g/100g]	Abweichung [g/100g]	z-Score	z-Score	Hinweis
Evaluation number		Deviation [g/100g]	(σ_{pt})	(Info)	Remark
1	5,52	0,488	2,0	3,1	
2	5,10	0,068	0,28	0,43	
3					
4	5,12	0,088	0,37	0,56	
5	5,20 *	0,168	0,70	1,1	
6	4,90	-0,132	-0,56	-0,84	
7	4,50	-0,532	-2,2	-3,4	
8	4,53	-0,502	-2,1	-3,2	
9	5,14	0,108	0,45	0,68	
10	4,94	-0,092	-0,39	-0,58	
11	5,31	0,278	1,2	1,8	
12	4,95	-0,082	-0,35	-0,52	
13	5,08 *	0,048	0,20	0,30	

* Mean calculated by DLA

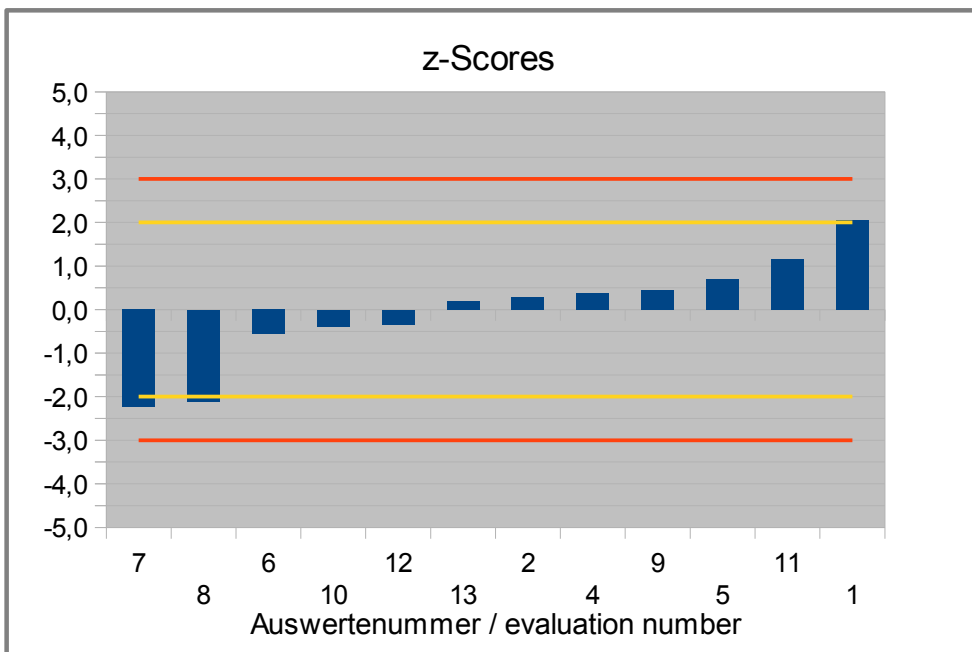


Abb. / Fig. 6: Z-Scores Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane (BMDM)

4.3 Bis-Ethylhexylphenol Methoxyphenyl Triazine BEMT (in g/100 g)

Vergleichsuntersuchung / Proficiency Test

Statistic Data	
Number of results	12
Number of outliers	0
Mean	0,408
Median	0,405
Robust Mean (X)	0,408
Robust standard deviation (S*)	0,0377
Number with 2 replicates	12
Repeatability SD (S_r)	0,0206
Repeatability (CV_r)	5,06%
Reproducibility SD (S_R)	0,0436
Reproducibility (CV_R)	10,7%
<i>Target range:</i>	
Target standard deviation σ_{pt}	0,0193
Target standard deviation (for Information)	0,0187
lower limit of target range	0,369
upper limit of target range	0,446
Quotient S^*/σ_{pt}	2,0
Standard uncertainty $U_{(X_{pt})}$	0,0136
Results in the target range	9
Percent in the target range	75%

Comments to the statistic data:

The target standard deviation was calculated according to 3.6.2 precision experiments (ASU K 84.00-28 / DIN EN 16344). The target standard deviation for information was calculated according to the general model of Horwitz (s. 3.6.1).

The results showed a normal to low variability with almost a symmetrical distribution (see kernel density estimation next page).

The quotient S^*/σ_{pt} was 2,0. The repeatability and reproducibility standard deviations were in the range of established values for the applied methods (see 3.6.2). The comparability of results is given.

75% of results were in the target range.

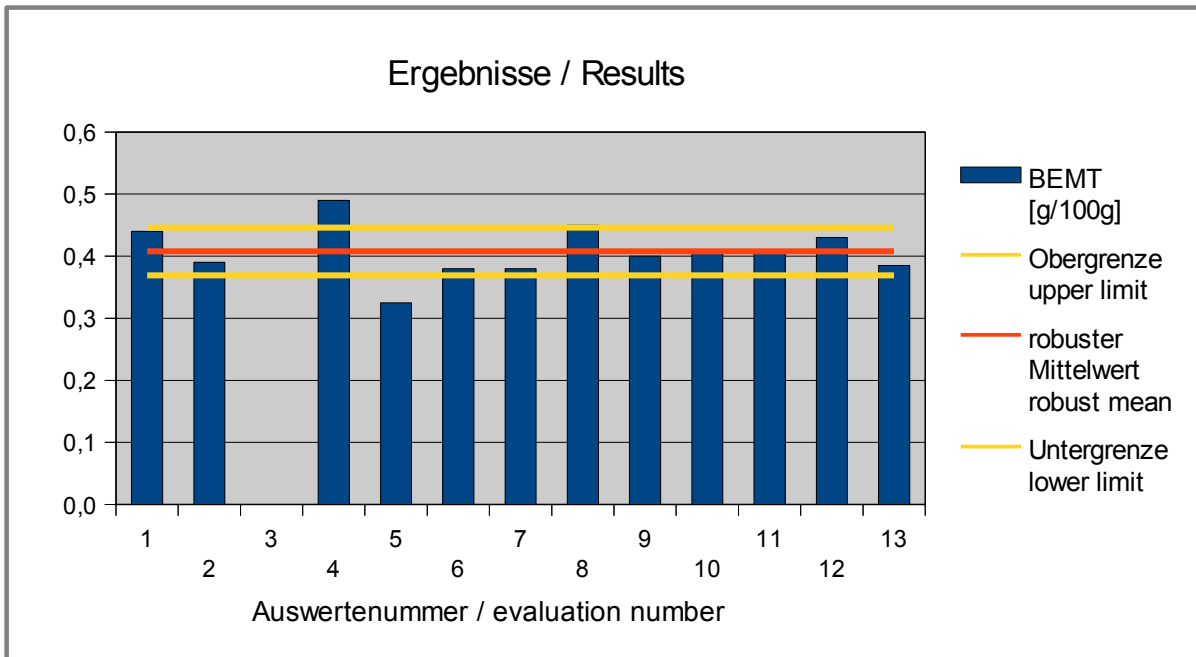


Abb. / Fig. 7: Ergebnisse / Results Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxyphenyl Triazine (BEMT)

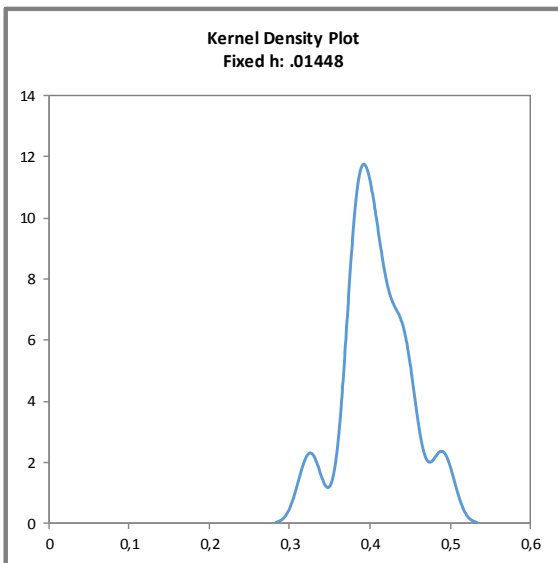


Abb. / Fig. 8:

Kerndichte-Schätzung der Ergebnisse
(mit $h = 0,75 \times \sigma_{pt}$ von X_{pt})

Kernel density plot of results
(with $h = 0,75 \times \sigma_{pt}$ of X_{pt})

Comment:

The kernel density plot shows almost a symmetrical distribution of results with a slight shoulder and two smaller side peaks, which are due to two results outside the target range.

**Ergebnisse der Teilnehmer:
Results of Participants:**

Auswertenummer	BEMT [g/100g]	Abweichung [g/100g]	z-Score (σ _{pt})	z-Score (Info)	Hinweis
Evaluation number		Deviation [g100g]		(Info)	Remark
1	0,440	0,0325	1,7	1,7	
2	0,390	-0,0175	-0,91	-0,94	
3					
4	0,490	0,0825	4,3	4,4	
5	0,325 *	-0,0825	-4,3	-4,4	
6	0,380	-0,0275	-1,4	-1,5	
7	0,380	-0,0275	-1,4	-1,5	
8	0,450	0,0425	2,2	2,3	
9	0,400	-0,0075	-0,39	-0,40	
10	0,410	0,0025	0,13	0,13	
11	0,410	0,0025	0,13	0,13	
12	0,430	0,0225	1,2	1,2	
13	0,385 *	-0,0225	-1,2	-1,2	

* Mean calculated by DLA

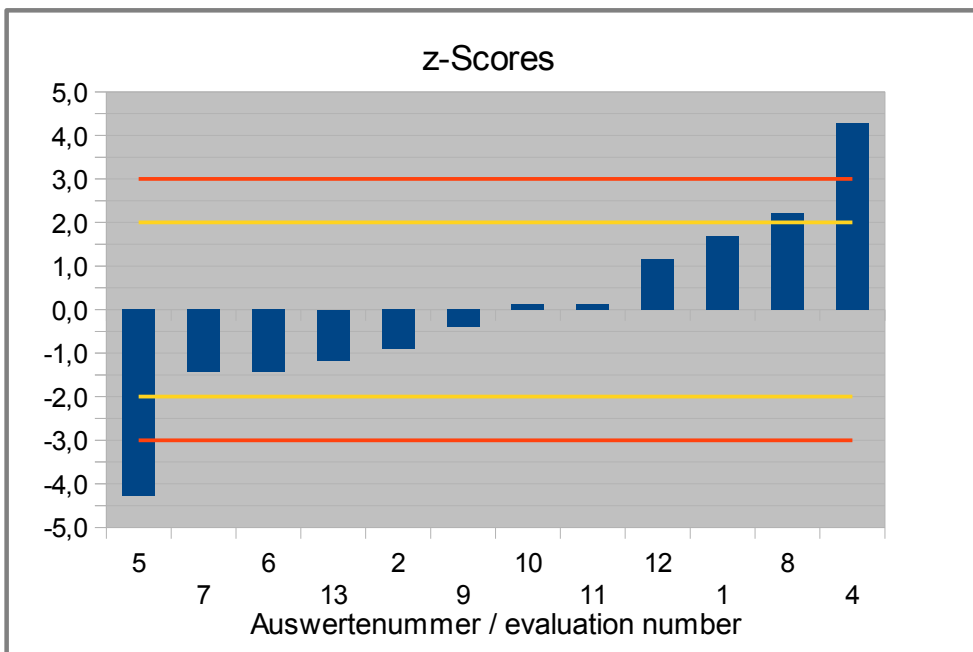


Abb. / Fig. 9: Z-Scores Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxyphenyl Triazine (BEMT)

4.4 Titanium Dioxide (in g/100 g)

Vergleichsuntersuchung / Proficiency Test

Statistic Data	
Number of results	4
Number of outliers	0
Mean	4,83
Median	4,80
Robust Mean (X)	4,83
Robust standard deviation (S*)	0,147
Number with 2 replicates	4
Repeatability SD (S_r)	0,109
Repeatability (CV_r)	2,26%
Reproducibility SD (S_R)	0,151
Reproducibility (CV_R)	3,13%

Due to the low number of results < 7 no statistical evaluation was done.

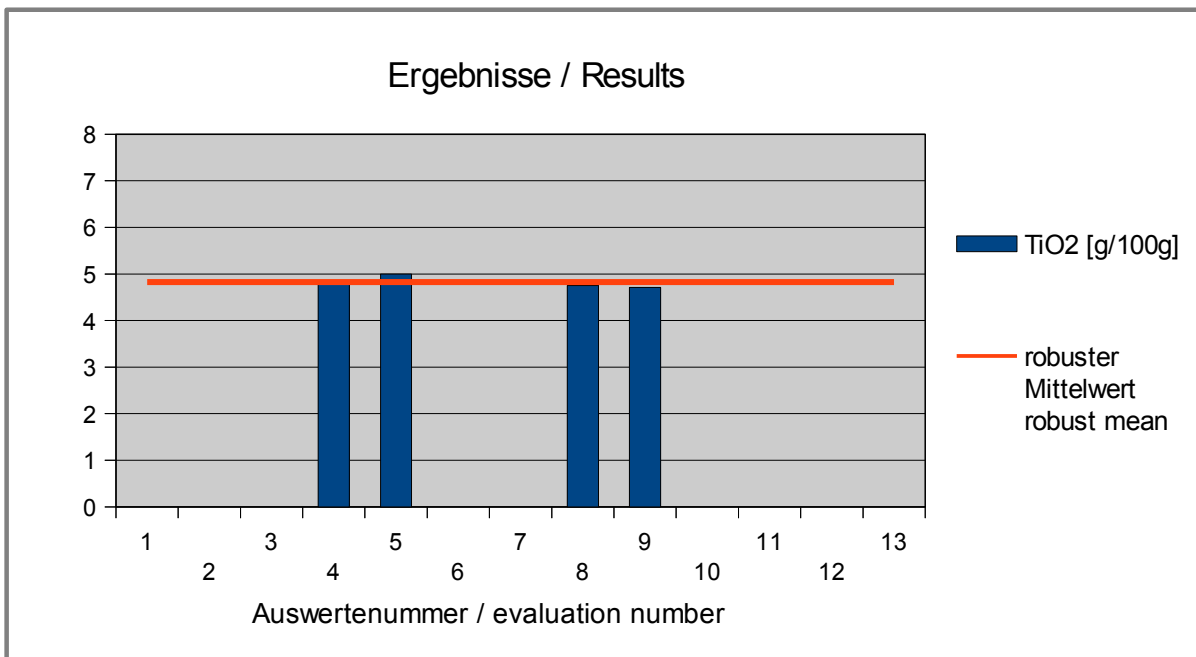


Abb. / Fig. 10: Ergebnisse / Results Titanium Dioxide (TiO2)

Ergebnisse der Teilnehmer:
Results of Participants:

Auswerte- nummer	TiO2 [g/100g]	Abweichung [g/100g]	z-Score	z-Score	Hinweis
Evaluation number		Deviation [g100g]	(σpt)	(Info)	Remark
1					
2					
3					
4	4,85	0,022			
5	5,00 *	0,172			
6					
7					
8	4,75	-0,078			
9	4,71	-0,118			
10					
11					
12					
13					

* Mean calculated by DLA

4.5 Ethylhexyl Salicylate EHS (in g/100 g)

Vergleichsuntersuchung / Proficiency Test

Statistic Data	
Number of results	4
Number of outliers	0
Mean	5,13
Median	4,98
Robust Mean (X)	5,13
Robust standard deviation (S*)	0,531
Number with 2 replicates	4
Repeatability SD (S_r)	0,0547
Repeatability (CV_r)	1,07%
Reproducibility SD (S_R)	0,467
Reproducibility (CV_R)	9,11%

Due to the low number of results < 7 no statistical evaluation was done.

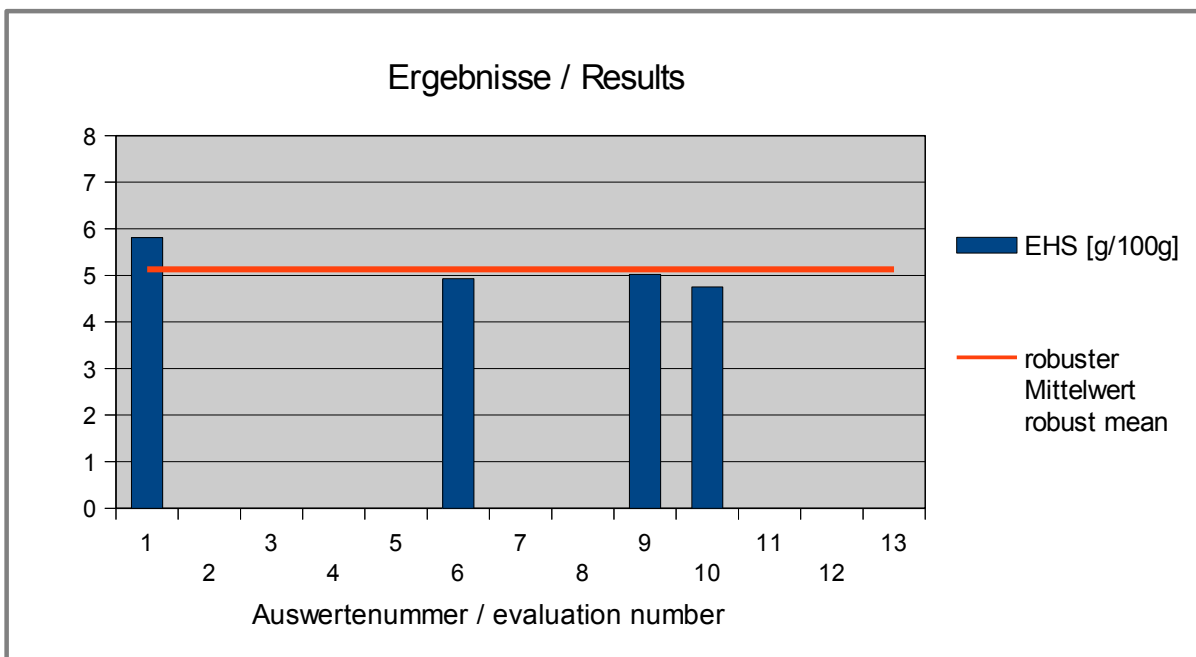


Abb. / Fig. 11: Ergebnisse / Results Ethylhexyl Salicylate (EHS)

Ergebnisse der Teilnehmer:
Results of Participants:

Auswerte- nummer	EHS [g/100g]	Abweichung [g/100g]	z-Score (σ_{pt})	z-Score (Info)	Hinweis
Evaluation number		Deviation [g/100g]			Remark
1	5,81	0,683			
2					
3					
4					
5					
6	4,93	-0,198			
7					
8					
9	5,02	-0,108			
10	4,75	-0,377			
11					
12					
13					

4.6 Other (in g/100 g)**Vergleichsuntersuchung / Proficiency Test**

There were to additional results reported for parameters designated by participants as "octylsalicylate" and "octysalicylate", respectively. This may also be ethylhexyl salicylate, for which "octisalate" is a synonymous name.

Ergebnisse der Teilnehmer:**Results of Participants:**

Auswertenummer	Andere / Other [g/100g]	Abweichung [mg/kg]	z-Score	z-Score	Hinweis
Evaluation number		Deviation [mg/kg]	(σ_{pt})	(Info)	Remark
1					
2					
3					
4	4,89				Octyl Salicylate [°]
5					
6					
7	5,20				Octysalicylate [°]
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					

[°] indicated by participant

5. Documentation

Note: Information given in German was translated by DLA to the best of our knowledge (without guarantee of correctness).

5.1 Details by participants

5.1.1 Primary data

Analyte	Participant	Unit	Sample No. A	Sample No. B	Date of analysis	Result (Mean)	Result A	Result B	Limit of quantification	Incl. RR	Recovery rate [%]
Octocrylene (OC) als /as Ester	1	g/100g	18	36	17.04.18	9,97	9,95	9,98	0,18	no	112-115
	2	g/100g	19	35	06.04.18	10	10	10	0,1	no	
	3	g/100g	1	53	28.03.18	10,29	10,46	10,12			
	4	g/100g	13	41	20.04.18	10,3	10,31	10,29	0,25	yes	87-118
	5	g/100g	4	50	06.04.18		10	10	/	no	/
	6	g/100g	3	51	18.04.	9,85	9,85	9,85	0,1	no	
	7	g/100g	14	40	12.04.18	7,15	7,1	7,2	0,02g/l	no	-
	8	g/100g	17	37	16.04.18	9,87	9,87	9,87			
	9	g/100g	32	21	26.03.18	10,17	10,05	10,28	0,2	no	
	10	g/100g	11	43	12./13.04.18	6,46	6,59	6,33	0,12	no	
	11	g/100g	24	30	12.04.18	11,78	12,04	11,52	0,25	no	
	12	g/100g	5	49	20.03.18	10,19	10,17	10,21	0,02		
	13	g/100g	16	38	04.04.18		10,15	10,17		no	

Analyte	Participant	Unit	Sample No. A	Sample No. B	Date of analysis	Result (Mean)	Result A	Result B	Limit of quantification	Incl. RR	Recovery rate [%]
Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane (BMDM)	1	g/100g	18	36	17.04.18	5,52	5,51	5,53	0,1	no	90-97
	2	g/100g	19	35	06.04.18	5,1	5,1	5,1	0,1	no	
	3	g/100g	1	53							
	4	g/100g	13	41	20.04.18	5,12	5,14	5,09	0,25	yes	87-118
	5	g/100g	4	50	06.04.18		5,2	5,2	/	no	/
	6	g/100g	3	51	18.04.	4,9	4,91	4,88	0,1	no	
	7	g/100g	14	40	12.04.18	4,5	4,45	4,55	0,02 g/l	no	-
	8	g/100g	17	37	16.04.18	4,53	4,59	4,46			
	9	g/100g	32	21	27.03.18	5,14	5,08	5,19	0,2	no	
	10	g/100g	11	43	12./13.04.18	4,94	4,94	4,94	0,21	no	
	11	g/100g	24	30	12.04.18	5,31	5,31	5,31	0,25	no	
	12	g/100g	5	49	20.03.18	4,95	4,94	4,96	0,01		
	13	g/100g	16	38	04.04.18		5,05	5,11		no	

Analyte	Participant	Unit	Sample No. A	Sample No. B	Date of analysis	Result (Mean)	Result A	Result B	Limit of quantification	Incl. RR	Recovery rate [%]
Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxyphenyl Triazine (BEMT)	1	g/100g	18	36	17.04.18	0,44	0,44	0,44	0,21	no	105-118
	2	g/100g	19	35	06.04.18	0,39	0,39	0,39	0,02	no	
	3	g/100g	1	53							
	4	g/100g	13	41	20.04.18	0,49	0,48	0,49	0,25	yes	87-118
	5	g/100g	4	50	06.04.18		0,34	0,31	/	no	/
	6	g/100g	3	51	18.04.	0,38	0,38	0,38	0,1	no	
	7	g/100g	14	40	12.04.18	0,38	0,35	0,4	0,4g/l	no	-
	8	g/100g	17	37	16.04.18	0,45	0,45	0,45			
	9	g/100g	32	21	28.03.18	0,4	0,4	0,41	0,2	no	
	10	g/100g	11	43	12./13.04.18	0,41	0,43	0,39	0,16	no	
	11	g/100g	24	30	12.04.18	0,41	0,41	0,41	0,25	no	
	12	g/100g	5	49	27.03.18	0,43	0,46	0,39	0,01		
	13	g/100g	16	38	04.04.18		0,38	0,39		no	

Analyte	Participant	Unit	Sample No. A	Sample No. B	Date of analysis	Result (Mean)	Result A	Result B	Limit of quantification	Incl. RR	Recovery rate [%]
Titanium Dioxide	1	g/100g	18	36							
	2	g/100g	19	35							
	3	g/100g	1	53							
	4	g/100g	13	41	11.04.18	4,85	5	4,7	0,5	yes	100
	5	g/100g	4	50	09.04.18	43201	5,0	5,0	/	no	/
	6	g/100g	3	51							
	7	g/100g	14	40		keine Methode					
	8	g/100g	17	37	04.04.18	4,75	4,71	4,78			
	9	g/100g	32	21	11.04.18	4,71	4,71	4,71	0,4	no	
	10	g/100g	11	43							
	11	g/100g	24	30							
	12	g/100g	5	49							
	13	g/100g	16	38							

Analyte	Participant	Unit	Sample No. A	Sample No. B	Date of analysis	Result (Mean)	Result A	Result B	Limit of quantification	Incl. RR	Recovery rate [%]
2-Ethylhexyl salicylate (EHS CAS-Nr.: 118-60-5)	1	g/100g	18	36	17.04.18	5,81	5,79	5,82	0,09	no	95-103
Ethylhexylsalicylat	6	g/100g	19	35	18.04.	4,93	4,94	4,91	0,1	no	
ETHYLHEXYL SALICYLATE	9	g/100g	1	53	28.03.18	5,02	4,97	5,07	0,2	no	
Ethylhexyl Salicylate (EHS)	10	g/100g	13	41	12./13.04.18	4,75	4,81	4,7	0,18	no	
Octyl Salicylate	4	g/100g	3	51	20.04.18	4,89	4,91	4,86	0,25	yes	87-118
Octylsalicylate	7	g/100g	14	40	12.04.18	5,2	5,2	5,2	0,02g/l	no	-

5.1.2 Analytical methods

Analyte	Participant	Method description	Sample preparation	Analytical method	Calibration and reference material	Recovery with same matrix	Method accredited ISO/IEC 17025	Further remarks
Octocrylene (OC) als /as Ester	1	ASU §64 LFGB 84.00-28 February 2014		HPLC - DAD	according to ASU §64	yes / no	yes / no	
	2	internal method		HPLC-DAD	external	no	no	
	3	CU-3.P.K.004 (HPLC-DAD)					yes	
	4	Determination of selected UV filter in cosmetic products, HPLC-DAD Ext.Norm: EN 16344 , Dok.Code: 4839	Extraction (Aceton/Methanol)	HPLC-DAD	PT sample	no	yes	
	5	in house method (22X09008.01)	sample weighing and fill up	UPLC - PDA Detector	external - Merck	/	no	/
	6	ASU 84.00 - 28		HPLC-DAD			yes	
	7	Literature	solved in Aceton/Methanol	HPLC/DAD (300nm)		-	yes	
	8	LC-UV , internal method					yes	
	9	DIN EN 16344:2013-11 modified	Extraction (Aceton/Methanol)	HPLC-DAD			yes	
	10	M 12.4101.03/ ASU K 84.00-28 (2014-02)= DIN EN 16344 (2013-11)		HPLC-DAD			yes	
	11	§64 LFGB ASU K84.00-28					yes	
	12	HPLC-UV					no	
	13	HPLC-DAD	with ACN in ultrasonic bath		external calibration		no	

Analyte	Participant	Method description	Sample preparation	Analytical method	Calibration and reference material	Recovery with same matrix	Method accredited ISO/IEC 17025	Further remarks
Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane (BMDM)	1	ASU §64 LFGB 84.00-28 February 2014		HPLC - DAD	according to ASU §64	yes / no	yes / no	
	2	internal method		HPLC-DAD	external	no	no	
	3							
	4	Determination of selected UV filter in cosmetic products, HPLC-DAD Ext.Norm: EN 16344 , Dok.Code: 4839	Extraction (Aceton/Methanol)	HPLC-DAD	PT sample	no	yes	
	5	in house method (22X09008.01)	sample weighing and fill up	UPLC - PDA Detector	external - Merck	/	no	/
	6	ASU 84.00 - 28		HPLC-DAD			yes	
	7	Literature	solved in Aceton/Methanol	HPLC/DAD (300nm)		-	yes	
	8	LC-UV , internal method					yes	
	9	DIN EN 16344:2013-11 modified	Extraction (Aceton/Methanol)	HPLC-DAD			yes	
	10	M 12.4101.03/ ASU K 84.00-28 (2014-02)= DIN EN 16344 (2013-11)		HPLC-DAD			yes	
	11	§64 LFGB ASU K84.00-28					yes	
	12	HPLC-UV					no	
	13	HPLC-DAD	with ACN in ultrasonic bath		external calibration		no	

Analyte	Participant	Method description	Sample preparation	Analytical method	Calibration and reference material	Recovery with same matrix	Method accredited ISO/IEC 17025	Further remarks
Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxyphenyl Triazine (BEMT)	1	ASU §64 LFGB 84.00-28 February 2014		HPLC - DAD	according to ASU §64	yes / no	yes / no	
	2	internal method		HPLC-DAD	external	no	no	
	3							
	4	Determination of selected UV filter in cosmetic products, HPLC-DAD Ext.Norm: EN 16344 , Dok.Code: 4839	Extraction (Aceton/Methanol)	HPLC-DAD	PT sample	no	yes	
	5	in house method (22X09008.01)	sample weighing and fill up	UPLC - PDA Detector	external - Merck	/	no	/
	6	ASU 84.00 - 28		HPLC-DAD			yes	
	7	Literature	solved in Aceton/Methanol	HPLC/DAD (300nm)		-	yes	
	8	LC-UV , internal method					yes	
	9	DIN EN 16344:2013-11 modified	Extraction (Aceton/Methanol)	HPLC-DAD			yes	
	10	M 12.4101.03/ ASU K 84.00-28 (2014-02)= DIN EN 16344 (2013-11)		HPLC-DAD			yes	
	11	§64 LFGB ASU K84.00-28					yes	
	12	HPLC-UV					no	
	13	HPLC-DAD	with ACN in ultrasonic bath		external calibration		no	

Analyte	Participant	Method description	Sample preparation	Analytical method	Calibration and reference material	Recovery with same matrix	Method accredited ISO/IEC 17025	Further remarks
Titanium Dioxide	1					yes / no	yes / no	
	2							
	3							
	4	Determination of titanium dioxide in cosmetic products, photometry Dok.Code: 4837	incinerated, solved in H2SO4, diluted with water, colled, filtered, H2O2 added	Photometer (409 nm)	PT sample	no	yes	
	5	according to in house method 42X12001.01	melting digestion with Li2B4O7	WD-XRF; Detector: Flow Counter	extem - diverse	/	yes	/
	6							no method
	7							
	8	flame AAS, internal method					yes	
	9	Photometric determination	incineration, melting with poatassium disulfate, complexing with H2O2 in diluted H2SO4	Photometry			yes	
	10							
	11							
	12							
	13							

Analyte	Participant	Method description	Sample preparation	Analytical method	Calibration and reference material	Recovery with same matrix	Method accredited ISO/IEC 17025	Further remarks
						yes / no	yes / no	
2-Ethylhexyl salicylate (EHS CAS-Nr.: 118-60-5)	1	ASU §64 LFBG 84.00-28 February 2014		HPLC - DAD	according to ASU §64			
Ethylhexylsalicylat	6	ASU 84.00 - 28		HPLC-DAD			yes	
ETHYLHEXYL SALICYLATE	9	DIN EN 16344:2013-11 modified	Extraction (Aceton/Methanol)	HPLC-DAD			yes	
Ethylhexyl Salicylate (EHS)	10	M 12.4101.03/ ASU K 84.00-28 (2014-02)= DIN EN 16344 (2013-11)		HPLC-DAD			yes	
Octyl Salicylate	4	Determination of selected UV filter in cosmetic products, HPLC-DAD Ext.Norm: EN 16344 , Dok.Code: 4839	Extraction (Aceton/Methanol)	HPLC-DAD	PT sample	no	yes	
Octylsalicylate	7	Literature	solved in Aceton/Methanol	HPLC/DAD (300nm)		-	yes	

5.2 Homogeneity

5.2.1 Comparison of sample numbers / test results and trend line

By comparison of the increasing sample numbers and the measurement results of participants, the homogeneity of the chronological bottled PT items can be shown by the trend line for information:

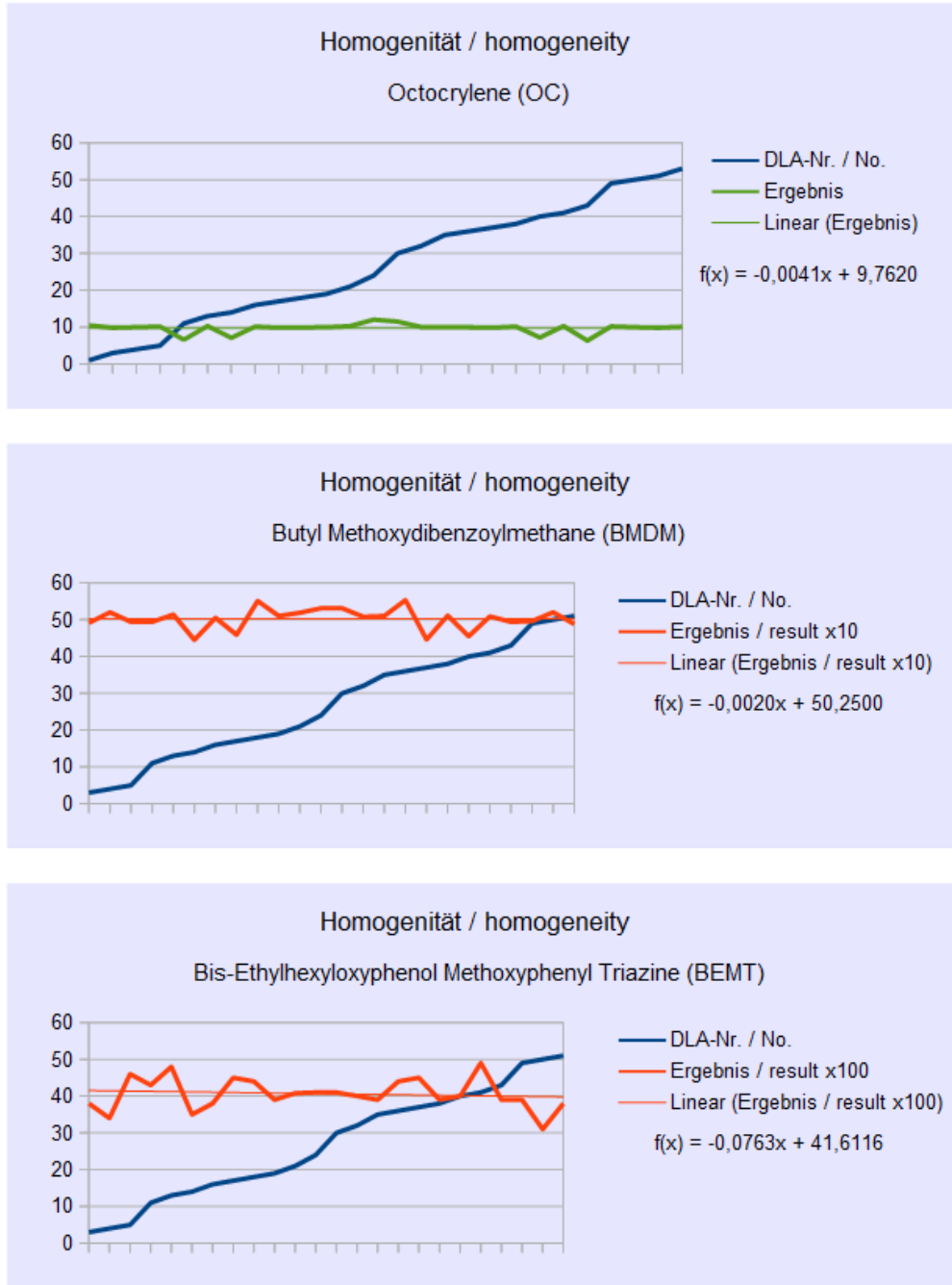


Abb./Fig. 12:
 Trendlinie Probennummern vs. Ergebnisse
 Trend line sample number vs. results

5.3 Information on the Proficiency Test (PT)

Before the PT the participants received the following information in the sample cover letter:

Information on the Proficiency Test (PT)

<i>PT number</i>	DLA 52-2018
<i>PT name</i>	Cosmetic Products II: UV-Filter in Sun Protection Product
<i>Sample matrix*</i>	Sun Protection Milk (SPF 50), common in commerce ingredients
<i>Number of samples and sample amount</i>	2 identical samples A + B, 25 g each.
<i>Storage</i>	Samples A + B: cooled 2 - 10°C (dark and dry)
<i>Intentional use</i>	Laboratory use only (quality control samples)
<i>Parameter</i>	quantitative: Octocrylene, Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane, Bis-Ethylhexyl-oxyphenol Methoxyphenyl Triazine and Titanium Dioxide
<i>Methods of analysis</i>	Analytical methods are optional
<i>Notes to analysis</i>	The analysis of PT samples should be performed like a routine laboratory analysis. In general we recommend to homogenize a representative sample amount before analysis according to good laboratory practice, especially in case of low sample weights.
<i>Result sheet</i>	The results for sample I and II as well as the final results calculated as mean of the double determination (samples I and II) should be filled in the result submission file. The recovery rates, if carried out, has to be included in the calculation.
<i>Units</i>	g/100g
<i>Number of significant digits</i>	at least 2
<i>Further information</i>	For information please specify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date of analysis - DLA-sample-numbers (for sample A and B) - Limit of detection - Assignment incl. Recovery - Recovery with the same matrix - Method is accredited
<i>Result submission</i>	The result submission file should be sent by e-mail to: pt@dla-lvu.de
<i>Deadline</i>	the latest 20th April 2018
<i>Evaluation report</i>	The evaluation report is expected to be completed 6 weeks after deadline of result submission and sent as PDF file by e-mail.
<i>Coordinator and contact person of PT</i>	Dr. Matthias Besler-Scharf

* Control of mixture homogeneity and qualitative testings are carried out by DLA. Testing of the content, homogeneity and stability of PT parameters is subcontracted by DLA.

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