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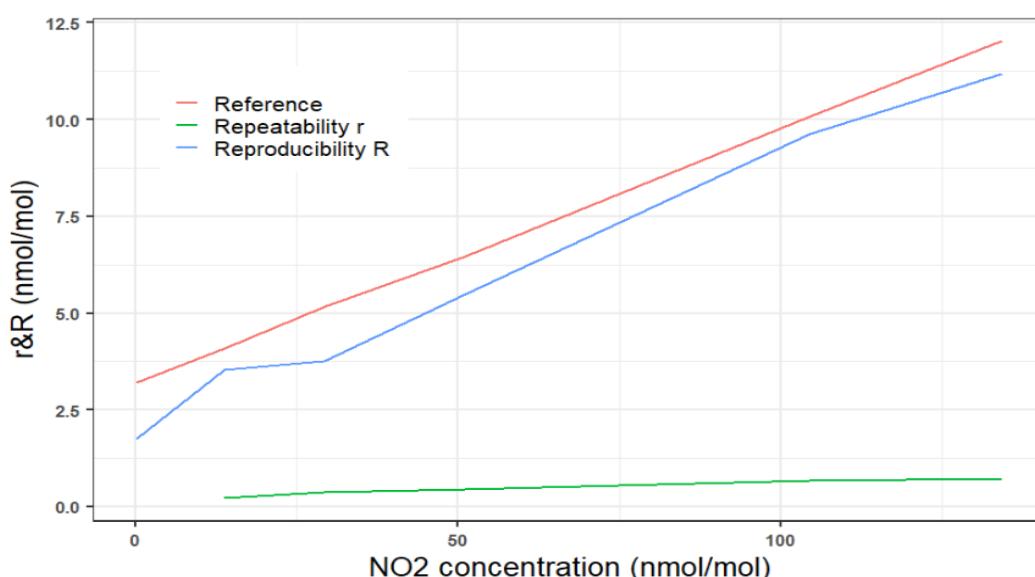
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Abstract

Within the harmonisation programme of Air Quality monitoring in Europe the European Reference Laboratory of Air Pollution (ERLAP) organises Proficiency Tests (PT).

During the period **04-07 of April 2022**, ten Laboratories of AQUILA (Network of European Air Quality Reference Laboratories), including ERLAP, met for a laboratory comparison exercise in Ispra (IT) to evaluate their proficiency in the analysis of inorganic gaseous air pollutants (NO, NO₂, SO₂, CO and O₃) covered by the European Air Quality Directive 2008/50 EC and its last amendments 2015/1480/EC.

Laboratory B didn't participate for CO measurement. Two laboratories (E and F) participated only for NO/NO₂ and O₃ analysis.

The proficiency evaluation, where each participant's bias was compared to two criteria (z/z'-score and En-score), provides information on the current situation and capabilities to the European Commission and can be used by participants in their quality control system.

On the basis of adopted criteria (z/z'-score and En-score), **5.3%** of the results were identified as outliers. Based only on the z/z'-score evaluation, between all the results reported, **91.5%** were satisfactory and **3.2%** of the values were found to be questionable and **5.3%** were unsatisfactory.

Considering the repeatability and reproducibility evaluation, the results among AQUILA participants at the highest generated concentration levels are generally in line with the previous similar PTs, only SO₂ shows an underperforming result.

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1 Introduction

The Directive 2008/50/EC [1] and its last amendments 2015/1480/EC [42] on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe sets a framework for a harmonised air quality assessment in Europe.

One important objective of the Directive [1] is that the ambient air quality shall be assessed on the basis of common methods and criteria. It deals with the air pollutants sulphur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and nitrogen monoxide (NO), particulate matter, lead, benzene, carbon monoxide (CO) and ozone (O₃). Among others it specifies the reference methods for measurements and Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) for the accuracy of measurements.

The European Commission (EC) has supported the development and publication of reference measurement methods for CO [2], SO₂ [3], NO-NO₂ [4] and O₃ [5] as European standards. Appropriate calibration methods [6], [7] and [8] have been standardised by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

As foreseen in the Air Quality Directive [1, 42], the European Reference Laboratory of Air Pollution (ERLAP) of the Directorate for Energy, Transport and Climate at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) organises Proficiency Tests (PT) to assess and improve the status of comparability of measurements of National Reference Laboratories (NRL) of the Member States of the European Union.

The World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Air Quality Management and Air Pollution Control, Berlin (WHO CC) is carrying out similar activities since 1994 [9] [10], [24], [31], [35], [38], [45] and [50], but with a view to obtaining harmonised air quality data for health related studies. Their programme integrates within the WHO EURO region, which includes public health institutes and other national institutes - especially from the Central Eastern Europe, Caucasus and countries from Central Asia.

Starting in 2004, it has been decided to bring together the efforts of both the JRC-ERLAP and WHO CC and to coordinate activities as far as possible, with a view to optimise resources and improve international harmonisation.

This report deals with the PT that took place in the period **04 - 07 of April 2022** in Ispra (IT).

Since 1990 ERLAP has organised PT in order to evaluate the comparability of measurements carried out by NRLs and promote information exchange among the expert laboratories. Recently, a more systematic approach has been adopted, in agreement with the Network of National Reference Laboratories for Air Quality (AQUILA) [11], aiming to both provide an alert mechanism for the purposes of the EC legislation and support the implementation of quality schemes by NRLs.

ERLAP is accredited to the latest version of the standard ISO 17025 and ISO 17043 for the pollutants and EN standard methods used during this proficiency test (EN 14211:2012-NO/NO₂, EN 14212:2012-SO₂, EN 14625:2012-O₃, EN 14626:2012-CO) as proved by the certificates in Annex F.

The methodology for the organisation of PT was developed by ERLAP in collaboration with AQUILA and is described in a paper on the organisation of laboratory comparison exercises for gaseous air pollutants [12].

This evaluation scheme was adopted by AQUILA in December 2008 and is applied to all PT since then. It contains common criteria to alert the EC on possible performance failures, which do not rely solely on the uncertainty claimed by participants. The evaluation scheme implements the z-score and z'-score method [13] with the uncertainty requirements for calibration gases stated in the European standards [2], [3], [4] and [5], which are consistent with the DQOs of European Directives.

According to the above-mentioned Directive [1, 42], NRLs with an overall unsatisfactory performance in the z/z'-score evaluation (**one unsatisfactory or two questionable results per parameter**) is asked to repeat their participation in the following PT in order to demonstrate remediation measures [12]. All participants with an outlier measurement should investigate the analytical process and send to the PT provider the conclusion of this analysis.

In addition, considering that the evaluation scheme should be useful to participants for accreditation according to ISO 17025, they are requested to include their measurement uncertainty. Hence, participants' results (measurement values and uncertainties) are also compared to the assigned values applying the En-score method [13].

Beside the proficiency of participating laboratories, the repeatability and reproducibility of standardised measurement methods [14], [15] and [16] are evaluated as well. These group evaluations are useful indicators of trends in measurement quality over different proficiency tests.

2 Proficiency test organisation

The PT was announced in **September 2021** to the members of the AQUILA network and the WHO CC representative. Registration was opened in **February 2022** and closed the third week of **March 2022**.

Every participant, together with the registration confirmation, received a detailed protocol with all the necessary information about the PT. Each laboratory was required to bring their own measurement instruments, data acquisition equipment and travelling standards (to be used for calibrations or checks during the PT).

The participants were invited to arrive on **Monday, 04 of April 2022**, for the installation of their equipment. The calibration of NOx and O₃ analysers was carried out the morning of the following day and the generation of NOx and O₃ gas mixtures started at 11:00 on Tuesday.

The calibration of SO₂ and CO analysers was carried out on Wednesday afternoon and the generation of CO and SO₂ gas mixtures started at 20:00 of the same day.

The test gases generation and measurements finished on Thursday at 9:00. Due to a technical problem during the generation of NO/NO₂ the sequence in table 3 has been modified compared to the one proposed in the protocol. All participants were informed during the PT and through an email the new sequence was confirmed.

3 Participants

All participants (Table 1) were organisations dealing with the routine ambient air monitoring or institutions involved in environmental or public health protection. The national representatives came from, Netherlands, Portugal, Poland, Sweden, Italy, Norway, Lithuania, Ireland.

Table 1: List of participating organizations.

Acronym	Laboratory	Country	Code
RIVM	National Institute for Public Health and the Environment	Netherlands	B
APA	Agencia Portuguesa Do Ambiente	Portugal	C
GIOS	Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection	Poland	D
ACES	Stockholm University ACES	Sweden	E
IVL	Swedish Environmental Research Institute	Sweden	F
ERLAP	European Reference Laboratory for Air Pollution	European Commission	G
NILU	Norwegian Institute for Air Research	Norway	H
ISPRA	The Institute for Environmental Protection and Research	Italy	I
AAA	Environmental Protection Agency	Lithuania	L
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Ireland	M

Source: JRC 2022

The following Table 2 reports the manufacturer and model of the instrumentations used by every participant during the Proficiency Test, including those used in the calculation of the assigned values. This information has been reported by the participants through a web interfaced questionnaire as described in the protocol. The list contains technical information and cannot be considered as an implicit or explicit endorsement by the organisers of any specific instrumentation. This list is used to identify presence of cluster during the data evaluation.

Some laboratories didn't fill in the questionnaire about this PT so some information are missing in Table 2.

Table 2: List of instruments used by participants.

Code	Pollutant	Instruments
B		none
C		Thermo Scientific 48i+
D		Horiba APMA-370
E		none
F		none
G	CO	Horiba, APMA-370, 2021
H		Not reported
I		Thermo Scientific 48i
L		Not reported
M		Not reported
B		Teledyne Tapi T200
C		Thermo Scientific 42i+
D		Thermo 42i
E		Environment, AC32M
F	NO/NO ₂	Ecotech Serinus 40
G		Thermo, TE42iTl, 2015
H		Teledyne api T200
I		Thermo 42i
L		Not reported
M		Not reported
B		Thermo Scientific 49i
C		Thermo Scientific 49i+
D		Teledyne API T400
E		Serinius 10
F	O ₃	Envea O-342
G		Thermo, 49-iPS , 2015
H		Not reported
I		Thermo Scientific 49i
L		Not reported
M		Not reported
B		Thermo Scientific 43i TLE
C		Thermo Scientific 43i+
D		Thermo 43C
E		none
F	SO ₂	none
G		Thermo 43i TLE, 2009
H		Not reported
I		Thermo Scientific 43i
L		Not reported
M		Not reported

Source: JRC 2022

4 Preparation of test mixtures

The ERLAP PT facility has been described in several reports [17], [18]. During this PT, gas mixtures were prepared for SO₂, CO, O₃, NO and NO₂ at concentration levels around limit values, critical levels and assessment thresholds set by the European Air Quality Directive [1].

Table 3: Sequence program of generated test gases with indicative pollutant concentrations

day	start time	duration	gas	installation	calibration	Zero Air	NO	NO ₂	O ₃	CO	SO ₂
h											
1st	09:00	/	X				nmol/mol	nmol/mol	nmol/mol	mmol/mol	nmol/mol
2nd	08:00	3	/	X							
2nd	11:00	1	NO-NO ₂ -O ₃		X						
2nd	12:00	2	NO-NO ₂			120					
2nd	14:00	1	NO-NO ₂			NOT TO BE REPORTED					
2nd	15:00	2	NO-NO ₂			70	50				
2nd	17:00	2	O ₃				60				
2nd	19:00	2	NO-NO ₂			25					
2nd	21:00	2	NO-NO ₂			10	15				
2nd	23:00	2	O ₃				15				
3rd	01:00	2	NO-NO ₂			60					
3rd	03:00	2	NO-NO ₂			30	30				
3rd	05:00	2	O ₃				35				
3rd	07:00	2	NO-NO ₂			NOT TO BE REPORTED					
3rd	09:00	2	NO-NO ₂			160	100				
3rd	11:00	2	O ₃				110				
3rd	13:00	2	NO-NO ₂			150	130				
3rd	15:00	2	O ₃				130				
3rd	17:00	2	NO			480					
3rd	19:00	2	NO			300					
3rd	21:00	1	CO-SO ₂		X						
3rd	22:00	2	CO-SO ₂						3	125	
4th	00:00	2	CO-SO ₂						8	50	
4th	02:00	2	CO-SO ₂						5	35	
4th	04:00	2	CO-SO ₂						1.5	19	
4th	06:00	2	CO-SO ₂						0.9	8	
4th	08:00	1	/								
4th	0:00	END									

Source: JRC 2022

The sequence programme of generated test gases is given in **Table 3**.

The test mixtures were prepared by the dilution of gases from cylinders containing high concentrations of NO, SO₂ or CO using thermal mass flow controllers [8]. O₃ was added using an ozone generator and NO₂ was produced applying the gas phase titration method [19] in a condition of NO excess.

The participants were required to report three half-hour-mean measurements for each concentration level (run) in order to evaluate the repeatability of standardised measurement methods. Zero value concentration levels were generated for one hour and one half-hour-mean measurement was requested to be reported.

5 The evaluation of laboratory's measurement proficiency

To evaluate the participant's measurement proficiency, the methodology described in ISO 13528 [13] was applied and measurement results of ERLAP were used as the assigned/reference values for the whole PT [12]. The traceability of ERLAP's measurement results and the assigned values list are described in Annex A. In the following proficiency evaluations, the uncertainty of test gas homogeneity (Annex A) was added to the uncertainties of ERLAP's measurement results.

All data reported by participating laboratories are presented in Annex B.

As described in the AQUILA document 37 [12], the proficiency of the participants was assessed by calculating two performance indicators (z/z'-score and En-score).

The following performance indicators, z-score and z'-score (z/z'-score), verify if the difference between the participants measured value and the assigned/reference value remains within the limits of a common criterion. The choice between z/z'-score is consequence to the meeting of the criterion $u_{X,pt} < 0.3\sigma_{pt}$ described in the standard ISO 13528 (par. 9.2) [13], where the uncertainty of the assigned value ($u_{X,pt}$) is compared to $0.3\sigma_{pt}$. When the criterion is met the z-score value is applied, in the other case z'-score is used. In Annex D a table is showing the values obtained during this evaluation and the selected indicator used for each measurement. The second performance indicator (En-score) verifies if the difference between the participants measured values and assigned/reference value remains within the limits of a criterion, that is calculated individually for each participant, from the uncertainty of the participant's measurement result and the uncertainty of the assigned/reference value.

5.1 z-score - z'-score

The z/z'- score performance indicators are calculated according to ISO 13528 (par. 9.4 and 9.5) [13] as:

$$z = \frac{(x_i - X)}{\sqrt{\sigma_{pt}^2}} = \frac{(x_i - X)}{\sqrt{(a \cdot X + b)^2}} \quad \text{Equation 1}$$

$$z' = \frac{(x_i - X)}{\sqrt{\sigma_{pt}^2 + u_X^2}} = \frac{(x_i - X)}{\sqrt{(a \cdot X + b)^2 + u_X^2}} \quad \text{Equation 2}$$

z = z-score

z' = z'-score

x_i = participant average values

X = the assigned/reference value

u_X = uncertainty of the assigned/reference value

σ_{pt} = standard deviation for proficiency assessment

a = slope see table 4

b = intercept see table 4

In the European standards [2], [3], [4] and [5] the uncertainties for calibration gases used in ongoing quality control are described. In fact, it is stated that the maximum permitted expanded uncertainty for calibration gases is 5% and that 'zero gas' shall not give instrument reading higher than the detection limit.

As one of the tasks of NRLs is to supply calibration gas mixtures, the 'standard deviation for proficiency assessment' (σ_{pt}) [13] is calculated in fitness-for-purpose manner from requirements given in European standards.

Over the whole measurement range σ_{pt} is calculated by linear interpolation between 2.5% at the calibration point (75% of calibration range) and the limit of detection at zero concentration level. The limits of detection of studied measurement methods were evaluated from the data of previous PT. The linear function parameters of σ_{pt} are given in **Table 4**.

Table 4: Standard deviation for proficiency assessment (σ_{pt}).

Gas	a	b (nmol/mol)
SO ₂	0.022	1
CO	0.024	100
O ₃	0.020	1
NO	0.024	1
NO ₂	0.020	1

Source: JRC 2022

σ_{pt} is a linear function of concentration (c) with parameters: slope “a” and intercept “b”.

$$\sigma_{pt} = (a \cdot X) + b \quad \text{Equation 3}$$

σ_{pt} = standard deviation for proficiency assessment

a = slope see table 4

X = reference value

b = intercept see table 4

The assessment of results in z/z'-score evaluation is made according to the following criteria:

$|z/z'| \leq 2$ are considered satisfactory.

$2 < |z/z'| < 3$ are considered questionable.

$|z/z'| \geq 3$ are considered unsatisfactory. Scores falling in this range are very unusual and are taken as evidence that an anomaly has occurred that should be investigated and corrected.

According to z/z'-score calculation, z/z'-score values between 2 and 3 are considered stragglers and they deserve a specific check. Nine values were identified as stragglers (see **Table 5**).

15 outlier values were found. Laboratory C had a serious poor performance in CO measurements. Laboratory H needs to investigate the NO/NO₂ measurement process, because the majority of NO and NO₂ values were unsatisfactory. Laboratory E had one O₃ value identified as outlier and it needs an investigation to find the cause of this poor performance.

Table 5: z/z'-score evaluation.

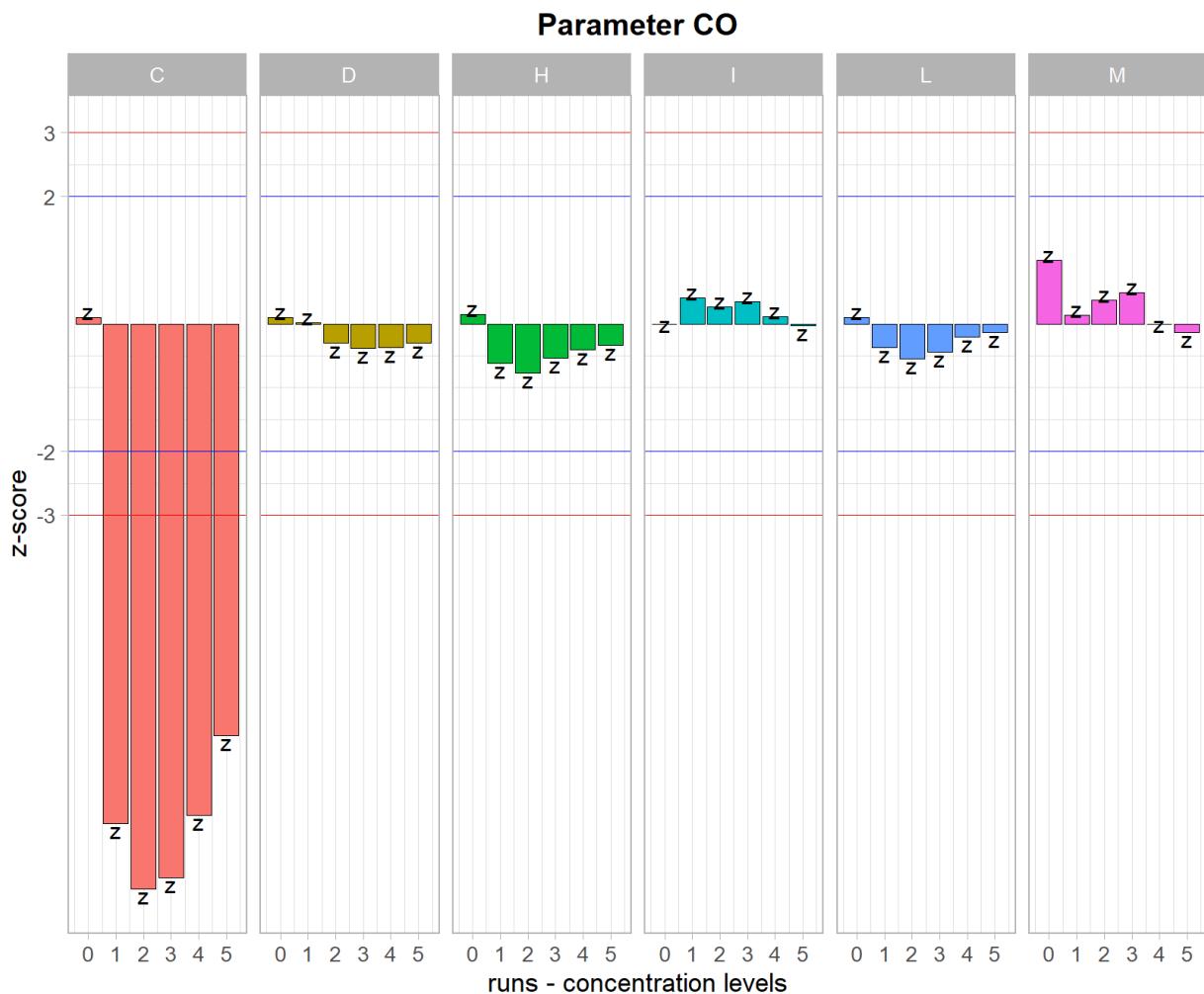
Code	Run	z/z'-score value	z/z'-score evaluation	z_type
C	CO _1	-7.839	unsatisfactory	z
C	CO _2	-8.863	unsatisfactory	z
C	CO _3	-8.690	unsatisfactory	z
C	CO _4	-7.707	unsatisfactory	z
C	CO _5	-6.463	unsatisfactory	z
C	SO2 _1	2.675	questionable	z'
C	SO2 _2	2.041	questionable	z'
H	NO _3	-2.82	questionable	z'
H	NO _5	-4.941	unsatisfactory	z'
H	NO _6	-3.523	unsatisfactory	z'
H	NO _7	-5.576	unsatisfactory	z
H	NO _8	-4.799	unsatisfactory	z
H	NO _9	-4.390	unsatisfactory	z
H	NO _10	-4.711	unsatisfactory	z
H	NO2 _4	-2.318	questionable	z'
H	NO2 _6	-3.658	unsatisfactory	z'
H	NO2 _7	-5.254	unsatisfactory	z'
H	NO2 _8	-4.972	unsatisfactory	z'
E	NO2 _2	-2.198	questionable	z'
E	NO2 _7	-2.212	questionable	z'
E	NO2 _8	-2.438	questionable	z'
E	O3 _1	-3.301	unsatisfactory	z
E	O3 _4	-2.370	questionable	z
I	SO2 _1	2.566	questionable	z'

Source: JRC 2022

In Annex C, **Table 14** is showing all z/z'-score values calculated for each participant, parameter and concentration level.

The results of z/z'-score evaluation are presented in bar plots (**Figure 1** to **Figure 5**) in which the z/z'-scores of each participant are grouped together. The assessment criteria are presented as $z/z' = \pm 2$ (blue line) and $z/z' = \pm 3$ (red line). They represent the limits for the questionable and unsatisfactory results.

Figure 1: z-score evaluations of CO measurements in $\mu\text{mol/mol}$



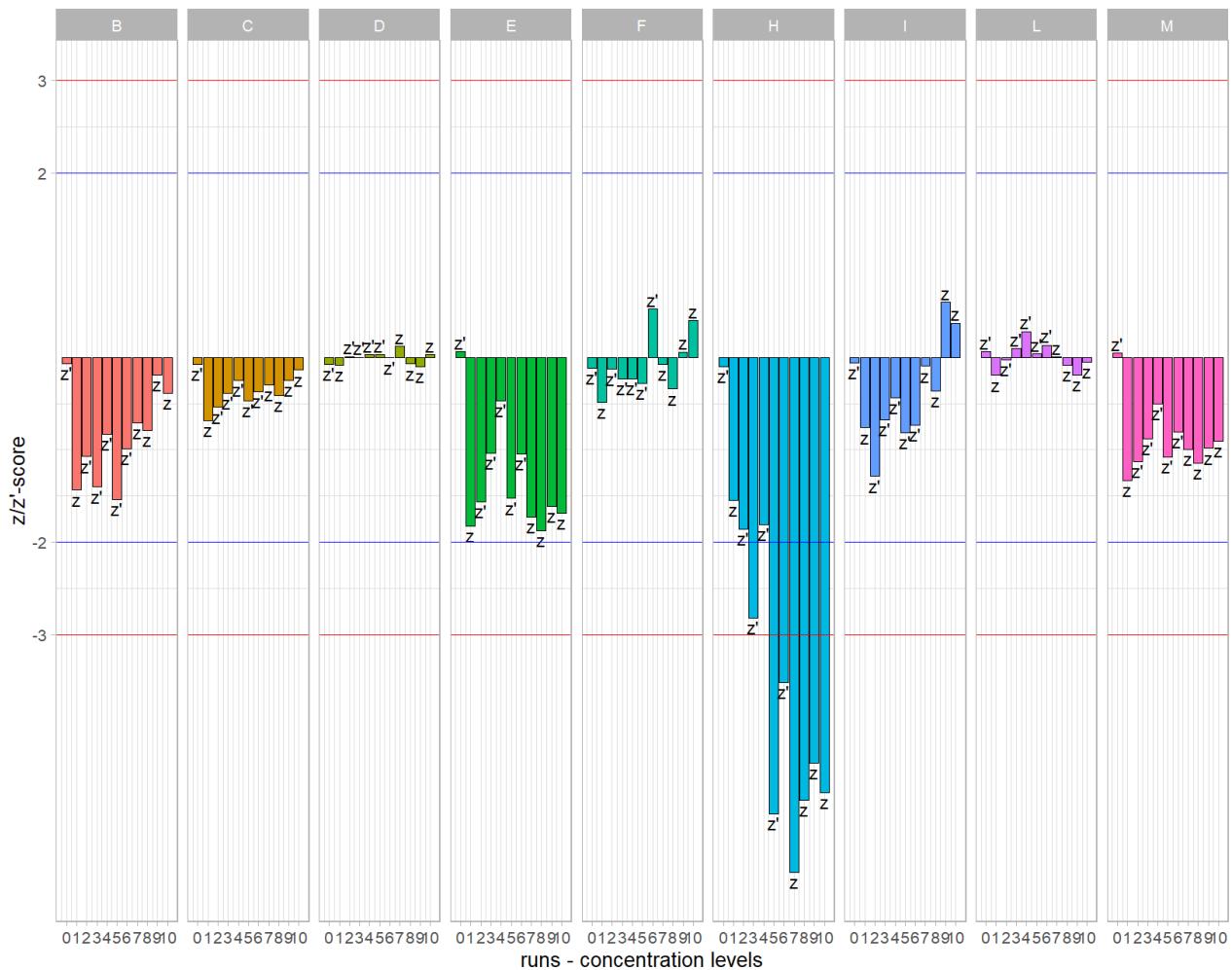
Scores are given for each participant and each tested concentration level (run). Run number order (with nominal concentration) is: 0 (0 $\mu\text{mol/mol}$), 1 (3 $\mu\text{mol/mol}$), 2 (8 $\mu\text{mol/mol}$), 3 (5 $\mu\text{mol/mol}$), 4 (1.5 $\mu\text{mol/mol}$), 5 (0.9 $\mu\text{mol/mol}$).

The assessment criteria limits are presented as $z=\pm 2$ (blue line) and $z=\pm 3$ (red line).

In this PT, laboratories B, E and F didn't participate to the measurement of this parameter.

Figure 2: z/z'-score evaluations of NO measurements in nmol/mol

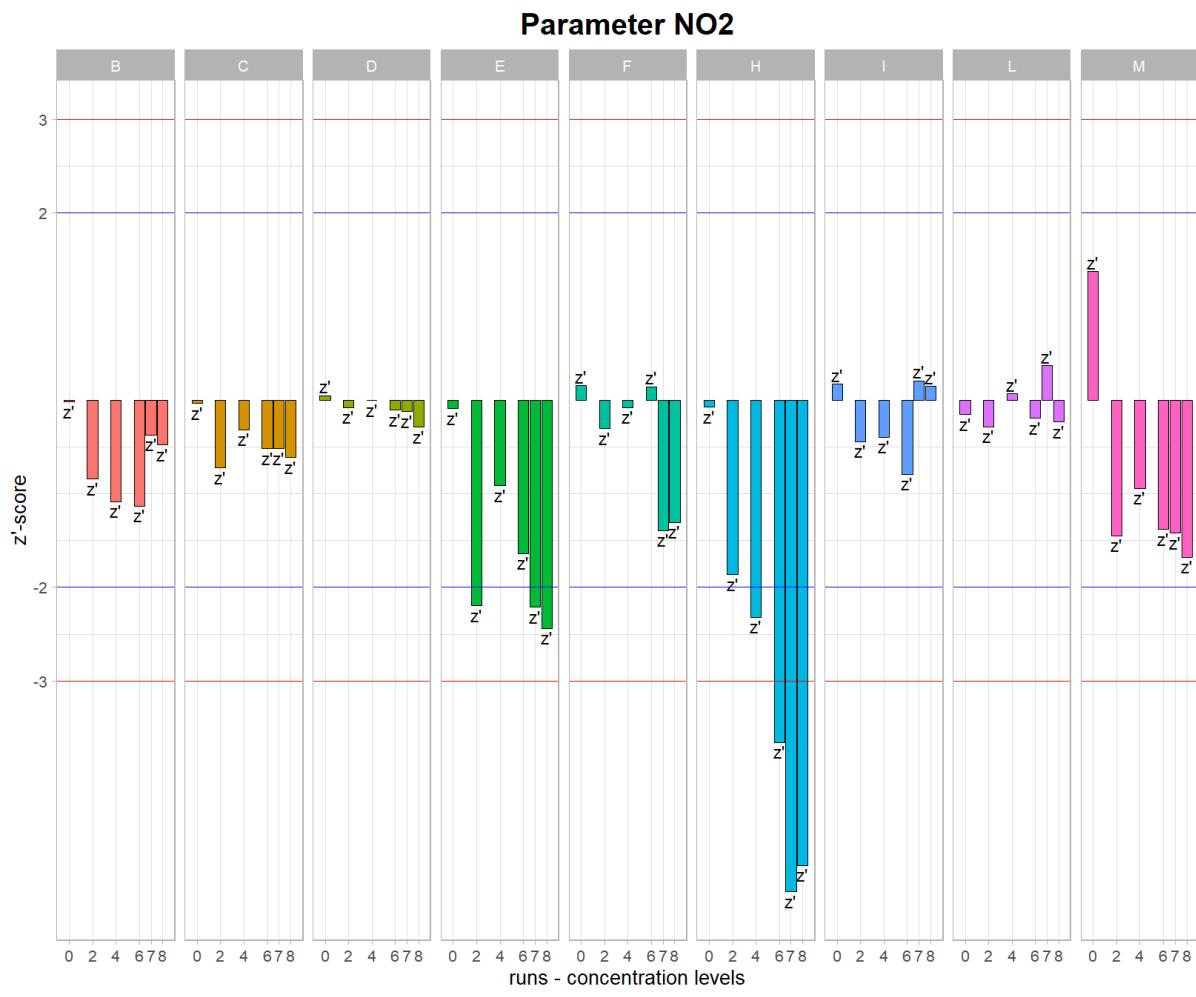
Parameter NO



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Scores are given for each participant and each tested concentration level (run). Run number order (with nominal concentration) is: 0 (0 nmol/mol), 1 (120 nmol/mol), 2 (70 nmol/mol), 3 (25 mol/mol), 4 (10 nmol/mol), 5 (60 nmol/mol), 6 (30 nmol/mol), 7 (160 nmol/mol), 8 (150 nmol/mol), 9 (480 nmol/mol), 10 (300 nmol/mol). The assessment criteria limits are presented as $z/z' = \pm 2$ (blue line) and $z/z' = \pm 3$ (red line).

Figure 3: z'-score evaluations of NO₂ measurements in nmol/mol

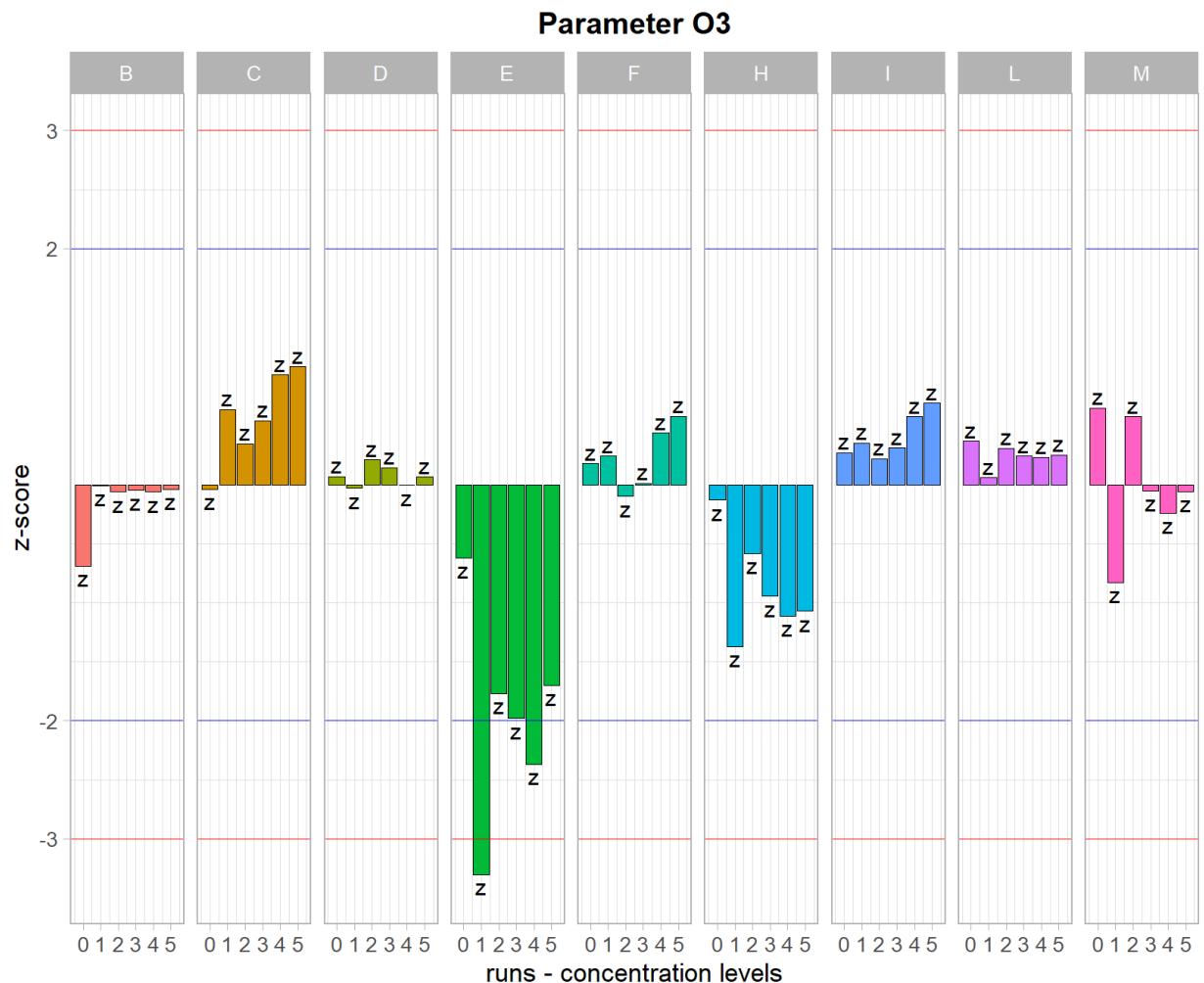


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Scores are given for each participant and each concentration level (run). The order of run numbers when NO₂ is generated (with nominal concentration) is: 0 (0 nmol/mol), 2 (50 nmol/mol), 4 (15 nmol/mol), 6 (30 nmol/mol), 8 (100 nmol/mol), 10 (130 nmol/mol). In the runs 1,3,5,9,10 there is no generation of NO₂.

The assessment criteria limits are presented as $z' = \pm 2$ (blue line) and $z' = \pm 3$ (red line).

Figure 4: z-score evaluations of O₃ measurements in nmol/mol

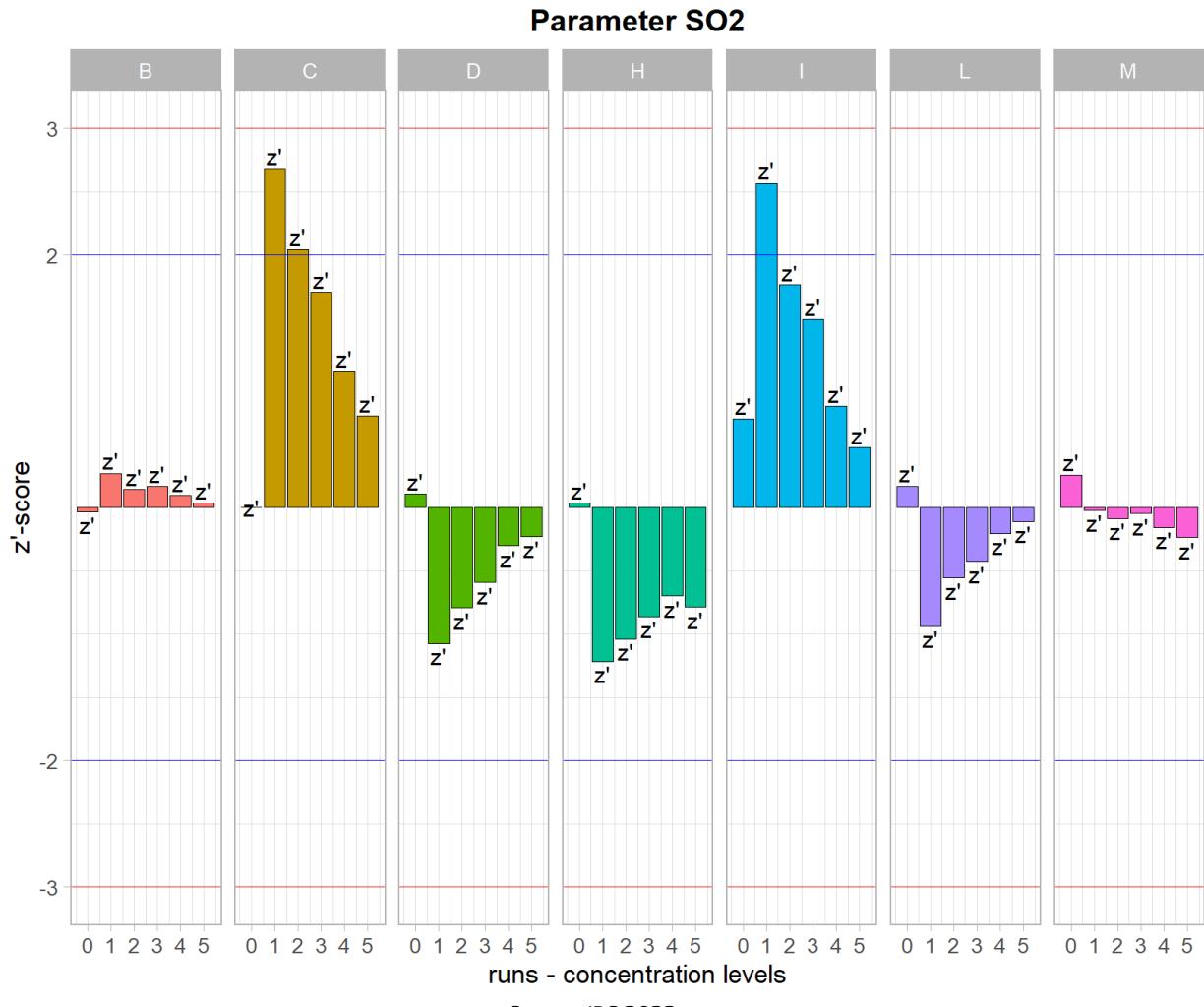


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Scores are given for each participant and each concentration level (run). Run number order (with nominal concentration) is: 0 (0 nmol/mol), 1 (60 nmol/mol), 2 (15 nmol/mol), 3 (35 nmol/mol), 4 (110 nmol/mol), 5 (130 nmol/mol).

The assessment criteria limits are presented as $z = \pm 2$ (blue line) and $z = \pm 3$ (red line).

Figure 5: z'-score evaluations of SO₂ measurements in nmol/mol



Scores are given for each participant and each tested concentration level (run). Run number order (with nominal concentration) is: 0 (0 nmol/mol), 1 (125 nmol/mol), 2 (50 nmol/mol), 3 (35 nmol/mol), 4 (19 nmol/mol), 5 (8 nmol/mol). The assessment criteria limits are presented as $z' = \pm 2$ (blue line) and $z' = \pm 3$ (red line). In this PT, laboratories E and F didn't participate to the measurement of this parameter.

5.2 En-score

In order to evaluate the participant's ability to have results close to the reference values within their reported uncertainties, the En-score parameters (En) were calculated according to:

$$En = \frac{x_i - X}{\sqrt{U_{xi}^2 + U_x^2}} \quad \text{Equation 4}$$

En = En-score

x_i = participant average values

X = assigned/reference value

U_{xi} = expanded uncertainty of the participants

U_x = expanded uncertainty of the assigned/reference value

Satisfactory results are the ones for which $|En\text{-score}|<1$. In **Figure 6** to **Figure 10** the difference between participant's values and reference values (x_i-X) and error bars are plotted.

These plots represent also the En-score evaluations where, considering the En criterion ($|En\text{-score}|<1$), all results are satisfactory if with the error bars are crossing the x-axis. Reported standard uncertainties (Annex A) that are larger than the "standard deviation for proficiency assessments" (σ_{pt} , **Table 4**) are considered not fit-for-purpose and are denoted with "*" in the x-axis of each figure.

The En evaluation showed in Figures 6-10 underline few unsatisfactory results for different parameters and concentrations, as reported in table 6.

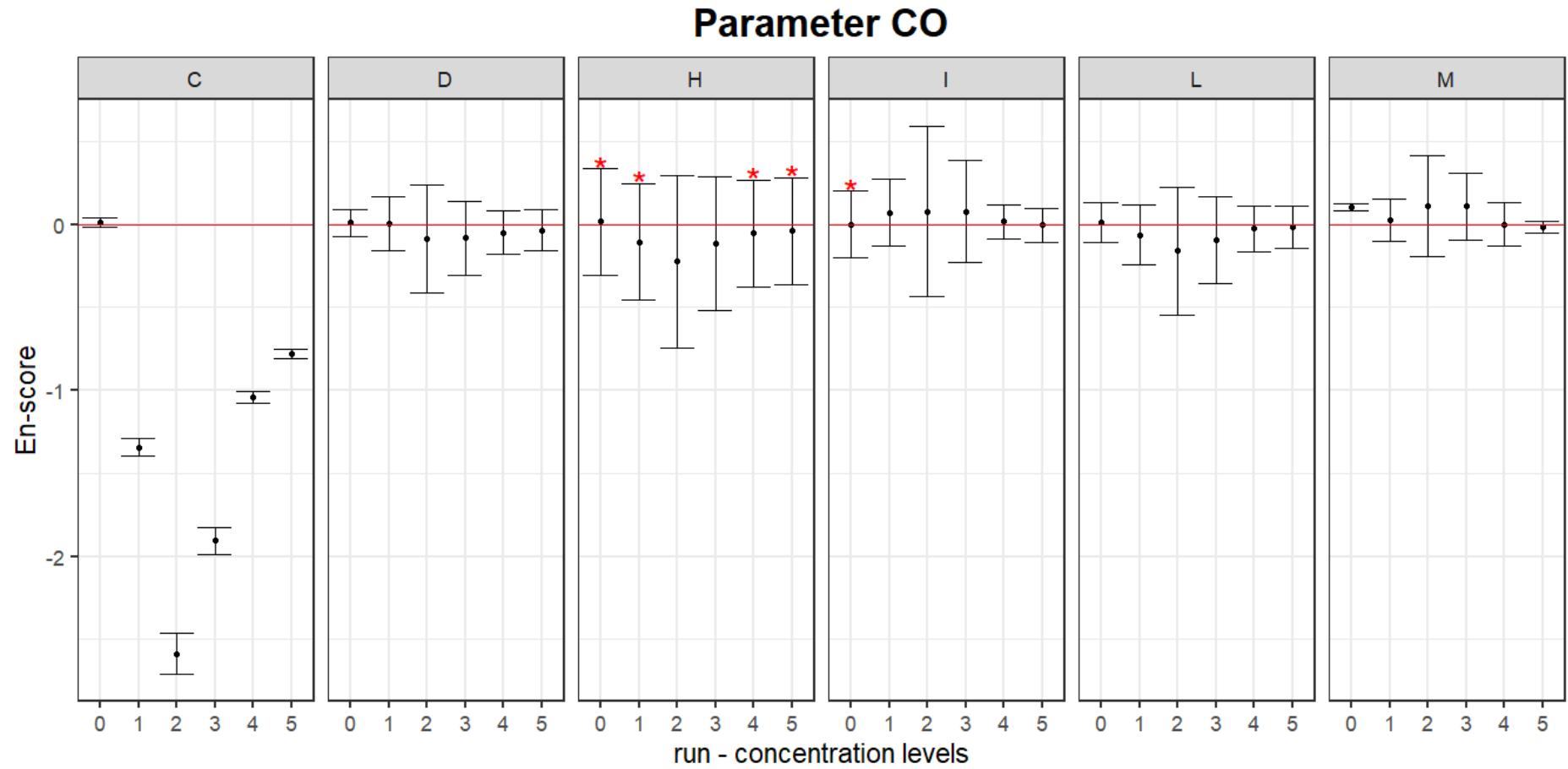
In Annex D, **Table 15** is showing all En values calculated for each participant, parameter and concentration level.

Table 6: Unsatisfactory results according to En-score.

Code	Run	En-score	En evaluation
C	CO_1	-25.0	unsatisfactory
C	CO_2	-20.9	unsatisfactory
C	CO_3	-23.9	unsatisfactory
C	CO_4	-29.4	unsatisfactory
C	CO_5	-25.1	unsatisfactory
M	CO_0	4.9	unsatisfactory
B	NO_3	-1.4	unsatisfactory
B	NO_5	-1.3	unsatisfactory
H	NO_1	-1.1	unsatisfactory
H	NO_2	-1.6	unsatisfactory
H	NO_3	-2.8	unsatisfactory
H	NO_4	-1.5	unsatisfactory
H	NO_5	-4.9	unsatisfactory
H	NO_6	-3.7	unsatisfactory
H	NO_7	-4.4	unsatisfactory
H	NO_8	-3.7	unsatisfactory
H	NO_9	-2.9	unsatisfactory
H	NO_10	-3.3	unsatisfactory
E	NO2_9	-1.4	unsatisfactory
E	NO2_10	-1.3	unsatisfactory
I	NO2_3	10.4	unsatisfactory
H	NO2_2	-1.6	unsatisfactory
H	NO2_4	-2.0	unsatisfactory
H	NO2_6	-3.6	unsatisfactory
H	NO2_7	-4.0	unsatisfactory
H	NO2_8	-3.5	unsatisfactory
M	NO2_0	1.2	unsatisfactory
M	NO2_2	-1.4	unsatisfactory
M	NO2_6	-1.4	unsatisfactory
M	NO2_7	-1.2	unsatisfactory
M	NO2_8	-1.4	unsatisfactory
C	O3_4	1.4	unsatisfactory
E	O3_0	-1.7	unsatisfactory
E	O3_1	-1.2	unsatisfactory
E	O3_2	-1.4	unsatisfactory
H	O3_1	-1.2	unsatisfactory
H	O3_3	-1.1	unsatisfactory
H	O3_4	-1.8	unsatisfactory
M	O3_0	1.5	unsatisfactory
C	S02_1	3.1	unsatisfactory
C	S02_2	2.7	unsatisfactory
C	S02_3	2.3	unsatisfactory
C	S02_4	1.4	unsatisfactory
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H	S02_2	-1.4	unsatisfactory
H	S02_3	-1.1	unsatisfactory

Source: JRC 2022

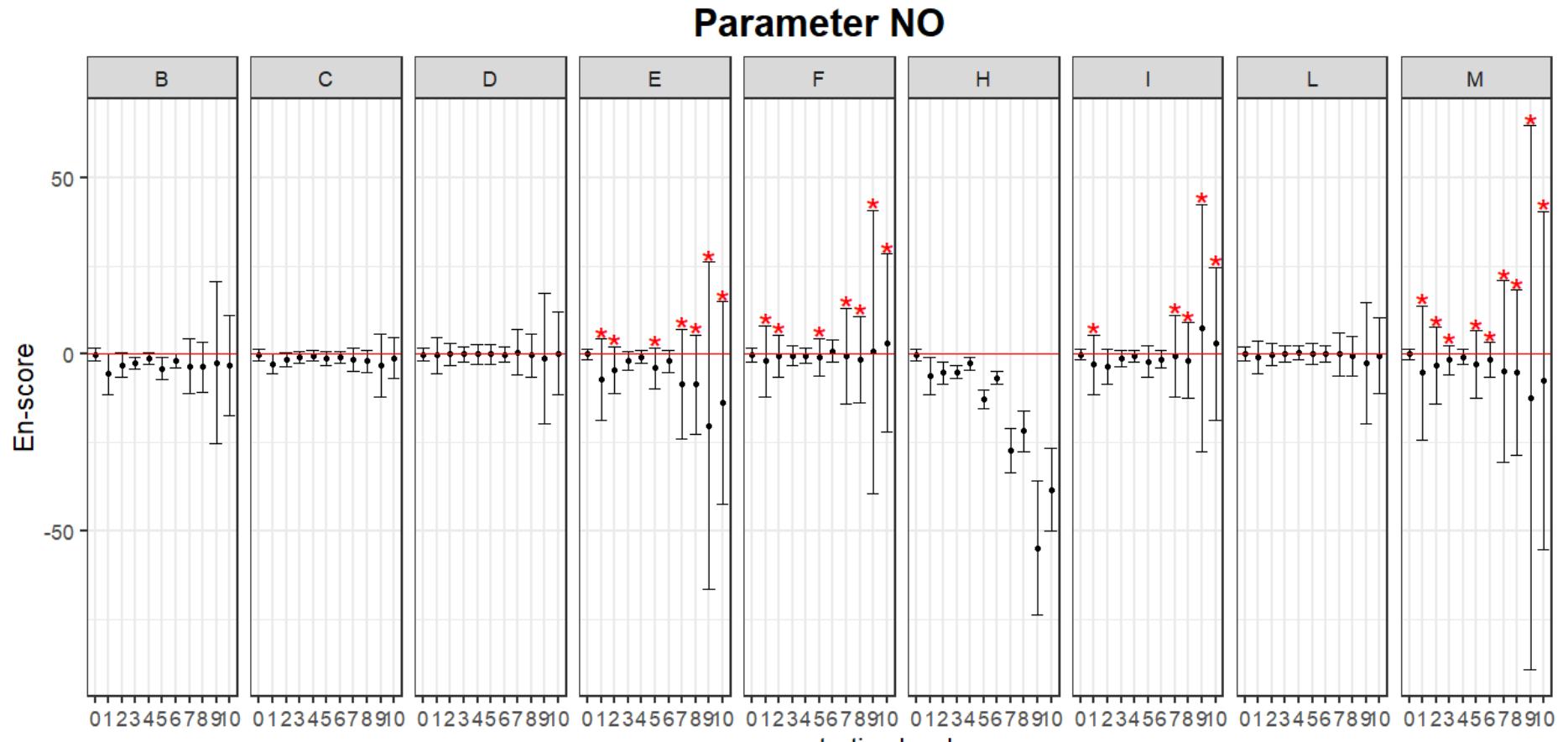
Figure 6: Bias of participant's CO measurement results in $\mu\text{mol/mol}$



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 6 is showing the expanded uncertainty of bias for each run presented as error bar. For each evaluation is given the run number (from 0 to 5) and the participants rounded run average ($\mu\text{mol/mol}$). The '*' mark indicates reported standard uncertainties bigger than σ_{pt} . Laboratory B, E and F didn't participate to the measurement of the parameter.

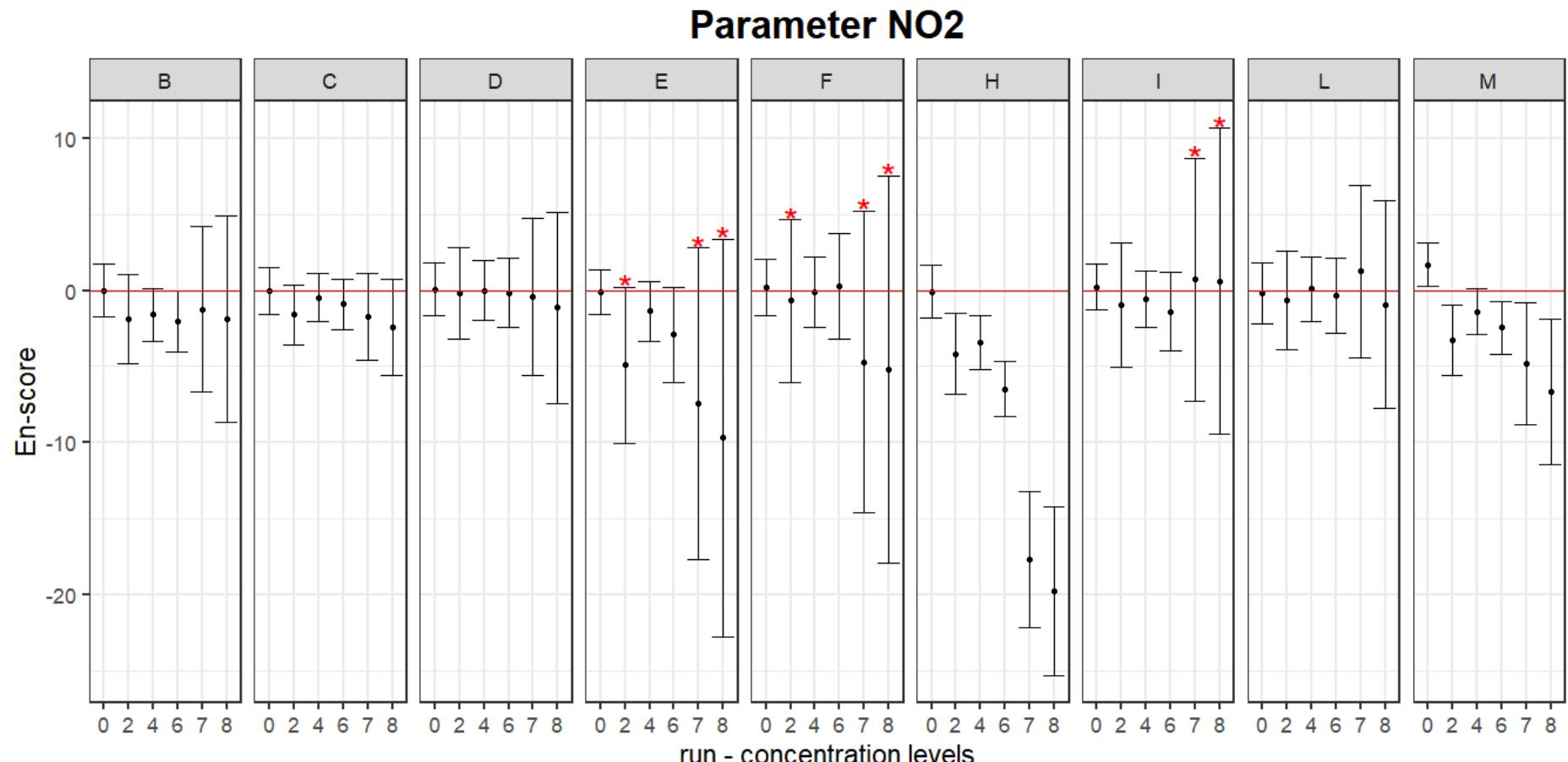
Figure 7: Bias of participant's NO measurement results in nmol/mol



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 7 is showing the expanded uncertainty of bias for each run presented as error bar. For each evaluation is given the run number (from 0 to 10) and the participants rounded run average (nmol/mol). The '*' mark indicates reported standard uncertainties bigger than σ_{pt} .

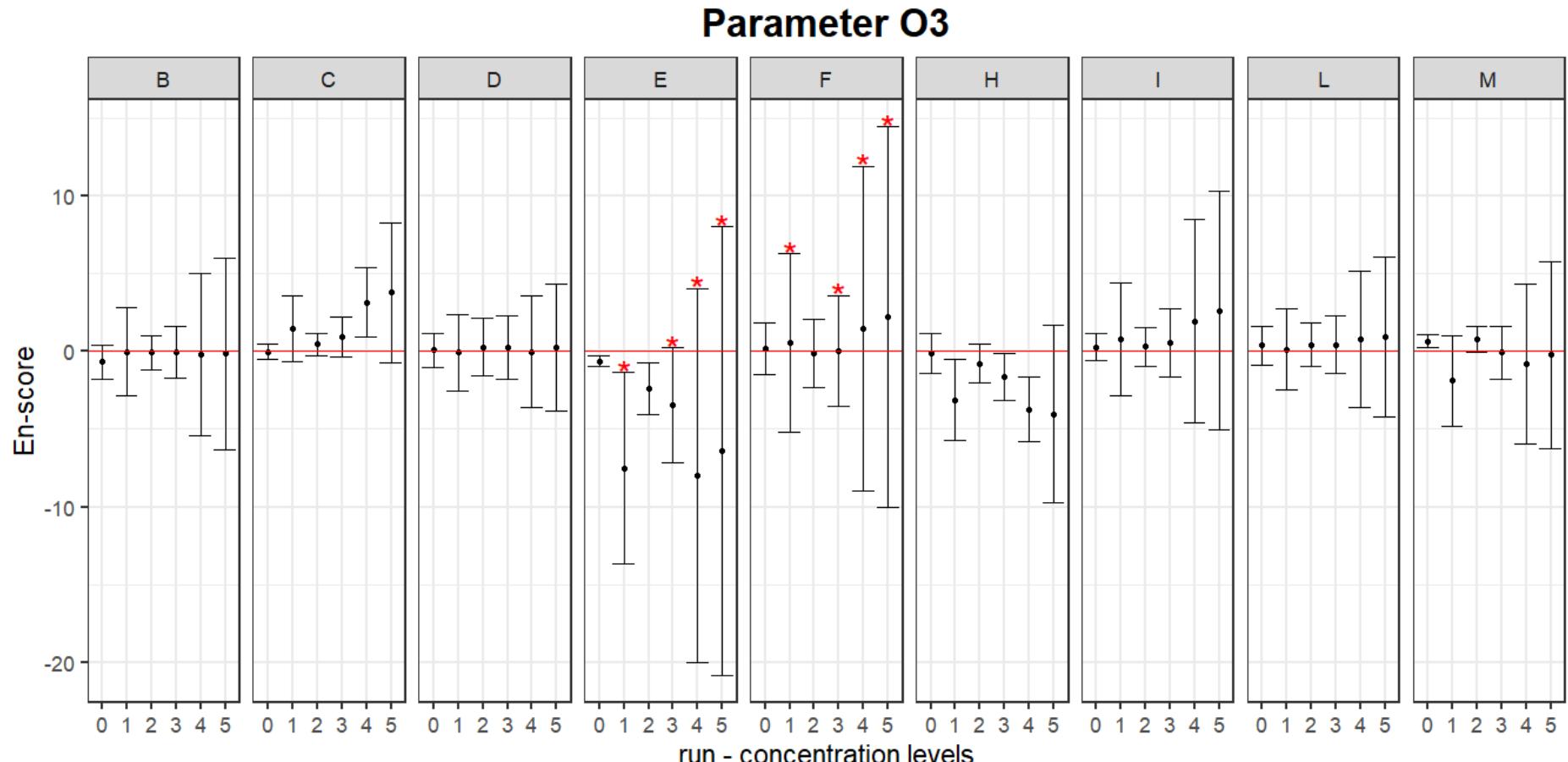
Figure 8: Bias of participant's NO₂ measurement results in nmol/mol



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 8 is showing the expanded uncertainty of bias presented as error bar for NO₂ run numbers 0, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 (see Table 3). For each evaluation is given the run number and the participants rounded run average (nmol/mol). The '*' mark indicates reported standard uncertainties bigger than σ_{pt} .

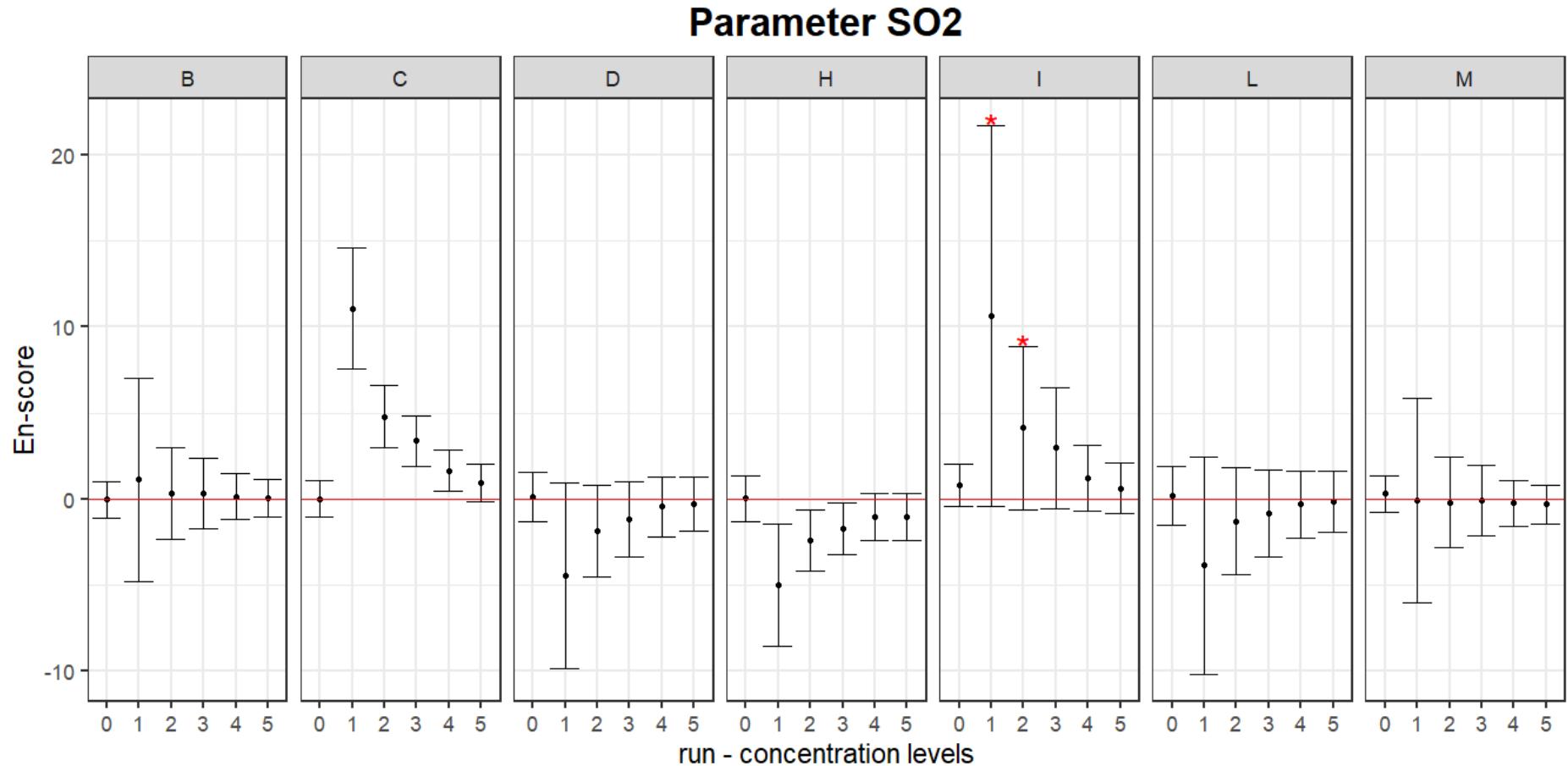
Figure 9: Bias of participant's O₃ measurement results in nmol/mol



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 9 is showing the expanded uncertainty of bias for each run presented as error bar. For each evaluation is given the run number (from 0 to 5) and the participants rounded run average (nmol/mol). The '*' mark indicates reported standard uncertainties bigger than σ_{pt} .

Figure 10: Bias of participant's SO₂ measurement results in nmol/mol



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 10 is showing the expanded uncertainty of bias for each run presented as error bar. For each evaluation is given the run number (from 0 to 5) and the participants rounded run average (nmol/mol). The '*' mark indicates reported standard uncertainties bigger than σ_{pt} .

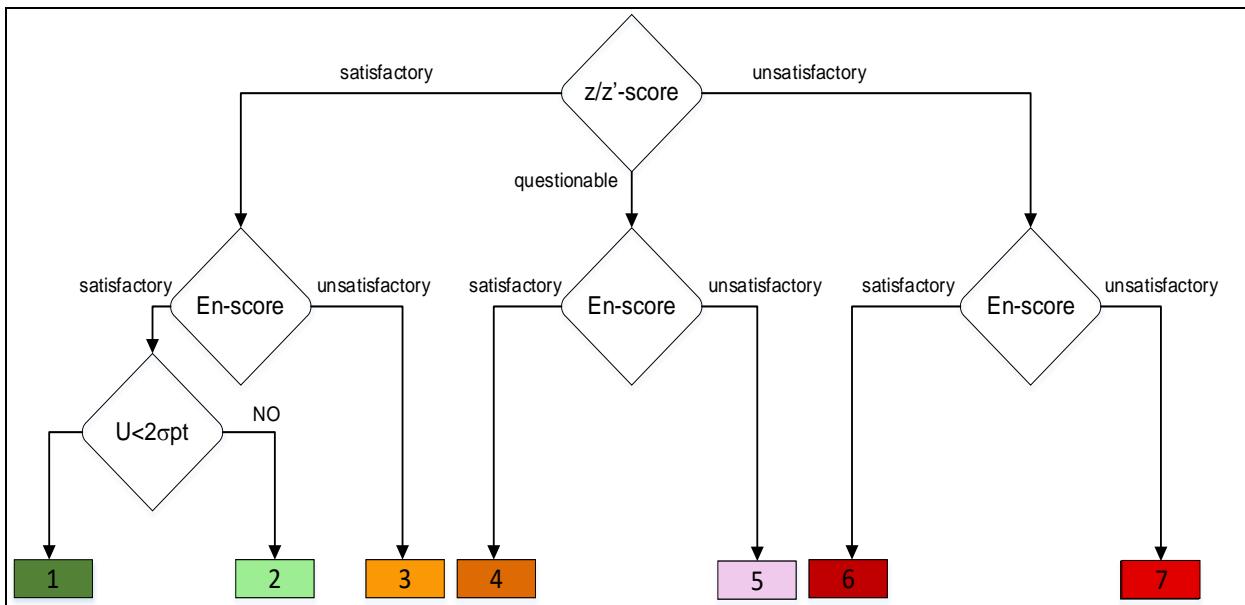
Laboratory E and F didn't participate to the measurement of the parameter.

6 Discussion

For a general assessment of the quality of each result, a decisional diagram was developed (**Figure 11**) that shows seven categories (1 to 7). The general description of each category is:

1. measurement result is completely satisfactory
2. measurement result is satisfactory for z/z' -score and En-score, but the reported uncertainty is too high according to the criteria $U < 2\sigma_{pt}$
3. measured value is satisfactory for z/z' -score, but the reported uncertainty is underestimated (En-score unsatisfactory)
4. measurement result is questionable for z/z' -score, but due to a high reported uncertainty can be considered valid (En-score satisfactory)
5. measurement result is questionable for z/z' -score and unsatisfactory for En-score.
6. measurement result is unsatisfactory for z/z' -score, but due to a high reported uncertainty can be considered valid (En-score satisfactory)
7. measurement result is unsatisfactory for z/z' -score and En-score.

Figure 11: Decision diagram for general assessment of proficiency results.



Source: JRC 2022

The results of the PT were assigned to categories according to the diagram given in **Figure 11** and are presented in the following table (**Table 7**). All the results submitted are reported in Annex B.

Table 7: General assessment of proficiency results.

gas	Conc. level	Ref. values	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	L	M
CO	0	0.00	n.r.	1	1	n.r.	n.r.	2	2	1	3
	1	2.98	n.r.	7	1	n.r.	n.r.	2	1	1	1
	2	7.99	n.r.	7	1	n.r.	n.r.	1	1	1	1
	3	4.98	n.r.	7	1	n.r.	n.r.	1	1	1	1
	4	1.47	n.r.	7	1	n.r.	n.r.	2	1	1	1
	5	0.87	n.r.	7	1	n.r.	n.r.	2	1	1	1
NO	0	0.12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	1	119.75	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	2
	2	67.84	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	2
	3	24.77	3	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	2
	4	10.86	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1
	5	59.50	3	1	1	2	2	7	1	1	2
	6	30.08	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	2
	7	161.08	1	1	1	2	2	7	2	1	2
	8	147.09	1	1	1	2	2	7	2	1	2
	9	478.87	1	1	1	2	2	7	2	1	2
	10	297.37	1	1	1	2	2	7	2	1	2
NO ₂	0	-0.01	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
	2	53.03	1	1	1	4	2	3	1	1	3
	4	14.67	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1
	6	30.38	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	3
	7	106.63	1	1	1	4	2	7	2	1	3
	8	137.43	1	1	1	4	2	7	2	1	3
O ₃	0	0.03	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	3
	1	64.00	1	1	1	7	2	3	1	1	1
	2	17.38	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
	3	37.05	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	1
	4	118.32	1	3	1	4	2	3	1	1	1
	5	138.82	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
SO ₂	0	0.01	1	1	1	n.r.	n.r.	1	1	1	1
	1	134.24	1	5	1	n.r.	n.r.	3	4	1	1
	2	55.93	1	5	1	n.r.	n.r.	3	2	1	1
	3	40.11	1	3	1	n.r.	n.r.	3	1	1	1
	4	18.81	1	3	1	n.r.	n.r.	1	1	1	1
	5	9.94	1	1	1	n.r.	n.r.	1	1	1	1

"n.r." is referring to values not reported.

Source: JRC 2022

7 Conclusions

The proficiency evaluation scheme has provided an assessment of the participants measured values and their evaluated uncertainties.

In terms of the criteria imposed by the European Directive (σ_{pt}) **67.4%** of the results reported during this PT (see **Table 8**) by AQUILA laboratories fall into ‘category 1’ and are satisfactory both in terms of measured values and evaluated uncertainties. Among the remaining results, some of them presented satisfactory measured values, but the evaluated uncertainties were either too high, ‘category 2’ (**15.8%**), or too small, ‘category 3’ (**8.4%**). Four values were found for ‘category 4’ (**1.8%**) and 7 values were assigned to ‘category 5’ (**1.4%**). No values were falling under ‘category 6’ and 15 values were found totally unsatisfactory (**5.3%**) in ‘category 7’.

A summary of the performances registered during the PT organised in Ispra from 2008 till 2022 is presented in Table 8. The table is showing how categories 1 and 2 are generally the majority as a sign of consistent satisfactory performances, even if the percentage of category 7 (outliers) is the highest since 2008 PT.

Table 8: Flags summary PT in Ispra from 2008 to 2022

PT_Ispra	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5	Category 6	Category 7
2008-04	68.4	18.1	7.3	1.0	1.0	2.6	1.6
2008-10_1	37.9	40.8	14.2	0.6	3.6	1.0	1.9
2008-10_2	34.3	38.9	23.7	1.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
2009-10	85.0	5.7	7.5	0.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
2010-06	84.6	8.1	4.4	0.7	2.3	0.0	0.0
2011-09	86.1	7.9	5.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3
2011-10	78.6	12.5	7.6	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
2012-06	92.2	0.5	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2013-09	89.4	7.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2013-10	86.8	8.9	3.6	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
2014-05	81.8	15.2	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.1
2015-10_1	90.2	7.6	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
2015-10_2	75.6	10.8	7.3	0.6	3.5	0.0	2.2
2016-06	79.3	17.8	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2017-06_1	92.8	4.3	1.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4
2017-06_2	78.1	11.5	6.5	0.0	1.9	0.0	1.9
2018-06	95.6	1.3	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019-05_1	86.6	8.1	4.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
2019-05_2	82.8	10.7	3.5	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2022-03_1	85.8	6.8	4.5	0.6	0.6	0.0	1.7
2022-03_2	91.7	6.0	1.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
2022-04	67.8	15.8	8.4	1.8	1.4	0.0	5.3

Source: JRC 2022

As in previous PT, the adopted criteria for high concentrations were the standard deviations for proficiency assessment, deriving from the European Standards’ uncertainty requirements.

The reproducibility standard deviation obtained at this (Annex C) and previous PT [20], [21], [22], [23], [24], [25], [33], [34], [35], [36], [37], [38], [39], [40], [41], [43], [44], [45], [46], [47], [48], [49], [50], [51], [52], [53] and [54] is comparable to the mentioned criteria. On the other hand, the uncertainty criteria for zero levels were those set in AQUILA’s position paper [12].

In this exercise **91.5%** of the results in the z/z'-score evaluations were satisfactory, **3.2%** questionable and **5.3%** of results were unsatisfactory. The results of this PT is in line with the performances of previous years as shown by the following **Table 9**.

Comparability of results among AQUILA participants at the highest concentration level is acceptable for all pollutant measurements beside for SO₂ for which the reproducibility is beyond the reference curve from 40 nmol/mol onwards.

Table 9: z/z'-score summary PT in Ispra from 2005 to 2022

PT	Site	Satisfactory (%)	Questionable (%)	Unsatisfactory (%)
2005-06	Ispra (IT)	94.7	2.3	3.0
2007-06	Ispra (IT)	97.8	1.9	0.3
2008-04	Ispra (IT)	93.8	2.1	4.1
2008-10_1	Ispra (IT)	92.9	4.2	2.9
2008-10_2	Ispra (IT)	97.0	3.0	0.0
2009-10	Ispra (IT)	98.2	1.8	0.0
2010-06	Ispra (IT)	97.0	3.0	0.0
2011-09	Ispra (IT)	99.4	0.3	0.3
2011-10	Ispra (IT)	98.7	1.3	0.0
2012-06	Ispra (IT)	100.0	0.0	0.0
2013-09	Ispra (IT)	100.0	0.0	0.0
2013-10	Ispra (IT)	99.3	0.7	0.0
2014-05	Ispra (IT)	98.1	0.7	1.1
2015-10_1	Ispra (IT)	99.4	0.6	0.0
2015-10_2	Ispra (IT)	93.7	4.1	2.2
2016-06	Ispra (IT)	100	0.0	0.0
2017-06_1	Ispra (IT)	98.9	0.7	0.4
2017-06_2	Ispra (IT)	96.2	1.9	1.9
2018-06	Ispra (IT)	100	0.0	0.0
2019-05_1	Ispra (IT)	98.7	1.3	0.0
2019-05_2	Ispra (IT)	97.5	2.5	0.0
2022-03_1	Ispra (IT)	97.2	1.1	1.7
2022-03_2	Ispra (IT)	99.3	0.7	0.0
2022-04	Ispra (IT)	91.5	3.2	5.3

Source: JRC 2022

The relative reproducibility limits, at the highest studied concentration levels, are 15.8% for SO₂, 6.1% for CO, 7.1% for O₃, for NO 5.5% and for NO₂ 8.3% all within the objective derived from criteria imposed by the European Commission (σ_{pt} see **Table 4**).

During this PT the performance of all NRL was confirmed by the 91.5% of all values reported that were found satisfactory according to z/z'-score evaluation.

Fifteen values were identified as outliers (**Table 5**). This PT has shown a bad performance according to the number of outliers that is the highest ever since the PT organized by ERLAP in 2005 as shown in **Table 9**. In Annex D are reported all the details about the evaluation of this PT, the strugglers and outliers identified. After the delivery of the draft report laboratory C and H replied:

Laboratory C: Our reported results for CO concentrations are below official values by about 30%. We realized that it is not a malfunction in the TEI 48i+ analyzer but a leak in the sampling line's internal pneumatic system. This is what we have to report as the cause of the deviation in our results.

Laboratory H: After a more thorough evaluation of the NO_x monitor that we used during this PT (Teledyne API T200 s/n 6964), it is clear that the unit shows performance issues. The instrument went through multiple linearity tests last week and an abnormal sensitivity variation was registered over a testing period of 3 days. These issues did not show up during the testing period at NILU, prior to the PT exercise. The controls against our travelling standard before and after the PT exercise did not indicate such variations. The instrument showed no warning and instrument parameters were all within tolerances during the exercise. This instrument is NILU's newest NO_x analyzer. It passed all the tests performed upon reception. Based on our post observations we conclude that the analyzer was probably malfunctioning during parts of the PT and that we should have discarded the reported results.

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List of abbreviations

AQUILA	Network of National Reference Laboratories for Air Quality
CEN	European Committee for Standardization
CO	Carbon monoxide
CRM	Certified Reference Material
DQO	Data Quality Objective
ERLAP	European Reference Laboratory for Air Pollution
EC	European Commission
GPT	Gas Phase Titration
ILC	Inter-Laboratory Comparison Exercise
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
JRC	Joint Research Centre
NO	Nitrogen monoxide
NO ₂	Nitrogen dioxide
NOX	The oxides of nitrogen, the sum of NO and NO ₂
NRL	National Reference Laboratory
O ₃	Ozone
PT	Proficiency Test
SO ₂	Sulphur dioxide
VDI	Verein Deutscher Ingenieure
WHO-CC	World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Air Quality Management and Air Pollution

Mathematical Symbols

En	En-score statistic (ISO 13528)
r	repeatability limit (ISO 5725)
R	reproducibility limit (ISO 5725)
σ_{pt}	standard deviation for proficiency assessment (ISO 13528)
x^*	robust average (Annex C ISO 13528)
s^*	robust standard deviation (Annex C ISO 13528)
s_r	estimate of repeatability variance (ISO 5725)
s_R	estimate of reproducibility variance (ISO 5725)
U_X	expanded uncertainty of the assigned/reference value (ISO 13528)
U_{xi}	expanded uncertainty of the participant's value (ISO 13528)
u_X	standard uncertainty of the assigned/reference value (ISO 13528)
X	assigned/reference value (ISO 13528)
x_i	average of 3 values reported by the participant i (for each parameter and concentration level)
$x_{i,j}$	j-the reported value of participant i (for each parameter and concentration level)
z'	z' -score statistic (ISO 13528)
z	z-score statistic (ISO 13528)

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Annex A.

Assigned values

The assigned values of tested concentration levels (run) were derived from ERLAP's measurements which are calibrated against the certified reference values of CRMs and are traceable to international standards. In this perspective the assigned values are reference values as defined in the ISO 13528 [13]. To foster its reference function ERLAP is participating regularly to key comparisons of the Gas Analysis Working Group within the framework of BIPM's CCQM and it is yearly confirming the compliance to standard ISO 17025 for testing and to ISO 17043, both through an audit run by the competent Italian accreditation body (see Annex F).

During this PT ERLAP's SO₂, CO and NO analysers were calibrated according to the methodology described in the ISO 6143 [6]. Reference gas mixtures were produced from the primary reference materials (produced and certified by NMi Van Swinden Laboratorium) by dynamic dilution method using mass flow controllers [8]. All flows were measured with a certified molbloc/molbox1 system. For O₃ measurements, the analysers were calibrated using the JRC SRP42 primary standard (constructed by NIST), which has been compared to BIPM primary standard [26]. The photometer absorption cross section uncertainty (1.06%) was included in the uncertainty budget [27], [28].

The reference gas mixture and the calibration experiment evaluation were carried out using two computer applications, the "GUM WORKBENCH" [29] and "B-least" [30] respectively. For extending calibration from the NO to NO₂ channel of NOX analyser the GPT test was performed to establish the efficiency of NO₂-converter.

In **Table 10** the assigned values are reported together with their uncertainties.

Table 10: Assigned values (X)

Gas	Unit	X	u_ref	U_ref
CO_0	µmol/mol	0.000	0.009	0.018
CO_1	µmol/mol	2.977	0.020	0.040
CO_2	µmol/mol	7.990	0.050	0.099
CO_3	µmol/mol	4.976	0.032	0.063
CO_4	µmol/mol	1.467	0.012	0.024
CO_5	µmol/mol	0.867	0.010	0.021
NO_0	nmol/mol	0.12	0.720	1.43
NO_1	nmol/mol	119.75	1.100	2.200
NO_2	nmol/mol	67.84	0.860	1.720
NO_3	nmol/mol	24.76	0.740	1.480
NO_4	nmol/mol	10.86	0.720	1.440
NO_5	nmol/mol	59.49	0.830	1.660
NO_6	nmol/mol	30.08	0.740	1.490
NO_7	nmol/mol	161.08	1.340	2.670
NO_8	nmol/mol	147.09	1.250	2.500
NO_9	nmol/mol	478.86	3.400	6.800
NO_10	nmol/mol	297.37	2.180	4.360
NO2_0	nmol/mol	-0.01	0.720	1.43
NO2_1	nmol/mol	0.35	0.840	1.68
NO2_2	nmol/mol	53.03	0.860	1.710
NO2_3	nmol/mol	0.77	0.730	1.46
NO2_4	nmol/mol	14.66	0.720	1.450
NO2_5	nmol/mol	0.76	0.760	1.51
NO2_6	nmol/mol	30.37	0.760	1.510
NO2_7	nmol/mol	106.63	1.230	2.460
NO2_8	nmol/mol	137.43	1.300	2.590
NO2_9	nmol/mol	6.96	1.840	3.67
NO2_10	nmol/mol	3.83	1.260	2.52
O3_0	nmol/mol	0.03	0.180	0.37
O3_1	nmol/mol	63.99	0.470	0.940
O3_2	nmol/mol	17.38	0.200	0.410
O3_3	nmol/mol	37.04	0.300	0.590
O3_4	nmol/mol	118.31	0.850	1.700
O3_5	nmol/mol	138.81	1.000	1.990
SO2_0	nmol/mol	0.01	0.520	1.03
SO2_1	nmol/mol	134.24	1.220	2.440
SO2_2	nmol/mol	55.93	0.710	1.420
SO2_3	nmol/mol	40.11	0.620	1.230
SO2_4	nmol/mol	18.80	0.550	1.090
SO2_5	nmol/mol	9.94	0.520	1.04

Source: JRC 2022

Homogeneity

The homogeneity of test gas was evaluated from measurements at the beginning and end of the distribution line. The relative differences between beginning and end measurements are calculated.

$$u_{fx} = \sqrt{u_x^2 + (X \cdot u_{homo})^2} \quad \text{Equation 5}$$

u_{fx} = final reference value combined uncertainty

u_x = reference value uncertainty intermediate

X = reference value

u_{homo} = uncertainty contribution to u_x from homogeneity test

The upper and lower limits of bias due to homogeneity were evaluated to be smaller than 0.5%, which constitutes the relative standard uncertainty of 0.3% of each concentration level assuming a rectangular distribution of the bias. The standard uncertainties of assigned/reference values (u_{fx}) were calculated with Equation 5 and used in the proficiency evaluations of chapter 4.

This type of PT for inorganic gases foresee a generation of gas mixture that is analysed immediately. In this condition, the stability and homogeneity test is not fully applicable. In ERLAP as homogeneity test all sampling ports, used by participants during the PT, are compared with the last port (N20) with a running concentration of ozone and the measurement carried out with 2 different analysers. The test is considered acceptable when the difference of the two measurements is below 0.5%. This test is part of the equipment checks run before a PT organised by ERLAP in Ispra and its result is reported in **Table 11**.

Table 11: Homogeneity test.

Bench position	Sample Analyzer SN15	Ref Analyzer SN14	Diff. in nmol/mol	Diff<0.5% ?
20a/b	400.5	398.0	0.0	Yes
1a	400.0	398.0	-0.5	Yes
1b	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
2a	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
2b	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
3a	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
3b	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
4a	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
4b	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
5a	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
5b	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
6a	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
6b	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
7a	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
7b	399.0	396.0	0.5	Yes
8a	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
8b	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
9a	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
9b	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
10a	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
10b	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
11a	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
11b	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
12a	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
12b	400.5	397.5	0.5	Yes
13a	399.5	396.0	1.0	Yes
13b	399.0	397.0	-0.5	Yes
14a	399.0	396.0	0.5	Yes
14b	400.0	396.0	1.5	Yes
15a	399.0	397.0	-0.5	Yes
15b	399.5	396.0	1.0	Yes
16a	399.0	396.0	0.5	Yes
16b	399.0	396.0	0.5	Yes
17a	399.0	396.0	0.5	Yes
17b	399.0	396.0	0.5	Yes
18a	399.0	396.0	0.5	Yes
18b	399.0	396.0	0.5	Yes
19a	399.5	397.0	0.0	Yes
19b	399.5	397.0	0.0	Yes
21a	399.5	397.0	0.0	Yes
21b	399.5	397.0	0.0	Yes
22a	399.0	396.0	0.5	Yes
22b	399.5	397.0	0.0	Yes
22c	399.5	396.0	1.0	Yes
22d	399.5	397.0	0.0	Yes
23a	399.5	397.0	0.0	Yes
23b	399.5	397.0	0.0	Yes
23c	399.5	396.0	1.0	Yes
23d	399.5	396.0	1.0	Yes

Source: JRC 2022

Annex B

Results reported by participants

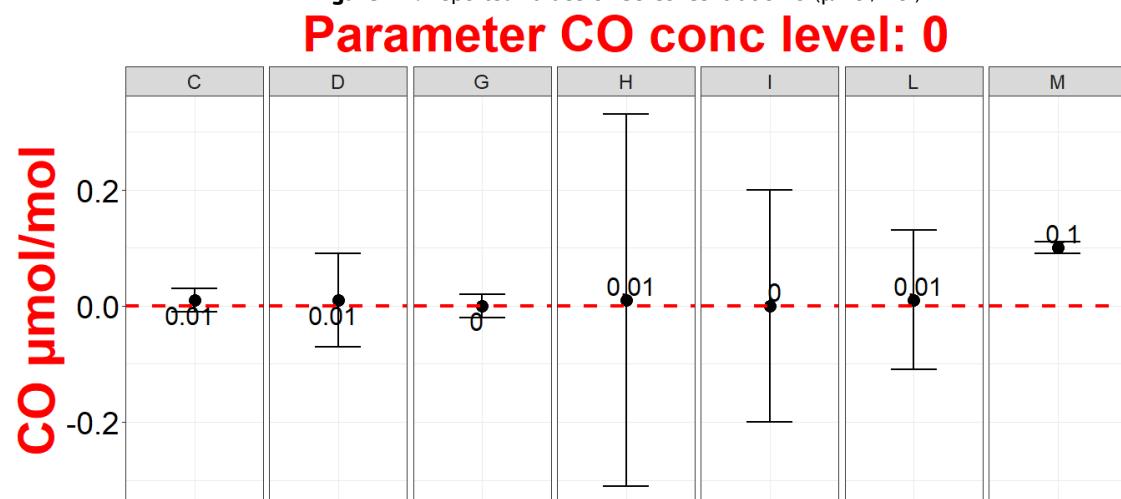
In this annex participant's results are reported as tables and graphs. For all mixture concentration generated (run), participants were asked to report 3 results representing a measurement of 30 minutes each (x_i).

In this annex are presented the reported data and their uncertainty $u(x_i)$ and $U(x_i)$ expressed in mol/mol units. For all the runs except concentration levels 0, also average (x_{mean}) and standard deviation (sd) of each participant are presented.

The assigned value is indicated on the graphs with the red line and the individual laboratories expanded uncertainties (U_{xi}) are indicated with error bars.

Reported values for CO

Figure 12: Reported values of CO concentration 0 ($\mu\text{mol/mol}$)

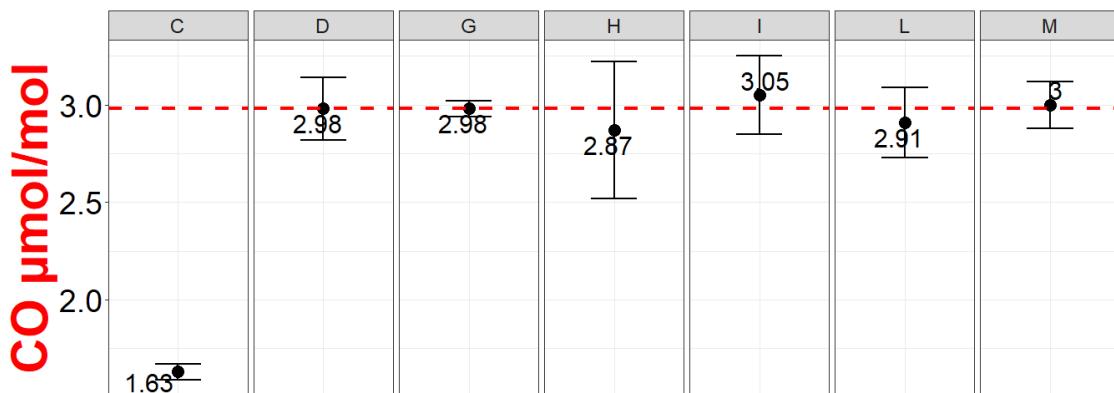


values	C	D	G	H	I	L	M
$x_i, 1$	0.01	0.01	0	0.015	0	0.01	0.1
$u(x_i)$	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.16	0.10	0.06	0.01
$U(x_i)$	0.02	0.08	0.02	0.32	0.20	0.12	0.01

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 13: Reported values of CO concentration 1 ($\mu\text{mol/mol}$)

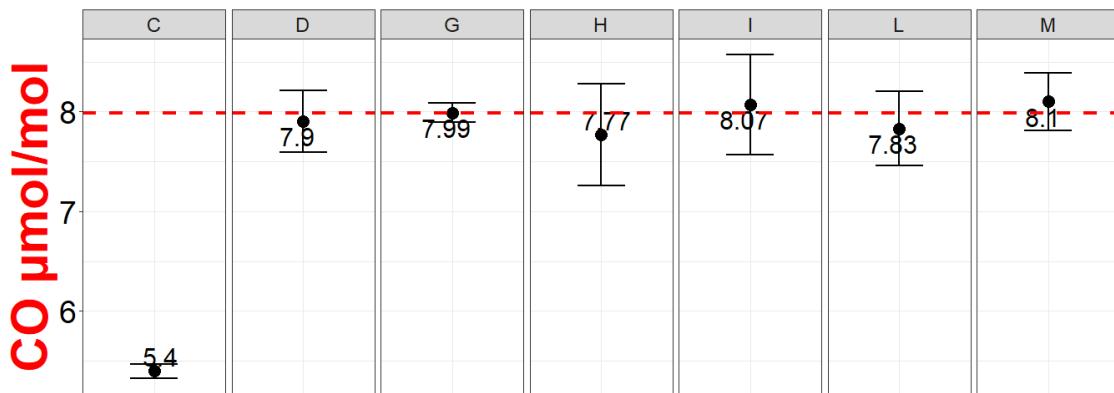
Parameter CO conc level: 1



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 14: Reported values of CO concentration 2 ($\mu\text{mol/mol}$)

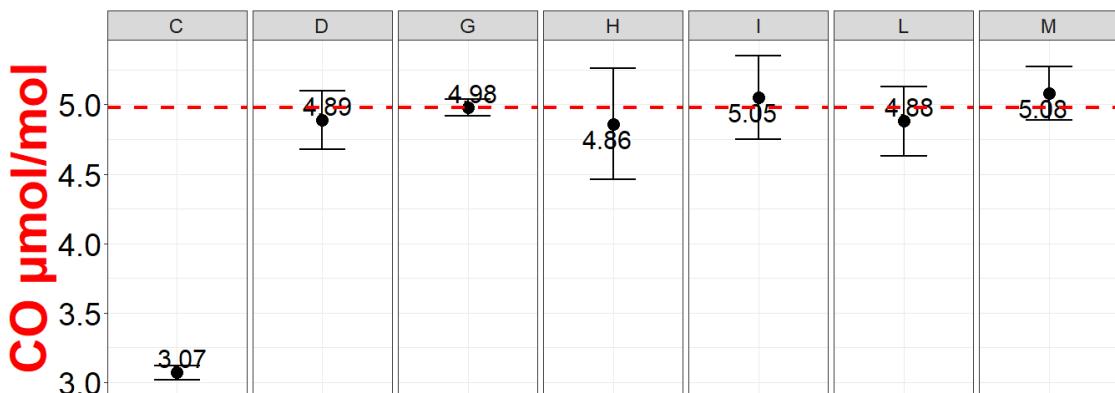
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Source: JRC 2022

Figure 15: Reported values of CO concentration 3 ($\mu\text{mol/mol}$)

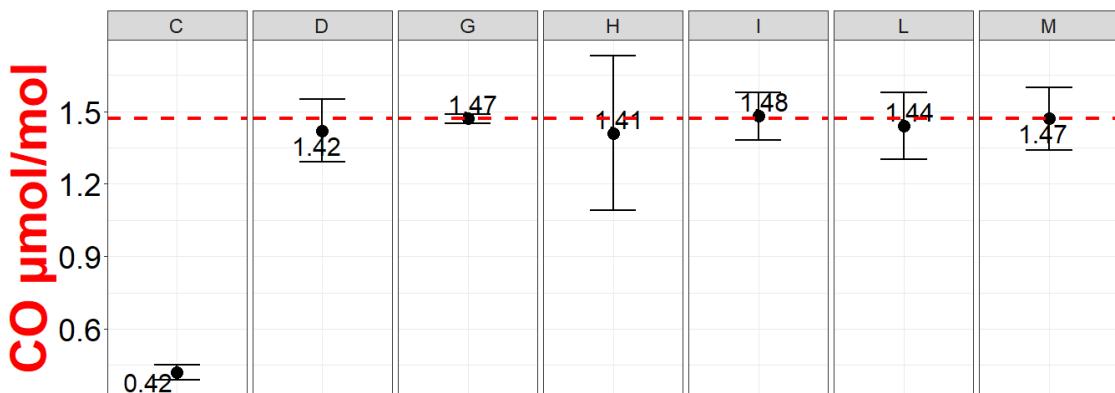
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Figure 16: Reported values of CO concentration 4 ($\mu\text{mol/mol}$)

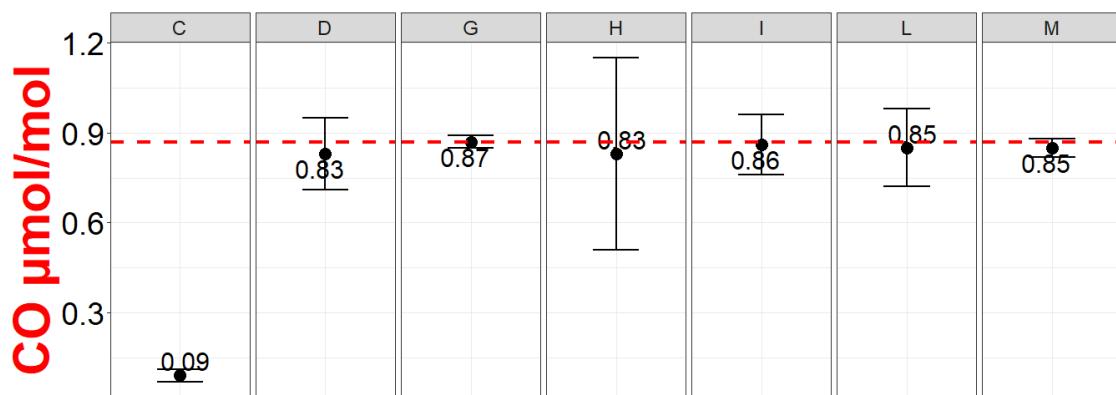
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Figure 17: Reported values of CO concentration 5 ($\mu\text{mol/mol}$)

Parameter CO conc level: 5



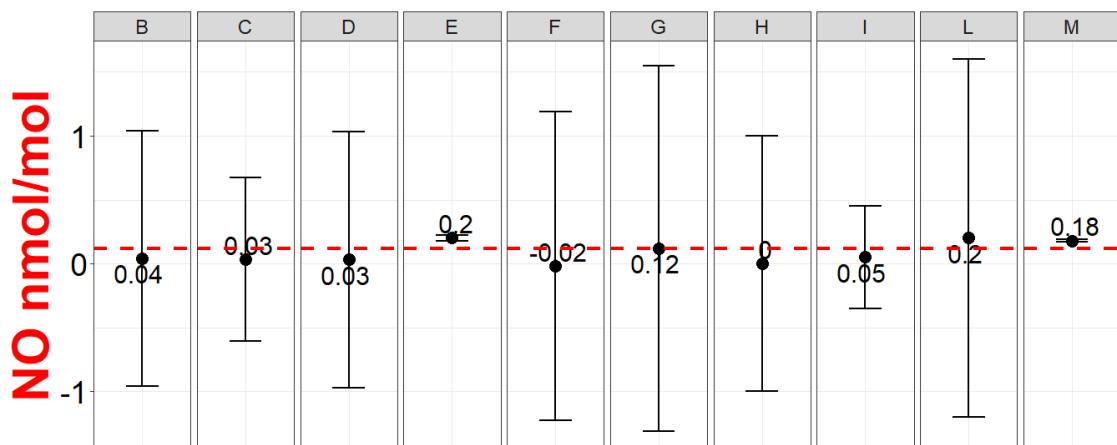
values	C	D	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	0.088	0.83	0.868	0.827	0.87	0.85	0.85
xi, 2	0.086	0.83	0.866	0.827	0.86	0.85	0.85
xi, 3	0.084	0.83	0.866	0.828	0.86	0.85	0.85
x_mean	0.09	0.83	0.87	0.83	0.86	0.85	0.85
sd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
u(xi)	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.16	0.05	0.06	0.01
U(xi)	0.02	0.12	0.02	0.32	0.10	0.13	0.03

Source: JRC 2022

Reported values for NO

Figure 18: Reported values of NO concentration 0 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO conc level: 0

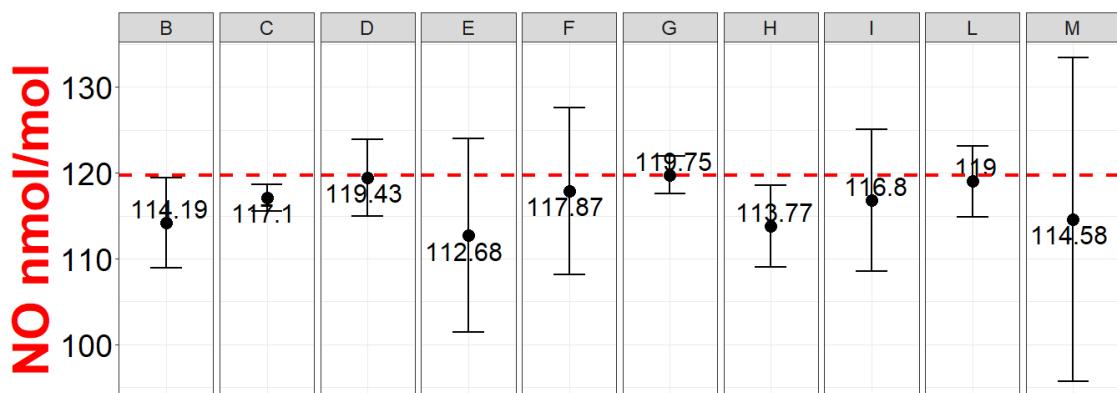


values	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.2	-0.02	0.12	0	0.05	0.2	0.18
u(xi)	0.50	0.32	0.50	0.01	0.60	0.71	0.50	0.20	0.70	0.01
U(xi)	1.00	0.64	1.00	0.02	1.21	1.43	1.00	0.40	1.40	0.01

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 19: Reported values of NO concentration 1 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO conc level: 1

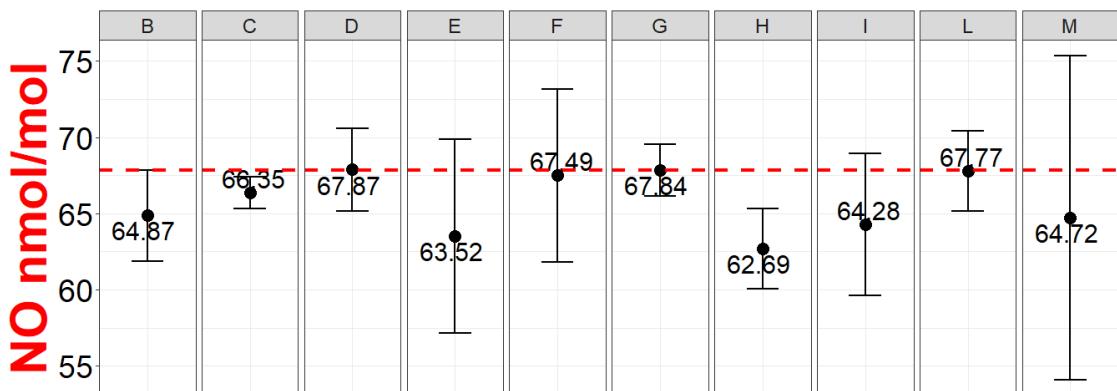


values	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	114.18	117.26	119.66	112.96	117.69	120.03	114.6	116.83	119.2	114.9
xi, 2	114.23	116.95	119.36	112.76	117.99	119.66	113.8	116.65	118.9	114.4
xi, 3	114.15	117.1	119.27	112.33	117.93	119.57	112.91	116.91	118.9	114.45
x_mean	114.19	117.10	119.43	112.68	117.87	119.75	113.77	116.80	119.00	114.58
sd	0.04	0.16	0.20	0.32	0.16	0.24	0.85	0.13	0.17	0.28
u(xi)	2.63	0.79	2.23	5.63	4.87	1.10	2.38	4.12	2.07	9.41
U(xi)	5.26	1.58	4.46	11.27	9.74	2.20	4.75	8.23	4.14	18.82

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 20: Reported values of NO concentration 2 (nmol/mol)

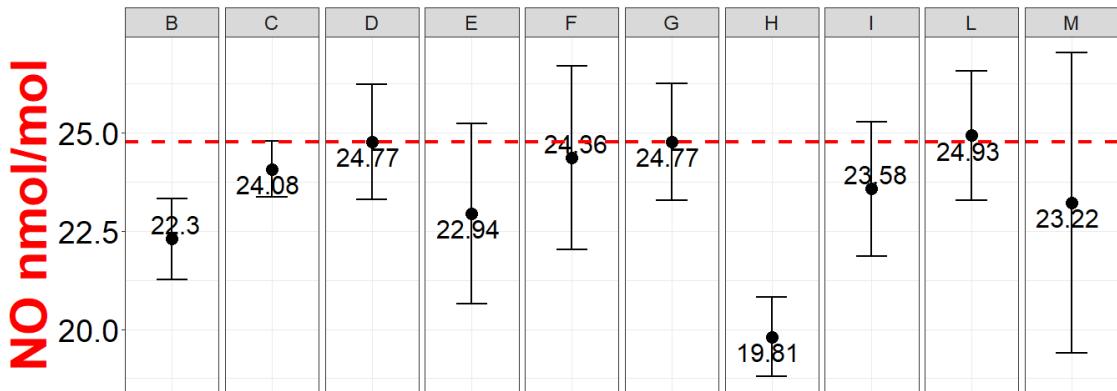
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Figure 21: Reported values of NO concentration 3 (nmol/mol)

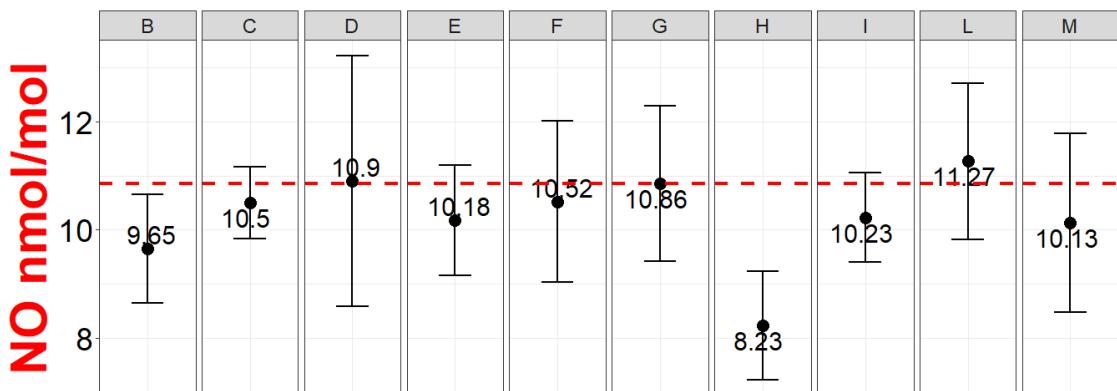
Parameter NO conc level: 3



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 22: Reported values of NO concentration 4 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO conc level: 4

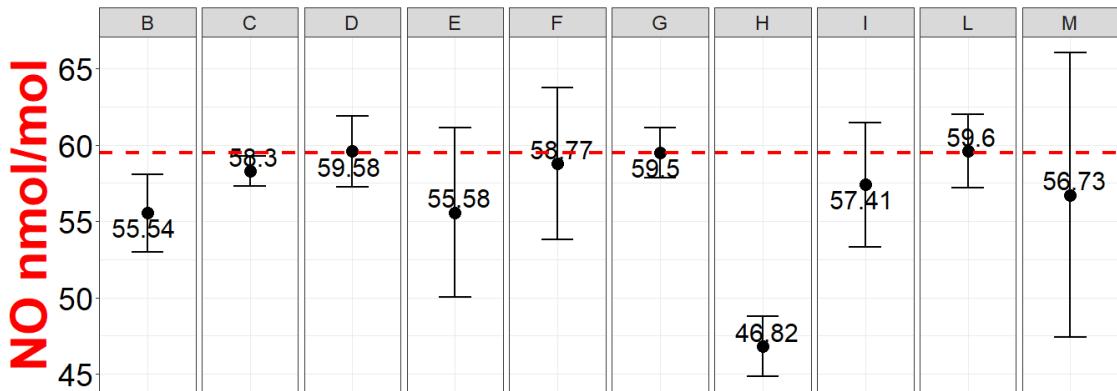


values	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	9.71	10.48	10.88	10.11	10.63	10.85	8.26	10.19	11.3	10.1
xi, 2	9.61	10.49	10.91	10.22	10.36	10.87	8.26	10.23	11.3	10.15
xi, 3	9.63	10.52	10.91	10.21	10.56	10.86	8.16	10.26	11.2	10.15
x_mean	9.65	10.50	10.90	10.18	10.52	10.86	8.23	10.23	11.27	10.13
sd	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.14	0.01	0.06	0.04	0.06	0.03
u(xi)	0.50	0.33	1.16	0.51	0.74	0.72	0.50	0.41	0.72	0.83
U(xi)	1.00	0.66	2.32	1.02	1.49	1.44	1.00	0.83	1.45	1.66

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 23: Reported values of NO concentration 5 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO conc level: 5

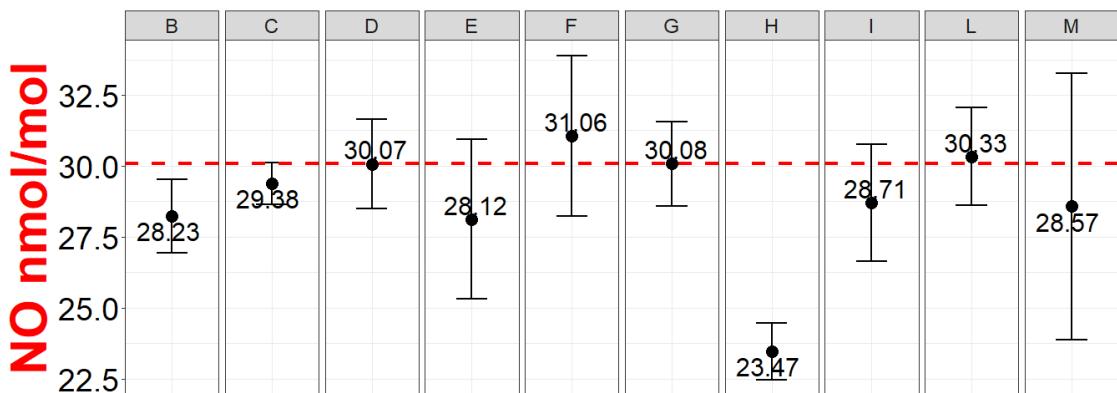


values	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	55.24	58.25	59.55	55.33	58.56	59.4	46.89	57.38	59.6	56.55
xi, 2	55.42	58.31	59.59	55.75	58.91	59.46	46.79	57.47	59.6	56.85
xi, 3	55.95	58.33	59.61	55.66	58.84	59.63	46.79	57.38	59.6	56.8
x_mean	55.54	58.30	59.58	55.58	58.77	59.50	46.82	57.41	59.60	56.73
sd	0.37	0.04	0.03	0.22	0.19	0.12	0.06	0.05	0.00	0.16
u(xi)	1.28	0.48	1.16	2.78	2.49	0.83	0.98	2.03	1.20	4.66
U(xi)	2.55	0.97	2.32	5.56	4.97	1.66	1.96	4.07	2.40	9.32

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 24: Reported values of NO concentration 6 (nmol/mol)

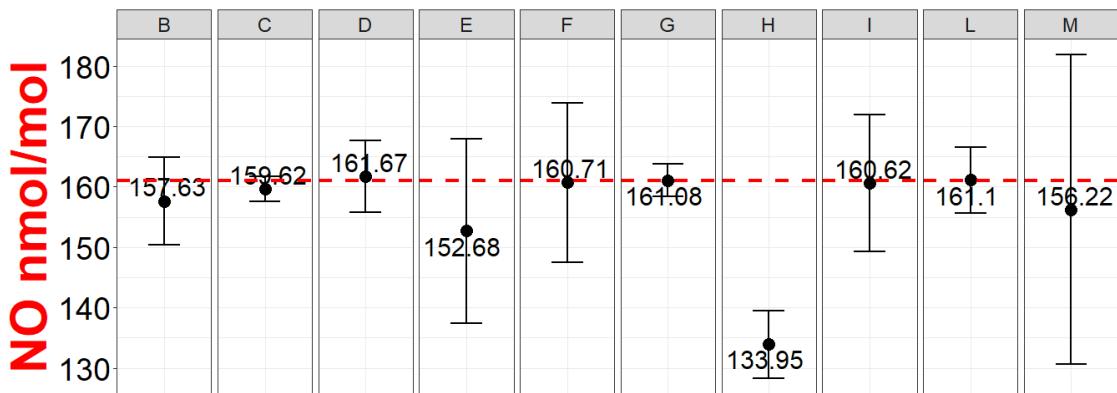
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Figure 25: Reported values of NO concentration 7 (nmol/mol)

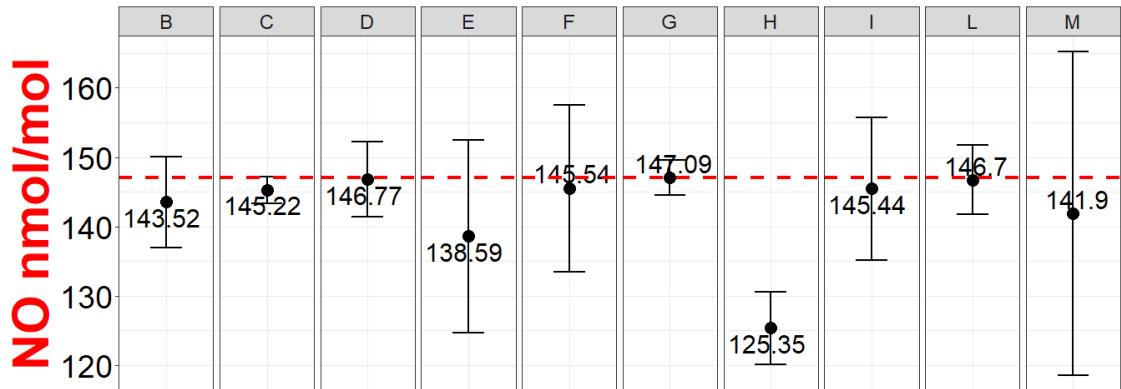
Parameter NO conc level: 7



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 26: Reported values of NO concentration 8 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO conc level: 8

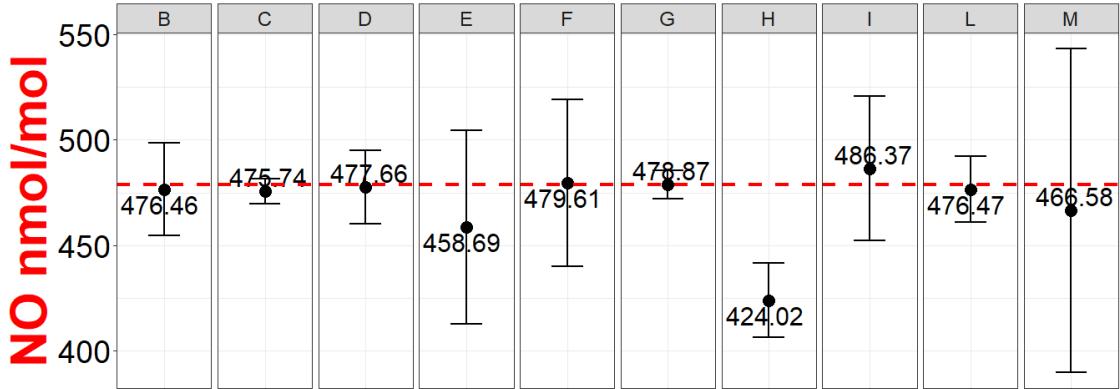


values	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	142.74	145.2	146.65	138.24	145.22	147.09	124.46	145.32	146.7	141.6
xi, 2	143.79	145.23	146.85	138.82	145.57	147.07	125.65	145.49	146.7	141.9
xi, 3	144.03	145.24	146.81	138.71	145.84	147.11	125.95	145.5	146.7	142.2
x_mean	143.52	145.22	146.77	138.59	145.54	147.09	125.35	145.44	146.70	141.90
sd	0.69	0.02	0.11	0.31	0.31	0.02	0.79	0.10	0.00	0.30
u(xi)	3.30	0.95	2.71	6.93	6.01	1.25	2.62	5.12	2.50	11.65
U(xi)	6.60	1.91	5.42	13.86	12.02	2.50	5.24	10.25	4.99	23.30

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 27: Reported values of NO concentration 9 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO conc level: 9

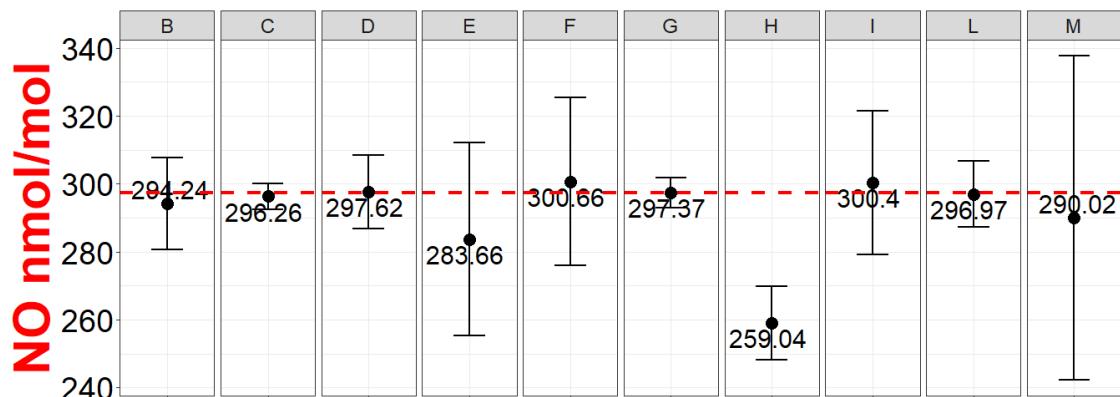


values	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	475.12	475.26	477.25	456.73	476.22	478.48	423.35	486.1	476	465.95
xi, 2	476.82	475.92	477.85	459.28	480.26	479.14	424.25	486.6	476.7	466.8
xi, 3	477.43	476.05	477.89	460.07	482.35	478.98	424.45	486.4	476.7	467
x_mean	476.46	475.74	477.66	458.69	479.61	478.87	424.02	486.37	476.47	466.58
sd	1.20	0.42	0.36	1.75	3.12	0.34	0.59	0.25	0.40	0.56
u(xi)	10.96	2.96	8.64	22.93	19.70	3.40	8.86	17.13	7.81	38.30
U(xi)	21.92	5.92	17.28	45.87	39.39	6.80	17.72	34.25	15.64	76.60

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 28: Reported values of NO concentration 10 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO conc level: 10



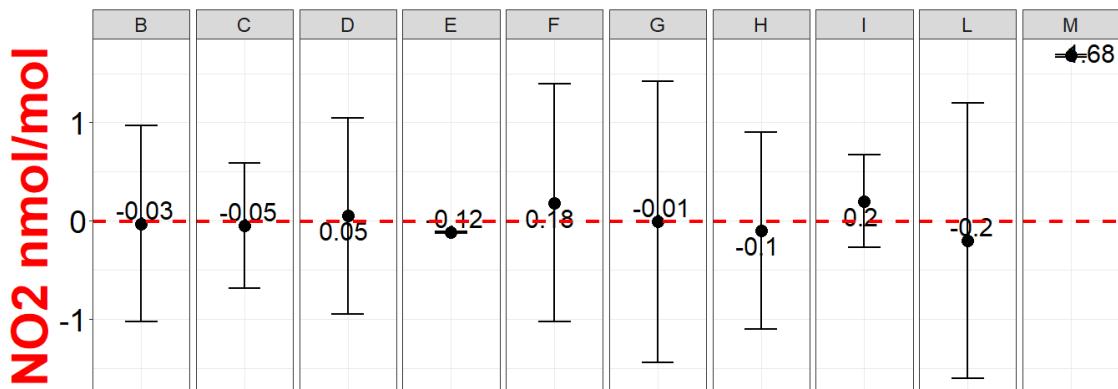
values	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	294.14	296.11	297.85	283.69	300.89	297.57	258.87	300.1	297	290.1
xi, 2	294.48	296.27	297.9	283.72	300.63	297.3	259.07	300.4	296.9	290.05
xi, 3	294.11	296.4	297.12	283.57	300.47	297.25	259.17	300.7	297	289.9
x_mean	294.24	296.26	297.62	283.66	300.66	297.37	259.04	300.40	296.97	290.02
sd	0.21	0.15	0.44	0.08	0.21	0.17	0.15	0.30	0.06	0.10
u(xi)	6.77	1.86	5.40	14.18	12.34	2.18	5.41	10.58	4.90	23.80
U(xi)	13.53	3.72	10.80	28.37	24.68	4.36	10.82	21.17	9.80	47.61

Source: JRC 2022

Reported values for NO₂

Figure 29: Reported values of NO₂ concentration 0 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO₂ conc level: 0

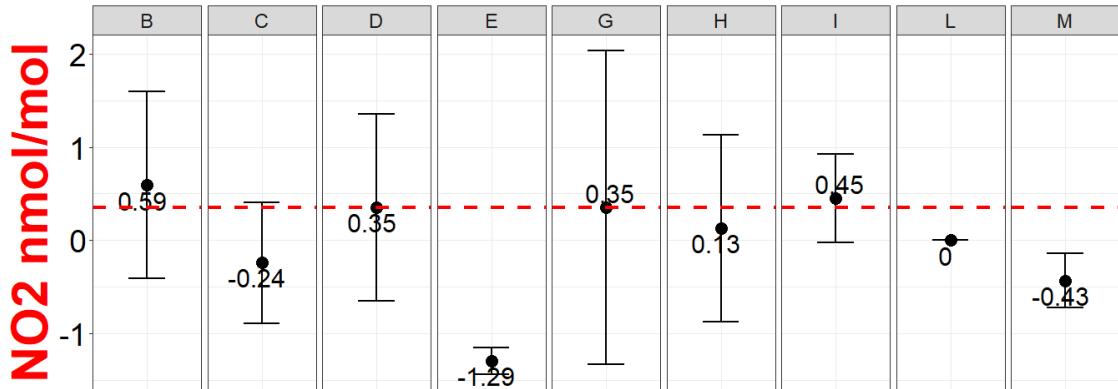


values	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	-0.03	-0.05	0.05	-0.12	0.18	-0.01	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	1.68
u(xi)	0.50	0.32	0.50	-0.01	0.60	0.71	0.50	0.23	0.70	0.01
U(xi)	1.00	0.64	1.00	-0.01	1.21	1.43	1.00	0.47	1.40	0.01

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 30: Reported values of NO₂ concentration 1 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO₂ conc level: 1

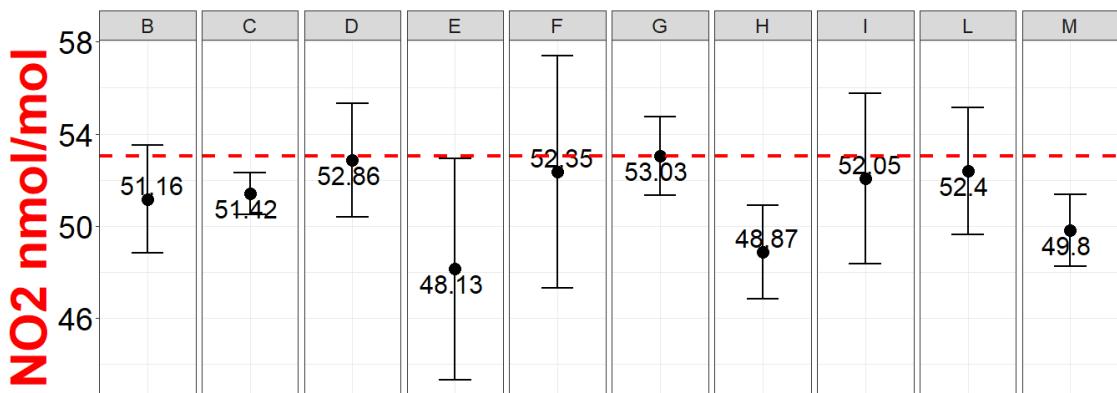


values	B	C	D	E	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	0.61	-0.28	0.39	-1.12	0.35	0	0.4	0	-0.35
xi, 2	0.5	-0.18	0.31	-1.4	0.35	0.1	0.43	0	-0.35
xi, 3	0.66	-0.26	0.34	-1.35	0.35	0.3	0.52	0	-0.6
x_mean	0.59	-0.24	0.35	-1.29	0.35	0.13	0.45	0.00	-0.43
sd	0.08	0.05	0.04	0.15	0.00	0.15	0.06	0.00	0.14
u(xi)	0.50	0.32	0.50	-0.07	0.84	0.50	0.23	0.00	-0.14
U(xi)	1.00	0.65	1.00	-0.14	1.68	1.00	0.47	0.00	-0.29

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 31: Reported values of NO₂ concentration 2 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO₂ conc level: 2

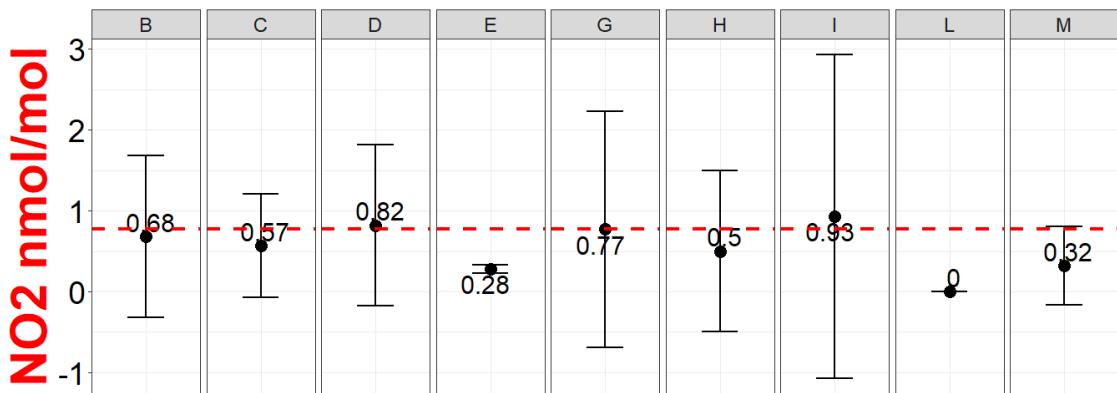


values	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	51.3	51.38	52.64	48.12	52.34	52.97	49	51.98	52.2	49.7
xi, 2	51.03	51.17	52.93	47.98	52.42	53	48.8	52	52.4	49.8
xi, 3	51.15	51.7	53	48.29	52.29	53.13	48.8	52.16	52.6	49.9
x_mean	51.16	51.42	52.86	48.13	52.35	53.03	48.87	52.05	52.40	49.80
sd	0.14	0.27	0.19	0.16	0.07	0.09	0.12	0.10	0.20	0.10
u(xi)	1.18	0.45	1.23	2.41	2.52	0.85	1.02	1.85	1.37	0.77
U(xi)	2.35	0.91	2.46	4.81	5.04	1.71	2.04	3.70	2.76	1.55

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 32: Reported values of NO₂ concentration 3 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO₂ conc level: 3

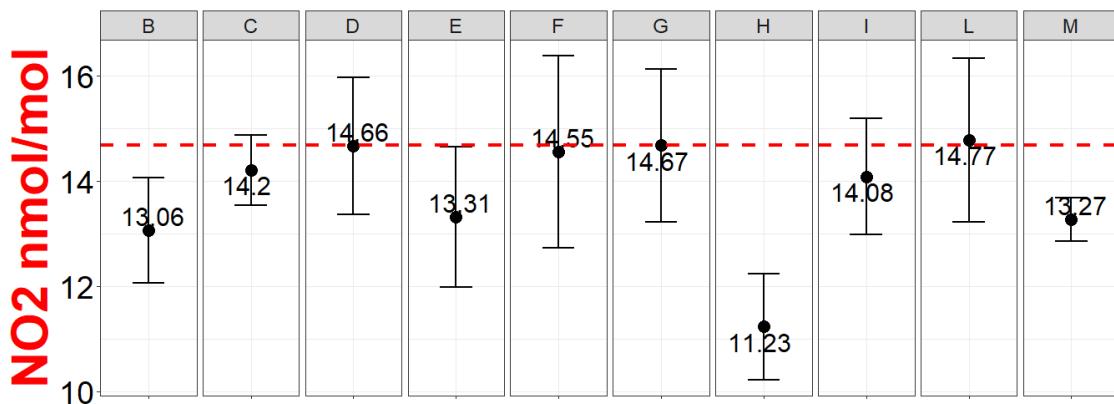


values	B	C	D	E	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	0.96	0.61	1.02	0.18	1.03	0.7	1.14	0	0.6
xi, 2	0.6	0.61	0.75	0.47	0.66	0.4	0.87	0	0.2
xi, 3	0.48	0.48	0.69	0.18	0.63	0.4	0.79	0	0.15
x_mean	0.68	0.57	0.82	0.28	0.77	0.50	0.93	0.00	0.32
sd	0.25	0.08	0.18	0.17	0.22	0.17	0.18	0.00	0.25
u(xi)	0.50	0.32	0.50	0.03	0.73	0.50	1.00	0.00	0.25
U(xi)	1.00	0.64	1.00	0.05	1.46	1.00	2.00	0.00	0.49

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 33: Reported values of NO₂ concentration 4 (nmol/mol)

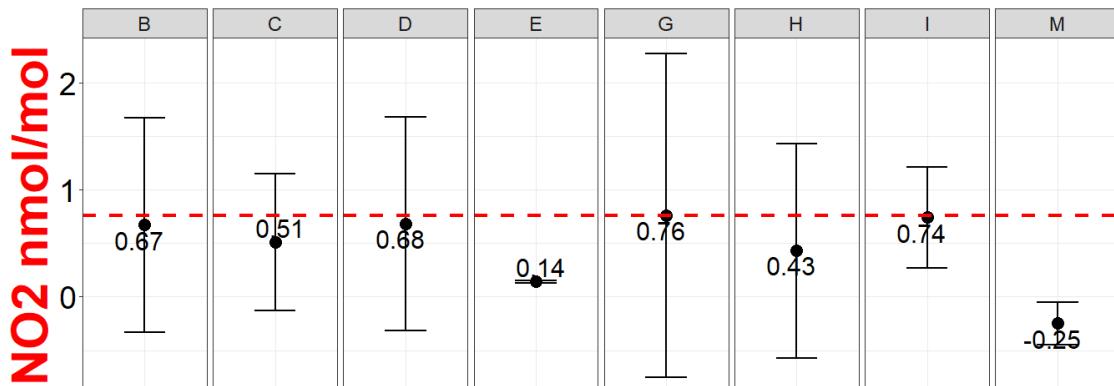
Parameter NO₂ conc level: 4



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Figure 34: Reported values of NO₂ concentration 5 (nmol/mol)

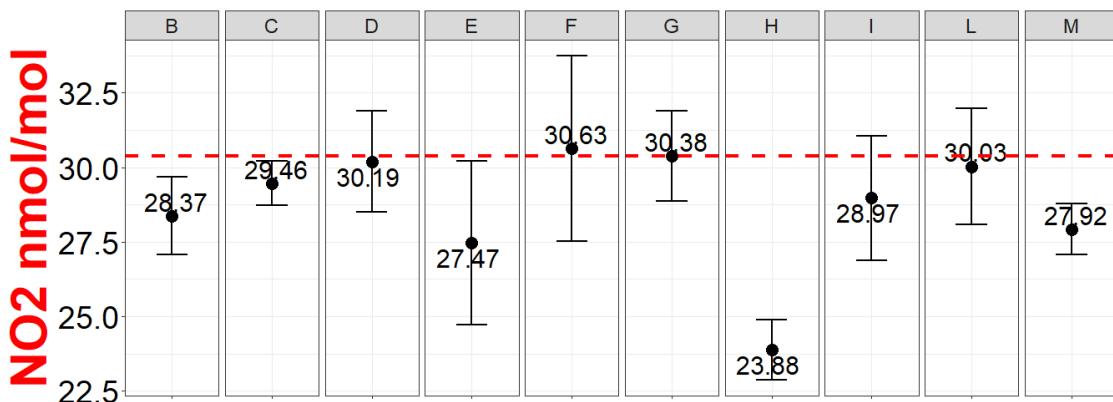
Parameter NO₂ conc level: 5



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 35: Reported values of NO₂ concentration 6 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO₂ conc level: 6

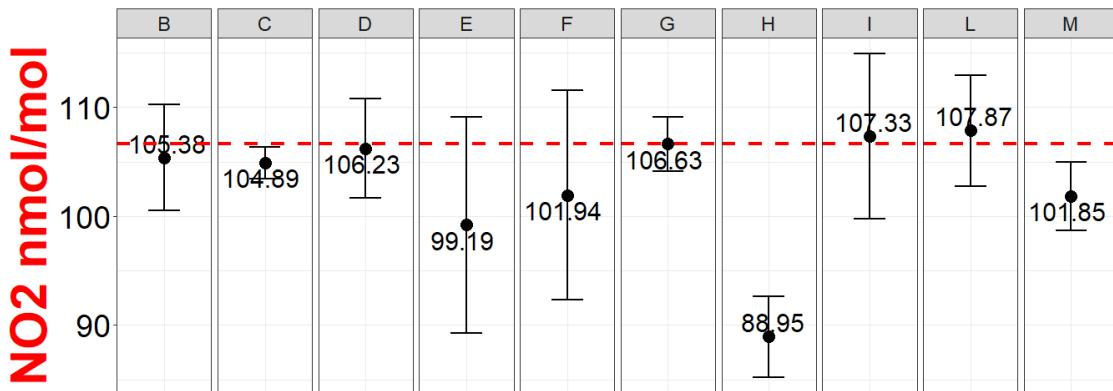


values	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	28.3	29.55	30.28	27.39	30.41	30.48	23.95	28.92	30.1	27.95
xi, 2	28.3	29.45	30.21	27.49	30.94	30.4	23.85	29	30.1	27.9
xi, 3	28.5	29.39	30.07	27.54	30.54	30.25	23.85	29	29.9	27.9
x_mean	28.37	29.46	30.19	27.47	30.63	30.38	23.88	28.97	30.03	27.92
sd	0.12	0.08	0.11	0.08	0.28	0.12	0.06	0.05	0.12	0.03
u(xi)	0.65	0.37	0.85	1.37	1.55	0.76	0.50	1.05	0.98	0.43
U(xi)	1.31	0.74	1.70	2.75	3.11	1.51	1.00	2.09	1.96	0.86

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 36: Reported values of NO₂ concentration 7 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO₂ conc level: 7

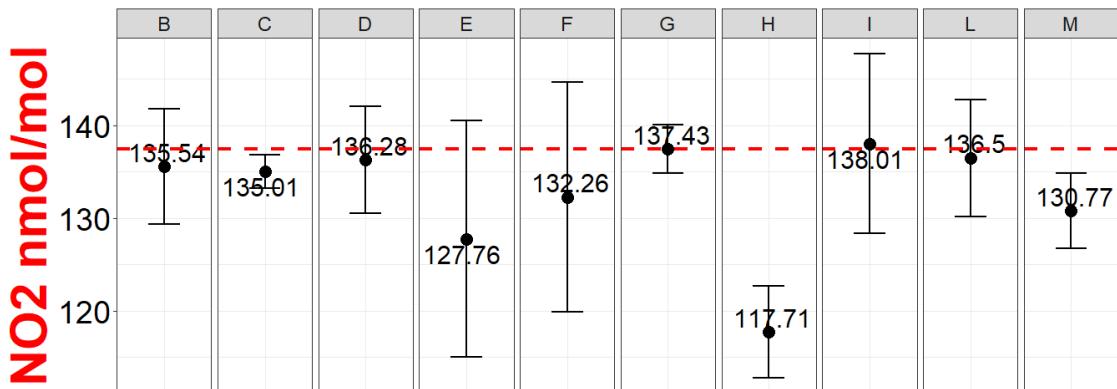


values	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	105.62	105	106.4	99.24	101.72	106.74	88.65	107.67	108.2	101.9
xi, 2	105.18	104.84	106.3	99.38	102.18	106.58	89.05	107.41	107.9	101.85
xi, 3	105.34	104.84	105.99	98.96	101.93	106.58	89.15	106.92	107.5	101.8
x_mean	105.38	104.89	106.23	99.19	101.94	106.63	88.95	107.33	107.87	101.85
sd	0.22	0.09	0.21	0.21	0.23	0.09	0.26	0.38	0.35	0.05
u(xi)	2.42	0.72	2.27	4.96	4.80	1.23	1.86	3.80	2.54	1.57
U(xi)	4.85	1.45	4.54	9.92	9.60	2.46	3.72	7.60	5.09	3.14

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 37: Reported values of NO₂ concentration 8 (nmol/mol)

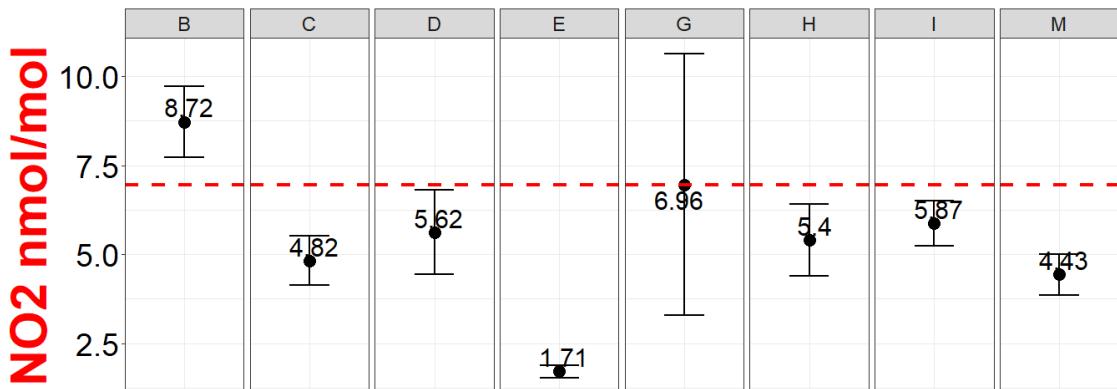
Parameter NO₂ conc level: 8



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Figure 38: Reported values of NO₂ concentration 9 (nmol/mol)

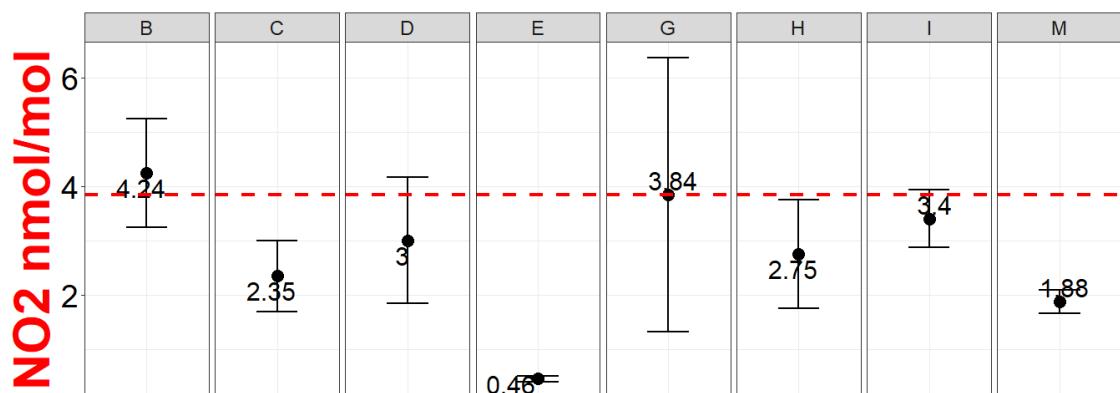
Parameter NO₂ conc level: 9



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 39: Reported values of NO₂ concentration 10 (nmol/mol)

Parameter NO₂ conc level: 10



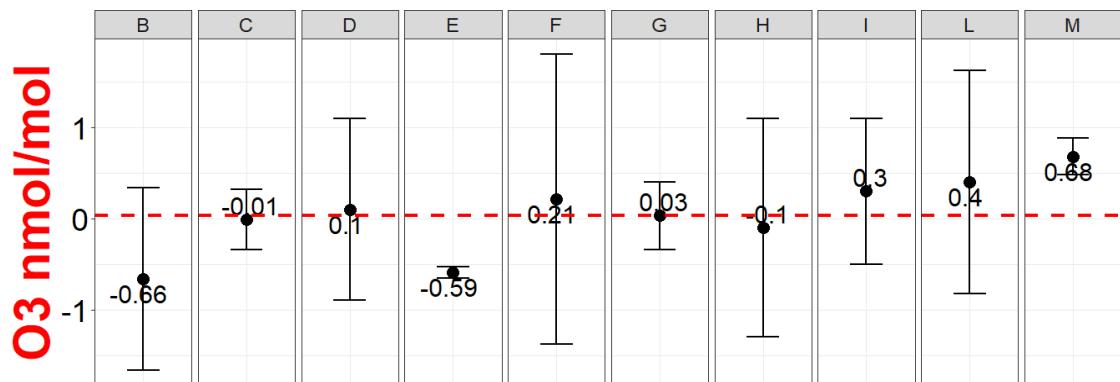
values	B	C	D	E	G	H	I	M
xi, 1	4.74	2.4	2.88	0.68	3.9	2.88	3.5	2
xi, 2	4.03	2.33	3.14	0.38	3.79	2.68	3.4	1.85
xi, 3	3.94	2.32	2.98	0.31	3.82	2.68	3.3	1.8
x_mean	4.24	2.35	3.00	0.46	3.84	2.75	3.40	1.88
sd	0.44	0.04	0.13	0.20	0.06	0.12	0.10	0.10
u(xi)	0.50	0.33	0.58	0.02	1.26	0.50	0.26	0.11
U(xi)	1.00	0.65	1.16	0.05	2.52	1.00	0.53	0.22

Source: JRC 2022

Reported values for O3

Figure 40: Reported values of O3 concentration 0 (nmol/mol)

Parameter O3 conc level: 0

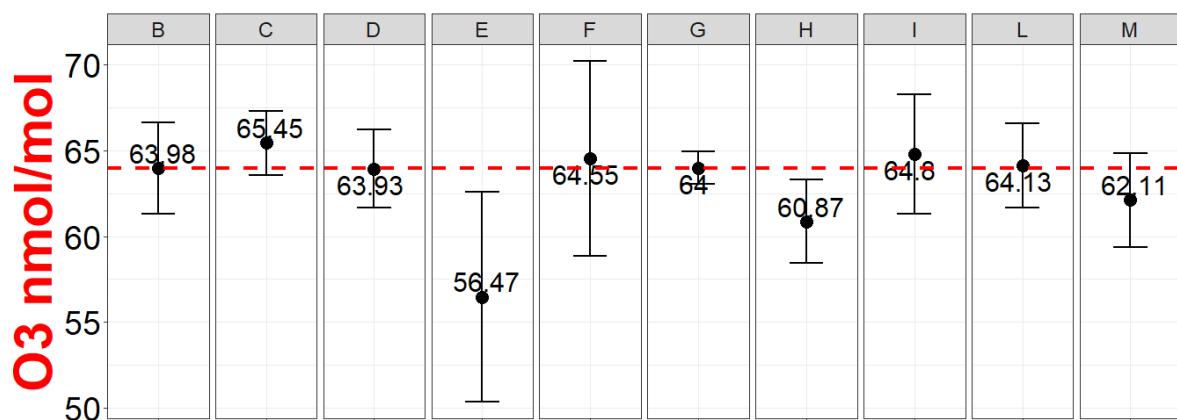


values	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	-0.66	-0.01	0.1	-0.59	0.21	0.03	-0.1	0.3	0.4	0.68
u(xi)	0.50	0.17	0.50	0.03	0.78	0.19	0.60	0.40	0.61	0.01
U(xi)	1.00	0.33	1.00	0.06	1.59	0.37	1.20	0.80	1.22	0.20

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 41: Reported values of O3 concentration 1 (nmol/mol)

Parameter O3 conc level: 1

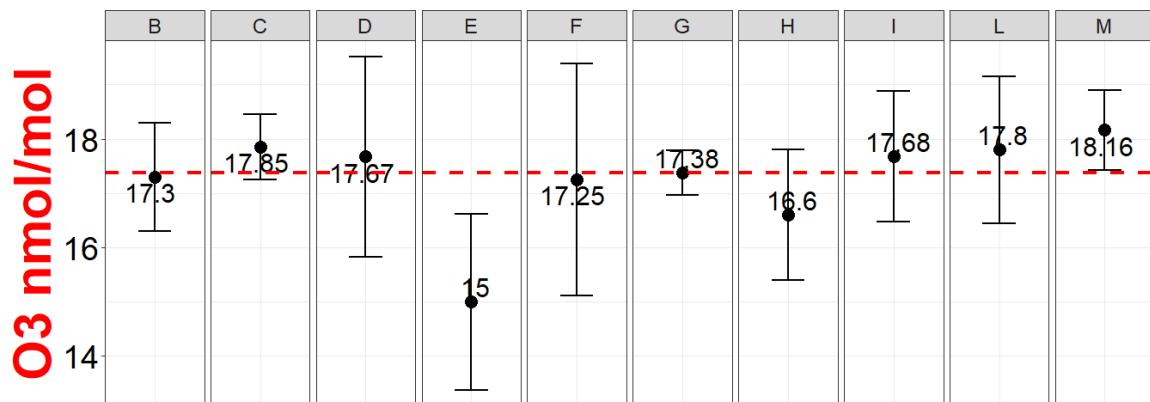


values	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	63.98	65.18	63.7	54.51	64.85	63.77	60.3	64.55	63.8	61.49
xi, 2	nr	65.49	64	56.83	64.31	64.08	61	64.84	64.2	62.22
xi, 3	nr	65.68	64.1	58.07	64.48	64.14	61.3	65	64.4	62.61
x_mean	63.98	65.45	63.93	56.47	64.55	64.00	60.87	64.80	64.13	62.11
sd	NA	0.25	0.21	1.81	0.28	0.20	0.51	0.23	0.31	0.57
u(xi)	1.34	0.94	1.14	3.05	2.84	0.47	1.21	1.70	1.21	1.38
U(xi)	2.68	1.88	2.28	6.10	5.67	0.94	2.42	3.50	2.46	2.76

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 42: Reported values of O₃ concentration 2 (nmol/mol)

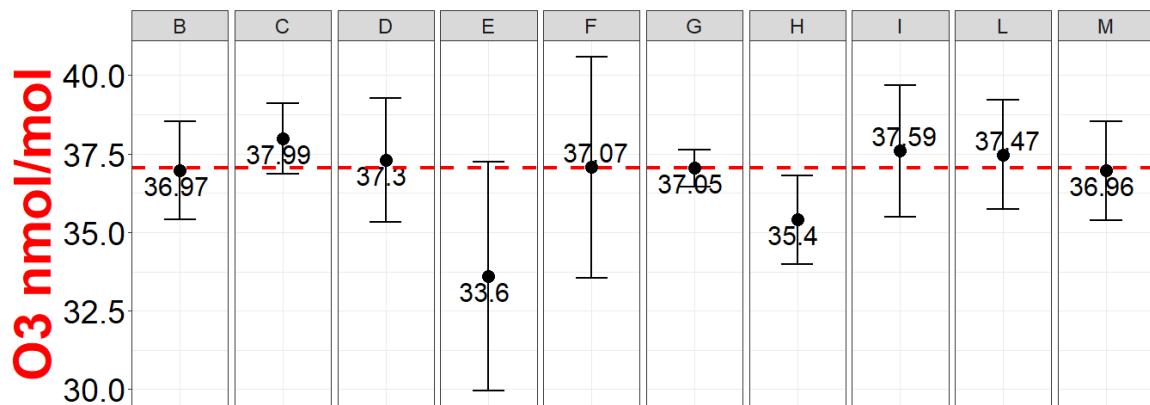
Parameter O₃ conc level: 2



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 43: Reported values of O₃ concentration 3 (nmol/mol)

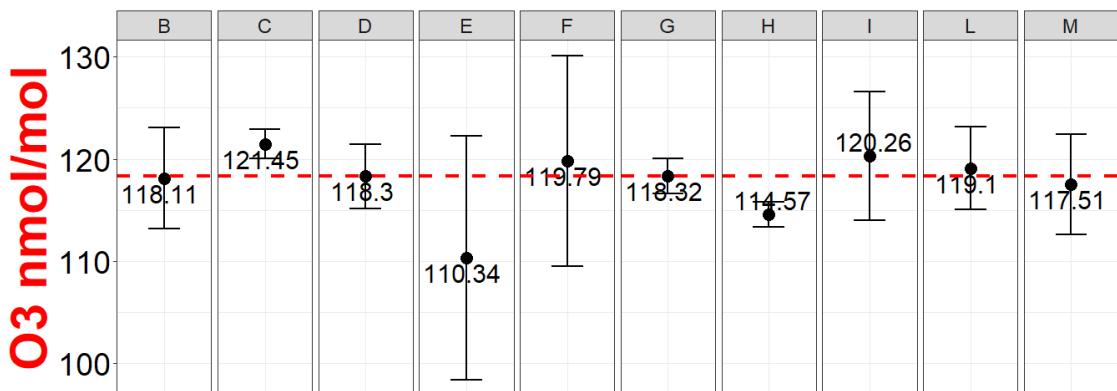
Parameter O₃ conc level: 3



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Figure 44: Reported values of O₃ concentration 4 (nmol/mol)

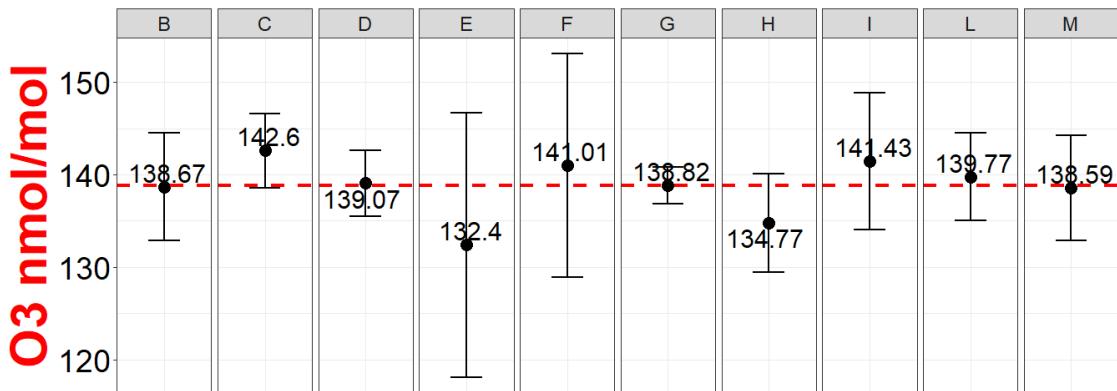
Parameter O₃ conc level: 4



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 45: Reported values of O₃ concentration 5 (nmol/mol)

Parameter O₃ conc level: 5

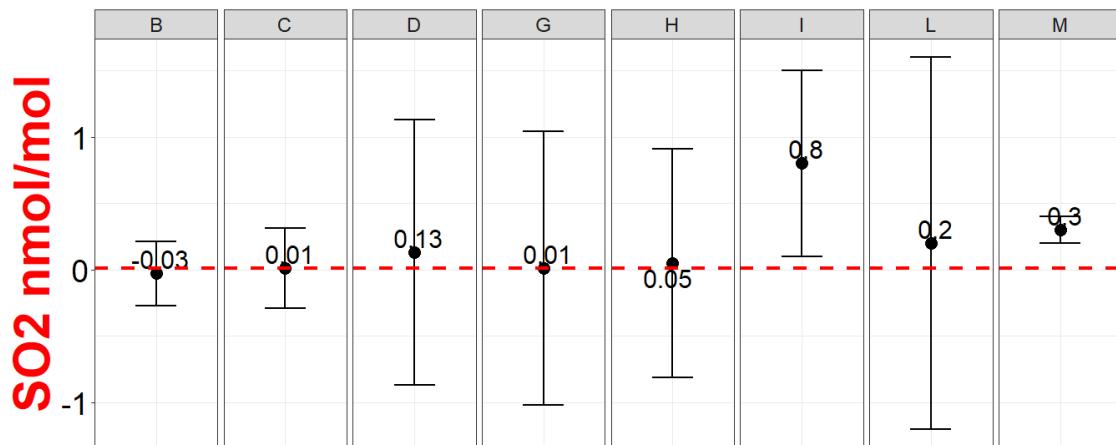


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Reported values for SO₂

Figure 46: Reported values of SO₂ concentration 0 (nmol/mol)

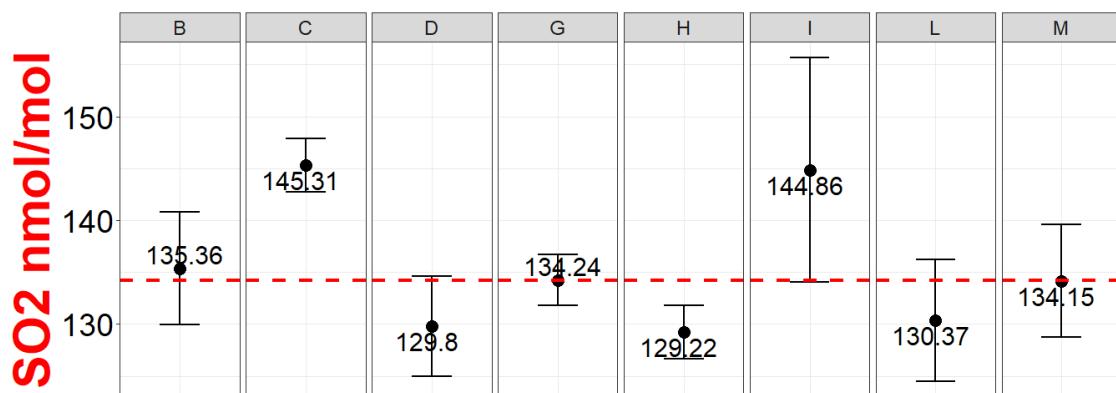
Parameter SO₂ conc level: 0



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 47: Reported values of SO₂ concentration 1 (nmol/mol)

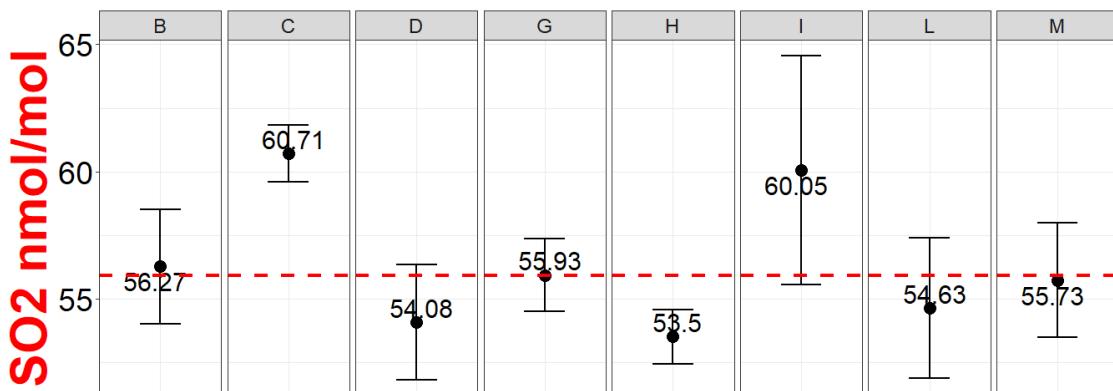
Parameter SO₂ conc level: 1



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 48: Reported values of SO₂ concentration 2 (nmol/mol)

Parameter SO₂ conc level: 2

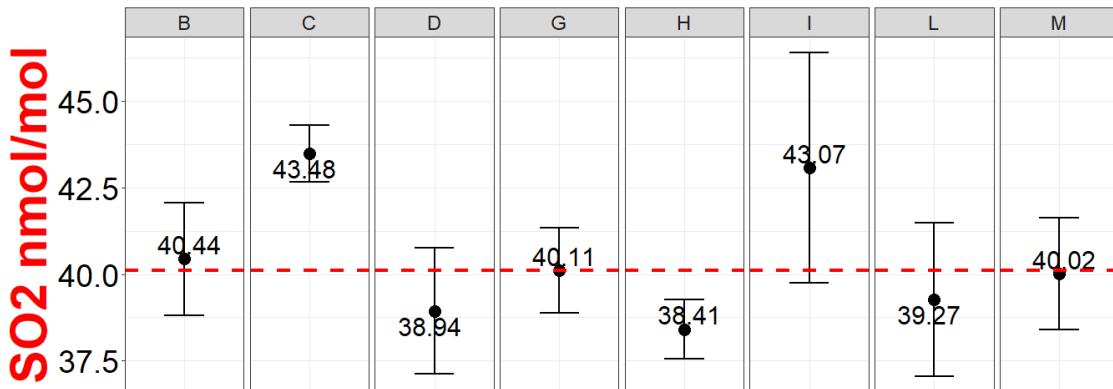


values	B	C	D	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	56.33	60.88	54.03	55.89	53.77	60	54.6	55.7
xi, 2	56.2	60.66	54.05	55.96	53.42	60.22	54.6	55.7
xi, 3	56.29	60.59	54.17	55.95	53.32	59.94	54.7	55.8
x_mean	56.27	60.71	54.08	55.93	53.50	60.05	54.63	55.73
sd	0.07	0.15	0.08	0.04	0.24	0.15	0.06	0.06
u(xi)	1.13	0.55	1.13	0.71	0.53	2.30	1.38	1.13
U(xi)	2.25	1.11	2.26	1.42	1.06	4.50	2.76	2.24

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 49: Reported values of SO₂ concentration 3 (nmol/mol)

Parameter SO₂ conc level: 3

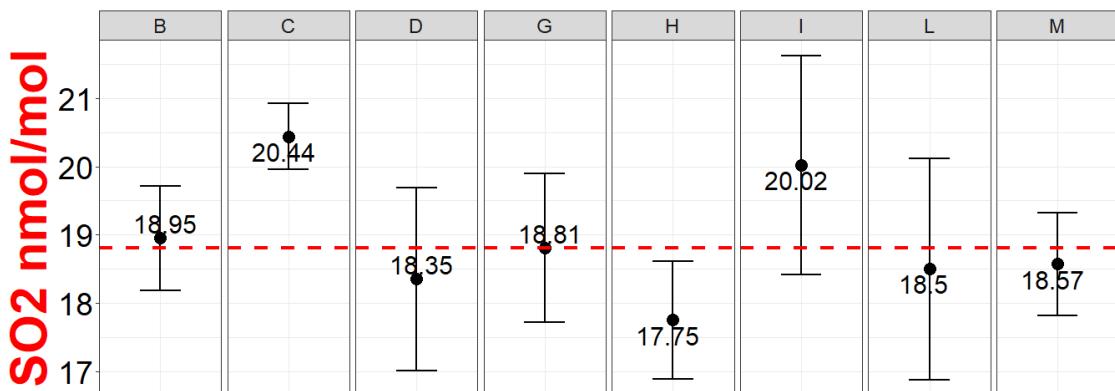


values	B	C	D	G	H	I	L	M
xi, 1	40.47	43.41	38.88	40.16	38.88	43.12	39.2	40.1
xi, 2	40.42	43.48	38.97	40.09	38.33	43.1	39.3	40
xi, 3	40.44	43.56	38.96	40.09	38.03	42.98	39.3	39.95
x_mean	40.44	43.48	38.94	40.11	38.41	43.07	39.27	40.02
sd	0.03	0.08	0.05	0.04	0.43	0.08	0.06	0.08
u(xi)	0.81	0.41	0.91	0.62	0.43	1.66	1.11	0.81
U(xi)	1.62	0.82	1.82	1.23	0.86	3.33	2.21	1.62

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 50: Reported values of SO₂ concentration 4 (nmol/mol)

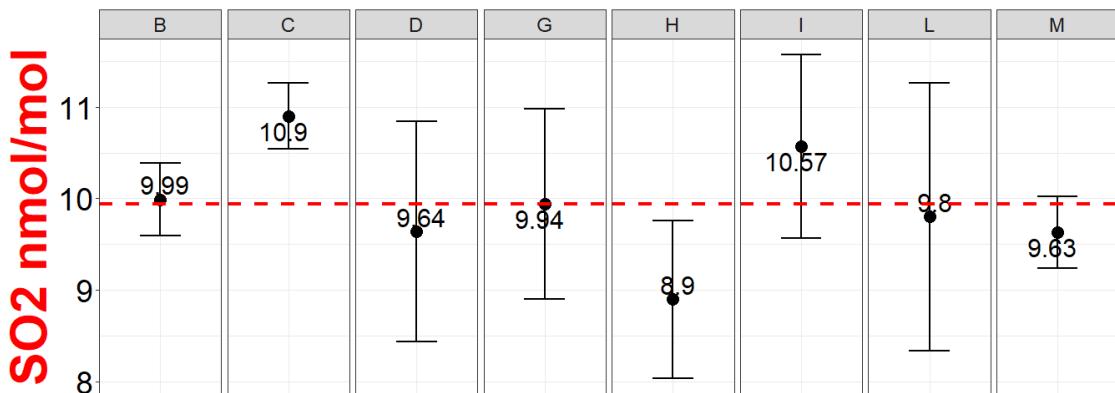
Parameter SO₂ conc level: 4



Source: JRC 2022

Figure 51: Reported values of SO₂ concentration 5 (nmol/mol)

Parameter SO₂ conc level: 5



Source: JRC 2022

Annex C

Repeatability and reproducibility

For the main purpose of monitoring trends between different PT undertaken by ERLAP, the precision of standardized SO₂, CO, O₃ and NO_x measurement methods [2], [3], [4] and [5] as implemented by NRLs, was evaluated.

Applied methodology is described in ISO 5725-1, 5725-2 and 5725-6 [14], [15] and [16].

The precision experiment has involved a total of **10 laboratories** including ERLAP, the actual number of laboratories (p_j) is listed in **Table 12** according to the data reported.

Six concentration levels (for run 0 only one value is requested so repeatability cannot be evaluated) were tested for O₃, CO, SO₂ and NO₂, and eleven for NO. Outlier tests were performed and results are reported in Annex D. In ISO 5725 repeatability (r) and reproducibility (R) limits are defined. These limits are the values less than or equal to which the absolute difference between two test results, obtained under either repeatability or reproducibility conditions, may be expected to be with (1 - α) probability level.

The repeatability standard deviation (s_r) was calculated as the square root of average within-laboratory variance at the 95% confidence level. The repeatability limit (r) is calculated using Equation 6 [16].

$$r = t_{v/\alpha} \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot S_r \quad \text{Equation 6}$$

r = repeatability limit

$t_{v/\alpha}$ = t Student distribution value

S_r = estimate of repeatability variance

The reproducibility standard deviation (SR) was calculated as the square root of sum of repeatability and between-laboratory variance at the 95% confidence level (α). The reproducibility limit (R) is calculated using Equation 7 [16].

$$R = t_{v/\alpha} \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot SR \quad \text{Equation 7}$$

R = reproducibility limit

$t_{v/\alpha}$ = t Student distribution value

SR = estimate of reproducibility variance

The repeatability standard deviation was evaluated with ($p_j * (3-1)$) degrees of freedom (v) and reproducibility standard deviation with (p_j-1) degrees of freedom (v).

The critical range Student factors, for r and R , corresponding to defined confidence level (α) and degree of freedom (v) are reported in **Table 12**.

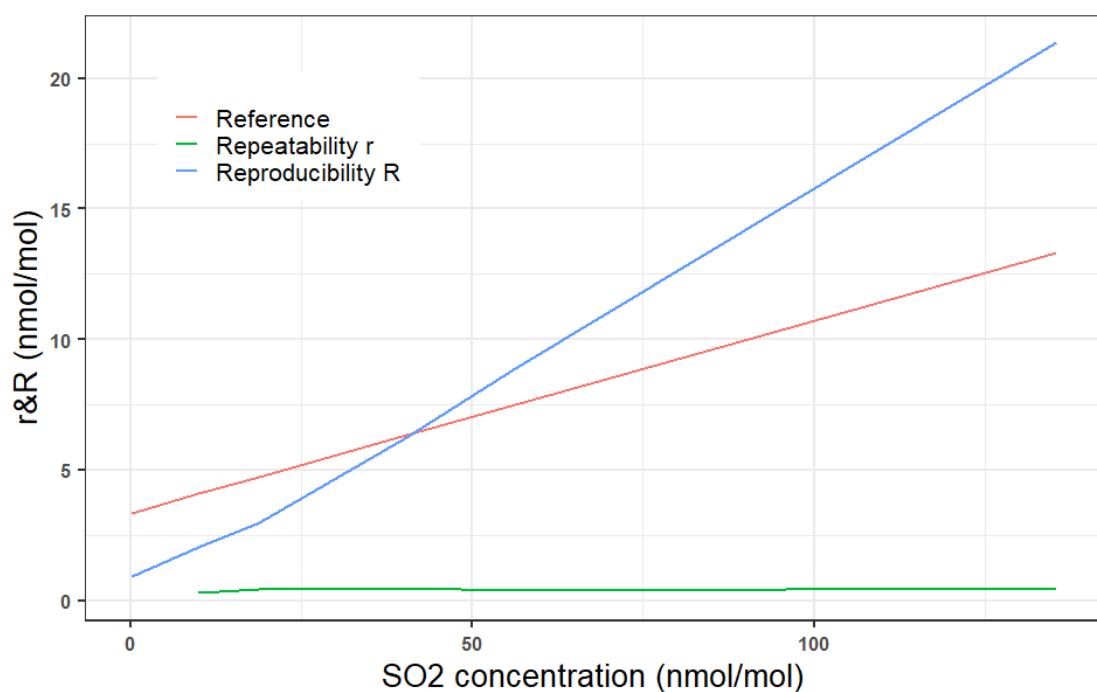
Table 12: Critical values of t used in the repeatability (r) and reproducibility (R) evaluation.

parameter	run	p_j	t critical value 95% for r	t critical value 95% for R
CO	1,2,3,4,5	6	2,179	2,571
NO	1,3,5,9	10	2,086	2,262
NO ₂	2,4	10	2,086	2,262
NO ₂	6,7,8	9	2,101	2,306
O ₃	1	8	2,12	2,365
O ₃	2,3	9	2,101	2,306
O ₃	4,5	10	2,086	2,262
SO ₂	1,2,3,4,5	8	2,12	2,365

Source: JRC 2022

The repeatability (r) and reproducibility (R) limits of measurement methods are presented from **Figure 52** to **Figure 56**. It is reported also the ‘reproducibility from common criteria (Reference)’ calculated by substituting SR in Equation 7 with a ‘standard deviation for proficiency assessment’ (see **Table 4**). Comparison between R and Reference serves to indicate that σ_{pt} is realistic [13] or from the other point of view, that the general methodology implemented by NRLs is appropriate for σ_{pt} .

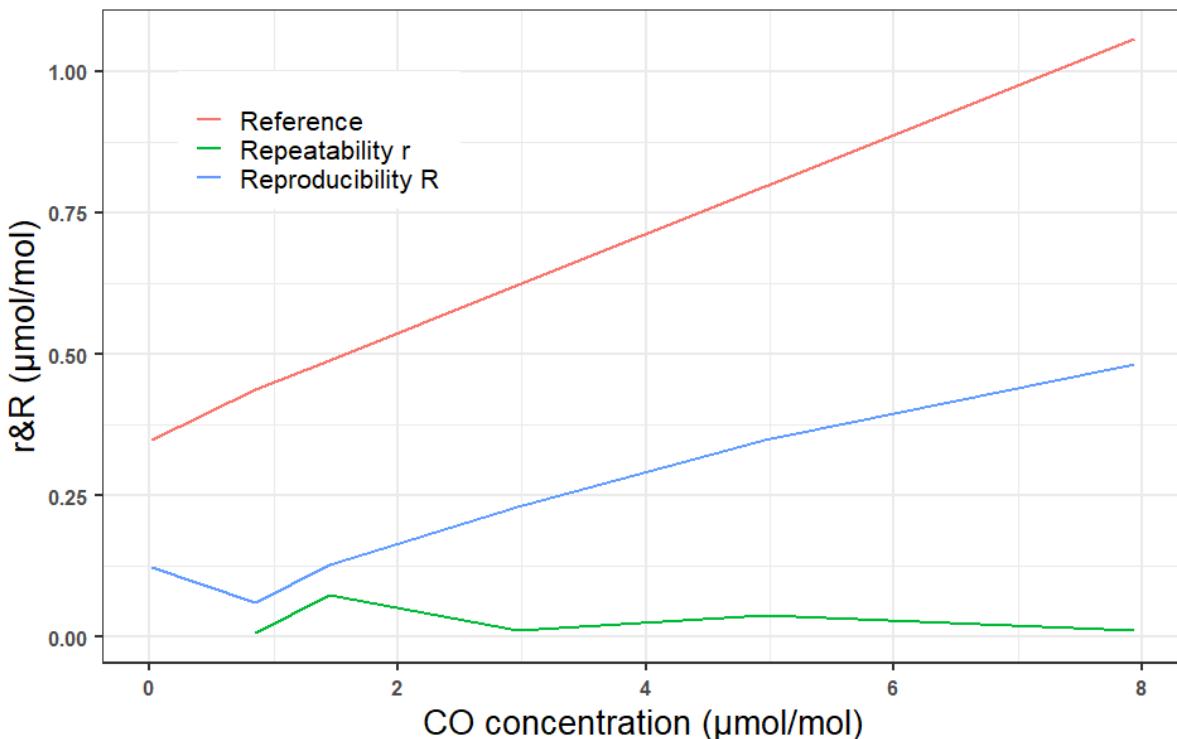
Figure 52: The R and r of SO₂ standard measurement method as a function of concentration.



Parameter	Conc.(nmol/mol)	r(nmol/mol)	R(nmol/mol)	R (%)	Reference
SO ₂	0.184		0.913		3.358
SO ₂	9.923	0.291	2.057		4.075
SO ₂	18.923	0.42	2.990		4.737
SO ₂	40.468	0.486	6.231		6.322
SO ₂	56.365	0.366	8.897		7.492
SO ₂	135.414	0.486	21.365	15.8	13.309

Source: JRC 2022

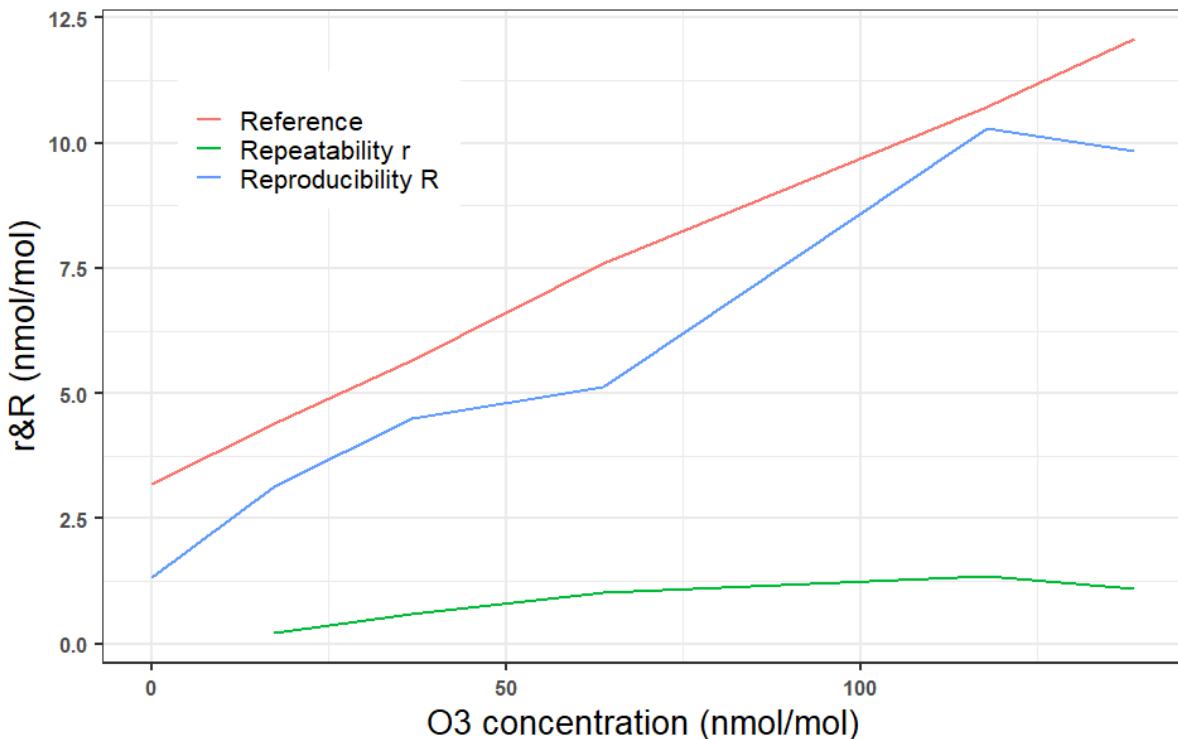
Figure 53: The R and r of CO standard measurement method as a function of concentration.



Parameter	Conc. ($\mu\text{mol/mol}$)	r ($\mu\text{mol/mol}$)	R ($\mu\text{mol/mol}$)	R (%)	Reference
CO	0.0207		0.1225		0.3478
CO	0.8479	0.0074	0.0600		0.4376
CO	1.4477	0.0736	0.1276		0.4899
CO	2.9646	0.0123	0.2294		0.6223
CO	4.9573	0.0379	0.3480		0.7962
CO	7.9426	0.0123	0.4829	6.1	1.0567

Source: JRC 2022

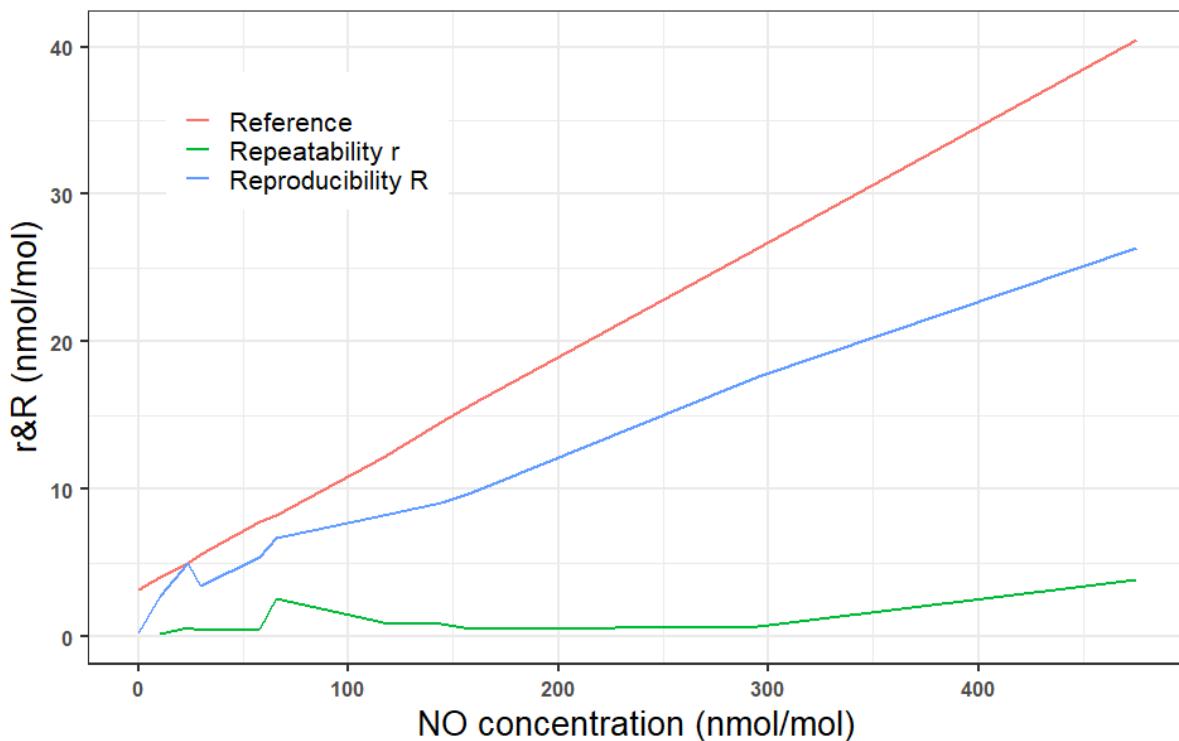
Figure 54: The R and r of O₃ standard measurement method as a function of concentration.



Parameter	Conc.(nmol/mol)	r(nmol/mol)	R(nmol/mol)	R (%)	Reference
O3	0.036		1.328		3.201
O3	17.267	0.217	3.137		4.387
O3	36.714	0.603	4.507		5.656
O3	63.729	1.034	5.124		7.608
O3	117.775	1.357	10.291		10.734
O3	138.712	1.103	9.850	7.1	12.074

Source: JRC 2022

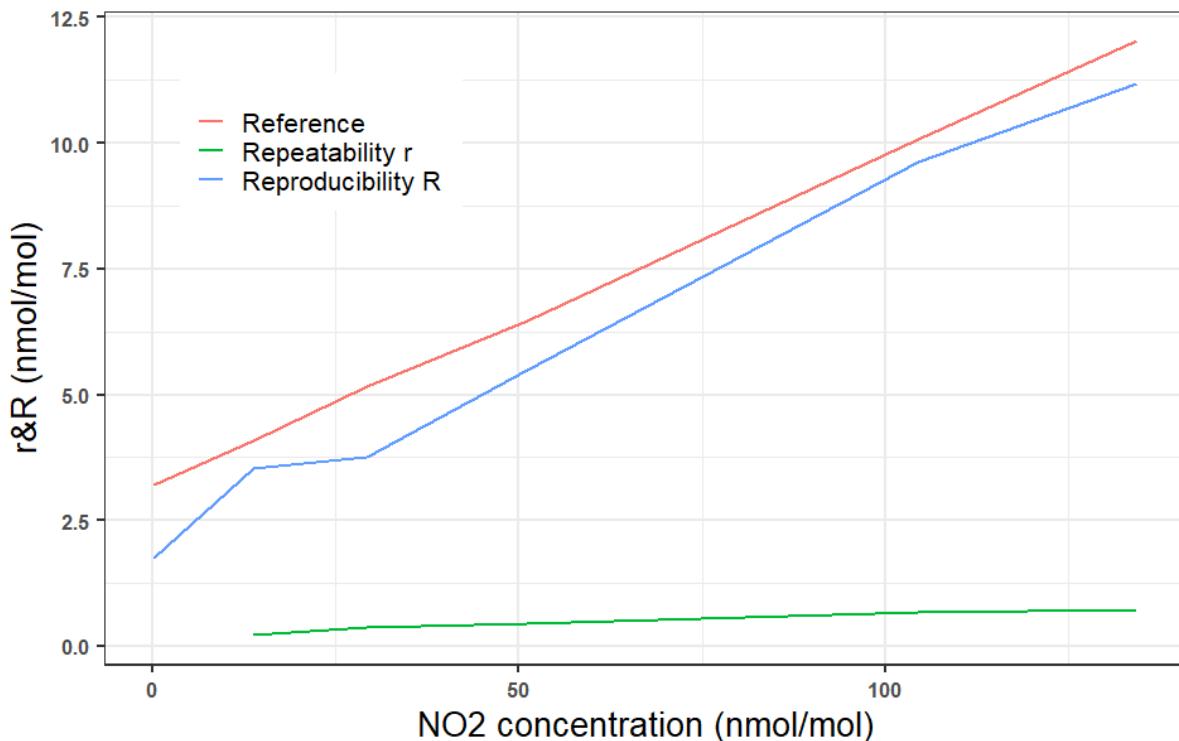
Figure 55: The R and r of NO standard measurement method as a function of concentration.



Parameter	Conc.(nmol/mol)	r(nmol/mol)	R(nmol/mol)	R (%)	Reference
NO	0.083		0.269		3.205
NO	10.246	0.177	2.710		3.986
NO	23.476	0.59	5.006		5.001
NO	29.394	0.404	3.427		5.562
NO	57.890	0.511	5.397		7.792
NO	65.739	2.581	6.676		8.246
NO	116.518	0.976	8.221		12.145
NO	144.530	0.871	9.099		14.573
NO	159.035	0.562	9.751		15.709
NO	295.245	0.657	17.597		26.369
NO	475.161	3.857	26.363	5.5	40.451

Source: JRC 2022

Figure 56: The R and r of NO₂ standard measurement method as a function of concentration.



Parameter	Conc.(nmol/mol)	r(nmol/mol)	R(nmol/mol)	R (%)	Reference
NO ₂	0.160		1.756		3.209
NO ₂	13.779	0.224	3.525		4.081
NO ₂	29.269	0.374	3.750		5.170
NO ₂	51.206	0.451	5.499		6.475
NO ₂	104.591	0.686	9.630		10.083
NO ₂	134.396	0.728	11.183	8.3	12.027

Source: JRC 2022

Annex D

Scrutiny of results for consistency and outlier test

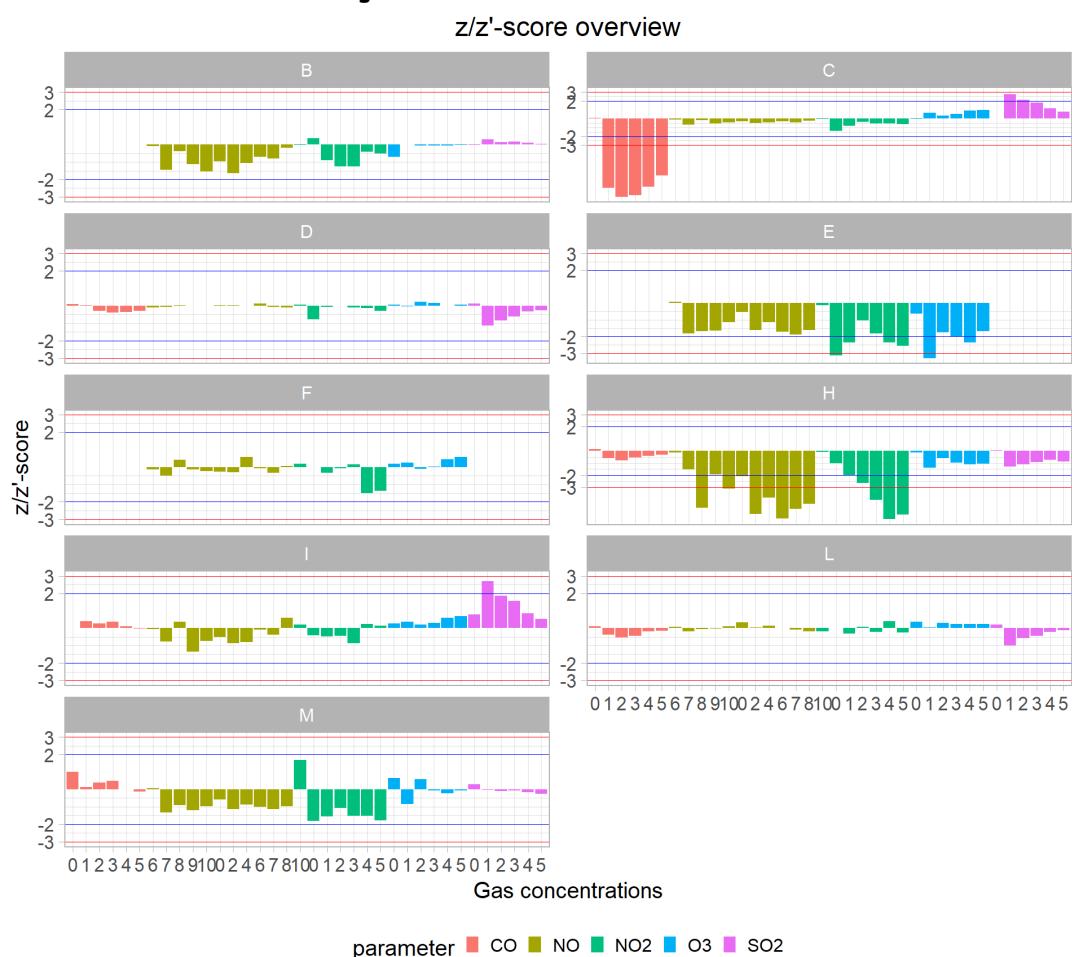
The precision evaluation (Annex C) focuses on data that are as much as possible the reflection of every day work of NRLs and thus represents the comparability of participant's standard operating procedures.

For that reason, a procedure for the detection of exceptional errors (error during typing, slip in performing the measurement or the calculation, wrong averaging interval, malfunction of instrumentation, etc.) was applied. In this procedure were carried out tests for data consistency and statistical outliers as described in ISO 13528 [13].

Laboratories showing some form of statistical inconsistency were requested to investigate the cause of discrepancies before the release of the draft report. Laboratories were allowed to correct their results in case of identification of exceptional errors, few of the laboratories contacted has modified the values submitted. Subsequently, data were considered definitive and z/z' -scores calculation was performed to estimate outliers. Statistical outliers obtained at this stage are not considered as extraordinary errors, but due to significant difference in participant's standard operating procedure.

The precision of standardised measurement methods reported in Annex D are calculated using the data pool without outliers. **Figure 57** is summarizing the z -score evaluation of each participant for all parameters where it is clear the poor performance of Laboratory C for CO, Laboratory H for NO and NO₂ and laboratory E for O₃.

Figure 57: Overview about z/z' -score final evaluation.



Source: JRC 2022

Table 13: z/z'-score selected according to the criteria $u_{ref} < 0.3 \sigma_{pt}$.

Gas	Unit	Ref	u_{ref}	p	$0.3 * \sigma_{opt}$	z/z'
CO_0	$\mu\text{mol/mol}$	0.000	0.009	6	0.030	z
CO_1	$\mu\text{mol/mol}$	2.977	0.020	6	0.051	z
CO_2	$\mu\text{mol/mol}$	7.990	0.050	6	0.088	z
CO_3	$\mu\text{mol/mol}$	4.976	0.032	6	0.066	z
CO_4	$\mu\text{mol/mol}$	1.467	0.012	6	0.041	z
CO_5	$\mu\text{mol/mol}$	0.867	0.010	6	0.036	z
NO_0	nmol/mol	0.12	0.72	9	0.301	z'
NO_1	nmol/mol	119.75	1.100	9	1.162	z
NO_2	nmol/mol	67.84	0.860	9	0.788	z'
NO_3	nmol/mol	24.76	0.740	9	0.478	z'
NO_4	nmol/mol	10.86	0.720	9	0.378	z'
NO_5	nmol/mol	59.49	0.830	9	0.728	z'
NO_6	nmol/mol	30.08	0.740	9	0.517	z'
NO_7	nmol/mol	161.08	1.340	9	1.460	z
NO_8	nmol/mol	147.09	1.250	9	1.359	z
NO_9	nmol/mol	478.86	3.400	9	3.748	z
NO_10	nmol/mol	297.37	2.180	9	2.441	z
NO2_0	nmol/mol	-0.01	0.72	9	0.300	z'
NO2_1	nmol/mol	0.35	0.84	8	0.302	z'
NO2_2	nmol/mol	53.03	0.860	9	0.618	z'
NO2_3	nmol/mol	0.77	0.73	8	0.305	z'
NO2_4	nmol/mol	14.66	0.720	9	0.388	z'
NO2_5	nmol/mol	0.76	0.76	7	0.305	z'
NO2_6	nmol/mol	30.37	0.760	9	0.482	z'
NO2_7	nmol/mol	106.63	1.230	9	0.940	z'
NO2_8	nmol/mol	137.43	1.300	9	1.125	z'
NO2_9	nmol/mol	6.96	1.84	7	0.342	z'
NO2_10	nmol/mol	3.83	1.26	7	0.323	z'
O3_0	nmol/mol	0.03	0.18	9	0.300	z
O3_1	nmol/mol	63.99	0.470	9	0.684	z
O3_2	nmol/mol	17.38	0.200	9	0.404	z
O3_3	nmol/mol	37.04	0.300	9	0.522	z
O3_4	nmol/mol	118.31	0.850	9	1.010	z
O3_5	nmol/mol	138.81	1.000	9	1.133	z
SO2_0	nmol/mol	0.01	0.52	7	0.300	z'
SO2_1	nmol/mol	134.24	1.220	7	1.186	z'
SO2_2	nmol/mol	55.93	0.710	7	0.669	z'
SO2_3	nmol/mol	40.11	0.620	7	0.565	z'
SO2_4	nmol/mol	18.80	0.550	7	0.424	z'
SO2_5	nmol/mol	9.94	0.52	7	0.366	z'

Source: JRC 2022

Table 14: z/z'-score participants calculated values.

Gas	Code	Unit	Ref	u_ref	uref<0.3*σ_{opt}	z_value
NO_0	B	nmol/mol	0.12	0.72	z'	-0.065
NO_1	B	nmol/mol	119.75	1.10	z	-1.436
NO_2	B	nmol/mol	67.84	0.86	z'	-1.075
NO_3	B	nmol/mol	24.77	0.74	z'	-1.403
NO_4	B	nmol/mol	10.86	0.72	z'	-0.833
NO_5	B	nmol/mol	59.50	0.83	z'	-1.542
NO_6	B	nmol/mol	30.08	0.74	z'	-0.986
NO_7	B	nmol/mol	161.08	1.34	z	-0.709
NO_8	B	nmol/mol	147.09	1.25	z	-0.788
NO_9	B	nmol/mol	478.87	3.40	z	-0.193
NO_10	B	nmol/mol	297.37	2.18	z	-0.385
NO2_0	B	nmol/mol	-0.01	0.72	z'	-0.016
NO2_2	B	nmol/mol	53.03	0.86	z'	-0.840
NO2_4	B	nmol/mol	14.67	0.72	z'	-1.084
NO2_6	B	nmol/mol	30.38	0.76	z'	-1.130
NO2_7	B	nmol/mol	106.63	1.23	z'	-0.372
NO2_8	B	nmol/mol	137.43	1.30	z'	-0.477
NO2_10	B	nmol/mol	3.84	1.26	z'	0.243
O3_0	B	nmol/mol	0.03	0.18	z	-0.690
O3_1	B	nmol/mol	64.00	0.47	z	-0.007
O3_2	B	nmol/mol	17.38	0.20	z	-0.062
O3_3	B	nmol/mol	37.05	0.30	z	-0.044
O3_4	B	nmol/mol	118.32	0.85	z	-0.061
O3_5	B	nmol/mol	138.82	1.00	z	-0.039
SO2_0	B	nmol/mol	0.01	0.52	z'	-0.036
SO2_1	B	nmol/mol	134.24	1.22	z'	0.270
SO2_2	B	nmol/mol	55.93	0.71	z'	0.144
SO2_3	B	nmol/mol	40.11	0.62	z'	0.165
SO2_4	B	nmol/mol	18.81	0.55	z'	0.094
SO2_5	B	nmol/mol	9.94	0.52	z'	0.035
CO_0	C	µmol/mol	0.00	0.01	z	0.100
CO_1	C	µmol/mol	2,977.00	0.02	z	-7.839
CO_2	C	µmol/mol	7,990.00	0.05	z	-8.863
CO_3	C	µmol/mol	4,975.70	0.03	z	-8.690
CO_4	C	µmol/mol	1,467.00	0.01	z	-7.707
CO_5	C	µmol/mol	866.70	0.01	z	-6.463
NO_0	C	nmol/mol	0.12	0.72	z'	-0.073
NO_1	C	nmol/mol	119.75	1.10	z	-0.685
NO_2	C	nmol/mol	67.84	0.86	z'	-0.540
NO_3	C	nmol/mol	24.77	0.74	z'	-0.391
NO_4	C	nmol/mol	10.86	0.72	z'	-0.248
NO_5	C	nmol/mol	59.50	0.83	z'	-0.467
NO_6	C	nmol/mol	30.08	0.74	z'	-0.373
NO_7	C	nmol/mol	161.08	1.34	z	-0.300
NO_8	C	nmol/mol	147.09	1.25	z	-0.413
NO_9	C	nmol/mol	478.87	3.40	z	-0.250
NO_10	C	nmol/mol	297.37	2.18	z	-0.137
NO2_0	C	nmol/mol	-0.01	0.72	z'	-0.033
NO2_2	C	nmol/mol	53.03	0.86	z'	-0.723
NO2_4	C	nmol/mol	14.67	0.72	z'	-0.315
NO2_6	C	nmol/mol	30.38	0.76	z'	-0.516
NO2_7	C	nmol/mol	106.63	1.23	z'	-0.518
NO2_8	C	nmol/mol	137.43	1.30	z'	-0.610
NO2_10	C	nmol/mol	3.84	1.26	z'	-0.897
O3_0	C	nmol/mol	0.03	0.18	z	-0.040
O3_1	C	nmol/mol	64.00	0.47	z	0.637
O3_2	C	nmol/mol	17.38	0.20	z	0.347
O3_3	C	nmol/mol	37.05	0.30	z	0.542

Gas	Code	Unit	Ref	u_ref	uref<0.3*opt	z_value
O3_4	C	nmol/mol	118.32	0.85	z	0.931
O3_5	C	nmol/mol	138.82	1.00	z	1.002
SO2_0	C	nmol/mol	0.01	0.52	z'	0.000
SO2_1	C	nmol/mol	134.24	1.22	z'	2.675
SO2_2	C	nmol/mol	55.93	0.71	z'	2.041
SO2_3	C	nmol/mol	40.11	0.62	z'	1.700
SO2_4	C	nmol/mol	18.81	0.55	z'	1.078
SO2_5	C	nmol/mol	9.94	0.52	z'	0.722
CO_0	D	µmol/mol	0.00	0.01	z	0.100
CO_1	D	µmol/mol	2,977.00	0.02	z	0.017
CO_2	D	µmol/mol	7,990.00	0.05	z	-0.298
CO_3	D	µmol/mol	4,975.70	0.03	z	-0.377
CO_4	D	µmol/mol	1,467.00	0.01	z	-0.370
CO_5	D	µmol/mol	866.70	0.01	z	-0.304
NO_0	D	nmol/mol	0.12	0.72	z'	-0.073
NO_1	D	nmol/mol	119.75	1.10	z	-0.083
NO_2	D	nmol/mol	67.84	0.86	z'	0.010
NO_3	D	nmol/mol	24.77	0.74	z'	0.002
NO_4	D	nmol/mol	10.86	0.72	z'	0.028
NO_5	D	nmol/mol	59.50	0.83	z'	0.032
NO_6	D	nmol/mol	30.08	0.74	z'	-0.005
NO_7	D	nmol/mol	161.08	1.34	z	0.121
NO_8	D	nmol/mol	147.09	1.25	z	-0.071
NO_9	D	nmol/mol	478.87	3.40	z	-0.097
NO_10	D	nmol/mol	297.37	2.18	z	0.030
NO2_0	D	nmol/mol	-0.01	0.72	z'	0.049
NO2_2	D	nmol/mol	53.03	0.86	z'	-0.078
NO2_4	D	nmol/mol	14.67	0.72	z'	-0.005
NO2_6	D	nmol/mol	30.38	0.76	z'	-0.105
NO2_7	D	nmol/mol	106.63	1.23	z'	-0.120
NO2_8	D	nmol/mol	137.43	1.30	z'	-0.290
NO2_10	D	nmol/mol	3.84	1.26	z'	-0.505
O3_0	D	nmol/mol	0.03	0.18	z	0.070
O3_1	D	nmol/mol	64.00	0.47	z	-0.029
O3_2	D	nmol/mol	17.38	0.20	z	0.213
O3_3	D	nmol/mol	37.05	0.30	z	0.145
O3_4	D	nmol/mol	118.32	0.85	z	-0.005
O3_5	D	nmol/mol	138.82	1.00	z	0.067
SO2_0	D	nmol/mol	0.01	0.52	z'	0.107
SO2_1	D	nmol/mol	134.24	1.22	z'	-1.074
SO2_2	D	nmol/mol	55.93	0.71	z'	-0.792
SO2_3	D	nmol/mol	40.11	0.62	z'	-0.592
SO2_4	D	nmol/mol	18.81	0.55	z'	-0.302
SO2_5	D	nmol/mol	9.94	0.52	z'	-0.229
NO_0	E	nmol/mol	0.12	0.72	z'	0.065
NO_1	E	nmol/mol	119.75	1.10	z	-1.826
NO_2	E	nmol/mol	67.84	0.86	z'	-1.563
NO_3	E	nmol/mol	24.77	0.74	z'	-1.039
NO_4	E	nmol/mol	10.86	0.72	z'	-0.468
NO_5	E	nmol/mol	59.50	0.83	z'	-1.527
NO_6	E	nmol/mol	30.08	0.74	z'	-1.045
NO_7	E	nmol/mol	161.08	1.34	z	-1.726
NO_8	E	nmol/mol	147.09	1.25	z	-1.876
NO_9	E	nmol/mol	478.87	3.40	z	-1.615
NO_10	E	nmol/mol	297.37	2.18	z	-1.685
NO2_0	E	nmol/mol	-0.01	0.72	z'	-0.089
NO2_2	E	nmol/mol	53.03	0.86	z'	-2.198
NO2_4	E	nmol/mol	14.67	0.72	z'	-0.915
NO2_6	E	nmol/mol	30.38	0.76	z'	-1.637
NO2_7	E	nmol/mol	106.63	1.23	z'	-2.212

Gas	Code	Unit	Ref	u_ref	uref<0.3*opt	z_value
NO2_8	E	nmol/mol	137.43	1.30	z'	-2.438
NO2_10	E	nmol/mol	3.84	1.26	z'	-2.038
O3_0	E	nmol/mol	0.03	0.18	z	-0.620
O3_1	E	nmol/mol	64.00	0.47	z	-3.301
O3_2	E	nmol/mol	17.38	0.20	z	-1.768
O3_3	E	nmol/mol	37.05	0.30	z	-1.980
O3_4	E	nmol/mol	118.32	0.85	z	-2.370
O3_5	E	nmol/mol	138.82	1.00	z	-1.699
NO_0	F	nmol/mol	0.12	0.72	z'	-0.114
NO_1	F	nmol/mol	119.75	1.10	z	-0.486
NO_2	F	nmol/mol	67.84	0.86	z'	-0.128
NO_3	F	nmol/mol	24.77	0.74	z'	-0.232
NO_4	F	nmol/mol	10.86	0.72	z'	-0.234
NO_5	F	nmol/mol	59.50	0.83	z'	-0.283
NO_6	F	nmol/mol	30.08	0.74	z'	0.522
NO_7	F	nmol/mol	161.08	1.34	z	-0.076
NO_8	F	nmol/mol	147.09	1.25	z	-0.342
NO_9	F	nmol/mol	478.87	3.40	z	0.059
NO_10	F	nmol/mol	297.37	2.18	z	0.404
NO2_0	F	nmol/mol	-0.01	0.72	z'	0.155
NO2_2	F	nmol/mol	53.03	0.86	z'	-0.306
NO2_4	F	nmol/mol	14.67	0.72	z'	-0.079
NO2_6	F	nmol/mol	30.38	0.76	z'	0.142
NO2_7	F	nmol/mol	106.63	1.23	z'	-1.394
NO2_8	F	nmol/mol	137.43	1.30	z'	-1.304
O3_0	F	nmol/mol	0.03	0.18	z	0.180
O3_1	F	nmol/mol	64.00	0.47	z	0.243
O3_2	F	nmol/mol	17.38	0.20	z	-0.099
O3_3	F	nmol/mol	37.05	0.30	z	0.013
O3_4	F	nmol/mol	118.32	0.85	z	0.438
O3_5	F	nmol/mol	138.82	1.00	z	0.581
CO_0	H	µmol/mol	0.00	0.01	z	0.150
CO_1	H	µmol/mol	2,977.00	0.02	z	-0.618
CO_2	H	µmol/mol	7,990.00	0.05	z	-0.771
CO_3	H	µmol/mol	4,975.70	0.03	z	-0.536
CO_4	H	µmol/mol	1,467.00	0.01	z	-0.407
CO_5	H	µmol/mol	866.70	0.01	z	-0.329
NO_0	H	nmol/mol	0.12	0.72	z'	-0.097
NO_1	H	nmol/mol	119.75	1.10	z	-1.544
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NO_6	H	nmol/mol	30.08	0.74	z'	-3.523
NO_7	H	nmol/mol	161.08	1.34	z	-5.576
NO_8	H	nmol/mol	147.09	1.25	z	-4.799
NO_9	H	nmol/mol	478.87	3.40	z	-4.390
NO_10	H	nmol/mol	297.37	2.18	z	-4.711
NO2_0	H	nmol/mol	-0.01	0.72	z'	-0.073
NO2_2	H	nmol/mol	53.03	0.86	z'	-1.866
NO2_4	H	nmol/mol	14.67	0.72	z'	-2.318
NO2_6	H	nmol/mol	30.38	0.76	z'	-3.658
NO2_7	H	nmol/mol	106.63	1.23	z'	-5.254
NO2_8	H	nmol/mol	137.43	1.30	z'	-4.972
NO2_10	H	nmol/mol	3.84	1.26	z'	-0.656
O3_0	H	nmol/mol	0.03	0.18	z	-0.130
O3_1	H	nmol/mol	64.00	0.47	z	-1.372
O3_2	H	nmol/mol	17.38	0.20	z	-0.581
O3_3	H	nmol/mol	37.05	0.30	z	-0.946
O3_4	H	nmol/mol	118.32	0.85	z	-1.113

Gas	Code	Unit	Ref	u_ref	uref<0.3*opt	z_value
O3_5	H	nmol/mol	138.82	1.00	z	-1.072
SO2_0	H	nmol/mol	0.01	0.52	z'	0.036
SO2_1	H	nmol/mol	134.24	1.22	z'	-1.214
SO2_2	H	nmol/mol	55.93	0.71	z'	-1.039
SO2_3	H	nmol/mol	40.11	0.62	z'	-0.860
SO2_4	H	nmol/mol	18.81	0.55	z'	-0.698
SO2_5	H	nmol/mol	9.94	0.52	z'	-0.787
CO_0	I	µmol/mol	0.00	0.01	z	0.000
CO_1	I	µmol/mol	2,977.00	0.02	z	0.408
CO_2	I	µmol/mol	7,990.00	0.05	z	0.264
CO_3	I	µmol/mol	4,975.70	0.03	z	0.352
CO_4	I	µmol/mol	1,467.00	0.01	z	0.118
CO_5	I	µmol/mol	866.70	0.01	z	-0.031
NO_0	I	nmol/mol	0.12	0.72	z'	-0.057
NO_1	I	nmol/mol	119.75	1.10	z	-0.762
NO_2	I	nmol/mol	67.84	0.86	z'	-1.288
NO_3	I	nmol/mol	24.77	0.74	z'	-0.675
NO_4	I	nmol/mol	10.86	0.72	z'	-0.434
NO_5	I	nmol/mol	59.50	0.83	z'	-0.813
NO_6	I	nmol/mol	30.08	0.74	z'	-0.730
NO_7	I	nmol/mol	161.08	1.34	z	-0.095
NO_8	I	nmol/mol	147.09	1.25	z	-0.364
NO_9	I	nmol/mol	478.87	3.40	z	0.601
NO_10	I	nmol/mol	297.37	2.18	z	0.372
NO2_0	I	nmol/mol	-0.01	0.72	z'	0.171
NO2_2	I	nmol/mol	53.03	0.86	z'	-0.441
NO2_4	I	nmol/mol	14.67	0.72	z'	-0.396
NO2_6	I	nmol/mol	30.38	0.76	z'	-0.792
NO2_7	I	nmol/mol	106.63	1.23	z'	0.207
NO2_8	I	nmol/mol	137.43	1.30	z'	0.146
NO2_10	I	nmol/mol	3.84	1.26	z'	-0.264
O3_0	I	nmol/mol	0.03	0.18	z	0.270
O3_1	I	nmol/mol	64.00	0.47	z	0.352
O3_2	I	nmol/mol	17.38	0.20	z	0.220
O3_3	I	nmol/mol	37.05	0.30	z	0.312
O3_4	I	nmol/mol	118.32	0.85	z	0.577
O3_5	I	nmol/mol	138.82	1.00	z	0.692
SO2_0	I	nmol/mol	0.01	0.52	z'	0.702
SO2_1	I	nmol/mol	134.24	1.22	z'	2.566
SO2_2	I	nmol/mol	55.93	0.71	z'	1.759
SO2_3	I	nmol/mol	40.11	0.62	z'	1.493
SO2_4	I	nmol/mol	18.81	0.55	z'	0.801
SO2_5	I	nmol/mol	9.94	0.52	z'	0.473
CO_0	L	µmol/mol	0.00	0.01	z	0.100
CO_1	L	µmol/mol	2,977.00	0.02	z	-0.373
CO_2	L	µmol/mol	7,990.00	0.05	z	-0.548
CO_3	L	µmol/mol	4,975.70	0.03	z	-0.436
CO_4	L	µmol/mol	1,467.00	0.01	z	-0.200
CO_5	L	µmol/mol	866.70	0.01	z	-0.138
NO_0	L	nmol/mol	0.12	0.72	z'	0.065
NO_1	L	nmol/mol	119.75	1.10	z	-0.194
NO_2	L	nmol/mol	67.84	0.86	z'	-0.026
NO_3	L	nmol/mol	24.77	0.74	z'	0.093
NO_4	L	nmol/mol	10.86	0.72	z'	0.282
NO_5	L	nmol/mol	59.50	0.83	z'	0.040
NO_6	L	nmol/mol	30.08	0.74	z'	0.133
NO_7	L	nmol/mol	161.08	1.34	z	0.004
NO_8	L	nmol/mol	147.09	1.25	z	-0.086
NO_9	L	nmol/mol	478.87	3.40	z	-0.192
NO_10	L	nmol/mol	297.37	2.18	z	-0.050

Gas	Code	Unit	Ref	u_ref	uref<0.3*opt	z_value
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NO2_2	L	nmol/mol	53.03	0.86	z'	-0.284
NO2_4	L	nmol/mol	14.67	0.72	z'	0.069
NO2_6	L	nmol/mol	30.38	0.76	z'	-0.195
NO2_7	L	nmol/mol	106.63	1.23	z'	0.368
NO2_8	L	nmol/mol	137.43	1.30	z'	-0.234
O3_0	L	nmol/mol	0.03	0.18	z	0.370
O3_1	L	nmol/mol	64.00	0.47	z	0.058
O3_2	L	nmol/mol	17.38	0.20	z	0.309
O3_3	L	nmol/mol	37.05	0.30	z	0.243
O3_4	L	nmol/mol	118.32	0.85	z	0.233
O3_5	L	nmol/mol	138.82	1.00	z	0.252
SO2_0	L	nmol/mol	0.01	0.52	z'	0.169
SO2_1	L	nmol/mol	134.24	1.22	z'	-0.936
SO2_2	L	nmol/mol	55.93	0.71	z'	-0.557
SO2_3	L	nmol/mol	40.11	0.62	z'	-0.426
SO2_4	L	nmol/mol	18.81	0.55	z'	-0.203
SO2_5	L	nmol/mol	9.94	0.52	z'	-0.108
CO_0	M	µmol/mol	0.00	0.01	z	1.000
CO_1	M	µmol/mol	2,977.00	0.02	z	0.134
CO_2	M	µmol/mol	7,990.00	0.05	z	0.377
CO_3	M	µmol/mol	4,975.70	0.03	z	0.489
CO_4	M	µmol/mol	1,467.00	0.01	z	0.000
CO_5	M	µmol/mol	866.70	0.01	z	-0.138
NO_0	M	nmol/mol	0.12	0.72	z'	0.049
NO_1	M	nmol/mol	119.75	1.10	z	-1.335
NO_2	M	nmol/mol	67.84	0.86	z'	-1.129
NO_3	M	nmol/mol	24.77	0.74	z'	-0.880
NO_4	M	nmol/mol	10.86	0.72	z'	-0.503
NO_5	M	nmol/mol	59.50	0.83	z'	-1.078
NO_6	M	nmol/mol	30.08	0.74	z'	-0.805
NO_7	M	nmol/mol	161.08	1.34	z	-0.999
NO_8	M	nmol/mol	147.09	1.25	z	-1.146
NO_9	M	nmol/mol	478.87	3.40	z	-0.984
NO_10	M	nmol/mol	297.37	2.18	z	-0.904
NO2_0	M	nmol/mol	-0.01	0.72	z'	1.375
NO2_2	M	nmol/mol	53.03	0.86	z'	-1.449
NO2_4	M	nmol/mol	14.67	0.72	z'	-0.942
NO2_6	M	nmol/mol	30.38	0.76	z'	-1.383
NO2_7	M	nmol/mol	106.63	1.23	z'	-1.421
NO2_8	M	nmol/mol	137.43	1.30	z'	-1.679
NO2_10	M	nmol/mol	3.84	1.26	z'	-1.181
O3_0	M	nmol/mol	0.03	0.18	z	0.650
O3_1	M	nmol/mol	64.00	0.47	z	-0.828
O3_2	M	nmol/mol	17.38	0.20	z	0.577
O3_3	M	nmol/mol	37.05	0.30	z	-0.050
O3_4	M	nmol/mol	118.32	0.85	z	-0.240
O3_5	M	nmol/mol	138.82	1.00	z	-0.060
SO2_0	M	nmol/mol	0.01	0.52	z'	0.258
SO2_1	M	nmol/mol	134.24	1.22	z'	-0.022
SO2_2	M	nmol/mol	55.93	0.71	z'	-0.087
SO2_3	M	nmol/mol	40.11	0.62	z'	-0.047
SO2_4	M	nmol/mol	18.81	0.55	z'	-0.156
SO2_5	M	nmol/mol	9.94	0.52	z'	-0.236

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Table 15: En-score participants calculated values.

Code	Parameter	Concentrations	En
B	NO	0	0.0
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B	NO	2	-0.9
B	NO	3	-1.4
B	NO	4	-0.7
B	NO	5	-1.3
B	NO	6	-0.9
B	NO	7	-0.4
B	NO	8	-0.5
B	NO	9	-0.1
B	NO	10	-0.2
B	NO ₂	0	0.0
B	NO ₂	1	0.1
B	NO ₂	2	-0.6
B	NO ₂	3	-0.1
B	NO ₂	4	-0.9
B	NO ₂	5	0.0
B	NO ₂	6	-1.0
B	NO ₂	7	-0.2
B	NO ₂	8	-0.3
B	NO ₂	9	0.5
B	NO ₂	10	0.1
B	O ₃	0	-0.6
B	O ₃	1	0.0
B	O ₃	2	-0.1
B	O ₃	3	0.0
B	O ₃	4	0.0
B	O ₃	5	0.0
B	SO ₂	0	0.0
B	SO ₂	1	0.2
B	SO ₂	2	0.1
B	SO ₂	3	0.2
B	SO ₂	4	0.1
B	SO ₂	5	0.0
C	CO	0	0.4
C	CO	1	-25.0
C	CO	2	-20.9
C	CO	3	-23.9
C	CO	4	-29.4
C	CO	5	-25.1
C	NO	0	-0.1
C	NO	1	-1.0
C	NO	2	-0.7
C	NO	3	-0.4
C	NO	4	-0.2
C	NO	5	-0.6
C	NO	6	-0.4
C	NO	7	-0.4
C	NO	8	-0.6
C	NO	9	-0.3
C	NO	10	-0.2
C	NO ₂	0	0.0
C	NO ₂	1	-0.3
C	NO ₂	2	-0.8

Code	Parameter	Concentrations	En
C	NO2	3	-0.1
C	NO2	4	-0.3
C	NO2	5	-0.2
C	NO2	6	-0.5
C	NO2	7	-0.6
C	NO2	8	-0.8
C	NO2	9	-0.6
C	NO2	10	-0.6
C	O3	0	-0.1
C	O3	1	0.7
C	O3	2	0.6
C	O3	3	0.7
C	O3	4	1.4
C	O3	5	0.8
C	SO2	0	0.0
C	SO2	1	3.1
C	SO2	2	2.7
C	SO2	3	2.3
C	SO2	4	1.4
C	SO2	5	0.9
D	CO	0	0.1
D	CO	1	0.0
D	CO	2	-0.3
D	CO	3	-0.4
D	CO	4	-0.4
D	CO	5	-0.3
D	NO	0	-0.1
D	NO	1	-0.1
D	NO	2	0.0
D	NO	3	0.0
D	NO	4	0.0
D	NO	5	0.0
D	NO	6	0.0
D	NO	7	0.1
D	NO	8	-0.1
D	NO	9	-0.1
D	NO	10	0.0
D	NO2	0	0.0
D	NO2	1	0.0
D	NO2	2	-0.1
D	NO2	3	0.0
D	NO2	4	0.0
D	NO2	5	0.0
D	NO2	6	-0.1
D	NO2	7	-0.1
D	NO2	8	-0.2
D	NO2	9	-0.3
D	NO2	10	-0.3
D	O3	0	0.1
D	O3	1	0.0
D	O3	2	0.2
D	O3	3	0.1
D	O3	4	0.0
D	O3	5	0.1
D	SO2	0	0.1
D	SO2	1	-0.8

Code	Parameter	Concentrations	En
D	SO2	2	-0.7
D	SO2	3	-0.5
D	SO2	4	-0.3
D	SO2	5	-0.2
E	NO	0	0.1
E	NO	1	-0.6
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E	NO	3	-0.7
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E	NO	7	-0.5
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E	NO2	8	-0.7
E	NO2	9	-1.4
E	NO2	10	-1.3
E	O3	0	-1.7
E	O3	1	-1.2
E	O3	2	-1.4
E	O3	3	-0.9
E	O3	4	-0.7
E	O3	5	-0.4
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F	NO2	4	-0.1
F	NO2	6	0.1
F	NO2	7	-0.5
F	NO2	8	-0.4
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F	O3	1	0.1
F	O3	2	-0.1
F	O3	3	0.0
F	O3	4	0.1
F	O3	5	0.2
H	CO	0	0.0

Code	Parameter	Concentrations	En
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H	CO	3	-0.3
H	CO	4	-0.2
H	CO	5	-0.1
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H	NO	3	-2.8
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H	NO	5	-4.9
H	NO	6	-3.7
H	NO	7	-4.4
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H	NO	9	-2.9
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H	NO2	0	-0.1
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H	NO2	9	-0.4
H	NO2	10	-0.4
H	O3	0	-0.1
H	O3	1	-1.2
H	O3	2	-0.6
H	O3	3	-1.1
H	O3	4	-1.8
H	O3	5	-0.7
H	SO2	0	0.0
H	SO2	1	-1.4
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H	SO2	3	-1.1
H	SO2	4	-0.8
H	SO2	5	-0.8
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I	CO	2	0.2
I	CO	3	0.3
I	CO	4	0.2
I	CO	5	0.0
I	NO	0	0.0
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I	NO	3	-0.5
I	NO	4	-0.4
I	NO	5	-0.5
I	NO	6	-0.5
I	NO	7	0.0
I	NO	8	-0.2
I	NO	9	0.2
I	NO	10	0.1

Code	Parameter	Concentrations	En
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I	NO2	5	0.0
I	NO2	6	-0.5
I	NO2	7	0.1
I	NO2	8	0.1
I	NO2	9	-0.3
I	NO2	10	-0.2
I	O3	0	0.3
I	O3	1	0.2
I	O3	2	0.2
I	O3	3	0.2
I	O3	4	0.3
I	O3	5	0.3
I	SO2	0	0.6
I	SO2	1	1.0
I	SO2	2	0.9
I	SO2	3	0.8
I	SO2	4	0.6
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L	CO	1	-0.4
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L	CO	3	-0.4
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L	NO2	6	-0.1
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L	O3	0	0.3
L	O3	1	0.1
L	O3	2	0.3
L	O3	3	0.2
L	O3	4	0.2
L	O3	5	0.2
L	SO2	0	0.1
L	SO2	1	-0.6

Code	Parameter	Concentrations	En
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L	SO2	4	-0.2
L	SO2	5	-0.1
M	CO	0	4.9
M	CO	1	0.2
M	CO	2	0.4
M	CO	3	0.5
M	CO	4	0.0
M	CO	5	-0.5
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M	O3	0	1.5
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M	O3	3	-0.1
M	O3	4	-0.2
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M	SO2	0	0.3
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M	SO2	3	0.0
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M	SO2	5	-0.3

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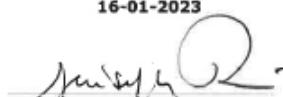
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ELENCO SCHEMI ACCREDITATI - CON CAMPO FISSO IN CATEGORIA: 0

Codice identificativo	Settore	Oggetto /Materiale/ Prodotto/Matrice	Misurando/ Proprietà misurata/ Grandezza	Tipologia
	ambientale	Synthetic mixture gas	carbon monoxide	schema quantitativo
	ambientale	Synthetic mixture gas	nitrogen oxides	schema quantitativo
	ambientale	Synthetic mixture gas	ozone	schema quantitativo
	ambientale	Synthetic mixture gas	sulphur dioxide	schema quantitativo

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L'eventuale simbolo (*) indica che è attiva una sospensione dell'accreditamento per la specifica attività riportata a fianco





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1st issue date
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22-06-2021

Data di scadenza
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ELENCO PROVE ACCREDITATE - CON CAMPO FISSO IN CATEGORIA: 0

Aria ambiente/Ambient air

Denominazione della prova / Campi di prova	Metodo di prova	Tecnica di prova	O&I
Carbonio elementare/Elemental carbon, Carbonio organico/Organic carbon	EN 12341:2014 + EN 16909:2017	Thermal-optical analysis (TOA)	
Diossido di azoto/Nitrogen dioxide, Monossido di azoto/Nitrogen monoxide	UNI EN 14211:2012	Chemiluminescenza	
Diossido di zolfo/Sulfur dioxide	EN 14212:2012	Spettrofotometria UV fluorescenza	
Monossido di carbonio/Carbon monoxide	UNI EN 14626:2012	Spettrofotometria IR	
Ozono/Ozone	UNI EN 14625:2012	Spettrofotometria UV-VIS	
Particolato sospeso PM10/Suspended particulate matter PM10, Particolato sospeso PM2.5/Suspended particulate matter PM2.5	UNI EN 12341:2014	Gravimetria	

Legenda

L'eventuale simbolo (1) in corrispondenza della matrice indica:matrice non prevista dal metodo ma assimilabile/matrix not provided for by the method but acceptable

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L'eventuale simbolo "X" riportato nella colonna "O&I" indica che il laboratorio è accreditato anche per fornire opinioni e interpretazioni basate sui risultati delle specifiche prove contrassegnate.

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