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### 1 Summary

Within the framework of the HBM4EU project, a 2<sup>nd</sup> interlaboratory comparison was organised for the determination of nine pesticide biomarkers in urine. Included were biomarkers for glyphosate and AMPA (glyphosate and AMPA), chlorpyrifos (TCPy), and pyrethroids (3-PBA, 4-F-3-PBA, cis-DBCA, cis-DCCA, trans-DCCA, and CIF3CA).

The study was performed in February/March 2020 and was conducted to assess the comparability and reliability of analytical methods across the participating expert laboratories.

The HBM4EU QAU had selected four expert laboratories for pesticide biomarkers in urine. The expert laboratories were from four different countries in Europe. For glyphosate/AMPA, two additional laboratories analysed the samples (the lab preparing the control material, and an external laboratory).

Each participant received two control materials of human urine to be analysed for glyphosate and AMPA (present at 0.4-1.9 ng/ml), and two other control materials, which both contained the chlorpyrifos biomarker (0.6-3.6 ng/ml) and pyrethroid biomarkers (0.1-1.4 ng/ml). The laboratories were requested to perform a single analysis and the submit results to the organiser within 3-4 weeks.

A first assessment of comparability of results was done by calculation of the mean, the RSD, and the relative uncertainty of the mean. Results were compared against the mean through a Z-score when the relative uncertainty of the mean was within 17.5%. In case the relative uncertainty exceeded this value, no objective reliable quantitative comparability assessment could be done.

For glyphosate and AMPA, five out of six laboratories reported results. Results were comparable for both biomarkers in both control materials.

For the chlorpyrifos and pyrethroid biomarkers, three laboratories reported results for all seven biomarkers, and one for five biomarkers (no results for cis-DBCA and CIF3CA). In nine out of 14 cases, comparability of results could be demonstrated. In five cases, all for the same control material, the relative uncertainty of the mean was too high for a quantitative assessment of comparability.

The outcome of this 2<sup>nd</sup> interlaboratory comparison for pesticide biomarkers in urine is summarised in **Table 1**.

Recommendations were made to further improve comparability of results in the next round.

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Table 1. Comparability of results for pesticide biomarkers in urine obtained in interlaboratory comparison/round 2.

| Biomarker  | Test material | Consensus (ng/ml)   | Comparable results for<br>X out of Y labs |
|------------|---------------|---------------------|---|
| Glyphosate | R2A           | 0.389               | 5ª/6                                      |
|            | R2B           | 2.42                | 5ª/6                                      |
| AMPA       | R2A           | 1.25                | 5ª/6                                      |
|            | R2B           | 0.524               | 4ª/6                                      |
| ТСРу       | R2A           | [0.42] <sup>b</sup> | С   |
|            | R2B           | 4.30                | 4/4                                       |
| 3-PBA      | R2A           | 0.279               | 4/4                                       |
|            | R2B           | 1.76                | 4/4                                       |
| 4-F-3-PBA  | R2A           | 1.56                | 4/4                                       |
|            | R2B           | 0.102               | 3/4                                       |
| cis-DBCA   | R2A           | [0.57] <sup>b</sup> | a, c                                      |
|            | R2B           | 0.627               | 3ª/4                                      |
| cis-DCCA   | R2A           | [0.16] <sup>b</sup> | С   |
|            | R2B           | 1.36                | 4/4                                       |
| trans-DCCA | R2A           | [1.23] <sup>b</sup> | С   |
|            | R2B           | 0.126               | 3/4                                       |
| CIF3CA     | R2A           | [1.1] <sup>b</sup>  | a, c                                      |
|            | R2B           | 0.418               | 3ª/4                                      |

<sup>a</sup> one laboratory did not report results

<sup>b</sup> no consensus value due to too high variability. [xx] = concentration as determined during homogeneity study.

<sup>c</sup> results not comparable.

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### 2 Introduction

Pesticides have been included in HBM4EU as substances in the 2<sup>nd</sup> prioritisation round. The selection of the target pesticides and their most relevant biomarkers was previously done in WP9, and has been described in Deliverable report 9.5 v2.0 [1]. Based on this, and further considerations by the QAU and experts in the field, it was decided to include nine pesticide biomarkers in the anticipated analyses of samples from aligned studies in HBM4EU (see **Table 2**).

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> round substances, it was decided by WP9 to select a limited number of expert laboratories for analysis of HBM4EU samples. Laboratories were selected by the QAU according to criteria described in HBM4EU-SOP-QA-005 [2]. The selection criteria included:

- 1. Experience in analysis of all selected parameters in (the selected) human matrices at levels expected in the general population (proven experience, papers, reports, etc.)
- 2. Capacity for analysis (number of samples/time for analysis)
- 3. Limit of quantification of the method, i.e. sufficiently low for HBM4EU samples
- **4.** Historical data of the successful participation in interlaboratory comparison exercises for the target substance (selected parameters)

This interlaboratory comparison is intended to assess the comparability and reliability of the analytical methods that laboratories will use for determination of the nine biomarkers from **Table 2** in samples analysed in the frame of HBM4EU. It forms an integral part of quality control, in addition to initial and ongoing in-house method validation.

| Abbreviation | Target biomarker   | Biomarker of exposure for                              |
|--------------|--|--|
| Glyphosate   | Glyphosate   | glyphosate   |
| AMPA         | Aminomethylphosphonic acid   | AMPA (glyphosate environmental metabolite)             |
| ТСРу         | 3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinol  | chlorpyrifos, chlorpyrifos-methyl (triclopyr)          |
| 3-PBA        | 3-phenoxybenzoic acid  | all pyrethroids containing this moiety (>10)           |
| 4-F-3-PBA    | 4-fluoro-3-phenoxybenzoic acid   | cyfluthrin, flumethrin                                 |
| cis-DBCA     | cis-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-2,2-dimethyl cyclopropanecarboxylic acid                            | deltamethrin   |
| cis-DCCA     | cis-3-(2,2-dichlorovinyl)2,2-dimethyl cyclopropane1-carboxylic acid                        | cyfluthrin, cypermethrin, permethrin, transfluthrin    |
| trans-DCCA   | trans-3-(2,2-dichlorovinyl)2,2-dimethyl cyclopropane1-carboxylic acid                      | cyfluthrin, cypermethrin,<br>permethrin, transfluthrin |
| CIF3CA       | cis-3-(2-chloro-3,3,3trifluoroprop-1-<br>enyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropane<br>carboxylic acid | bifenthrin, (lambda-)cyhalothrin,<br>tefluthrin        |

Table 2 Pesticide biomarkers in urine included in the interlaboratory comparison

This study has been organised by Wageningen Food Safety Research (WFSR) in the Netherlands, as part of the Quality Assurance program for biomonitoring analyses within the frame of HBM4EU. Participation in this exercise is mandatory for laboratories that will analyse HBM4EU samples.

This report describes the outcome of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of interlaboratory comparisons for pesticide biomarkers in urine.

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# 2.1 Confidentiality

In this report, the identity of the participants is treated as confidential. However, lab codes of the participants will be disclosed to the HBM4EU-QAU for performance assessment.

## 3 Control material

### 3.1 Preparation of control material

For this study, two sets of two control materials were prepared. One set (material B3 = R2A, and B4 = R2B) to be analysed for glyphosate and AMPA (prepared and tested by Institute for Prevention and Occupational Medicine of the German Social Accident Insurance, IPA), and one set (material C = R2A, and D = R2B) to be analysed for the biomarkers for chlorpyrifos and pyrethroids (prepared and tested by WFSR). In both cases burdened urine samples were used that were known to contain most of the target analytes. This means that the biomarkers were present as conjugates where applicable. 4-F-3-PBA, cis-DCCA, and CIF3CA had to be spiked to urine sample C and D, because the material used did not contain this biomarker, or only at very low levels. Additions were also done for trans-DCCA and 3-PBA, to material C and D respectively, to enhance the levels and introduce more significant differences between the two materials. As analytical standards of conjugates were not available, the free acids were used in case of spiking.

The control materials were mixed and then aliquoted into coded polypropylene tubes with screwcap (10 ml for glyphosate/AMPA; 5 ml for chlorpyrifos/pyrethroid biomarkers). The tubes were stored in the freezer (<-18°C). Part of the tubes were stored at -80°C as reference for future stability testing.

### 3.2 Homogeneity of control material

Homogeneity testing was done as described in HBM4EU-SOP-QA-002 [3]. For glyphosate and AMPA, ten tubes of each control material were randomly selected from the freezer and analysed in duplicate. For the chlorpyrifos/pyrethroid biomarkers, 5x2 tubes were randomly selected from the freezer and analysed. The analysis results were processed by the organiser according to the SOP using an Excel macro ("HBM4EU macro homogeneity test v1.xlsm"). The mean concentrations and relative standard deviations (RSD) as obtained during homogeneity testing, are included in Appendix 1. For all biomarkers, it could be concluded that homogeneity was adequate in both control materials.

#### 3.3 Stability of control material

For assessment of storage stability the procedures have been described in HBM4EU-SOP-QA-002 [3]. For glyphosate/AMPA, samples stored at -18°C were analysed at two occasions in separate batches, 48 days apart. For glyphosate in material B3 and AMPA in material B4, results did not significantly differ. A statistically significant lower level was found for glyphosate in material B4 (8%), and for AMPA in material B3 (17%). The differences, although statistically significant in these two cases, were minor with respect to the acceptable interlaboratory variability and therefore were considered not to impact the outcome of the study. For the chlorpyrifos and pyrethroid biomarkers, repeated analysis of the control materials after 17 days did not indicate instability, as expected from previous assessments. It was concluded that the biomarkers were stable in the control materials when stored at -18°C during the period of the conduct of the interlaboratory comparison.

# 4 Organisational details

### 4.1 Participants

For the organisation of the interlaboratory comparison exercises, WFSR contacted the four selected expert laboratories (HBM4EU laboratories from four different countries in Europe) and sent them an announcement letter by e-mail on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The biomarkers to be determined and the required LOQs were listed. It was indicated that the laboratories would receive in total four test samples, one set of two samples to be analysed for glyphosate/AMPA, and one set of two samples to be analysed for glyphosate/AMPA, and one set of two samples to be analysed for glyphosate/AMPA, and one set of the letter also included the schedule for three rounds of interlaboratory comparisons. An update of this schedule was sent to the participants by email on 7<sup>th</sup> February (see **Appendix 2**). Test results had to be submitted within the stipulated deadline (9<sup>th</sup> March 2020). For glyphosate/AMPA, one external laboratory from Canada volunteered to also analyse samples for these parameters, and an additional set of results was obtained from the laboratory preparing the control materials.

Results were received from all laboratories in time.

### 4.2 Dispatch and instructions

The test materials for determination of glyphosate/AMPA (10 ml each) were dispatched to the participants by IPA on 17<sup>th</sup> February. The test materials for determination of chlorpyrifos and pyrethroid biomarkers (5 ml each) were dispatched by WFSR on 11<sup>th</sup> February. The samples were packed in an insulation box with ice packs and sent by courier. Instructions were included in the box and also sent by e-mail (see **Appendix 3**). Participants were asked to check the content of the box upon receipt, to store the samples in the freezer, and to carry out a single analysis of the samples according to their routine method. The deadline for submission of results was 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

For reporting of results an excel sheet was provided. In this excel sheet the participants were asked to report the biomarker concentration in ng/ml, with at least three significant figures. In addition, the participants were asked to provide method details for each of the biomarkers (i.e. LOQ, deconjugation, cleanup, analysis technique, internal standards used, precision data).

### 4.3 Deviations from SOPs

For the interlaboratory comparison, the HBM4EU-QA-SOPs [2,3] were followed. There were no deviations from the SOPs, with the exception of the use of 5 replicate analysis (instead of 10) for homogeneity testing in case of the chlorpyrifos/pyrethroids biomarkers. The reason was the limited amount of control material available. This deviation was considered not to have an effect on the study outcome.

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### 5 Data evaluation

Evaluation of comparability of the data was done according to HBM4EU-SOP-QA-005 [2]. This involves establishing a consensus value and assessing the deviation of the individual results from the consensus value by calculation of Z-scores.

### 5.1 Consensus value

The mean concentration derived from the expert laboratories is considered an acceptable consensus value in the interlaboratory comparison study when the relative uncertainty of the mean is  $\leq 17.5\%$ .

The relative uncertainty of the mean, is given by:

u = RSD / sqrt(N)

with u = relative uncertainty of the mean concentration from the expert labs

RSD = relative standard deviation of the mean concentration

N = the number of expert labs (after exclusion of outliers if applicable)

In case the uncertainty of the mean exceeds 17.5%, the results are checked for outliers using a Grubbs' test. If an individual value is identified as an outlier, it is rejected from the data set and the relative uncertainty calculated again when N is still  $\geq$ 3. If u is still >17.5%, then no meaningful consensus expert value can be derived, and no objective reliable quantitative comparability assessment can be done.

It is recognised that with the small number of participants it is not very likely that outliers can be identified through statistical tests.

### 5.2 Target standard deviation ( $\sigma_T$ )

For calculation of the Z-scores, a fit-for-purpose relative target standard deviation (FFP-RSD<sub>R</sub>) of 25% of the consensus value was used as target standard deviation.

### 5.3 Z-scores

The Z-score (Z) was calculated as follows:

$$Z = \frac{x - C}{\sigma_T}$$

with

C = consensus value;

 $\sigma_T$  = target standard deviation, here 0.25\*C

x = result submitted by the laboratory;

When the Z-score is within -2 and +2 (-2  $\leq$  Z $\leq$  2), the results are considered sufficiently comparable.

# 6 Results and discussion

### 6.1 Results submitted by participants

In total, four laboratories from four European countries participated in this study. The individual results of the laboratories are included in **Appendix 4**. Quantitative results were reported for almost all biomarkers with the following exceptions:

- one laboratory was not able to report results for glyphosate and AMPA. Their existing method as used in round-1 was not suited for determination of AMPA (see report of the first round). The lab made an attempt to adjust the method (different SPE step) in order to determine both glyphosate and AMPA, but this was not successful. Consequently, no results could be reported for this round.
- One laboratory was not able to report results for two pyrethroid biomarkers: cis-DBCA and CIF3CA. For cis-DBCA it was remarked by this lab that matrix effects in the materials were very high, also in comparison to other samples in their experience, and since the lab did not use the corresponding isotope internal standard, the lab could not adequately correct for this and decided not to report results for this biomarker in both control materials. For CIF3CA, as in the first round, the lab still had problems that could not yet be solved.

For glyphosate/AMPA, results from two other laboratories were received and included in **Appendix 4**.

### 6.2 Analysis methods

The method details as provided by the laboratories are included in **Appendix 5**.

For glyphosate and AMPA the same methods were used as in the first round, with the exception of one laboratory that changed the method in order to incorporate AMPA in their existing method for glyphosate (see also 6.1). The laboratories used various methods. With one exception, all laboratories determined both compounds by one method. The volume of urine needed varied from 0.05 to 1 ml. Four laboratories used LC-MS/MS based methods. In these cases sample preparation involved an LLE or SPE cleanup and three of the four labs derivatised the compounds before analysis. Two laboratories used GC-NCI-MS based methods. Here sample preparation involved evaporation of a small aliquot of urine, followed by derivatisation. All laboratories used the corresponding isotope internal standards, which were added to the urine before sample processing. Quantification was based on calibration standards prepared in blank urine, solvent/eluent or water, after normalisation of response against the internal standard. For the three expert labs that reported results, the LOQ met the requirement of ≤0.1 ng/ml for glyphosate. For AMPA, the required LOQ of  $\leq 0.2$  ng/ml was met by two of the three expert labs. The third laboratory indicated an LOQ of 0.5 ng/ml, but did report a result below that value in control material R2B.

For the biomarkers of chlorpyrifos and pyrethroids various methods were used. Compared to the first round, two laboratories (slightly) adjusted their method. One laboratory changed the enzyme used for deconjugation from *E.coli*-based in round-1 to *Helix Pomatia*-based in this round. Another laboratory changed the procedure for quantification from procedural calibration using a fixed blank urine, to a standard addition procedure. To briefly summarize the methods used: the volume of urine needed varied from 1-5 ml. Three laboratories determined all seven biomarkers by one method. One laboratory used a separate method for TCPy (chlorpyrifos biomarker). In all cases, a deconjugation step was done, in most cases enzymatic, one used acid hydrolysis for the pyrethroids biomarkers. Cleanup was done by either LLE or SPE. Three laboratories analysed the extracts by LC-MS/MS, one lab by GC-MS after derivatisation. Although the isotope internal standards are commercially available for all seven biomarkers except CIF3CA, they were not used in a number of cases.

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Especially in LC-MS/MS based methods, this may have affected the quantification. Quantification was based on calibration standards prepared in blank urine processed as the samples (2 labs), in solvent/eluent (1 lab), or using a standard addition procedure (1 lab for all biomarkers, another lab only for CIF3CA). One laboratory having issues with the determination of CIF3CA in the first round, still had issues in this round and did not report results (see also 6.1). The LOQs as reported by the labs met the requirements in most cases, with the exception of one lab (0.25 ng/ml for cis-DBCA and cis-DCCA, requirement was 0.1 ng/ml)

### 6.3 Consensus values

For all biomarkers the mean, RSD and the relative uncertainty of the mean were determined. The mean was used as consensus value when the relative uncertainty did not exceed 17.5%. The results are included in **Appendix 4**.

For glyphosate/AMPA the calculations were done for the expert labs assigned by WP9 (four, of which three submitted results), and for all five laboratories that provided results. A consensus value could be established in all cases, i.e. for both glyphosate and AMPA, in both control materials, when using the data from the three expert labs, and also when using the data from all five labs.

For the chlorpyrifos and pyrethroids biomarkers, the uncertainty of the mean was too high for five out of seven biomarkers in control material R2A, and no meaningful consensus values could be derived in these cases. In contrast, for material R2B, it was possible to derive consensus values for all seven biomarkers (after exclusion of one result identified as Grubbs' outlier). The difference in comparability of results observed for the two materials was not due to the levels, in both materials both lower and higher concentrations of the biomarkers were present. Altogether, consensus values were obtained for nine out of 14 biomarker/control material combinations.

#### 6.4 Assessment of laboratory performance

The performance of the individual laboratories for each of the biomarkers could only be assessed when a consensus value could be derived. In these cases, a Z-score was determined. It should be noted that with the approach used for determination of the consensus value, Z-scores will be within -2 and +2 in most cases when it is possible to establish a consensus value. Nevertheless, it does provide a way of quantitative assessment. For information, as additional indication for comparability, the percentage deviation of the individual results relative to the consensus value is also included in Appendix 4.

For glyphosate and AMPA, the results submitted by the three expert laboratories were comparable  $(-2 \le Z \le 2)$  in both control materials. This was also true when using the data from all five laboratories, with the exception of AMPA in R2B (one lab Z-score 2.2).

For the chlorpyrifos and pyrethroids biomarkers an assessment was possible for nine out of 14 biomarker/control material combinations. In most of those cases, the results were comparable. Exceptions were:

- 4-F-PBA in material R2B: the result of one lab was identified as Grubbs'outlier, and consequently received a Z-score >2.
- trans-DCCA in material R2B: one lab reported "<0.05 ng/ml" (consensus value based on the other three was 0.126 ng/ml). In this case, no Z-score could be assigned. For information, a proxy-Z-score was calculated using the LOQ value as result.

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### 6.5 Conclusions and recommendations

A 2<sup>nd</sup> interlaboratory comparison was carried out for nine pesticide biomarkers in urine amongst four selected HBM4EU laboratories. For glyphosate and AMPA results of two additional labs were included in the evaluation.

Glyphosate/AMPA:

- One expert lab was unable to report results.
- Good comparability of results submitted by the three remaining expert labs.
- Good comparability of results for all five labs (one deviating result for one lab).

Chlorpyrifos/pyrethroids biomarkers:

- Comparability of results for nine out of 14 biomarker/control material combinations.
- For five biomarkers in one control material, variability was high, the results were not comparable.
- One lab reported issues with determination of cis-DBCA and CIF3CA.

Overall, the outcome of this 2<sup>nd</sup> round of interlaboratory comparisons was more favourable compard to the first round. However, comparability of method could not be demonstrated in all cases, and some labs (still) has issues with determination of certain biomarkers.

#### Recommendations

All or specific laboratories are recommended to:

Glyphosate/AMPA:

- PEL24: to do further efforts to come up with a method for determination of glyphosate and AMPA (or consider a separate method for AMPA in addition to their existing glyphosate method).
- PEL1: to lower the LOQ for AMPA to 0.2 ng/ml.

Chlorpyrifos/pyrethroids biomarkers:

- for (further) improvement of comparability of results, especially for labs using LC-MS/MS, it
  is strongly recommended to use the corresponding isotope internal standard for each of the
  biomarkers, rather than generic internal standards or the isotope label of one of the other
  biomarkers (isotope labels are commercially available for all biomarkers, except CIF3CA).
- PEL24: to lower the LOQ for cis-DBCA and cis-DCCA to the required 0.1 ng/ml.
- PEL2: to do a root cause analysis to identify possible causes of the outlier result for 4-F-3-PBA.
- PEL1: besides the first recommendation, do further attempts to solve the issue with CIF3CA.

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### Appendix 1 Homogeneity data

|   | Control mat | erial B3    | Control mat | terial B4   | Control mat | erial B3    | Control material B4 |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
|   | Glyphosate  |             | Glyphosate  |             | AMPA        |             | AMPA                |             |
|   | replicate-1 | replicate-2 | replicate-1 | replicate-2 | replicate-1 | replicate-2 | replicate-1         | replicate-2 |
| 1                                       | 0.357       | 0.336       | 1.915       | 1.919       | 1.509       | 1.485       | 0.810               | 0.890       |
| 2                                       | 0.349       | 0.376       | 1.887       | 1.866       | 1.616       | 1.503       | 0.980               | 0.830       |
| 3                                       | 0.380       | 0.378       | 1.912       | 1.845       | 1.621       | 1.529       | 0.900               | 0.800       |
| 4                                       | 0.341       | 0.357       | 1.826       | 1.938       | 1.486       | 1.474       | 0.920               | 0.800       |
| 5                                       | 0.356       | 0.354       | 1.872       | 2.021       | 1.568       | 1.456       | 0.860               | 0.820       |
| 6                                       | 0.358       | 0.362       | 1.872       | 1.907       | 1.475       | 1.502       | 0.820               | 0.810       |
| 7                                       | 0.358       | 0.361       | 1.880       | 1.835       | 1.662       | 1.588       | 0.830               | 0.850       |
| 8                                       | 0.353       | 0.362       | 1.835       | 1.854       | 1.690       | 1.559       | 0.880               | 0.810       |
| 9                                       | 0.343       | 0.375       | 1.883       | 1.922       | 1.696       | 1.482       | 0.850               | 0.810       |
| 10                                      | 0.378       | 0.381       | 1.944       | 1.856       | 1.515       | 1.551       | 0.810               | 0.830       |
| grand mean                              | 0.361       |             | 1.889       |             | 1.548       |             | 0.846               |             |
| Stdev                                   | 0.013       |             | 0.047       |             | 0.075       |             | 0.047               |             |
| VC%                                     | 4%          |             | 2%          |             | 0.048       |             | 6%                  |             |
| Cochran's test                          |             |             |             |             |             |             |                     |             |
| С                                       | 0.395       |             | 0.423       |             | 0.437       |             | 0.361               |             |
| Ccrit                                   | 0.602       |             | 0.602       |             | 0.602       |             | 0.602               |             |
| C < Ccrit →                             | No outliers | detected    | No outliers | detected    | No outliers | detected    | No outliers         | detected    |
| target $\sigma_{FFP}$                   | 0.090       |             | 0.472       |             | 0.387       |             | 0.211               |             |
| s <sub>x</sub> =                        | 0.0110      |             | 0.0292      |             | 0.0543      |             | 0.0251              |             |
| s <sub>w</sub> =                        | 0.0113      |             | 0.0512      |             | 0.0724      |             | 0.0558              |             |
| s <sub>s</sub> =                        | 0.0075      |             | 0.0000      |             | 0.0182      |             | 0.0000              |             |
| critical= $0.3\sigma_{FFP}$             | 0.0271      |             | 0.1417      |             | 0.1161      |             | 0.0634              |             |
| s <sub>s</sub> < critical?              | Homogenei   | ty adequate | Homogenei   | ty adequate | Homogenei   | ty adequate | Homogenei           | ty adequate |
| s <sub>w</sub> < 0.5*σ <sub>FFP</sub> ? | Method sui  | ted         | Method sui  | ted         | Method sui  | ted         | Method sui          | ted         |

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|  | Control mat          | erial C     |  | Control material D   |             |  |
|--|----------------------|-------------|--|----------------------|-------------|--|
|  | ТСРу                 |             |  | ТСРу                 |             |  |
|  | replicate-1          | replicate-2 |  | replicate-1          | replicate-2 |  |
| 1                                      | 0.429                | 0.427       |  | 3.484                | 3.712       |  |
| 2                                      | 0.401                | 0.414       |  | 3.711                | 3.607       |  |
| 3                                      | 0.413                | 0.432       |  | 3.575                | 3.755       |  |
| 4                                      | 0.416                | 0.427       |  | 3.547                | 3.565       |  |
| 5                                      | 0.412                | 0.402       |  | 3.479                | 3.466       |  |
| 6                                      |                      |             |  |                      |             |  |
| 7                                      |                      |             |  |                      |             |  |
| 8                                      |                      |             |  |                      |             |  |
| 9                                      |                      |             |  |                      |             |  |
| 10                                     |                      |             |  |                      |             |  |
| grand mean                             | 0.417                |             |  | 3.590                |             |  |
| Stdev                                  | 0.011                |             |  | 0.105                |             |  |
| VC%                                    | 3%                   |             |  | 3%                   |             |  |
| Cochran's test                         |                      |             |  |                      |             |  |
| С                                      | 0.457                |             |  | 0.543                |             |  |
| Ccrit                                  | 0.841                |             |  | 0.841                |             |  |
| $C < Ccrit \rightarrow$                | No outliers          | detected    |  | No outliers          | detected    |  |
| target $\sigma_{FFP}$                  | 0.104                |             |  | 0.898                |             |  |
| s <sub>x</sub> =                       | 0.0095               |             |  | 0.0795               |             |  |
| s <sub>w</sub> =                       | 0.0085               |             |  | 0.0980               |             |  |
| s <sub>s</sub> =                       | 0.0074               |             |  | 0.0390               |             |  |
| critical=0.3 $\sigma_{FFP}$            | 0.0313               |             |  | 0.2693               |             |  |
| s <sub>s</sub> < critical?             | Homogeneity adequate |             |  | Homogeneity adequate |             |  |
| s <sub>w</sub> <0.5*σ <sub>FFP</sub> ? | Method suited        |             |  | Method suited        |             |  |

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|   | Control mat | erial C     | Control mat | terial D    | Control mat | erial C     | Control mat | terial D    |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 3-PBA       |             | 3-PBA       |             | 4-F-3-PBA   |             | 4-F-3-PBA   |             |
|   | replicate-1 | replicate-2 | replicate-1 | replicate-2 | replicate-1 | replicate-2 | replicate-1 | replicate-2 |
| 1                                       | 0.258       | 0.248       | 1.431       | 1.394       | 1.222       | 1.270       | 0.097       | 0.096       |
| 2                                       | 0.247       | 0.260       | 1.499       | 1.440       | 1.180       | 1.133       | 0.097       | 0.097       |
| 3                                       | 0.247       | 0.258       | 1.451       | 1.429       | 1.218       | 1.234       | 0.100       | 0.100       |
| 4                                       | 0.249       | 0.255       | 1.393       | 1.464       | 1.185       | 1.200       | 0.092       | 0.099       |
| 5                                       | 0.253       | 0.254       | 1.389       | 1.396       | 1.234       | 1.223       | 0.092       | 0.097       |
| 6                                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 7                                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 8                                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 9                                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 10                                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| grand mean                              | 0.253       |             | 1.429       |             | 1.210       |             | 0.097       |             |
| Stdev                                   | 0.005       |             | 0.037       |             | 0.038       |             | 0.003       |             |
| VC%                                     | 2%          |             | 3%          |             | 3%          |             | 3%          |             |
| Cochran's test                          |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| С                                       | 0.405       |             | 0.475       |             | 0.445       |             | 0.648       |             |
| Ccrit                                   | 0.841       |             | 0.841       |             | 0.841       |             | 0.841       |             |
| $C < Ccrit \rightarrow$                 | No outliers | detected    | No outliers | detected    | No outliers | detected    | Outliers de | tected      |
| target $\sigma_{FFP}$                   | 0.063       |             | 0.357       |             | 0.302       |             | 0.024       |             |
| s <sub>x</sub> =                        | 0.0008      |             | 0.0291      |             | 0.0356      |             | 0.0020      |             |
| s <sub>w</sub> =                        | 0.0065      |             | 0.0325      |             | 0.0229      |             | 0.0028      |             |
| s <sub>s</sub> =                        | 0.0000      |             | 0.0178      |             | 0.0317      |             | 0.0000      |             |
| critical=0.3 $\sigma_{FFP}$             | 0.0190      |             | 0.1071      |             | 0.0907      |             | 0.0073      |             |
| s <sub>s</sub> < critical?              | Homogenei   | ty adequate |
| s <sub>w</sub> < 0.5*σ <sub>FFP</sub> ? | Method sui  | ted         |

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|   | Control mat | erial C     | Control mat | terial D    | Control mat | erial C     | Control mat | terial D    |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | DBCA        |             | DBCA        |             | DCCA-cis    |             | DCCA-cis    |             |
|   | replicate-1 | replicate-2 | replicate-1 | replicate-2 | replicate-1 | replicate-2 | replicate-1 | replicate-2 |
| 1                                       | 0.464       | 0.570       | 0.696       | 0.452       | 0.186       | 0.154       | 1.131       | 1.312       |
| 2                                       | 0.598       | 0.540       | 0.538       | 0.556       | 0.145       | 0.171       | 1.145       | 1.159       |
| 3                                       | 0.636       | 0.552       | 0.589       | 0.433       | 0.166       | 0.141       | 1.040       | 1.126       |
| 4                                       | 0.605       | 0.577       | 0.498       | 0.589       | 0.153       | 0.171       | 1.338       | 1.172       |
| 5                                       | 0.606       | 0.559       | 0.485       | 0.555       | 0.142       | 0.151       | 1.285       | 1.297       |
| 6                                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 7                                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 8                                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 9                                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 10                                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| grand mean                              | 0.571       |             | 0.539       |             | 0.158       |             | 1.201       |             |
| Stdev                                   | 0.047       |             | 0.077       |             | 0.015       |             | 0.100       |             |
| VC%                                     | 8%          |             | 14%         |             | 9%          |             | 8%          |             |
| Cochran's test                          |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| С                                       | 0.460       |             | 0.611       |             | 0.371       |             | 0.482       |             |
| Ccrit                                   | 0.841       |             | 0.841       |             | 0.841       |             | 0.841       |             |
| $C < Ccrit \rightarrow$                 | No outliers | detected    |
| target $\sigma_{FFP}$                   | 0.143       |             | 0.135       |             | 0.039       |             | 0.300       |             |
| s <sub>x</sub> =                        | 0.0315      |             | 0.0246      |             | 0.0088      |             | 0.0835      |             |
| s <sub>w</sub> =                        | 0.0498      |             | 0.0986      |             | 0.0166      |             | 0.0823      |             |
| s <sub>s</sub> =                        | 0.0000      |             | 0.0000      |             | 0.0000      |             | 0.0598      |             |
| critical=0.3 $\sigma_{FFP}$             | 0.0428      |             | 0.0404      |             | 0.0118      |             | 0.0900      |             |
| s <sub>s</sub> < critical?              | Homogenei   | ty adequate |
| s <sub>w</sub> < 0.5*σ <sub>FFP</sub> ? | Method sui  | ted         | Method not  | suited      | Method suit | ted         | Method sui  | ted         |

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|  | Control mat | erial C     | Control mat | erial D     | Control mat | erial C     | Control material D |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
|  | DCCA-trans  |             | DCCA-trans  |             | CIF3CA      |             | CIF3CA             |             |
|  | replicate-1 | replicate-2 | replicate-1 | replicate-2 | replicate-1 | replicate-2 | replicate-1        | replicate-2 |
| 1                                      | 1.320       | 1.275       | 0.115       | 0.106       | 0.988       | 1.140       | 0.296              | 0.291       |
| 2                                      | 1.240       | 1.266       | 0.107       | 0.126       | 1.114       | 1.030       | 0.312              | 0.276       |
| 3                                      | 1.169       | 1.251       | 0.106       | 0.115       | 0.991       | 1.100       | 0.281              | 0.255       |
| 4                                      | 1.209       | 1.220       | 0.110       | 0.105       | 1.122       | 1.173       | 0.295              | 0.270       |
| 5                                      | 1.106       | 1.211       | 0.098       | 0.106       | 1.088       | 1.265       | 0.284              | 0.275       |
| 6                                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |                    |             |
| 7                                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |                    |             |
| 8                                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |                    |             |
| 9                                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |                    |             |
| 10                                     |             |             |             |             |             |             |                    |             |
| grand mean                             | 1.227       |             | 0.109       |             | 1.101       |             | 0.283              |             |
| Stdev                                  | 0.059       |             | 0.008       |             | 0.084       |             | 0.016              |             |
| VC%                                    | 5%          |             | 7%          |             | 8%          |             | 6%                 |             |
| Cochran's test                         |             |             |             |             |             |             |                    |             |
| С                                      | 0.535       |             | 0.593       |             | 0.411       |             | 0.477              |             |
| Ccrit                                  | 0.841       |             | 0.841       |             | 0.841       |             | 0.841              |             |
| C < Ccrit →                            | No outliers | detected    | No outliers | detected    | No outliers | detected    | No outliers        | detected    |
| target $\sigma_{FFP}$                  | 0.307       |             | 0.027       |             | 0.275       |             | 0.071              |             |
| s <sub>x</sub> =                       | 0.0519      |             | 0.0055      |             | 0.0573      |             | 0.0109             |             |
| s <sub>w</sub> =                       | 0.0453      |             | 0.0078      |             | 0.0871      |             | 0.0162             |             |
| s <sub>s</sub> =                       | 0.0409      |             | 0.0000      |             | 0.0000      |             | 0.0000             |             |
| critical=0.3 $\sigma_{FFP}$            | 0.0920      |             | 0.0082      |             | 0.0826      |             | 0.0213             |             |
| s <sub>s</sub> < critical?             | Homogenei   | ty adequate | Homogenei   | ty adequate | Homogenei   | ty adequate | Homogenei          | ty adequate |
| s <sub>w</sub> <0.5*σ <sub>FFP</sub> ? | Method suit | ted         | Method sui  | ted         | Method sui  | ted         | Method sui         | ted         |

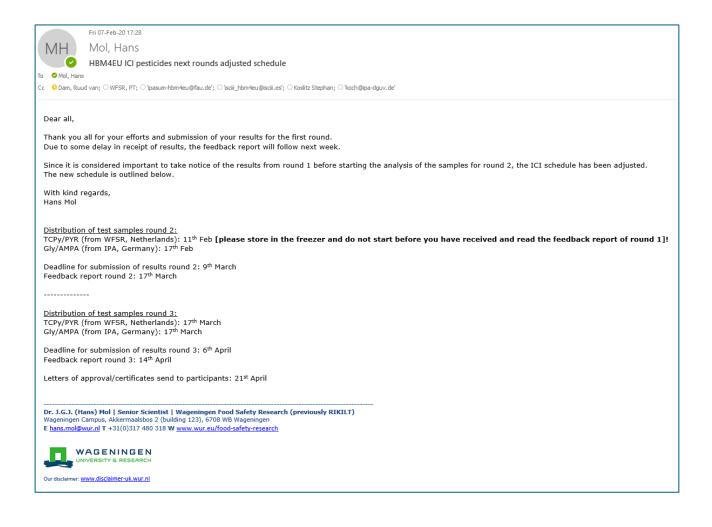
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#### Appendix 2 Announcement letter / adjusted schedule

A general announcement letter and schedule for all three rounds of interlaboratory comparisons for pesticide biomarkers was send on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019. A copy of this letter can be found in the report of the 1<sup>st</sup> round. In this letter, the requirements regarding the LOQs were indicated, and are given below for information again.

| TCPy:                  | 0.5 μg/L or lower  |
|------------------------|--|
| Pyrethroid biomarkers: | 0.1 $\mu\text{g/L}$ or lower for each of the individual biomarkers |
| Glyphosate             | 0.1 μg/L or lower  |
| AMPA                   | 0.2 μg/L or lower  |

For the next rounds, no specific announcement letter had been sent. An update on the schedule of shipment of samples for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round was sent by email. A copy of this mail is included below.



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### Appendix 3 Copy of letter of instructions sent together with test samples

| Postbus 230   6700 AE WAGENINGEN The Netherlands   |  |
|--|--|
|  | WFSR   |
|  | DATE   |
|  | February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2020   |
|  | Instruction letter for ICI study<br>pesticide biomarkers in urine  |
|  | OUR REFERENCE<br>HBM4EU ICI-PES R2   |
| Dear participant,<br>Thank you for participation in the interlaboratory comparison study <b>HBM4EU ICI</b> -   | Akkermaalsbos 2<br>6708 WB, Wageningen<br>The Netherlands  |
| <b>Pesticides/round_02</b> for the determination of pesticide biomarkers in human uri  |  |
| As indicated in the announcement sent on 17 <sup>th</sup> December, and as in the first round you receive two sets of two samples in each round:   | с.с. NUMBER<br>09098104  |
| <ol> <li>Two urine samples (approx. 10 ml each) for determination of glyphosate a<br/>AMPA. These samples are send to you by IPA/Germany. Shipment 17</li> </ol>   | nd Hans Mol  |
| February 2020.<br>2) Two urine samples (approx. 5 ml each) for determination of biomarkers of  |  |
| chlorpyrifos (TCRy) and pyrethroids (3-PBA, 4 F 3 PBA, cis-DBCA, cis-DCCA<br>trans-DCCA, ClF3CA). Shipment 11 February 2020 by WFSR/Netherlands.   | A, hans.mol@@wur.nl  |
| Instructions:<br>- Upon receipt, store the samples in the freezer until analysis.  |  |
| <ul> <li>Confirm the receipt by email to <u>hans.mol@wur.nl</u></li> <li>You should receive the samples in frozen condition. If not or in case of</li> </ul>   |  |
| damage, please indicate that in your mail.   |  |
| <ul> <li>Before analysis, thaw and re-homogenize the samples according to your<br/>laboratory's procedure.</li> </ul>  |  |
| <ul> <li>Please carry out a single analysis for each sample.</li> <li>Please report all results to <u>hans.mol@wur.nl</u></li> </ul>   |  |
| <ul> <li>Results are to be reported in ng/ml urine, using at least 3 significant figure</li> </ul>   | :5.  |
| <ul> <li>For reporting, please use the excel file provided by us through email:<br/>"ICI-study Pesticides-round_02_results and method information v1.xlsx'.</li> <li>Also provide your method details through this excel sheet.</li> </ul> |  |
| - The deadline for submission of results is strict and is <b>9</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>March 2020</b> .   |  |
| 100 years  | Wageningen Research<br>Foundation/WFSR is part of<br>Wageningen University & Research.<br>WFSR carries out research into the<br>safety and reliability of food and<br>feed. WFSR is ISO 17025 and ISO<br>17043 accredited (the accredited<br>tests are described on www.rva.nl |

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| CATE<br>February 11th, 2020 | Please contact us if                      | you have any questions or need any assistance.                                |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Page 2 of 2                 | With kind regards,                        |   |
|                             | Hans Mol<br>Ruud van Dam<br>Ingrid Elbers | <u>hans.mol@wur.nl</u><br><u>ruud.vandam@wur.nl</u><br>p <u>t.wfsr@wur.nl</u> |

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#### Appendix 4: Result tables.

| Biomarker               |          |     | Glyph | nosate   |      |      |          |      | AN   | /IPA     |      |      |
|-------------------------|----------|-----|-------|----------|------|------|----------|------|------|----------|------|------|
| Control material        | R2A = B3 |     |       | R2B = B4 |      |      | R2A = B3 |      |      | R2B = B4 |      |      |
| Conc. hom. test (ng/ml) | 0.361    |     |       | 1.89     |      |      | 1.55     |      |      | 0.846    |      |      |
| Assigned value (ng/ml)  | 0.408    |     |       | 2.61     |      |      | 1.16     |      |      | 0.442    |      |      |
| Rel. uncertainty        | 8%       |     |       | 6%       |      |      | 10%      |      |      | 9%       |      |      |
| Lab code                | ng/ml    | %DA | Z     | ng/ml    | %DA  | Ζ    | ng/ml    | %DA  | Ζ    | ng/ml    | %DA  | Z    |
| PEL1                    | 0.380    | -7% | -0.3  | 2.86     | 9%   | 0.4  | 0.942    | -19% | -0.8 | 0.369    | -16% | -0.7 |
| PEL2                    | 0.473    | 16% | 0.6   | 2.290    | -12% | -0.5 | 1.257    | 8%   | 0.3  | 0.446    | 1%   | 0.0  |
| PEL3                    | 0.370    | -9% | -0.4  | 2.69     | 3%   | 0.1  | 1.29     | 11%  | 0.4  | 0.510    | 15%  | 0.6  |
| PEL24                   | n/a      |     |       | n/a      |      |      | n/a      |      |      | n/a      |      |      |
| mean                    | 0.408    |     |       | 2.61     |      |      | 1.16     |      |      | 0.442    |      |      |
| RSD                     | 14%      |     |       | 11%      |      |      | 17%      |      |      | 16%      |      |      |

#### Results for the four selected expert labs

#### Results for all six participants

| Biomarker               |          |     | Glyph | iosate   |      |      |          |      | ٨N   | /IPA     |      |      |
|-------------------------|----------|-----|-------|----------|------|------|----------|------|------|----------|------|------|
| Control material        | R2A = B3 |     |       | R2B = B4 |      |      | R2A = B3 |      |      | R2B = B4 |      |      |
| Conc. hom. test (ng/ml) | 0.361    |     |       | 1.89     |      |      | 1.55     |      |      | 0.846    |      |      |
| Assigned value (ng/ml)  | 0.389    |     |       | 2.42     |      |      | 1.25     |      |      | 0.524    |      |      |
| Rel. uncertainty        | 6%       |     |       | 7%       |      |      | 7%       |      |      | 14%      |      |      |
| Lab code                | ng/ml    | %DA | Z     | ng/ml    | %DA  | Z    | ng/ml    | %DA  | Z    | ng/ml    | %DA  | Z    |
| PEL1                    | 0.380    | -2% | -0.1  | 2.86     | 18%  | 0.7  | 0.942    | -25% | -1.0 | 0.369    | -30% | -1.2 |
| PEL2                    | 0.473    | 22% | 0.9   | 2.290    | -5%  | -0.2 | 1.257    | 0%   | 0.0  | 0.446    | -15% | -0.6 |
| PEL3                    | 0.370    | -5% | -0.2  | 2.69     | 11%  | 0.4  | 1.29     | 3%   | 0.1  | 0.510    | -3%  | -0.1 |
| PEL24                   | n/a      |     |       | n/a      |      |      | n/a      |      |      | n/a      |      |      |
| PEL98                   | 0.360    | -7% | -0.3  | 1.920    | -21% | -0.8 | 1.51     | 21%  | 0.8  | 0.810    | 54%  | 2.2  |
| PEL 99                  | 0.360    | -7% | -0.3  | 2.35     | -3%  | -0.1 | 1.26     | 1%   | 0.0  | 0.487    | -7%  | -0.3 |
| mean                    | 0.389    |     |       | 2.42     |      |      | 1.25     |      |      | 0.524    |      |      |
| RSD                     | 12%      |     |       | 15%      |      |      | 16%      |      |      | 32%      |      |      |

n/a = method used was unsuccessful, no results reported

%DA = percent deviation from consensus value

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| Biomarker               |          |     | TC | ΣРу      |      |      |
|-------------------------|----------|-----|----|----------|------|------|
| Control material        | R2A (=C) |     |    | R2B (=D) |      |      |
| Conc. hom. test (ng/ml) | 0.417    |     |    | 3.59     |      |      |
| Assigned value (ng/ml)  | *        |     |    | 4.304    |      |      |
| Rel. uncertainty        | 26%      |     |    | 5%       |      |      |
| Lab code                | ng/ml    | %DA | Z  | ng/ml    | %DA  | Z    |
| PEL1                    | 0.447    | *   | *  | 4.50     | 5%   | 0.2  |
| PEL2                    | 0.589    | *   | *  | 4.217    | -2%  | -0.1 |
| PEL3                    | 0.401    | *   | *  | 3.710    | -14% | -0.6 |
| PEL24                   | 1.11     | *   | *  | 4.79     | 11%  | 0.5  |
| mean                    | 0.637    |     |    | 4.30     |      |      |
| RSD                     | 51%      |     |    | 11%      |      |      |

 $^{\ast}$  no assigned value because the uncertainty of the mean is too high

%DA = percent deviation from consensus value

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| Biomarker               |          |      | 3-F  | РВА      |      |      |          |      | 4-F-3 | B-PBA    |      |      |
|-------------------------|----------|------|------|----------|------|------|----------|------|-------|----------|------|------|
| Control material        | R2A (=C) |      |      | R2B (=D) |      |      | R2A (=C) |      |       | R2B (=D) |      |      |
| Conc. hom. test (ng/ml) | 0.253    |      |      | 1.429    |      |      | 1.21     |      |       | 0.0967   |      |      |
| Assigned value (ng/ml)  | 0.279    |      |      | 1.756    |      |      | 1.561    |      |       | 0.102    |      |      |
| Rel. uncertainty        | 14%      |      |      | 12%      |      |      | 16%      |      |       | 6%       |      |      |
| Lab code                | ng/ml    | %DA  | Z    | ng/ml    | %DA  | Ζ    | ng/ml    | %DA  | Ζ     | ng/ml    | %DA  | Z    |
| PEL1                    | 0.21     | -25% | -1.0 | 1.57     | -11% | -0.4 | 1.27     | -19% | -0.7  | 0.114    | 12%  | 0.5  |
| PEL2                    | 0.389    | 39%  | 1.6  | 2.373    | 35%  | 1.4  | 1.487    | -5%  | -0.2  | 0.527    | 417% | 17   |
| PEL3                    | 0.247    | -11% | -0.5 | 1.500    | -15% | -0.6 | 1.180    | -24% | -1.0  | 0.097    | -5%  | -0.2 |
| PEL24                   | 0.270    | -3%  | -0.1 | 1.580    | -10% | -0.4 | 2.308    | 48%  | 1.9   | 0.095    | -7%  | -0.3 |
| mean                    | 0.279    |      |      | 1.756    |      |      | 1.561    |      |       | 0.102    |      |      |
| RSD                     | 28%      |      |      | 24%      |      |      | 33%      |      |       | 10%      |      |      |

#### Results for the four selected expert labs

R2B 4-F-3-PBA: result for PEL2 was identified as Grubbs' outlier and excluded for calculation of the mean and assigned value

%DA = percent deviation from consensus value

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| Biomarker               | cis-D      |          |        | DBCA       |          |        |          |     | cis-E | DCCA     |      |      |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|--------|------------|----------|--------|----------|-----|-------|----------|------|------|
| Control material        | R2A (=C)   |          |        | R2B (=D)   |          |        | R2A (=C) |     |       | R2B (=D) |      |      |
| Conc. hom. test (ng/ml) | 0.571      |          |        | 0.539      |          |        | 0.158    |     |       | 1.201    |      |      |
| Assigned value (ng/ml)  | *          |          |        | 0.627      |          |        | *        |     |       | 1.361    |      |      |
| Rel. uncertainty        | 35%        |          |        | 8%         |          |        | 22%      |     |       | 9%       |      |      |
| Lab code                | ng/ml      | %DA      | Z      | ng/ml      | %DA      | Z      | ng/ml    | %DA | Ζ     | ng/ml    | %DA  | Ζ    |
| PEL1                    | too high n | natrix e | effect | too high n | natrix e | effect | 0.058    | *   | *     | 1.68     | 23%  | 0.9  |
| PEL2                    | 0.608      | *        | *      | 0.709      | 13%      | 0.5    | 0.169    | *   | *     | 1.410    | 4%   | 0.1  |
| PEL3                    | 0.598      | *        | *      | 0.538      | -14%     | -0.6   | 0.145    | *   | *     | 1.140    | -16% | -0.6 |
| PEL24                   | 1.567      | *        | *      | 0.633      | 1%       | 0.0    | 0.206    | *   | *     | 1.213    | -11% | -0.4 |
| mean                    | 0.924      |          |        | 0.627      |          |        | 0.145    |     |       | 1.361    |      |      |
| RSD                     | 60%        |          |        | 14%        |          |        | 44%      |     |       | 18%      |      |      |

\* no assigned value because the uncertainty of the mean is too high

%DA = percent deviation from consensus value

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| Biomarker               |          | trans-DCCA |   |          |      | CIF3CA |          |        |       |          |        |       |
|-------------------------|----------|------------|---|----------|------|--------|----------|--------|-------|----------|--------|-------|
| Control material        | R2A (=C) |            |   | R2B (=D) |      |        | R2A (=C) |        |       | R2B (=D) |        |       |
| Conc. hom. test (ng/ml) | 1.227    |            |   | 0.109    |      |        | 1.101    |        |       | 0.283    |        |       |
| Assigned value (ng/ml)  | *        |            |   | 0.126    |      |        | *        |        |       | 0.418    |        |       |
| Rel. uncertainty        | 25%      |            |   | 16%      |      |        | 28%      |        |       | 14%      |        |       |
| Lab code                | ng/ml    | %DA        | Z | ng/ml    | %DA  | Z      | ng/ml    | %DA    | Z     | ng/ml    | %DA    | Ζ     |
| PEL1                    | 1.36     | *          | * | < 0.05   | -60% | -2.4   | problems | w. ana | lysis | problems | w. ana | lysis |
| PEL2                    | 1.038    | *          | * | 0.167    | 33%  | 1.3    | 1.305    | *      | *     | 0.514    | 23%    | 0.9   |
| PEL3                    | 1.240    | *          | * | 0.107    | -15% | -0.6   | 1.110    | *      | *     | 0.312    | -25%   | -1.0  |
| PEL24                   | 2.760    | *          | * | 0.104    | -17% | -0.7   | 2.606    | *      | *     | 0.429    | 3%     | 0.1   |
| mean                    | 1.600    |            |   | 0.126    |      |        | 1.674    |        |       | 0.418    |        |       |
| RSD                     | 49%      |            |   | 28%      |      |        | 49%      |        |       | 24%      |        |       |

#### Results for the four selected expert labs

\* no assigned value because the uncertainty of the mean is too high

%DA = percent deviation from consensus value

Z = Z-score

PEL1, R2B trans-DCCA: %DA and Z-score for information only (calculated using 0.05 ng/ml as result)

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### Appendix 5: Method details Glyphosate and AMPA

|        |             | PRETREATMENT |                               |   |               | EXTRACTION & CLEANUP             |   |                |
|--------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Lab    | LOO (ng/ml) | Pretreatment | urine<br>aliquot<br>used (ml) | pH adjustment<br>(provide buffer<br>and pH) | Deconjugation | Technique                        | specify SPE<br>column or LLE<br>solvent | Derivatisation |
| GLYPHO |             |              |                               |   |               |                                  |   |                |
| PEL1   | 0.1         | none         | 1                             | pH9 tetraborate                             | none          | LLE                              | diethyl-ether                           | FMOC           |
| PEL2   | 0.1         | none         | 0.05                          |   | none          | Evaporation to dryness           |   | TFAA/TFE       |
| PEL3   | 0.1         | none         | 1                             | no  | none          | SPE (off-line)                   | strata SAX                              | FMOC           |
| PEL24  | N/A*        | none         | 1                             | yes (1% NH4OH)                              | none          | SPE (off-line)                   | Oasis MAX                               | none           |
| PEL98  | 0.05        | none         | 0.05                          | N/A   | none          | Dilution with ACN, vaccum drying |   | TFAA/TFE       |
| PEL 99 | 0.26        |              | 0.1                           | acetone: acetoni                            | none          | LLE (after derivatisation)       | MTBE                                    | PFBBr          |
| AMPA   |             |              |                               |   |               |                                  |   |                |
| PEL1   | 0.5         | none         | 1                             | pH9 tetraborate                             | none          | LLE                              | diethyl-ether                           | FMOC           |
| PEL2   | 0.1         | none         | 0.05                          |   | none          | Evaporation to dryness           |   | TFAA/TFE       |
| PEL3   | 0.2         | none         | 1                             | no  | none          |                                  |   | FMOC           |
| PEL24  | N/A*        | none         | 1                             | yes (1% NH4OH)                              | none          | SPE (off-line)                   | Oasis MAX                               | none           |
| PEL98  | 0.05        | none         | 0.05                          | N/A   | none          | Dilution with ACN, vaccum drying |   | TFAA/TFE       |
| PEL 99 | 0.29        |              | 0.1                           | acetone: acetoni                            | none          | LLE (after derivatisation)       | MTBE                                    | PFBBr          |

|        | INSTRUMENT | AL ANALYSI          | S                             |           |                            |                 |                              |
|--------|------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
|        | Separation | injection<br>volume |                               |           |                            | for<br>MS(/MS): | Quantifier<br>transition/ion |
| Lab    | technique  | (μl)                | Column                        | Detection | MS instrument/type used    | ionisation      | (m/z x>y)                    |
| GLYPHO |            | (μ)                 |                               | Detection | this mistrament, type used | Tornsactori     | (11) 2 x > y ]               |
| PEL1   | (U)HPLC    | 10                  | Kinetex C18                   | MS/MS     | Shimadzu 8060              | ESI neg         | 390 > 63                     |
| PEL2   | GC         | 1                   | Agilent HP Innowax            | MS/MS     | Thermo TSQ9000             | NCI             | 370 -> 245                   |
| PEL3   | (U)HPLC    | 20                  | Cortecs, 100x2.1 mm, 2.7 μm   | MS/MS     | Sciex API5500              | ESI neg         | 390>150                      |
| PEL24  | (U)HPLC    | 10                  | Dionex Ion Pac AG11-HC        | MS/MS     | QTRAP 6500plus             | ESI neg         | 168/63                       |
| PEL98  | GC         | 1                   | ZB-WAX, 30m, 0.25 mm, 0.25 μm | MS/MS     | Agilent 7000 A             | NCI             | 370>245                      |
| PEL 99 | (U)HPLC    | 10                  | BEH Phenyl 100x2.1 mm; 1.7 μm | MS/MS     | Xevo TQ-XS Waters          | ESI pos         | 710.30>448.20                |
| AMPA   |            |                     |                               |           |                            |                 |                              |
| PEL1   | (U)HPLC    | 10                  | Kinetex C18                   | MS/MS     | Shimadzu 8060              | ESI neg         | 332 > 110                    |
| PEL2   | GC         | 1                   | Agilent HP Innowax            | MS/MS     | Thermo TSQ9000             | NCI             | 351 -> 268                   |
| PEL3   | (U)HPLC    | 20                  | Cortecs, 100x2.1 mm, 2.7 μm   | MS/MS     | Sciex API5500              | ESI neg         | 332>110                      |
| PEL24  | (U)HPLC    | 10                  | Dionex Ion Pac AG11-HC        | MS/MS     | QTRAP 6500plus             | ESI neg         | 110/63                       |
| PEL98  | GC         | 1                   | ZB-WAX, 30m, 0.25 mm, 0.25 μm | MS/MS     | Agilent 7000 A             | NCI             | 351>268                      |
| PEL 99 | (U)HPLC    | 10                  | BEH Phenyl 100x2.1 mm; 1.7 μm | MS/MS     | Xevo TQ-XS Waters          | ESI pos         | 652.30>390.20                |

|        | CALIBRATION & QUANTIFICA                              | TION                  |   |
|--------|---|-----------------------|---|
|        | specify for each compound which internal standard you | moment of addition of |   |
| Lab    | used for quantification                               | internal standard?    | Preparation of calibration standards                  |
| GLYPHO | SATE  |                       |   |
| PEL1   | Glyphosate 13C2-15N                                   | before derivatisation | cal stds prepared in blank urine processed as samples |
| PEL2   | 1,2-13C215N-Glyphosate                                | before extraction     | cal stds prepared in blank urine processed as samples |
| PEL3   | 13C2-15N-Glyphosate                                   | before extraction     | cal stds prepared in solvent/eluent                   |
| PEL24  | isotopically labelled                                 | before extraction     | cal stds prepared in solvent/eluent                   |
| PEL98  | Glyphosate-d2   | before dilution       | water   |
| PEL 99 | Glyphosate-13C15N                                     | before derivatisation | cal stds prepared in blank urine processed as samples |
| AMPA   |   |                       |   |
| PEL1   | Glyphosate 13C2-15N                                   | before derivatisation | cal stds prepared in blank urine processed as samples |
| PEL2   | 13C-15N-AMPA  | before extraction     | cal stds prepared in blank urine processed as samples |
| PEL3   | 13C-15N-AMPA  | before extraction     | cal stds prepared in solvent/eluent                   |
| PEL24  | isotopically labelled                                 | before extraction     | cal stds prepared in solvent/eluent                   |
| PEL98  | AMPA-13C15N   | before dilution       | water   |
| PEL 99 | AMPA-13C15N-d2  | before derivatisation | cal stds prepared in blank urine processed as samples |

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|        | PRETREATMEN    | Г                             |   |  |                          | EXTRACTION & CLEA                                  | ANUP                                    |                |
|--------|----------------|-------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|--|---|----------------|
| Lab    | Pretreatment   | urine<br>aliquot<br>used (ml) | pH adjustment<br>(provide buffer<br>and nH) | Deconjugation                                    | time(hrs) /<br>temp (°C) | Technique  | specify SPE<br>column or<br>LLE solvent | Derivatisatio  |
| TCPy   | retreatment    | useu (iiii)                   |   | Deconjugation                                    |                          | reannque   | LEE SOIVEIII                            | Derivatisation |
| PEL1   | none           | 2.5                           | pH 4.8 acetate<br>buffer                    | Helix Pomatia                                    | 16 hrs / 37 °C           | LLE  | hexane                                  | none           |
| PEL2   | none           | 1                             | pH 5 acetate<br>buffer                      | ß-Glucuronidase/Arylsulfatase<br>(Helix Pomatia) | 16 h / 37 °C             | SPE (off-line)                                     | Isolute 101                             | MTBSTFA        |
| PEL3   | none           | 5                             | pH 4.5, acetate<br>buffer                   | ß-Glucuronidase/Arylsulfatase<br>(Helix Pomatia) | overnight, 37°C          | SPE (off-line)                                     | strata X C18                            | none           |
| PEL24  | none           | 1                             | acetate (pH=5)                              | Helix Pomatia                                    | 12 h/37 °C               | SPE (off-line)                                     | Oasis HLB                               | none           |
| PYRETH | ROID BIOMARKER | S                             |   |  |                          |  |   |                |
| PEL1   | none           | 2.5                           | pH 4,8 acetate<br>buffer                    | Helix Pomatia                                    | 16 hrs / 37 °C           | LLE  | hexane                                  | none           |
| PEL2   | none           | 4.5                           |   | acid hydrolysis                                  | 1 h / 100 °C             | LLE, base/acid<br>partitioning/back<br>extraction. | Hexane                                  | MTBSTFA        |
| PEL3   | none           | 5                             | pH 4.5, acetate<br>buffer                   | Helix Pomatia, ß-<br>Glucuronidase/Arylsulfatase | overnight, 37°C          | SPE (off-line)                                     | strata X C18                            |                |
| PEL24  | none           | 1                             | acetate (pH=5)                              | Helix Pomatia                                    | 12 h/37 °C               | SPE (off-line)                                     | Oasis HLB, a                            | none           |

|        | INSTRUMEN            | TAL ANALY                   | SIS                                   |                        |                             | CALIBRATION & QUANTI                     | FICATION   |
|--------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Lab    | Separation technique | injection<br>volume<br>(µl) | Column                                | Detection<br>technique | MS instrument/<br>type used | moment of addition of internal standard? | Preparation of calibration standards                     |
| тсру   |                      |                             |                                       |                        |                             |  |  |
| PEL1   | (U)HPLC              | 10                          | Atlantis T3                           | MS/MS                  | Sciex 5500                  | before extraction                        | cal stds prepared in blank urine processed as samples    |
| PEL2   | GC                   | 1                           | Agilent HP-5ms-UI                     | MS/MS                  | Agilent<br>Technologies     | before deconjugation                     | cal stds prepared in blank urine processed as samples    |
| PEL3   | (U)HPLC              | 50                          | Acquity HSS T3, 2.1x100<br>mm, 1.7 μm | MS/MS                  | Sciex 6500+                 | before deconjugation                     | cal stds prepared in solvent/eluent                      |
| PEL24  | (U)HPLC              | 10                          | Acquity BEH HSST3                     | MS/MS                  | Agilent 4595 QQQ            | to final extract                         | standard addition  |
| PYRETH | ROID BIOMARK         | (ERS                        |                                       |                        |                             |  |  |
| PEL1   | (U)HPLC              | 10                          | Atlantis T3                           | MS/MS                  | Sciex 5500                  | before extraction                        | cal stds prepared in blank urine<br>processed as samples |
| PEL2   | GC                   | 1.2                         | Agilent DB35MS                        | MS (single)            | HP 6890                     | before deconjugation                     | cal stds prepared in blank urine processed as samples    |
| PEL3   | (U)HPLC              | 50                          | Acquity HSS T3, 2.1x100<br>mm, 1.7 μm | MS/MS                  | Sciex 6500+                 | before deconjugation                     | cal stds prepared in solvent/eluent                      |
| PEL24  | (U)HPLC              | 10                          | Acquity BEH HSST3                     | MS/MS                  | Agilent 4595 QQQ            | to final extract                         | standard addition  |

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|       |               |         | INSTRUMEN  | TAL ANALYSIS |            |                | CALIBRATION & QUANTIFICATION    |
|-------|---------------|---------|------------|--------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
|       |               |         |            |              | for        | Quantifier     | specify for each compound which |
|       |               | LOQ     | Separation | Detection    | MS(/MS):   | transition/ion | internal standard you used for  |
| Lab   | Biomarker     | (ng/ml) | technique  | technique    | ionisation | (m/z x>y)      | quantification                  |
| PEL1  | ТСРу          | 0.1     | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 196 > 35       | trans-DCCA d6                   |
| PEL2  | ТСРу          | 0.5     | GC         | MS/MS        | EI         | 254 → 219      | TCPy-13C3                       |
| PEL3  | ТСРу          | 0.1     | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 195.8>35       | 13C3-TCPy                       |
| PEL24 | ТСРу          | 0.01    | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 196/35         | nicarbazin                      |
| PEL1  | 3-PBA         | 0.05    | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 213 > 93       | 3-PBA C13                       |
| PEL2  | 3-PBA         | 0.1     | GC         | MS (single)  | EI         | 271            | 13C6-3-PBA                      |
| PEL3  | 3-PBA         | 0.1     | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 213>93         | 13C6-3-PBA                      |
| PEL24 | 3-PBA         | 0.01    | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 213/93         | nicarbazin                      |
| PEL1  | 4-F-3-PBA     | 0.05    | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 231 > 93       | 3-PBA C13                       |
| PEL2  | 4-F-3-PBA     | 0.1     | GC         | MS (single)  | EI         | 289            | 13C6-4-F-PBA                    |
| PEL3  | 4-F-3-PBA     | 0.1     | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 230.8>93       | 13C6-4-F-3-PBA                  |
| PEL24 | 4-F-3-PBA     | 0.05    | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 231/93         | nicarbazin                      |
| PEL1  | cis-DBCA      | N/A     |            |              |            |                |                                 |
| PEL2  | cis-DBCA      | 0.1     | GC         | MS (single)  | EI         | 355            | 2-PBA                           |
| PEL3  | cis-DBCA      | 0.1     | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 297>79         | 13C2-D-cis-DBCA                 |
| PEL24 | cis-DBCA      | 0.25    | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 294/79         | nicarbazin                      |
| PEL1  | cis-DCCA      | 0.05    | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 209 > 37       | trans-DCCA d6                   |
| PEL2  | cis-DCCA      | 0.1     | GC         | MS (single)  | EI         | 265            | 13C2-cis-DCCA                   |
| PEL3  | cis-DCCA      | 0.1     | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 207>35         | 13C2-D-cis-DCCA                 |
| PEL24 | cis-DCCA      | 0.25    | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 207/35         | nicarbazin                      |
| PEL1  | trans-DCCA    | 0.05    | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 209 > 37       | trans-DCCA d6                   |
| PEL2  | trans-DCCA    | 0.1     | GC         | MS (single)  | EI         | 265            | 13C4-d3-trans-Cl2CA             |
| PEL3  | trans-DCCA    | 0.1     | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 207>35         | D6-trans-DCCA                   |
| PEL24 | trans-DCCA    | 0.025   | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 207/35         | nicarbazin                      |
| PEL1  | CIF3CA        | N/A     |            |              |            |                |                                 |
| PEL2  | CIF3CA        | 0.1     | GC         | MS (single)  | EI         | 299            | 13C4-d3-trans-Cl2CA             |
| PEL3  | CIF3CA        | 0.1     | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 241.2>35       | -                               |
| PEL24 | <b>CIF3CA</b> | 0.05    | (U)HPLC    | MS/MS        | ESI neg    | 241/35         | nicarbazin                      |