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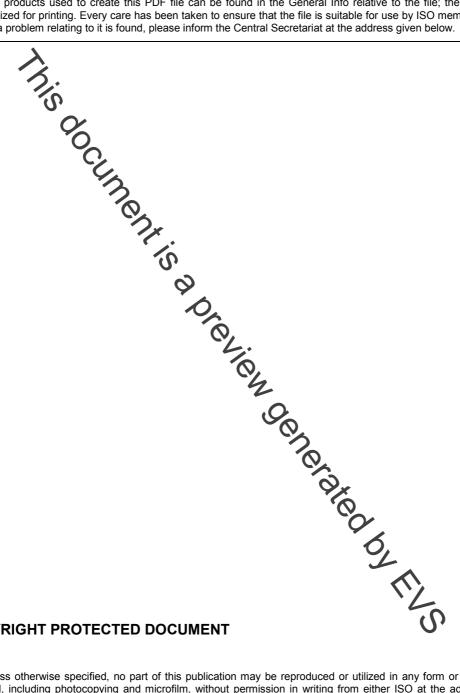


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Foreword

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Introduction

Reference measurement systems are needed to produce useful and reliable measurement results, whether in science, technology or routine service, so as to be comparable and ultimately metrologically traceable to measurement units and/or measurement standards and/or measurement procedures of the highest metrological level. Reference measurement procedures play a crucial role in this metrological system because they can be used for the following:

- a) in assessing performance properties of measuring systems comprising measuring instruments, auxiliary equipment as well as reagents,
- b) in demonstrating if there is a functional interchangeability of different routine measurement procedures purporting to measure the same quantity,
- c) in assigning quantity values to reference materials that are then used for purposes of calibration or trueness control of routine measurement procedures, and
- d) in detecting analytical influence quantities in patient samples.

For medical laboratory measurements, in particular, it is vitally important to both patient care and health screening that the measurement results reported to the physicians and patients are adequately comparable, reproducible and accurate. In some cases, it is advisable that a reference measurement procedure be given in the form of a standard, namely when it is related to technical requirements:

- that are specified in standards, technical specifications, or technical regulations, etc.,
- for which quantity values are to be stated by the supplier, and
- that have a direct relationship to the performance of a product or process.

The advantages of having such a standard are listed in ISO/IEOGuide 15.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements for the content of a reference measurement procedure for *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices and medical laboratories.

NOTE 1 It is intended that an experienced laboratory worker who follows a measurement procedure written in accordance with this International Standard can be expected to produce measurement results with a measurement uncertainty not exceeding the stipulated interval.

This International Standard applies to reference measurement procedures providing values of differential or rational quantities. Annex A provides information on nominal properties and ordinal quantities.

This International Standard is valid for an person, body or institution involved in one of the various branches of laboratory medicine whose intention is to write a document to serve as a reference measurement procedure.

Full descriptions of measurement methods are described in scientific literature, in which methods are described in sufficient detail that they can be used as the basis of a documented measurement procedure.

NOTE 2 In this International Standard, "international measurement standard" designates a material standard. The term "international standard" is used by WHO for reference materials.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 15194, In vitro diagnostic medical devices — Measurement of quantities in samples of biological origin — Requirements for certified reference materials and the content of supporting documentation

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)

ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, International vocabulary of metrology — Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)

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