PROJECT REVIEW

"Application of High-Accuracy Reference Measurement Procedures for Target-Setting in WADA EQAS Programs for Longitudinal Steroid Profiling"

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The aim of this project is to utilise high-accuracy Reference Measurement Procedures (RMPs) developed at the National Measurement Institute of Australia (NMIA) to assign reference values with low measurement uncertainties for eight target analytes in World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) External Quality Assessment Scheme (EQAS) samples. The target analytes are androsterone (A), etiocholanolone (E), testosterone (T), epitestosterone (epi-T), 5a-androstane-3a,17b-diol (5a-Adiol) and 5b-androstane-3a,17b-diol (5b-Adiol), 19-norandrosterone (19-NA) and the T/Epi-T ratio. Target setting using reference values in the WADA EQAS will enhance the value of the program permitting an objective evaluation of the performance of WADA-accredited laboratories. Accuracy-based grading provides a more robust and transparent indication of competency than consensus-group grading.