

## Validation in an academic environment: achieving quality in analytical data

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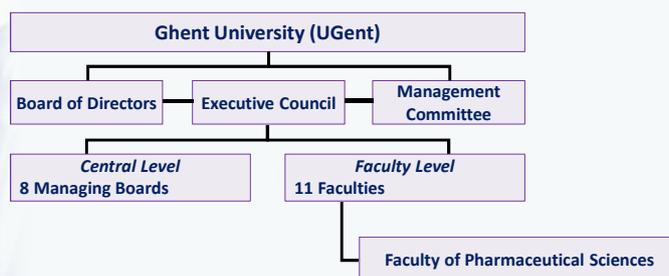
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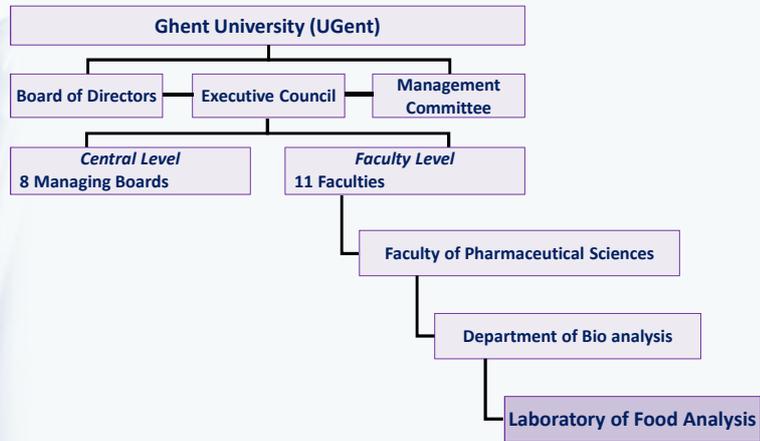
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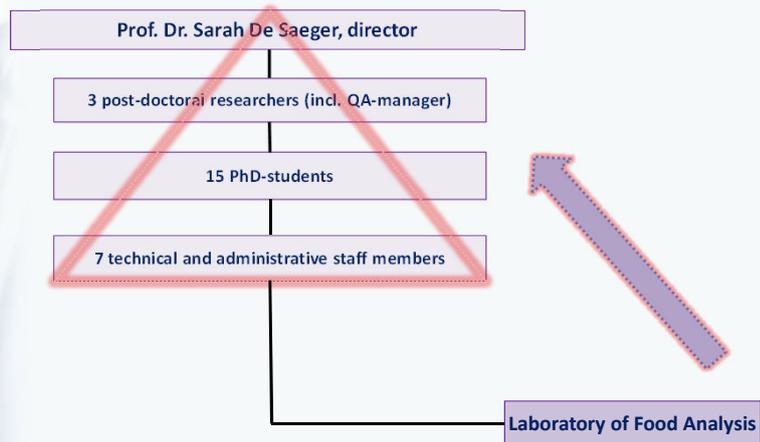
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SERVICE WORK – ROUTINE ANALYSIS

EDUCATION: BA & MA

RESEARCH

Laboratory of Food Analysis



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SERVICE WORK – ROUTINE ANALYSIS

- Accreditation according EN ISO/IEC 17025 (BELAC)
- ° 1996
- Residues and contaminants
- Scope LC-MS/MS analysis:
  - multi-mycotoxins in feed (ANAL-18)
  - multi-ergot alkaloids in food/feed (ANAL-19)
  - multi-modified mycotoxins in food/feed (ANAL-20)

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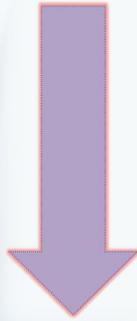
## **QMS IN THE LABORATORY OF FOOD ANALYSIS**

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Quote: 'Do academic labs have the same depth and structure of validation study as in a commercial lab?'

Quote: 'How to convince the academic environment about the necessity to be part of quality control (validation, use of CRM, proficiency tests)?'

Quote: 'Do university institutions have implemented a QMS?'



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3. ORGANISATION AND STAFF

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### 2. QUALITY MANAGEMENT

#### Quality manual

- To guarantee quality of performed analyses

#### Standard operating procedures (SOP's)

- ADMIN, CONTROL, QUAL, CLEAN and ANAL
- Work sheets, registers and templates
- Revision every 3 years

#### Complaints (KWALI-01)

- Internal and external

#### Audits and meetings (ADMIN-36)

- Internal audit (4x/year)
- External audit (BELAC)
- Management review meeting and general meeting
- QA-meeting



## QMS IN THE LABORATORY OF FOOD ANALYSIS: an example

Sample management

Sample analysis

### SOP KWALI-06: Method validation

- for newly developed methods
- description of validation parameters, implementation (protocol) and performance criteria
- *In-house* validation
- Linearity (range), LOD, LOQ, CC $\alpha$ , CC $\beta$ , trueness, apparent recovery, repeatability, intra-laboratory reproducibility, selectivity/specificity, false + and -, measurement uncertainty
- Criteria **Commission Decision 2002/657/EC** (guidelines for the validation of analytical methods used in the residue monitoring plan)

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		Qualitative method		Quantitative method	
		Screening	Confirmation	Screening	Confirmation
Limit of detection (LOD) or CC $\alpha$		+	+	+	+
Limit of quantification (LOQ) or CC $\beta$		-	-	+	+
Accuracy	Trueness	-	-	-	+
	Precision: Repeatability + intralaboratory reproducibility	-	-	+	+
Selectivity/specificity		+	+	+	+
False Positive/Negative		+	-	+	-
Measurement uncertainty		+	+	+	+
Linearity/Range		-	-	+	+

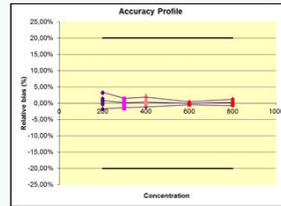
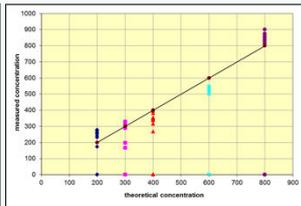
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Component	Bepaalbaarheidsgrens (µg kg <sup>-1</sup> )
Niacine (N)	115,76
Deoxyribose (D)	221,74
Neocadine (Ne)	24,16
Fluorenone (F)	64,61
3-acetyldeoxyribose (A-ADO)	17,91
16-acetyldeoxyribose (16-ADO)	11,24
Adrenaline (A-AD)	7,19



	200,00	300,00	400,00	600,00	800,00
$\mu$	971,6617	239,2229	347,4733	325,0302	867,1245
$\sigma^2(w)$	359,3813	2908,6590	941,4397	0,0000	0,0000
$\sigma^2(b)$	0,7300	0,0760	0,2696	1,0000	1,0000
$r$ (in $\sigma^2(w)/\sigma^2(b)$ )	1521,8601	3804,8818	1553,2291	392,1160	935,3948
bias uncertainty $u(\mu)$	13,0697	27,3331	16,268	5,20	6,50
$u(\sigma)$	170,8171	747,1000	264,3160	27,9658	72,2604
variance $\#$ toler.interv	38,754	62,410	39,411	18,765	30,649
comp. uncertainty $u(\mu)$	77,558	124,620	79,52	37,53	61,30
rel. comp. uncertainty $u(\mu)$	38,79%	41,697%	19,706%	6,268%	7,462%

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### SOP

ADMIN-32: Management of reference materials and standards

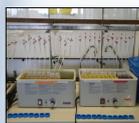
ADMIN-02: Placing orders and management of reagents and appliances

CONTR-18: Control dispenser

CONTR-05: Control electronic balances

CLEAN-12: Cleaning moulINETTES

CONTR-01: Calibration water bath



REAGENT:	
REAGENT n°:	
PREPARED BY:	DATE:
STORE AT:	EXP. DATE:

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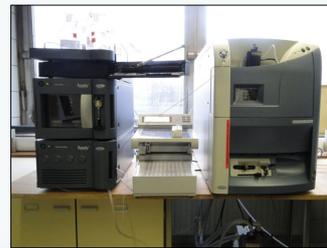


### SOP

CLEAN-11: Maintenance of LC-MS Quattro Micro

CLEAN-13: Maintenance of LC-MS Quattro Premier XE

-> via a QC-injection scheme



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### Identification and quantification

- 4 identification criteria (according to the **Decision 2002/657/EC**)

Sample ID	Retention Time	Peak Area	Concentration	Identification
1	12.34	15000	0.5	Yes
2	15.67	20000	0.8	Yes
3	18.90	10000	0.3	Yes
4	22.12	5000	0.1	Yes
5	25.45	8000	0.2	Yes
6	28.78	12000	0.4	Yes
7	32.01	18000	0.6	Yes
8	35.34	25000	0.9	Yes
9	38.67	30000	1.1	Yes
10	42.00	35000	1.3	Yes

- Internal quality control (**1<sup>st</sup> line control**)
- Internal quality control (**2<sup>nd</sup> line control**, certified reference material)
- Independent external control (**3<sup>rd</sup> line control**, proficiency trials)



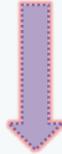
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Quote: 'Is it possible to make good research/science without being interested in the quality of analytical data?'

### Current state

- high-impact journals: prerequisite to acquire full-validation reports
- no single data-points
- competition ↑
- to distinguish high-quality from low-quality results
- traceability of results
- problem follow-up: ° action points



EXTRAPOLATION QMS TO RESEARCH

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**ADMIN-02** Ordering, bringing into use and stock management of reagents and appliances

**ADMIN-03** Ordering and bringing into use of equipment

**ADMIN-04** Management SOP's

**ADMIN-05** Writing and changing staff records

**ADMIN-06** Authorised signatures

**ADMIN-08** Reporting results

**ADMIN-09** Management personnel

**ADMIN-11** Management register proficiency tests

**ADMIN-12** Management monthly, sixmonthly and yearly controls

**ADMIN-18** Sample treatment before and after analysis

**ADMIN-20** Management documents in archive

**ADMIN-21** Ordering and bringing into use of yearly to control materials

**ADMIN-25** Sample registration

**ADMIN-26** Reception of visitors

**ADMIN-32** Management reference standards

**ADMIN-33** Contact clients

**ADMIN-34** IT-management

**ADMIN-35** IT-users guide

**ANAL** Research methods

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CONTR-01	Calibration warm water bath
CONTR-02	Calibration ovens
CONTR-05	Control electronic balances
CONTR-06	Calibration pH-meter
CONTR-07	Control temperature fridge and freezers
CONTR-08	Control thermometers
CONTR-11	Control and calibration pipettes
CONTR-12	Control temperature fridge and freezer
CONTR-13	Control electronic balances
CONTR-16	Control calibration masses
CONTR-17	Calibration and maintenance thermohygrograph
CONTR-18	Control dispensettes
KWALI-01	Complaints
KWALI-02	Writing SOP's
KWALI-03	Changing SOP's
KWALI-04	Training personnel
KWALI-06	Method validation
KWALI-07	Excel templates
CLEAN-02	Cleaning glass and plastic materials
CLEAN-05	Cleaning screw-caps and vials
CLEAN-11	Cleaning LC-MS Quattro Micro
CLEAN-12	Cleaning moulinettes
CLEAN-13	Maintenance LC-MS Quattro Premier XE
CLEAN-14	Maintenance Synapt/Xevo

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= MORE RELIABLE RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH-QUALITY DATA!

- Benefits: project grants ↑, credibility to *e.g.* EFSA and publications ↑, impact factors ↑

**DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?**

