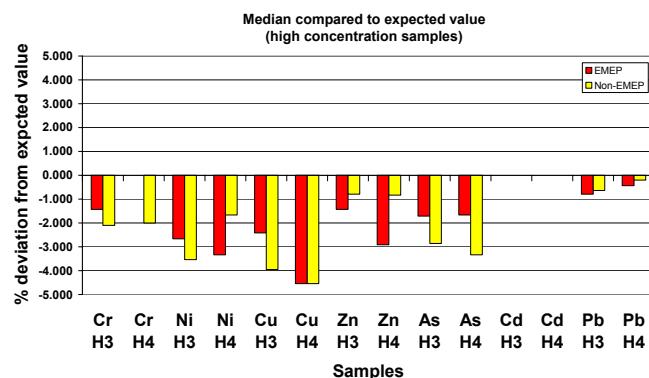
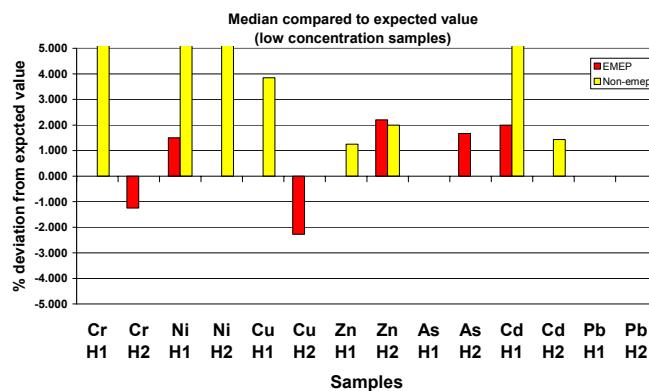


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1. Introduction

Heavy metals were included in the EMEP's monitoring programme in 1999. In 2001, 17 countries reported data to the heavy metal database. Since EMEP's measurement programme is based on individual national networks, different sampling and analytical methods are applied by the participating laboratories. In order to ensure data comparability, interlaboratory tests are organized by the Chemical Co-ordinating Centre (CCC) at the Norwegian Institute for Air Research. So far four intercomparisons have been arranged (Berg and Semb, 1995; Berg and Aas, 1999; Uggerud and Skjelmoen, 2000; Uggerud and Skjelmoen, 2001).

This report presents results from the fifth analytical intercomparison of heavy metals in precipitation, which was carried out during 2002. Seven heavy metals were included: Pb, Cd, Cu, Zn, As, Cr, and Ni.

2. Organization of the intercomparison

The samples for the fifth intercomparison were prepared and distributed to 41 laboratories. In addition to 17 EMEP laboratories, 13 laboratories connected to the ICP-forest measurement programme, 5 laboratories connected to WMO and 6 other laboratories also received samples. In accordance with the decision of the Steering Body of EMEP, the results are presented in such a way that the different laboratories are identified. Tables A.1.1a and A1.1b give the names of the participating laboratories together with the number used when presenting the results in tables and figures.

3. Intercomparison samples

The four synthetic precipitation samples distributed were made from multi-element standards traceable to NIST-standards. The multi-element standards were conserved with 2.5% HNO₃. The distributed synthetic precipitation samples contained Pb, Cd, Cu, Zn, As, Cr, and Ni in 0.5% HNO₃. Sample H1 and H2 contained concentrations similar to what is normally found in Southern Scandinavia. Sample H3 and H4 contained the elements in concentrations normally found in Central Europe.

All equipment in contact with the samples were soaked in 3% HNO₃ for at least 4 days. Preparation of the intercomparison samples was carried out in a clean room area.

4. Presentation of data

Tables A1.2-A1.8 present the reported results in decreasing order together with the laboratory numbers. The theoretical value, the number of results, the arithmetic mean value, the median, the standard deviation and the relative standard deviation are also given. In the first statistic run only values below detection limit were excluded. In the second run also outliers were excluded. The outliers were defined as values more than two standard deviations from the mean value in the first run.

In Figures A2.1-A2.7 the results are presented in plots showing the relative percentage deviation from expected value for each participating laboratory. There is one plot for every single sample.

The median calculated from the results reported from EMEP laboratories and other participating laboratories respectively, are compared to expected value in Figure A2.8.

A summary of the results is presented in Table A1.9. The results reported from each laboratory are divided in four percent intervals. The number of results reported by the laboratories in each per cent interval is also shown.

Table A1.10 gives information of the analytical techniques used by each laboratory.

5. Results

The analytical results from the intercomparison are presented in Figures A2.1-A2.8, Tables A1.2-A1.8 and Table A1.9. The results that were reported by the participating laboratories were generally in accordance with the theoretical values, with good agreement between the median from the second runs and the expected values.

5.1 Chromium (Cr)

A total of 31 laboratories reported values for chromium. Five laboratories reported values below detection limit for the low concentration samples. Six laboratories reported values from the low concentration samples that deviated more than 25% from expected value, whereas three laboratories reported values more than 15% from expected value for the high concentration samples. The relative standard deviations for the low concentration samples are 19.2% and 42.4%, when outliers are excluded. This is not as good as last year's result. For the high concentration samples, the standard deviations are 8.7% and 7.6%, when outliers are excluded. This is slightly better than last year's result.

5.2 Nickel (Ni)

Results from determination of nickel were obtained from 31 laboratories. Ten laboratories reported values below detection limit for the low concentration samples. Ten laboratories reported values for the low concentration samples that deviated more than 25% from expected value. For the high concentration samples,

five laboratories reported values that deviated more than 15% from expected value. The relative standard deviations for the low concentration samples are 49.6% and 49.0%, when outliers are excluded. This is about the same as in earlier intercomparisons. The relative standard deviations for the high concentration samples are 7.6% and 6.6%, when outliers are excluded. This is a slight improvement compared to last year's results.

5.3 Copper (Cu)

A total of 31 laboratories reported values for copper. Three laboratories reported results from analysis of low concentration samples to be below detection limit. No such results were reported for the high concentration samples. Four laboratories reported values for the low concentration samples that deviated more than 25% from expected value. For high concentration samples, three laboratories reported values that deviated more than 15% from expected value. The relative standard deviations for the low concentration samples were 38.5% and 48.8% when outliers were excluded. This is not as good as last year's results. For the high concentration samples the relative standard deviation were 6.6% and 5.8%, which is slightly better than last year.

5.4 Zinc (Zn)

Results from determination of zinc were obtained from 31 laboratories. Five laboratories reported results from analysis of low concentration samples to be below detection limit. No such results were reported for the high concentration samples. Eight laboratories reported values for low concentration samples that deviated more than 25% from expected value, whereas two laboratories reported values more than 15% from expected value for the high concentration samples. The relative standard deviations for the low concentration samples are 17.0% and 28.0%, which is about the same result as last year. For the high concentration samples the relative standard deviation are 5.9% and 4.6%, which is a marked improvement compared to last year's results.

5.5 Arsenic (As)

Results from determination of arsenic were obtained from 23 laboratories. Five laboratories reported altogether eight values below detection limits for the two low concentration samples. All the reported values for the low concentration samples were within 25% deviation from expected value. For high concentration samples, six laboratories reported values that deviated more than 15% from expected value. The relative standard deviations for low concentration samples are 12.8% and 9.7%, when outliers are excluded. For the high concentration samples the relative standard deviations are 10.7% and 7.0%, when outliers are excluded. This is about the same as last year's results.

5.6 Cadmium (Cd)

Results from determination of cadmium were obtained from 31 laboratories. Eleven laboratories reported values for the low concentration samples to be below detection limit. Eight laboratories reported values for low concentration samples that deviated more than 25% from expected value, whereas only one laboratory reported values more than 15% from expected value for the high concentration

samples. The relative standard deviations for the low concentration samples are 24.6% and 24.5%, when outliers are excluded. This is slightly better than last years' results. For high concentration samples the relative standard deviations are 6.9% and 7.0%, which is about the same as reported last year.

5.7 Lead (Pb)

A total of 31 laboratories reported values for determination of lead. Five laboratories reported values for the low concentration samples to be below detection limit. Three laboratories reported values for the low concentration samples that deviated more than 25% from expected value. For high concentration samples, four laboratories reported values that deviated more than 15% from expected value. For the low concentration samples the relative standard deviation are 13.2% and 9.9%, when outliers are excluded. This is comparable to the results reported last year. For the high concentration samples, the relative standard deviations are 6.5% and 5.3%, which is slightly better than last year's results.

6. Conclusions

For all the samples analysed the deviation from theoretical values were calculated. The median deviations for the EMEP laboratories are lower than 2.3% and 5.0% for the low- and high concentration samples, respectively. This is the best result since laboratory intercomparisons on heavy metal started. Except for nickel, the median deviations for the other participating laboratories are below 18% for the low concentration samples. For the high concentration samples the median deviations are below 5%. This is an improvement compared to last year.

Figures that show the EMEP laboratories performance on determination of lead and cadmium from 1995 to 2002 can be seen in Aas et al. (2003).

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Appendix 1

Tables

Table A1.1a: Participating laboratories in the EMEP network. The numbers in front are used in tables.

No.	Laboratory identification
1	Federal Environmental Agency, Austria
3	Czech Hydrometeorological Institute, Czech Republic
5	Finnish Meteorological Institute, Finland
6	Laboratories Wolff, France
7	IfE-Analytik GmbH, Germany
8	Umweltbundesamt, Germany
14	RIVM Laboratory of Inorganic Analytical Chemistry, The Netherlands
15	The Norwegian Institute for Air Research, Norway
16	Inst. Of Meteorology and Water Management, Poland
23	AEA Technology, National Environmental Techn. Centre, United Kingdom
26	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Canada
31	Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute, Slovakia
32	Atmospheric Pollution Research Laboratory, Lithuania
33	Latvian Hydrometeorological Agency, Latvia
34	Ministry of Health, Refit Saydam Hygiene Center, Turkey
38	Estonian Environmental Research Centre, Estonia
39	Institute of Environmental Protection, Poland

Table A1.1b: Participating laboratories outside the EMEP network. The number in front of the names is used in tables and figures.

No.	Laboratory identification
105	Universität des Saarlandes Umweltforschungszentrum, Germany
109	Institut f. Bondenkunde und Waldernährung der Universität, Germany
110	Thüringer Landesanstalt für Landwirtschaft (TLL), Germany
112	Niedersächsische Forstliche Versuchsanstalt (N VF), Germany
118	Forstliche Versuchs- und Forschungsanstalt Baden-Württemberg, Germany
119	Landesumweltamt (LUA)
121	Landesamt für Natur und Umwelt, Germany
125	Bayerisches Landesamt für Umweltschutz, Germany
127	Department of Chemistry, Jalan Sultan, Malaysia
129	Ecole Nationale d'Ingenieurs de Sfax, Tunisie
132	Comision Chilena De Energia Nuclear, Chile
137	UST Umwelt-Systemtechnik GmbH, Germany
141	Pollutants Chemical Analysis Center, Japan
142	EPLD, Centre de Lagor, France

Table A1.2: Analytical results for Cr in synthetic precipitation samples.

<p>Cr</p> <p>SAMPLE NO.: H1 THEORETICAL VALUE 0.600 UNIT: ng/ml</p> <p>RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 31 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 0.687 MEDIAN: 0.600 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.362 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 52.700</p> <p>RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 24 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 0.590 MEDIAN: 0.600 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.114 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 19.266</p> <p>RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER:</p> <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr><td>129</td><td>2.000</td><td>UNUSED</td><td>14</td><td>0.600</td></tr> <tr><td>142</td><td>< 2</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>105</td><td>1.700</td><td>UNUSED</td><td>40</td><td>0.600</td></tr> <tr><td>112</td><td>< 1.5</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>132</td><td>< 1.4</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>137</td><td>< 1</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>38</td><td>< 1</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>121</td><td>0.760</td><td></td><td>110</td><td>0.600</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>0.740</td><td></td><td>31</td><td>0.590</td></tr> <tr><td>125</td><td>0.726</td><td></td><td>15</td><td>0.580</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>0.700</td><td></td><td>23</td><td>0.580</td></tr> <tr><td>39</td><td>0.700</td><td></td><td>109</td><td>0.570</td></tr> <tr><td>118</td><td>0.700</td><td></td><td>1</td><td>0.540</td></tr> <tr><td>32</td><td>0.640</td><td></td><td>16</td><td>0.500</td></tr> <tr><td>119</td><td>0.640</td><td></td><td>5</td><td>0.461</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>0.620</td><td></td><td>33</td><td>0.400</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>0.607</td><td></td><td>127</td><td>0.400</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>0.600</td><td></td><td>34</td><td>0.300</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>"UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2</p>	129	2.000	UNUSED	14	0.600	142	< 2				105	1.700	UNUSED	40	0.600	112	< 1.5				132	< 1.4				137	< 1				38	< 1				121	0.760		110	0.600	26	0.740		31	0.590	125	0.726		15	0.580	3	0.700		23	0.580	39	0.700		109	0.570	118	0.700		1	0.540	32	0.640		16	0.500	119	0.640		5	0.461	8	0.620		33	0.400	7	0.607		127	0.400	6	0.600		34	0.300	<p>Cr</p> <p>SAMPLE NO.: H2 THEORETICAL VALUE 0.800 UNIT: ng/ml</p> <p>RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 31 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 0.975 MEDIAN: 0.790 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.712 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 73.016</p> <p>RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 25 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 0.854 MEDIAN: 0.790 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.362 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 42.421</p> <p>RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER:</p> <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr><td>129</td><td>4.000</td><td>UNUSED</td><td>15</td><td>0.790</td></tr> <tr><td>105</td><td>2.300</td><td></td><td>26</td><td>0.790</td></tr> <tr><td>142</td><td>< 2</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>33</td><td>1.620</td><td></td><td>31</td><td>0.790</td></tr> <tr><td>112</td><td>< 1.5</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>132</td><td>< 1.4</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>137</td><td>< 1</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>38</td><td>< 1</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>1.000</td><td></td><td>32</td><td>0.790</td></tr> <tr><td>125</td><td>0.847</td><td></td><td>8</td><td>0.770</td></tr> <tr><td>119</td><td>0.840</td><td></td><td>1</td><td>0.750</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>0.830</td><td></td><td>16</td><td>0.700</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>0.820</td><td></td><td>39</td><td>0.700</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>0.800</td><td></td><td>110</td><td>0.700</td></tr> <tr><td>40</td><td>0.800</td><td></td><td>5</td><td>0.669</td></tr> <tr><td>109</td><td>0.800</td><td></td><td>121</td><td>0.600</td></tr> <tr><td>118</td><td>0.800</td><td></td><td>127</td><td>0.600</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>0.790</td><td></td><td>34</td><td>0.450</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>"UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2</p>	129	4.000	UNUSED	15	0.790	105	2.300		26	0.790	142	< 2				33	1.620		31	0.790	112	< 1.5				132	< 1.4				137	< 1				38	< 1				14	1.000		32	0.790	125	0.847		8	0.770	119	0.840		1	0.750	23	0.830		16	0.700	3	0.820		39	0.700	6	0.800		110	0.700	40	0.800		5	0.669	109	0.800		121	0.600	118	0.800		127	0.600	7	0.790		34	0.450
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Table A1.4: Analytical results for Cu in synthetic precipitation samples.

Cu SAMPLE NO.: H1 THEORETICAL VALUE 1.300 UNIT: ng/ml RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 31 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 2.433 MEDIAN: 1.300 STANDARD DEVIATION: 5.672 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 233.165 RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 28 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 1.384 MEDIAN: 1.300 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.533 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 38.539 RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER: 05 31.800 UNUSED 15 1.300 29 4.000 39A 1.300 37 < 2 40 1.700 110 1.300 19 < 1.68 18 1.500 6 1.260 25 1.430 5 1.230 32 1.420 33 1.230 14 1.400 23 1.200 34 1.400 127 1.200 21 1.400 32 1.130 31 1.380 16 1.100 38 1.360 142 1.100 8 1.330 112 1.100 1 1.300 26 1.050 3 1.300 109 1.030 7 1.300 "UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2	Cu SAMPLE NO.: H2 THEORETICAL VALUE 1.100 UNIT: ng/ml RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 31 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 6.390 MEDIAN: 1.090 STANDARD DEVIATION: 27.563 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 431.317 RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 27 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 1.183 MEDIAN: 1.090 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.577 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 48.792 RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER: 105 147.000 UNUSED 31 1.090 129 4.000 8 1.080 137 < 2 119 < 1.68 118 1.300 6 1.070 125 1.300 7 1.060 3 1.200 5 1.010 14 1.200 142 < 1 23 1.000 40 1.000 112 1.000 127 1.000 32 0.970 33 0.970 26 0.910 39A 0.900 109 0.730 "UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2
Cu SAMPLE NO.: H3 THEORETICAL VALUE 6.200 UNIT: ng/ml RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 31 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 7.295 MEDIAN: 6.000 STANDARD DEVIATION: 7.713 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 105.717 RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 30 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 5.912 MEDIAN: 5.965 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.392 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 6.638 RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER: 105 48.800 UNUSED 1 5.930 14 6.400 109 5.910 6 6.370 23 5.900 125 6.330 34 5.900 31 6.210 40 5.900 3 6.200 142 5.900 8 6.200 118 5.900 15 6.200 38 5.860 26 6.200 5 5.790 110 6.200 109 5.670 127 6.200 132 5.360 7 6.140 112 5.300 32 6.100 33 5.290 121 6.100 39A 5.200 16 6.000 137 4.700 129 6.000 "UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2	Cu SAMPLE NO.: H4 THEORETICAL VALUE 11.000 UNIT: ng/ml RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 31 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 11.998 MEDIAN: 10.500 STANDARD DEVIATION: 9.114 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 75.964 RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 30 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 10.364 MEDIAN: 10.500 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.607 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 5.861 RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER: 105 61.000 UNUSED 109 10.500 5 11.200 121 10.500 125 11.200 26 10.300 31 11.120 118 10.300 8 11.100 40 10.200 14 11.000 132 10.100 16 11.000 129 10.000 15 10.900 23 9.900 110 10.800 102 9.900 119 10.740 6 9.890 32 10.700 33 9.780 3 10.600 142 9.600 127 10.600 34 9.400 1 10.500 39A 9.400 7 10.500 137 8.700 38 10.500 "UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2

Table A1.5: Analytical results for Zn in synthetic precipitation samples.

Zn SAMPLE NO.: H1 THEORETICAL VALUE 8.000 UNIT: ng/ml RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 31 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 10.921 MEDIAN: 8.000 STANDARD DEVIATION: 10.975 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 100.493 RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 25 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 7.935 MEDIAN: 8.000 STANDARD DEVIATION: 1.350 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 17.015 RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER: 105 54.500 UNUSED 31 8.000 129 42.000 UNUSED 32 8.000 119 < 30 118 10.900 5 7.750 142 < 10 137 < 10 109 10.000 132 7.750 38 < 10 125 9.970 1 7.660 6 9.230 33 7.500 8 8.800 110 7.400 23 8.500 127 7.400 26 8.260 15 7.200 7 8.250 34 7.000 40 8.200 39A 6.800 121 8.100 16 5.500 3 8.000 112 4.200 14 8.000 "UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2	Zn SAMPLE NO.: H2 THEORETICAL VALUE 5.000 UNIT: ng/ml RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 31 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 8.526 MEDIAN: 5.155 STANDARD DEVIATION: 11.833 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 138.781 RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 24 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 5.320 MEDIAN: 5.055 STANDARD DEVIATION: 1.491 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 28.021 RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER: 105 58.000 UNUSED 33 5.110 129 36.000 UNUSED 14 5.000 119 < 30 142 < 10 137 < 10 109 < 10 38 < 10 34 9.200 16 5.000 125 8.210 31 5.000 118 7.500 40 5.000 6 6.290 15 4.900 8 5.900 1 4.780 23 5.800 5 4.680 26 5.620 39A 4.400 3 5.500 132 4.310 32 5.300 127 4.200 7 5.280 110 4.100 121 5.200 112 1.400 "UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2
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Table A1.6: Analytical results for As in synthetic precipitation samples.

<p>As SAMPLE NO.: H1 THEORETICAL VALUE 0.400 UNIT: ng/ml</p> <p>RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 23 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 0.402 MEDIAN: 0.400 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.052 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 12.879</p> <p>RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 18 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 0.402 MEDIAN: 0.400 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.052 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 12.879</p> <p>RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER: 142 < 2 119 < 1.05 38 < 1 137 < 0.5 118 0.500 127 0.400 110 < 0.5 7 0.499 26 0.390 33 0.460 125 0.381 132 0.449 23 0.380 14 0.430 15 0.370 8 0.423 32 0.370 1 0.400 31 0.330 3 0.400 121 0.330 6 0.400 5 0.323</p> <p>"UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2</p>	<p>As SAMPLE NO.: H2 THEORETICAL VALUE 0.600 UNIT: ng/ml</p> <p>RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 23 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 0.597 MEDIAN: 0.605 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.067 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 11.202</p> <p>RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 19 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 0.605 MEDIAN: 0.610 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.059 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 9.725</p> <p>RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER: 42 < 2 19 < 1.05 38 < 1 18 0.700 1 0.600 7 0.696 6 0.600 32 0.690 110 0.600 132 0.635 14 0.590 31 0.630 125 0.588 137 0.630 15 0.560 3 0.620 121 0.520 26 0.620 127 0.500 8 0.612 5 0.486 23 0.610 33 0.450 UNUSED</p> <p>"UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2</p>
<p>As SAMPLE NO.: H3 THEORETICAL VALUE 3.500 UNIT: ng/ml</p> <p>RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 23 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 3.392 MEDIAN: 3.400 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.576 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 16.993</p> <p>RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 21 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 3.420 MEDIAN: 3.400 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.365 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 10.664</p> <p>RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER: 32 4.600 UNUSED 118 3.400 6 4.400 121 3.400 7 3.810 137 3.400 33 3.670 125 3.390 8 3.610 26 3.340 3 3.570 1 3.330 10 3.500 119 3.320 27 3.500 31 3.300 14 3.480 5 2.650 15 3.400 132 2.540 23 3.400 38 1.610 UNUSED 42 3.400</p> <p>"UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2</p>	<p>As SAMPLE NO.: H4 THEORETICAL VALUE 6.000 UNIT: ng/ml</p> <p>RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 23 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 5.840 MEDIAN: 5.800 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.589 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 10.093</p> <p>RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 21 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 5.840 MEDIAN: 5.800 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.413 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 7.072</p> <p>RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER: 6 7.300 UNUSED 23 5.800 7 6.570 110 5.800 142 6.500 121 5.800 8 6.280 119 5.790 127 6.200 1 5.690 3 6.110 5 5.620 31 6.080 137 5.600 32 6.000 118 5.500 14 5.900 33 4.990 26 5.900 132 4.850 125 5.860 38 4.390 UNUSED 15 5.800</p> <p>"UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2</p>

Table A1.7: Analytical results for Cd in synthetic precipitation samples.

<p>Cd SAMPLE NO.: H1 THEORETICAL VALUE 0.050 UNIT: ng/ml</p> <p>RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 31 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 0.068 MEDIAN: 0.052 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.055 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 81.243</p> <p>RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 20 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 0.056 MEDIAN: 0.052 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.014 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 24.675</p> <p>RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER:</p> <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr><td>129 < 4</td></tr> <tr><td>142 < 1</td></tr> <tr><td>39A 0.300 UNUSED</td><td>1 0.051</td></tr> <tr><td>105 0.100</td><td>14 0.051</td></tr> <tr><td>112 < 0.5</td></tr> <tr><td>137 < 0.2</td></tr> <tr><td>132 < 0.2</td></tr> <tr><td>127 < 0.2</td></tr> <tr><td>110 < 0.1</td></tr> <tr><td>109 < 0.1</td></tr> <tr><td>6 < 0.1</td></tr> <tr><td>119 < 0.08</td></tr> <tr><td>32 0.080</td><td>16 0.050</td></tr> <tr><td>141 0.071</td><td>31 0.050</td></tr> <tr><td>33 0.060</td><td>121 0.049</td></tr> <tr><td>118 0.060</td><td>38 0.048</td></tr> <tr><td>8 0.056</td><td>5 0.048</td></tr> <tr><td>23 0.055</td><td>3 0.047</td></tr> <tr><td>26 0.055</td><td>15 0.042</td></tr> <tr><td>125 0.055</td><td>34 0.040</td></tr> <tr><td>7 0.052</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>"UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2</p>	129 < 4	142 < 1	39A 0.300 UNUSED	1 0.051	105 0.100	14 0.051	112 < 0.5	137 < 0.2	132 < 0.2	127 < 0.2	110 < 0.1	109 < 0.1	6 < 0.1	119 < 0.08	32 0.080	16 0.050	141 0.071	31 0.050	33 0.060	121 0.049	118 0.060	38 0.048	8 0.056	5 0.048	23 0.055	3 0.047	26 0.055	15 0.042	125 0.055	34 0.040	7 0.052		<p>Cd SAMPLE NO.: H2 THEORETICAL VALUE 0.070 UNIT: ng/ml</p> <p>RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 31 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 0.077 MEDIAN: 0.070 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.024 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 31.540</p> <p>RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 20 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 0.073 MEDIAN: 0.070 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.018 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 24.501</p> <p>RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER:</p> <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr><td>129 < 4</td></tr> <tr><td>142 < 1</td></tr> <tr><td>112 < 0.5</td></tr> <tr><td>39A < 0.3</td></tr> <tr><td>137 < 0.2</td></tr> <tr><td>132 < 0.2</td></tr> <tr><td>127 < 0.2</td></tr> <tr><td>110 < 0.1</td></tr> <tr><td>6 < 0.1</td></tr> <tr><td>105 0.150 UNUSED</td><td>16 0.070</td></tr> <tr><td>32 0.110</td><td>33 0.070</td></tr> <tr><td>31 0.100</td><td>7 0.069</td></tr> <tr><td>109 0.100</td><td>26 0.068</td></tr> <tr><td>141 0.091</td><td>5 0.064</td></tr> <tr><td>3 0.090</td><td>1 0.064</td></tr> <tr><td>119 < 0.08</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>14 0.073</td><td>121 0.064</td></tr> <tr><td>15 0.072</td><td>34 0.060</td></tr> <tr><td>23 0.071</td><td>38 0.055</td></tr> <tr><td>125 0.071</td><td>118 0.030</td></tr> <tr><td>8 0.070</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>"UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2</p>	129 < 4	142 < 1	112 < 0.5	39A < 0.3	137 < 0.2	132 < 0.2	127 < 0.2	110 < 0.1	6 < 0.1	105 0.150 UNUSED	16 0.070	32 0.110	33 0.070	31 0.100	7 0.069	109 0.100	26 0.068	141 0.091	5 0.064	3 0.090	1 0.064	119 < 0.08		14 0.073	121 0.064	15 0.072	34 0.060	23 0.071	38 0.055	125 0.071	118 0.030	8 0.070	
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Table A1.8: Analytical results for Pb in synthetic precipitation samples.

Pb SAMPLE NO.: H1 THEORETICAL VALUE 1.400 UNIT: ng/ml RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 31 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 1.463 MEDIAN: 1.400 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.362 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 24.731 RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 25 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 1.402 MEDIAN: 1.400 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.185 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 13.179 RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER: 137 < 5 132 < 5 39A < 5 105 3.000 UNUSED 16 1.400 129 2.000 23 1.400 112 1.600 40 1.400 125 1.560 110 1.400 14 1.500 127 1.400 32 1.500 26 1.360 118 1.500 5 1.310 7 1.470 33 1.280 31 1.460 119 1.260 1 1.440 6 1.200 8 1.440 34 1.200 15 1.430 121 1.140 3 1.400 142 < 1 38 < 1 109 1.000 "UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2	Pb SAMPLE NO.: H2 THEORETICAL VALUE 1.600 UNIT: ng/ml RUN 1: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 31 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 1.778 MEDIAN: 1.600 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.686 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 38.593 RUN 2: NUMBER OF LABORATORIES: 24 ARITHMETIC MEAN VALUE: 1.588 MEDIAN: 1.600 STANDARD DEVIATION: 0.158 REL. ST. DEVIATION (%): 9.952 RESULTS IN DECREASING ORDER: 137 < 5 132 < 5 39A < 5 105 4.100 UNUSED 16 1.600 129 4.000 UNUSED 26 1.600 109 2.000 50 1.600 125 1.960 8 1.580 32 1.700 121 1.580 40 1.700 23 1.500 112 1.700 34 1.500 7 1.620 127 1.500 31 1.610 5 1.470 1 1.600 119 1.410 3 1.600 6 1.400 14 1.600 33 1.390 15 1.600 118 1.300 142 < 1 38 < 1 "UNUSED": DATA UNUSED IN RUN 2
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Table A1.9: Percentage deviation from theoretical concentration value.

Element and percent interval	Lab. Identification <i>The number in brackets are number of results reported in the particular percent interval by the laboratory</i>		
	EMEP	Other	
Cr 0-5%		1(2), 3(2), 6(3), 7(3), 8(4), 14(3), 15(2), 16(2), 23(2), 26(3), 31(4), 32(2), 34(2), 39A(2), 39B(4), 109(4), 110(3), 118(3), 119(2), 125(1), 127(1)	
5-15%		1(2), 3(2), 5(2), 6(1), 7(1), 15(2), 16(1), 32(2), 33(2), 39A(1), 105(1), 110(1), 119(2), 121(2), 125(2), 127(1), 132(2), 137(2)	
15-25%		5(2), 14(1), 16(1), 23(1), 26(1), 39A(1), 105(1), 118(1), 121(1), 125(1), 127(1)	
>25%		23(1), 33(2), 34(2), 105(2), 121(1), 127(1), 129(4)	
Ni 0-5%		1(3), 3(1), 7(4), 8(3), 14(4), 15(3), 16(4), 23(2), 26(2), 31(2), 33(2), 39B(4), 105(1), 109(2), 110(2), 112(2), 118(2), 119(2), 125(2), 127(1), 132(1), 142(1)	
5-15%		1(1), 3(2), 5(3), 8(1), 15(1), 23(1), 26(1), 31(1), 32(2), 33(1), 39A(2), 118(1), 127(1), 132(1), 137(1), 142(1)	
15-25%		3(1), 5(1), 34(4), 38(1), 105(1), 118(1), 121(2), 129(1), 137(1)	
>25%		23(1), 26(1), 31(1), 32(2), 33(1), 105(2), 109(2), 121(2), 125(2), 129(3)	
Cu 0-5%		1(4), 3(3), 5(1), 6(3), 7(4), 8(4), 14(2), 15(4), 16(2), 23(1), 26(1), 31(3), 32(2), 34(1), 38(2), 39A(1), 39B(1), 109(1), 110(4), 118(1), 121(3), 125(1), 127(2), 129(1), 132(1), 142(1)	
5-15%		3(19), 5(3), 6(1), 14(2), 16(1), 23(3), 26(1), 31(1), 32(2), 33(4), 34(3), 38(2), 39A(1), 39B(2), 109(1), 112(3), 118(1), 121(1), 125(1), 127(2), 129(1), 132(3), 142(1)	
15-25%		16(1), 26(2), 39A(2), 109(1), 112(1), 118(2), 125(1), 142(1)	
>25%		39B(1), 105(4), 109(1), 129(2)	
Zn 0-5%		1(2), 3(3), 5(3), 6(2), 7(3), 14(4), 15(3), 16(3), 26(2), 31(4), 32(3), 33(3), 34(1), 39A(2), 39B(4), 109(2), 110(2), 112(2), 118(2), 119(2), 121(4), 125(1), 127(1), 132(1)	
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15-25%		6(1), 8(1), 23(1), 110(1), 125(1), 127(1), 132(1)	
>25%		6(1), 16(1), 34(1), 105(4), 109(1), 112(2), 118(2), 125(1), 129(2)	
As 0-5%	11	7	1(3), 3(4), 6(2), 8(3), 14(3), 15(2), 23(3), 26(4), 31(1), 32(1), 33(1), 110(3), 118(1), 119(1), 121(2), 127(3), 137(1), 142(1)
5-15%	9	6	1(1), 5(1), 7(2), 8(1), 14(1), 15(2), 23(1), 31(2), 32(1), 118(1), 119(1), 121(1), 132(2), 137(2), 142(1)
15-25%	7	4	5(3), 6(1), 7(1), 16(1), 31(1), 32(1), 33(3), 118(2), 121(1), 127(1), 132(1)
>25%	3	1	6(1), 32(1), 38(1), 132(1)
Cd 0-5%	16	7	1(3), 3(2), 5(1), 6(2), 7(4), 8(3), 16(4), 14(4), 15(1), 23(1), 26(3), 31(3), 33(3), 34(2), 38(1), 39A(1), 110(2), 118(2), 119(2), 121(3), 125(3), 127(2), 141(1)
5-15%	11	8	1(1), 3(1), 5(4), 8(1), 15(2), 23(3), 26(1), 32(2), 34(1), 38(2), 39A(1), 105(1), 109(2), 112(2), 121(1), 125(1), 132(2), 137(2), 141(1)
15-25%	4	1	15(1), 33(1), 34(1), 38(1), 118(1)
>25%	4	4	3(1), 31(1), 32(2), 39A(1), 105(3), 109(1), 118(1), 141(2)

Table A1.9, cont.

Element and percent interval	Lab. Identification <i>The number in brackets are number of results reported in the particular percent interval by the laboratory</i>		
	EMEP	Other	
Pb			
0-5%	16	8	1(4), 3(3), 6(1), 7(3), 8(4), 14(2), 15(4), 16(3), 23(1), 26(4), 31(4), 32(2), 33(2), 34(1), 38(2), 39B(3), 105(1), 109(1), 110(4), 112(2), 118(2), 121(2), 125(2), 129(1)
5-15%	11	11	5(4), 3(1), 6(3), 7(1), 14(2), 16(1), 23(3), 32(2), 33(2), 34(3), 39A(1), 109(1), 112(2), 118(1), 119(4), 121(1), 125(1), 127(1), 129(1), 132(1), 137(2), 142(1)
15-25%	1	6	39A(1), 109(1), 118(1), 121(1), 125(1), 132(1), 142(1)
>25%	0	3	105(3), 109(1), 129(2)

Table A1.10: Analytical techniques used at the participating laboratories for the different elements.

Lab. no.	Elements	Technique
1	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	ICP-MS
3	Ni, Cd, Cu, Pb, Cr, As Zn	GF-AAS ICP-MS F-AAS
5	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	ICP-MS
6	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	ICP-MS
7	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb Zn	GF-AAS F-AAS
8	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	ICP-MS
14	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	ICP-MS
15	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	ICP-MS
16	Cr, Ni, Cu, Cd, Pb Zn	GF-AAS F-AAS
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26	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	ICP-MS
31	Cr, Ni, Cu, Cd, Pb, As Zn	GF-AAS F-AAS
32	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	GF-AAS
33	Cu, Cd, Pb Zn As	GF-AAS F-AAS HG-AAS
34	Ni, Cu	AAS
36	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	ICP-MS
38	Cr, Ni, Cu, , Cd, Pb Zn	GF-AAS F-AAS
39A	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, Cd, Pb	UN-ICP-AES
39B	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, Pb	GF-AAS
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109	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, Cd, Pb	GF-AAS
110	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	ICP-MS
112	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	USN-ICP-MS
115	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	ICP-MS
117	Cr, Ni, Cu , Zn As, Cd, Pb	USN-ICP-OES GF-AAS
118	Cu, Cd, Pb As ,Zn Cr, Ni	GF-AAS ICP-OES
119	Cr, Ni, Cu, As, Cd, Pb Zn	GF-AAS F-AAS
121	Cr, Ni, Cu, Cd, Pb Zn As	GF-AAS Voltammetry HG-AAS
125	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	ICP-MS

Table A1.10, cont.

Lab. no.	Elements	Technique
127	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Pb	ICP-MS
128	Cu, Cd, Pb As Zn	GF-AAS HG-AAS F-AAS
129	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, Cd, Pb	F-AAS (Polarized Zeeman)
132	Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn , Cd Pb As	USN-ICP-OES GF-AAS HG-AAS
134	Zn	ICP-OES
137	Cr, Cd, Pb Ni, Cu, Zn As	GF-AAS F-AAS HG-AAS
141	Cd	GF-AAS
142	Cr, Ni, Cu, As, Cd, Pb Zn	ICP-MS ICP-AES

Appendix 2

Figures

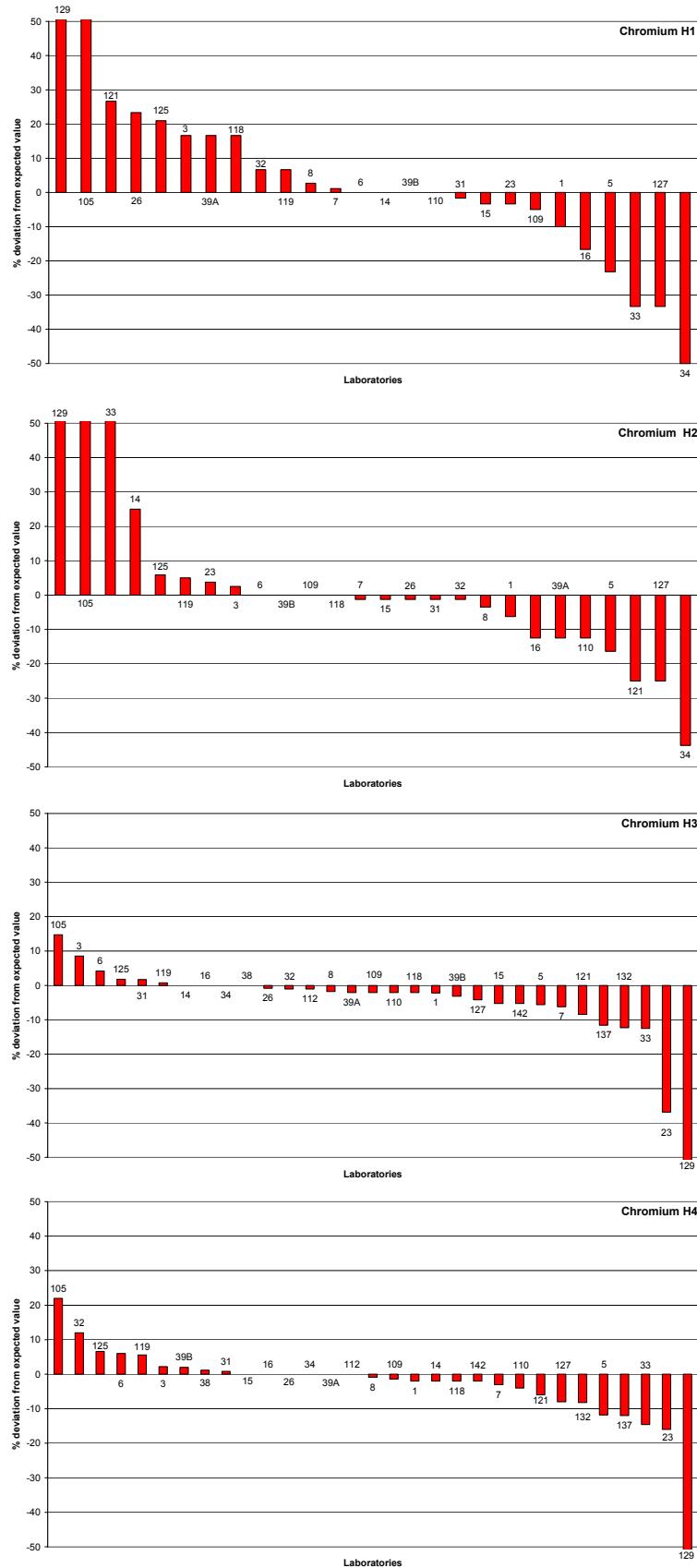


Figure A2.1: Results from determination of Cr.

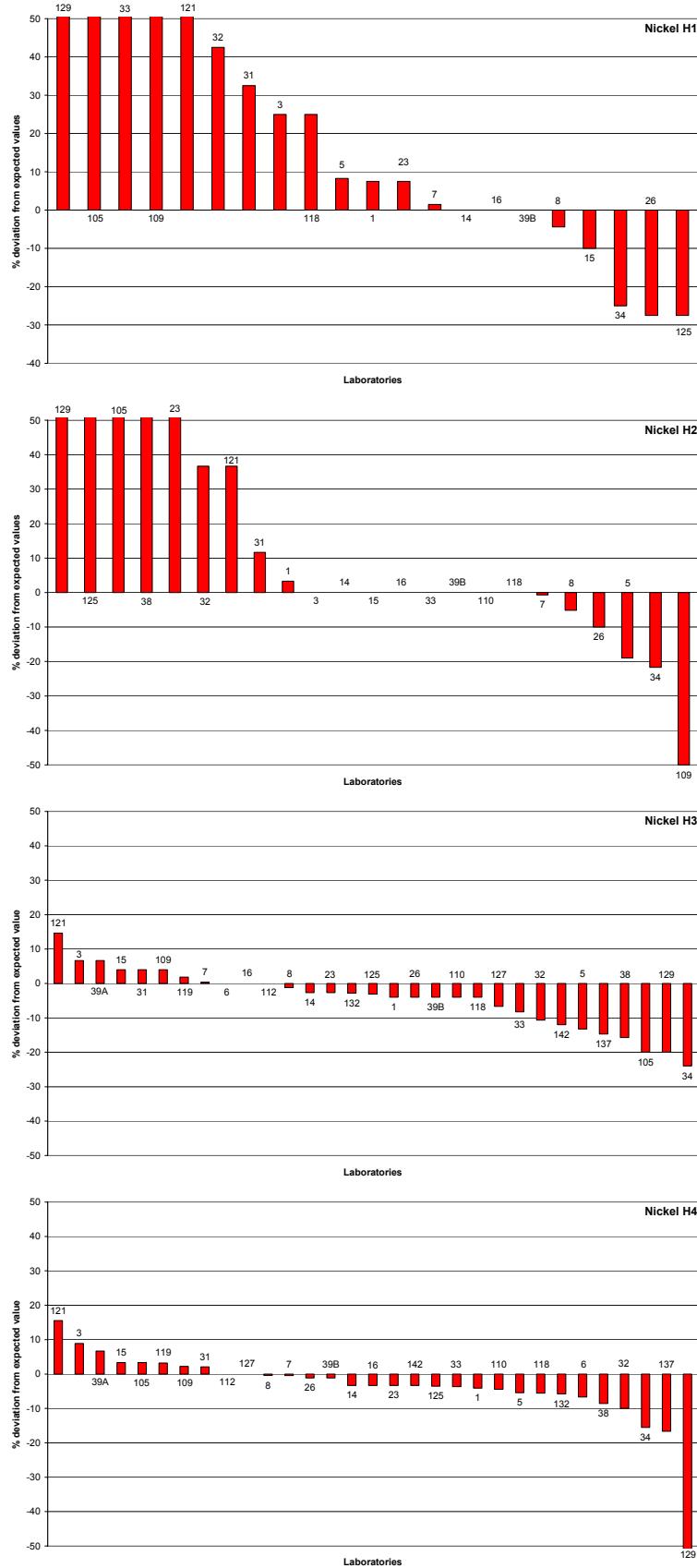


Figure A2.2: Results from determination of Ni.

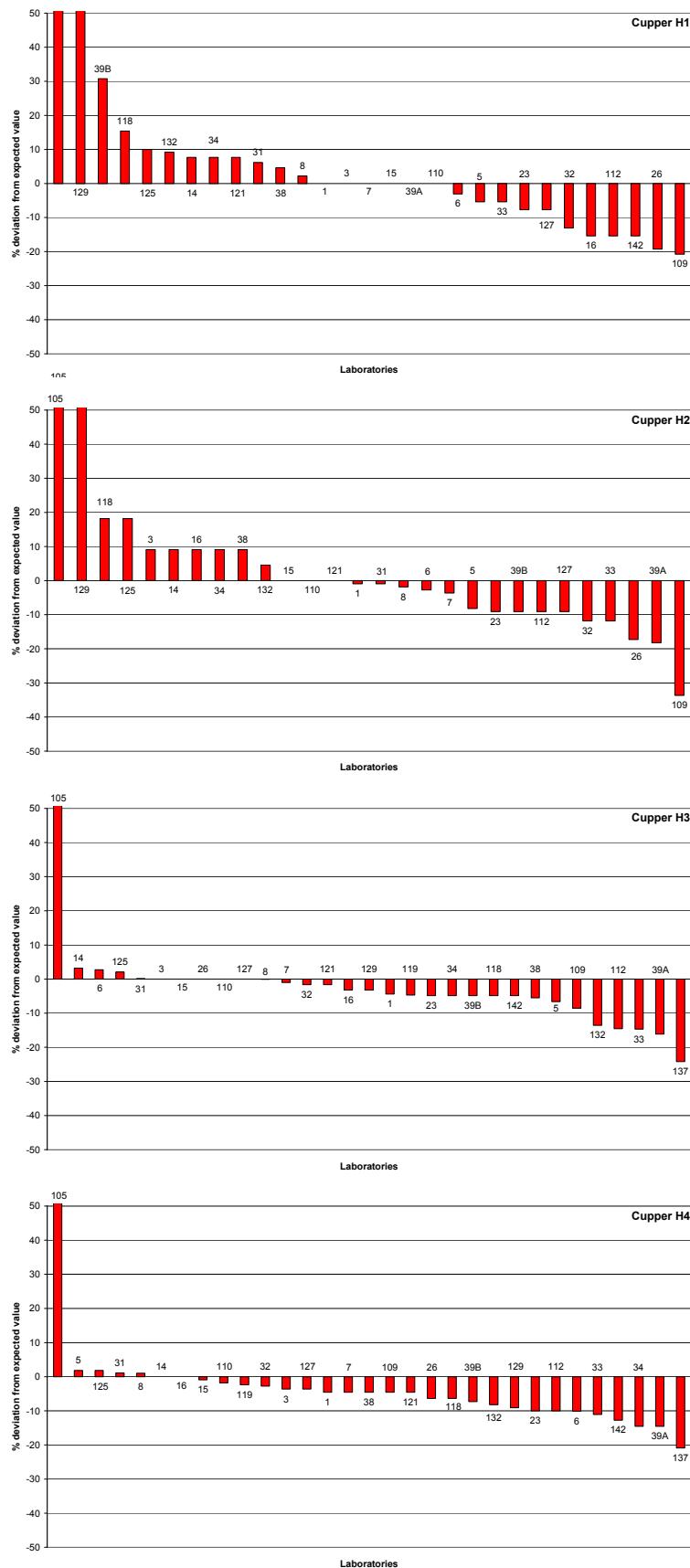


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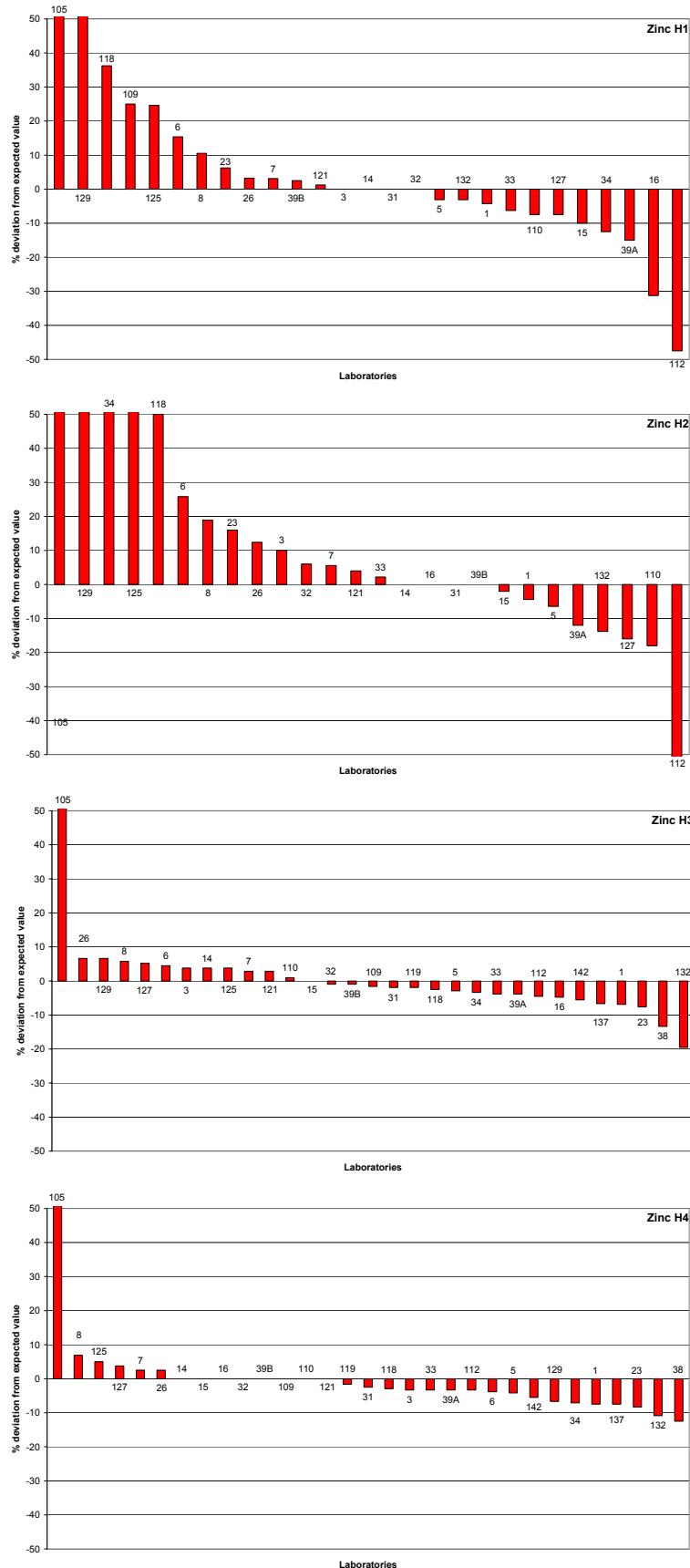


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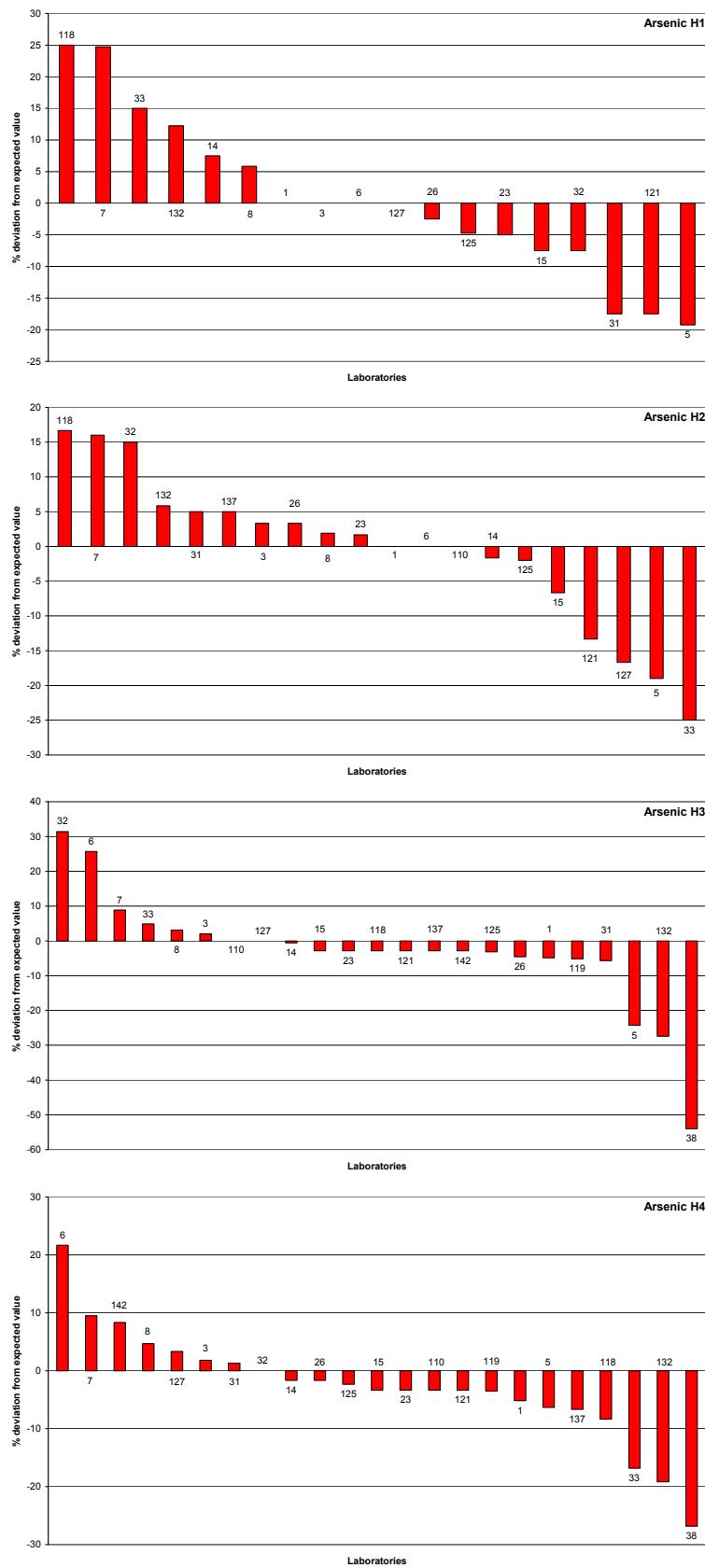


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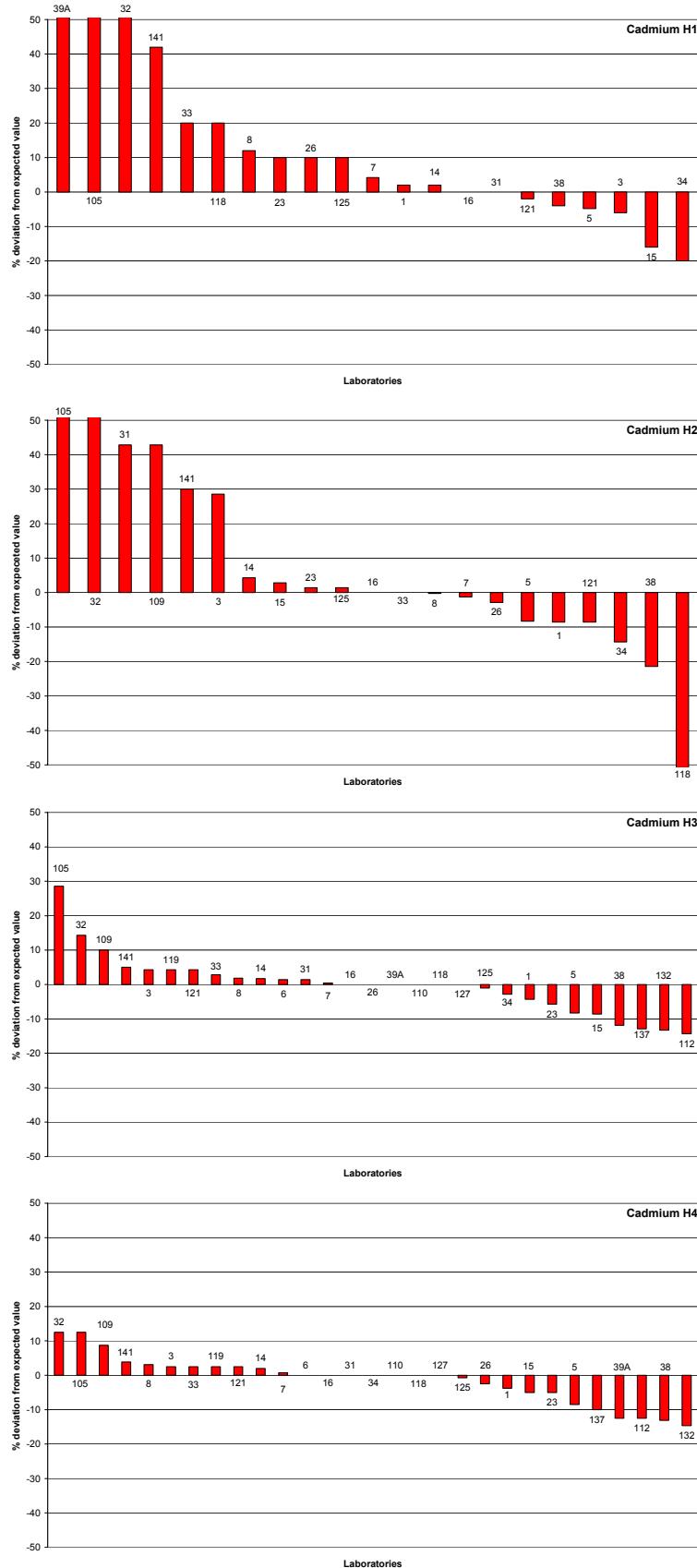


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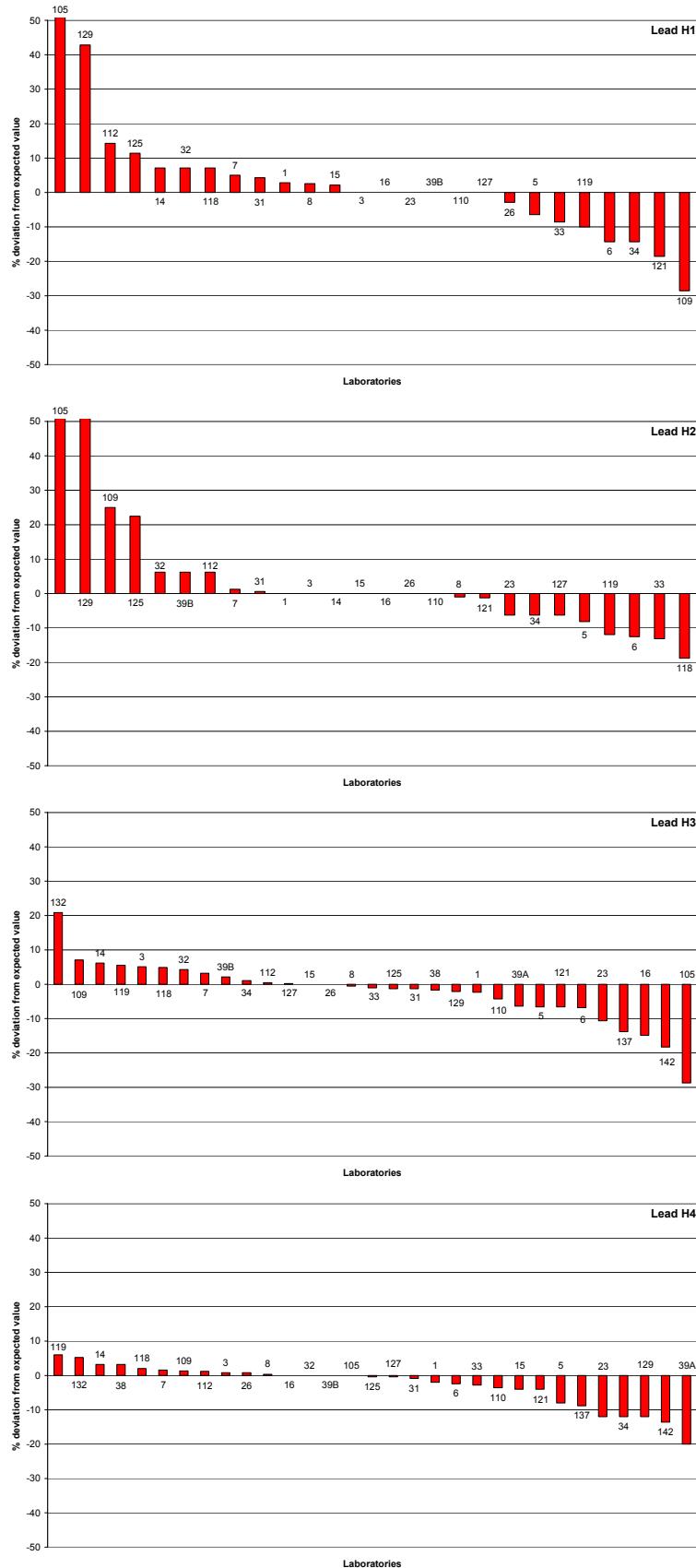


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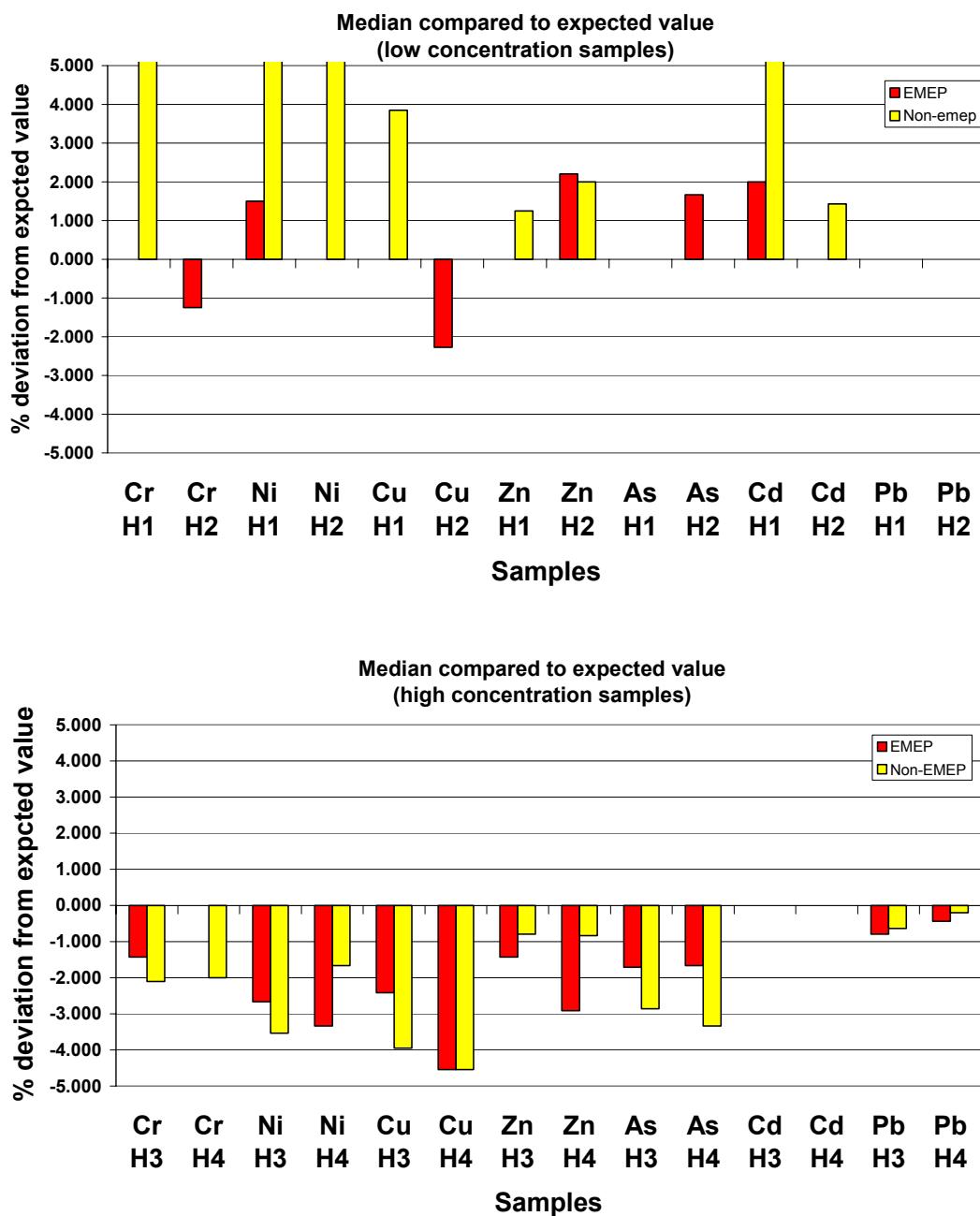


Figure A2.8: The median compared to theoretical value for low and high concentration samples, respectively.