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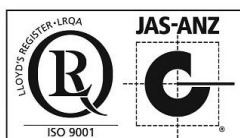
OREAS 314

Zinc-Lead-Silver Ore

(Northern Queensland, Australia)



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Table 1. Certified Values, Uncertainty & Tolerance Intervals for multi-elements by 4-acid digestion and aqua regia digestion in OREAS 314.

Constituent	Certified Value [†]	95 % Expanded Uncertainty		95 % Tolerance Limits	
		Low	High	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion					
Ag, Silver (ppm)	54.8	53.2	56.4	53.9	55.8
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	4.97	4.84	5.11	4.89	5.05
As, Arsenic (ppm)	99	96	103	97	102
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	2.03	1.93	2.13	1.94	2.12
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	0.42	0.39	0.46	0.40	0.44
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	1.06	1.03	1.10	1.04	1.09
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	151	145	156	148	153
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	58	56	61	57	60
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	29.9	28.7	31.1	29.1	30.7
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	88	83	94	86	91
Cs, Caesium (ppm)	3.40	3.28	3.53	3.31	3.49
Cu, Copper (wt.%)	0.035	0.034	0.036	0.034	0.036
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	2.75	2.31	3.20	2.66	2.85
Er, Erbium (ppm)	1.36	1.14	1.58	1.31	1.40
Eu, Europium (ppm)	0.95	0.89	1.02	0.81	1.09
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	5.14	5.01	5.27	5.06	5.22
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	14.6	13.9	15.2	14.2	15.0
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	3.93	3.71	4.16	3.86	4.01
Ge, Germanium (ppm)	0.14	0.10	0.18	IND	IND
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	1.98	1.86	2.10	1.89	2.06
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	0.51	0.47	0.54	0.49	0.53
In, Indium (ppm)	0.32	0.29	0.34	0.30	0.33
K, Potassium (wt.%)	2.09	2.05	2.14	2.06	2.12
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	29.9	28.2	31.6	29.1	30.7
Li, Lithium (ppm)	21.2	20.3	22.1	20.7	21.7
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.21	0.17	0.25	0.20	0.22
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	0.743	0.726	0.759	0.729	0.756
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.100	0.097	0.103	0.099	0.102
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	5.68	5.41	5.95	5.49	5.87
Na, Sodium (wt.%)	0.070	0.066	0.075	0.068	0.073
Nb, Niobium (ppm)	3.24	2.86	3.63	3.09	3.40
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	25.9	23.6	28.3	25.4	26.5
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	21.3	20.4	22.1	20.5	22.0
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.030	0.029	0.031	0.029	0.031
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	3.70	3.63	3.78	3.65	3.76

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Table 1 continued.

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		Low	High	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion continued					
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	6.91	6.18	7.65	6.74	7.09
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	116	112	119	114	118
Re, Rhenium (ppm)	< 0.002	IND	IND	IND	IND
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	5.15	5.00	5.30	5.06	5.24
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	31.7	30.5	32.8	30.7	32.6
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	8.89	8.48	9.31	8.63	9.16
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	4.84	4.49	5.19	4.70	4.99
Sn, Tin (ppm)	2.69	2.48	2.90	2.59	2.80
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	37.4	36.1	38.7	36.4	38.4
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	0.24	0.19	0.28	0.21	0.27
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.50	0.44	0.57	0.47	0.53
Te, Tellurium (ppm)	0.095	0.065	0.125	IND	IND
Th, Thorium (ppm)	10.4	9.9	10.9	10.1	10.8
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.157	0.148	0.167	0.153	0.161
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	22.4	21.2	23.7	21.8	23.0
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.19	0.15	0.23	0.18	0.20
U, Uranium (ppm)	3.56	3.41	3.71	3.45	3.67
V, Vanadium (ppm)	144	139	148	141	146
W, Tungsten (ppm)	1.41	1.29	1.53	1.35	1.47
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	14.5	13.4	15.7	13.9	15.2
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	1.46	1.25	1.67	1.40	1.52
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	4.75	4.64	4.86	4.69	4.82
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	66	64	69	65	68
Aqua Regia Digestion					
Ag, Silver (ppm)	54.0	52.3	55.7	52.8	55.1
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	0.589	0.557	0.620	0.567	0.610
As, Arsenic (ppm)	99	95	103	97	101
Au, Gold (ppm)	< 0.02	IND	IND	IND	IND
B, Boron (ppm)	< 10	IND	IND	IND	IND
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	0.45	0.43	0.48	0.43	0.48
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	0.28	0.26	0.31	0.27	0.29
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	1.05	1.02	1.07	1.02	1.07
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	144	137	152	141	148
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	35.7	31.1	40.3	34.8	36.6
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	29.2	27.7	30.6	28.2	30.1

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Constituent	Certified Value [†]	95 % Expanded Uncertainty		95 % Tolerance Limits	
		Low	High	Low	High
Aqua Regia Digestion continued					
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	24.9	22.8	26.9	23.1	26.6
Cs, Caesium (ppm)	0.89	0.79	0.99	0.85	0.92
Cu, Copper (wt.%)	0.035	0.034	0.036	0.034	0.036
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	4.92	4.76	5.08	4.82	5.01
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	2.17	1.94	2.39	2.07	2.27
Ge, Germanium (ppm)	0.078	0.061	0.095	IND	IND
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	0.34	0.30	0.38	0.32	0.35
Hg, Mercury (ppm)	0.59	0.54	0.63	0.56	0.62
In, Indium (ppm)	0.28	0.26	0.29	0.27	0.29
K, Potassium (wt.%)	0.235	0.222	0.249	0.224	0.246
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	16.0	14.3	17.7	15.4	16.6
Li, Lithium (ppm)	3.99	3.62	4.37	3.79	4.20
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	0.527	0.508	0.545	0.515	0.539
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.098	0.094	0.102	0.096	0.100
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	5.43	5.19	5.67	5.24	5.63
Nb, Niobium (ppm)	< 0.05	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	18.4	17.2	19.6	17.7	19.1
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.026	0.025	0.027	0.025	0.027
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	3.67	3.60	3.75	3.62	3.73
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	14.2	13.1	15.3	13.7	14.7
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	5.07	4.89	5.26	4.95	5.20
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	22.2	20.5	24.0	21.3	23.1
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	1.64	1.51	1.77	1.52	1.76
Se, Selenium (ppm)	2.13	1.63	2.64	1.99	2.27
Sn, Tin (ppm)	0.49	0.43	0.54	0.43	0.54
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	12.1	10.8	13.3	11.6	12.6
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	< 0.01	IND	IND	IND	IND
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.31	0.26	0.36	0.28	0.34
Te, Tellurium (ppm)	0.083	0.061	0.105	IND	IND
Th, Thorium (ppm)	6.64	6.15	7.12	6.42	6.85
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.005	0.004	0.005	0.004	0.005
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	15.9	15.1	16.8	15.4	16.4
U, Uranium (ppm)	1.86	1.72	1.99	1.80	1.91
V, Vanadium (ppm)	17.2	16.1	18.4	16.2	18.2
W, Tungsten (ppm)	0.14	0.12	0.16	IND	IND

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		Low	High	Low	High
Aqua Regia Digestion continued					
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	5.42	5.14	5.70	5.22	5.63
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	0.55	0.48	0.62	0.49	0.61
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	4.66	4.57	4.74	4.59	4.72
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	10.5	9.9	11.1	10.2	10.8

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Table 2. Certified Values, Uncertainty & Tolerance Intervals for other measurands in OREAS 314.

Constituent	Certified Value	95 % Expanded Uncertainty		95 % Tolerance Limits	
		Low	High	Low	High
Borate Fusion XRF					
Al ₂ O ₃ , Aluminium(III) oxide (wt.%)	9.63	9.48	9.77	9.51	9.75
BaO, Barium oxide (wt.%)	0.212	0.202	0.221	0.205	0.219
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND
CaO, Calcium oxide (wt.%)	1.49	1.46	1.52	1.47	1.51
Cr ₂ O ₃ , Chromium(III) oxide (ppm)	134	113	154	IND	IND
Cu, Copper (wt.%)	0.034	0.030	0.038	0.033	0.036
Fe ₂ O ₃ , Iron(III) oxide (wt.%)	7.50	7.38	7.62	7.42	7.57
HfO ₂ , Hafnium dioxide (ppm)	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND
K ₂ O, Potassium oxide (wt.%)	2.53	2.49	2.56	2.50	2.55
MgO, Magnesium oxide (wt.%)	1.26	1.22	1.30	1.24	1.28
MnO, Manganese oxide (wt.%)	0.132	0.129	0.134	0.126	0.137
P ₂ O ₅ , Phosphorus(V) oxide (wt.%)	0.068	0.060	0.075	0.064	0.071
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	3.66	3.59	3.74	3.62	3.71
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	5.31	5.15	5.48	5.23	5.40
SiO ₂ , Silicon dioxide (wt.%)	58.96	58.36	59.55	58.61	59.31
Sn, Tin (ppm)	< 50	IND	IND	IND	IND
TiO ₂ , Titanium dioxide (wt.%)	0.400	0.386	0.415	0.389	0.411
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	4.65	4.56	4.75	4.61	4.70
Thermogravimetry					
LOI ¹⁰⁰⁰ , Loss On Ignition @1000 °C (wt.%)	7.61	7.46	7.76	7.49	7.73
Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP					
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	5.00	4.91	5.09	4.94	5.06
As, Arsenic (ppm)	100	97	104	97	103
Ba, Barium (wt.%)	0.190	0.185	0.195	0.186	0.193
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	2.16	2.02	2.30	2.02	2.30

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Table 1 continued.

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		Low	High	Low	High
Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP continued					
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	0.43	0.32	0.54	IND	IND
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	1.05	0.99	1.12	1.03	1.07
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	148	140	157	145	152
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	62	59	64	60	63
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	30.1	28.4	31.7	29.1	31.1
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	109	99	119	105	113
Cs, Caesium (ppm)	3.49	3.28	3.70	3.33	3.65
Cu, Copper (wt.%)	0.035	0.034	0.036	0.034	0.036
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	3.70	3.44	3.96	3.49	3.91
Er, Erbium (ppm)	2.15	1.99	2.31	2.03	2.28
Eu, Europium (ppm)	1.03	0.88	1.19	0.99	1.08
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	5.21	5.11	5.31	5.13	5.28
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	15.1	14.2	15.9	14.4	15.8
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	4.61	3.91	5.30	4.31	4.90
Ge, Germanium (ppm)	7.84	6.77	8.91	IND	IND
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	2.97	2.65	3.28	2.71	3.22
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	0.72	0.69	0.76	0.69	0.76
In, Indium (ppm)	0.31	0.29	0.32	IND	IND
K, Potassium (wt.%)	2.12	2.07	2.17	2.09	2.15
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	32.7	31.1	34.3	31.8	33.6
Li, Lithium (ppm)	21.3	19.7	22.9	20.4	22.2
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.30	0.28	0.33	0.28	0.33
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	0.762	0.745	0.780	0.750	0.774
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.101	0.099	0.104	0.100	0.102
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	5.86	4.79	6.93	IND	IND
Nb, Niobium (ppm)	7.95	6.30	9.60	7.38	8.52
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	28.4	26.8	30.0	27.6	29.2
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	24.8	19.5	30.1	22.6	26.9
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.031	0.030	0.032	0.029	0.033
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	3.59	3.50	3.68	3.52	3.67
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	7.53	7.17	7.89	7.28	7.78
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	118	114	123	115	122
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	5.25	5.15	5.34	5.15	5.34
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	34.8	32.4	37.2	32.9	36.7
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	8.73	7.65	9.81	IND	IND
Si, Silicon (wt.%)	27.83	27.25	28.41	27.48	28.18

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Table 2 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	95 % Expanded Uncertainty		95 % Tolerance Limits	
		Low	High	Low	High
Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP continued					
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	5.23	4.90	5.55	5.00	5.46
Sn, Tin (ppm)	2.68	2.22	3.14	IND	IND
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	41.0	38.2	43.7	39.5	42.4
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	0.72	0.61	0.83	IND	IND
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.64	0.60	0.68	0.61	0.67
Th, Thorium (ppm)	10.8	10.3	11.4	10.5	11.2
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.238	0.231	0.245	0.232	0.244
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	22.6	21.6	23.6	21.9	23.3
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.31	0.28	0.34	0.29	0.33
U, Uranium (ppm)	3.76	3.50	4.02	3.60	3.92
V, Vanadium (ppm)	150	146	154	147	153
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	20.7	19.6	21.8	20.0	21.4
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	2.04	1.85	2.23	1.86	2.22
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	4.66	4.58	4.74	4.59	4.72
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	102	95	109	97	106
Infrared Combustion					
C, Carbon (wt.%)	1.34	1.32	1.37	1.32	1.36
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	5.30	5.21	5.39	5.24	5.36

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Table 3. Indicative Values for OREAS 314.

Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value
4-Acid Digestion								
B	ppm	< 10	Hg	ppm	< 1			
Ba	ppm	395	Se	ppm	3.05			
Aqua Regia Digestion								
Ba	ppm	34.4	Ho	ppm	0.26	Pr	ppm	4.49
Dy	ppm	1.52	Lu	ppm	0.088	Pt	ppb	1.50
Er	ppm	0.65	Na	wt. %	0.011	Re	ppm	0.001
Eu	ppm	0.62	Nd	ppm	17.7	Sm	ppm	3.24
Gd	ppm	2.59	Pd	ppb	62.8	Tm	ppm	0.085
Borate Fusion XRF								
Ag	ppm	< 10	Ho	ppm	< 10	SrO	ppm	65
As	ppm	123	In	ppm	< 100	Ta	ppm	12.0
Au	ppm	< 10	La	ppm	47.5	Tb	ppm	< 10
Cd	ppm	140	Lu	ppm	< 10	Te	ppm	< 100
Ce	ppm	76	Mo	ppm	40.7	Th	ppm	479
Cl	wt. %	0.504	Na ₂ O	wt. %	0.287	Tl	ppm	< 10
Co	ppm	71	Nb	ppm	60	Tm	ppm	< 10
Cs	ppm	19.8	Nd	ppm	128	U	ppm	12.7
Dy	ppm	39.3	Ni	ppm	53	V	ppm	131
Er	ppm	< 10	Pr	ppm	< 10	W	ppm	85
Eu	ppm	< 10	Rb	ppm	79	Y	ppm	48.5
Ga	ppm	100	Sb	ppm	< 50	Yb	ppm	< 10
Gd	ppm	< 10	Sc	ppm	17.5	Zr	ppm	90
Ge	ppm	< 10	Se	ppm	< 10			
Hg	ppm	< 100	Sm	ppm	23.0			
Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP								
Ag	ppm	56.2	Na	wt. %	0.068	Te	ppm	< 1
B	ppm	96	Re	ppm	< 0.1	W	ppm	2.02
Hg	ppm	< 5	Se	ppm	< 10			
Laser Ablation ICP-MS								
Ag	ppm	53.3	Hf	ppm	3.00	Sm	ppm	5.32
As	ppm	101	Ho	ppm	0.73	Sn	ppm	2.70
Ba	wt. %	0.189	In	ppm	0.33	Sr	ppm	39.8
Be	ppm	1.70	La	ppm	31.6	Ta	ppm	0.36
Bi	ppm	0.41	Lu	ppm	0.30	Tb	ppm	0.60
Ce	ppm	58	Mn	wt. %	0.098	Te	ppm	< 0.2
Co	ppm	27.1	Mo	ppm	5.40	Th	ppm	10.9
Cr	ppm	91	Nb	ppm	8.27	Ti	wt. %	0.238
Cs	ppm	3.46	Nd	ppm	27.3	Tm	ppm	0.31
Cu	wt. %	0.035	Ni	ppm	13.0	U	ppm	3.66
Dy	ppm	3.55	Pb	wt. %	3.69	V	ppm	148
Er	ppm	2.09	Pr	ppm	7.47	W	ppm	0.38
Eu	ppm	0.95	Rb	ppm	115	Y	ppm	20.3
Ga	ppm	13.8	Re	ppm	< 0.01	Yb	ppm	2.03
Gd	ppm	4.06	Sb	ppm	36.1	Zr	ppm	102
Ge	ppm	6.18	Sc	ppm	8.65			

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Note: the number of significant figures reported is not a reflection of the level of certainty of stated values. They are instead an artefact of ORE's in-house CRM-specific LIMS.

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INTRODUCTION

OREAS reference materials are intended to provide a low-cost method of evaluating and improving the quality of analysis of geological samples. To the geologist they provide a means of implementing quality control in analytical data sets generated in exploration from the grass roots level through to prospect evaluation, and in grade control at mining operations. To the analyst they provide an effective means of calibrating analytical equipment, assessing new techniques and routinely monitoring in-house procedures. OREAS reference materials enable users to successfully achieve process control of these tasks because the observed variance from repeated analysis has its origin almost exclusively in the analytical process rather than the reference material itself. In evaluating laboratory performance with this CRM, the section headed 'Instructions for correct use' should be read carefully.

Table 1 (generated from data supplied by laboratories all accredited to ISO 17025 for 4-acid and aqua regia digestions) and Table 2 (generated from data supplied by laboratories mostly accredited to ISO 17025) provide the certified values and their associated 95 % expanded uncertainty and tolerance intervals, Table 3 shows indicative values including major and trace element characterisation, Table 4 provides some indicative physical properties and Table 5 presents the performance gate intervals for all certified values.

Tabulated results of all analytes together with uncorrected means, medians, standard deviations, relative standard deviations and per cent deviation of lab means from the corrected mean of means (PDM³) are presented in the detailed certification data for this CRM (**OREAS 314-DataPack.1.0.250103_162431.xlsx**).

Results are also presented in scatter plots for Ag, Pb and Zn by 4-acid digestion in Figures 1 to 3 respectively, together with $\pm 3SD$ (magenta) and $\pm 5\%$ (yellow) control lines and certified value (green line). Accepted individual results are coloured blue and individual and dataset outliers are identified in red and violet, respectively.

SOURCE MATERIAL

OREAS 314 is a replacement of the OREAS 137. It was prepared from a blend of barren and ore grade zinc-lead-silver materials sourced from Mount Isa (Glencore) George Fisher mine, Mt Isa, NW Queensland, Australia. The mineralisation style is sediment-hosted 'SEDEX' Zn-Pb-Ag within the Urquart Shale Formation of the Mount Isa Group. This Group is a 5 km thick sequence, composed predominantly of Mesoproterozoic carbonate siltstones, mudstones and shales, metamorphosed to greenschist facies. The Zn-Pb-Ag orebodies are concordant with carbonaceous dolomitic sediments and comprised of sphalerite and galena with pyrite and pyrrhotite.

COMMINUTION AND HOMOGENISATION PROCEDURES

The material constituting OREAS 314 was prepared in the following manner:

- Drying the ores and barren black slate to constant mass at 105 °C;
- Multi-stage milling of ores and barren black slate to achieve a particle size distribution of > 99.5 % passing 75 μm ;
- Preliminary homogenisation of ore source materials;

- Representative sampling and check assaying of ore source materials;
- Blending the ores and barren black slate in appropriate proportions to achieve target grades;
- Homogenisation using OREAS' novel processing technologies;
- Packaging in 10 g units sealed under nitrogen in laminated foil pouches and in 500 g units in plastic jars.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

OREAS 314 was tested at ORE Research & Exploration Pty Ltd's onsite facility for various physical properties. Table 4 presents these findings that should be used for informational purposes only.

Table 4. Physical properties of OREAS 314.

Bulk Density (kg/m ³)	Moisture (wt.%)	Munsell Notation [‡]	Munsell Color [‡]
603	0.57	N5	Medium Gray

[‡]The Munsell Rock Color Chart helps geologists and archeologists communicate with colour more effectively by cross-referencing ISCC-NBS colour names with unique Munsell alpha-numeric colour notations for rock colour samples.

MINERALOGY

The semi-quantitative XRD results shown in Table 5 below were undertaken by ALS Metallurgy in Balcatta, Western Australia. The results have been normalised to 100 % and represent the relative proportion of crystalline material. Totals greater or less than 100 % are due to rounding errors. The most representative minerals in the sample are quartz, muscovite, followed by annite, sphalerite and galena. A presence of some amorphous material is very likely. A trace amount of epidote and apatite might be present in the sample.

Table 5. Indicative mineralogy of OREAS 331 based on semi-quantitative XRD analysis.

Mineral / Mineral Group	% (mass ratio)
Clay mineral	1
Chlorite	< 1
Kandite group	2
Serpentine	0
Annite - biotite - phlogopite	9
Muscovite	22
Plagioclase	1
K-feldspar and/or rutile	1
Quartz	42
Dolomite - ankerite	3
Siderite-type carbonate	0
Pyrite	3
Pyrrhotite	1
Sphalerite	10
Galena	5
Anglesite	1
Goethite	< 1

ANALYTICAL PROGRAM

Twenty-five commercial analytical laboratories participated in the program to certify the elements reported in Table 1 and 2. The following methods were employed:

- 4-acid (HNO₃-HF-HClO₄-HCl) digestion with full suite ICP-OES and ICP-MS elemental packages (up to 25 laboratories depending on the element);
- Aqua regia digestion for full elemental suite ICP-OES and ICP-MS (up to 24 laboratories depending on the element).
- Lithium borate fusion whole rock analysis package by X-ray fluorescence (up to 15 laboratories depending on the element);
- Thermogravimetry: Loss on Ignition (LOI) at 1000 °C (10 laboratories used a thermogravimetric analyser, 4 laboratories used a conventional muffle furnace and 3 laboratories included LOI with their fusion package);
- Lithium borate or sodium peroxide fusion with full suite ICP-OES and ICP-MS elemental packages (up to 21 laboratories depending on the element);
- C and S by infrared combustion furnace/CS analyser (23 laboratories).

For the round robin program ten 350 g test units were taken at predetermined intervals during the bagging stage, immediately following homogenisation and are considered representative of the entire prepared batch. The six samples received by each laboratory were obtained by taking two 15 g scoop splits from each of three separate 350 g test units. This format enabled a nested ANOVA treatment of the results to evaluate homogeneity, i.e. to ascertain whether between-unit variance is greater than within-unit variance (see 'Homogeneity Evaluation' section below).

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Certified Values and their uncertainty intervals (Tables 1 and 2) have been determined for each analyte following removal of individual, laboratory dataset (batch) and 3SD outliers (single iteration).

For individual outliers within a laboratory batch the z-score test is used in combination with a second method that determines the per cent deviation of the individual value from the batch median. Outliers in general are selected on the basis of z-scores > 2.5 and with per cent deviations (i) > 3 and (ii) more than three times the average absolute per cent deviation for the batch. Each laboratory data set mean is tested for outlying status based on z-score discrimination and rejected if > 2.5. After individual and laboratory data set (batch) outliers have been eliminated a non-iterative 3 standard deviation filter is applied, with those values lying outside this window also relegated to outlying status. However, while statistics are taken into account, the exercise of a statistician's prerogative plays a significant role in identifying outliers.

95 % Expanded Uncertainty provides a 95 % probability that the true value of the analyte under consideration lies between the upper and lower limits and is calculated according to the method outlined in ISO 98-3:2008 [5, 15]. All known or suspected sources of bias have been investigated or taken into account.

Indicative (uncertified) values (Table 3) are present where the number of laboratories reporting a particular analyte is insufficient (< 5) to support certification or where interlaboratory consensus is poor. This data is intended for 'informational purposes' only.

Standard Deviation intervals (see Table 6, 'Performance Gates') provide an indication of a level of performance that might reasonably be expected from a laboratory being monitored by this CRM in a QA/QC program. They take into account errors attributable to measurement uncertainty and CRM variability. For an effective CRM the contribution of the latter should be negligible in comparison to measurement errors. The Standard Deviation values include all sources of measurement uncertainty: between-lab variance, within-run variance (precision errors) and CRM variability.

The SD for each analyte's certified value is calculated from the same filtered data set used to determine the certified value, i.e., after removal of all individual, lab dataset (batch) and 3SD outliers (single iteration). These outliers can only be removed after the absolute homogeneity of the CRM has been independently established, i.e., the outliers must be confidently deemed to be analytical rather than arising from inhomogeneity of the CRM. ***The standard deviation is then calculated for each analyte from the pooled accepted analyses generated from the certification program.***

Homogeneity Evaluation

The tolerance limits (ISO 16269:2014) [6] shown in Tables 1 and 2 were determined using an analysis of precision errors method and are considered a conservative estimate of true homogeneity. The meaning of tolerance limits may be illustrated for zinc by 4-acid digestion, where 99 % of the time ($1-\alpha=0.99$) at least 95 % of subsamples ($\rho=0.95$) will have concentrations lying between 4.69 wt. % and 4.82 wt. %. Put more precisely, this means that if the same number of subsamples were taken and analysed in the same manner repeatedly, 99 % of the tolerance intervals so constructed would cover at least 95 % of the total population, and 1% of the tolerance intervals would cover less than 95 % of the total population. ***Please note that tolerance limits pertain to the homogeneity of the CRM only and should not be used as control limits for laboratory performance.***

Based on the statistical analysis of the results of the interlaboratory certification program, it can be concluded that OREAS 314 is fit-for-purpose as a certified reference material (see 'Intended Use' below).

PERFORMANCE GATES

Table 6 below shows intervals calculated for two and three standard deviations. As a guide these intervals may be regarded as warning or rejection for multiple 2SD outliers, or rejection for individual 3SD outliers in QC monitoring, although their precise application should be at the discretion of the QC manager concerned (also see 'Intended Use' section below). Westgard Rules extend the basics of single-rule QC monitoring using multi-rules (for more information visit www.westgard.com/mltirule.htm). A second method utilises a 5 % window calculated directly from the certified value.

Standard deviation is also shown in relative percent for one, two and three relative standard deviations (1RSD, 2RSD and 3RSD) to facilitate an appreciation of the magnitude of these numbers and a comparison with the 5% window. Caution should be exercised when concentration levels approach lower limits of detection of the analytical methods employed as performance gates calculated from standard deviations tend to be excessively wide whereas those determined by the 5% method are too narrow. One approach used at commercial laboratories is to set the acceptance criteria at twice the detection level (DL) ± 10 %.

i.e., Certified Value ± 10 % $\pm 2DL$ [1].

Table 6. Performance Gates for OREAS 314.

Constituent	Certified Value	Absolute Standard Deviations					Relative Standard Deviations			5 % window	
		1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion											
Ag, ppm	54.8	1.81	51.2	58.5	49.4	60.3	3.31%	6.62%	9.93%	52.1	57.6
Al, wt. %	4.97	0.202	4.57	5.38	4.37	5.58	4.06%	8.13%	12.19%	4.72	5.22
As, ppm	99	4.5	90	108	86	113	4.53%	9.06%	13.59%	94	104
Be, ppm	2.03	0.142	1.75	2.31	1.60	2.46	7.01%	14.02%	21.02%	1.93	2.13
Bi, ppm	0.42	0.026	0.37	0.48	0.35	0.50	6.18%	12.36%	18.55%	0.40	0.44
Ca, wt. %	1.06	0.035	0.99	1.13	0.96	1.17	3.28%	6.57%	9.85%	1.01	1.12
Cd, ppm	151	8	134	167	126	175	5.37%	10.74%	16.11%	143	158
Ce, ppm	58	4.5	49	67	45	72	7.63%	15.27%	22.90%	55	61
Co, ppm	29.9	1.32	27.2	32.5	25.9	33.8	4.41%	8.82%	13.23%	28.4	31.4
Cr, ppm	88	9	70	107	61	116	10.50%	21.00%	31.50%	84	93
Cs, ppm	3.40	0.168	3.07	3.74	2.90	3.91	4.94%	9.88%	14.82%	3.23	3.57
Cu, wt. %	0.035	0.001	0.033	0.037	0.032	0.038	2.57%	5.15%	7.72%	0.033	0.037
Dy, ppm	2.75	0.43	1.90	3.61	1.47	4.03	15.49%	30.98%	46.47%	2.62	2.89
Er, ppm	1.36	0.19	0.97	1.74	0.78	1.93	14.12%	28.24%	42.36%	1.29	1.42
Eu, ppm	0.95	0.035	0.88	1.02	0.85	1.06	3.67%	7.34%	11.01%	0.91	1.00
Fe, wt. %	5.14	0.152	4.84	5.44	4.68	5.60	2.96%	5.91%	8.87%	4.88	5.40
Ga, ppm	14.6	1.12	12.3	16.8	11.2	17.9	7.66%	15.33%	22.99%	13.8	15.3
Gd, ppm	3.93	0.158	3.62	4.25	3.46	4.41	4.01%	8.02%	12.03%	3.74	4.13
Ge, ppm	0.14	0.03	0.07	0.21	0.04	0.24	24.45%	48.89%	73.34%	0.13	0.15
Hf, ppm	1.98	0.138	1.70	2.25	1.56	2.39	6.99%	13.97%	20.96%	1.88	2.08
Ho, ppm	0.51	0.025	0.46	0.56	0.43	0.58	4.97%	9.94%	14.92%	0.48	0.53
In, ppm	0.32	0.022	0.27	0.36	0.25	0.38	6.94%	13.87%	20.81%	0.30	0.33
K, wt. %	2.09	0.042	2.01	2.18	1.96	2.22	2.01%	4.03%	6.04%	1.99	2.20
La, ppm	29.9	3.2	23.5	36.3	20.3	39.5	10.71%	21.42%	32.13%	28.4	31.4
Li, ppm	21.2	1.12	19.0	23.4	17.9	24.6	5.27%	10.55%	15.82%	20.1	22.3
Lu, ppm	0.21	0.04	0.13	0.29	0.09	0.33	19.43%	38.85%	58.28%	0.20	0.22
Mg, wt. %	0.743	0.022	0.698	0.787	0.676	0.809	2.98%	5.96%	8.93%	0.705	0.780
Mn, wt. %	0.100	0.004	0.093	0.108	0.089	0.111	3.69%	7.39%	11.08%	0.095	0.105
Mo, ppm	5.68	0.280	5.12	6.24	4.84	6.52	4.94%	9.88%	14.82%	5.39	5.96
Na, wt. %	0.070	0.007	0.056	0.084	0.049	0.092	10.05%	20.11%	30.16%	0.067	0.074
Nb, ppm	3.24	0.52	2.20	4.28	1.69	4.79	15.98%	31.96%	47.94%	3.08	3.40
Nd, ppm	25.9	2.32	21.3	30.6	19.0	32.9	8.96%	17.92%	26.88%	24.6	27.2
Ni, ppm	21.3	0.98	19.3	23.2	18.4	24.2	4.59%	9.19%	13.78%	20.2	22.3
P, wt. %	0.030	0.001	0.028	0.032	0.027	0.033	3.12%	6.23%	9.35%	0.029	0.032
Pb, wt. %	3.70	0.093	3.52	3.89	3.42	3.98	2.51%	5.02%	7.53%	3.52	3.89
Pr, ppm	6.91	0.666	5.58	8.25	4.92	8.91	9.64%	19.28%	28.91%	6.57	7.26
Rb, ppm	116	6	105	127	99	133	4.84%	9.68%	14.53%	110	122
Re, ppm	< 0.002	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
S, wt. %	5.15	0.255	4.64	5.66	4.38	5.91	4.95%	9.90%	14.85%	4.89	5.40
Sb, ppm	31.7	2.12	27.4	35.9	25.3	38.0	6.70%	13.40%	20.10%	30.1	33.2
Sc, ppm	8.89	0.729	7.44	10.35	6.71	11.08	8.20%	16.40%	24.60%	8.45	9.34
Sm, ppm	4.84	0.333	4.17	5.51	3.84	5.84	6.89%	13.77%	20.66%	4.60	5.08
Sn, ppm	2.69	0.27	2.15	3.23	1.88	3.50	10.06%	20.12%	30.19%	2.56	2.83

SI unit equivalents: ppm (parts per million; 1×10^{-6}) \equiv mg/kg; wt. % (weight per cent) \equiv % (mass fraction).

Note 1: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding.

Note 2: the number of decimal places quoted does not imply accuracy of the certified value to this level but are given to minimise rounding errors when calculating 2SD and 3SD windows.

Table 6 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	Absolute Standard Deviations					Relative Standard Deviations			5 % window	
		1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion continued											
Sr, ppm	37.4	1.82	33.8	41.0	32.0	42.9	4.86%	9.72%	14.57%	35.5	39.3
Ta, ppm	0.24	0.07	0.09	0.39	0.01	0.46	31.32%	62.64%	93.95%	0.23	0.25
Tb, ppm	0.50	0.08	0.34	0.66	0.26	0.74	16.10%	32.19%	48.29%	0.48	0.53
Te, ppm	0.095	0.025	0.044	0.146	0.018	0.171	26.84%	53.67%	80.51%	0.090	0.100
Th, ppm	10.4	0.63	9.2	11.7	8.5	12.3	6.09%	12.17%	18.26%	9.9	10.9
Ti, wt. %	0.157	0.012	0.133	0.182	0.120	0.194	7.79%	15.57%	23.36%	0.149	0.165
Tl, ppm	22.4	1.73	19.0	25.9	17.2	27.6	7.72%	15.45%	23.17%	21.3	23.6
Tm, ppm	0.19	0.03	0.12	0.25	0.09	0.29	17.99%	35.98%	53.96%	0.18	0.20
U, ppm	3.56	0.243	3.07	4.04	2.83	4.29	6.81%	13.63%	20.44%	3.38	3.74
V, ppm	144	4	135	152	131	157	3.00%	6.00%	9.00%	136	151
W, ppm	1.41	0.128	1.15	1.67	1.02	1.79	9.10%	18.20%	27.30%	1.34	1.48
Y, ppm	14.5	2.2	10.2	18.8	8.1	21.0	14.82%	29.65%	44.47%	13.8	15.3
Yb, ppm	1.46	0.28	0.90	2.02	0.62	2.30	19.17%	38.34%	57.52%	1.39	1.53
Zn, wt. %	4.75	0.130	4.49	5.01	4.36	5.14	2.74%	5.49%	8.23%	4.51	4.99
Zr, ppm	66	3.7	59	74	55	77	5.54%	11.08%	16.62%	63	70
Aqua Regia Digestion											
Ag, ppm	54.0	2.14	49.7	58.3	47.5	60.4	3.97%	7.94%	11.91%	51.3	56.7
Al, wt. %	0.589	0.050	0.489	0.688	0.440	0.738	8.43%	16.87%	25.30%	0.559	0.618
As, ppm	99	5.1	89	109	83	114	5.15%	10.30%	15.45%	94	104
Au, ppm	< 0.02	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
B, ppm	< 10	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Be, ppm	0.45	0.026	0.40	0.51	0.38	0.53	5.75%	11.50%	17.24%	0.43	0.48
Bi, ppm	0.28	0.03	0.22	0.34	0.19	0.38	11.03%	22.05%	33.08%	0.27	0.30
Ca, wt. %	1.05	0.036	0.97	1.12	0.94	1.15	3.43%	6.86%	10.29%	0.99	1.10
Cd, ppm	144	9	127	162	119	170	5.95%	11.91%	17.86%	137	152
Ce, ppm	35.7	9.4	16.9	54.5	7.5	63.9	26.34%	52.68%	79.02%	33.9	37.5
Co, ppm	29.2	2.32	24.5	33.8	22.2	36.1	7.96%	15.93%	23.89%	27.7	30.6
Cr, ppm	24.9	2.6	19.6	30.1	17.0	32.7	10.51%	21.02%	31.53%	23.6	26.1
Cs, ppm	0.89	0.14	0.61	1.16	0.47	1.30	15.51%	31.02%	46.52%	0.84	0.93
Cu, wt. %	0.035	0.001	0.032	0.038	0.031	0.039	3.90%	7.80%	11.70%	0.033	0.037
Fe, wt. %	4.92	0.178	4.56	5.27	4.38	5.45	3.63%	7.26%	10.88%	4.67	5.16
Ga, ppm	2.17	0.39	1.39	2.94	1.01	3.33	17.87%	35.73%	53.60%	2.06	2.27
Ge, ppm	0.078	0.011	0.057	0.099	0.047	0.110	13.44%	26.89%	40.33%	0.074	0.082
Hf, ppm	0.34	0.06	0.23	0.45	0.17	0.51	16.68%	33.36%	50.05%	0.32	0.35
Hg, ppm	0.59	0.06	0.47	0.71	0.41	0.77	10.28%	20.57%	30.85%	0.56	0.62
In, ppm	0.28	0.018	0.24	0.31	0.22	0.33	6.38%	12.76%	19.14%	0.26	0.29
K, wt. %	0.235	0.018	0.200	0.270	0.182	0.288	7.48%	14.97%	22.45%	0.223	0.247
La, ppm	16.0	2.3	11.4	20.6	9.0	23.0	14.49%	28.97%	43.46%	15.2	16.8
Li, ppm	3.99	0.53	2.93	5.06	2.40	5.59	13.32%	26.65%	39.97%	3.80	4.19
Mg, wt. %	0.527	0.026	0.475	0.578	0.449	0.604	4.88%	9.77%	14.65%	0.500	0.553
Mn, wt. %	0.098	0.005	0.089	0.108	0.084	0.112	4.84%	9.68%	14.53%	0.093	0.103
Mo, ppm	5.43	0.442	4.55	6.32	4.11	6.76	8.14%	16.28%	24.41%	5.16	5.70
Nb, ppm	< 0.05	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND

SI unit equivalents: ppm (parts per million; 1×10^{-6}) \equiv mg/kg; wt. % (weight per cent) \equiv % (mass fraction).

Note 1: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding; IND = indeterminate.

Note 2: the number of decimal places quoted does not imply accuracy of the certified value to this level but are given to minimise rounding errors when calculating 2SD and 3SD windows.

Table 6 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	Absolute Standard Deviations					Relative Standard Deviations			5 % window	
		1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
Aqua Regia Digestion continued											
Ni, ppm	18.4	1.63	15.1	21.6	13.5	23.3	8.86%	17.73%	26.59%	17.5	19.3
P, wt. %	0.026	0.001	0.024	0.028	0.023	0.029	3.99%	7.98%	11.97%	0.024	0.027
Pb, wt. %	3.67	0.097	3.48	3.87	3.38	3.96	2.63%	5.27%	7.90%	3.49	3.86
Rb, ppm	14.2	1.9	10.4	18.0	8.5	19.9	13.33%	26.67%	40.00%	13.5	14.9
S, wt. %	5.07	0.184	4.70	5.44	4.52	5.63	3.63%	7.27%	10.90%	4.82	5.33
Sb, ppm	22.2	2.7	16.8	27.7	14.1	30.4	12.24%	24.48%	36.72%	21.1	23.3
Sc, ppm	1.64	0.17	1.30	1.98	1.12	2.16	10.49%	20.97%	31.46%	1.56	1.72
Se, ppm	2.13	0.76	0.61	3.66	0.00	4.42	35.65%	71.29%	106.94%	2.03	2.24
Sn, ppm	0.49	0.07	0.36	0.62	0.29	0.68	13.49%	26.98%	40.47%	0.46	0.51
Sr, ppm	12.1	2.4	7.3	16.9	4.9	19.2	19.74%	39.48%	59.22%	11.5	12.7
Ta, ppm	< 0.01	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Tb, ppm	0.31	0.03	0.24	0.38	0.21	0.41	10.79%	21.57%	32.36%	0.29	0.33
Te, ppm	0.083	0.016	0.051	0.116	0.034	0.132	19.56%	39.12%	58.68%	0.079	0.087
Th, ppm	6.64	0.549	5.54	7.73	4.99	8.28	8.28%	16.55%	24.83%	6.30	6.97
Ti, wt. %	0.005	0.001	0.003	0.006	0.002	0.007	19.55%	39.10%	58.65%	0.004	0.005
Tl, ppm	15.9	1.18	13.6	18.3	12.4	19.5	7.41%	14.82%	22.22%	15.1	16.7
U, ppm	1.86	0.182	1.49	2.22	1.31	2.40	9.78%	19.55%	29.33%	1.76	1.95
V, ppm	17.2	1.66	13.9	20.5	12.3	22.2	9.62%	19.24%	28.86%	16.4	18.1
W, ppm	0.14	0.02	0.10	0.18	0.08	0.20	14.33%	28.66%	42.99%	0.13	0.14
Y, ppm	5.42	0.424	4.57	6.27	4.15	6.70	7.82%	15.65%	23.47%	5.15	5.69
Yb, ppm	0.55	0.040	0.47	0.63	0.43	0.67	7.33%	14.66%	21.99%	0.52	0.57
Zn, wt. %	4.66	0.086	4.48	4.83	4.40	4.91	1.85%	3.70%	5.54%	4.42	4.89
Zr, ppm	10.5	0.99	8.5	12.5	7.5	13.5	9.43%	18.85%	28.28%	10.0	11.0
Borate Fusion XRF											
Al ₂ O ₃ , wt. %	9.63	0.095	9.44	9.82	9.34	9.91	0.99%	1.97%	2.96%	9.15	10.11
BaO, wt. %	0.212	0.009	0.194	0.230	0.184	0.239	4.32%	8.64%	12.95%	0.201	0.222
Bi, ppm	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
CaO, wt. %	1.49	0.031	1.43	1.55	1.40	1.58	2.06%	4.11%	6.17%	1.41	1.56
Cr ₂ O ₃ , ppm	134	23	88	179	65	202	17.04%	34.09%	51.13%	127	140
Cu, wt. %	0.034	0.004	0.026	0.042	0.023	0.046	11.44%	22.88%	34.32%	0.033	0.036
Fe ₂ O ₃ , wt. %	7.50	0.109	7.28	7.71	7.17	7.82	1.45%	2.90%	4.35%	7.12	7.87
HfO ₂ , ppm	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
K ₂ O, wt. %	2.53	0.030	2.47	2.58	2.44	2.61	1.17%	2.35%	3.52%	2.40	2.65
MgO, wt. %	1.26	0.058	1.15	1.38	1.09	1.44	4.60%	9.19%	13.79%	1.20	1.32
MnO, wt. %	0.132	0.004	0.123	0.140	0.119	0.144	3.26%	6.51%	9.77%	0.125	0.138
P ₂ O ₅ , wt. %	0.068	0.006	0.056	0.080	0.050	0.086	8.85%	17.69%	26.54%	0.064	0.071
Pb, wt. %	3.66	0.097	3.47	3.86	3.37	3.96	2.66%	5.32%	7.98%	3.48	3.85
S, wt. %	5.31	0.095	5.12	5.50	5.03	5.60	1.80%	3.59%	5.39%	5.05	5.58
SiO ₂ , wt. %	58.96	0.511	57.94	59.98	57.42	60.49	0.87%	1.73%	2.60%	56.01	61.91
Sn, ppm	< 50	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
TiO ₂ , wt. %	0.400	0.017	0.366	0.435	0.348	0.452	4.33%	8.67%	13.00%	0.380	0.420
Zn, wt. %	4.65	0.101	4.45	4.86	4.35	4.96	2.17%	4.35%	6.52%	4.42	4.89

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Table 6 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	Absolute Standard Deviations					Relative Standard Deviations			5 % window	
		1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
Thermogravimetry											
LOI ¹⁰⁰⁰ , wt.%	7.61	0.206	7.20	8.02	7.00	8.23	2.70%	5.40%	8.10%	7.23	7.99
Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP											
Al, wt.%	5.00	0.126	4.75	5.25	4.62	5.38	2.52%	5.04%	7.55%	4.75	5.25
As, ppm	100	4	92	108	88	112	4.10%	8.21%	12.31%	95	105
Ba, wt.%	0.190	0.005	0.180	0.200	0.175	0.205	2.60%	5.20%	7.80%	0.180	0.199
Be, ppm	2.16	0.31	1.53	2.79	1.22	3.10	14.58%	29.15%	43.73%	2.05	2.27
Bi, ppm	0.43	0.05	0.34	0.52	0.29	0.57	10.84%	21.68%	32.52%	0.41	0.45
Ca, wt.%	1.05	0.066	0.92	1.19	0.86	1.25	6.26%	12.51%	18.77%	1.00	1.11
Cd, ppm	148	4	139	157	135	162	2.99%	5.99%	8.98%	141	156
Ce, ppm	62	2.5	57	67	54	69	4.06%	8.12%	12.18%	58	65
Co, ppm	30.1	2.01	26.1	34.1	24.0	36.1	6.67%	13.35%	20.02%	28.6	31.6
Cr, ppm	109	16	77	140	62	156	14.45%	28.90%	43.35%	103	114
Cs, ppm	3.49	0.176	3.14	3.84	2.96	4.02	5.05%	10.10%	15.14%	3.31	3.66
Cu, wt.%	0.035	0.002	0.031	0.039	0.030	0.041	5.28%	10.56%	15.84%	0.033	0.037
Dy, ppm	3.70	0.199	3.30	4.09	3.10	4.29	5.39%	10.78%	16.16%	3.51	3.88
Er, ppm	2.15	0.097	1.96	2.35	1.86	2.44	4.53%	9.06%	13.59%	2.04	2.26
Eu, ppm	1.03	0.097	0.84	1.23	0.74	1.33	9.36%	18.73%	28.09%	0.98	1.09
Fe, wt.%	5.21	0.120	4.97	5.45	4.85	5.57	2.30%	4.60%	6.89%	4.95	5.47
Ga, ppm	15.1	0.79	13.5	16.7	12.7	17.4	5.24%	10.47%	15.71%	14.3	15.8
Gd, ppm	4.61	0.395	3.82	5.40	3.42	5.79	8.57%	17.15%	25.72%	4.38	4.84
Ge, ppm	7.84	0.732	6.38	9.31	5.65	10.04	9.33%	18.67%	28.00%	7.45	8.24
Hf, ppm	2.97	0.179	2.61	3.32	2.43	3.50	6.03%	12.05%	18.08%	2.82	3.11
Ho, ppm	0.72	0.037	0.65	0.80	0.61	0.84	5.13%	10.25%	15.38%	0.69	0.76
In, ppm	0.31	0.04	0.22	0.39	0.18	0.43	13.80%	27.60%	41.39%	0.29	0.32
K, wt.%	2.12	0.059	2.00	2.24	1.94	2.30	2.80%	5.60%	8.40%	2.02	2.23
La, ppm	32.7	1.86	28.9	36.4	27.1	38.2	5.69%	11.39%	17.08%	31.0	34.3
Li, ppm	21.3	1.36	18.6	24.0	17.2	25.4	6.37%	12.74%	19.10%	20.2	22.4
Lu, ppm	0.30	0.011	0.28	0.33	0.27	0.34	3.58%	7.15%	10.73%	0.29	0.32
Mg, wt.%	0.762	0.017	0.727	0.797	0.710	0.814	2.27%	4.54%	6.82%	0.724	0.800
Mn, wt.%	0.101	0.003	0.096	0.107	0.093	0.109	2.74%	5.48%	8.23%	0.096	0.106
Mo, ppm	5.86	0.86	4.15	7.57	3.29	8.42	14.61%	29.22%	43.82%	5.56	6.15
Nb, ppm	7.95	1.33	5.30	10.61	3.97	11.93	16.68%	33.36%	50.03%	7.56	8.35
Nd, ppm	28.4	1.66	25.1	31.7	23.4	33.4	5.84%	11.68%	17.52%	27.0	29.8
Ni, ppm	24.8	6.6	11.6	37.9	5.1	44.4	26.50%	52.99%	79.49%	23.5	26.0
P, wt.%	0.031	0.001	0.028	0.034	0.027	0.035	4.39%	8.77%	13.16%	0.029	0.033
Pb, wt.%	3.59	0.081	3.43	3.75	3.35	3.84	2.26%	4.52%	6.78%	3.41	3.77
Pr, ppm	7.53	0.274	6.98	8.08	6.71	8.35	3.64%	7.29%	10.93%	7.15	7.91
Rb, ppm	118	5	107	129	102	134	4.60%	9.21%	13.81%	112	124
S, wt.%	5.25	0.125	5.00	5.50	4.87	5.62	2.38%	4.77%	7.15%	4.98	5.51
Sb, ppm	34.8	2.00	30.8	38.8	28.8	40.8	5.75%	11.50%	17.25%	33.0	36.5
Sc, ppm	8.73	0.812	7.11	10.35	6.30	11.17	9.30%	18.59%	27.89%	8.29	9.17
Si, wt.%	27.83	0.697	26.44	29.22	25.74	29.92	2.50%	5.01%	7.51%	26.44	29.22
Sm, ppm	5.23	0.329	4.57	5.89	4.24	6.22	6.30%	12.59%	18.89%	4.97	5.49

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Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP continued											
Sn, ppm	2.68	0.33	2.02	3.34	1.69	3.67	12.36%	24.72%	37.09%	2.54	2.81
Sr, ppm	41.0	3.17	34.6	47.3	31.5	50.5	7.73%	15.46%	23.20%	38.9	43.0
Ta, ppm	0.72	0.050	0.62	0.82	0.57	0.87	6.99%	13.98%	20.97%	0.68	0.75
Tb, ppm	0.64	0.040	0.56	0.72	0.52	0.76	6.24%	12.47%	18.71%	0.61	0.67
Th, ppm	10.8	0.32	10.2	11.5	9.9	11.8	2.99%	5.98%	8.96%	10.3	11.4
Ti, wt. %	0.238	0.007	0.224	0.253	0.217	0.260	3.02%	6.03%	9.05%	0.226	0.250
Tl, ppm	22.6	0.78	21.1	24.2	20.3	25.0	3.46%	6.92%	10.38%	21.5	23.7
Tm, ppm	0.31	0.015	0.28	0.34	0.26	0.35	4.99%	9.97%	14.96%	0.29	0.32
U, ppm	3.76	0.193	3.37	4.15	3.18	4.34	5.14%	10.27%	15.41%	3.57	3.95
V, ppm	150	5	141	159	137	164	3.00%	6.00%	9.00%	143	158
Y, ppm	20.7	1.10	18.5	22.9	17.4	24.0	5.34%	10.68%	16.02%	19.6	21.7
Yb, ppm	2.04	0.095	1.85	2.23	1.75	2.33	4.68%	9.35%	14.03%	1.94	2.14
Zn, wt. %	4.66	0.076	4.51	4.81	4.43	4.88	1.62%	3.24%	4.87%	4.42	4.89
Zr, ppm	102	6	90	114	84	119	5.75%	11.50%	17.25%	97	107
Infrared Combustion											
C, wt. %	1.34	0.040	1.26	1.42	1.22	1.46	2.95%	5.90%	8.85%	1.27	1.41
S, wt. %	5.30	0.111	5.08	5.52	4.97	5.63	2.09%	4.19%	6.28%	5.03	5.56

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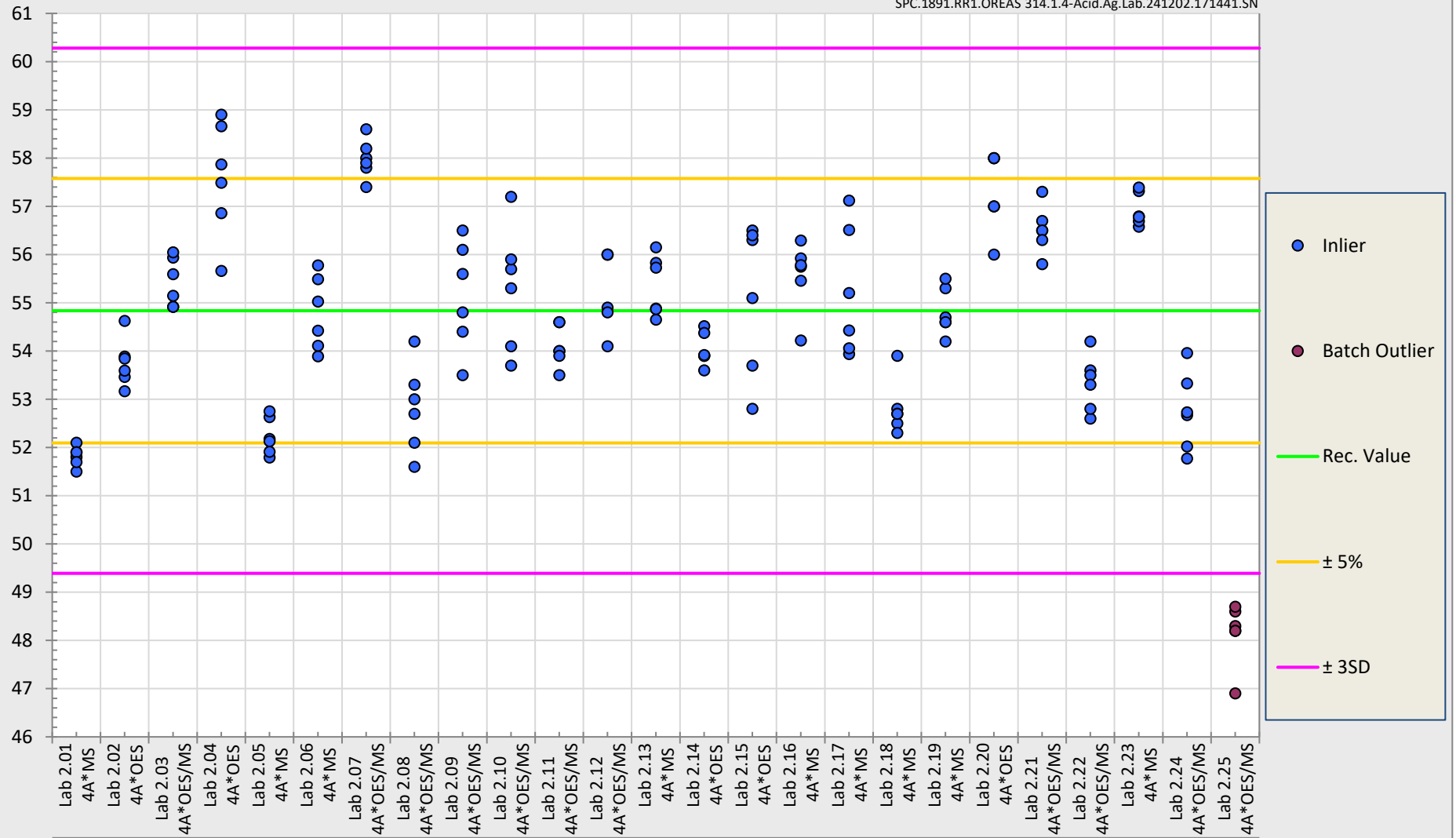
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Figure 1. Ag by 4-Acid Digestion in OREAS 314

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Figure 2. Pb by 4-Acid Digestion in OREAS 314

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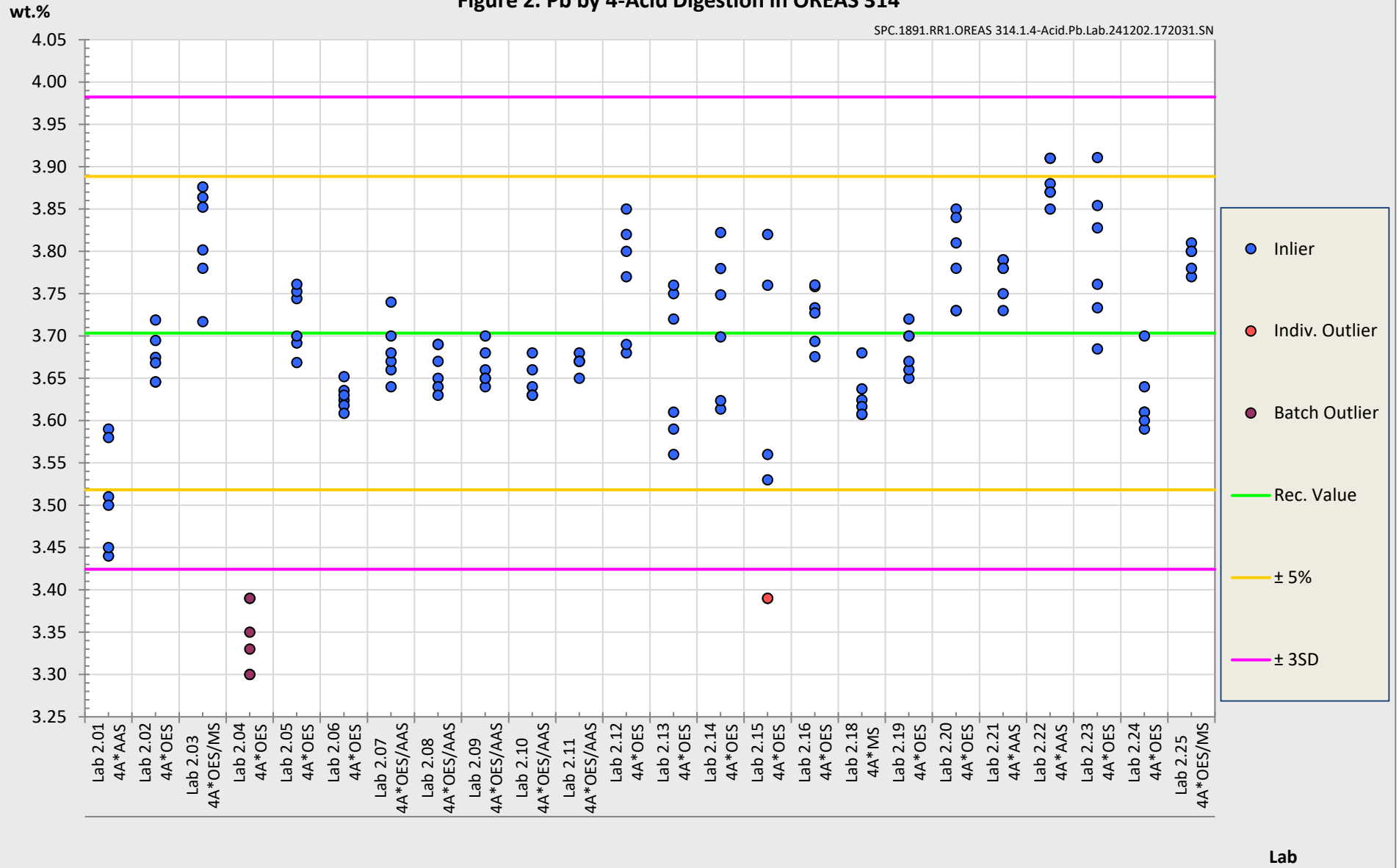
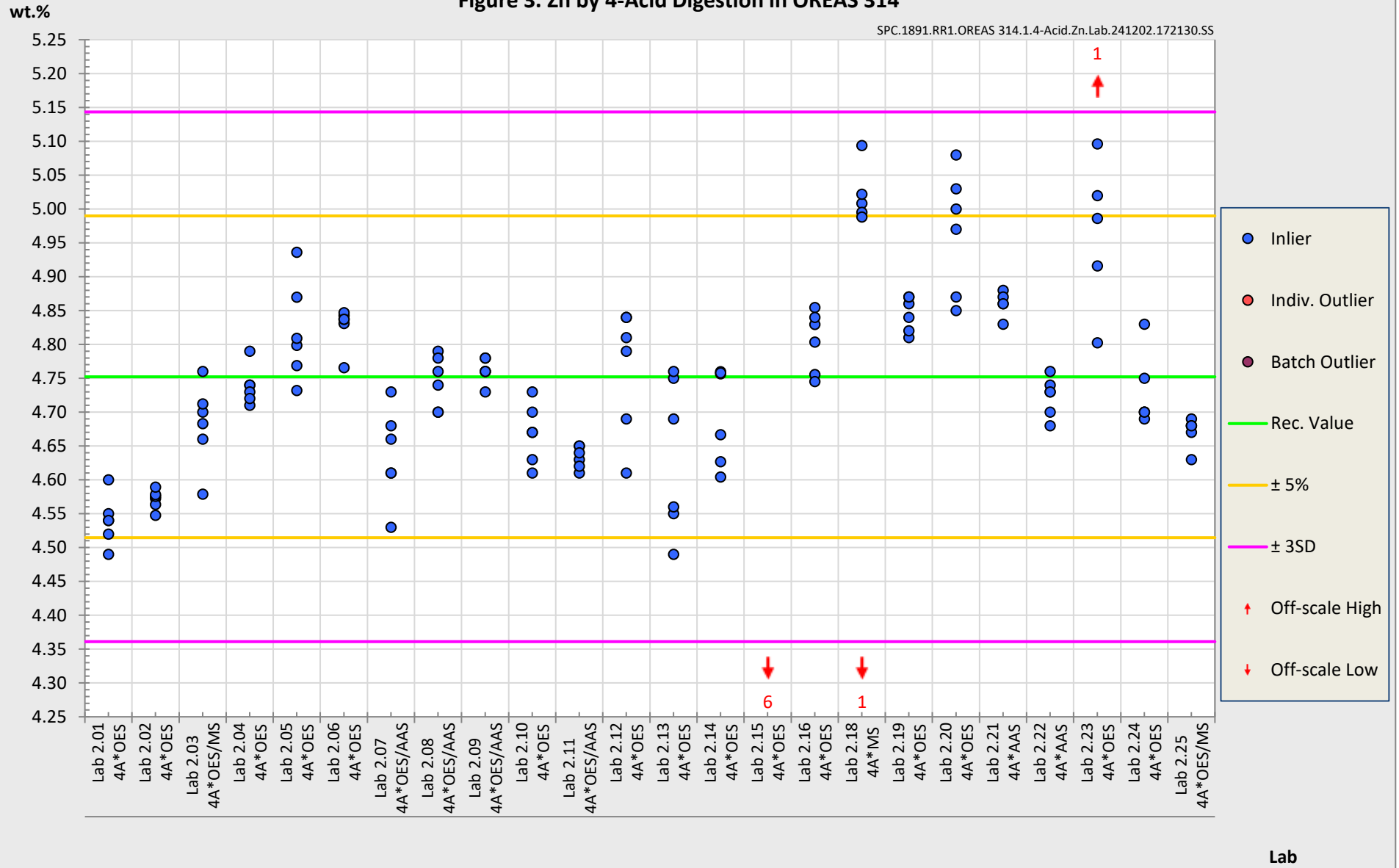


Figure 3. Zn by 4-Acid Digestion in OREAS 314

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METROLOGICAL TRACEABILITY

The interlaboratory results that underpin the certified values are metrologically traceable to the international measurement scale (SI) of mass (either as a % mass fraction or as milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg)) [14]. In line with popular use, all data within tables in this certificate are expressed as the mass fraction in either weight percent (wt. %) or parts per million (ppm).

The analytical samples sent to participating laboratories were selected in a manner to be representative of the entire prepared batch of CRM. This representativeness was maintained in each submitted laboratory sample batch and ensures the user that the data is traceable from sample selection through to the analytical results. The systematic sampling method was chosen due to the low risk of overlooking repetitive effects or trends in the batch due to the way the CRM was processed. In line with ISO 17025 [8], each analytical data set received from the participating laboratories has been validated by its assayer through the inclusion of internal reference materials and QC checks during and post analysis.

The participating laboratories were chosen on the basis of their competence (from past performance in interlaboratory programs undertaken by ORE Pty Ltd) for a particular analytical method, analyte or analyte suite and sample matrix. These laboratories are accredited to ISO 17025 for 4-acid digestion (Table 1). The other operationally defined measurands characterised in this certificate (Table 2) are derived from data procured mostly from ISO 17025 accredited laboratories. The certified values presented in this report are calculated from the means of accepted data following robust technical and statistical analysis as detailed in this report.

Guide ISO/TR 16476:2016 [7], section 5.3.1 describes metrological traceability in reference materials as it pertains to the transformation of the measurand. In this section it states, *“Although the determination of the property value itself can be made traceable to appropriate units through, for example, calibration of the measurement equipment used, steps like the transformation of the sample from one physical (chemical) state to another cannot. Such transformations may only be compared with a reference (when available), or among themselves. For some transformations, reference methods have been defined and may be used in certification projects to evaluate the uncertainty associated with such a transformation. In other cases, only a comparison among different laboratories using the same procedure is possible. In this case, it is impossible to demonstrate absence of method bias; therefore, the result is an operationally defined measurand (ISO Guide 33405:2024-05, 9.2.4c) [4].”* Certification takes place on the basis of agreement among operationally defined, independent measurement results.

COMMUTABILITY

The measurements of the results that underlie the certified values contained in this report were undertaken by methods involving pre-treatment (fusion/digestion) of the sample. This served to reduce the sample to a simple and well understood form permitting calibration using simple solutions of the CRM. Due to these methods being well understood and highly effective, commutability is not an issue for this CRM. All OREAS CRMs are sourced from natural ore minerals meaning they will display similar behaviour as routine 'field' samples in the relevant measurement process. Care should be taken to ensure 'matrix matching' as close as practically achievable. The matrix and mineralisation style of the CRM is described in the 'Source Material' section and users should select appropriate CRMs matching these attributes to the field samples being analysed.

INTENDED USE

OREAS 314 is intended to cover all activities needed to produce a measurement result. This includes extraction, possible separation steps and the actual measurement process (the signal producing step). OREAS 314 may be used to calibrate the entire procedure by producing a pure substance CRM transformed into a calibration solution.

OREAS 314 is intended for the following uses:

- For the monitoring of laboratory performance in the analysis of analytes reported in Tables 1 and 2 in geological samples;
- For the verification of analytical methods for analytes reported in Tables 1 and 2;
- For the calibration of instruments used in the determination of the concentration of analytes reported in Tables 1 and 2. When a value provided in this certificate is used to calibrate a measurement process, the uncertainty associated with that value should be appropriately propagated into the user's uncertainty calculation. Users can determine an approximation of the standard uncertainty by calculating one fourth of the width of the Expanded Uncertainty interval given in this certificate (Expanded Uncertainty intervals are provided in Tables 1 and 2).

MINIMUM SAMPLE SIZE

To relate analytical determinations to the values in this certificate, the minimum mass of sample used should match the typical mass that the laboratories used in the interlaboratory (round robin) certification program. This means that different minimum sample masses should be used depending on the operationally defined methodology as follows:

- 4-acid digestion with ICP-OES and/or MS finish: ≥ 0.25 g;
- Aqua regia digestion with ICP-OES and/or MS finish: ≥ 0.5 g;
- Lithium borate fusion with X-ray fluorescence finish: ≥ 0.2 g;
- Loss on Ignition (LOI) at 1000 °C: ≥ 1 g;
- Sodium peroxide fusion with ICP-OES and/or MS finish: ≥ 0.2 g;
- C and S by infrared combustion furnace/CS analyser: ≥ 0.1 g.

PERIOD OF VALIDITY & STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

The certification of OREAS 314 remains valid, within the specified measurement uncertainties, until at least June 2039, provided the CRM is handled and stored in accordance with the instructions given below. This certification is nullified if the CRM is any way changed or contaminated.

Store in a clean and cool dry place away from direct sunlight.

Long-term stability will be monitored at appropriate intervals and purchasers notified if any changes are observed. The period of validity may well be indefinite and will be reassessed prior to expiry with the aim of extending the validity if possible.

Single-use sachets

Following analysis of the CRM subsample it is the manufacturers' expectation that any remaining material is discarded. The stability of the material after opening the sachet is not within the scope of proper use. However, if opened sachets are resealed after opening, then under ordinary* storage conditions the CRM will have a shelf-life beyond ten years.

**ordinary storage conditions: means storage not in direct sunlight in a dry, clean, well-ventilated area at temperatures between -5 °C and 50 °C.*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING & CORRECT USE

Pre-homogenisation of the CRM prior to subsampling and analysis is not necessary as there is no particle segregation under transport [12].

Fine powders pose a risk to eyes and lungs and therefore standard precautions including the use of safety glasses and dust masks are advised.

QC monitoring using multiples of the Standard Deviation (SD)

In the application of SD's in monitoring performance it is important to note that not all laboratories function at the same level of proficiency and that different methods in use at a particular laboratory have differing levels of precision. Each laboratory has its own inherent SD (for a specific concentration level and analyte-method pair) based on the analytical process and this SD is not directly related to the round robin program.

The majority of data generated in the round robin program was produced by a selection of world class laboratories. The SD's thus generated are more constrained than those that would be produced across a randomly selected group of laboratories. To produce more generally achievable SD's the 'pooled' SD's provided in this report include interlaboratory bias. This 'one size fits all' approach may require revision at the discretion of the QC manager concerned following careful scrutiny of QC control charts.

The performance gates shown in Table 6 are intended only to be used as a preliminary guide as to what a laboratory may be able to achieve. Over a period of time monitoring your own laboratory's data for this CRM, SD's should be calculated directly from your own laboratory's process. This will enable you to establish more specific performance gates that are fit for purpose for your application as well as the ability to monitor bias. If your long-term trend analysis shows an average value that is within the 95 % expanded uncertainty then generally there is no cause for concern in regard to bias.

For use with the aqua regia digestion method

It is important to note that in the analytical industry there is no standardisation of the aqua regia digestion process. This method is a partial empirical digest and differences in recoveries for various analytes are commonplace. These are caused by variations in the digest conditions and can include the ratio of nitric to hydrochloric acids, acid strength, temperatures, leach times and secondary digestions. Recoveries for sulphide-hosted base metal sulphides approach total values, however, other analytes, in particular the lithophile elements, show greater sensitivity to method parameters. This can result in lack of consensus in an inter-laboratory certification program for these elements.

The approach applied here is to report certified values in those instances where reasonable agreement exists amongst a majority of participating laboratories. The results of specific laboratories may differ significantly from the certified values, but will, nonetheless, be valid and reproducible in the context of the specifics of the aqua regia method in use. Users of this reference material should, therefore, be mindful of this limitation when applying the certified values in a quality control program.

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