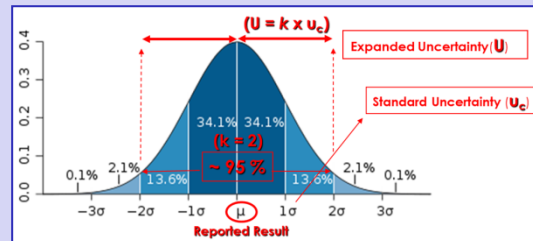


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for Pesticide Residues Analysis in Food and Feed

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# Measurement Uncertainty (MU) in the DG-SANTE AQC Document

## Part I

*Estimation of Measurement Uncertainty of Results  
based on intra-laboratory validation/QC data*

*(SANTE/12682/2019: Appendix C – Approach 1)*

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## **Two important premises useful to understand the DG-SANTE AQC criteria on Measurement Uncertainty (MU)**

**The nature of the test methods used in pesticide residue analysis precludes a rigorous, and statistically valid, calculation of MU**  
*(supported by the accreditation standard ISO/IEC 17025)*

**In multi-residue analysis of pesticides, it is not the goal to obtain very accurate MU estimates for one specific pesticide in a particular matrix. It is more important to obtain an overall and realistic estimate for a wide variety of materials and analyte levels covered by the validated scope**  
*(supported by the EURACHEM / CITAC Guide CG 4)*



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New Example based  
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### *Examples for the estimation of measurement uncertainty of results*

#### **Intra-Laboratory Validation/QC/PTs Data**

CAC/GL 59-2006 – Amendment 2011 (Annex)

*«These approaches do not include the uncertainty component associated to the heterogeneity of the laboratory sample»*

Relative  
Standard  
Uncertainty

$$U' = (U'_{\text{precision}}{}^2 + U'_{\text{bias}}{}^2)^{1/2}$$



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Examples for the estimation of measurement uncertainty of results

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CAC/GL 59-2006 – Amendment 2011 (Annex)

Relative Intra-Laboratory Reproducibility (RSD<sub>wR</sub>)

Relative Standard Uncertainty

$$U' = (U'_{\text{precision}}{}^2 + U'_{\text{bias}}{}^2)^{1/2}$$

Validation/QC Data

$$(\sum(\text{bias})^2/N)^{1/2}$$

Proficiency Tests

**Approach 2**  
in Appendix C

$$(U'_{\text{bias}})_{\text{PT}}$$

Root Mean Square of relative PTs bias

&

$$U'(C_{\text{ref}})_{\text{PT}}$$





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Intra-Lab Validation/QC

**Approach 1**  
in Appendix C

New

$(U'_{\text{bias}})_{\text{QC}}$   
No-correction

Root Mean Square of relative QC bias

&

$u'(C_{\text{ref}})_{\text{QC}}$

$(U'_{\text{bias}})_{\text{QC}}$   
Mean Rec. Correction

$u'(\text{Mean Rec.})_{\text{QC}}$

&

$u'(C_{\text{ref}})_{\text{QC}}$

$$RSD_{wR}/N^{1/2}$$



## **Uncertainty – Analytical Measurement Guidelines**

**EURACHEM / CITAC Guide CG 4 (QUAM:2012.P1)**

***Quantifying Uncertainty in Analytical Measurement*** (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, 2012)

Example A4: Pesticide Multiresidue Analysis

**NORDTEST Technical Report TR537 (Ed. 3.1)**

***Handbook for Calculation of Measurement Uncertainty in Environmental Laboratories*** (2012)

**EUROLAB Technical Report No. 1/2006**

***Guide to the Evaluation of Measurement Uncertainty  
for Quantitative Test Results*** (2006)

**EUROLAB Technical Report No. 1/2007**

***Measurement Uncertainty Revisited: Alternative Approaches  
to Uncertainty Evaluation*** (2007)

## **Codex Guidelines - Uncertainty - Pesticide Residues**

**CAC/GL 59-2006** (Amendment 2011)

***Guidelines on Estimation of Uncertainty of Results***



## CONCLUSIONS from International Guidelines on the use of intra-laboratory Validation/QC data for estimation of MU

The most accepted approach (Eurachem/Nordtest/Codex) for estimation of the relative standard uncertainty ( $u'$ ) by using just intra-laboratory Validation/QC data:


$$u'^2 = u'(\text{bias})^2 + u'(\text{precision})^2$$

In pesticide residue analysis, both the  $u'(\text{precision})$  component and the  $u'(\text{bias})$  component are estimated by using the same RECOVERY experiments.

Even if the bias is zero, the uncertainty bias component  $u'(\text{bias})$  has to be estimated

$$u(\text{bias}) = \sqrt{RMS_{\text{bias}}^2 + u(C_{\text{ref}})^2} \text{ where } RMS_{\text{bias}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (bias_i)^2}{n_{\text{CRM}}}}$$

Root Mean Square of the Relative Bias

In pesticide residue analysis, when normal **certified standards** and calibrated/verified volumetric material/balances are used, it can be assumed that the uncertainty associated with the spiking level of the recovery tests is negligible  $u'(C_{\text{ref}}) =$  

# Appendix C (SANTE/12682/2019)

## Approach 1: Estimating MU based on intra-laboratory validation/QC data

«This approach does not include the uncertainty component associated to the heterogeneity of the laboratory sample»

### Intra-Laboratory Validation/QC

$$U' = (U'_{\text{bias}}^2 + U'_{\text{precision}}^2)^{1/2}$$

↑  
Relative Standard  
Deviation of Recovery  
(RSD<sub>wR</sub>)

### (N) Recovery Tests

- Recovery (%) = (found level/spiking level)\*100
- Relative bias (bias') (%) = (recovery - 100)
- Mean-recovery (%)
- Mean relative bias (Mean-bias') (%)
- Standard Deviation of recovery (SD-recovery) (%)
- Standard Deviation of relative bias (SD-bias') (%)
- Relative Standard Deviation of recovery (RSD<sub>wR</sub>) (%)

NO RECOVERY CORRECTION

$(U'_{\text{bias}})$   
No-correction

Root Mean Square of  
relative bias

$$(\sum(\text{bias}')^2/N)^{1/2}$$

&

~~$U'(C_{\text{ref}})$~~

RECOVERY CORRECTION

$(U'_{\text{bias}})$   
Mean Rec. Correction

$U'(\text{Mean Rec.})$

&

~~$U'(C_{\text{ref}})$~~

→  
 $RSD_{wR}/N^{1/2}$



# Intra-Laboratory Validation/QC

**NO RECOVERY CORRECTION**

$(U'_{\text{bias}})$   
No-correction

Root Mean Square of relative bias

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Relative Standard Deviation of Recovery (RSD<sub>wR</sub>)

$$(\sum(\text{bias}')^2/N)^{1/2}$$

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(Mean-recovery) - 100

100\*(SD-recovery)/(Mean-recovery)

$U'_{\text{precision}}$



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Root Mean Square of relative bias

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(stdev.p)

Mean Square of relative bias

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$$U'_{\text{bias}}{}^2$$



# Intra-Laboratory Validation/QC

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**NO RECOVERY CORRECTION**

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## Intra-Laboratory Validation/QC

### RECOVERY CORRECTION

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Relative Standard Deviation of Recovery (RSD<sub>wR</sub>)

$(U'_{\text{bias}})$   
Mean Rec. Correction

$U'$  (Mean Recovery)

$RSD_{wR}/N^{1/2}$

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$$100 * (\text{SD-recovery}) / (\text{Mean-recovery})$$

RECOVERY CORRECTION

$$U'^2 = (RSD_{wR})^2 / N + (RSD_{wR})^2$$





## Intra-Laboratory Validation/QC

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RECOVERY CORRECTION

## Simplified formulas

N = 9

N > 9

$$U' = (\text{RSD}_{wR})$$

RECOVERY CORRECTION



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RECOVERY CORRECTION

## Simplified formulas

N > 9

$$u' = (\text{RSD}_{wR})$$

RECOVERY CORRECTION

(SD-bias') ~ (RSD<sub>wR</sub>)

$$u'^2 = (\text{Mean-bias}')^2 + 2 (\text{RSD}_{wR})^2$$

NO RECOVERY CORRECTION

Procedural Calibration / IL-IS addition before extraction

$$u' = 2^{1/2} (\text{RSD}_{wR})$$

Very low bias'



Table I. Example A, pesticide X (low bias, good within-lab reproducibility)

Date	QC samples spiked @0.05 mg/kg	measured (mg/kg)	rel. bias (%) [equation 3]
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22/Feb	cherries	0.052	4
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05/Mar	French beans	0.048	-4
06/Mar	carrots	0.045	-10
22/Mar	Leek	0.037	-26
* N		9	
* mean		0.0478	-4.444
* SD.Pbias (stdev.p) (%)			10.232
standard dev. measured (mg/kg) (stdev.s)		0.00543	
* RSDwR (%)		11.357	
u'(bias) (%) [equation 5]			11.1555
u'(precision) = RSDwR (%) [equation 8]		11.357	
u' combined (%) [equation 2 and 9]		15.920	
U' (expanded MU) (%) [equation 1]		31.839	

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(K = 2; 95%)

RECOVERY CORRECTION

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u' = 15.92 %

U' = 31.84 %

u' = 16 %

(K = 2; 95%)

Simplified Formulas

RECOVERY CORRECTION

$$u'^2 = (\text{RSD}_{wR})^2 / N + (\text{RSD}_{wR})^2$$

$$u'^2 = (11.357 \%)^2 / 9 + (11.357 \%)^2$$

u' = 11.97 %

U' = 23.94 %

u' = 11.5 %

(K = 2; 95%)



Table II. Example B, pesticide Y (high bias, good within-lab reproducibility)

Date	QC sample spiked @0.05 mg/kg	measured (mg/kg)	rel. bias (%)
10/Jan	apple	0.038	-24
26/Jan	pear	0.034	-32
04/Feb	lettuce	0.037	-26
08/Feb	cauliflower	0.042	-16
22/Feb	cherries	0.039	-22
28/Feb	onion	0.034	-32
05/Mar	French beans	0.036	-28
06/Mar	carrots	0.034	-32
22/Mar	Leek	0.028	-44
* N		9	
* mean		0.0358	-28.444
* SD.Pbias (stdev.p) (%)			7.470
standard dev. measured (mg/kg) (stdev.s)		0.00396	
* RSD <sub>wR</sub> (%)		11.073	
u'(bias) (%) [equation 5]			29.4090
u'(precision) = RSD <sub>wR</sub> (%) [equation 8]		11.073	
u' combined (%) [equation 2 and 9]		31.424	
U' (expanded MU) (%) [equation 1]		62.849	

Mean bias' = - 28.4%

Mean Recovery = 71.6%

RSD<sub>wR</sub> = 11.1%

NO RECOVERY CORRECTION





Table II. Example B, pesticide Y (high bias, good within-lab reproducibility)

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NO RECOVERY CORRECTION

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$$u'^2 = (-28.444\%)^2 + (7.47\%)^2 + (11.073\%)^2$$

u' = 31.42 %

U' = 62.85 %

(K = 2; 95%)

RECOVERY CORRECTION

$$u'^2 = (\text{RSD}_{wR})^2/N + (\text{RSD}_{wR})^2$$

$$u'^2 = (11.073\%)^2/9 + (11.073\%)^2$$

u' = 11.67 %

U' = 23.34 %

(K = 2; 95%)



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Date	QC sample spiked @0.05 mg/kg	measured (mg/kg)	rel. bias (%)
10/Jan	apple	0.038	-24
26/Jan	pear	0.034	-32
04/Feb	lettuce	0.037	-26
08/Feb	cauliflower	0.042	-16
22/Feb	cherries	0.039	-22
28/Feb	onion	0.034	-32
05/Mar	French beans	0.036	-28
06/Mar	carrots	0.034	-32
22/Mar	Leek	0.028	-44
* N		9	
* mean		0.0358	-28.444
* SD.Pbias (stdev.p) (%)			7.470
standard dev. measured (mg/kg) (stdev.s)		0.00396	
* RSDwR (%)		11.073	
u'(bias) (%) [equation 5]			29.4090
u'(precision) = RSDwR (%) [equation 8]		11.073	
u' combined (%) [equation 2 and 9]		31.424	
U' (expanded MU) (%) [equation 1]		62.849	

Mean Recovery = 71.6%

RSD<sub>wR</sub> = 11.1%

NO RECOVERY CORRECTION

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$$u'^2 = (\text{Mean-bias}')^2 + (\text{SD-bias}')^2 + (\text{RSD}_{wR})^2$$

$$u'^2 = (-28.444\%)^2 + (7.47\%)^2 + (11.073\%)^2$$

Simplified Formulas

u' = 31.42 %

U' = 62.85 %

u' = 32.5 %

(K = 2; 95%)

RECOVERY CORRECTION

$$u'^2 = (\text{RSD}_{wR})^2/N + (\text{RSD}_{wR})^2$$

$$u'^2 = (11.073\%)^2/9 + (11.073\%)^2$$

u' = 11.67 %

U' = 23.34 %

u' = 11 %

(K = 2; 95%)



EXAMPLE in CAC/GL 59-2006 – Amendment 2011 (Annex)

Spiking Level = 0,50 mg/kg N = 14 Mean Recovery = 86% RSDwR = 15%	CAC/GL 59-2006 Example
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QC-sample Concentration (mg/kg)	Recovery (%)
0,45	90
0,5	100
0,43	86
0,44	88
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0,39	78
0,38	76
0,33	66
0,4	80
0,41	82
0,57	114
0,53	106
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0,37	74

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Intra-Laboratory Validation/QC



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Mean Recovery (%) =	86,14285714	
SD (%) =	13,23083312	
SD-P (%) =	12,74954981	
RSDwR (%) =	15,36%	u' (precision)
RSDwR / (N)^1/2 =	4,11%	u' (bias) RECOVERY CORRECTION



QC-sample Concentration (mg/kg)	Recovery (%)	Relative Bias (%)	bias' (%) = Recovery - 100	bias'^2
0,45	90	-10	-10	100
0,5	100	0	0	0
0,43	86	-14	-14	196
0,44	88	-12	-12	144
0,45	90	-10	-10	100
0,39	78	-22	-22	484
0,38	76	-24	-24	576
0,33	66	-34	-34	1156
0,4	80	-20	-20	400
0,41	82	-18	-18	324
0,57	114	14	14	196
0,53	106	6	6	36
0,38	76	-24	-24	576
0,37	74	-26	-26	676

Mean-bias' (%) = -13,85714286

SD-P (bias')(%) = 12,74954981



(Mean-bias')^2 + (SD-P bias')^2 = 354,57 =

Mean Square of bias' = 354,5714286

Root Mean Square of bias' = 18,83%

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$$u' = (u'_{bias}{}^2 + u'_{precision}{}^2)^{1/2}$$

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$$(\sum(bias')^2/N)^{1/2}$$

u' (bias) NO RECOVERY CORRECTION



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CAC/GL 59-2006 Example

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*u' (bias)^2 NO RECOVERY CORRECTION*



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### Intra-Laboratory Validation/QC

$$u' = (u'_{\text{bias}}^2 + u'_{\text{precision}}^2)^{1/2}$$

### Relative Standard Uncertainty

u' (NO RECOVERY CORRECTION) = 24,30 %

u' (RECOVERY CORRECTION) = 15,90 %

### Simplified Formulas/Approximate values

u' (NO RECOVERY CORRECTION) = 25 %

u' (RECOVERY CORRECTION) = 15,5 %

U' = 50 % No-correction

U' = 31 % Rec. Correction

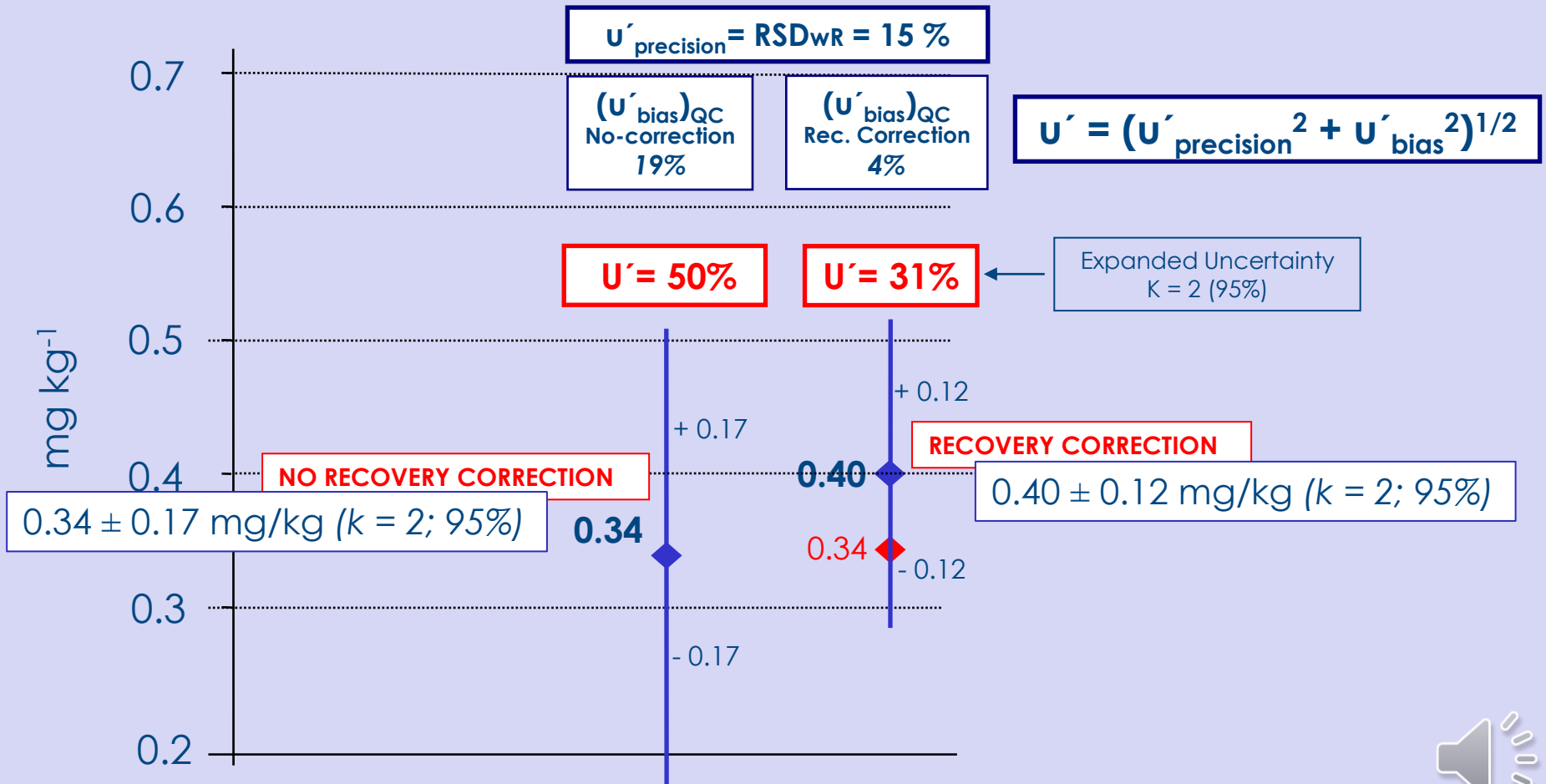
Expanded Uncertainty  
 K = 2 (95%)



Intra-laboratory QC Recovery data (3 months)

**N = 14; Mean Rec = 86%; RSD<sub>wR</sub> = 15%; (Mean-bias' = 14 %)**

A measurement result of 0.34 mg/kg reported with correction and no correction for recovery

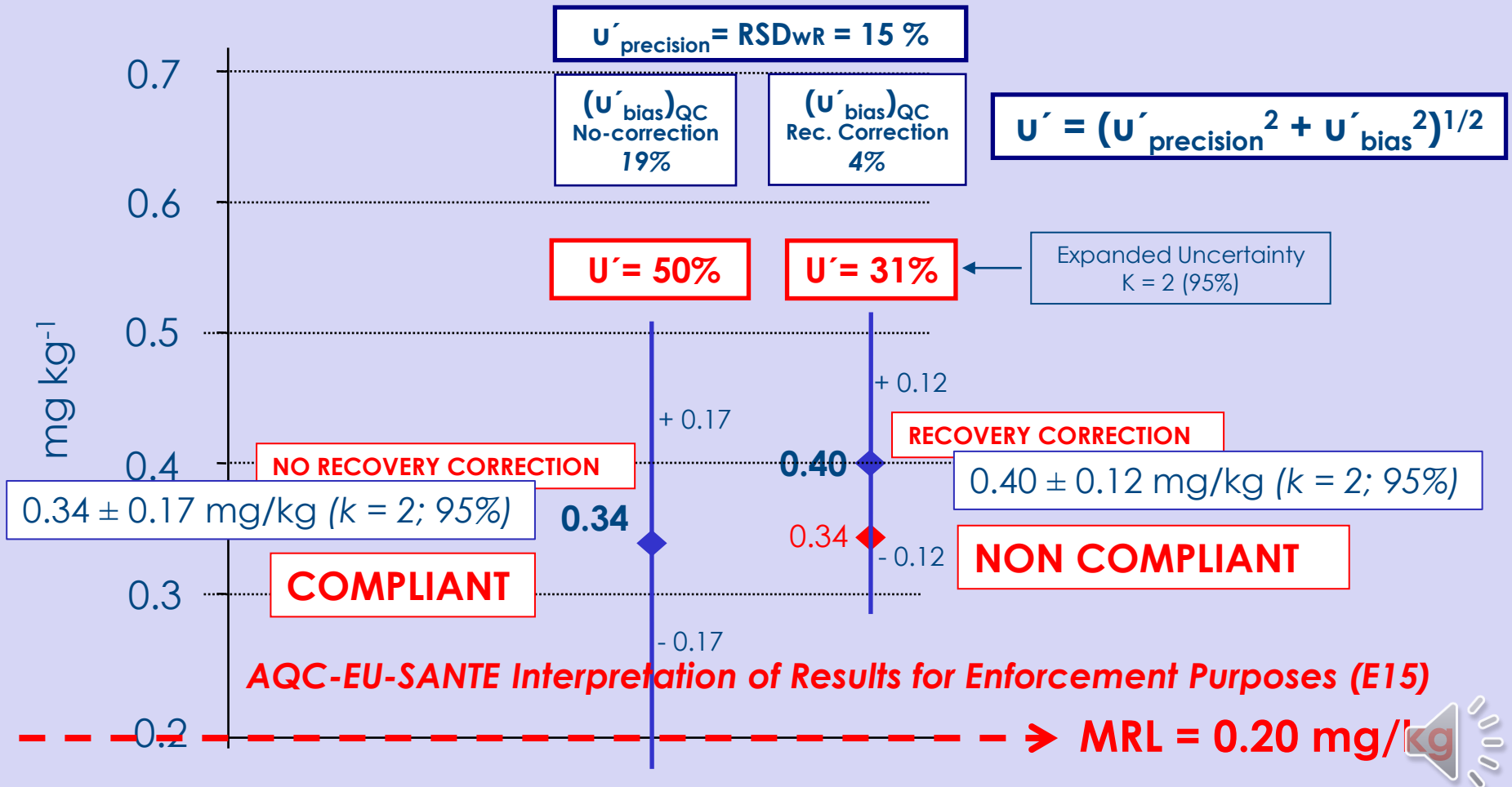




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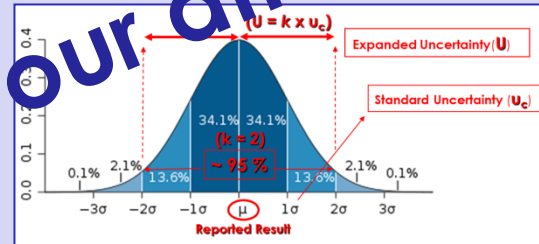
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