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**CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS FOR**  
**PORPHYRY COPPER-GOLD-MOLYBDENUM ORE**  
**(Cadia Valley, New South Wales, Australia)**  
**CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL**  
**OREAS 504c**

**Summary Statistics for Key Analytes.**

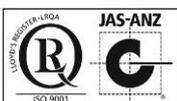
Constituent	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
<b>Pb Fire Assay</b>						
Au, Gold (ppm)	1.48	0.045	1.47	1.50	1.47*	1.49*
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion (sample weights 10-50g)</b>						
Au, Gold (ppm)	1.46	0.058	1.43	1.50	1.46*	1.47*
<b>4-Acid Digestion</b>						
Ag, Silver (ppm)	4.22	0.288	4.10	4.34	4.09	4.35
Cu, Copper (wt.%)	1.11	0.030	1.10	1.12	1.09	1.13
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	512	13	507	518	506	519

SI unit equivalents: ppm, parts per million  $\equiv$  mg/kg  $\equiv$   $\mu$ g/g  $\equiv$  0.0001 wt.%  $\equiv$  1000 ppb, parts per billion.

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<b>4-Acid Digestion</b>						
Ag, Silver (ppm)	4.22	0.288	4.10	4.34	4.09	4.35
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	7.07	0.220	6.99	7.15	6.92	7.22
As, Arsenic (ppm)	34.9	2.92	33.9	35.9	33.1	36.7
Ba, Barium (ppm)	850	25	840	860	831	870
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	2.31	0.196	2.22	2.40	2.17	2.45
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	2.26	0.106	2.20	2.31	2.17	2.34
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	2.52	0.112	2.47	2.56	2.46	2.57
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	49.8	4.55	47.7	51.9	48.0	51.5
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	16.2	0.94	15.7	16.6	15.6	16.7
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	58	5.1	56	60	56	60
Cs, Cesium (ppm)	8.16	0.351	7.99	8.34	7.94	8.39
Cu, Copper (wt.%)	1.11	0.030	1.10	1.12	1.09	1.13
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	3.76	0.146	3.68	3.84	3.63	3.89
Er, Erbium (ppm)	2.11	0.144	1.99	2.23	2.00	2.22
Eu, Europium (ppm)	1.03	0.13	0.91	1.15	IND	IND
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	6.08	0.191	6.01	6.16	5.98	6.18
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	17.2	0.88	16.8	17.6	16.7	17.7
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	4.14	0.200	3.99	4.30	3.92	4.37
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	2.21	0.156	2.14	2.27	2.10	2.31
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	0.75	0.050	0.71	0.79	0.73	0.78
In, Indium (ppm)	0.24	0.016	0.24	0.25	0.23	0.26
K, Potassium (wt.%)	3.16	0.106	3.12	3.20	3.09	3.22
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	25.5	1.39	24.9	26.1	24.5	26.5
Li, Lithium (ppm)	25.9	1.42	25.3	26.6	25.1	26.7
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.30	0.016	0.28	0.31	0.28	0.32
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	1.43	0.054	1.41	1.45	1.40	1.45
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.051	0.002	0.050	0.051	0.049	0.052
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	512	13	507	518	506	519
Na, Sodium (wt.%)	2.04	0.053	2.02	2.06	2.01	2.08
Nb, Niobium (ppm)	14.2	0.60	13.9	14.5	13.8	14.6
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	22.4	1.19	21.7	23.0	21.3	23.4

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Table 1 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
<b>4-Acid Digestion continued</b>						
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	43.2	2.40	42.3	44.2	41.9	44.5
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.094	0.003	0.093	0.096	0.092	0.097
Pb, Lead (ppm)	60	3.1	59	61	58	61
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	5.96	0.487	5.55	6.37	5.68	6.24
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	142	5	140	144	137	147
Re, Rhenium (ppb)	353	25	340	366	341	365
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	1.11	0.036	1.10	1.13	1.09	1.14
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	1.62	0.088	1.57	1.66	1.55	1.68
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	12.6	0.67	12.3	12.9	12.3	13.0
Se, Selenium (ppm)	7.39	0.99	7.12	7.67	6.80	7.99
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	4.50	0.259	4.33	4.67	4.25	4.76
Sn, Tin (ppm)	5.42	0.215	5.33	5.52	5.22	5.62
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	360	16	353	366	351	368
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	1.06	0.066	1.02	1.11	1.01	1.11
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.64	0.013	0.63	0.65	0.62	0.67
Te, Tellurium (ppm)	0.47	0.05	0.44	0.50	0.44	0.50
Th, Thorium (ppm)	12.6	0.67	12.3	12.9	12.0	13.3
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.403	0.015	0.397	0.409	0.393	0.413
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	0.70	0.028	0.69	0.71	0.67	0.73
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.31	0.020	0.29	0.33	IND	IND
U, Uranium (ppm)	3.64	0.173	3.58	3.69	3.46	3.81
V, Vanadium (ppm)	122	6	120	125	120	125
W, Tungsten (ppm)	2.95	0.219	2.88	3.02	2.74	3.16
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	20.3	0.77	20.0	20.6	19.7	20.9
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	2.00	0.170	1.89	2.12	1.90	2.11
Zn, Zinc (ppm)	106	4	104	108	103	109
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	72	5.5	69	74	69	74
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion</b>						
Ag, Silver (ppm)	4.19	0.306	4.06	4.32	4.09	4.29
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	1.86	0.053	1.84	1.89	1.83	1.89
As, Arsenic (ppm)	34.5	2.57	33.6	35.4	33.1	35.9
Ba, Barium (ppm)	271	21	261	280	263	278
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	0.53	0.07	0.48	0.58	0.51	0.55
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	2.28	0.148	2.21	2.35	2.20	2.36
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	1.31	0.075	1.28	1.34	1.28	1.34
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	44.1	3.75	42.3	45.9	42.8	45.4

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			Low	High	Low	High
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion continued</b>						
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	14.9	0.87	14.5	15.3	14.5	15.4
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	56	4.0	55	58	54	58
Cs, Cesium (ppm)	6.93	0.392	6.73	7.13	6.75	7.11
Cu, Copper (wt.%)	1.10	0.019	1.09	1.11	1.08	1.12
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	2.67	0.133	2.55	2.79	2.60	2.73
Er, Erbium (ppm)	1.48	0.043	1.44	1.52	1.44	1.52
Eu, Europium (ppm)	0.41	0.07	0.35	0.48	0.40	0.43
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	5.75	0.261	5.64	5.85	5.66	5.83
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	8.42	0.579	8.10	8.73	8.02	8.82
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	3.10	0.301	2.85	3.36	2.98	3.23
Ge, Germanium (ppm)	0.16	0.03	0.13	0.20	IND	IND
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	0.47	0.031	0.45	0.48	0.44	0.50
Hg, Mercury (ppm)	0.064	0.011	0.058	0.070	IND	IND
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	0.48	0.043	0.45	0.52	0.46	0.50
In, Indium (ppm)	0.22	0.009	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.23
K, Potassium (wt.%)	0.809	0.032	0.796	0.823	0.795	0.823
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	22.0	1.83	21.3	22.8	21.3	22.7
Li, Lithium (ppm)	23.6	2.8	22.4	24.9	23.0	24.3
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.18	0.013	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.19
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	1.15	0.034	1.13	1.16	1.13	1.17
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.038	0.001	0.037	0.039	0.037	0.039
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	505	18	498	512	497	513
Na, Sodium (wt.%)	0.184	0.020	0.174	0.193	0.177	0.190
Nb, Niobium (ppm)	1.07	0.20	0.95	1.19	0.96	1.18
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	19.0	0.57	18.5	19.4	18.3	19.6
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	41.3	1.55	40.7	41.9	40.2	42.5
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.091	0.004	0.089	0.093	0.089	0.094
Pb, Lead (ppm)	51	1.7	50	51	49	53
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	5.06	0.155	4.94	5.18	4.94	5.18
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	87	4.1	85	89	85	89
Re, Rhenium (ppb)	351	27	335	367	337	364
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	1.10	0.059	1.08	1.12	1.08	1.12
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	1.02	0.12	0.96	1.08	0.97	1.08
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	7.12	0.559	6.84	7.40	6.85	7.39
Se, Selenium (ppm)	7.00	0.91	6.57	7.43	6.54	7.46
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	3.49	0.200	3.33	3.64	3.33	3.65

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<b>Aqua Regia Digestion continued</b>						
Sn, Tin (ppm)	4.54	0.257	4.40	4.68	4.38	4.70
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	92	10	88	97	90	95
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.46	0.038	0.43	0.48	0.44	0.47
Te, Tellurium (ppm)	0.45	0.033	0.43	0.46	0.41	0.48
Th, Thorium (ppm)	12.3	0.65	12.0	12.6	11.9	12.7
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.267	0.014	0.261	0.274	0.261	0.273
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	0.47	0.05	0.45	0.49	0.45	0.49
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.20	0.007	0.19	0.20	IND	IND
U, Uranium (ppm)	3.32	0.242	3.22	3.43	3.19	3.45
V, Vanadium (ppm)	108	5	105	110	106	109
W, Tungsten (ppm)	1.70	0.23	1.59	1.82	1.58	1.83
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	14.2	0.93	13.7	14.6	13.8	14.6
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	1.26	0.060	1.21	1.31	1.21	1.31
Zn, Zinc (ppm)	95	6.3	93	98	93	97
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	12.1	1.10	11.5	12.7	11.7	12.5

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Table 2. Indicative Values for OREAS 504c.

Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value
<b>Pb Fire Assay</b>								
Pd	ppb	125	Pt	ppb	11.7			
<b>4-Acid Digestion</b>								
Cd	ppm	0.30	Ge	ppm	0.24	Hg	ppm	< 2
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion</b>								
B	ppm	6.21	Pd	ppb	132	Si	wt.%	0.119
Cd	ppm	0.24	Pt	ppb	20.9	Ta	ppm	0.025
B	ppm	6.21	Pd	ppb	132	Si	wt.%	0.119
<b>Borate Fusion XRF</b>								
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	wt.%	13.67	MgO	wt.%	2.44	SiO <sub>2</sub>	wt.%	60.22
CaO	wt.%	3.42	MnO	wt.%	0.070	SO <sub>3</sub>	wt.%	2.71
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	wt.%	8.81	Na <sub>2</sub> O	wt.%	2.75	TiO <sub>2</sub>	wt.%	0.680
K <sub>2</sub> O	wt.%	3.85	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	wt.%	0.215			
<b>Thermogravimetry</b>								
LOI <sup>1000</sup>	wt.%	1.91						
<b>Infrared Combustion</b>								
C	wt.%	0.258	S	wt.%	1.07			

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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.

**Table 2 continued.**

Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value
<b>Laser Ablation ICP-MS</b>								
Ag	ppm	4.70	Hf	ppm	5.19	Sm	ppm	4.72
As	ppm	35.9	Ho	ppm	0.77	Sn	ppm	5.80
Ba	ppm	844	In	ppm	0.25	Sr	ppm	349
Be	ppm	2.70	La	ppm	26.2	Ta	ppm	1.08
Bi	ppm	2.45	Lu	ppm	0.33	Tb	ppm	0.63
Cd	ppm	0.25	Mn	wt.%	0.051	Te	ppm	0.50
Ce	ppm	51	Mo	ppm	507	Th	ppm	12.6
Co	ppm	18.0	Nb	ppm	14.4	Ti	wt.%	0.417
Cr	ppm	67	Nd	ppm	22.9	Tl	ppm	0.80
Cs	ppm	8.45	Ni	ppm	48.0	Tm	ppm	0.33
Cu	wt.%	1.11	Pb	ppm	63	U	ppm	4.01
Dy	ppm	3.75	Pr	ppm	6.03	V	ppm	126
Er	ppm	2.21	Rb	ppm	147	W	ppm	3.00
Eu	ppm	1.06	Re	ppb	470	Y	ppm	20.7
Ga	ppm	16.8	Sb	ppm	1.80	Yb	ppm	2.16
Gd	ppm	4.03	Sc	ppm	12.6	Zn	ppm	105
Ge	ppm	1.45	Se	ppm	< 5	Zr	ppm	189

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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.

## SOURCE MATERIAL

OREAS 504c was prepared from a blend of porphyry copper-gold ore, barren granodiorite and a minor quantity of Cu-Mo concentrate. The ore was sourced from the Ridgeway underground mine located in the Cadia Valley Operations (CVO) situated in central western New South Wales, Australia. The barren I-type hornblende-bearing granodiorite was sourced from the Late Devonian Lysterfield granodiorite complex located in eastern Melbourne, Australia.

Mineralisation in the CVO region is hosted by a sequence of late Ordovician to Early Silurian volcanics, intrusives and sediments that occur within the Bogan Gate Synclinal Zone of the Lachlan Fold Belt. The western portion of this zone is dominated by volcanics

and host to the Late Ordovician Goonumbla porphyry copper-gold deposits. These volcanics are interpreted to have erupted from shallow water to partly emergent volcanic centres and show a broad range in composition from shoshonite through to latite to trachyte. Coeval sub-volcanic quartz monzonite porphyries (and attendant mineralisation) have intruded the volcanics. They are generally small, sub-vertical, pipe-like intrusives. Typically the mineralised porphyries contain plagioclase and quartz phenocrysts in a matrix of fine-grained potassium feldspar and quartz with minor biotite and hornblende.

Copper-gold mineralisation occurs as stockwork quartz veins and disseminations associated with potassic alteration. This alteration is intimately associated spatially and temporally with the small finger-like quartz monzonite porphyries that intrude the Goonumbla Volcanics. Sulphides are zoned laterally from the centres of mineralisation. The central portions are bornite-rich with minor chalcopyrite, zoning outward through equal concentrations of bornite and chalcopyrite, to an outermost chalcopyrite-rich zone. Pyrite increases outward at the expense of bornite.

## COMMINUTION AND HOMOGENISATION PROCEDURES

The material constituting OREAS 504c was prepared in the following manner:

- Drying of ore and barren granodiorite to constant mass at 105°C;
- Drying of Cu-Mo concentrate to constant mass at 85°C;
- Multi-stage milling of ore and concentrate to 100% minus 30 microns;
- Milling of barren granodiorite to 98% minus 75 microns;
- Combining ores, granodiorite and concentrate in appropriate proportions to achieve target grades;
- Homogenisation;
- Packaging into 10 and 60g units in laminated foil pouches and 500g units in plastic jars.

## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

OREAS 504c was tested at ORE Research & Exploration Pty Ltd's onsite laboratory for various physical properties. Table 3 presents these findings which should be used for informational purposes only.

**Table 3. Physical properties of OREAS 504c.**

CRM Name	Bulk Density (g/L)	Moisture%	Munsell Notation <sup>‡</sup>	Munsell Color <sup>‡</sup>
OREAS 504c	635	0.52	N6	Medium Light Gray

<sup>‡</sup>The Munsell Rock Color Chart helps geologists and archeologists communicate with color more effectively by cross-referencing ISCC-NBS color names with unique Munsell alpha-numeric color notations for rock color samples.

## ANALYTICAL PROGRAM

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

- Gold via 15-50g fire assay with AAS finish (14 laboratories) and ICP-OES (12 laboratories) finish;
- Gold via 15-50g aqua regia digestion with ICP-MS finish (11 laboratories), AAS (4 laboratories) and ICP-OES (1 laboratory) finish;
- Aqua regia digestion for full elemental suite ICP-OES/MS and AAS finish (up to 26 laboratories depending on the element);
- 4-Acid digestion for full elemental suite ICP-OES/MS finish (up to 25 laboratories depending on the element);
- Gold by instrumental neutron activation analysis (INAA) on 20 x 85mg subsamples to confirm homogeneity (1 laboratory only: ANSTO, Lucas Heights, Australia);
- Major and trace elements determined by borate fusion XRF ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  to  $\text{TiO}_2$ ), laser ablation with ICP-MS (Ag to Zr), LOI at 1000°C and C+S by infrared combustion furnace (1 laboratory only: Bureau Veritas Geoanalytical, Perth, Australia).

It is important to note that in the analytical industry there is no standardisation of the aqua regia digestion process. Aqua regia is a partial empirical digest and differences in recoveries for various analytes are commonplace. These are caused by variations in the digest conditions which 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.

For the round robin program twenty 1kg test units were taken at predetermined intervals during the bagging stage, immediately following homogenisation and are considered representative of the entire prepared batch. Six 100g pulp samples were submitted to each laboratory for analysis received by each laboratory were obtained by taking two 100g samples from each of three separate 1kg test units. This format enabled nested ANOVA treatment of the results to evaluate homogeneity, i.e. to ascertain whether between-unit variance is greater than within-unit variance.

Table 1 presents the 119 certified values together with their associated 1SD's, 95% confidence and tolerance limits. Table 2 shows 76 indicative values for major and trace element composition and Table 3 provides indicative physical properties information. Gold homogeneity has been evaluated and confirmed by instrumental neutron activation analysis (INAA) on twenty ~85mg sample portions (see Table 4) and by a nested ANOVA program for both fire assay and aqua regia digestion (see '**nested ANOVA**' section).

Table 5 provides performance gate intervals for the certified values based on their pooled 1SDs. Tabulated results of all elements together with uncorrected means, medians, standard deviations, relative standard deviations and per cent deviation of lab means from the corrected mean of means (PDM<sup>3</sup>) are presented in the detailed certification data for this CRM (**OREAS 504c DataPack-1.0.190408\_165121.xlsx**).

Results are also presented in scatter plots for gold by fire assay, gold by aqua regia digestion, silver by 4-acid digestion, copper by 4-acid digestion and molybdenum by 4-acid digestion (Figures 1 to 5, 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.

## STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

**Certified Values, Confidence Limits, Standard Deviations and Tolerance Limits** (Table 1) 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. In certain instances statistician's prerogative has been employed in discriminating outliers.

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.

**Certified Values** are the means of accepted laboratory means after outlier filtering. The INAA data (see Table 4) is omitted from determination of the certified value for Au and is used solely for the calculation of Tolerance Limits and homogeneity evaluation of OREAS 504c.

**95% Confidence Limits** are inversely proportional to the number of participating laboratories and inter-laboratory agreement. It is a measure of the reliability of the certified value. A 95% confidence interval indicates a 95% probability that the true value of the analyte under consideration lies between the upper and lower limits. *95% Confidence Limits should not be used as control limits for laboratory performance.*

**Indicative (uncertified) values** are provided in Table 2. Additional indicative values by other analytical methods are present where the number of laboratories reporting a particular analyte is insufficient ( $< 5$ ) to support certification or where inter-laboratory consensus is poor.

**Standard Deviation** values (1SDs) are reported in Table 1. They 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.**

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 inter-lab 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.

### **Homogeneity Evaluation**

The tolerance limits (ISO 16269:2014) shown in Table 1 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 copper 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 1.09 and 1.13 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 (ISO Guide 35). ***Please note that tolerance limits pertain to the homogeneity of the CRM only and should not be used as control limits for laboratory performance.***

Table 4 below shows the INAA data determined on 20 x 85mg subsamples of OREAS 504c. An equivalent scaled version of the results is also provided to demonstrate an appreciation of what this data means if 30g fire assay determinations were undertaken without the normal measurement error associated with this methodology.

The homogeneity of gold has been determined by INAA using the reduced analytical subsample method which utilises the known relationship between standard deviation and analytical subsample weight (Ingamells and Switzer, 1973). In this approach the sample aliquot is substantially reduced to a point where most of the variability in replicate assays should be due to inhomogeneity of the reference material and measurement error becomes negligible. In this instance a subsample weight of 85 milligrams was employed and the 1RSD of 0.191% was calculated for a 30g fire assay or aqua regia sample (3.58% at 85mg weights). These confirm the high level of gold homogeneity in OREAS 504c.

**Table 4. Neutron Activation Analysis of Au (in ppm) on 20 x 85mg subsamples showing the equivalent results scaled to a typical fire assay (30g sample mass) method.**

Replicate No	Au 85mg actual	Au 30g equivalent*
1	1.412	1.514
2	1.531	1.520
3	1.584	1.523
4	1.609	1.525
5	1.500	1.519
6	1.464	1.517
7	1.499	1.519
8	1.528	1.520
9	1.474	1.517
10	1.533	1.521
11	1.466	1.517
12	1.451	1.516
13	1.607	1.524
14	1.478	1.518
15	1.587	1.523
16	1.569	1.522
17	1.507	1.519
18	1.509	1.519
19	1.564	1.522
20	1.524	1.520
Mean	1.520	1.520
Median	1.516	1.520
Std Dev.	0.054	0.003
<b>Rel.Std.Dev.</b>	<b>3.58%</b>	<b>0.191%</b>

\*Results calculated for a 30g equivalent sample mass using the formula:  $x^{30g Eq} = \frac{(x^{INAA} - \bar{X}) \times RSD@30g}{RSD@85mg} + \bar{X}$   
 where  $x^{30g Eq}$  = equivalent result calculated for a 30g sample mass  
 $(x^{INAA})$  = raw INAA result at 85mg  
 $\bar{X}$  = mean of 85mg INAA results

The homogeneity of OREAS 504c has also been evaluated in a **nested ANOVA** of the round robin program. Each of the twenty-five round robin laboratories received six samples per CRM and these samples were made up of paired samples from three different, non-adjacent sampling intervals. The purpose of the ANOVA evaluation is to test that no statistically significant difference exists in the variance between-units to that of the variance within-units. This allows an assessment of homogeneity across the entire prepared batch of OREAS 504c. The test was performed using the following parameters:

- Gold fire assay – 156 samples (26 laboratories each providing analyses on 3 pairs of samples);
- Gold aqua regia digestion – 102 samples (17 laboratories each providing analyses on 3 pairs of samples);
- Null Hypothesis,  $H_0$ : Between-unit variance is no greater than within-unit variance (reject  $H_0$  if  $p$ -value < 0.05);
- Alternative Hypothesis,  $H_1$ : Between-unit variance is greater than within-unit variance.

*P*-values are a measure of probability where values less than 0.05 indicate a greater than 95% probability that the observed differences in within-unit and between-unit variances are real. The datasets were filtered for both individual and laboratory data set (batch) outliers prior to the calculation of *p*-values. This process derived *p*-values of 1.000 for Au by fire assay and 0.737 for Au by aqua regia digestion. Both *p*-values are insignificant and the Null Hypothesis is retained. Additionally, none of the other certified values showed significant *p*-values. Please note that only results for constituents present in concentrations well above the detection levels (i.e. >20 x Lower Limit of Detection) for the various methods undertaken were considered for the objective of evaluating homogeneity

It is important to note that ANOVA is not an absolute measure of homogeneity. Rather, it establishes whether or not the analytes are distributed in a similar manner throughout the packaging run of OREAS 504c and whether the variance between two subsamples from the same unit is statistically distinguishable to the variance from two subsamples taken from any two separate units. A reference material therefore, can possess poor absolute homogeneity yet still pass a relative homogeneity test if the within-unit heterogeneity is large and similar across all units.

Based on the statistical analysis of the results of the inter-laboratory certification program it can be concluded that OREAS 504c is fit-for-purpose as a certified reference material (see 'Intended Use' below).

### Performance Gates

Table 5 shows 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. 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% ± 2DL (adapted from Govett, 1983)*

**Table 5. Performance Gates for OREAS 504c.**

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
<b>Pb Fire Assay</b>											
Au, ppm	1.48	0.045	1.39	1.57	1.35	1.62	3.04%	6.09%	9.13%	1.41	1.56
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion (sample weights 10-50g)</b>											
Au, ppm	1.46	0.058	1.35	1.58	1.29	1.64	3.97%	7.93%	11.90%	1.39	1.54

SI unit equivalents: ppm, parts per million ≡ mg/kg ≡ µg/g ≡ 0.0001 wt.% ≡ 1000 ppb, parts per billion.

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 5 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
<b>4-Acid Digestion</b>											
Ag, ppm	4.22	0.288	3.65	4.80	3.36	5.08	6.81%	13.63%	20.44%	4.01	4.43
Al, wt. %	7.07	0.220	6.63	7.51	6.41	7.73	3.11%	6.22%	9.33%	6.71	7.42
As, ppm	34.9	2.92	29.0	40.7	26.1	43.6	8.36%	16.73%	25.09%	33.1	36.6
Ba, ppm	850	25	801	899	777	924	2.89%	5.77%	8.66%	808	893
Be, ppm	2.31	0.196	1.92	2.71	1.73	2.90	8.48%	16.95%	25.43%	2.20	2.43
Bi, ppm	2.26	0.106	2.04	2.47	1.94	2.57	4.69%	9.38%	14.07%	2.14	2.37
Ca, wt. %	2.52	0.112	2.29	2.74	2.18	2.85	4.44%	8.88%	13.32%	2.39	2.64
Ce, ppm	49.8	4.55	40.7	58.9	36.2	63.4	9.13%	18.26%	27.39%	47.3	52.3
Co, ppm	16.2	0.94	14.3	18.1	13.4	19.0	5.81%	11.61%	17.42%	15.4	17.0
Cr, ppm	58	5.1	48	68	43	73	8.79%	17.58%	26.37%	55	61
Cs, ppm	8.16	0.351	7.46	8.87	7.11	9.22	4.30%	8.61%	12.91%	7.75	8.57
Cu, wt. %	1.11	0.030	1.05	1.17	1.02	1.20	2.68%	5.36%	8.03%	1.06	1.17
Dy, ppm	3.76	0.146	3.47	4.05	3.32	4.20	3.88%	7.76%	11.64%	3.57	3.95
Er, ppm	2.11	0.144	1.82	2.40	1.68	2.54	6.84%	13.69%	20.53%	2.00	2.21
Eu, ppm	1.03	0.13	0.77	1.29	0.64	1.42	12.68%	25.36%	38.04%	0.98	1.08
Fe, wt. %	6.08	0.191	5.70	6.47	5.51	6.66	3.15%	6.29%	9.44%	5.78	6.39
Ga, ppm	17.2	0.88	15.4	19.0	14.6	19.8	5.13%	10.26%	15.39%	16.3	18.1
Gd, ppm	4.14	0.200	3.75	4.54	3.55	4.74	4.82%	9.63%	14.45%	3.94	4.35
Hf, ppm	2.21	0.156	1.89	2.52	1.74	2.67	7.05%	14.11%	21.16%	2.10	2.32
Ho, ppm	0.75	0.050	0.65	0.85	0.60	0.90	6.64%	13.28%	19.92%	0.71	0.79
In, ppm	0.24	0.016	0.21	0.27	0.20	0.29	6.50%	13.01%	19.51%	0.23	0.25
K, wt. %	3.16	0.106	2.95	3.37	2.84	3.48	3.35%	6.69%	10.04%	3.00	3.32
La, ppm	25.5	1.39	22.7	28.3	21.3	29.7	5.46%	10.92%	16.38%	24.2	26.8
Li, ppm	25.9	1.42	23.1	28.8	21.7	30.2	5.48%	10.96%	16.44%	24.6	27.2
Lu, ppm	0.30	0.016	0.27	0.33	0.25	0.34	5.22%	10.44%	15.66%	0.28	0.31
Mg, wt. %	1.43	0.054	1.32	1.54	1.26	1.59	3.80%	7.60%	11.40%	1.36	1.50
Mn, wt. %	0.051	0.002	0.047	0.054	0.045	0.056	3.63%	7.25%	10.88%	0.048	0.053
Mo, ppm	512	13	485	539	472	552	2.62%	5.24%	7.87%	486	538
Na, wt. %	2.04	0.053	1.94	2.15	1.88	2.20	2.59%	5.18%	7.77%	1.94	2.14
Nb, ppm	14.2	0.60	13.0	15.4	12.4	16.0	4.23%	8.46%	12.68%	13.5	14.9
Nd, ppm	22.4	1.19	20.0	24.7	18.8	25.9	5.34%	10.67%	16.01%	21.2	23.5
Ni, ppm	43.2	2.40	38.4	48.0	36.0	50.4	5.54%	11.09%	16.63%	41.1	45.4
P, wt. %	0.094	0.003	0.088	0.101	0.084	0.105	3.65%	7.30%	10.95%	0.090	0.099
Pb, ppm	60	3.1	54	66	51	69	5.15%	10.30%	15.45%	57	63
Pr, ppm	5.96	0.487	4.99	6.93	4.50	7.42	8.17%	16.34%	24.50%	5.66	6.26
Rb, ppm	142	5	132	152	127	157	3.54%	7.08%	10.61%	135	149
Re, ppb	353	25	303	402	279	427	7.01%	14.02%	21.03%	335	371
S, wt. %	1.11	0.036	1.04	1.19	1.01	1.22	3.21%	6.42%	9.63%	1.06	1.17
Sb, ppm	1.62	0.088	1.44	1.79	1.35	1.88	5.43%	10.86%	16.29%	1.53	1.70
Sc, ppm	12.6	0.67	11.3	14.0	10.6	14.6	5.29%	10.59%	15.88%	12.0	13.3

SI unit equivalents: ppm, parts per million  $\equiv$  mg/kg  $\equiv$   $\mu$ g/g  $\equiv$  0.0001 wt. %  $\equiv$  1000 ppb, parts per billion.

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Table 5 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
<b>4-Acid Digestion continued</b>											
Se, ppm	7.39	0.99	5.42	9.36	4.44	10.35	13.33%	26.66%	39.98%	7.02	7.76
Sm, ppm	4.50	0.259	3.99	5.02	3.73	5.28	5.75%	11.49%	17.24%	4.28	4.73
Sn, ppm	5.42	0.215	4.99	5.85	4.78	6.07	3.96%	7.92%	11.87%	5.15	5.69
Sr, ppm	360	16	328	392	312	408	4.47%	8.94%	13.41%	342	378
Ta, ppm	1.06	0.066	0.93	1.20	0.87	1.26	6.19%	12.39%	18.58%	1.01	1.12
Tb, ppm	0.64	0.013	0.62	0.67	0.60	0.68	2.05%	4.10%	6.16%	0.61	0.68
Te, ppm	0.47	0.05	0.37	0.57	0.32	0.62	10.47%	20.94%	31.41%	0.45	0.50
Th, ppm	12.6	0.67	11.3	14.0	10.6	14.6	5.33%	10.65%	15.98%	12.0	13.3
Ti, wt.%	0.403	0.015	0.374	0.432	0.359	0.447	3.61%	7.23%	10.84%	0.383	0.423
Tl, ppm	0.70	0.028	0.65	0.76	0.62	0.78	3.93%	7.87%	11.80%	0.67	0.74
Tm, ppm	0.31	0.020	0.27	0.35	0.25	0.37	6.58%	13.16%	19.74%	0.29	0.32
U, ppm	3.64	0.173	3.29	3.98	3.12	4.16	4.76%	9.53%	14.29%	3.46	3.82
V, ppm	122	6	111	133	106	139	4.50%	9.01%	13.51%	116	128
W, ppm	2.95	0.219	2.51	3.39	2.29	3.61	7.43%	14.86%	22.30%	2.80	3.10
Y, ppm	20.3	0.77	18.8	21.9	18.0	22.6	3.80%	7.59%	11.39%	19.3	21.3
Yb, ppm	2.00	0.170	1.66	2.34	1.49	2.51	8.49%	16.98%	25.47%	1.90	2.10
Zn, ppm	106	4	97	115	93	119	4.07%	8.14%	12.20%	101	111
Zr, ppm	72	5.5	61	83	55	88	7.60%	15.19%	22.79%	68	75
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion</b>											
Ag, ppm	4.19	0.306	3.58	4.80	3.27	5.11	7.31%	14.62%	21.93%	3.98	4.40
Al, wt.%	1.86	0.053	1.76	1.97	1.71	2.02	2.83%	5.65%	8.48%	1.77	1.96
As, ppm	34.5	2.57	29.4	39.6	26.8	42.2	7.45%	14.91%	22.36%	32.8	36.2
Ba, ppm	271	21	229	312	209	332	7.63%	15.27%	22.90%	257	284
Be, ppm	0.53	0.07	0.39	0.67	0.32	0.74	13.29%	26.58%	39.87%	0.51	0.56
Bi, ppm	2.28	0.148	1.98	2.58	1.83	2.72	6.51%	13.02%	19.53%	2.17	2.39
Ca, wt.%	1.31	0.075	1.16	1.46	1.08	1.53	5.72%	11.44%	17.16%	1.24	1.37
Ce, ppm	44.1	3.75	36.6	51.6	32.8	55.4	8.51%	17.01%	25.52%	41.9	46.3
Co, ppm	14.9	0.87	13.2	16.7	12.3	17.5	5.83%	11.66%	17.48%	14.2	15.7
Cr, ppm	56	4.0	48	64	44	68	7.06%	14.13%	21.19%	53	59
Cs, ppm	6.93	0.392	6.15	7.71	5.75	8.11	5.66%	11.31%	16.97%	6.58	7.28
Cu, wt.%	1.10	0.019	1.06	1.14	1.04	1.16	1.75%	3.50%	5.25%	1.05	1.16
Dy, ppm	2.67	0.133	2.40	2.93	2.27	3.06	4.99%	9.97%	14.96%	2.53	2.80
Er, ppm	1.48	0.043	1.39	1.57	1.35	1.61	2.93%	5.87%	8.80%	1.41	1.55
Eu, ppm	0.41	0.07	0.28	0.55	0.21	0.61	16.13%	32.25%	48.38%	0.39	0.43
Fe, wt.%	5.75	0.261	5.22	6.27	4.96	6.53	4.55%	9.10%	13.65%	5.46	6.03
Ga, ppm	8.42	0.579	7.26	9.58	6.68	10.16	6.88%	13.76%	20.65%	8.00	8.84
Gd, ppm	3.10	0.301	2.50	3.70	2.20	4.01	9.69%	19.37%	29.06%	2.95	3.26
Ge, ppm	0.16	0.03	0.10	0.23	0.07	0.26	18.48%	36.95%	55.43%	0.16	0.17
Hf, ppm	0.47	0.031	0.40	0.53	0.37	0.56	6.61%	13.22%	19.83%	0.44	0.49
Hg, ppm	0.064	0.011	0.042	0.086	0.030	0.097	17.41%	34.82%	52.22%	0.061	0.067

SI unit equivalents: ppm, parts per million  $\equiv$  mg/kg  $\equiv$   $\mu$ g/g  $\equiv$  0.0001 wt.%  $\equiv$  1000 ppb, parts per billion.

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		1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion continued</b>											
Ho, ppm	0.48	0.043	0.40	0.57	0.35	0.61	8.98%	17.97%	26.95%	0.46	0.51
In, ppm	0.22	0.009	0.20	0.24	0.19	0.25	3.98%	7.96%	11.94%	0.21	0.23
K, wt.%	0.809	0.032	0.745	0.874	0.712	0.906	4.00%	7.99%	11.99%	0.769	0.850
La, ppm	22.0	1.83	18.4	25.7	16.5	27.5	8.31%	16.61%	24.92%	20.9	23.1
Li, ppm	23.6	2.8	18.0	29.3	15.2	32.1	11.90%	23.80%	35.70%	22.5	24.8
Lu, ppm	0.18	0.013	0.16	0.21	0.15	0.22	6.99%	13.98%	20.97%	0.17	0.19
Mg, wt.%	1.15	0.034	1.08	1.22	1.04	1.25	3.00%	6.01%	9.01%	1.09	1.21
Mn, wt.%	0.038	0.001	0.035	0.041	0.034	0.042	3.90%	7.79%	11.69%	0.036	0.040
Mo, ppm	505	18	470	540	452	558	3.48%	6.96%	10.45%	480	530
Na, wt.%	0.184	0.020	0.143	0.224	0.123	0.245	11.07%	22.13%	33.20%	0.174	0.193
Nb, ppm	1.07	0.20	0.67	1.47	0.48	1.67	18.57%	37.14%	55.71%	1.02	1.13
Nd, ppm	19.0	0.57	17.8	20.1	17.3	20.7	3.01%	6.03%	9.04%	18.0	19.9
Ni, ppm	41.3	1.55	38.2	44.4	36.7	46.0	3.75%	7.50%	11.25%	39.3	43.4
P, wt.%	0.091	0.004	0.082	0.100	0.078	0.105	4.89%	9.77%	14.66%	0.087	0.096
Pb, ppm	51	1.7	47	54	46	56	3.34%	6.67%	10.01%	48	53
Pr, ppm	5.06	0.155	4.75	5.37	4.60	5.52	3.06%	6.12%	9.18%	4.81	5.31
Rb, ppm	87	4.1	79	95	75	99	4.67%	9.34%	14.01%	82	91
Re, ppb	351	27	296	405	269	433	7.78%	15.55%	23.33%	333	368
S, wt.%	1.10	0.059	0.98	1.22	0.92	1.28	5.36%	10.72%	16.08%	1.04	1.15
Sb, ppm	1.02	0.12	0.77	1.27	0.65	1.40	12.23%	24.46%	36.69%	0.97	1.07
Sc, ppm	7.12	0.559	6.00	8.24	5.44	8.79	7.85%	15.69%	23.54%	6.76	7.48
Se, ppm	7.00	0.91	5.18	8.83	4.26	9.74	13.04%	26.08%	39.13%	6.65	7.35
Sm, ppm	3.49	0.200	3.09	3.89	2.89	4.09	5.74%	11.47%	17.21%	3.31	3.66
Sn, ppm	4.54	0.257	4.03	5.05	3.77	5.31	5.65%	11.31%	16.96%	4.31	4.77
Sr, ppm	92	10	72	113	62	123	11.10%	22.20%	33.30%	88	97
Tb, ppm	0.46	0.038	0.38	0.53	0.35	0.57	8.23%	16.46%	24.69%	0.44	0.48
Te, ppm	0.45	0.033	0.38	0.51	0.35	0.54	7.35%	14.71%	22.06%	0.42	0.47
Th, ppm	12.3	0.65	11.0	13.6	10.4	14.3	5.24%	10.49%	15.73%	11.7	12.9
Ti, wt.%	0.267	0.014	0.240	0.295	0.226	0.309	5.22%	10.44%	15.66%	0.254	0.281
Tl, ppm	0.47	0.05	0.38	0.57	0.33	0.62	10.08%	20.16%	30.23%	0.45	0.50
Tm, ppm	0.20	0.007	0.18	0.21	0.18	0.22	3.38%	6.75%	10.13%	0.19	0.21
U, ppm	3.32	0.242	2.84	3.80	2.60	4.05	7.29%	14.57%	21.86%	3.15	3.49
V, ppm	108	5	97	118	92	124	4.95%	9.90%	14.85%	102	113
W, ppm	1.70	0.23	1.24	2.17	1.00	2.40	13.69%	27.38%	41.08%	1.62	1.79
Y, ppm	14.2	0.93	12.3	16.0	11.4	17.0	6.60%	13.19%	19.79%	13.5	14.9
Yb, ppm	1.26	0.060	1.14	1.38	1.08	1.44	4.77%	9.54%	14.31%	1.20	1.32
Zn, ppm	95	6.3	83	108	76	114	6.62%	13.25%	19.87%	91	100
Zr, ppm	12.1	1.10	9.9	14.3	8.8	15.4	9.09%	18.18%	27.26%	11.5	12.7

SI unit equivalents: ppm, parts per million  $\equiv$  mg/kg  $\equiv$   $\mu$ g/g  $\equiv$  0.0001 wt.%  $\equiv$  1000 ppb, parts per billion.

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.

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Figure 1. Au by Fire Assay in OREAS 504c

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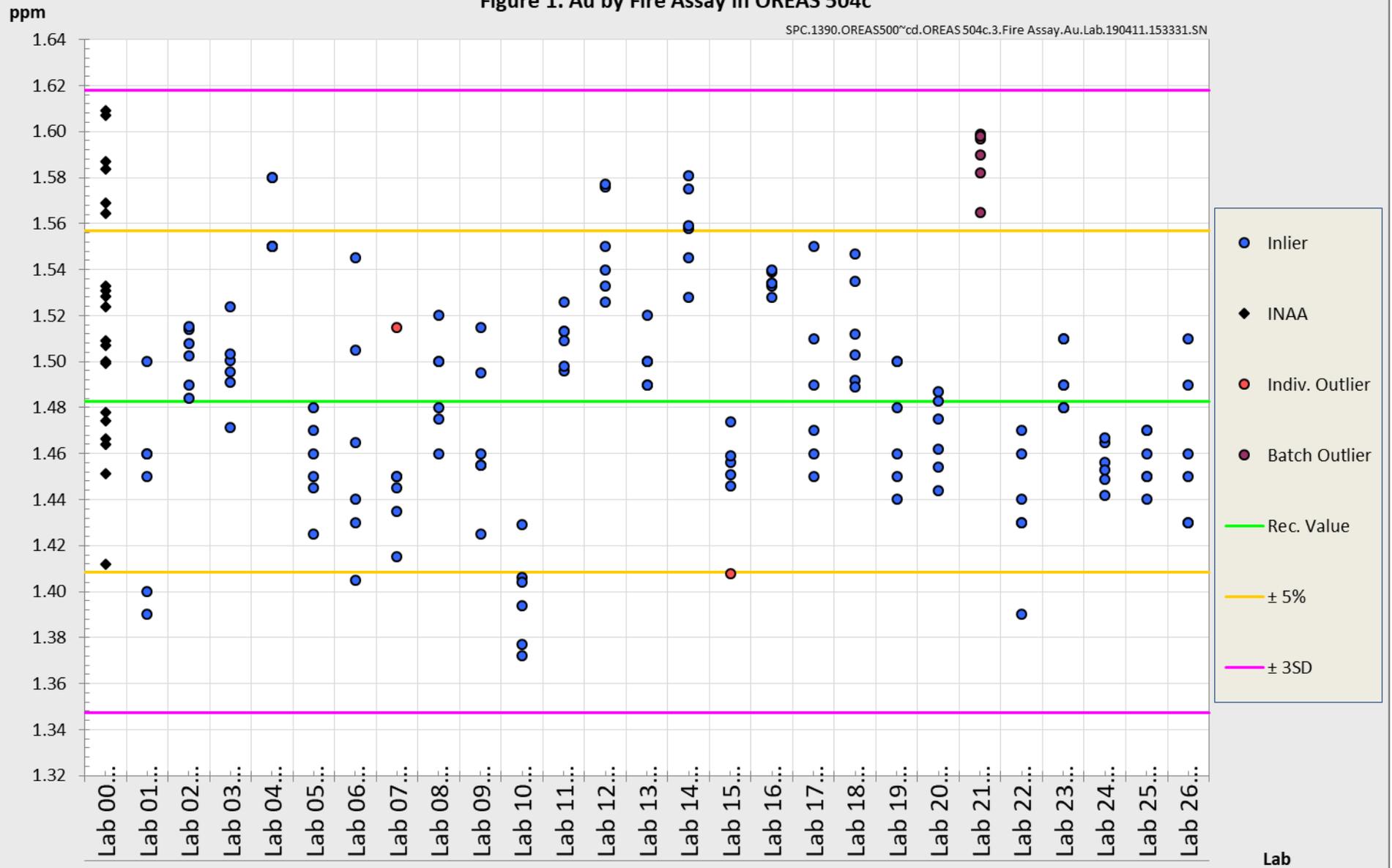


Figure 2. Au by AR Digest 10-50g in OREAS 504c

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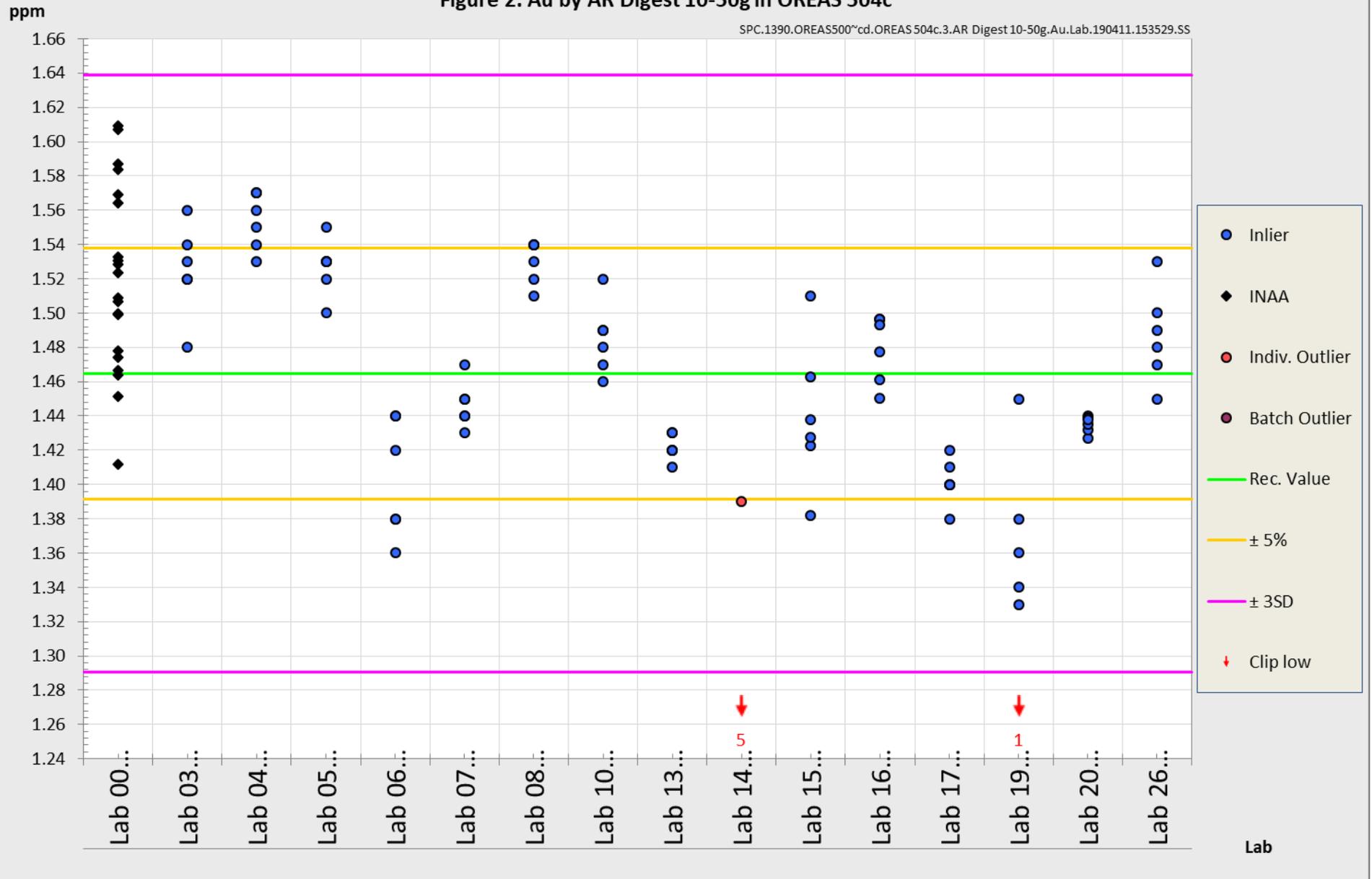


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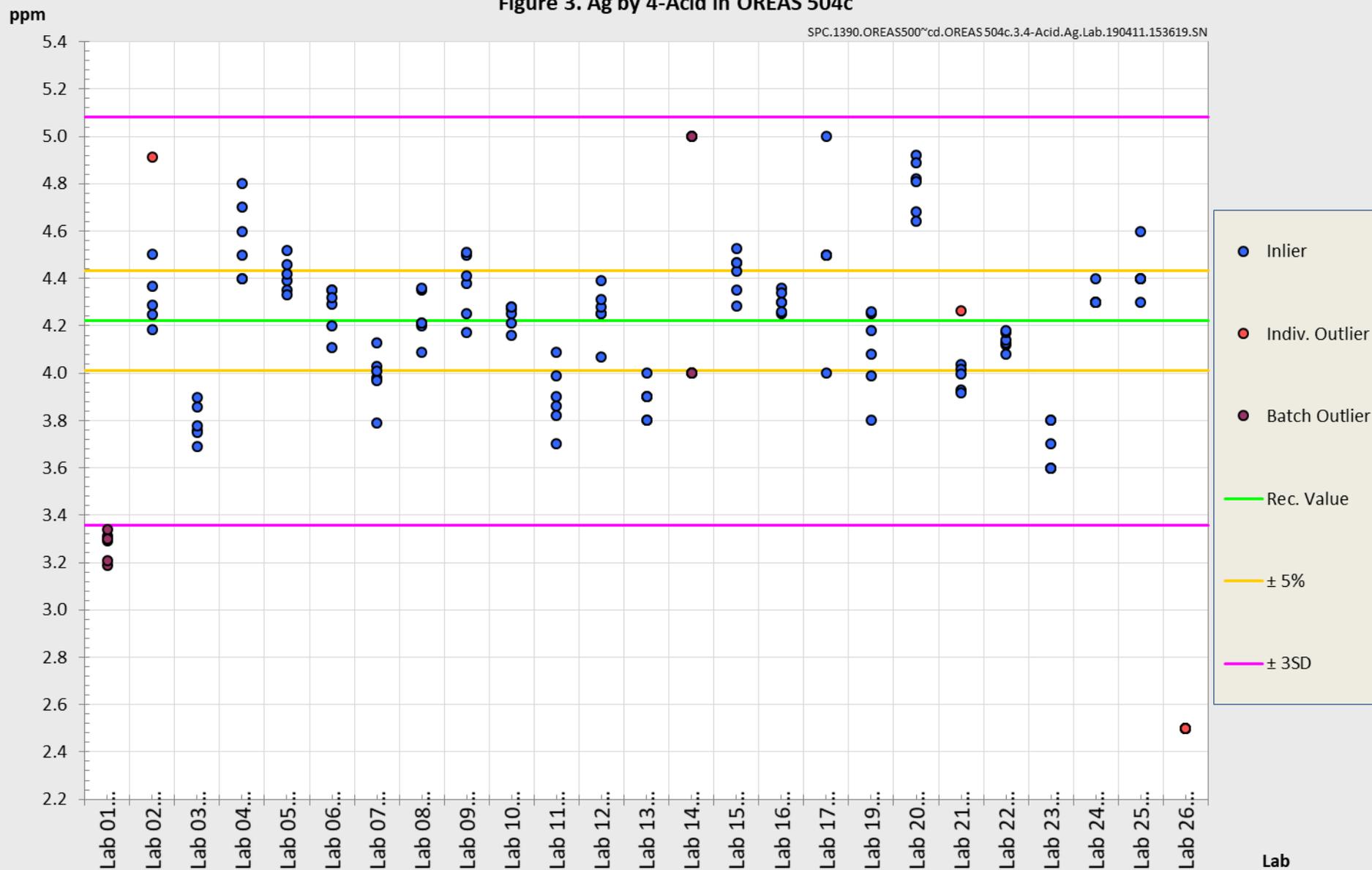


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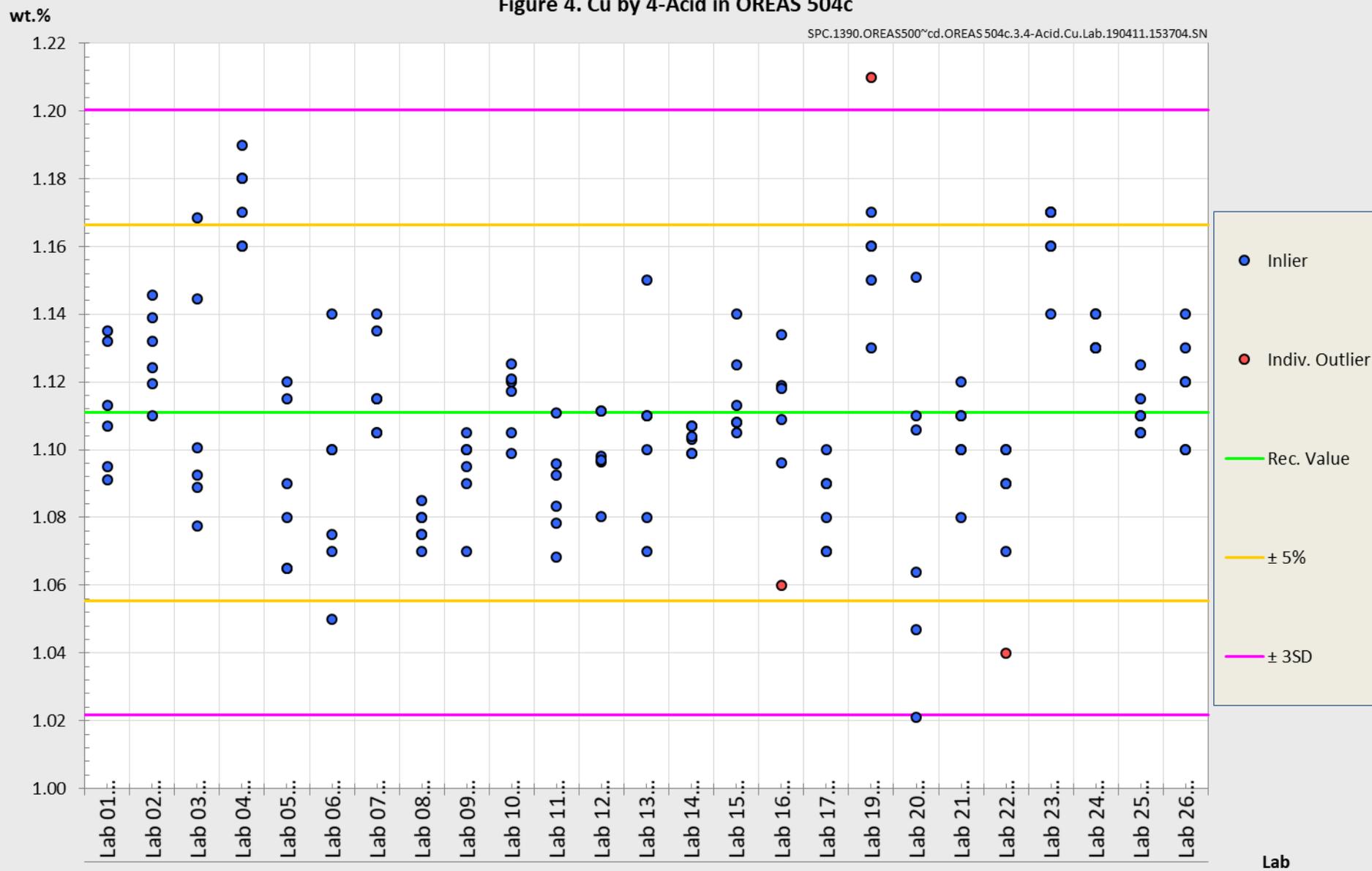
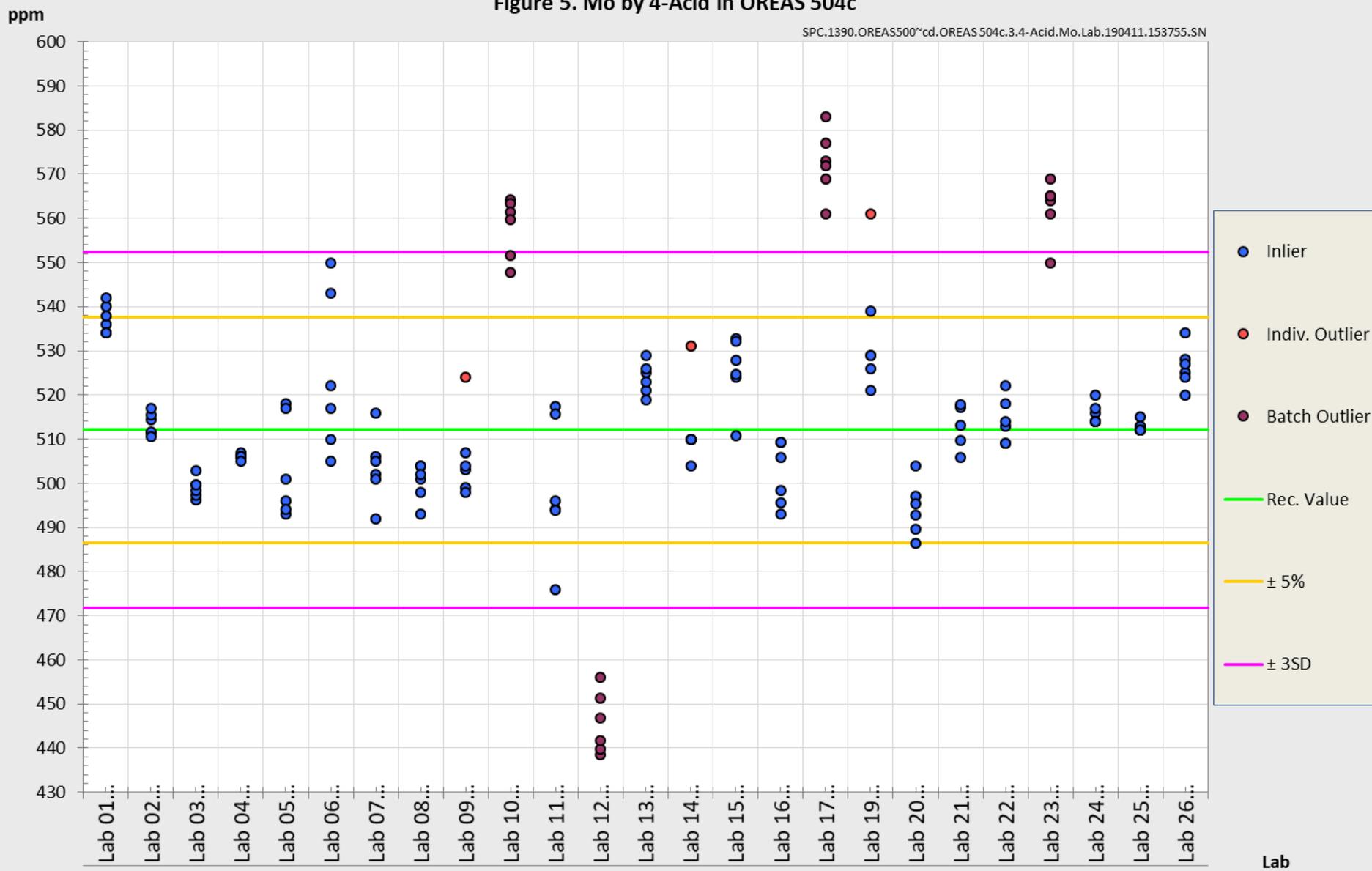


Figure 5. Mo by 4-Acid in OREAS 504c

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## METROLOGICAL TRACEABILITY

The analytical samples were selected in a manner to represent the entire batch of prepared CRM. This 'representivity' 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 that underlie the consensus values. Each analytical data set has been validated by its assayer through the inclusion of internal reference materials and QC checks during analysis.

The laboratories were chosen on the basis of their competence (from past performance in inter-laboratory programs undertaken by ORE Pty Ltd) for a particular analytical method, analyte or analyte suite, and sample matrix. Most of these laboratories have and maintain ISO 17025 accreditation. The certified values presented in this report are calculated from the means of accepted data following robust statistical treatment as detailed in this report.

Guide ISO/TR 16476:2016, 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 method is possible. In this case, certification takes place on the basis of agreement among independent measurement results** (see ISO Guide 35:2006, Clause 10)."*

## COMMUTABILITY

The measurements of the results that underlie the certified values contained in this report were undertaken by methods involving pre-treatment (digestion/fusion) 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 their field samples.

## INTENDED USE

OREAS 504c 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 504c may be used to calibrate the entire procedure by producing a pure substance CRM transformed into a calibration solution.

OREAS 504c is intended for the following uses:

- For the monitoring of laboratory performance in the analysis of analytes reported in Table 1 in geological samples;
- For the verification of analytical methods for analytes reported in Table 1;
- For the calibration of instruments used in the determination of the concentration of analytes reported in Table 1.

## STABILITY AND STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

OREAS 504c has been prepared from a blend of porphyry copper-gold ore, barren granodiorite and a minor quantity of Cu-Mo concentrate. It is low in reactive sulphide (~1.1% S). In its unopened state and under normal conditions of storage it has a shelf life beyond ten years. Its stability will be monitored at regular intervals and purchasers notified if any changes are observed.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CORRECT USE

The certified values for OREAS 504c refer to the concentration level in its packaged state. It should not be dried prior to weighing and analysis.

## HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

Ore Research & Exploration Pty Ltd has prepared and statistically evaluated the property values of this reference material to the best of its ability. The Purchaser by receipt hereof releases and indemnifies Ore Research & Exploration Pty Ltd from and against all liability and costs arising from the use of this material and information.

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