



WADA IRMS Technical Document update and further documentation guidance

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TD IRMS / TD EAAS / TD NA

IRMS Technical Note

IRMS Checklist

ISL 2021 Art. 1.1.2 – Technical Documents

Mandatory Character of TDs

The implementation of TD requirements into the Laboratory's (...) Management System is mandatory for obtaining and maintaining *WADA* accreditation (...) and for the application of the relevant Analytical Testing Procedure(s) to the analysis of Samples.

A failure by a Laboratory to implement a TD (...) by the effective date may result in the imposition of an Analytical Testing Restriction against the Laboratory for that particular Analytical Testing Procedure or a Suspension of the Laboratory's *WADA* accreditation (...), as determined by *WADA*.

Effective Date of a TD

Implementation of the requirements detailed in a TD may occur prior to the effective date for implementation specified in the TD and shall occur no later than the effective date.

The most recently approved TD shall be applied (...) prior to the effective date if it would lead to a result that benefits the Athlete (e.g., increase of a Decision Limit...). Therefore, in the case where an analytical finding does not meet the reporting criteria defined in the new TD, it shall be reported as a Negative Finding.

Subject to the above, the analysis of samples or the review of analytical data may occur immediately once a TD has been approved.



ISL 2021 Art. 4.4.2.2 – Flexible Scope of ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation

WADA-specific Analytical Testing Procedures

WADA may require an extension of the Scope of ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation to include specific ATPs before application to the analysis of Samples, even if the analytical technique involved is already incorporated in the Laboratory's Scope of ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation

However, once included within the scope, limited changes to these ATPs may be allowed within the boundaries of a Flexible Scope of ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation (*e.g., inclusion of new Analytes*).

Nonetheless, this flexibility does not allow the Laboratories to introduce new Analytes within these ATPs if specific method performance and compliance decision criteria (e.g., DLs) are needed and those criteria are not yet defined in an applicable TD (e.g., new target compound(s) for GC/C/IRMS analysis).



WADA-specific Analytical Testing Procedures

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Relevant classes ³:

Determination of origin by GC/C/IRMS ³

(*e.g., Markers of the steroid profile, 19-NA, formestane, boldenone*)

Urine

GC/C/IRMS

TD IRMS - Revision Points

➤ Additional Target Compounds ?

- S1.1. Adrenosterone (11-oxo)¹; 1-androstene-steroids (1-androstenediol, 1-androstenedione [1AD], 1-testosterone, 1-androsterone [1AND], and 1-epiandrosterone [1EpiAND])
- S4.1: Androstatrienedione [TRD] (and its main metabolite 17β-hydroxy-androsta-1,4,6-triene-3-one); 6β-OH-AD.
- S4.4.1 AICAR

➤ Expansion of lab analytical capacity for B, BM, Formestane, 19-NA, 6α-OH-AD, EpiA?? Mandatory?

➤ Issues of sample contamination?

¹ 11-keto-T at > 40 ng/mL should lead to CP for 11-oxo and exclude the use of 11OHA and 11-O-Etio as ERCs for IRMS



WADA Technical Document – TD2022IRMS

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Detection of Synthetic Forms of
Prohibited Substances
by GC/C/IRMS

TD IRMS - Revision Points (cont)

➤ Use of ERCs: Consideration of confounders / synthetic precursors:

- ERCs with $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values not compatible with an endogenous origin (≤ -25.0 ‰)
- Pregnenolone, Progesterone – PD : define in SOP a substitute ERC1
- Adrenosterone (prohibited) - 11-OH-A and 11-oxo-Etio : how to establish use?
- Cortisol, cortisone (prohibited IC)
- Make ERC3 mandatory? (e.g. PD not measurable or affected by synthetic precursor)
- Other confounders?



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Detection of Synthetic Forms of *Prohibited Substances* by GC/IRMS

TD IRMS - Revision Points (cont)

➤ Interpretation of IRMS results:

- Consideration of both GC-MSⁿ and IRMS results: doping scenario
T/E > 10; high T: IRMS inconclusive?
- Positive IRMS results shall prevail
- Negative / inconclusive IRMS results: pseudoendogenous preparations, use of synthetic precursors of ERCs, populations with naturally depleted $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values.
- Don't hesitate to ask for 2nd opinion.

TD IRMS - Revision Points (cont)

➤ Reporting of IRMS results:

Unsatisfactory feedback from TAs: reporting of IRMS results not aligned with other AAF, difficult to understand

- An IRMS AAF is currently reported in the ADAMS report as

AAF – The GC/C/IRMS results are consistent with of the exogenous origin the target compound(s).

Then each TDIRMS criterion met is listed separately such as:

S1.1 Anabolic Androgenic Steroids (AAS)/ The GC/C/IRMS results are consistent with the exogenous origin of Testosterone and at least one of the Adiol (5αAdiol and/or 5βAdiol) when using 11β-hydroxyandrosterone (11-OHA) as ERC.

- Other substances are reported in the ADAMS report as

AAF - Adverse Analytical Finding: S1.1 Anabolic Androgenic Steroids (AAS)/drostanolone

Positive Criteria (Art. 2.3.2)	Δδ ¹³ C ERC-TC					
	T	E	A	Etiol	5αAdiol, 5βAdiol	B, BM1, F 6α-OH-AD, EpiA *
i.	> 3.0 ‰				> 3.0 ‰ (either Adiol)	
ii.					> 3.0 ‰ (both Adiol)	
iii.		> 4.5 ‰				
iv.&			> 2.0 ‰	> 3.0 ‰		
v.			> 2.0 ‰		> 3.0 ‰ (either Adiol)	
				> 3.0 ‰	> 3.0 ‰ (either Adiol)	
vi.					Δδ ¹³ (ERC-5α) > 4.0 ‰ and δ ¹³ C(5α) ≤ -27.0 ‰	
vii.						> 4.0 ‰

TD IRMS - Revision Points (cont)

➤ Reporting of IRMS results:

TD IRMS Art. 3.0

- GC/C/IRMS results are consistent with the exogenous administration of the substance(s), **specifying the identity of the relevant TC(s)** that produced a positive GC/C/IRMS finding

AAF: GC/C/IRMS results are consistent with the exogenous origin of T and 5βAdiol

➤ Proposed Improvements

- Remove criteria statements from ADAMS report (intermediate details in TD LDOC)
- Explicitly name which substance and/or metabolite has been confirmed as exogenous

E.g., Presence of testosterone and/or testosterone metabolites (...) of non-endogenous origin, compatible with the exogenous application of testosterone and/or its precursors

Positive Criteria (Art. 2.3.2)	$\Delta\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ERC-TC					
	T	E	A	Etio	5 α Adiol, 5 β Adiol	B, BM1, F 6 α -OH-AD, EpiA *
i.	> 3.0 ‰				> 3.0 ‰ (either Adiol)	
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iii.		> 4.5 ‰				
iv. ^{&}			> 2.0 ‰	> 3.0 ‰		
v.			> 2.0 ‰		> 3.0 ‰ (either Adiol)	
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vi.					$\Delta\delta^{13}\text{(ERC-5}\alpha\text{)}$ > 4.0 ‰ and $\delta^{13}\text{C(5}\alpha\text{)}$ \leq -27.0 ‰	
vii.						> 4.0 ‰

TD EAAS - Management of IRMS Analyses

➤ TD2021(v2)EAAS Art. 3.1.1:

- High T/E (ADAMS) → ATPF-CPR (Lab, TA, APMU)

Proceed to CP (including IRMS) **unless**:

1- Confounding Factors

Advice from TA (RMA) or Passport Custodian, in writing, within 15 days of ATPF-CPR. If not received → IRMS

If TA (RMA)/ PC say NO IRMS → Report reasons in ADAMS

2- AAFs for other substances → **Consult TA (RMA)**

➤ TD2021(v2)EAAS Art. 3.1.2:

- Abnormal values or sequences of A/T, A/Etio, 5 α Adiol/5 β Adiol, 5 α Adiol/E → ATPF-CPR (~~Lab~~, TA, APMU)

APMU advices TA (RMA) on CP

IRMS upon written request from TA (RMA)



WADA Technical Document – TD2021EAAS

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Measurement and Reporting of Endogenous Anabolic Androgenic Steroid (EAAS) Markers of the Urinary Steroid Profile

TD EAAS - Management of IRMS Analyses

In addition, once IRMS is triggered:

➤ TD2021(v2)EAAS Art. 3.2.1:

- GC-MSⁿ quantitative confirmation of all the Markers of the steroid profile* before IRMS analysis, **unless agree with TA to proceed directly to IRMS**

* For T/E, only T may be confirmed (low sample volume, E not detected)

- ATPF-CPR (T/E): IRMS not mandatory when the confirmed T/E < confirmation T/E cut-off (provided within the ATPF-CPR notification)
- Other ATPF-CPR: Consult TA before IRMS if CP value \neq ITP value ($\pm U_{95\%}$)

➤ TD2021(v2)EAAS Art. 3.3.1:

- Microbial contamination ($T_{\text{free}} / T_{\text{total}} > 0.05$ as determined during CP): **shall not preclude the performance of IRMS or invalidate IRMS results.**

Laboratory Technical Note

GC/C/IRMS Analysis for *Doping Control*

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ISL Art. 1.1.5 - Technical Notes

Implementation of the recommendations detailed in TNs is **not mandatory**. However, Laboratories are encouraged to follow, to the fullest extent possible, the technical guidance included in TNs.

TNs are provided to Laboratories only and are not published on WADA's website (**confidential!**)

TN IRMS drafted by your colleagues (IRMS WG) – **following it will ensure proper validation, implementation, interpretation and reporting of IRMS results**

Two Appendices (Measurement Uncertainty)

App1: Intermediate Precision (One-way ANOVA)
Bias (Linear Mixing Model)

App2: Model spreadsheet for calculation of s_w , u_{bias} , and u_c

IRMS Check List



WADA GC/C/IRMS EVALUATION CHECKLIST

Laboratory: (City/Country)	Procedure/ SOP ID:	Validation Report ID:
Procedure to monitor and evaluate GC/C/IRMS analysis performance by the Laboratories for the Markers of the Steroid Profile This assessment may include the evaluation of: SOPs, Validation Reports, Documentation Packages and other QM files		
Reference	Evaluation Topic	Satisfactory
1.0	Use of ERCs	
1.1	<p>TD2022/IRMS Art. 2.0 & § 1.1</p> <p>ERC(s) validated for the GC/C/IRMS procedure:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At least two (2) ERCs are validated, including PD as the primary ERC (ERC1) and at least one (1) additional ERC selected from 16-en, 11-OH-A, 11-oxo-Etio and PT.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pregnenediol (PD) <input type="checkbox"/> 5α-androst-16-en-3α-ol (16-en) <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnanetriol (PT)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 11β-hydroxyandosterone (11-OH-A) <input type="checkbox"/> 11-keto-etiocholanolone (11-oxo-Etio)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Will help WADA and Labs check for proper implementation of IRMS procedure

- Mandatory TD IRMS, TD EAAS, TD NA, TD LDOC requirements
- Best practice TN IRMS recommendations
- To be distributed soon

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