



# NMBAQC

NE Atlantic Marine Biological Analytical Quality Control Scheme

## Own Sample Module Summary Report

Benthic Invertebrate Component - 2022/23

OS80, 81 and 82

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## **MODULE / EXERCISE DETAILS**

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| Module:                               | Own Sample (OS)  |
| Exercises:                            | OS80, 81 and 82  |
| Data/Sample Request Circulated:       | 28 October 2022  |
| Sample Submission Deadline (Batch 2): | 28 April 2023  |
| Number of Subscribing Laboratories:   | 37   |
| Number of Own Samples Received:       | 108  |
|                                       | including 1x OS (BI_2938 OS80) received as an incomplete sample (without sorted residues);<br>sample presented in this report but excluded from summary statistics |
|                                       | includes 15x OS from the Black Sea   |

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Table 1. Summary of the performance of participating laboratories in the Own Sample (OS) exercises with respect to the NMBAQC standards.

| 1            | 2                  | 3   | 4             | 5           | 6           | 7        | 8               | 9                | 10    | 11              | 12              | 13   | 14              | 15          | 16          | 17       | 18              | 19                    | 20      | 21                 | 22          | 23               | 24     | 25          | 26                 |
|--------------|--------------------|-----|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|--------|-------------|--------------------|
|              | Estimation of Taxa |     |               |             |             |          |                 | Taxonomic errors |       |                 | No. Individuals |      |                 |             |             |          |                 | Estimation of Biomass |         |                    |             | Similarity Index |        |             | Sample Flag        |
|              | OD                 | AD  | Target        | Pass / Fail | Missed Taxa | % Missed | Remedial Action | OD               | %     | Remedial Action | OD              | AD   | Target          | Pass / Fail | Missed Ind. | % Missed | Remedial Action | OD                    | AD      | Target             | Pass / Fail | BCSI %           | Target | Pass / Fail | NMBAQC Sample Flag |
| BI_2901 OS80 | 52                 | 53  | 47.7 - 58.3   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 2                | 3.77  | -               | 201             | 203  | 182.7 - 223.3   | PASS        | 2           | 0.99     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 98.28            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2901 OS81 | 35                 | 35  | 31.5 - 38.5   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 187             | 189  | 170.1 - 207.9   | PASS        | 1           | 0.53     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 99.468           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2901 OS82 | 33                 | 33  | 29.7 - 36.3   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 133             | 133  | 119.7 - 146.3   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 99.248           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2904 OS80 | 128                | 130 | 117 - 143     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1                | 0.77  | -               | 2933            | 2934 | 2640.6 - 3227.4 | PASS        | 17          | 0.58     | -               | 8.5842                | 8.5512  | 6.84096 - 10.26144 | PASS        | 99.25            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2904 OS81 | 19                 | 19  | 17.1 - 20.9   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 45              | 46   | 41.4 - 50.6     | PASS        | 1           | 2.17     | -               | 0.0531                | 0.0413  | 0.03304 - 0.04956  | FAIL        | 98.97            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2904 OS82 | 141                | 141 | 126.9 - 155.1 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 5                | 3.55  | -               | 2955            | 2970 | 2673 - 3267     | PASS        | 23          | 0.77     | -               | 6.7591                | 6.4913  | 5.19304 - 7.78956  | PASS        | 98.28            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2905 OS80 | 20                 | 21  | 18.9 - 23.1   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 4                | 19.05 | -               | 172             | 184  | 165.6 - 202.4   | PASS        | 3           | 1.63     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 92.697           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - ACCEPTABLE  |
| BI_2905 OS81 | 9                  | 10  | 9 - 11        | PASS        | 1           | 10.00    | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 59              | 63   | 56.7 - 69.3     | PASS        | 4           | 6.35     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 96.721           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2905 OS82 | 10                 | 10  | 9 - 11        | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1                | 10.00 | -               | 52              | 53   | 47.7 - 58.3     | PASS        | 1           | 1.89     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 97.143           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2906 OS80 | 1                  | 1   | 0.9 - 1.1     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 1               | 1    | 0.9 - 1.1       | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2906 OS81 | 15                 | 15  | 13.5 - 16.5   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 51              | 51   | 45.9 - 56.1     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2906 OS82 | 2                  | 2   | 1.8 - 2.2     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 5               | 5    | 4.5 - 5.5       | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2907 OS80 | 11                 | 11  | 9.9 - 12.1    | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1                | 9.09  | -               | 961             | 978  | 880.2 - 1075.8  | PASS        | 17          | 1.74     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 96.857           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2907 OS81 | 19                 | 21  | 18.9 - 23.1   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 2                | 9.52  | -               | 280             | 285  | 256.5 - 313.5   | PASS        | 7           | 2.46     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 95.07            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2907 OS82 | 17                 | 20  | 18 - 22       | FAIL        | 1           | 5.00     | -               | 3                | 15.00 | -               | 295             | 315  | 283.5 - 346.5   | PASS        | 16          | 5.08     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 95.41            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2908 OS80 | 35                 | 37  | 33.3 - 40.7   | PASS        | 1           | 2.70     | -               | 2                | 5.41  | -               | 302             | 316  | 284.4 - 347.6   | PASS        | 15          | 4.75     | -               | 13.2032               | 8.9634  | 7.17072 - 10.75608 | FAIL        | 96.764           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2908 OS81 | 10                 | 10  | 9 - 11        | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1                | 10.00 | -               | 23              | 23   | 20.7 - 25.3     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1.74347               | 1.3289  | 1.06312 - 1.59468  | FAIL        | 95.652           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2908 OS82 | 24                 | 25  | 22.5 - 27.5   | PASS        | 1           | 4.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 107             | 107  | 96.3 - 117.7    | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 14.0952               | 11.5737 | 9.25896 - 13.88844 | FAIL        | 99.539           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2916 OS80 | 15                 | 15  | 13.5 - 16.5   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 19              | 19   | 17.1 - 20.9     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0.0177                | 0.0195  | 0.0156 - 0.0234    | PASS        | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2916 OS81 | 24                 | 24  | 21.6 - 26.4   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 2                | 8.33  | -               | 116             | 117  | 105.3 - 128.7   | PASS        | 1           | 0.85     | -               | 0.9071                | 0.84    | 0.672 - 1.008      | PASS        | 98.333           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2916 OS82 | 49                 | 50  | 45 - 55       | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1                | 2.00  | -               | 316             | 320  | 288 - 352       | PASS        | 5           | 1.56     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 98.489           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2917 OS80 | 20                 | 20  | 18 - 22       | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 56              | 57   | 51.3 - 62.7     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 99.16            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2917 OS81 | 20                 | 20  | 18 - 22       | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 76              | 76   | 68.4 - 83.6     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2917 OS82 | 17                 | 17  | 15.3 - 18.7   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 49              | 49   | 44.1 - 53.9     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2918 OS80 | 24                 | 26  | 23.4 - 28.6   | PASS        | 2           | 7.69     | -               | 1                | 3.85  | -               | 42              | 42   | 37.8 - 46.2     | PASS        | 1           | 2.38     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 93.023           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - ACCEPTABLE  |
| BI_2918 OS81 | 50                 | 52  | 46.8 - 57.2   | PASS        | 2           | 3.85     | -               | 2                | 3.85  | -               | 181             | 181  | 162.9 - 199.1   | PASS        | 3           | 1.66     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 95.317           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2918 OS82 | 43                 | 46  | 41.4 - 50.6   | PASS        | 3           | 6.52     | -               | 1                | 2.17  | -               | 140             | 136  | 122.4 - 149.6   | PASS        | 3           | 2.21     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 94.964           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - ACCEPTABLE  |
| BI_2926 OS80 | 15                 | 17  | 15.3 - 18.7   | FAIL        | 2           | 11.76    | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 50              | 51   | 45.9 - 56.1     | PASS        | 1           | 1.96     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 98.039           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2926 OS81 | 35                 | 36  | 32.4 - 39.6   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 93              | 93   | 83.7 - 102.3    | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 99.465           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2926 OS82 | 24                 | 25  | 22.5 - 27.5   | PASS        | 1           | 4.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 44              | 45   | 40.5 - 49.5     | PASS        | 1           | 2.22     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 98.876           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2927 OS80 | 29                 | 31  | 27.9 - 34.1   | PASS        | 2           | 6.45     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 152             | 154  | 138.6 - 169.4   | PASS        | 4           | 2.60     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 98.052           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2927 OS81 | 23                 | 23  | 20.7 - 25.3   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1                | 4.35  | -               | 308             | 307  | 276.3 - 337.7   | PASS        | 1           | 0.33     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 98.869           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2927 OS82 | 44                 | 44  | 39.6 - 48.4   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1                | 2.27  | -               | 156             | 155  | 139.5 - 170.5   | PASS        | 1           | 0.65     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 98.423           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2928 OS80 | 11                 | 11  | 9.9 - 12.1    | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 24              | 24   | 21.6 - 26.4     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2928 OS81 | 39                 | 39  | 35.1 - 42.9   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 163             | 164  | 147.6 - 180.4   | PASS        | 1           | 0.61     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 99.698           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2928 OS82 | 25                 | 25  | 22.5 - 27.5   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 305             | 305  | 274.5 - 335.5   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2929 OS80 | 64                 | 66  | 59.4 - 72.6   | PASS        | 1           | 1.52     | -               | 3                | 4.55  | -               | 415             | 415  | 373.5 - 456.5   | PASS        | 1           | 0.24     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 96.905           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2929 OS81 | 87                 | 88  | 79.2 - 96.8   | PASS        | 1           | 1.14     | -               | 4                | 4.55  | -               | 1012            | 1016 | 914.4 - 1117.6  | PASS        | 4           | 0.39     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 99.02            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2929 OS82 | 50                 | 52  | 46.8 - 57.2   | PASS        | 2           | 3.85     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 272             | 280  | 252 - 308       | PASS        | 8           | 2.86     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 98.561           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2930 OS80 | 9                  | 9   | 8.1 - 9.9     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 33              | 36   | 32.4 - 39.6     | PASS        | 3           | 8.33     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 96               | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2930 OS81 | 27                 | 29  | 26.1 - 31.9   | PASS        | 2           | 6.90     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 98              | 111  | 99.9 - 122.1    | FAIL        | 13          | 11.71    | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 94.118           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - ACCEPTABLE  |
| BI_2930 OS82 | 13                 | 15  | 13.5 - 16.5   | FAIL        | 1           | 6.67     | -               | 1                | 6.67  | -               | 117             | 126  | 113.4 - 138.6   | PASS        | 9           | 7.14     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 95.473           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2931 OS80 | 8                  | 10  | 9 - 11        | FAIL        | 2           | 20.00    | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 16              | 18   | 16.2 - 19.8     | FAIL        | 2           | 11.11    | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 94.444           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - ACCEPTABLE  |
| BI_2931 OS81 | 10                 | 10  | 9 - 11        | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 85              | 85   | 76.5 - 93.5     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2931 OS82 | 24                 | 27  | 24.3 - 29.7   | FAIL        | 3           | 11.11    | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 190             | 195  | 175.5 - 214.5   | PASS        | 5           | 2.56     | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 98.191           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2932 OS80 | 15                 | 18  | 16.2 - 19.8   | FAIL        | 2           | 11.11    | Review          | 2                | 11.11 | Review          | 179             | 218  | 196.2 - 239.8   | FAIL        | 34          | 15.60    | Reprocess       | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 44.724           | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - BAD         |
| BI_2932 OS81 | 28                 | 32  | 28.8 - 35.2   | FAIL        | 4           | 12.50    | Reprocess       | 3                | 9.38  | Review          | 170             | 178  | 160.2 - 195.8   | PASS        | 13          | 7.30     | Review          | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 81.609           | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - BAD         |
| BI_2932 OS82 | 11                 | 12  | 10.8 - 13.2   | PASS        | 1           | 8.33     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 22              | 26   | 23.4 - 28.6     | FAIL        | 4           | 15.38    | -               | -                     | -       | -                  | -           | 91.667           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - ACCEPTABLE  |

NB. This table details the findings of the audit only. For details of Own Sample remedial action please refer to NMBAQCS Year 29 Annual report, section 2.4.

Table 1. Summary of the performance of participating laboratories in the Own Sample (OS) exercises with respect to the NMBAQC standards.

| 1            | 2                  | 3  | 4           | 5           | 6           | 7        | 8               | 9                | 10    | 11              | 12              | 13   | 14              | 15          | 16          | 17       | 18              | 19                    | 20      | 21                   | 22          | 23               | 24     | 25          | 26                 |
|--------------|--------------------|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|-------------|------------------|--------|-------------|--------------------|
|              | Estimation of Taxa |    |             |             |             |          |                 | Taxonomic errors |       |                 | No. Individuals |      |                 |             |             |          |                 | Estimation of Biomass |         |                      |             | Similarity Index |        |             | Sample Flag        |
|              | OD                 | AD | Target      | Pass / Fail | Missed Taxa | % Missed | Remedial Action | OD               | %     | Remedial Action | OD              | AD   | Target          | Pass / Fail | Missed Ind. | % Missed | Remedial Action | OD                    | AD      | Target               | Pass / Fail | BCSI %           | Target | Pass / Fail | NMBAQC Sample Flag |
| BI_2934 OS80 | 32                 | 32 | 28.8 - 35.2 | PASS        | 1           | 3.13     | -               | 1                | 3.13  | -               | 252             | 250  | 225 - 275       | PASS        | 2           | 0.80     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 98.833           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2934 OS81 | 22                 | 22 | 19.8 - 24.2 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 178             | 179  | 161.1 - 196.9   | PASS        | 1           | 0.56     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 99.72            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2934 OS82 | 17                 | 18 | 16.2 - 19.8 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 45              | 45   | 40.5 - 49.5     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 98.969           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2935 OS80 | 9                  | 9  | 8.1 - 9.9   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 23              | 25   | 22.5 - 27.5     | PASS        | 2           | 8.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 95.833           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2935 OS81 | 13                 | 14 | 12.6 - 15.4 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 233             | 236  | 212.4 - 259.6   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 98.943           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2935 OS82 | 4                  | 4  | 3.6 - 4.4   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 5               | 5    | 4.5 - 5.5       | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2936 OS80 | 16                 | 17 | 15.3 - 18.7 | PASS        | 1           | 5.88     | -               | 1                | 5.88  | -               | 71              | 73   | 65.7 - 80.3     | PASS        | 2           | 2.74     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 96.552           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2936 OS81 | 9                  | 13 | 11.7 - 14.3 | FAIL        | 3           | 23.08    | Reprocess       | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 19              | 25   | 22.5 - 27.5     | FAIL        | 4           | 16.00    | Reprocess       | 0.0328                | 0.028   | 0.0224 - 0.0336      | PASS        | 87.5             | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - POOR        |
| BI_2936 OS82 | 6                  | 6  | 5.4 - 6.6   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 51              | 51   | 45.9 - 56.1     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2937 OS80 | 10                 | 10 | 9 - 11      | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 145             | 145  | 130.5 - 159.5   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2937 OS81 | 18                 | 22 | 19.8 - 24.2 | FAIL        | 3           | 13.64    | -               | 1                | 4.55  | -               | 1429            | 1497 | 1347.3 - 1646.7 | PASS        | 67          | 4.48     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 97.541           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2937 OS82 | 7                  | 7  | 6.3 - 7.7   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 11              | 11   | 9.9 - 12.1      | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2938 OS80 | 28                 | 28 | 25.2 - 30.8 | PASS        | n/a         | n/a      | Reprocess       | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 106             | 106  | 95.4 - 116.6    | PASS        | n/a         | n/a      | Reprocess       | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 0                | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - BAD         |
| BI_2938 OS81 | 16                 | 16 | 14.4 - 17.6 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 38              | 38   | 34.2 - 41.8     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2938 OS82 | 57                 | 56 | 50.4 - 61.6 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 2                | 3.57  | -               | 158             | 158  | 142.2 - 173.8   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 98.824           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2939 OS80 | 24                 | 24 | 21.6 - 26.4 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 670             | 677  | 609.3 - 744.7   | PASS        | 7           | 1.03     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 99.481           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2939 OS81 | 13                 | 15 | 13.5 - 16.5 | FAIL        | 1           | 6.67     | -               | 3                | 20.00 | -               | 603             | 601  | 540.9 - 661.1   | PASS        | 1           | 0.17     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 98.592           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2939 OS82 | 5                  | 5  | 4.5 - 5.5   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 124             | 122  | 109.8 - 134.2   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | -                     | -       | -                    | -           | 99.187           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2940 OS80 | 12                 | 12 | 10.8 - 13.2 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 118             | 118  | 106.2 - 129.8   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 2.7536                | 2.9762  | 2.38096 - 3.57144    | PASS        | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2940 OS81 | 55                 | 55 | 49.5 - 60.5 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 2                | 3.64  | -               | 140             | 143  | 128.7 - 157.3   | PASS        | 1           | 0.70     | -               | 0.4611                | 0.485   | 0.388 - 0.582        | PASS        | 97.749           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2940 OS82 | 10                 | 10 | 9 - 11      | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 16              | 16   | 14.4 - 17.6     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0.1055                | 0.1091  | 0.08728 - 0.13092    | PASS        | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2941 OS80 | 7                  | 7  | 6.3 - 7.7   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 32              | 32   | 28.8 - 35.2     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0.0072                | 0.0057  | 0.00456 - 0.00684    | FAIL        | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2941 OS81 | 5                  | 5  | 4.5 - 5.5   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 17              | 17   | 15.3 - 18.7     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0.0104                | 0.0091  | 0.00728 - 0.01092    | PASS        | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2941 OS82 | 11                 | 11 | 9.9 - 12.1  | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1                | 9.09  | -               | 144             | 144  | 129.6 - 158.4   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 2.1399                | 2.0812  | 1.66496 - 2.49744    | PASS        | 99.31            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2942 OS80 | 12                 | 12 | 10.8 - 13.2 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1                | 8.33  | -               | 61              | 62   | 55.8 - 68.2     | PASS        | 1           | 1.61     | -               | 0.1755                | 0.1738  | 0.13904 - 0.20856    | PASS        | 97.6             | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2942 OS81 | 12                 | 12 | 10.8 - 13.2 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 15              | 15   | 13.5 - 16.5     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 11.7492               | 11.7298 | 9.38384 - 14.07576   | PASS        | 100              | 90     | PASS        | PASS - EXCELLENT   |
| BI_2942 OS82 | 19                 | 19 | 17.1 - 20.9 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 59              | 60   | 54 - 66         | PASS        | 1           | 1.67     | -               | 0.4369                | 0.4079  | 0.32632 - 0.48948    | PASS        | 99.174           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2943 OS80 | 46                 | 46 | 41.4 - 50.6 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1                | 2.17  | -               | 148             | 148  | 133.2 - 162.8   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0.3681                | 0.251   | 0.2008 - 0.3012      | FAIL        | 99.338           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2943 OS81 | 39                 | 39 | 35.1 - 42.9 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 198             | 197  | 177.3 - 216.7   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 3.9161                | 3.7161  | 2.97288 - 4.45932    | PASS        | 99.752           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2943 OS82 | 51                 | 50 | 45 - 55     | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1                | 2.00  | -               | 462             | 463  | 416.7 - 509.3   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 6.0835                | 3.9193  | 3.13544 - 4.70316    | FAIL        | 99.461           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2944 OS80 | 17                 | 22 | 19.8 - 24.2 | FAIL        | 5           | 22.73    | -               | 1                | 4.55  | -               | 34              | 38   | 34.2 - 41.8     | FAIL        | 4           | 10.53    | -               | 0.0099                | 0.0109  | 0.00872 - 0.01308    | PASS        | 90.11            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - ACCEPTABLE  |
| BI_2944 OS81 | 35                 | 35 | 31.5 - 38.5 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1                | 2.86  | -               | 147             | 148  | 133.2 - 162.8   | PASS        | 1           | 0.68     | -               | 2.3765                | 2.0715  | 1.6572 - 2.4858      | PASS        | 98.983           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2944 OS82 | 29                 | 32 | 28.8 - 35.2 | PASS        | 1           | 3.13     | -               | 1                | 3.13  | -               | 259             | 282  | 253.8 - 310.2   | PASS        | 5           | 1.77     | -               | 47.375                | 44.3433 | 35.47464 - 53.21196  | PASS        | 94.312           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - ACCEPTABLE  |
| BI_2945 OS80 | 70                 | 70 | 63 - 77     | PASS        | 1           | 1.43     | -               | 5                | 7.14  | -               | 194             | 194  | 174.6 - 213.4   | PASS        | 3           | 1.55     | -               | 3.6573                | 3.4298  | 2.74384 - 4.11576    | PASS        | 91.686           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - ACCEPTABLE  |
| BI_2945 OS81 | 55                 | 58 | 52.2 - 63.8 | PASS        | 4           | 6.90     | Review          | 6                | 10.34 | Reprocess       | 419             | 475  | 427.5 - 522.5   | FAIL        | 60          | 12.63    | Reprocess       | 3.3925                | 3.1236  | 2.49888 - 3.74832    | PASS        | 86.947           | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - POOR        |
| BI_2945 OS82 | 36                 | 40 | 36 - 44     | PASS        | 2           | 5.00     | -               | 2                | 5.00  | -               | 172             | 175  | 157.5 - 192.5   | PASS        | 2           | 1.14     | -               | 0.1547                | 0.0938  | 0.07504 - 0.11256    | FAIL        | 97.994           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2946 OS80 | 28                 | 29 | 26.1 - 31.9 | PASS        | 1           | 3.45     | -               | 2                | 6.90  | -               | 1288            | 1336 | 1202.4 - 1469.6 | PASS        | 19          | 1.42     | -               | 13.9885               | 12.5637 | 10.05096 - 15.07644  | PASS        | 94.59            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - ACCEPTABLE  |
| BI_2946 OS81 | 43                 | 45 | 40.5 - 49.5 | PASS        | 2           | 4.44     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 471             | 497  | 447.3 - 546.7   | PASS        | 22          | 4.43     | -               | 3.2046                | 3.379   | 2.7032 - 4.0548      | PASS        | 96.42            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2946 OS82 | 9                  | 9  | 8.1 - 9.9   | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 696             | 701  | 630.9 - 771.1   | PASS        | 5           | 0.71     | -               | 7.1243                | 6.0198  | 4.81584 - 7.22376    | PASS        | 99.21            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2947 OS80 | 23                 | 23 | 20.7 - 25.3 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 313             | 316  | 284.4 - 347.6   | PASS        | 5           | 1.58     | -               | 0.2614                | 0.296   | 0.2368 - 0.3552      | PASS        | 97.95            | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2947 OS81 | 67                 | 68 | 61.2 - 74.8 | PASS        | 1           | 1.47     | -               | 3                | 4.41  | -               | 448             | 457  | 411.3 - 502.7   | PASS        | 8           | 1.75     | -               | 7.7763                | 6.7219  | 5.37752 - 8.06628    | PASS        | 93.538           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - ACCEPTABLE  |
| BI_2947 OS82 | 80                 | 83 | 74.7 - 91.3 | PASS        | 2           | 2.41     | -               | 6                | 7.23  | -               | 948             | 962  | 865.8 - 1058.2  | PASS        | 15          | 1.56     | -               | 129.079               | 107.168 | 85.73416 - 128.60124 | FAIL        | 95.208           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2948 OS80 | 34                 | 34 | 30.6 - 37.4 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0                | 0.00  | -               | 108             | 109  | 98.1 - 119.9    | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 0.2169                | 0.2071  | 0.16568 - 0.24852    | PASS        | 99.563           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2948 OS81 | 52                 | 52 | 46.8 - 57.2 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 1                | 1.92  | -               | 267             | 269  | 242.1 - 295.9   | PASS        | 2           | 0.74     | -               | 2.1728                | 2.7688  | 2.21504 - 3.32256    | FAIL        | 94.815           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - ACCEPTABLE  |
| BI_2948 OS82 | 42                 | 42 | 37.8 - 46.2 | PASS        | 1           | 2.38     | -               | 4                | 9.52  | -               | 545             | 557  | 501.3 - 612.7   | PASS        | 15          | 2.69     | -               | 14.1861               | 11.9223 | 9.53784 - 14.30676   | PASS        | 97.101           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |

NB. This table details the findings of the audit only. For details of Own Sample remedial action please refer to NMBAQCS Year 29 Annual report, section 2.4.

Table 1. Summary of the performance of participating laboratories in the Own Sample (OS) exercises with respect to the NMBAQC standards.

| 1            | 2                  | 3  | 4           | 5           | 6           | 7        | 8               | 9                | 10    | 11              | 12              | 13   | 14             | 15          | 16          | 17       | 18              | 19                    | 20      | 21                  | 22          | 23               | 24     | 25          | 26                 |
|--------------|--------------------|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|-------------|------------------|--------|-------------|--------------------|
|              | Estimation of Taxa |    |             |             |             |          |                 | Taxonomic errors |       |                 | No. Individuals |      |                |             |             |          |                 | Estimation of Biomass |         |                     |             | Similarity Index |        |             | Sample Flag        |
|              | OD                 | AD | Target      | Pass / Fail | Missed Taxa | % Missed | Remedial Action | OD               | %     | Remedial Action | OD              | AD   | Target         | Pass / Fail | Missed Ind. | % Missed | Remedial Action | OD                    | AD      | Target              | Pass / Fail | BCSI %           | Target | Pass / Fail | NMBAQC Sample Flag |
| BI_2949 OS80 | 48                 | 50 | 45 - 55     | PASS        | 1           | 2.00     | -               | 6                | 12.00 | -               | 856             | 863  | 776.7 - 949.3  | PASS        | 4           | 0.46     | -               | 68.0721               | 65.0366 | 52.02928 - 78.04392 | PASS        | 97.499           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2949 OS81 | 30                 | 33 | 29.7 - 36.3 | PASS        | 3           | 9.09     | -               | 1                | 3.03  | -               | 195             | 209  | 188.1 - 229.9  | PASS        | 15          | 7.18     | -               | 4.19557               | 3.6676  | 2.93408 - 4.40112   | PASS        | 94.581           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - ACCEPTABLE  |
| BI_2949 OS82 | 32                 | 35 | 31.5 - 38.5 | PASS        | 1           | 2.86     | -               | 3                | 8.57  | -               | 1288            | 1290 | 1161 - 1419    | PASS        | 5           | 0.39     | -               | 28.4226               | 26.934  | 21.5472 - 32.3208   | PASS        | 98.682           | 90     | PASS        | PASS - GOOD        |
| BI_2950 OS80 | 24                 | 27 | 24.3 - 29.7 | FAIL        | 3           | 11.11    | Reprocess       | 7                | 25.93 | Reprocess       | 804             | 820  | 738 - 902      | PASS        | 17          | 2.07     | -               | 10.9556               | 11.7682 | 9.41456 - 14.12184  | PASS        | 61.207           | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - BAD         |
| BI_2950 OS81 | 38                 | 41 | 36.9 - 45.1 | PASS        | 4           | 9.76     | Review          | 14               | 34.15 | Reprocess       | 411             | 434  | 390.6 - 477.4  | PASS        | 24          | 5.53     | Review          | 8.3471                | 8.0134  | 6.41072 - 9.61608   | PASS        | 56.568           | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - BAD         |
| BI_2950 OS82 | 24                 | 25 | 22.5 - 27.5 | PASS        | 4           | 16.00    | Reprocess       | 7                | 28.00 | Reprocess       | 281             | 290  | 261 - 319      | PASS        | 20          | 6.90     | Review          | 2.6438                | 2.5694  | 2.05552 - 3.08328   | PASS        | 61.996           | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - BAD         |
| BI_2951 OS80 | 16                 | 23 | 20.7 - 25.3 | FAIL        | 7           | 30.43    | Reprocess       | 2                | 8.70  | Review          | 198             | 222  | 199.8 - 244.2  | FAIL        | 27          | 12.16    | Reprocess       | 5.8647                | 4.1522  | 3.32176 - 4.98264   | FAIL        | 74.584           | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - BAD         |
| BI_2951 OS81 | 28                 | 31 | 27.9 - 34.1 | PASS        | 3           | 9.68     | Review          | 2                | 6.45  | Review          | 474             | 481  | 432.9 - 529.1  | PASS        | 8           | 1.66     | -               | 0.885                 | 0.5674  | 0.45392 - 0.68088   | FAIL        | 79.581           | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - BAD         |
| BI_2951 OS82 | 13                 | 18 | 16.2 - 19.8 | FAIL        | 5           | 27.78    | Reprocess       | 2                | 11.11 | Review          | 169             | 214  | 192.6 - 235.4  | FAIL        | 45          | 21.03    | Reprocess       | 2.3415                | 1.7459  | 1.39672 - 2.09508   | FAIL        | 82.813           | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - BAD         |
| BI_2952 OS80 | 43                 | 48 | 43.2 - 52.8 | FAIL        | 2           | 4.17     | -               | 12               | 25.00 | Reprocess       | 486             | 515  | 463.5 - 566.5  | PASS        | 37          | 7.18     | Review          | 2.8516                | 2.4698  | 1.97584 - 2.96376   | PASS        | 82.517           | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - BAD         |
| BI_2952 OS81 | 17                 | 17 | 15.3 - 18.7 | PASS        | 0           | 0.00     | -               | 4                | 23.53 | Reprocess       | 121             | 114  | 102.6 - 125.4  | PASS        | 2           | 1.75     | -               | 1.124                 | 1       | 0.8 - 1.2           | PASS        | 87.66            | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - POOR        |
| BI_2952 OS82 | 20                 | 23 | 20.7 - 25.3 | FAIL        | 2           | 8.70     | Review          | 5                | 21.74 | Reprocess       | 216             | 221  | 198.9 - 243.1  | PASS        | 8           | 3.62     | -               | 2.3667                | 2.0758  | 1.66064 - 2.49096   | PASS        | 74.6             | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - BAD         |
| BI_2953 OS80 | 33                 | 37 | 33.3 - 40.7 | FAIL        | 3           | 8.11     | Review          | 7                | 18.92 | Reprocess       | 843             | 963  | 866.7 - 1059.3 | FAIL        | 163         | 16.93    | Reprocess       | 13.2664               | 12.8349 | 10.26792 - 15.40188 | PASS        | 87.259           | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - POOR        |
| BI_2953 OS81 | 32                 | 39 | 35.1 - 42.9 | FAIL        | 1           | 2.56     | -               | 9                | 23.08 | Reprocess       | 655             | 734  | 660.6 - 807.4  | FAIL        | 26          | 3.54     | -               | 16.3968               | 18.0898 | 14.47184 - 21.70776 | PASS        | 88.046           | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - POOR        |
| BI_2953 OS82 | 19                 | 23 | 20.7 - 25.3 | FAIL        | 2           | 8.70     | Review          | 5                | 21.74 | Reprocess       | 307             | 361  | 324.9 - 397.1  | FAIL        | 56          | 15.51    | Reprocess       | 2.6688                | 1.9182  | 1.53456 - 2.30184   | FAIL        | 27.761           | 90     | FAIL        | FAIL - BAD         |

Key:

OD = Original Data (participant), AD = Auditor Data, Target for Estimation of Taxa and No. Individuals is +/- 10% AD, Target for Estimation of Biomass is +/- 20% AD, BCSI = Bray Curtis Similarity Index.

Table 2. Comparison of the extraction efficiency by the participating laboratories for the major taxonomic groups present in Own Samples (OS80-82).

| LabCode |      | Nemertea | Polychaeta | Oligochaeta | Chelicerata | Crustacea | Mollusca | Echinodermata | Other | Overall |      |
|---------|------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------------|-------|---------|------|
| BL_2901 | OS80 | AD count | 2          | 46          | -           | -         | 33       | 62            | 42    | 18      | 203  |
|         |      | Missed   | 0          | 1           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | 0     | 1       | 2    |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0        | 2.2         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 5.6     | 1.0  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 1          | 38          | -           | -         | 21       | 124           | 2     | 3       | 189  |
|         |      | Missed   | 0          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 1             | 0     | 0       | 1    |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.8           | 0.0   | 0.0     | 0.5  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 1          | 19          | -           | -         | 20       | 91            | 1     | 1       | 133  |
|         |      | Missed   | 0          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | 0     | 0       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 0.0     | 0.0  |
| BL_2904 | OS80 | AD count | 30         | 940         | 1           | -         | 309      | 1491          | 80    | 83      | 2934 |
|         |      | Missed   | 0          | 5           | 0           | -         | 0        | 10            | 0     | 2       | 17   |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0        | 0.5         | 0.0         | -         | 0.0      | 0.7           | 0.0   | 2.4     | 0.6  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 12         | 16          | -           | -         | 8        | 3             | 5     | 2       | 46   |
|         |      | Missed   | 1          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | 0     | 0       | 1    |
|         |      | %missed  | 8.3        | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 0.0     | 2.2  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 2          | 898         | 21          | 1         | 1077     | 598           | 31    | 342     | 2970 |
|         |      | Missed   | 0          | 6           | 1           | 0         | 6        | 3             | 1     | 6       | 23   |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0        | 0.7         | 4.8         | 0.0       | 0.6      | 0.5           | 3.2   | 1.8     | 0.8  |
| BL_2905 | OS80 | AD count | -          | 107         | -           | -         | 8        | 66            | 3     | -       | 184  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 2           | -           | -         | 0        | 1             | 0     | -       | 3    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 1.9         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 1.5           | 0.0   | -       | 1.6  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -          | 1           | -           | -         | 21       | 36            | 5     | -       | 63   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 1           | -           | -         | 0        | 3             | 0     | -       | 4    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 100.0       | -           | -         | 0.0      | 8.3           | 0.0   | -       | 6.3  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -          | -           | -           | -         | 6        | 36            | 11    | -       | 53   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | -           | -           | -         | 0        | 1             | 0     | -       | 1    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | -           | -           | -         | 0.0      | 2.8           | 0.0   | -       | 1.9  |
| BL_2906 | OS80 | AD count | -          | 1           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -     | -       | 1    |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | -           | -         | -        | -             | -     | -       | 0.0  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -          | 14          | -           | -         | -        | 3             | -     | 34      | 51   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | -           | -         | -        | 0             | -     | 0       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | -           | -         | -        | 0.0           | -     | 0.0     | 0.0  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | 5             | -     | -       | 5    |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | 0             | -     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | 0.0           | -     | -       | 0.0  |
| BL_2907 | OS80 | AD count | -          | 976         | -           | -         | -        | 2             | -     | -       | 978  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 17          | -           | -         | -        | 0             | -     | -       | 17   |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 1.7         | -           | -         | -        | 0.0           | -     | -       | 1.7  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 1          | 271         | -           | -         | -        | 6             | 4     | 3       | 285  |
|         |      | Missed   | 0          | 7           | -           | -         | -        | 0             | 0     | 0       | 7    |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0        | 2.6         | -           | -         | -        | 0.0           | 0.0   | 0.0     | 2.5  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 2          | 130         | 1           | -         | -        | 180           | 1     | 1       | 315  |
|         |      | Missed   | 0          | 0           | 1           | -         | -        | 15            | 0     | 0       | 16   |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0        | 0.0         | 100.0       | -         | -        | 8.3           | 0.0   | 0.0     | 5.1  |
| BL_2908 | OS80 | AD count | -          | 144         | 40          | -         | 10       | 119           | 3     | -       | 316  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 2           | 0           | -         | 0        | 13            | 0     | -       | 15   |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 1.4         | 0.0         | -         | 0.0      | 10.9          | 0.0   | -       | 4.7  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -          | 14          | -           | -         | 6        | 3             | -     | -       | 23   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | -     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | -       | 0.0  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -          | 55          | -           | -         | 20       | 29            | 3     | -       | 107  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | 0     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | -       | 0.0  |
| BL_2916 | OS80 | AD count | 1          | 2           | -           | -         | 13       | 1             | -     | 2       | 19   |
|         |      | Missed   | 0          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | -     | 0       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | 0.0     | 0.0  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -          | 58          | 1           | -         | 14       | 43            | -     | 1       | 117  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | 0           | -         | 0        | 1             | -     | 0       | 1    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | 0.0         | -         | 0.0      | 2.3           | -     | 0.0     | 0.9  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -          | 197         | 2           | -         | 2        | 69            | -     | 50      | 320  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 3           | 0           | -         | 0        | 2             | -     | 0       | 5    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 1.5         | 0.0         | -         | 0.0      | 2.9           | -     | 0.0     | 1.6  |
| BL_2917 | OS80 | AD count | 1          | 25          | -           | -         | 11       | 18            | 2     | -       | 57   |
|         |      | Missed   | 0          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | 0     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | -       | 0.0  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -          | 55          | -           | -         | 15       | 3             | 3     | -       | 76   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | 0     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | -       | 0.0  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -          | 18          | -           | -         | 15       | 9             | 6     | 1       | 49   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | 0     | 0       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 0.0     | 0.0  |

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| LabCode |      |          | Nemertea | Polychaeta | Oligochaeta | Chelicerata | Crustacea | Mollusca | Echinodermata | Other | Overall |
|---------|------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------------|-------|---------|
| BI_2918 | OS80 | AD count | 2        | 21         | -           | -           | 1         | 9        | 4             | 5     | 42      |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | -           | -           | 0         | 0        | 1             | 0     | 1       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | -           | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | 25.0          | 0.0   | 2.4     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -        | 76         | 1           | -           | 30        | 44       | 16            | 14    | 181     |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 0          | 0           | -           | 0         | 1        | 0             | 2     | 3       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 2.3      | 0.0           | 14.3  | 1.7     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -        | 67         | -           | -           | 7         | 35       | 19            | 8     | 136     |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 0          | -           | -           | 0         | 1        | 0             | 2     | 3       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 0.0        | -           | -           | 0.0       | 2.9      | 0.0           | 25.0  | 2.2     |
| BI_2926 | OS80 | AD count | -        | 12         | -           | -           | 2         | 5        | 31            | 1     | 51      |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 0          | -           | -           | 0         | 1        | 0             | 0     | 1       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 0.0        | -           | -           | 0.0       | 20.0     | 0.0           | 0.0   | 2.0     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 1        | 24         | -           | -           | 15        | 49       | 2             | 2     | 93      |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | -           | -           | 0         | 0        | 0             | 0     | 0       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | -           | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 0.0     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -        | 13         | -           | -           | 7         | 24       | 1             | -     | 45      |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 1          | -           | -           | 0         | 0        | 0             | -     | 1       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 7.7        | -           | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | 2.2     |
| BI_2927 | OS80 | AD count | 2        | 47         | -           | -           | 94        | 4        | 2             | 5     | 154     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 3          | -           | -           | 1         | 0        | 0             | 0     | 4       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 6.4        | -           | -           | 1.1       | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 2.6     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -        | 126        | 152         | -           | 14        | 2        | -             | 13    | 307     |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 1          | 0           | -           | 0         | -        | -             | 0     | 1       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 0.8        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | -             | 0.0   | 0.3     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 4        | 103        | 1           | -           | 34        | 10       | 2             | 1     | 155     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 1          | 0           | -           | 0         | 0        | 0             | 0     | 1       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 1.0        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 0.6     |
| BI_2928 | OS80 | AD count | -        | 13         | -           | -           | 1         | 9        | -             | 1     | 24      |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 0          | -           | -           | 0         | 0        | -             | 0     | 0       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 0.0        | -           | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | -             | 0.0   | 0.0     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 1        | 36         | -           | -           | 14        | 105      | 6             | 2     | 164     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | -           | -           | 0         | 1        | 0             | 0     | 1       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | -           | -           | 0.0       | 1.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 0.6     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 1        | 252        | 1           | -           | 19        | 28       | 3             | 1     | 305     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | 0           | -           | 0         | 0        | 0             | 0     | 0       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 0.0     |
| BI_2929 | OS80 | AD count | 13       | 240        | -           | -           | 30        | 109      | 18            | 5     | 415     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | -           | -           | 0         | 0        | 1             | 0     | 1       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | -           | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | 5.6           | 0.0   | 0.2     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 6        | 670        | -           | -           | 33        | 255      | 50            | 2     | 1016    |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 3          | -           | -           | 0         | 1        | 0             | 0     | 4       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.4        | -           | -           | 0.0       | 0.4      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 0.4     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 2        | 95         | -           | -           | 20        | 157      | 5             | 1     | 280     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 1          | -           | -           | 2         | 5        | 0             | 0     | 8       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 1.1        | -           | -           | 10.0      | 3.2      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 2.9     |
| BI_2930 | OS80 | AD count | 7        | 3          | 6           | -           | 15        | 4        | -             | 1     | 36      |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | 0           | -           | 0         | 3        | -             | 0     | 3       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 75.0     | -             | 0.0   | 8.3     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -        | 59         | 26          | -           | 15        | 7        | -             | 4     | 111     |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 4          | 3           | -           | 0         | 5        | -             | 1     | 13      |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 6.8        | 11.5        | -           | 0.0       | 71.4     | -             | 25.0  | 11.7    |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -        | 80         | 22          | -           | 17        | 7        | -             | -     | 126     |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 2          | 6           | -           | 1         | 0        | -             | -     | 9       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 2.5        | 27.3        | -           | 5.9       | 0.0      | -             | -     | 7.1     |
| BI_2931 | OS80 | AD count | -        | 6          | 1           | -           | 9         | 2        | -             | -     | 18      |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 0          | 0           | -           | 0         | 2        | -             | -     | 2       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 100.0    | -             | -     | 11.1    |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -        | 78         | 1           | -           | 3         | 3        | -             | -     | 85      |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 0          | 0           | -           | 0         | 0        | -             | -     | 0       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | -             | -     | 0.0     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -        | 109        | 1           | -           | 73        | 11       | -             | 1     | 195     |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 2          | 0           | -           | 2         | 0        | -             | 1     | 5       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 1.8        | 0.0         | -           | 2.7       | 0.0      | -             | 100.0 | 2.6     |
| BI_2932 | OS80 | AD count | -        | 114        | 7           | -           | 16        | 81       | -             | -     | 218     |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 3          | 1           | -           | 0         | 30       | -             | -     | 34      |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 2.6        | 14.3        | -           | 0.0       | 37.0     | -             | -     | 15.6    |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -        | 37         | -           | -           | 23        | 110      | 8             | -     | 178     |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 2          | -           | -           | 0         | 11       | 0             | -     | 13      |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 5.4        | -           | -           | 0.0       | 10.0     | 0.0           | -     | 7.3     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -        | 4          | -           | -           | 4         | 2        | 10            | 6     | 26      |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 1          | -           | -           | 0         | 0        | 3             | 0     | 4       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 25.0       | -           | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | 30.0          | 0.0   | 15.4    |

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|---------|------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------------|-------|---------|------|
| BI_2934 | OS80 | AD count | -          | 186         | 32          | -         | 8        | 20            | -     | 4       | 250  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 1           | 0           | -         | 1        | 0             | -     | 0       | 2    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.5         | 0.0         | -         | 12.5     | 0.0           | -     | 0.0     | 0.8  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -          | 89          | 4           | 2         | 27       | 8             | -     | 49      | 179  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | 0           | 0         | 0        | 0             | -     | 1       | 1    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | 0.0         | 0.0       | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | 2.0     | 0.6  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -          | 16          | -           | -         | 8        | 14            | -     | 7       | 45   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | -     | 0       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | 0.0     | 0.0  |
| BI_2935 | OS80 | AD count | -          | 10          | -           | -         | 14       | 1             | -     | -       | 25   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 1           | -           | -         | 1        | 0             | -     | -       | 2    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 10.0        | -           | -         | 7.1      | 0.0           | -     | -       | 8.0  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -          | 164         | 43          | -         | 29       | -             | -     | -       | 236  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | 0           | -         | 0        | -             | -     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | 0.0         | -         | 0.0      | -             | -     | -       | 0.0  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -          | 4           | -           | -         | 1        | -             | -     | -       | 5    |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | -             | -     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | -             | -     | -       | 0.0  |
| BI_2936 | OS80 | AD count | -          | 21          | -           | -         | 4        | 46            | -     | 2       | 73   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 1           | -           | -         | 0        | 1             | -     | 0       | 2    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 4.8         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 2.2           | -     | 0.0     | 2.7  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 1          | 4           | 1           | -         | 11       | 1             | -     | 7       | 25   |
|         |      | Missed   | 0          | 0           | 1           | -         | 0        | 1             | -     | 2       | 4    |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0        | 0.0         | 100.0       | -         | 0.0      | 100.0         | -     | 28.6    | 16.0 |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -          | 38          | 3           | -         | -        | 6             | -     | 4       | 51   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | 0           | -         | -        | 0             | -     | 0       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | 0.0         | -         | -        | 0.0           | -     | 0.0     | 0.0  |
| BI_2937 | OS80 | AD count | 1          | 135         | -           | -         | 1        | 8             | -     | -       | 145  |
|         |      | Missed   | 0          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | -     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | -       | 0.0  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -          | 727         | 759         | -         | 4        | 6             | -     | 1       | 1497 |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 34          | 29          | -         | 1        | 3             | -     | 0       | 67   |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 4.7         | 3.8         | -         | 25.0     | 50.0          | -     | 0.0     | 4.5  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -          | 3           | -           | -         | 2        | 5             | -     | 1       | 11   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | -     | 0       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | 0.0     | 0.0  |
| BI_2938 | OS80 | AD count | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -     | -       | -    |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -     | -       | -    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -     | -       | -    |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -          | 12          | -           | -         | 25       | 1             | -     | -       | 38   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | -     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | -       | 0.0  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 3          | 95          | 1           | 5         | 35       | 17            | 2     | -       | 158  |
|         |      | Missed   | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0         | 0        | 0             | 0     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0        | 0.0         | 0.0         | 0.0       | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | -       | 0.0  |
| BI_2939 | OS80 | AD count | -          | 494         | 1           | -         | -        | 166           | -     | 16      | 677  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 6           | 0           | -         | -        | 0             | -     | 1       | 7    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 1.2         | 0.0         | -         | -        | 0.0           | -     | 6.3     | 1.0  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -          | 13          | 41          | -         | -        | 491           | -     | 56      | 601  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 1           | 0           | -         | -        | 0             | -     | 0       | 1    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 7.7         | 0.0         | -         | -        | 0.0           | -     | 0.0     | 0.2  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -          | 21          | 12          | -         | -        | 79            | -     | 10      | 122  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | 0           | -         | -        | 0             | -     | 0       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | 0.0         | -         | -        | 0.0           | -     | 0.0     | 0.0  |
| BI_2940 | OS80 | AD count | -          | 71          | 1           | -         | 16       | 30            | -     | -       | 118  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | 0           | -         | 0        | 0             | -     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | 0.0         | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | -       | 0.0  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -          | 104         | 7           | -         | 11       | 5             | -     | 16      | 143  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 1           | 0           | -         | 0        | 0             | -     | 0       | 1    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 1.0         | 0.0         | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | 0.0     | 0.7  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -          | 10          | -           | -         | 4        | 2             | -     | -       | 16   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | -     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | -       | 0.0  |
| BI_2941 | OS80 | AD count | -          | 3           | 5           | -         | 19       | 3             | -     | 2       | 32   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | 0           | -         | 0        | 0             | -     | 0       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | 0.0         | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | 0.0     | 0.0  |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -          | 8           | -           | -         | 7        | 2             | -     | -       | 17   |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | -           | -         | 0        | 0             | -     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | -           | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | -       | 0.0  |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -          | 46          | 44          | -         | 51       | 3             | -     | -       | 144  |
|         |      | Missed   | -          | 0           | 0           | -         | 0        | 0             | -     | -       | 0    |
|         |      | %missed  | -          | 0.0         | 0.0         | -         | 0.0      | 0.0           | -     | -       | 0.0  |



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|---------|------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------------|-------|---------|
| BI_2942 | OS80 | AD count | 10       | 9          | -           | -           | 35        | -        | -             | 8     | 62      |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | -           | -           | 0         | -        | -             | 1     | 1       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | -           | -           | 0.0       | -        | -             | 12.5  | 1.6     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -        | 4          | -           | -           | 4         | -        | -             | 7     | 15      |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 0          | -           | -           | 0         | -        | -             | 0     | 0       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 0.0        | -           | -           | 0.0       | -        | -             | 0.0   | 0.0     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 3        | 37         | 2           | -           | 15        | 2        | 1             | -     | 60      |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | 0           | -           | 0         | 1        | 0             | -     | 1       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 50.0     | 0.0           | -     | 1.7     |
| BI_2943 | OS80 | AD count | 1        | 52         | -           | -           | 46        | 41       | 2             | 6     | 148     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | -           | -           | 0         | 0        | 0             | 0     | 0       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | -           | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 0.0     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 1        | 72         | -           | 3           | 32        | 89       | -             | -     | 197     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | -           | 0           | 0         | 0        | -             | -     | 0       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | -           | 0.0         | 0.0       | 0.0      | -             | -     | 0.0     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 38       | 329        | 6           | -           | 6         | 63       | 7             | 14    | 463     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | 0           | -           | 0         | 0        | 0             | 0     | 0       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 0.0     |
| BI_2944 | OS80 | AD count | 1        | 2          | -           | 4           | 15        | 12       | 2             | 2     | 38      |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | -           | 0           | 1         | 1        | 0             | 2     | 4       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | -           | 0.0         | 6.7       | 8.3      | 0.0           | 100.0 | 10.5    |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 1        | 96         | -           | -           | 8         | 33       | 3             | 7     | 148     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | -           | -           | 0         | 1        | 0             | 0     | 1       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | -           | -           | 0.0       | 3.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 0.7     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 8        | 155        | -           | -           | 36        | 80       | 2             | 1     | 282     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | -           | -           | 1         | 4        | 0             | 0     | 5       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | -           | -           | 2.8       | 5.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 1.8     |
| BI_2945 | OS80 | AD count | 2        | 69         | 14          | -           | 34        | 39       | 34            | 2     | 194     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | 0           | -           | 0         | 3        | 0             | 0     | 3       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 7.7      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 1.5     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 6        | 185        | 17          | -           | 53        | 184      | 27            | 3     | 475     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 4          | 2           | -           | 1         | 50       | 3             | 0     | 60      |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 2.2        | 11.8        | -           | 1.9       | 27.2     | 11.1          | 0.0   | 12.6    |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 5        | 108        | 5           | -           | 14        | 38       | 1             | 4     | 175     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 1          | 0           | -           | 0         | 1        | 0             | 0     | 2       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.9        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 2.6      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 1.1     |
| BI_2946 | OS80 | AD count | -        | 261        | 5           | -           | 26        | 1032     | -             | 12    | 1336    |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 9          | 0           | -           | 1         | 8        | -             | 1     | 19      |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 3.4        | 0.0         | -           | 3.8       | 0.8      | -             | 8.3   | 1.4     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -        | 392        | 1           | 2           | 55        | 44       | 2             | 1     | 497     |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 13         | 0           | 0           | 1         | 6        | 1             | 1     | 22      |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 3.3        | 0.0         | 0.0         | 1.8       | 13.6     | 50.0          | 100.0 | 4.4     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | -        | 534        | 44          | -           | 28        | 95       | -             | -     | 701     |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 1          | 1           | -           | 1         | 2        | -             | -     | 5       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 0.2        | 2.3         | -           | 3.6       | 2.1      | -             | -     | 0.7     |
| BI_2947 | OS80 | AD count | 1        | 95         | 112         | -           | 6         | 80       | -             | 22    | 316     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 1          | 1           | -           | 1         | 2        | -             | 0     | 5       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 1.1        | 0.9         | -           | 16.7      | 2.5      | -             | 0.0   | 1.6     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 10       | 243        | 35          | 1           | 26        | 58       | 38            | 46    | 457     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 3          | 3           | 0           | 0         | 0        | 0             | 2     | 8       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 1.2        | 8.6         | 0.0         | 0.0       | 0.0      | 0.0           | 4.3   | 1.8     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 12       | 448        | 54          | -           | 50        | 172      | 91            | 135   | 962     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 2          | 1           | -           | 0         | 7        | 2             | 3     | 15      |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.4        | 1.9         | -           | 0.0       | 4.1      | 2.2           | 2.2   | 1.6     |
| BI_2948 | OS80 | AD count | -        | 33         | 2           | -           | 17        | 55       | -             | 2     | 109     |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 0          | 0           | -           | 0         | 0        | -             | 0     | 0       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | -             | 0.0   | 0.0     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | -        | 114        | 3           | -           | 66        | 77       | 6             | 3     | 269     |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 0          | 0           | -           | 1         | 1        | 0             | 0     | 2       |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | 1.5       | 1.3      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 0.7     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 14       | 209        | 30          | -           | 16        | 176      | 74            | 38    | 557     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 12         | 0           | -           | 3         | 0        | 0             | 0     | 15      |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 5.7        | 0.0         | -           | 18.8      | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0   | 2.7     |
| BI_2949 | OS80 | AD count | 18       | 230        | 169         | -           | 33        | 380      | -             | 33    | 863     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 2          | 0           | -           | 0         | 2        | -             | 0     | 4       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.9        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 0.5      | -             | 0.0   | 0.5     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 17       | 89         | 5           | 2           | 15        | 71       | 3             | 7     | 209     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 4          | 0           | 1           | 2         | 4        | 0             | 4     | 15      |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 4.5        | 0.0         | 50.0        | 13.3      | 5.6      | 0.0           | 57.1  | 7.2     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 1        | 693        | 51          | -           | 87        | 454      | -             | 4     | 1290    |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 3          | 1           | -           | 0         | 0        | -             | 1     | 5       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.4        | 2.0         | -           | 0.0       | 0.0      | -             | 25.0  | 0.4     |

Table 2. Comparison of the extraction efficiency by the participating laboratories for the major taxonomic groups present in Own Samples (OS80-82).

| LabCode |      |          | Nemertea | Polychaeta | Oligochaeta | Chelicerata | Crustacea | Mollusca | Echinodermata | Other | Overall |
|---------|------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------------|-------|---------|
| BI_2950 | OS80 | AD count | 2        | 543        | 10          | -           | 41        | 220      | -             | 4     | 820     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 9          | 0           | -           | 3         | 2        | -             | 3     | 17      |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 1.7        | 0.0         | -           | 7.3       | 0.9      | -             | 75.0  | 2.1     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 30       | 201        | 16          | -           | 51        | 44       | 69            | 23    | 434     |
|         |      | Missed   | 1        | 1          | 1           | -           | 0         | 16       | 5             | 0     | 24      |
|         |      | %missed  | 3.3      | 0.5        | 6.3         | -           | 0.0       | 36.4     | 7.2           | 0.0   | 5.5     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 6        | 70         | 96          | -           | 27        | 88       | -             | 3     | 290     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 3          | 1           | -           | 1         | 15       | -             | 0     | 20      |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 4.3        | 1.0         | -           | 3.7       | 17.0     | -             | 0.0   | 6.9     |
| BI_2951 | OS80 | AD count | -        | 178        | 1           | -           | 15        | 25       | -             | 3     | 222     |
|         |      | Missed   | -        | 3          | 1           | -           | 5         | 18       | -             | 0     | 27      |
|         |      | %missed  | -        | 1.7        | 100.0       | -           | 33.3      | 72.0     | -             | 0.0   | 12.2    |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 6        | 380        | 65          | -           | 7         | 22       | -             | 1     | 481     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | 0           | -           | 0         | 8        | -             | 0     | 8       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | 0.0         | -           | 0.0       | 36.4     | -             | 0.0   | 1.7     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 1        | 139        | 58          | -           | 4         | 11       | -             | 1     | 214     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 15         | 23          | -           | 1         | 6        | -             | 0     | 45      |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 10.8       | 39.7        | -           | 25.0      | 54.5     | -             | 0.0   | 21.0    |
| BI_2952 | OS80 | AD count | 14       | 337        | 57          | 1           | 47        | 55       | -             | 4     | 515     |
|         |      | Missed   | 3        | 18         | 0           | 0           | 0         | 16       | -             | 0     | 37      |
|         |      | %missed  | 21.4     | 5.3        | 0.0         | 0.0         | 0.0       | 29.1     | -             | 0.0   | 7.2     |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 1        | 54         | 18          | -           | 18        | 23       | -             | -     | 114     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 1          | 0           | -           | 1         | 0        | -             | -     | 2       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 1.9        | 0.0         | -           | 5.6       | 0.0      | -             | -     | 1.8     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 2        | 146        | 13          | -           | 4         | 37       | -             | 19    | 221     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 4          | 0           | -           | 2         | 2        | -             | 0     | 8       |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 2.7        | 0.0         | -           | 50.0      | 5.4      | -             | 0.0   | 3.6     |
| BI_2953 | OS80 | AD count | 2        | 9          | -           | -           | 25        | 918      | -             | 9     | 963     |
|         |      | Missed   | 0        | 0          | -           | -           | 2         | 160      | -             | 1     | 163     |
|         |      | %missed  | 0.0      | 0.0        | -           | -           | 8.0       | 17.4     | -             | 11.1  | 16.9    |
|         | OS81 | AD count | 3        | 23         | -           | -           | 15        | 684      | -             | 9     | 734     |
|         |      | Missed   | 1        | 1          | -           | -           | 0         | 24       | -             | 0     | 26      |
|         |      | %missed  | 33.3     | 4.3        | -           | -           | 0.0       | 3.5      | -             | 0.0   | 3.5     |
|         | OS82 | AD count | 12       | 225        | 5           | -           | 7         | 112      | -             | -     | 361     |
|         |      | Missed   | 1        | 18         | 2           | -           | 0         | 35       | -             | -     | 56      |
|         |      | %missed  | 8.3      | 8.0        | 40.0        | -           | 0.0       | 31.3     | -             | -     | 15.5    |

Key: AD = Audit Data  
Missed = numbers of individuals missed in residue sorting  
% Missed = Percentage missed in residue sorting

Table 3. Summary of mis-identified taxa in the Own Sample Module (OS80 - 82) (erroneous identifications in brackets).

| LabCode / Smp. | Taxonomic |   | Major Taxonomic Group   |   |  |          |   |       |  |
|----------------|-----------|---|---|---|--|----------|---|-------|--|
|                | Errors    |   | Polychaeta  | Oligochaeta   | Crustacea  | Mollusca | Echinodermata   | Other |  |
| BI_2901        | OS80      | 2 | -   | -   | -  | -        | <i>Lutraria</i> juv. ( <i>Mya</i> juv.)   | -     | Filifera (Loxosomatidae)                                   |
|                | OS81      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2904        | OS80      | 1 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 4 | <i>Exogone verugera</i> ( <i>Sphaerosyllis</i> cf. <i>taylori</i> )<br><i>Praxillella affinis</i> ( <i>Leiochane</i> )<br><i>Leiochane</i> ( <i>Praxillella affinis</i> ) | -   | <i>Eudorella truncatula</i> ( <i>Pseudocuma longicorne</i> )   | -        | <i>Ondina divisa</i> ( <i>Brachystomia eulimoides</i> )   | -     | <i>Amphiura filiformis</i> ( <i>Amphiphalis squamata</i> ) |
| BI_2905        | OS80      | 4 | <i>Lumbrineris cingulata</i> agg. ( <i>Hilbigneris gracilis</i> )<br><i>Chaetozone christiei</i> ( <i>Chaetozone setosa</i> )   | -   | <i>Diastylis bradyi</i> (male) ( <i>Diastylis rathkei</i> )    | -        | <i>Abra alba</i> ( <i>Abra prismatica</i> )   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 1 | -   | -   | <i>Diastylis bradyi</i> (male) ( <i>Diastylis rathkei</i> )    | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2906        | OS80      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2907        | OS80      | 1 | <i>Caulerietta species C</i> ( <i>Caulerietta alata</i> )   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 2 | <i>Caulerietta species C</i> ( <i>Chaetozone christiei</i> )<br><i>Cirriformia</i> juv ( <i>Caulerietta alata</i> )   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 3 | <i>Capitella</i> ( <i>Mediomastus fragilis</i> )<br><i>Fabulina fabula</i> ( <i>Maerella pygmaea</i> )  | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | <i>Ciona intestinalis</i> ( <i>Asciidiella</i> )           |
| BI_2908        | OS80      | 2 | <i>Phylodoce mucosa</i> ( <i>Eteone</i> )<br><i>Pholoe baltica</i> ( <i>Sthenelais boa</i> )  | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 1 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | <i>Caprella mutica</i> ( <i>Caprella linearis</i> )            | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2916        | OS80      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 2 | -   | <i>Limnodriloides</i> ( <i>Tubificoides pseudogaster</i> Aggregate) | -  | -        | -   | -     | Rhodothamniella ( <i>Cladophora</i> )                      |
|                | OS82      | 1 | <i>Pseudopolydora nordica</i> ( <i>Pseudopolydora paucibranchiata</i> )   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2917        | OS80      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2918        | OS80      | 1 | -   | -   | -  | -        | <i>Tellimyia tenella</i> ( <i>Tellimyia ferruginosa</i> )   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 2 | -   | -   | -  | -        | <i>Kurtiella bidentata</i> ( <i>Kurtiella tumidula</i> )<br><i>Tellimyia tenella</i> ( <i>Tellimyia ferruginosa</i> ) | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 1 | <i>Abyssoninae hibernica</i> ( <i>Abyssoninae abyssarum</i> cf)   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2916        | OS80      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2927        | OS80      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 1 | <i>Spio malmgreni</i> ( <i>Spio arndti</i> )  | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 1 | <i>Spio symphyta</i> ( <i>Spio armata</i> )   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2928        | OS80      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2929        | OS80      | 3 | <i>Paradoneis elisani</i> ( <i>Paradoneis lyra</i> )  | -   | <i>Nephraps norvegicus</i> juv. (AXIDEA Juvenile)              | -        | <i>Abra alba</i> ( <i>Abra nitida</i> )   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 4 | <i>Paradoneis elisani</i> ( <i>Paradoneis lyra</i> )  | -   | Aoridae female (Photidae)                                      | -        | <i>Adontorhina similis</i> ( <i>Abra nitida</i> )   | -     | Edwardsiidae (SIPUNCULA)                                   |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2930        | OS80      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 1 | -   | -   | <i>Pseudocuma longicorne</i> ( <i>Monopseudocuma gilsoni</i> ) | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2931        | OS80      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2932        | OS80      | 2 | <i>Prionospio pulchra</i> ( <i>Prionospio cirrifera</i> )<br><i>Podarkeopsis</i> ( <i>Psamathe fusca</i> )  | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 3 | -   | -   | <i>Urothoe pulchella</i> ( <i>Urothoe brevicornis</i> )        | -        | <i>Abra alba</i> ( <i>Abra prismatica</i> )<br><i>Chamelea gallina</i> juv. ( <i>Venus casina</i> )                   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2934        | OS80      | 1 | -   | <i>Tubificoides galiciensis</i> ( <i>Arenicolidae</i> Juvenile)     | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2935        | OS80      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2936        | OS80      | 1 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | <i>Eugyra arenosa</i> ( <i>Molgula</i> )                   |
|                | OS81      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2937        | OS80      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 1 | -   | -   | -  | -        | <i>Scrobicularia plana</i> juv. ( <i>Abra</i> Juvenile)   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
| BI_2938        | OS80      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS82      | 2 | <i>Spio decorata</i> ( <i>Spio symphyta</i> )   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | <i>Audouinella</i> ( <i>Ectocarpus</i> aggregate)          |
| BI_2939        | OS80      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |
|                | OS81      | 3 | <i>Manayunkia aestuarina</i> ( <i>Rubificatoria berkeleyi</i> )   | Enchytraeidae ( <i>Naididae</i> )                                   | -  | -        | -   | -     | Dalyelliidae ( <i>Limnontia</i> )                          |
|                | OS82      | 0 | -   | -   | -  | -        | -   | -     | -  |

Table 3. Summary of mis-identified taxa in the Own Sample Module (OS80 - 82) (erroneous identifications in brackets).

| LabCode / Smp. | Taxonomic Errors | Major Taxonomic Group  |  |  |   |  |   |  |
|----------------|------------------|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|
|                |                  | Polychaeta   | Oligochaeta  | Crustacea  | Mollusca  | Echinodermata  | Other   |  |
| BI_2940        | OS80             | 0  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS81             | 2  | <i>Ampharete lindstroemi</i> ( <i>Ampharete cf. acutifrons</i> )       | -  | -   | -  | <i>Audouinella</i> ( <i>Sphacelaria</i> )   |  |
|                | OS82             | 0  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
| BI_2941        | OS80             | 0  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS81             | 0  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS82             | 1  | -  | -  | <i>Cerastoderma edule</i> ( <i>Cerastoderma glaucum</i> )                                 | -  | -   |  |
| BI_2942        | OS80             | 1  | <i>Streptosyllis bidentata</i> ( <i>Streptosyllis campoyi</i> )        | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS81             | 0  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS82             | 0  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
| BI_2943        | OS80             | 1  | -  | -  | <i>Euspira catena</i> juv. ( <i>Euspira nitida</i> )                                      | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS81             | 0  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS82             | 1  | -  | -  | <i>Tellima ferruginosa</i> ( <i>Medicula ferruginosa</i> )                                | -  | -   |  |
| BI_2944        | OS80             | 1  | -  | -  | -   | -  | <i>Alcyonidium mamillatum</i> ( <i>Alcyonidium parasiticum</i> )                    |  |
|                | OS81             | 1  | -  | -  | <i>Abra alba</i> ( <i>Kurtiella bidentata</i> )   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS82             | 1  | -  | -  | <i>Turbonilla acuta</i> ( <i>Parthenina decussata</i> )                                   | -  | -   |  |
| BI_2945        | OS80             | 5  | <i>Aphelochaeta species A</i> ( <i>Aphelochaeta marioni</i> )          | -  | <i>Eurydice truncata</i> ( <i>Eurydice inermis</i> )                                      | -  | -   |  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Chaetozone zetlandica</i> ( <i>Chaetozone gibber</i> )              | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Praxillella affinis</i> ( <i>Euclymene oerstedii</i> Aggregate)     | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS81             | 6  | <i>Tharyx killariensis</i> ( <i>Tharyx maryae</i> )                    | -  | -   | -  | -   | -  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Aphelochaeta species A</i> ( <i>Aphelochaeta marioni</i> )          | -  | <i>Harpinia crenulata</i> ( <i>Harpinia antennaria</i> )                                  | <i>Moerella donacina</i> (Tellininae Juvenile)                         | -   | -  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Praxillella affinis</i> ( <i>Euclymene oerstedii</i> Aggregate)     | -  | -   | -  | -   | -  |
| OS82           | 2                | <i>Magelana minuta</i> ( <i>Magelana alleni</i> )                              | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                |                  | <i>Tharyx killariensis</i> & <i>Chaetozone gibber</i> ( <i>Tharyx maryae</i> ) | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
| BI_2946        | OS80             | 2  | <i>Chaetozone gibber</i> ( <i>Chaetozone zetlandica</i> )              | <i>Tubificoides amplivasatus</i> agg. ( <i>Tubificoides diazi</i> aggregate) | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS81             | 0  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS82             | 0  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
| BI_2947        | OS80             | 0  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS81             | 3  | <i>Pholoe baltica</i> ( <i>Pholoe inornata</i> )                       | -  | <i>Pontocrates moerei</i> ( <i>Pontocrates arenarius</i> )                                | <i>Philinissima denticulata</i> ( <i>Diaphana minuta</i> )             | -   |  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Pholoe baltica</i> ( <i>Pholoe inornata</i> )                       | -  | <i>Bodotria</i> ( <i>Cumella pygmaea</i> )  | <i>Philinissima denticulata</i> ( <i>Diaphana minuta</i> )             | <i>Golfingia vulgaris</i> ( <i>Golfingia</i> ( <i>Golfingia</i> ) <i>elongata</i> ) |  |
| OS82           | 6                | -  | -  | -  | <i>Mytilus edulis</i> juv. ( <i>Modiolus modiolus</i> juvenile)                           | -  |   |  |
| BI_2948        | OS80             | 0  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS81             | 1  | <i>Spio decorata</i> ( <i>Spio symphyta</i> )                          | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS82             | 4  | <i>Spio decorata</i> ( <i>Prionospio multibranchiata</i> )             | -  | -   | <i>Nuculidae</i> juv. ( <i>Kurtiella bidentata</i> )                   | -   |  |
| BI_2949        | OS80             | 6  | <i>Tharyx killariensis</i> ( <i>Aphelochaeta</i> sp. A)                | -  | <i>Ampelisca pseudosarsi</i> ( <i>Ampelisca sarsi</i> )                                   | <i>Abra nitida</i> ( <i>Abra alba</i> )                                | -   |  |
|                |                  |  | -  | -  | <i>Parthenina</i> ( <i>Brachystomia</i> sp.)  | -  | -   |  |
|                |                  |  | -  | -  | <i>Synchelidium longidigitatum</i> ( <i>Synchelidium maculatum</i> )                      | <i>Bittium reticulatum</i> ( <i>Cerithidium submamillatum</i> )        | -   |  |
|                | OS81             | 1  | -  | -  | -   | <i>Phillinidae</i> ( <i>Retusa umbilicata</i> )                        | -   |  |
|                |                  |  | -  | -  | -   | <i>Parvicardium simile</i> ( <i>Papillicardium papillosum</i> )        | -   |  |
|                |                  |  | -  | -  | <i>Ampelisca pseudospinimana</i> ( <i>Ampelisca sarsi</i> )                               | -  | -   |  |
| OS82           | 3                | <i>Spio</i> ( <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> )                                   | -  | <i>Ampelisca pseudospinimana</i> ( <i>Ampelisca sarsi</i> )                  | <i>Mytilaster minimus</i> ( <i>Mytilaster lineatus</i> juv.)                              | -  |   |  |
| BI_2950        | OS80             | 7  | <i>Micronephthys longicornis</i> ( <i>Nephtys hombergii</i> )          | Naididae (Capitellidae sp.)  | <i>Ampelisca pseudospinimana</i> ( <i>Ampelisca sarsi</i> )                               | <i>Pitar rudis</i> & <i>Chamelea gallina</i> ( <i>Gouldia minima</i> ) | -   |  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Nephtys</i> juv. ( <i>Micronephthys longicornis</i> )               | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> & <i>Spio</i> ( <i>Polydora cornuta</i> ) | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> ( <i>Prionospio multibranchiata</i> )     | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                | OS81             | 14   | <i>Nephtys hombergii</i> ( <i>Nephtys cirrosa</i> )                    | -  | <i>Ampelisca pseudospinimana</i> ( <i>Ampelisca sarsi</i> )                               | <i>Gouldia minima</i> ( <i>Pitar rudis</i> )                           | -   | <i>Nemertea</i> ( <i>Heteromastus filiformis</i> ) |
|                |                  |  | <i>Nephtys</i> juv. ( <i>Micronephthys longicornis</i> )               | -  | <i>Synchelidium longidigitatum</i> ( <i>Synchelidium maculatum</i> )                      | -  | -   |  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Sphaerosyllis</i> ( <i>Exogone naidina</i> )                        | -  | -   | <i>Caprella acanthifera</i> ( <i>Phtistica marina</i> )                | -   | -  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Heteromastus filiformis</i> ( <i>Capitella</i> sp.)                 | -  | <i>Medicorophium runcicarne</i> & <i>Megamphopus cornutus</i> ( <i>Microdeutopus</i> sp.) | -  | -   |  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> ( <i>Prionospio cirrifera</i> )           | -  | -   | -  | -   | -  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> ( <i>Prionospio multibranchiata</i> )     | -  | -   | -  | -   | -  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> ( <i>Aricidea</i> sp.)                    | -  | -   | -  | -   | -  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Heteromastus filiformis</i> ( <i>Oligochaeta</i> sp.)               | -  | -   | -  | -   | -  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Heteromastus filiformis</i> ( <i>Capitella</i> sp.)                 | -  | <i>Ampelisca pseudospinimana</i> ( <i>Ampelisca sarsi</i> )                               | <i>Abra nitida</i> ( <i>Abra prismatica</i> )                          | -   | -  |
|                |                  |  | <i>Polydora cornuta</i> ( <i>Melinna palmata</i> juv.)                 | -  | -   | <i>Pitar rudis</i> ( <i>Gouldia minima</i> )                           | -   | -  |
| OS82           | 7                | <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> ( <i>Prionospio multibranchiata</i> )             | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |
|                |                  | <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> ( <i>Prionospio cirrifera</i> )                   | -  | -  | -   | -  | -   |  |

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| LabCode / Smp. | Taxonomic Errors | Major Taxonomic Group |  |           |   |  |       |  |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------|---|--|-------|--|
|                |                  | Polychaeta            | Oligochaeta  | Crustacea | Mollusca  | Echinodermata  | Other |  |
| BL_2951        | OS80             | 2                     | <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> ( <i>Prionospio multibranchiata</i> )                   | -         | <i>Ampelisca pseudosarsi</i> ( <i>Ampelisca diadema</i> )                               | -  | -     | -  |
|                | OS81             | 2                     | <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> ( <i>Prionospio cirrifera</i> )                         | -         | -   | <i>Polittapes aureus</i> juv. ( <i>Gouldia minima</i> )              | -     | -  |
|                | OS82             | 2                     | <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> ( <i>Prionospio multibranchiata</i> )                   | -         | <i>Ampelisca pseudosarsi</i> ( <i>Ampelisca diadema</i> )                               | -  | -     | -  |
| BL_2952        | OS80             | 12                    | <i>Lagis neapolitana</i> ( <i>Lagis koreni</i> )                                     | -         | <i>Microdeutopus versiculatus</i> ( <i>Bathyporeia guilliamsaniana</i> )                | <i>Mangella pontica</i> ( <i>Cythereella castulata</i> )             | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | <i>Aonides oxycephala</i> ( <i>Paradoneis harpagonea</i> )                           | -         | <i>Medicorophium runcicorne</i> ( <i>Crassicorophium crassicorne</i> )                  | <i>Fabulina fabula</i> ( <i>Macomangulus tenuis</i> )                | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | <i>Eumida sanguinea</i> agg. ( <i>Phyllodoce mucosa</i> )                            | -         | -   | <i>Moerella donacina</i> ( <i>Thracia phaseolina</i> )               | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | <i>Amphitritides gracilis</i> ( <i>Polycirrus</i> sp.)                               | -         | -   | -  | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> & <i>Spio</i> ( <i>Prionospio cirrifera</i> )           | -         | -   | -  | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | <i>Schistomerings rudolphi</i> ( <i>Protodorvillea kefersteini</i> )                 | -         | -   | -  | -     | -  |
|                | OS81             | 4                     | <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> ( <i>Spio filicornis</i> )                              | -         | <i>Medicorophium runcicorne</i> ( <i>Crassicorophium crassicorne</i> )                  | <i>Abra nitida</i> ( <i>Abra alba</i> )                              | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | <i>Heteromastus filiformis</i> ( <i>Aricidea claudiae</i> )                          | -         | -   | -  | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | <i>Nephtys hambergi</i> ( <i>Nephtys hystrix</i> )                                   | -         | -   | -  | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | <i>Leiochone</i> ( <i>Micromaldane ornithochaeta</i> )                               | -         | -   | <i>Gastrana fragilis</i> ( <i>Macomangulus tenuis</i> )              | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | <i>Capitella</i> ( <i>Oligochaeta</i> )  | -         | -   | -  | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> ( <i>Prionospio cirrifera</i> )                         | -         | -   | -  | -     | -  |
| BL_2953        | OS80             | 7                     | <i>Microspio</i> & <i>Prionospio maciolekae</i> ( <i>Spio filicornis</i> )           | -         | <i>Ampelisca pseudosarsi</i> ( <i>Ampelisca sarsi</i> )                                 | <i>Fabulina fabula</i> ( <i>Moerella donacina</i> )                  | -     | <i>Actinaria</i> ( <i>Asciella</i> sp.)            |
|                |                  |                       | -  | -         | <i>Perioculodes longimanus</i> & <i>Bathyporeia</i> ( <i>Monaculodopsis longimana</i> ) | <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i> ( <i>Modiolula phaseolina</i> )     | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | -  | -         | -   | <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i> ( <i>Mytilaster lineatus</i> )      | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | -  | -         | -   | <i>Mytilaster</i> juv. ( <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i> )          | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | -  | -         | -   | <i>Abra alba</i> & <i>Fabulina fabula</i> ( <i>Abra nitida</i> )     | -     | <i>Edwardsiidae</i> ( <i>Phoronis euxinicala</i> ) |
|                |                  |                       | -  | -         | -   | <i>Mytilaster</i> juv. ( <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i> )          | -     | <i>Molgula</i> ( <i>Asciella</i> sp.)              |
|                | OS81             | 9                     | <i>Nereis zonata</i> ( <i>Eunereis longissima</i> )                                  | -         | <i>Ampelisca pseudosarsi</i> ( <i>Ampelisca sarsi</i> )                                 | -  | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | <i>Hydroides dianthus</i> & <i>Sabellaria taurica</i> ( <i>Hydroides norvegica</i> ) | -         | <i>Gilvossius</i> ( <i>Callianassa</i> sp.)   | <i>Mytilaster</i> juv. ( <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i> )          | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | <i>Magelona filiformis</i> ( <i>Magelona mirabilis</i> )                             | -         | -   | -  | -     | -  |
|                | OS82             | 5                     | <i>Aricidea claudiae</i> ( <i>Aricidea cerrutii</i> )                                | -         | -   | <i>Cerithidium perparvulum</i> ( <i>Cerithidium submammillatum</i> ) | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | <i>Sphaerosyllis</i> ( <i>Exogone naidina</i> )                                      | -         | -   | <i>Abra alba</i> ( <i>Abra nitida</i> )                              | -     | -  |
|                |                  |                       | -  | -         | -   | <i>Parvicardium simile</i> ( <i>Papillicardium papillasum</i> )      | -     | -  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                  | <b>175</b>            | 76   | 6         | 32  | 47   | 1     | 14   |
| <b>% Error</b> |                  |                       | 43   | 3         | 18  | 27   | 1     | 8  |

NB: % errors for taxonomic groups are percentages of the total errors generated by each taxon (not percentages of errors within each taxon)

Table 4. Comparison of the estimates of biomass made by the participating laboratories with those made by APEM Ltd. for the major taxonomic groups present in samples OS80-OS82.

| LabCode |        | OS80     |            |             |             |           |          |               | Overall |         |
|---------|--------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------------|---------|---------|
|         |        | Nemertea | Polychaeta | Oligochaeta | Chelicerata | Crustacea | Mollusca | Echinodermata |         | Other   |
| BI_2904 | OD     | 0.1671   | 3.8660     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.4350    | 0.7262   | 3.0588        | 0.3310  | 8.5842  |
|         | AD     | 0.1709   | 4.0413     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.4312    | 0.7549   | 2.8279        | 0.3249  | 8.5512  |
|         | %diff. | -2.27    | -4.53      | 0.00        | -           | 0.87      | -3.95    | 7.55          | 1.84    | 0.3844  |
| BI_2908 | OD     | -        | 3.8787     | 0.0035      | -           | 0.0065    | 6.2133   | 3.1012        | -       | 13.2032 |
|         | AD     | -        | 1.9579     | 0.0021      | -           | 0.0044    | 4.4276   | 2.5714        | -       | 8.9634  |
|         | %diff. | -        | 49.5217    | 40.0000     | -           | 32.3077   | 28.7400  | 17.0837       | -       | 32.1119 |
| BI_2916 | OD     | 0.0001   | 0.0002     | -           | -           | 0.0166    | 0.0002   | -             | 0.0006  | 0.0177  |
|         | AD     | 0.0001   | 0.0012     | -           | -           | 0.0174    | 0.0002   | -             | 0.0006  | 0.0195  |
|         | %diff. | 0.0000   | -500.0000  | -           | -           | -4.8193   | 0.0000   | -             | 0.0000  | -10.17  |
| BI_2936 | OD     | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -       | 0.0000  |
|         | AD     | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -       | 0.0000  |
|         | %diff. | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -       | -       |
| BI_2940 | OD     | -        | 1.4976     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.0448    | 1.2111   | -             | -       | 2.7536  |
|         | AD     | -        | 1.5544     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.0441    | 1.3776   | -             | -       | 2.9762  |
|         | %diff. | -        | -3.79      | 0.00        | -           | 1.56      | -13.75   | -             | -       | -8.08   |
| BI_2941 | OD     | -        | 0.0026     | 0.0015      | -           | 0.0014    | 0.0001   | -             | 0.0016  | 0.0072  |
|         | AD     | -        | 0.0018     | 0.0013      | -           | 0.0015    | 0.0001   | -             | 0.0010  | 0.0057  |
|         | %diff. | -        | 30.77      | 13.33       | -           | -7.14     | 0.00     | -             | 37.50   | 20.83   |
| BI_2942 | OD     | 0.0001   | 0.1412     | -           | -           | 0.0341    | -        | -             | 0.0001  | 0.1755  |
|         | AD     | 0.0001   | 0.1466     | -           | -           | 0.0270    | -        | -             | 0.0001  | 0.1738  |
|         | %diff. | 0.00     | -3.82      | -           | -           | 20.82     | -        | -             | 0.00    | 0.97    |
| BI_2943 | OD     | 0.0004   | 0.2357     | -           | -           | 0.0136    | 0.1107   | 0.0045        | 0.0032  | 0.3681  |
|         | AD     | 0.0002   | 0.1579     | -           | -           | 0.0094    | 0.0793   | 0.0025        | 0.0017  | 0.2510  |
|         | %diff. | 50.00    | 33.01      | -           | -           | 30.88     | 28.36    | 44.44         | 46.88   | 31.81   |
| BI_2944 | OD     | 0.0001   | 0.0019     | -           | 0.0031      | 0.0005    | 0.0018   | 0.0025        | -       | 0.0099  |
|         | AD     | 0.0005   | 0.0022     | -           | 0.0028      | 0.0006    | 0.0025   | 0.0023        | -       | 0.0109  |
|         | %diff. | -400.00  | -15.79     | -           | 9.68        | -20.00    | -38.89   | 8.00          | -       | -10.10  |
| BI_2945 | OD     | 0.0018   | 1.2801     | 0.0024      | -           | 1.6598    | 0.0667   | 0.5934        | 0.0002  | 3.6044  |
|         | AD     | 0.0011   | 1.1045     | 0.0018      | -           | 1.6027    | 0.0641   | 0.6554        | 0.0002  | 3.4298  |
|         | %diff. | 38.89    | 13.72      | 25.00       | -           | 3.44      | 3.90     | -10.45        | 0.00    | 4.84    |
| BI_2946 | OD     | -        | 1.4199     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.0307    | 12.5021  | -             | 0.0357  | 13.9885 |
|         | AD     | -        | 1.4968     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.0223    | 11.0068  | -             | 0.0377  | 12.5637 |
|         | %diff. | -        | -5.42      | 0.00        | -           | 27.36     | 11.96    | -             | -5.60   | 10.19   |
| BI_2947 | OD     | 0.0002   | 0.0837     | 0.0128      | -           | 0.0005    | 0.1626   | -             | 0.0016  | 0.2614  |
|         | AD     | 0.0003   | 0.0961     | 0.0142      | -           | 0.0003    | 0.1832   | -             | 0.0019  | 0.2960  |
|         | %diff. | -50.00   | -14.81     | -10.94      | -           | 40.00     | -12.67   | -             | -18.75  | -13.24  |
| BI_2948 | OD     | 0.0028   | 0.1076     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.0033    | 0.1028   | -             | 0.0003  | 0.2169  |
|         | AD     | 0.0024   | 0.0979     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.0024    | 0.1040   | -             | 0.0003  | 0.2071  |
|         | %diff. | 14.29    | 9.01       | 0.00        | -           | 27.27     | -1.17    | -             | 0.00    | 4.52    |
| BI_2949 | OD     | 0.3245   | 2.2100     | 0.0300      | -           | 0.0186    | 65.2190  | -             | 0.2700  | 68.0721 |
|         | AD     | 0.2175   | 1.2424     | 0.0259      | -           | 0.0100    | 63.3683  | -             | 0.1725  | 65.0366 |
|         | %diff. | 32.97    | 43.78      | 13.67       | -           | 46.24     | 2.84     | -             | 36.11   | 4.46    |
| BI_2950 | OD     | -        | 0.2917     | -           | -           | -         | 10.6639  | -             | -       | 10.9556 |
|         | AD     | -        | 0.2732     | -           | -           | -         | 11.4950  | -             | -       | 11.7682 |
|         | %diff. | -        | 6.34       | -           | -           | -         | -7.79    | -             | -       | -7.42   |
| BI_2951 | OD     | -        | 0.5249     | -           | -           | 5.2074    | 0.1307   | -             | 0.0017  | 5.8647  |
|         | AD     | -        | 0.2350     | -           | -           | 3.8036    | 0.1128   | -             | 0.0008  | 4.1522  |
|         | %diff. | -        | 55.23      | -           | -           | 26.96     | 13.70    | -             | 52.94   | 29.20   |
| BI_2952 | OD     | 0.0406   | 0.9403     | 0.0174      | 0.0001      | 0.0228    | 1.6787   | -             | 0.1517  | 2.8516  |
|         | AD     | 0.0273   | 0.7337     | 0.0050      | 0.0001      | 0.0154    | 1.5912   | -             | 0.0971  | 2.4698  |
|         | %diff. | 32.76    | 21.97      | 71.26       | 0.00        | 32.46     | 5.21     | -             | 35.99   | 13.39   |
| BI_2953 | OD     | 0.0209   | 0.0204     | -           | -           | 0.0828    | 13.0230  | -             | 0.1193  | 13.2664 |
|         | AD     | 0.0133   | 0.0122     | -           | -           | 0.0543    | 12.7178  | -             | 0.0373  | 12.8349 |
|         | %diff. | 36.36    | 40.20      | -           | -           | 34.42     | 2.34     | -             | 68.73   | 3.25    |

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"- " - No data.

Table 4. Comparison of the estimates of biomass made by the participating laboratories with those made by APEM Ltd. for the major taxonomic groups present in samples OS80-OS82.

|         |        | OS81     |            |             |             |           |          |               |         |         |
|---------|--------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------------|---------|---------|
| LabCode |        | Nemertea | Polychaeta | Oligochaeta | Chelicerata | Crustacea | Mollusca | Echinodermata | Other   | Overall |
| BI_2904 | OD     | 0.0010   | 0.0492     | -           | -           | 0.0014    | 0.0003   | 0.0010        | 0.0002  | 0.0531  |
|         | AD     | 0.0003   | 0.0391     | -           | -           | 0.0007    | 0.0002   | 0.0008        | 0.0002  | 0.0413  |
|         | %diff. | 70.0000  | 20.5285    | -           | -           | 50.0000   | 33.3333  | 20.0000       | 0.0000  | 22.2222 |
| BI_2908 | OD     | -        | 0.4637     | -           | -           | 0.0389    | 1.2409   | -             | -       | 1.7435  |
|         | AD     | -        | 0.2082     | -           | -           | 0.0168    | 1.1039   | -             | -       | 1.3289  |
|         | %diff. | -        | 55.10      | -           | -           | 56.81     | 11.04    | -             | -       | 23.7798 |
| BI_2916 | OD     | -        | 0.5456     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.0220    | 0.3383   | -             | 0.0011  | 0.9071  |
|         | AD     | -        | 0.4841     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.0188    | 0.3359   | -             | 0.0011  | 0.8400  |
|         | %diff. | -        | 11.27      | 0.00        | -           | 14.55     | 0.71     | -             | 0.00    | 7.40    |
| BI_2936 | OD     | 0.0001   | 0.0323     | -           | -           | 0.0002    | -        | -             | 0.0002  | 0.0328  |
|         | AD     | 0.0001   | 0.0275     | -           | -           | 0.0002    | -        | -             | 0.0002  | 0.0280  |
|         | %diff. | 0.00     | 14.86      | -           | -           | 0.00      | -        | -             | 0.00    | 14.63   |
| BI_2940 | OD     | -        | 0.4272     | 0.0003      | -           | 0.0038    | 0.0294   | -             | 0.0004  | 0.4611  |
|         | AD     | -        | 0.4540     | 0.0003      | -           | 0.0041    | 0.0262   | -             | 0.0004  | 0.4850  |
|         | %diff. | -        | -6.27      | 0.00        | -           | -7.89     | 10.88    | -             | 0.00    | -5.18   |
| BI_2941 | OD     | -        | 0.0065     | -           | -           | 0.0012    | 0.0027   | -             | -       | 0.0104  |
|         | AD     | -        | 0.0054     | -           | -           | 0.0010    | 0.0027   | -             | -       | 0.0091  |
|         | %diff. | -        | 16.92      | -           | -           | 16.67     | 0.00     | -             | -       | 12.50   |
| BI_2942 | OD     | -        | 0.0038     | -           | -           | 0.0051    | -        | -             | 11.7403 | 11.7492 |
|         | AD     | -        | 0.0036     | -           | -           | 0.0049    | -        | -             | 11.7213 | 11.7298 |
|         | %diff. | -        | 5.26       | -           | -           | 3.92      | -        | -             | 0.16    | 0.17    |
| BI_2943 | OD     | 0.0026   | 0.1264     | -           | 0.0032      | 0.0073    | 3.7721   | 0.0045        | -       | 3.9161  |
|         | AD     | 0.0013   | 0.0790     | -           | 0.0018      | 0.0040    | 3.6269   | 0.0031        | -       | 3.7161  |
|         | %diff. | 50.00    | 37.50      | -           | 43.75       | 45.21     | 3.85     | 31.11         | -       | 5.11    |
| BI_2944 | OD     | 0.0306   | 0.1742     | -           | -           | 0.0110    | 1.5479   | 0.5696        | 0.0432  | 2.3765  |
|         | AD     | 0.0257   | 0.0927     | -           | -           | 0.0043    | 1.4575   | 0.4666        | 0.0247  | 2.0715  |
|         | %diff. | 16.01    | 46.79      | -           | -           | 60.91     | 5.84     | 18.08         | 42.82   | 12.83   |
| BI_2945 | OD     | 0.3202   | 1.2333     | 0.0008      | -           | 0.0154    | 0.2286   | 1.2229        | 0.3706  | 3.3918  |
|         | AD     | 0.2912   | 1.0833     | 0.0007      | -           | 0.0118    | 0.2299   | 1.1865        | 0.3202  | 3.1236  |
|         | %diff. | 9.06     | 12.16      | 12.50       | -           | 23.38     | -0.57    | 2.98          | 13.60   | 7.91    |
| BI_2946 | OD     | -        | 2.8396     | 0.0001      | 0.0012      | 0.2227    | 0.1178   | 0.0232        | -       | 3.2046  |
|         | AD     | -        | 3.0133     | 0.0001      | 0.0008      | 0.2305    | 0.1106   | 0.0237        | -       | 3.3790  |
|         | %diff. | -        | -6.12      | 0.00        | 33.33       | -3.50     | 6.11     | -2.16         | -       | -5.44   |
| BI_2947 | OD     | 0.0201   | 1.7312     | 0.0042      | 0.0002      | 0.1165    | 1.9963   | 3.7391        | 0.1654  | 7.7730  |
|         | AD     | 0.0128   | 1.2079     | 0.0036      | 0.0001      | 0.1170    | 1.8900   | 3.3648        | 0.1257  | 6.7219  |
|         | %diff. | 36.32    | 30.23      | 14.29       | 50.00       | -0.43     | 5.32     | 10.01         | 24.00   | 13.52   |
| BI_2948 | OD     | -        | 0.1394     | 0.0005      | -           | 0.0260    | 1.8140   | 0.1834        | 0.0095  | 2.1728  |
|         | AD     | -        | 0.0801     | 0.0003      | -           | 0.0176    | 2.5116   | 0.1524        | 0.0068  | 2.7688  |
|         | %diff. | -        | 42.54      | 40.00       | -           | 32.31     | -38.46   | 16.90         | 28.42   | -27.43  |
| BI_2949 | OD     | 0.0325   | 0.4996     | 0.0010      | 0.0003      | 0.0379    | 3.6034   | 0.0100        | 0.0108  | 4.1955  |
|         | AD     | 0.0077   | 0.3326     | 0.0003      | 0.0002      | 0.0160    | 3.3017   | 0.0033        | 0.0058  | 3.6676  |
|         | %diff. | 76.31    | 33.43      | 70.00       | 33.33       | 57.78     | 8.37     | 67.00         | 46.30   | 12.58   |
| BI_2950 | OD     | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | 8.3471   | -             | -       | 8.3471  |
|         | AD     | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | 8.0134   | -             | -       | 8.0134  |
|         | %diff. | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | 4.00     | -             | -       | 4.00    |
| BI_2951 | OD     | 0.0443   | 0.3378     | 0.0081      | -           | 0.2536    | 0.2408   | -             | 0.0004  | 0.8850  |
|         | AD     | 0.0252   | 0.1781     | 0.0062      | -           | 0.1371    | 0.2205   | -             | 0.0003  | 0.5674  |
|         | %diff. | 43.12    | 47.28      | 23.46       | -           | 45.94     | 8.43     | -             | 25.00   | 35.89   |
| BI_2952 | OD     | 0.0045   | 0.0623     | 0.0042      | -           | 0.0027    | 1.0503   | -             | -       | 1.1240  |
|         | AD     | 0.0021   | 0.0377     | 0.0028      | -           | 0.0020    | 0.9554   | -             | -       | 1.0000  |
|         | %diff. | 53.33    | 39.49      | 33.33       | -           | 25.93     | 9.04     | -             | -       | 11.03   |
| BI_2953 | OD     | 0.0024   | 0.0377     | -           | -           | 0.0206    | 16.3137  | -             | 0.0224  | 16.3968 |
|         | AD     | 0.0013   | 0.1235     | -           | -           | 0.0140    | 17.9442  | -             | 0.0068  | 18.0898 |
|         | %diff. | 45.83    | -227.59    | -           | -           | 32.04     | -9.99    | -             | 69.64   | -10.33  |

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 AD - Audit data  
 "-" - No data.

Table 4. Comparison of the estimates of biomass made by the participating laboratories with those made by APEM Ltd. for the major taxonomic groups present in samples OS80-OS82.

| LabCode |        | OS82     |            |             |             |           |          |               |        | Overall  |
|---------|--------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------------|--------|----------|
|         |        | Nemertea | Polychaeta | Oligochaeta | Chelicerata | Crustacea | Mollusca | Echinodermata | Other  |          |
| BI_2904 | OD     | 0.0012   | 3.9377     | 0.0135      | 0.0018      | 0.7940    | 1.5719   | 0.3559        | 0.0831 | 6.7591   |
|         | AD     | 0.0007   | 3.7668     | 0.0005      | 0.0013      | 0.6965    | 1.5918   | 0.3539        | 0.0798 | 6.4913   |
|         | %diff. | 41.67    | 4.34       | 96.30       | 27.78       | 12.28     | -1.27    | 0.56          | 3.97   | 3.9621   |
| BI_2908 | OD     | 0.1340   | 0.7091     | -           | -           | 0.0069    | 11.6610  | 1.5842        | -      | 14.0952  |
|         | AD     | 0.0791   | 0.3557     | -           | -           | 0.0040    | 9.8119   | 1.3230        | -      | 11.5737  |
|         | %diff. | 40.97    | 49.84      | -           | -           | 42.03     | 15.86    | 16.49         | -      | 17.8891  |
| BI_2916 | OD     | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -      | 0.0000   |
|         | AD     | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -      | 0.0000   |
|         | %diff. | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -      | -        |
| BI_2936 | OD     | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -      | 0.0000   |
|         | AD     | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -      | 0.0000   |
|         | %diff. | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | -        | -             | -      | -        |
| BI_2940 | OD     | -        | 0.0965     | -           | -           | 0.0035    | 0.0055   | -             | -      | 0.1055   |
|         | AD     | -        | 0.1006     | -           | -           | 0.0030    | 0.0055   | -             | -      | 0.1091   |
|         | %diff. | -        | -4.25      | -           | -           | 14.29     | 0.00     | -             | -      | -3.41    |
| BI_2941 | OD     | 0.0001   | 0.2706     | 0.0068      | -           | 0.0247    | 1.8377   | -             | -      | 2.1399   |
|         | AD     | 0.0001   | 0.2506     | 0.0063      | -           | 0.0219    | 1.8023   | -             | -      | 2.0812   |
|         | %diff. | 0.00     | 7.39       | 7.35        | -           | 11.34     | 1.93     | -             | -      | 2.74     |
| BI_2942 | OD     | 0.0084   | 0.4055     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.0220    | 0.0008   | 0.0001        | -      | 0.4369   |
|         | AD     | 0.0071   | 0.3813     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.0186    | 0.0007   | 0.0001        | -      | 0.4079   |
|         | %diff. | 15.48    | 5.97       | 0.00        | -           | 15.45     | 12.50    | 0.00          | -      | 6.64     |
| BI_2943 | OD     | 0.0177   | 0.7402     | 0.0003      | -           | 0.0005    | 0.9592   | 4.3599        | 0.0057 | 6.0835   |
|         | AD     | 0.0120   | 0.5081     | 0.0002      | -           | 0.0005    | 0.7870   | 2.6076        | 0.0039 | 3.9193   |
|         | %diff. | 32.20    | 31.36      | 33.33       | -           | 0.00      | 17.95    | 40.19         | 31.58  | 35.57    |
| BI_2944 | OD     | 0.0346   | 0.6466     | -           | -           | 0.0039    | 43.4893  | 1.8304        | 1.3702 | 47.3750  |
|         | AD     | 0.0295   | 0.4036     | -           | -           | 0.0052    | 41.2294  | 1.5784        | 1.0972 | 44.3433  |
|         | %diff. | 14.74    | 37.58      | -           | -           | -33.33    | 5.20     | 13.77         | 19.92  | 6.40     |
| BI_2945 | OD     | 0.0016   | 0.1338     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.0022    | 0.0167   | 0.0001        | 0.0002 | 0.1547   |
|         | AD     | 0.0018   | 0.0683     | 0.0001      | -           | 0.0026    | 0.0206   | 0.0001        | 0.0003 | 0.0938   |
|         | %diff. | -12.50   | 48.95      | 0.00        | -           | -18.18    | -23.35   | 0.00          | -50.00 | 39.37    |
| BI_2946 | OD     | -        | 7.0481     | 0.0203      | -           | 0.0073    | 0.0486   | -             | -      | 7.1243   |
|         | AD     | -        | 5.9444     | 0.0151      | -           | 0.0065    | 0.0538   | -             | -      | 6.0198   |
|         | %diff. | -        | 15.66      | 25.62       | -           | 10.96     | -10.70   | -             | -      | 15.50    |
| BI_2947 | OD     | 0.0670   | 3.9990     | 0.0098      | -           | 0.0344    | 94.7192  | 29.6208       | 0.2589 | 128.7091 |
|         | AD     | 0.0425   | 1.9397     | 0.0067      | -           | 0.0274    | 88.0578  | 16.9401       | 0.1535 | 107.1677 |
|         | %diff. | 36.57    | 51.50      | 31.63       | -           | 20.35     | 7.03     | 42.81         | 40.71  | 16.74    |
| BI_2948 | OD     | 0.0056   | 1.4448     | 0.0039      | -           | 0.0047    | 0.4936   | 11.0467       | 1.1868 | 14.1861  |
|         | AD     | 0.0050   | 0.8919     | 0.0031      | -           | 0.0050    | 0.4390   | 9.6680        | 0.9103 | 11.9223  |
|         | %diff. | 10.71    | 38.27      | 20.51       | -           | -6.38     | 11.06    | 12.48         | 23.30  | 15.96    |
| BI_2949 | OD     | 0.0140   | 1.6976     | 0.0100      | -           | 0.7110    | 26.0400  | -             | 0.0100 | 28.4826  |
|         | AD     | 0.0055   | 1.0276     | 0.0019      | -           | 1.2292    | 24.6676  | -             | 0.0022 | 26.9340  |
|         | %diff. | 60.71    | 39.47      | 81.00       | -           | -72.88    | 5.27     | -             | 78.00  | 5.44     |
| BI_2950 | OD     | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | 2.6438   | -             | -      | 2.6438   |
|         | AD     | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | 2.5694   | -             | -      | 2.5694   |
|         | %diff. | -        | -          | -           | -           | -         | 2.81     | -             | -      | 2.81     |
| BI_2951 | OD     | 0.0007   | 0.2436     | 0.0054      | -           | 0.8980    | 0.7676   | -             | 0.4262 | 2.3415   |
|         | AD     | 0.0004   | 0.1386     | 0.0031      | -           | 0.6356    | 0.7263   | -             | 0.2419 | 1.7459   |
|         | %diff. | 42.86    | 43.10      | 42.59       | -           | 29.22     | 5.38     | -             | 43.24  | 25.44    |
| BI_2952 | OD     | 0.0042   | 0.4064     | 0.0026      | -           | 0.0011    | 1.8298   | -             | 0.1226 | 2.3667   |
|         | AD     | 0.0029   | 0.2683     | 0.0018      | -           | 0.0009    | 1.7403   | -             | 0.0616 | 2.0758   |
|         | %diff. | 30.95    | 33.98      | 30.77       | -           | 18.18     | 4.89     | -             | 49.76  | 12.29    |
| BI_2953 | OD     | 0.0156   | 0.2309     | 0.0005      | -           | 0.0041    | 2.4177   | -             | -      | 2.6688   |
|         | AD     | 0.0074   | 0.1106     | 0.0003      | -           | 0.0030    | 1.7969   | -             | -      | 1.9182   |
|         | %diff. | 52.56    | 52.10      | 40.00       | -           | 26.83     | 25.68    | -             | -      | 28.13    |

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 AD - Audit data  
 "-" - No data.



Table 5. Comparison of the overall performance of laboratories in the Own Sample exercises from 1995/96 to 2022/23 (OS01-82).

| Scheme Year    | Exercise     | Number of samples |                  | % Pass    |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
|                |              | Pass (>90% BCSI)  | Fail (<90% BCSI) |           |
| 02 (1995/96)   | 01           | 14                | 0                | 100       |
| 03 (1996/97)   | 02, 03, 04   | 27                | 11               | 71        |
| 04 (1997/98)   | 05, 06, 07   | 33                | 7                | 83        |
| 05 (1998/99)   | 08, 09, 10   | 30                | 12               | 71        |
| 06 (1999/00)   | 11, 12, 13   | 37                | 14               | 73        |
| 07 (2000/01)   | 14, 15, 16   | 30                | 15               | 67        |
| 08 (2001/02)*  | 17, 18, 19   | 35                | 10               | 78        |
| 09 (2002/03)*  | 20, 21, 22   | 33                | 11               | 75        |
| 10 (2003/04)*  | 23, 24, 25   | 43                | 8                | 84        |
| 11 (2004/05)*  | 26, 27, 28   | 51                | 3                | 94        |
| 12 (2005/06)*  | 29, 30, 31   | 50                | 4                | 93        |
| 13 (2006/07)*  | 32, 33, 34   | 63                | 6                | 91        |
| 14 (2007/08)*  | 35, 36, 37   | 69                | 12               | 85        |
| 15 (2008/09)*  | 38, 39, 40   | 67                | 24               | 74        |
| 16 (2009/10)*  | 41, 42, 43   | 75                | 18               | 81        |
| 17 (2010/11)*  | 44, 45, 46   | 85                | 14               | 86        |
| 18 (2011/12)*  | 47, 48, 49   | 95                | 4                | 96        |
| 19 (2012/13)*  | 50, 51, 52   | 102               | 6                | 94        |
| 20 (2013/14)*  | 53, 54, 55   | 73                | 29               | 72        |
| 2014/15 (21)*  | 56, 57, 58   | 71                | 22               | 76        |
| 2015/16 (22)*  | 59, 60, 61   | 81                | 15               | 84        |
| 2016/17 (23)*  | 62, 63, 64   | 72                | 12               | 86        |
| 2017/18 (24)*  | 65, 66, 67   | 70                | 9                | 89        |
| 2018/19 (25)*  | 68, 69, 70   | 73                | 16               | 82        |
| 2019/20 (26)*  | 71, 72, 73   | 89                | 8                | 92        |
| 2020/21 (27)*  | 74, 75, 76   | 65                | 4                | 94        |
| 2021/22 (28)*  | 77, 78, 79   | 83                | 6                | 93        |
| 2022/23 (29)** | 80, 81, 82   | 91                | 16               | 85        |
|                | <b>Total</b> | <b>1707</b>       | <b>316</b>       | <b>84</b> |

\* - Own Samples selected from completed data matrices

\* - includes 15 Own Samples from the Black Sea

BCSI - Bray Curtis Similarity Index (untransformed)