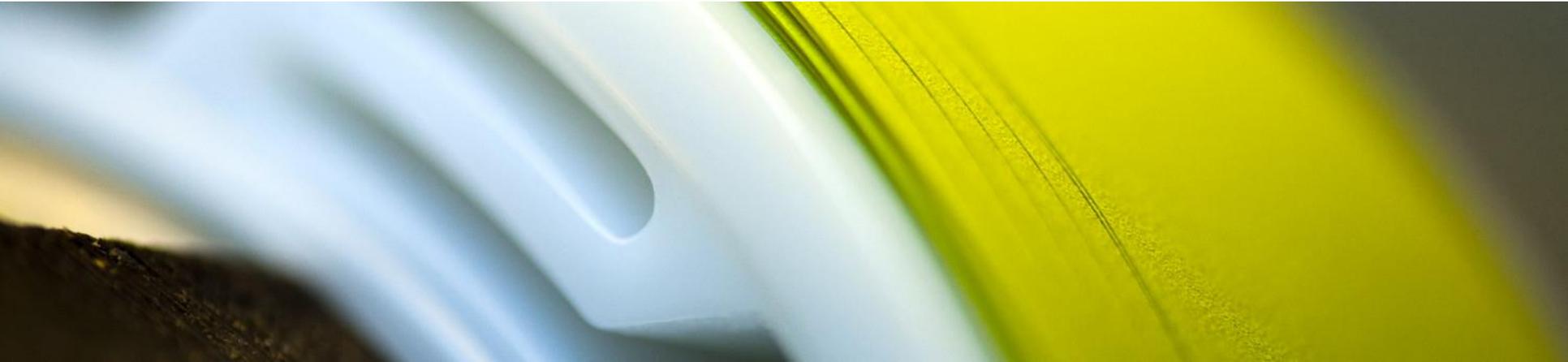


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# **PrecMod: An Automated SAS<sup>®</sup> Macro for Estimating Precision via Random Effects Models**

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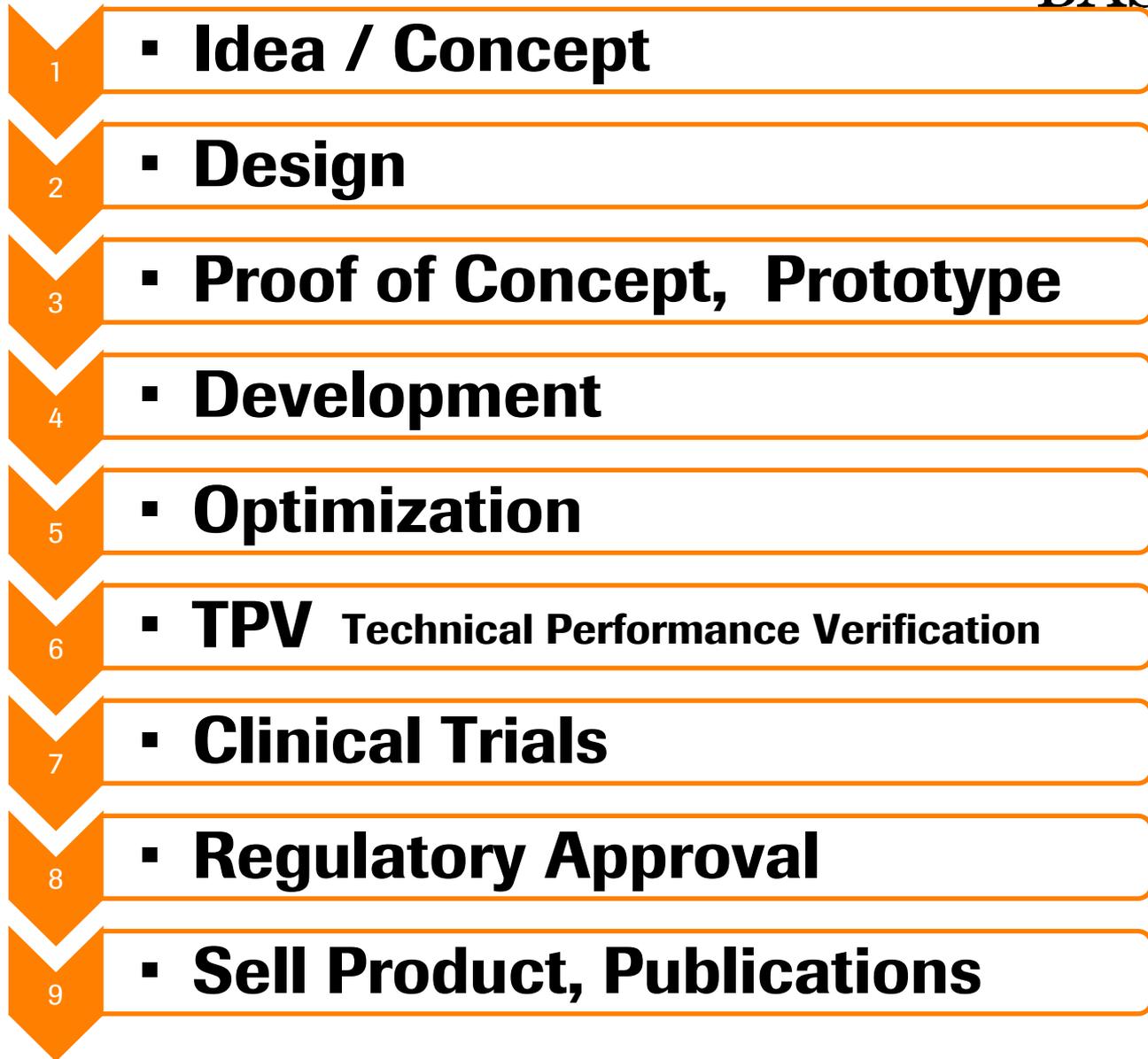


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## 9 Phases in Product Life Cycle



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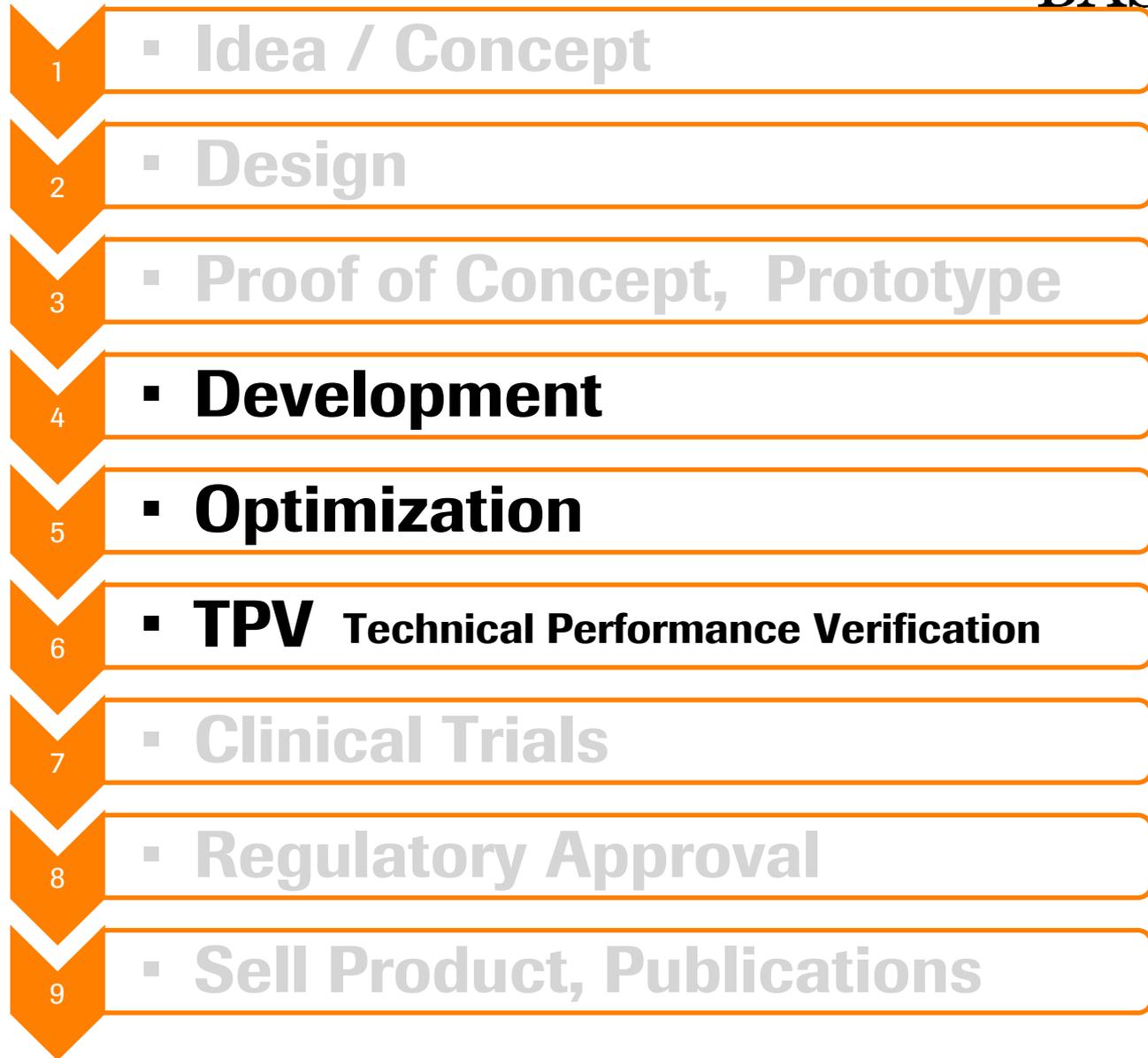
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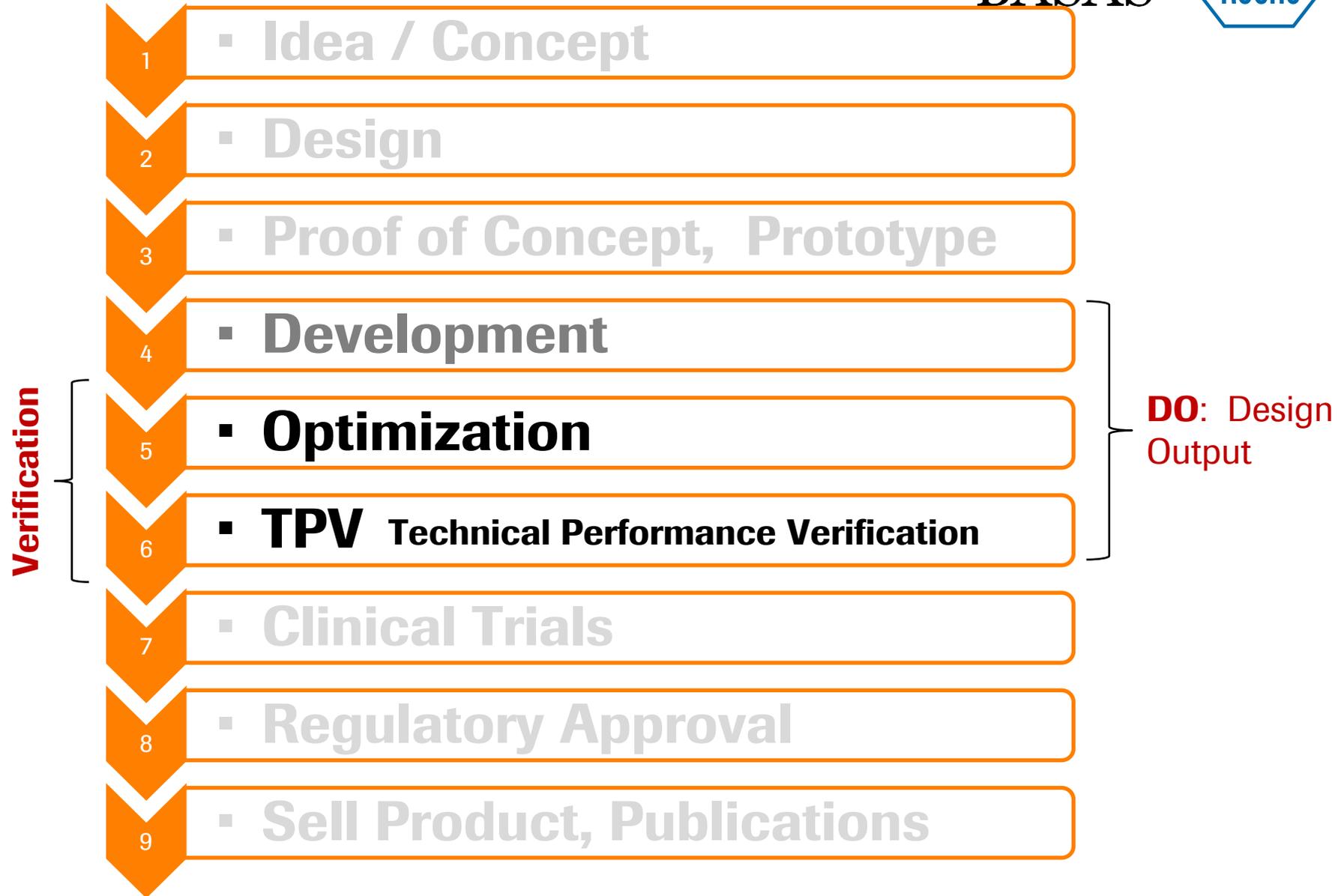
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“Does the test **still** work?”



**Validation**

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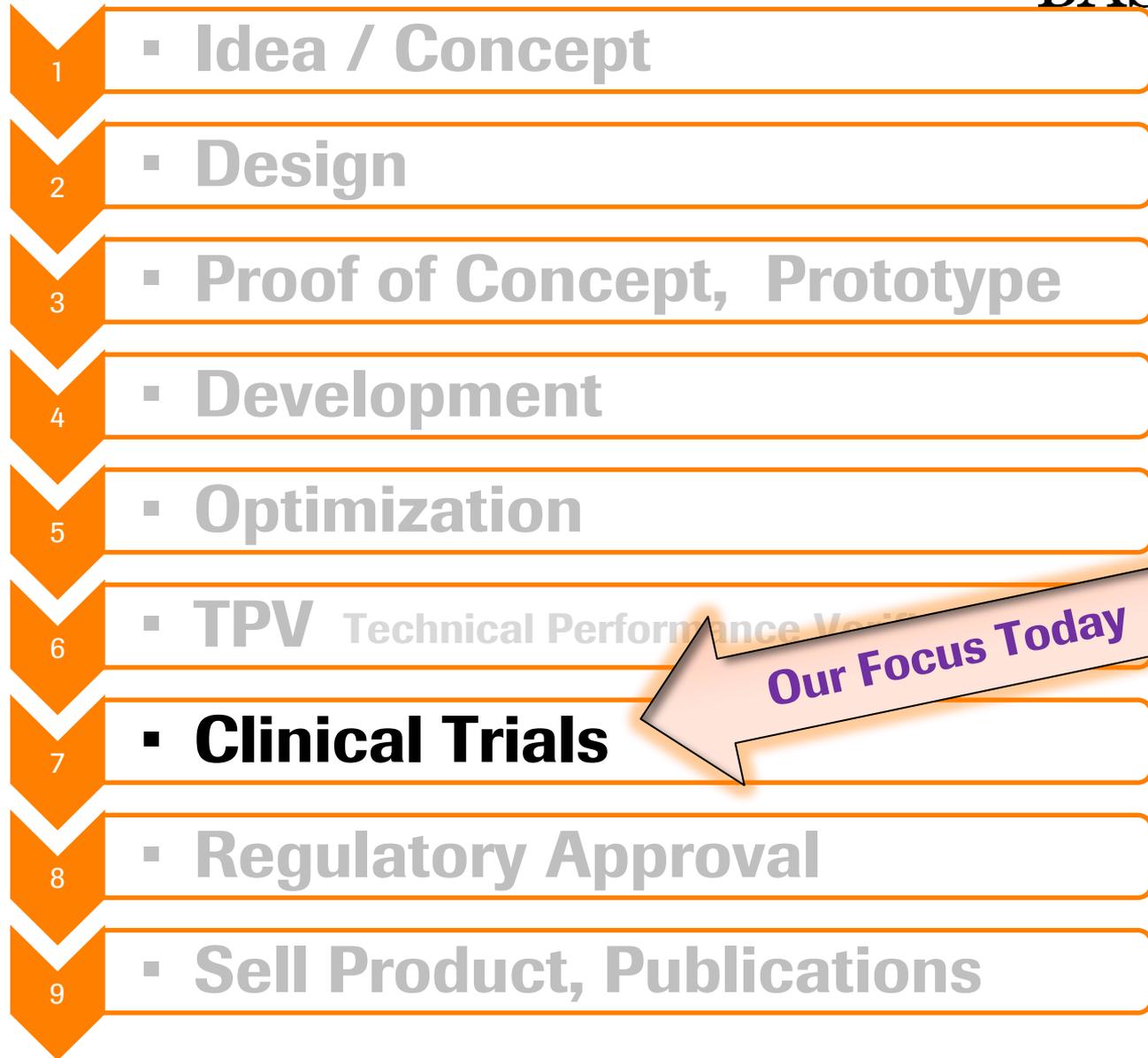
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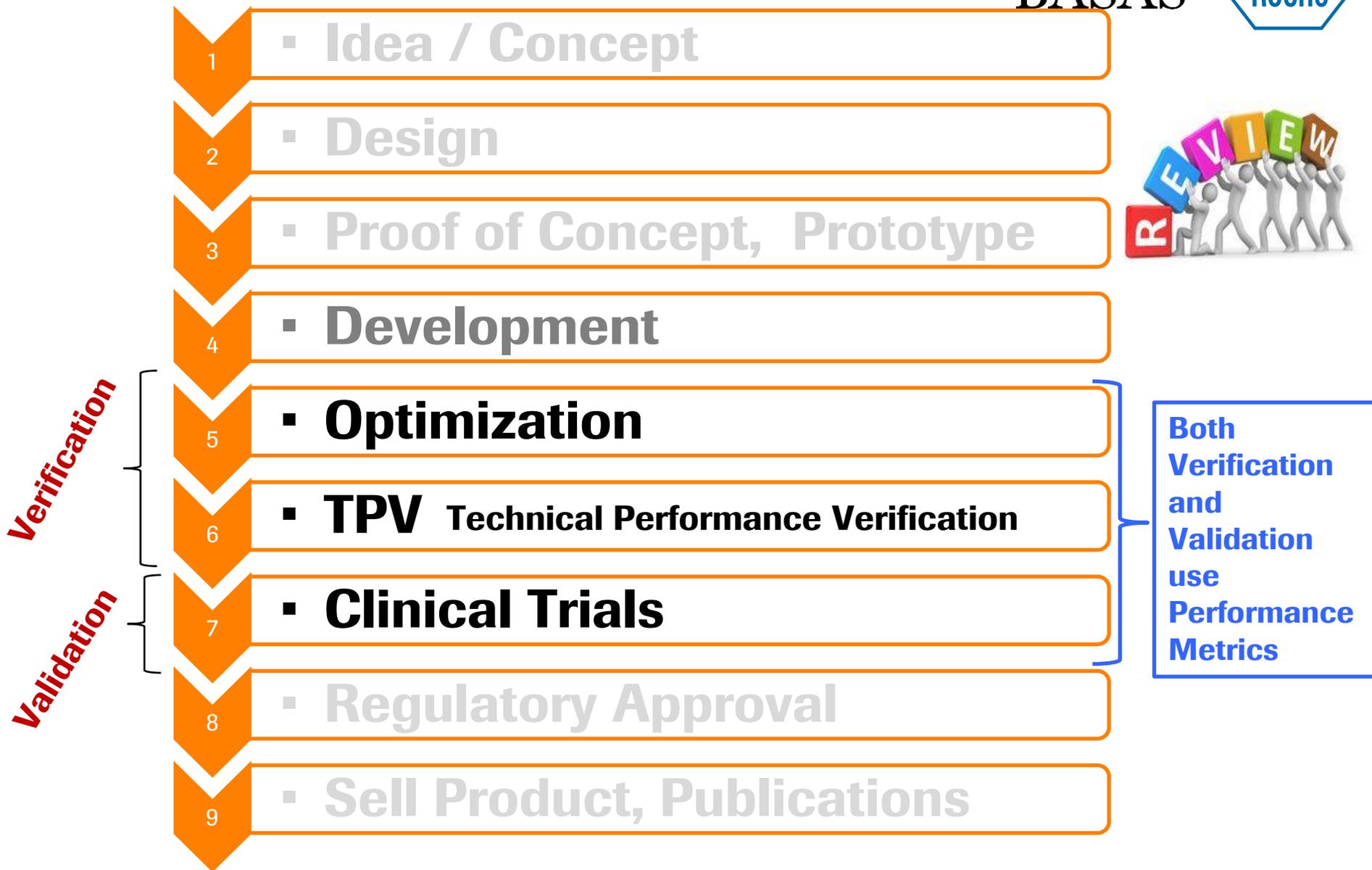
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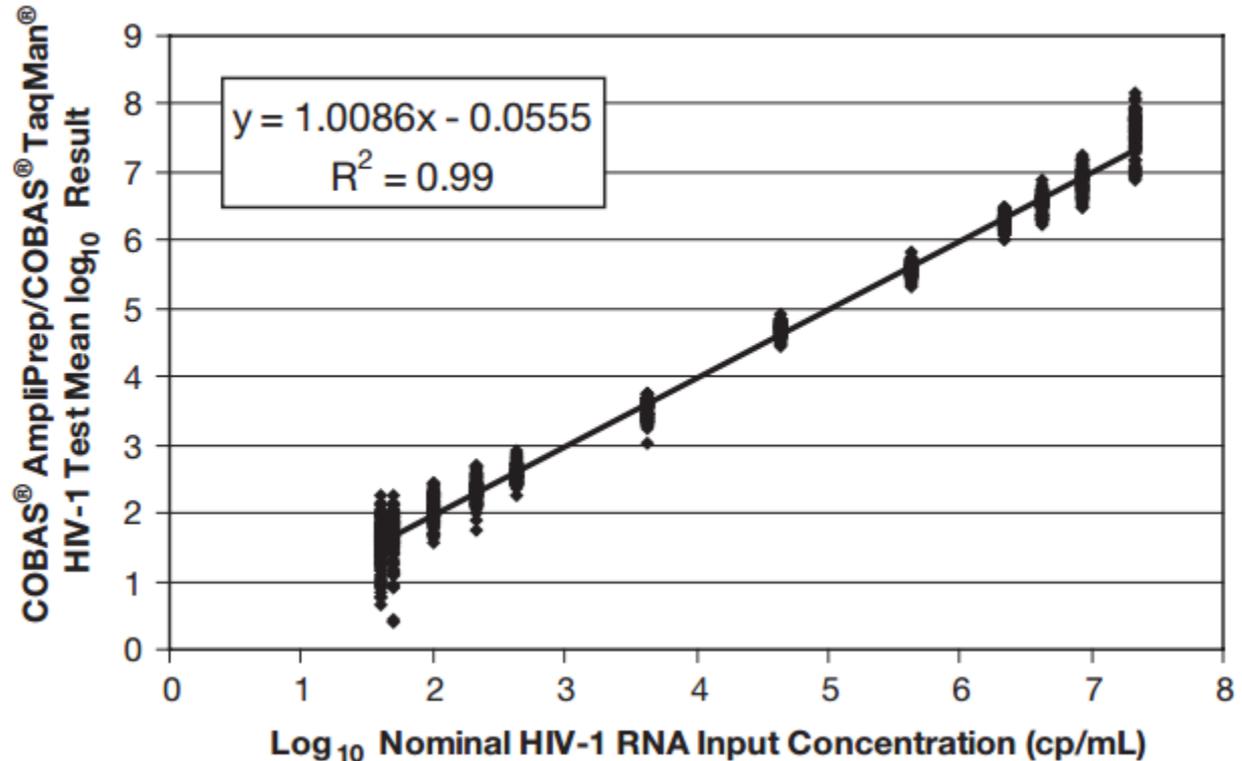
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First questions you may ask ...

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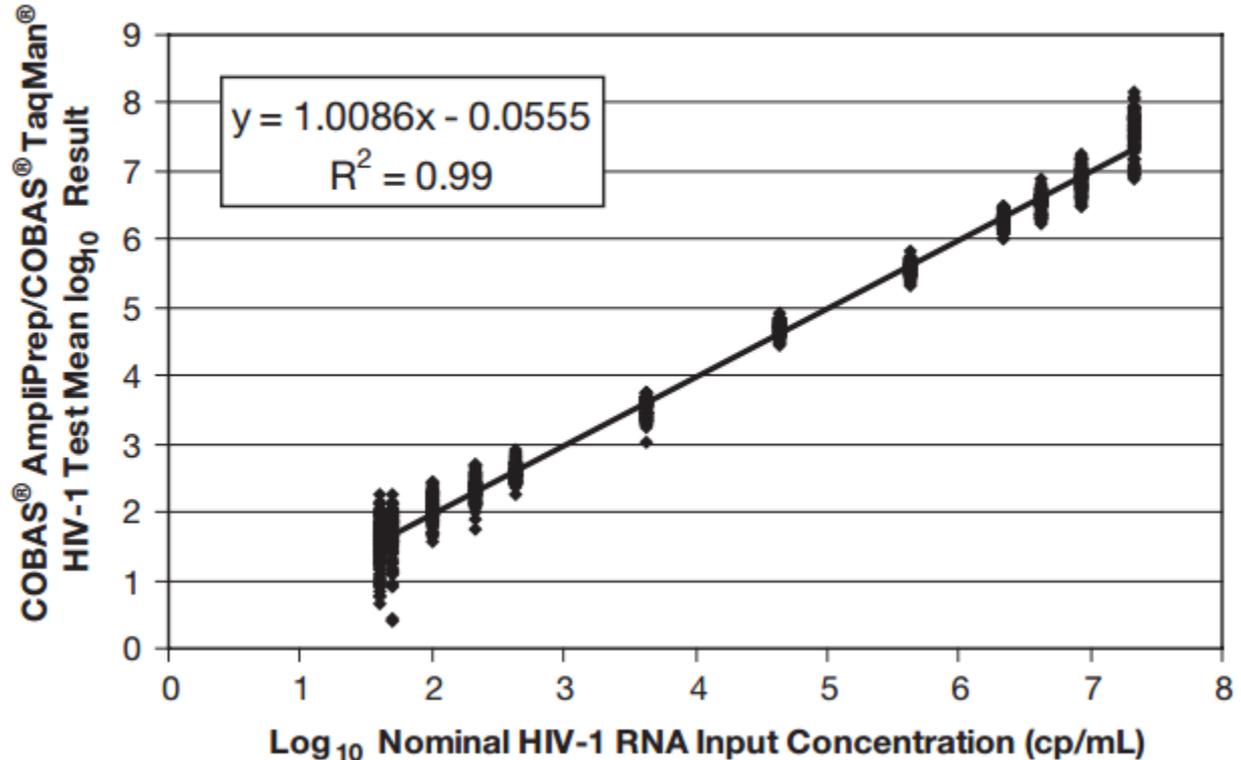
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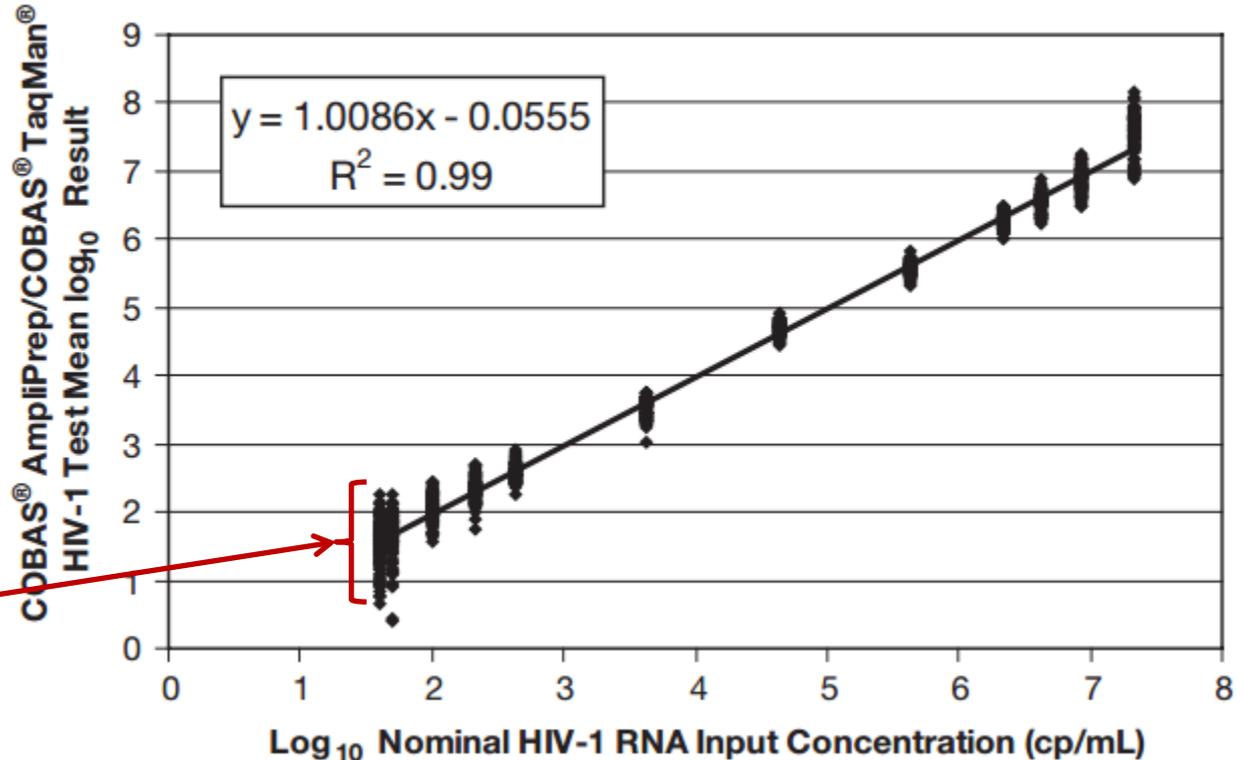
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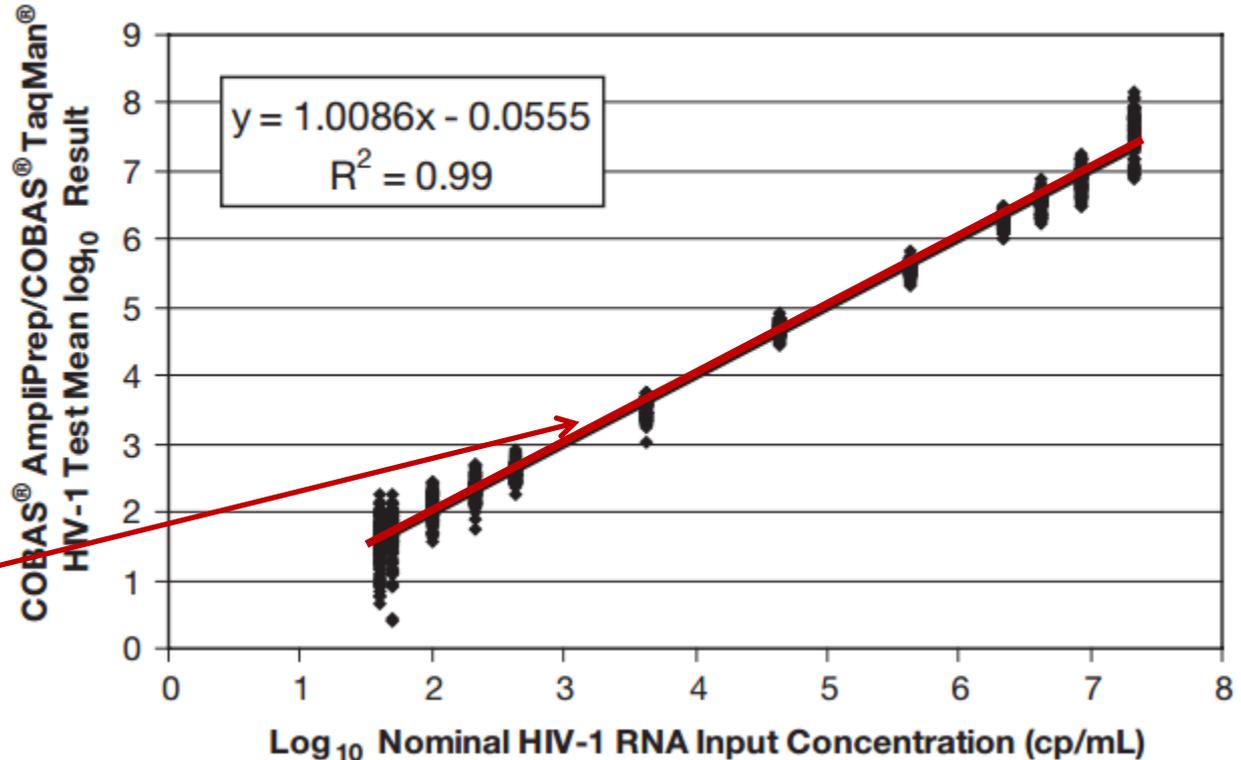


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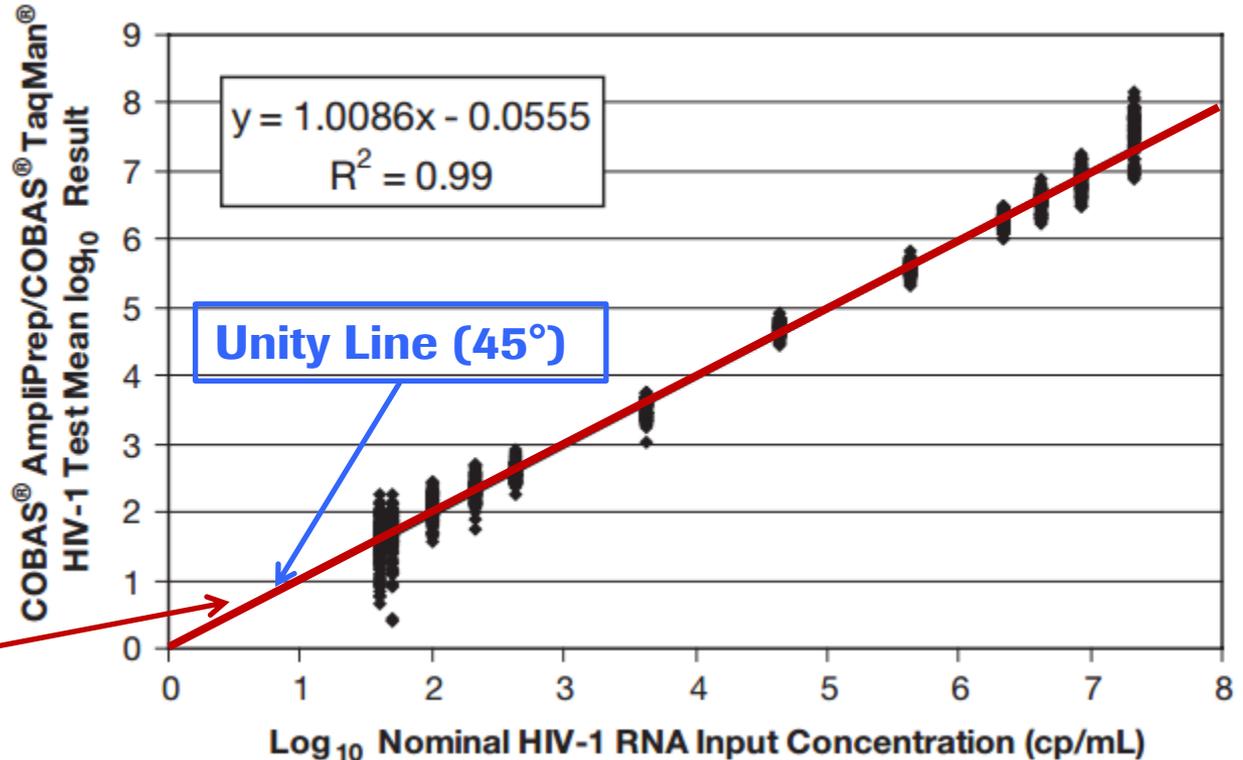
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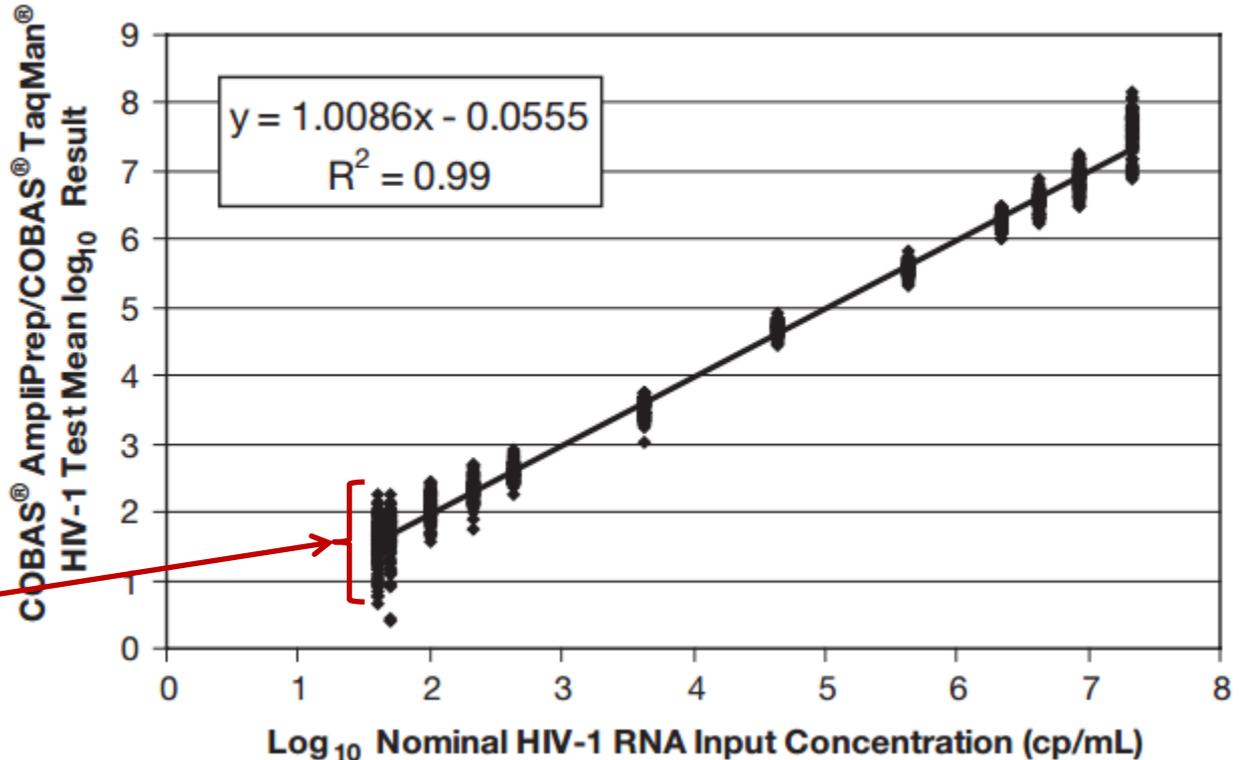
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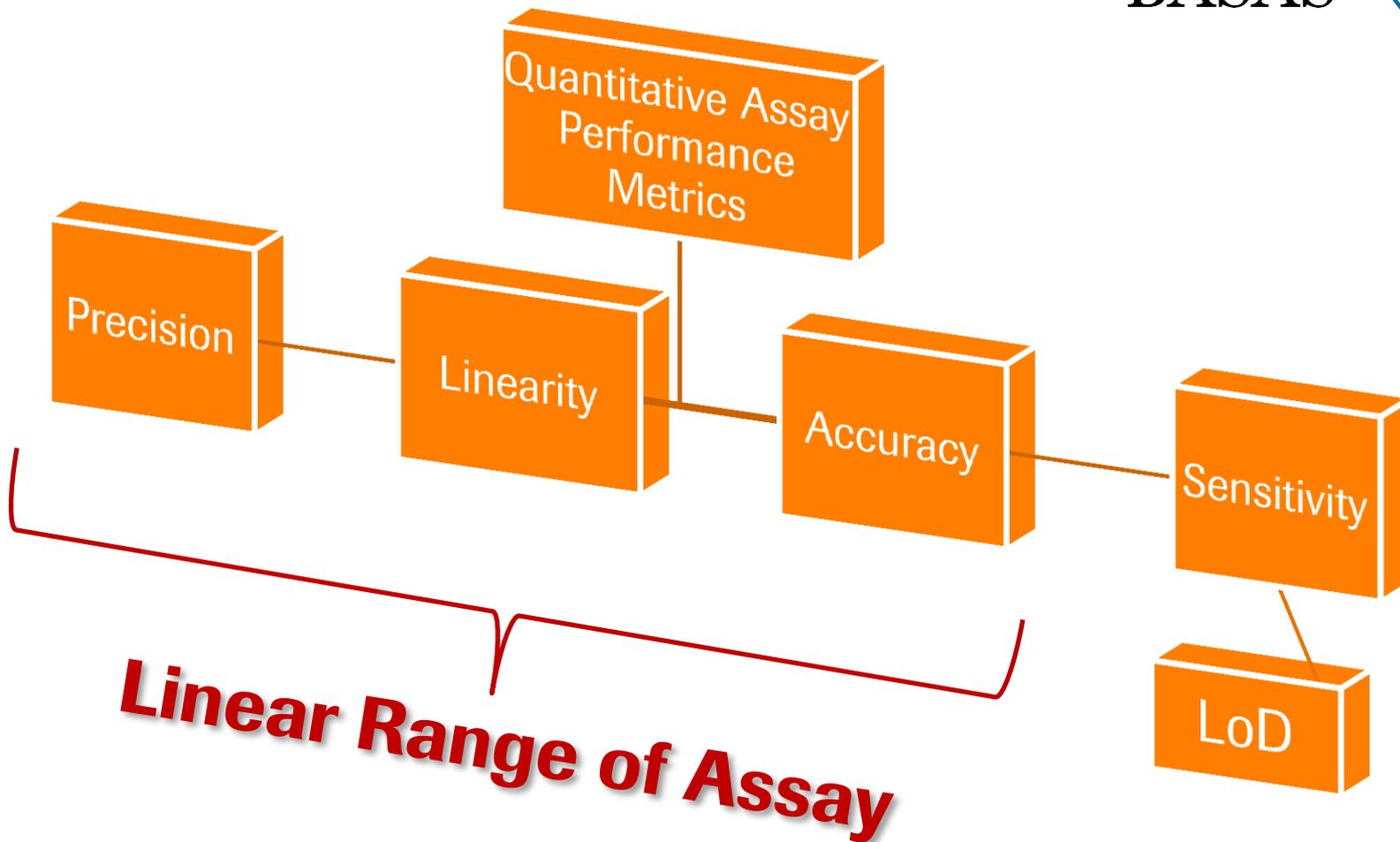


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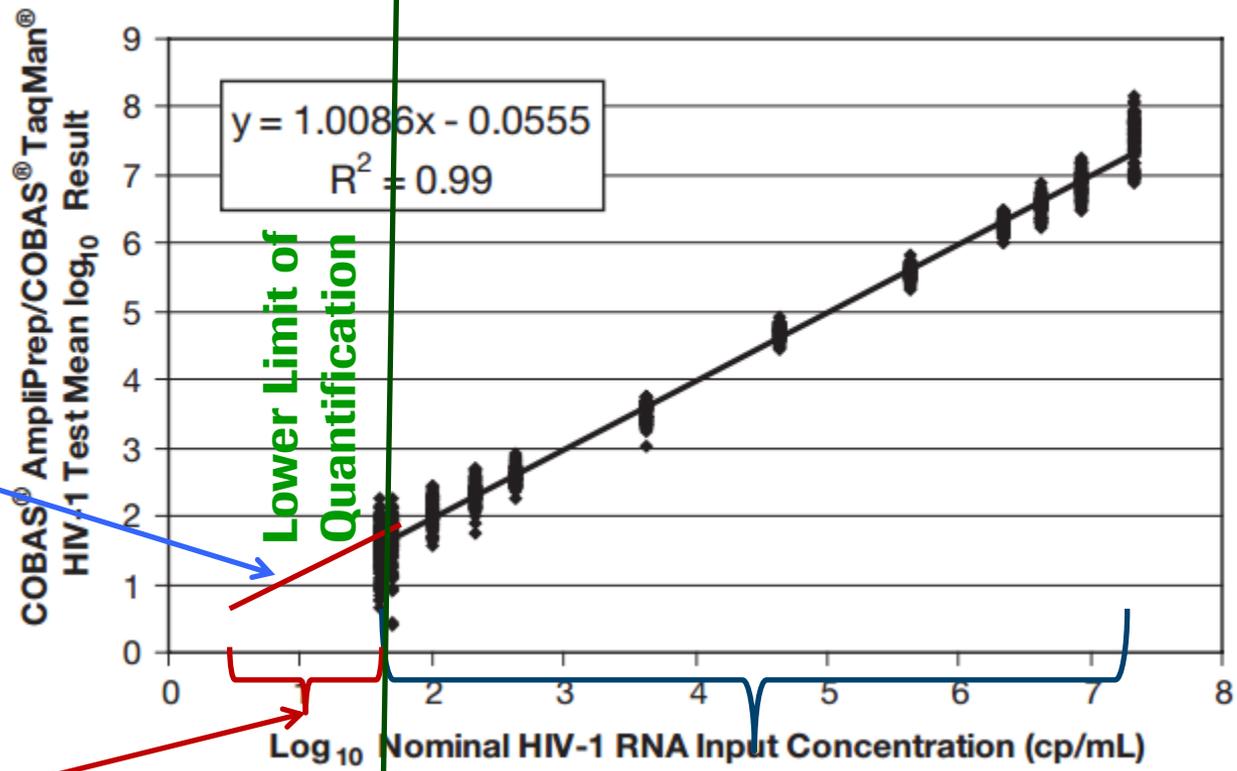


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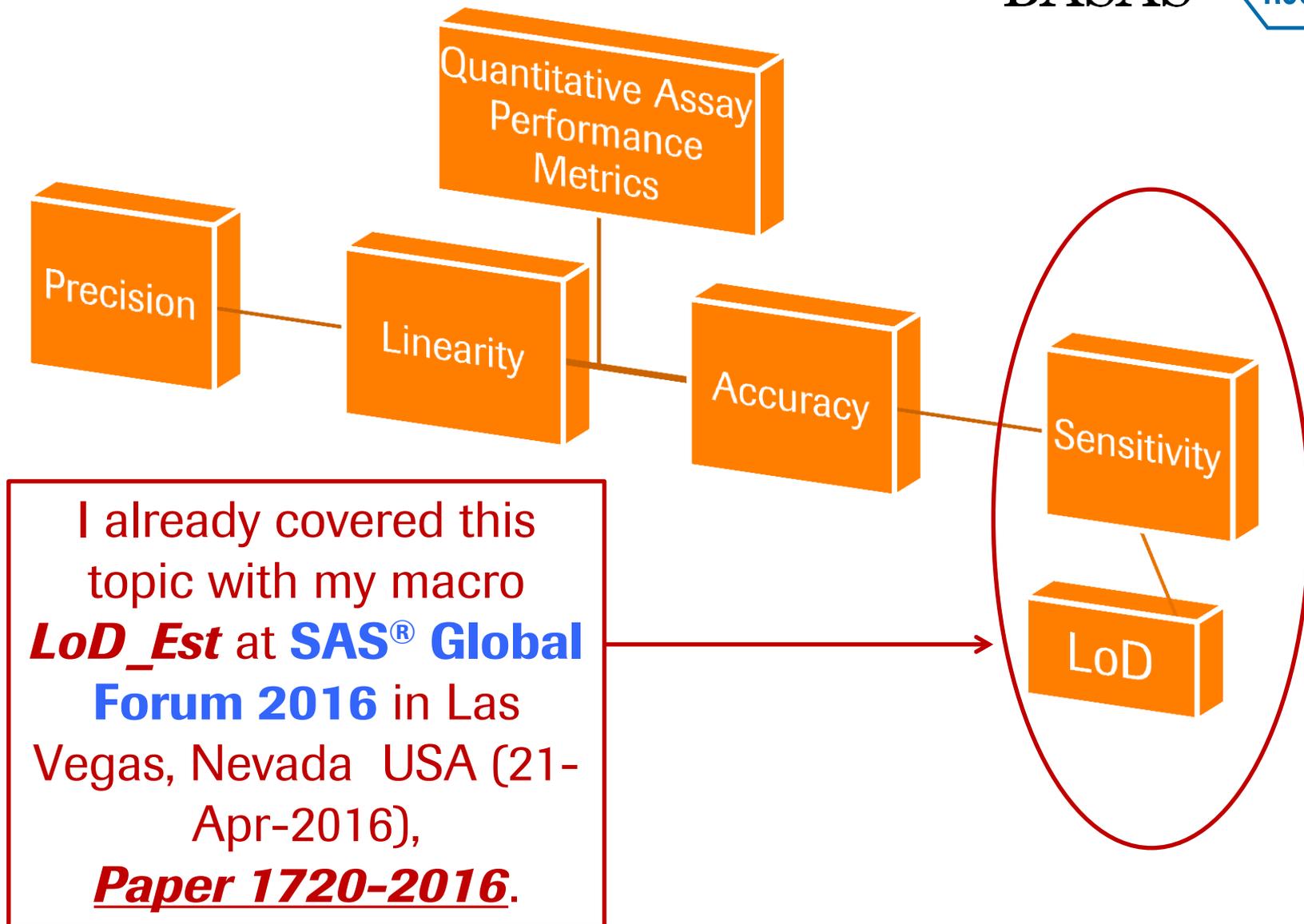
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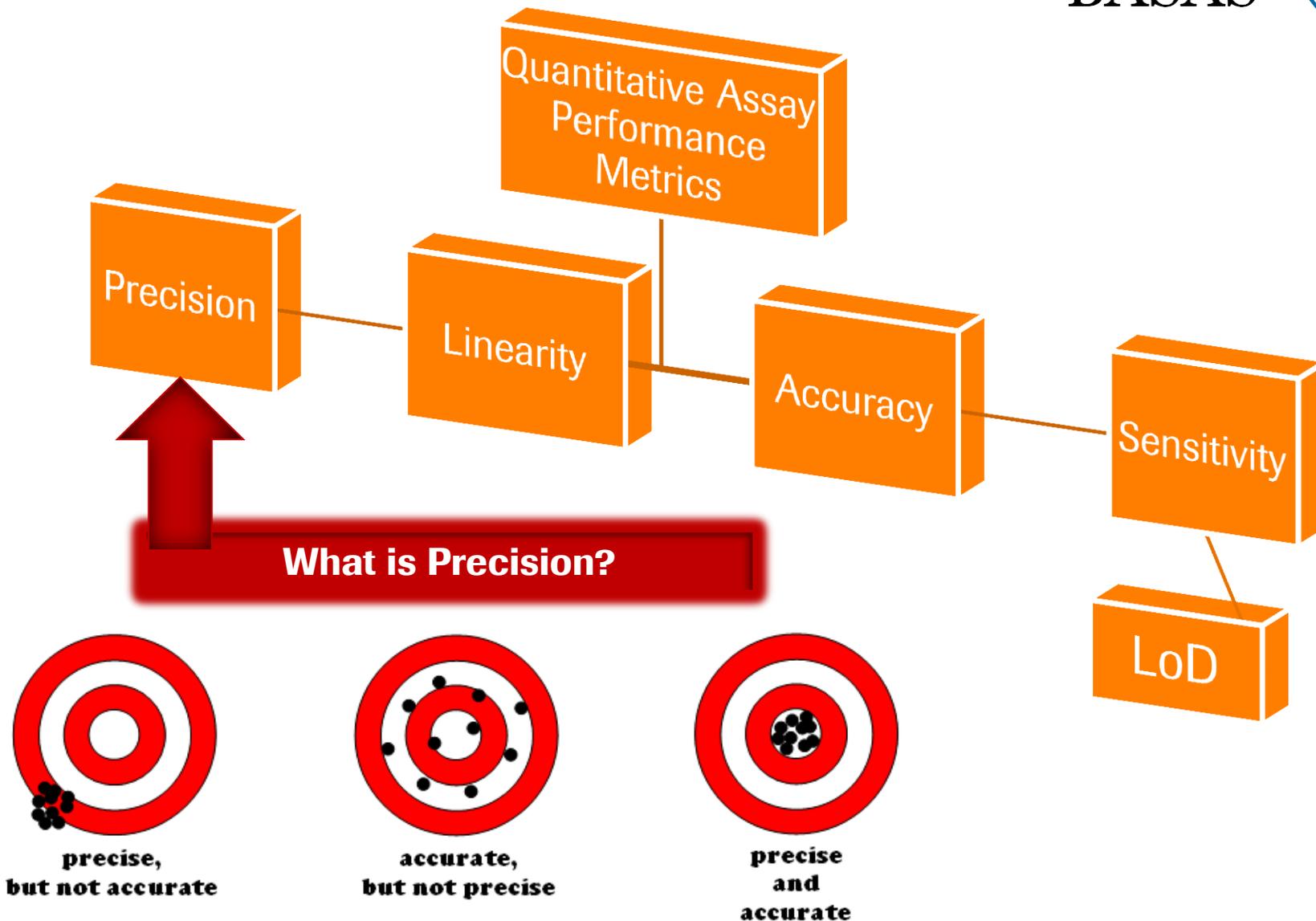
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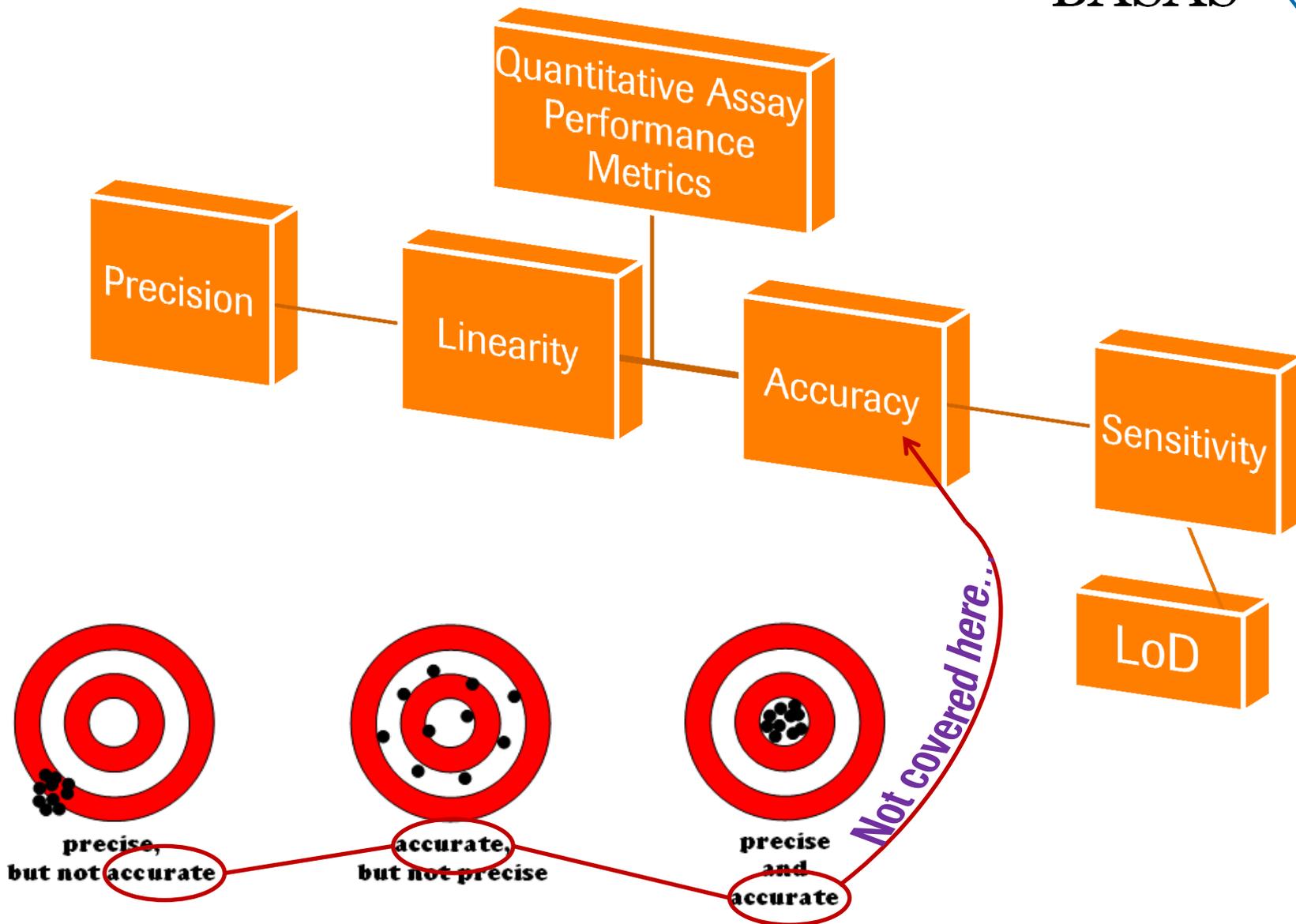
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- We now look at a few dry definitions then expand on each...



- Precision (EP05-A2): ...is the closeness of agreement between independent test/measurement results obtained under stipulated conditions.





## Motivation

Whenever decisions are based on analytical or clinical results, it's important to assess the quality of the results...



## Motivation

...that is, the extent to which the results can be relied upon for the purpose at hand.

-OR-



## Motivation

In other words,

“Can I believe the results I got from the lab or my doctor?”

Another (more accessible) Precision Definition (ICH 1994):

- The precision of an analytical procedure expresses the closeness of agreement (degree of scatter) between a series of measurements obtained from multiple sampling of the same homogeneous sample under the prescribed conditions.

ICH = International Conference on Harmonisation

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CLSI = Clinical & Laboratory Standards Institute

- For example:
  - “repeatability” measures variation within site and
  - “reproducibility” measures variation across sites, lots, instruments, operators, runs, etc.).

⇒ See also the guidance CLSI EP05-A2:

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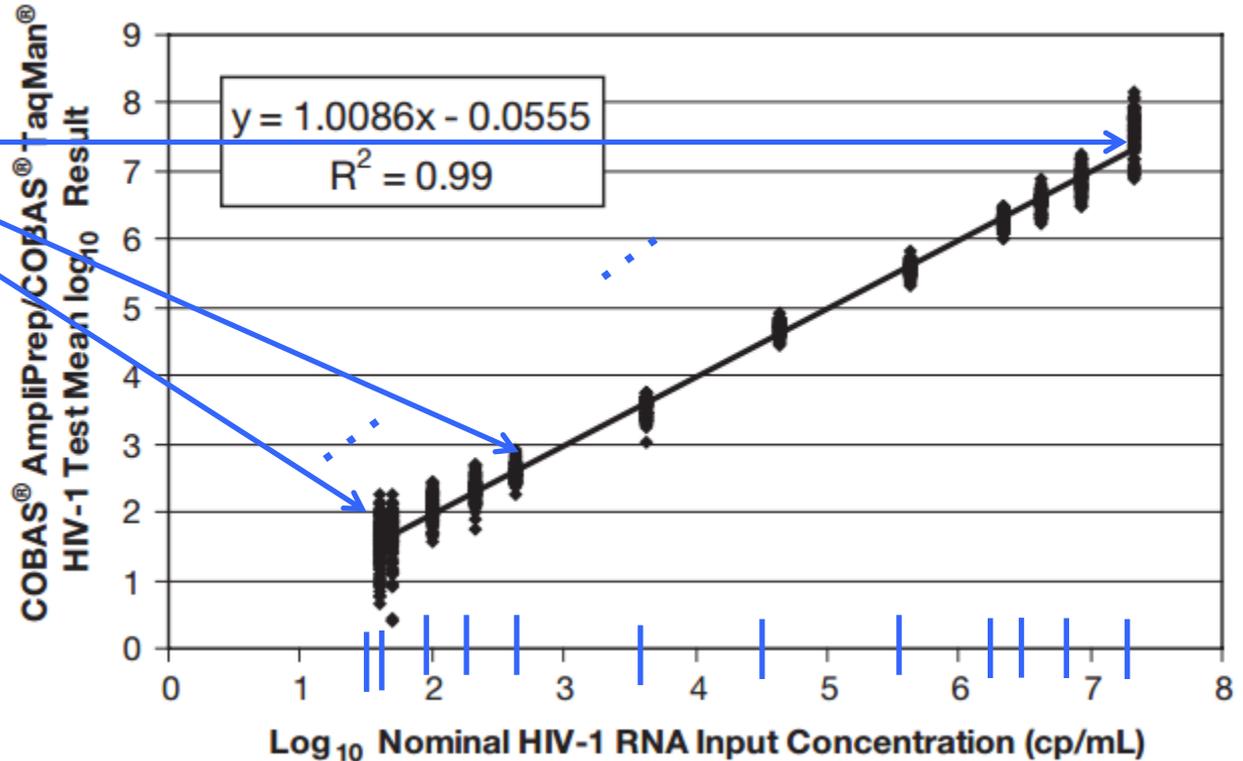


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**Example:**  
**12 contrived panel**  
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## Estimation of Precision:

### The Random Effects (RE) Linear Model

$$y_{lsodre} = \mu + L_l + S_s + O_o + D_d + R_r + \varepsilon_{lsodre}$$

- Where**
- $L_l \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_L^2)$  **is the RE due to lot;**
  - $S_s \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_S^2)$  **is the RE due to site;**
  - $O_o \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_O^2)$  **is the RE due to operator;**
  - $D_d \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_D^2)$  **is the RE due to day;**
  - $R_r \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_R^2)$  **is the RE due to run/batch.**



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  ByVars      = , ← "By" Processing variable
  ClassVars   = ,
  DepVar      = ,
  IndepVars   = ,
  Random      = ,
  Method      = REML ,
  OutData     = ,
  FlagVar     = ,
  FlagValue   = ,
  EquTest     = N ,
  Alpha       = 0.05 ,
  InsType     = ,
  Logged      = "Yes") ;
```

# Performance Metrics: Precision

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## The SAS ProcMod Macro call:

```
%ProcMod (InData = , ⇐ SAS Input Data Set
  ByVars      = , ⇐ "By" Processing variable
  ClassVars = , ⇐ Categorical or class variables
  DepVar      = ,
  IndepVars  = ,
  Random      = ,
  Method      = REML ,
  OutData     = ,
  FlagVar     = ,
  FlagValue   = ,
  EquTest     = N      ,
  Alpha       = 0.05  ,
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# Performance Metrics: Precision

BASAS



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  IndepVars   = ,
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  Method      = REML ,
  OutData     = ,
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  Random      = ,
  Method      = REML ,
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# Performance Metrics: Precision

## Practical Example

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We present an analysis of 1855 reproducibility data samples for an HIV-1 PCR assay test evaluated at six titer/concentration levels across the following factors:

PCR = Polymerase Chain Reaction

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## Practical Example

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**Lot:** 3 manufactured reagent lots

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Two different operators are at each of 3 test sites each performed 5 days of testing with each of 3 lots of reagents.



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```
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**Enter “By” Variables *(to iterate over and obtain results for each level)***

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          DepVar     = logconc ,
```

**Enter “Class” Variables**

```
          Method     = REML ,  
          OutData    = ResultsDat ,  
          FlagVar    = dvlflag ,  
          FlagValue  = DVL ,  
          EquTest    = N ,  
          Alpha      = 0.05 ,  
          InsType    = ,  
          Logged     = "Yes") ;
```



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### Enter “Class” Variables

**dslot** = lot variable

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```

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For this example, the specification for the PrecMod SAS macro is as follows:

```
%PrecMod(InData      = DataSetIn ,  
          ByVars      = titer_n titer_c logexp ,  
          ClassVars   = dslot site operator day ,  
          DepVar      = leucconc ,
```

Four blue arrows originate from the words "dslot", "site", "operator", and "day" in the "ClassVars" line of the SAS macro call. Each arrow points to the corresponding explanatory text in the light blue box below.

### Enter "Class" Variables

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          ClassVars  = dslot site operator day ,  
          DepVar     = logconc ,  
          IndepVars  = ,
```

Enter “Dependent” Variable

**logconc** = logarithm base 10 of observed  
quantitation value

```
Instype      = ,  
Logged       = "Yes") ;
```

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          DepVar       = logconc ,  
          IndepVars   = ,  
          Random      = dslot site operator day ,  
          Method       = PPM)
```

**Enter any “Independent” Variables**

**None here.**

```
Instype      = ,  
Logged       = "Yes") ;
```

## Practical Example: Macro Call

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          DepVar     = logconc ,  
          IndepVars  = ,  
          Random     = dslot site operator day ,  
          Method     = REML ,  
          OutData    = ResultsDat .
```

**Enter “Random Variable” names**

*These are the same names as in the  
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          Method      = REML ,
          OutData     = ResultsDat .
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          IndepVars   = ,
          Random      = dslot site operator day ,
          Method      = REML ,
          OutData     = ResultsDat ,
          FlagVar     = dvlflag .
```

### Enter estimation “Method”

*Two main ones:*

**REML** = Restricted Maximum Likelihood

**ML** = Maximum Likelihood

## Practical Example: Macro Call

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          IndepVars  = ,  
          Random     = dslot site operator day ,  
          Method     = REML ,  
          OutData    = ResultsDat ,  
          FlagVar    = dvlflag ,  
          FlagValue  = DVI
```

**Enter output SAS data set name.**

```
          Instype    = ,  
          Logged    = "Yes") ;
```



## Practical Example: Macro Call

For this example, the specification for the `PrecMod` SAS macro is as follows:

```
%PrecMod(InData      = DataSetIn ,  
          ByVars     = titer_n titer_c logexp ,  
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          DepVar     = logconc ,  
          IndepVars  = ,  
          Random     = dslot site operator day ,  
          Method     = REML ,  
          OutData    = ResultsDat ,  
          FlagVar    = dvlflag ,  
          FlagValue  = DVI
```

**Enter output SAS data set name.**

**ResultsDat = work.ResultsDat SAS data set**



## Practical Example: Macro Call

For this example, the specification for the PrecMod SAS macro is as follows:

**Enter any “flag” variables for subsetting ...**  
**dvflag = flag variable**

```
IndepVars = ,  
Random    = dslot site operator day ,  
Method     = REML ,  
OutData    = ResultsDat ,  
FlagVar    = dvflag ,  
FlagValue  = DVL ,  
EquTest    = N ,
```

**...and corresponding “flag” value**

**FlagValue = DVL**

**Where DVL is the value of “FlagVar”.**



## Practical Example: Macro Call

**For the moment, ignore the optional “Equivalency Testing” option, “EquTest”.**

**Tests for equivalency between the two comparison items via a variance ratio test.**

```
OutData    = ResultsDat ,  
FlagVar    = dvlflag ,  
FlagValue  = DVL ,  
EquTest    = N      ,  
Alpha      = 0.05  ,  
Instype    =      ,  
Logged     = "Yes") ;
```

A blue arrow originates from the text box above and points to the 'EquTest' parameter in the macro call code.



## Practical Example: Macro Call

For this example, the specification for the PrecMod SAS macro is as follows:

**... and ignore associated options:**

**Alpha** = Significance Level for Variance Ratio Test for Equivalency Testing of two compared items;

**InstType** = Variable that identifies the two compared items, here, "Instrument Type".

```
FlagVar = DVL ,  
FlagValue = DVL ,  
EquTest = N ,  
Alpha = 0.05 ,  
InstType = ,  
Logged = "Yes") ;
```



## Practical Example: Macro Call

**Indicate whether your outcome/dependent variable is logged (“Yes”) or on original scale (“No”).**

**This is important in order to use the correct formula for the percent coefficient of variation (%CV).**

```
Method      = REML ,  
OutData     = ResultsDat ,  
FlagVar     = dvlflag ,  
FlagValue   = DVL ,  
EquTest     = N ,  
Alpha       = 0.05 ,  
InsType     = ,  
Logged      = "Yes") ;
```

A blue arrow originates from the bottom-left corner of the light blue text box and points to the 'Logged' parameter in the macro call code block.

- **Estimation of Precision**

- Precision is usually expressed in terms of %CV (percent coefficient of variation) or  $\text{Log}_{10}\text{SD}$  scale.
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For this example, the specification for the PrecMod SAS macro is as follows:

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          DepVar      = logconc ,
          IndepVars   = ,
          Random      = dslot site operator day ,
          Method      = REML ,
          OutData     = ResultsDat ,
          FlagVar     = dvlflag ,
          FlagValue   = DVL ,
          EquTest     = N ,
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          InsType     = ,
          Logged      = "Yes") ;
```

## Practical Example: Macro Call

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```
%PrecMod(InData      = DataSetIn ,  
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```



```
          Day         = Day ,  
          FlagValue   = DVI ,  
          EquTest     = N ,  
          Alpha       = 0.05 ,  
          InsType     = ,  
          Logged      = "Yes") ;
```



## Practical Example: Results

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**STANDARD  
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## Additional Variables Created:

**TotVariance = Total Variance** (sum of the individual variance terms)

**PC\_TotVariance** (this is 100% down the column)

**TotSD = square root of the Total Variance**

**CV\_TotSD = Total SD in %CV terms.**



**PROC REPORT** is then used to format  
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see SAS code in  
**Appendix B** applied to our  
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## Practical Example: Results

Table 3 shows the results as formatted using the DATA step and PROC REPORT code in APPENDIX B.

HIV-1 RNA Concentration (log <sub>10</sub> cp/mL)			Random Effects Model Components Contribution to Total Variance (%)					Total Precision	
Expected	Observed (average)	No. of Tests <sup>a</sup>	Lot	Site	Operator	Day	Within- Day	Standard Deviation (Lognormal %CV) <sup>b</sup>	
1.699	1.624	263	5.3%	0.7%	0.0%	2.5%	91.4%	0.26 (66.1%)	
1.699**	1.646	263	4.4%	2.7%	0.0%	0.9%	92.0%	0.25 (63.1%)	
2.301	2.260	267	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	96.7%	0.13 (32.3%)	
2.602	2.538	267	2.3%	1.3%	11.4%	0.5%	84.5%	0.10 (23.3%)	
3.000	2.983	266	0.5%	0.0%	4.6%	0.0%	94.9%	0.12 (28.6%)	
5.000	4.961	265	0.9%	17.2%	2.7%	0.4%	78.7%	0.09 (21.3%)	
6.699	6.673	264	1.7%	71.5%	2.8%	0.3%	23.7%	0.16 (39.7%)	

Note: Results with detectable viral load are included in this table.

<sup>a</sup> Number of tests with detectable viral load.

<sup>b</sup> Lognormal %CV = 100% • square root of {10<sup>^</sup>[variance • ln(10)]-1}, where ln() is the

\*\* Results < 3.40E+1 cp/mL were calculated based on the validated in-house software for test results that were below LLoQ.



Data Source: Appendix X, Table Y.1, Table Y.2.

**Table 3. Attributable percentage of total variance, total precision standard deviation and lognormal %CV of HIV-1 RNA concentration (log<sub>10</sub> cp/mL) from tests with detectable viral load.**

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