

*Supplementary Information*

# Determining Water Isotope Compositions for the IAEA WICO and North West Villages, South Africa

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## WICO 2020 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ / $\delta^2\text{H}$ intercomparison test laboratory report

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 Reporting comments:  
 Comments for evaluation:

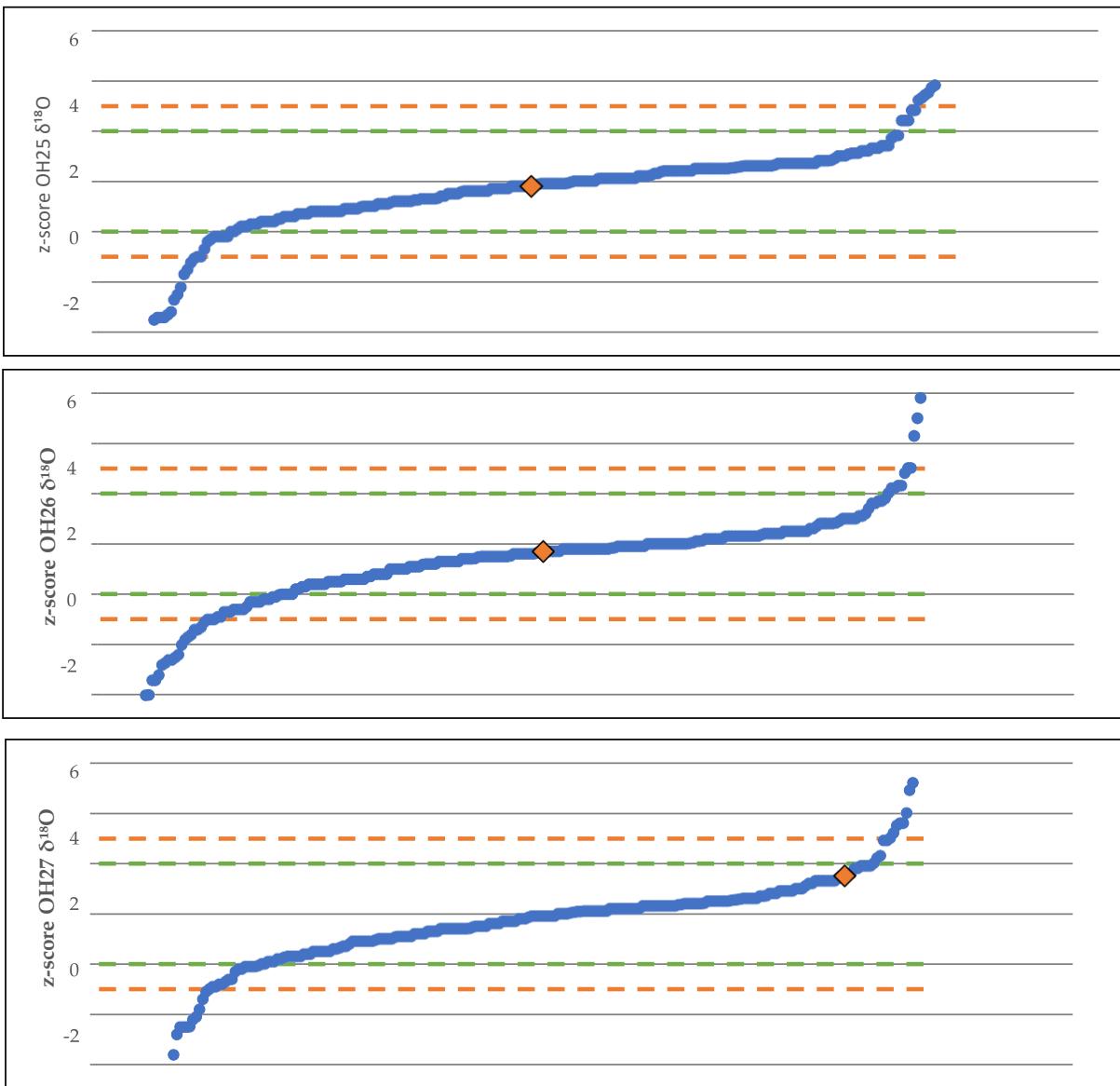
Table S1. Results  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ .

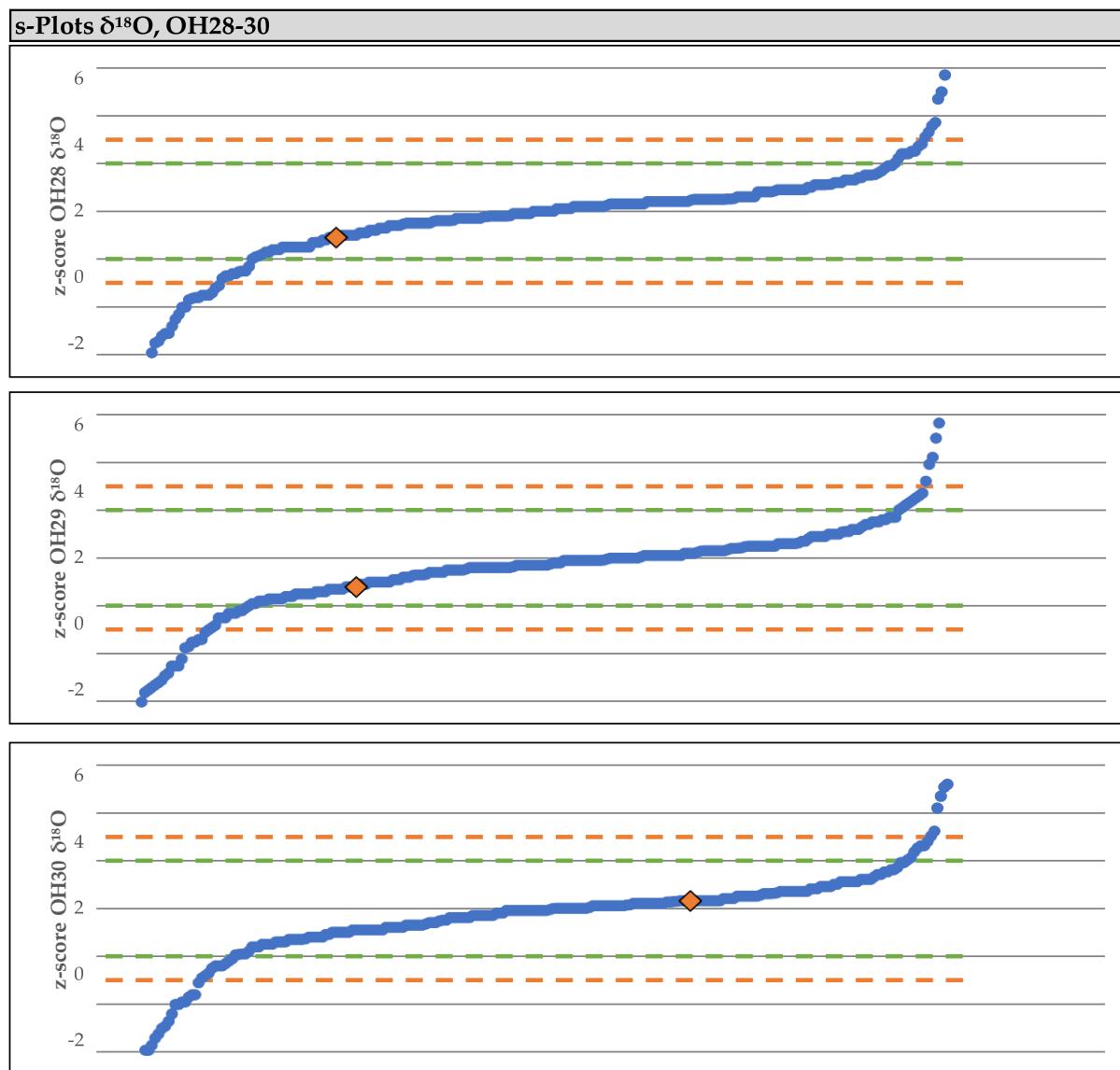
Sample	Reference Value			Submitted Result			Evaluation		Comment
	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$	Unc.	$\sigma_p$	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$	Unc.	D	z-test	$\zeta$ -test	
OH25	-16.98	0.01	0.10	-17.00	0.02	-0.02	-0.20	-0.89	
OH26	-11.20	0.01	0.10	-11.23	0.02	-0.03	-0.30	-1.34	
OH27	-24.89	0.02	0.10	-24.74	0.03	0.15	1.50	4.16	3
OH28	-7.95	0.02	0.10	-8.06	0.04	-0.11	-1.10	-2.46	
OH29	-1.05	0.01	0.10	-1.17	0.02	-0.12	-1.20	-5.37	3
OH30	-11.21	0.01	0.10	-11.18	0.03	0.03	0.30	0.95	

Colour Codes		Overall performance	
Satisfactory		Avg $ z  \delta^{18}\text{O}$	0.77
Questionable		Avg $ \zeta  \delta^{18}\text{O}$	2.53
Unsatisfactory		SD of D $\delta^{18}\text{O}$	0.10

### Comments

- 3 Good accuracy and poor precision: this result has  $|z| < 2$  and  $|\zeta| \geq 3$ ; the overall performance is satisfactory, but you may have underestimated or overlooked some relevant sources of uncertainty.
- 6 Over-estimated precision: One or more of the samples present  $|\zeta| \geq 3$ ; we suggest that you carefully review the uncertainty estimation of your measurements, especially for samples in the abundance range(s) concerned.

**s-Plots  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ , OH25-27**



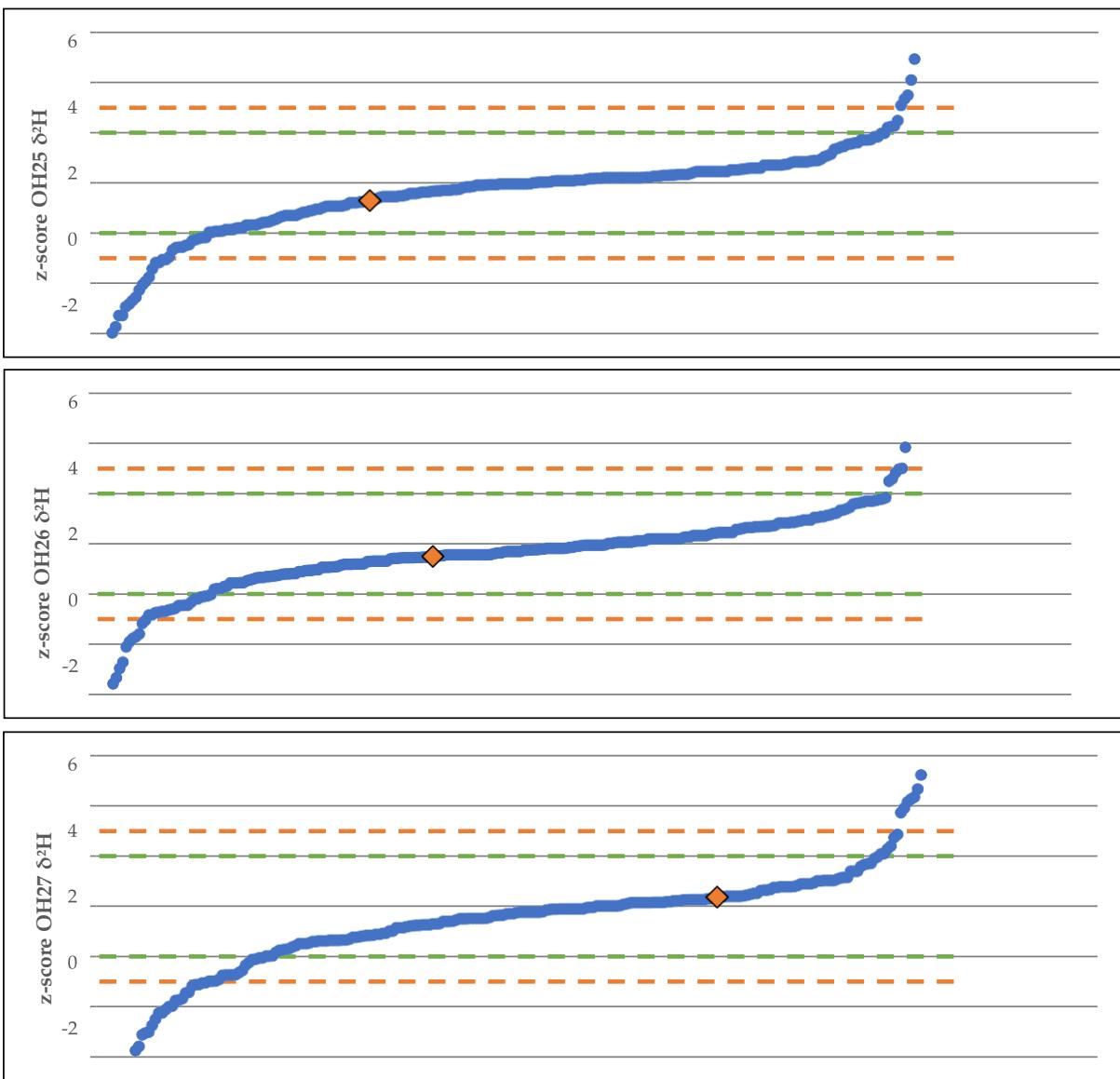
**Figure S1.** The s-plots vs the mean  $|z|$  score for the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of the IAEA WICO samples OH-28–OH-30.

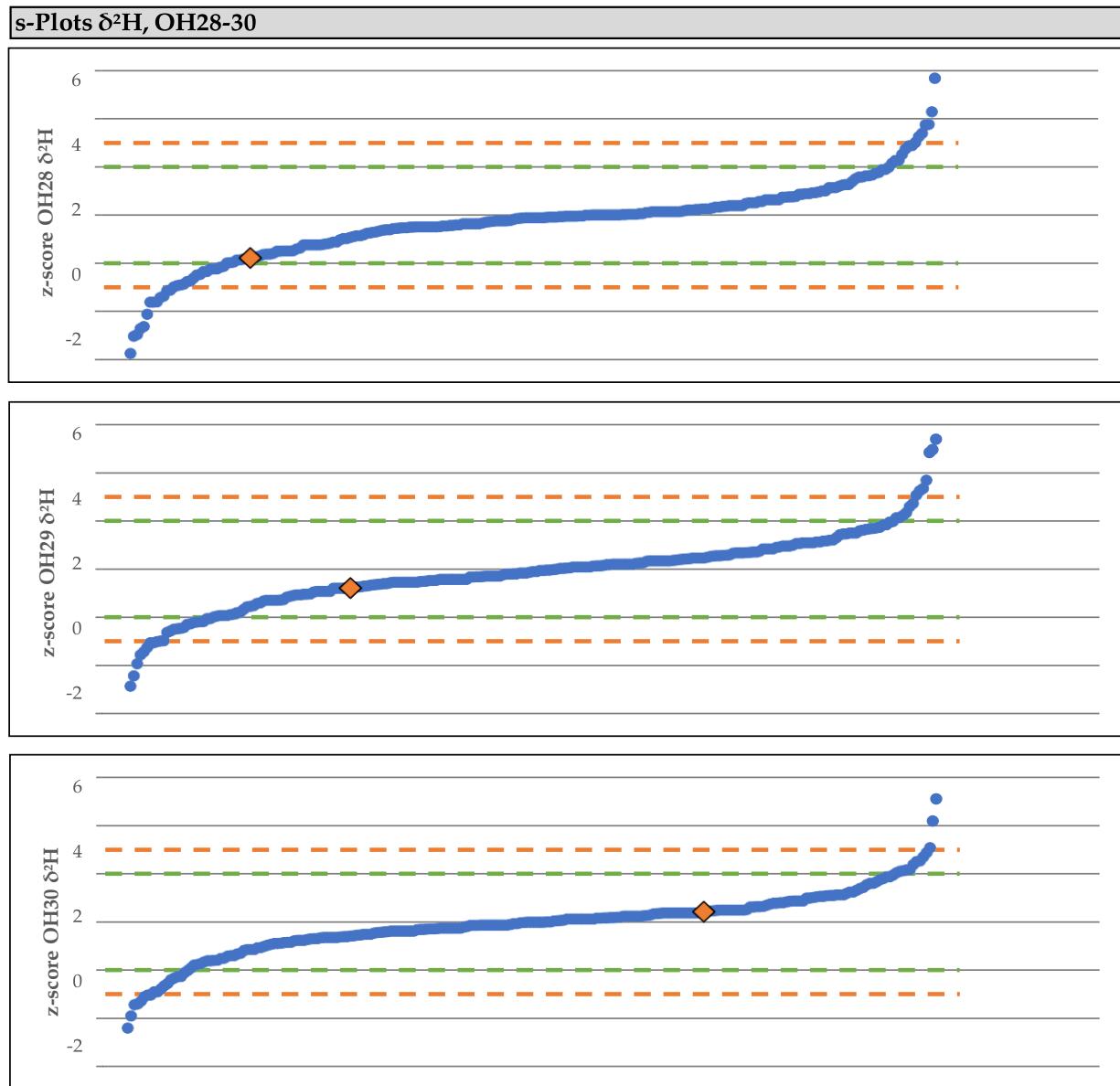
**Table S2.** Results  $\delta^2\text{H}$ .

Sample	Reference Value			Submitted Result			Evaluation		Comment
	$\delta^2\text{H}$	Unc.	$\sigma p$	$\delta^2\text{H}$	Unc.	D	$z$ -test	$\zeta$ -test	
OH25	-129.5	0.2	0.8	-130.0	0.2	-0.6	-0.69	-1.90	
OH26	-78.1	0.2	0.8	-78.5	0.1	-0.4	-0.50	-1.83	
OH27	-190.8	0.2	0.8	-190.5	0.3	0.3	0.37	0.81	
OH28	-49.0	0.3	0.8	-50.4	0.5	-1.4	-1.79	-2.24	
OH29	1.8	0.2	0.8	1.2	0.3	-0.6	-0.78	-1.91	
OH30	-77.9	0.3	0.8	-77.6	0.2	0.3	0.41	0.91	

Colour Codes		Overall performance	
Satisfactory		Avg $ z  \delta^2\text{H}$	0.76
Questionable		Avg $ \zeta  \delta^2\text{H}$	1.60
Unsatisfactory		SD of D $\delta^2\text{H}$	0.66

**Comments:**

**s-Plots  $\delta^2\text{H}$ , OH25-27**



**Figure S2.** The s-plots vs the mean  $|z|$  score for the  $\delta^2\text{H}$  of the IAEA WICO samples OH-28-OH-30.

**Table S3.** Results d-excess.

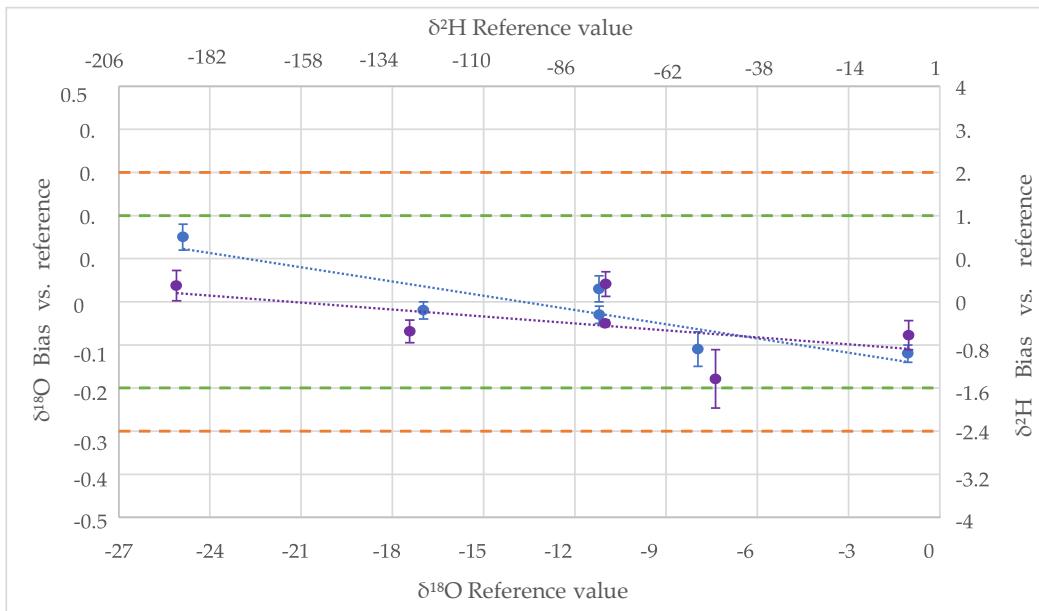
Sample	Reference Value			Submitted Result			Evaluation			Comment
	$\delta^2\text{H}$	Unc.	$\sigma_p$	$\delta^2\text{H}$	Unc.	D	z-test	$\zeta$ -test		
OH25	6.4	0.2	1.1	6.0	0.3	-0.4	-0.34	-1.14		-
OH26	11.6	0.2	1.1	11.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.14	-0.57		-
OH27	8.3	0.3	1.1	7.4	0.4	-0.9	-0.80	-1.92		-
OH28	14.6	0.4	1.1	14.1	0.6	-0.5	-0.49	-0.75		-
OH29	10.2	0.2	1.1	10.6	0.3	0.3	0.30	0.92		-
OH30	11.8	0.3	1.1	11.9	0.3	0.1	0.08	0.20		-

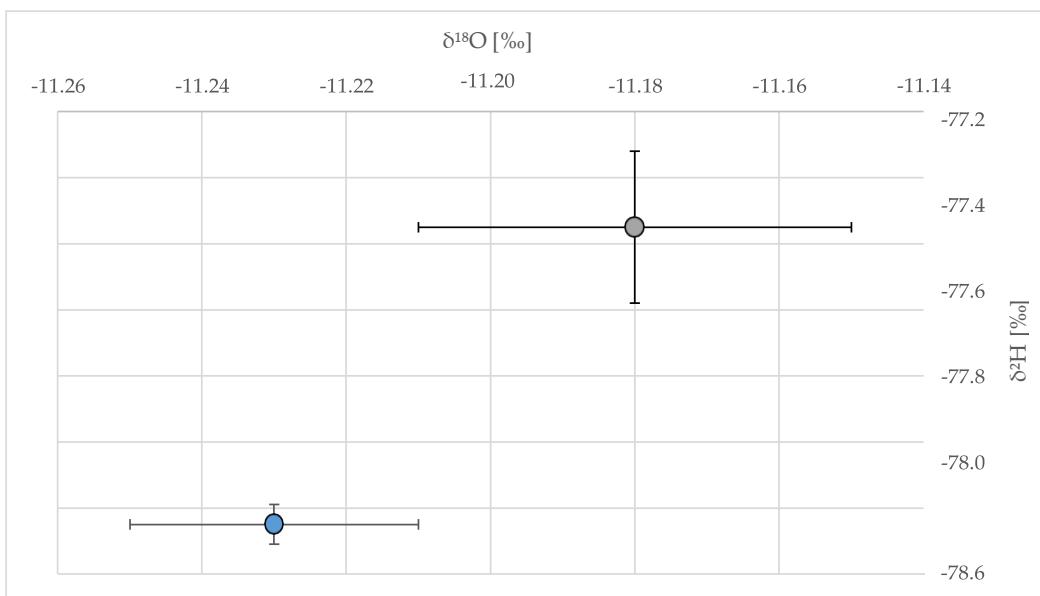
Colour Codes		Overall performance		
Satisfactory		Avg $ z  \delta^2\text{H}$	0.36	-
Questionable		Avg $ \zeta  \delta^2\text{H}$	0.92	-
Unsatisfactory		SD of D $\delta^2\text{H}$	0.45	-

**Table S4.** Reference Values vs. Bias - see Annex document.

	<b>Slope</b>	<b>Intercept</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Plot</b>
<b>δ<sup>18</sup>O</b>	-0.011	-0.151	0.804	◎
<b>δ<sup>2</sup>H</b>	-0.005	-0.862	0.294	◎

**Figure S3.** A plot of δ<sup>18</sup>O Bias vs. reference value.**Table S5.** Internal Reproducibility OH-26 vs. OH-30 - see Annex document.

<b>Submitted Results</b>				<b>Submitted Results</b>			
<b>Sample</b>	<b>Plot</b>	<b>δ<sup>18</sup>O</b>	<b>Unc.</b>	<b>Sample</b>	<b>Plot</b>	<b>δ<sup>2</sup>H</b>	<b>Unc.</b>
OH26	●	-11.23	0.02	OH26	●	-78.5	0.1
OH30	●	-11.18	0.03	OH30	●	-77.6	0.2
ζ		1.39		ζ		3.79	



**Figure S4.** Plot of  ${}^2\text{H}$  [‰] vs  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  [‰].