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determination of the precision of a
standard measurement method**

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mesure —*

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fidélité d'une méthode de mesure normalisée*

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The main changes are as follows:

- alternative experimental designs (split-level and design for heterogeneous material) have been transferred to ISO 5725-3;
- an additional robust approach, the Q method, which has improved breakdown properties, has been added.

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General consideration of these quantities is given in ISO 5725-1 and so is not repeated here. This document should be read in conjunction with ISO 5725-1 because the underlying definitions and general principles are given there.

ISO 5725-2 is concerned with estimating, by means of interlaboratory experiments, standard measures of precision, namely the repeatability standard deviation and the reproducibility standard deviation. It gives a basic method for doing this, including methods of calculation. This document describes alternative calculation methods to this basic method:

- The basic method requires the preparation of a number of identical samples of the material for use in the experiment. With heterogeneous materials this may not be possible, so that the use of the basic method then gives estimates of the reproducibility standard deviation that are inflated by the variation between the samples. The design for a heterogeneous material given in this document yields information about the variability between samples which is not obtainable from the basic method; it may be used to calculate an estimate of reproducibility from which the between-sample variation has been removed.
- The basic method requires tests for outliers to be used to identify data that should be excluded from the calculation of the repeatability and reproducibility standard deviations. Excluding outliers can sometimes have a large effect on the estimates of repeatability and reproducibility standard deviations, but in practice, when applying the outlier tests, the statistical expert may have to use judgement to decide which data to exclude. This document describes robust methods of data analysis that may be used to calculate repeatability and reproducibility standard deviations from data containing outliers without using tests for outliers to exclude data, so that the results are no longer affected by the statistical expert's judgement.