

reproducibility

The closeness of agreement between independent results obtained with the same method on identical test material but under different conditions (different operators, different apparatus, different laboratories and/or after different intervals of time). The measure of reproducibility is the standard deviation qualified with the term ‘reproducibility’ as reproducibility standard deviation.

In some contexts reproducibility may be defined as the value below which the absolute difference between two single test results on identical material obtained under the above conditions, may be expected to lie with a specified probability.

Note that a complete statement of reproducibility requires specification of the experimental conditions which differ.

See also *repeatability*.

1994, 66, 598; see also 1995, 67, 1707; 1990, 62, 2210