Case Studies of cross-validation – taking an unbiased perspective

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*binding event



Existing binding event, same platform



Cross-validation process



- 50 samples (within stability) with acceptable data generated using the original method were re-tested with the 2.0 method in a single run.
- Our internal statistician was provided with the reportable values, after correction of any dilution factor.
- Sponsor was keen, if bias was evident, to explore how a correction factor could help alleviate this.

Cross-validation - outcomes



Bland-Altman

does not directly provide a numerical relationship or correction factor between the two methods. It primarily focuses on assessing the agreement and identifying any systematic biases or trends between the measurements



t-test p-value of 0.0007. These results suggests that there is not a good level of agreement between paired data.

Deming Regression

considers both the measurement errors and the uncertainties associated with both methods. It estimates the slope (proportional bias) and intercept (fixed bias) of the relationship between the two methods, allowing for the determination of a correction factor".



Widely scattered data points indicating variability.

The intercept of the best-fit line is 33101.66, significantly different from zero indicating a systematic difference.

The slope of the best-fit line is 0.76, which suggest that there is a proportional bias.



How can it be so different?



Back to the BA scientist to have a think about the data...

Original		2.0	
Dilution	#	Dilution	#
400	23	10	18
1000	9	100	32
2000	14		
5000	4		

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How was it resolved ??



- Statistician looked at the bias of two separate concentration groups, high and low concentration samples:
 - Group 1 (< 500,000 ng/mL): 35 samples; good agreement was observed between the two methods within this concentration range. no significant difference observed in the absolute difference and the percentage difference was not significant
 - Group 2 (> 500,000 ng/mL):
 In this group, there 12 samples, and a clear proportional bias was observed between the two methods within this concentration range



- The stakeholder concluded that the data could not be combined, nor could a correction factor be applied



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- Do the calibration ranges overlap?
- Are the same dilutions applied to the samples?

Had this not been considered a 'different' method, or the cross-validation been conducted with only QCs then the outcome would have been quite different

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