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EDITORIAL

Is it possible to create a perfect external control system?

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Constraints limiting the introduction of EQAS that meet metrological criteria

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- **Technical aspects: lack of certified control materials or difficulties to prepare commutable samples**
- **Practical considerations: complicated logistics of distribution of frozen samples**
- **Educational limitations: lack of awareness of which quality factors make an EQAS important**
- **Economic concerns: higher costs.**

«Although very few of the schemes are run as profit centres, they are all business that have an understandable interest in preserving and expanding their customer base to ensure continued viability.»

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