

The HALMA initiative

Combining results from various EQA providers may provide a powerful tool to monitor harmonization of measurement procedures in the medical laboratory. Therefore, the International Consortium for Harmonization in Laboratory Medicine (ICHCLR) and The European Organisation for External Quality Assurance Providers in Laboratory Medicine (EQALM), have joined forces for an initiative called HALMA. The acronym stands for **H**Armonization of measurands in **L**aboratory **M**edicine through data **A**ggregation and aims to collect and aggregate results from different EQA providers that use commutable samples. The purpose is to evaluate and assess harmonization of measurands through aggregated EQA data on an international basis. Read more at: <http://www.eqalm.org/site/halma/halma.php>