

Determine limits of detection LOD and limits of quantification LOQ – How To

The limits of detection (LOD) and quantification (LOQ) are evaluated using the following equations [1-4]:

$$\text{LOD}=3.3 S_0/b$$

$$\text{LOQ}=10 S_0/b$$

where S_0 is the standard deviation of the calibration line's y-intercept

where b is the slope of the linear regression line of best fit.

The limit should be subsequently validated by the analysis of a suitable number of samples known to be near or prepared at the quantitation limit.

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