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**COMMENTS OF GHANA**

**Agenda Item 6: Discussion paper on elaboration of procedures for regular updating of methods**

**General Comments**

**Editorial:**

“According to the Procedural Manual, there number of criteria used in the selection of a method of analysis that is fit for purpose, such as:”

Ghana suggests the introduction of the verb “are” and the determiner “a” into the first sentence of paragraph 2 under Introduction.

The sentence should therefore read as:

“According to the Procedural Manual, there **are a** number of criteria used in the selection of a method of analysis that is fit for purpose, such as:”

**Reason:**

The inclusion of “are” and “a” into the sentence makes it more meaningful.

**Single source (document, database) for methods of analysis**

**Specific comments**

Ghana suggests the addition of the word “Relative” to Reproducibility Standard Deviation (RSDr) in line 3 of paragraph 3 under section -1 to read as:

Quantitative methods should include the following performance information: Limit of Detection (LOD), Limit of Quantification (LOQ), Recovery (R), Repeatability Relative Standard Deviation (RSDr) and Reproducibility **Relative** Standard Deviation (RSDR).

**Rationale**

The abbreviation “RSDr” written in full is “Reproducibility **Relative** Standard Deviation” and not otherwise.