

IRREPRODUCIBILITY

According to Nature magazine:

>70%

of researchers have tried and failed to reproduce another scientist's experiments

>50%

of researchers have failed to reproduce their own experiments

Pre-clinical studies worth



* Baker, M. (2016) 1,500 scientists lift the lid on reproducibility. Nature **533**, 452-454

How to tackle irreproducibility in molecular research

Minimize errors and variabilities in PCR-based assays



Avoid handling variations

- Multiple procedural steps increase variables
- Undetected human errors are the worst



Remove biological variables

- Contaminating biomolecules alter results
- Inter-sample variations lead to misinterpretation
- Appropriate controls will help detect variations in performance

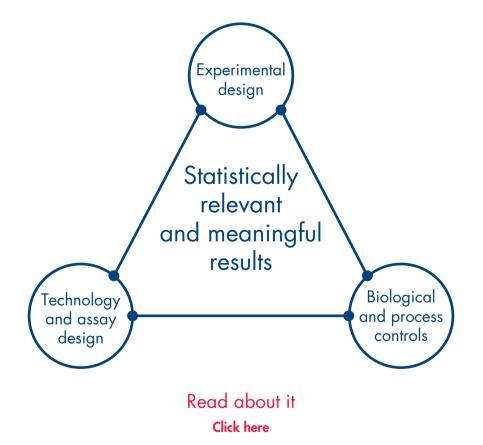


Select appropriate chemistry

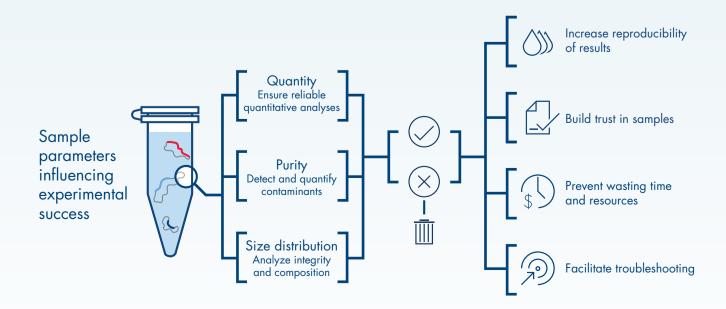
- Robustness and reliability of components used is prerequisite to meaningful results
- Choose assay formats with bulletproof procedures

Base your research on facts - not artifacts

Design robust experiments



Control sample quality



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