

**Supplementary Table 1 Mean accuracy, mean percent variation and coefficient of variation stratified for centres using a logarithmic scale**

Centre		Coefficient of variation	Accuracy	Mean percent variation
Naples	Mean	-,2524	-,1945	-24,0444
	SD	,69426	,32072	58,51773
	Standard error of the mean	,26241	,12122	23,88976
Spain	Mean	-,0426	-,2793	-28,2038
	SD	,13412	,30878	51,92872
	Standard error of the mean	,05069	,11671	21,19981
Messina	Mean	,7876	-,1164	-20,5089
	SD	1,86367	,33837	35,01591
	Standard error of the mean	,70440	,12789	14,29519
Albania	Mean	-1,2026	-,2077	-26,5455
	SD	2,64085	,14468	40,00288
	Standard error of the mean	,99815	,05468	16,33111
Slovenia	Mean	,0042	-,2951	-27,0456
	SD	,00504	,37325	51,72329
	Standard error of the mean	,00191	,14108	21,11594
Greece	Mean	-,0770	,0154	-2,5566
	SD	,29669	,14844	23,48666
	Standard error of the mean	,11214	,05611	9,58839
Tunisia	Mean	,0425	-,4731	-59,5828
	SD	,06620	,41150	101,98962
	Standard error of the mean	,02502	,15553	41,63709
Turkey	Mean	-,0666	-,3855	-40,3468
	SD	,12890	,23541	57,82023
	Standard error of the mean	,04872	,08898	23,60501
Total	Mean	-,1009	-,2420	-28,6043
	SD	1,21190	,31520	54,73561
	Standard error of the mean	,16195	,04212	7,90041

**Supplementary Table 2 Mean coefficient of variation, mean accuracy and mean percent variation stratified for expected values**

Expected values		Mean_observ ed	Mean_log	Coefficient of variation	Accuracy	Mean percent variation
1	Mean	,5071	-,5020	-,3294	-,5020	<sup>1</sup>
	SD	,52579	,42038	,59223	,42038	
	Standard error of the mean	,18589	,14863	,20939	,14863	
3	Mean	,9494	-,1383	-1,1018	-,6154	-128,9918
	SD	,61746	,33595	2,48702	,33595	70,41238
	Standard error of the mean	,21830	,11878	,87930	,11878	24,89454
10	Mean	7,5165	,7916	,6662	-,2084	-20,8369
	SD	3,54809	,29785	1,75051	,29785	29,78516
	Standard error of the mean	1,25444	,10531	,61890	,10531	10,53064
20	Mean	17,1764	1,2181	,0201	-,0829	-6,3738
	SD	5,00140	,12812	,00965	,12812	9,84730
	Standard error of the mean	1,76826	,04530	,00341	,04530	3,48155
50	Mean	43,3113	1,6212	,0187	-,0777	-4,5763
	SD	11,20511	,11654	,02675	,11654	6,85942
	Standard error of the mean	3,96160	,04120	,00946	,04120	2,42517
60	Mean	52,8651	1,7041	,0095	-,0741	-4,1657
	SD	17,58816	,13248	,01200	,13248	7,45047
	Standard error of the mean	6,21835	,04684	,00424	,04684	2,63414
100	Mean	75,4905	1,8664	,0108	-,1336	-6,6813
	SD	17,23799	,10697	,01261	,10697	5,34845
	Standard error of the mean	6,09455	,03782	,00446	,03782	1,89096
Total	Mean	28,2595	,9373	-,1009	-,2420	-28,6043
	SD	29,06025	,90494	1,21190	,31520	54,73561
	Standard error of the mean	3,88334	,12093	,16195	,04212	7,90041

<sup>1</sup>The results in this box are not calculable because of an indeterminable ratio:  $(\text{Log}_{10}V_o - \text{Log}_{10}V_r) / (\text{Log}_{10}V_r) \times 100 \rightarrow (\text{Log}_{10}V_o - \text{Log}_{10}V_r) / (\text{Log}_{10}1) \times 100 \rightarrow (\text{Log}_{10}V_o - \text{Log}_{10}V_r) / 0$ .