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A reading or result originating from the matrix, reagents and any residual bias in the measurement device or process, which contributes to the value obtained for the quantity in the analytical procedure.

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