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# Primer informe del ejercicio de intercomparación

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# need of ILPT providers

Primer informe  
**Second** ejercicio de  
**Third** comparación  
**Fourth**  
**Fifth**  
**Sixth**  
**etc.**

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→ **every lab can learn**

→ **every lab should do it for its internal quality control**



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*Basic guidelines for preparing  
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## Sample preparation process

- Sample collection
- Initial drying
- Disaggregation
- Screening/sieving
- Secondary drying
- Milling

## Homogenization

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**analyse 1 parameter  
+  
STATISTICS**





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**which  
laboratories  
are volunteer to do the job?**



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