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Sweat Electrolyte Testing Workshop



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Chemical Pathology QAP

Date: 05/08/2010

Lab#: 366395

Test	Reference Interval	Unit
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SWEAT TEST RESULTS

Weight		mg	405
Sodium	(< 40)	mmol/L	20
Chloride	(< 40)	mmol/L	13

Sweat Chloride Concentration	Classical RefInts	Interpretation
<40	mmol/L	Normal
40-60	mmol/L	Equivocal
>60	mmol/L	Suggestive of CF

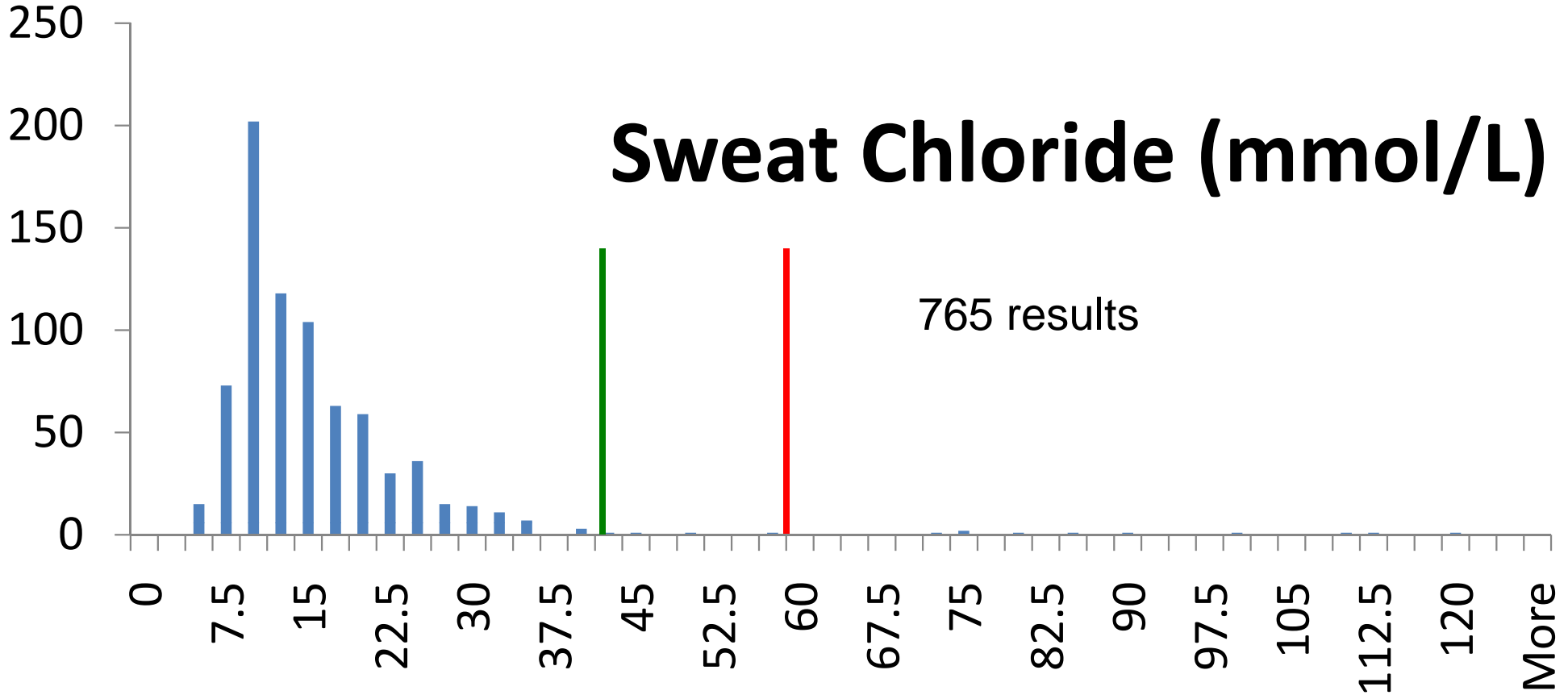
The Limitations of Sweat Electrolyte Reference Intervals for the Diagnosis of Cystic Fibrosis:

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Sweat Chloride (mmol/L)



There are currently **1787** CFTR mutations recognised.

Δ F508 accounts for ~70%.

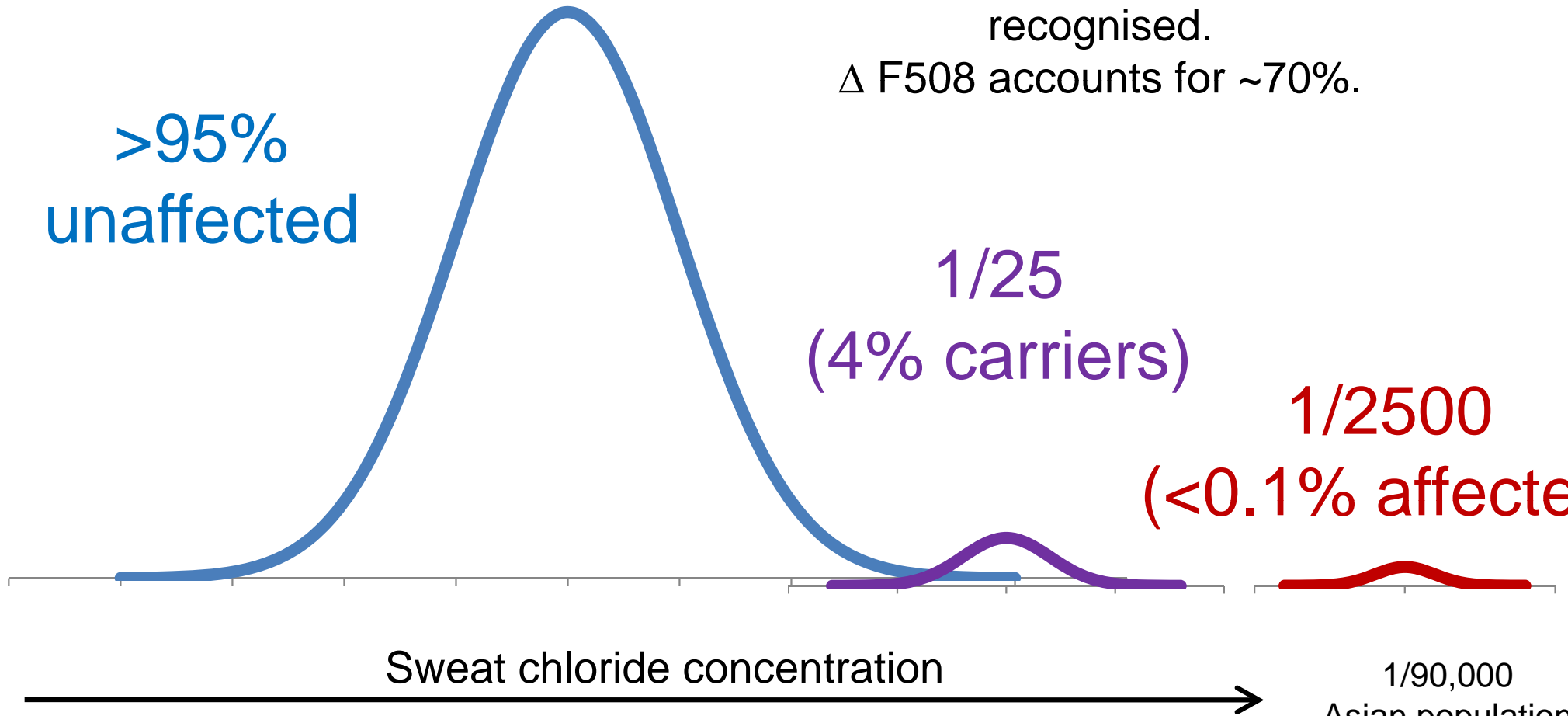
>95%
unaffected

1/25
(4% carriers)

1/2500
(<0.1% affected)

Sweat chloride concentration

1/90,000
Asian population



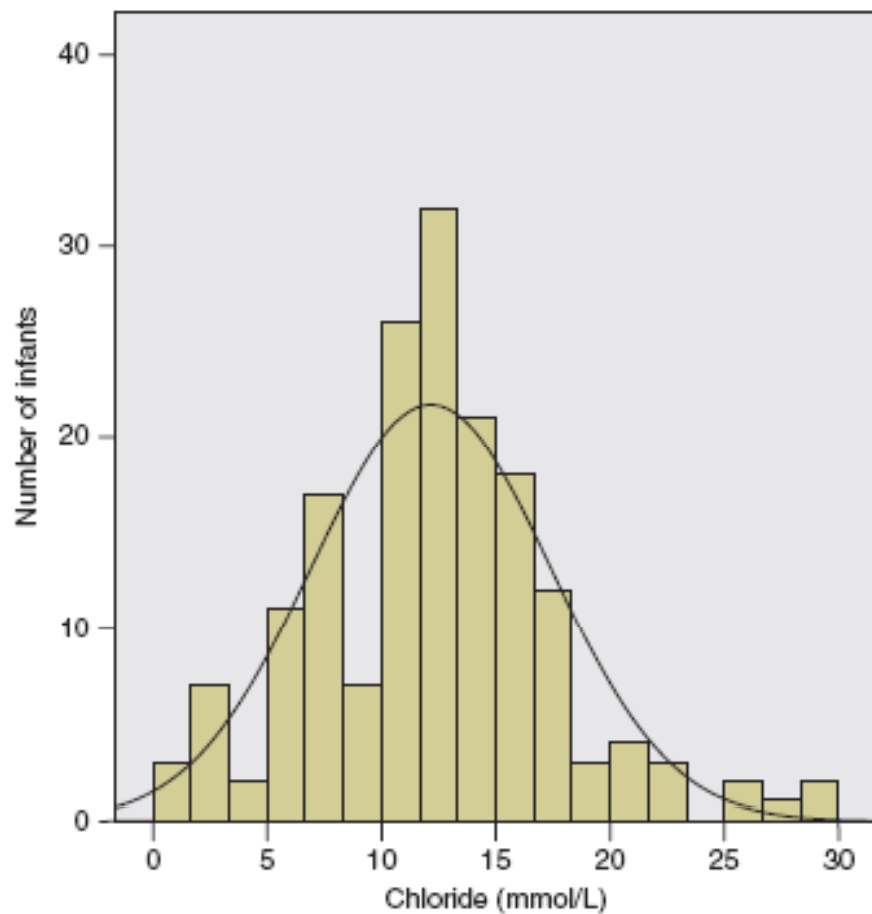


Figure 2 Distribution of sweat chloride concentrations from 165 infants between 5wk and 6wk of age (sweat collected by the Macroduct™ [ISE] method)

193 infants

ΔF508 excluded

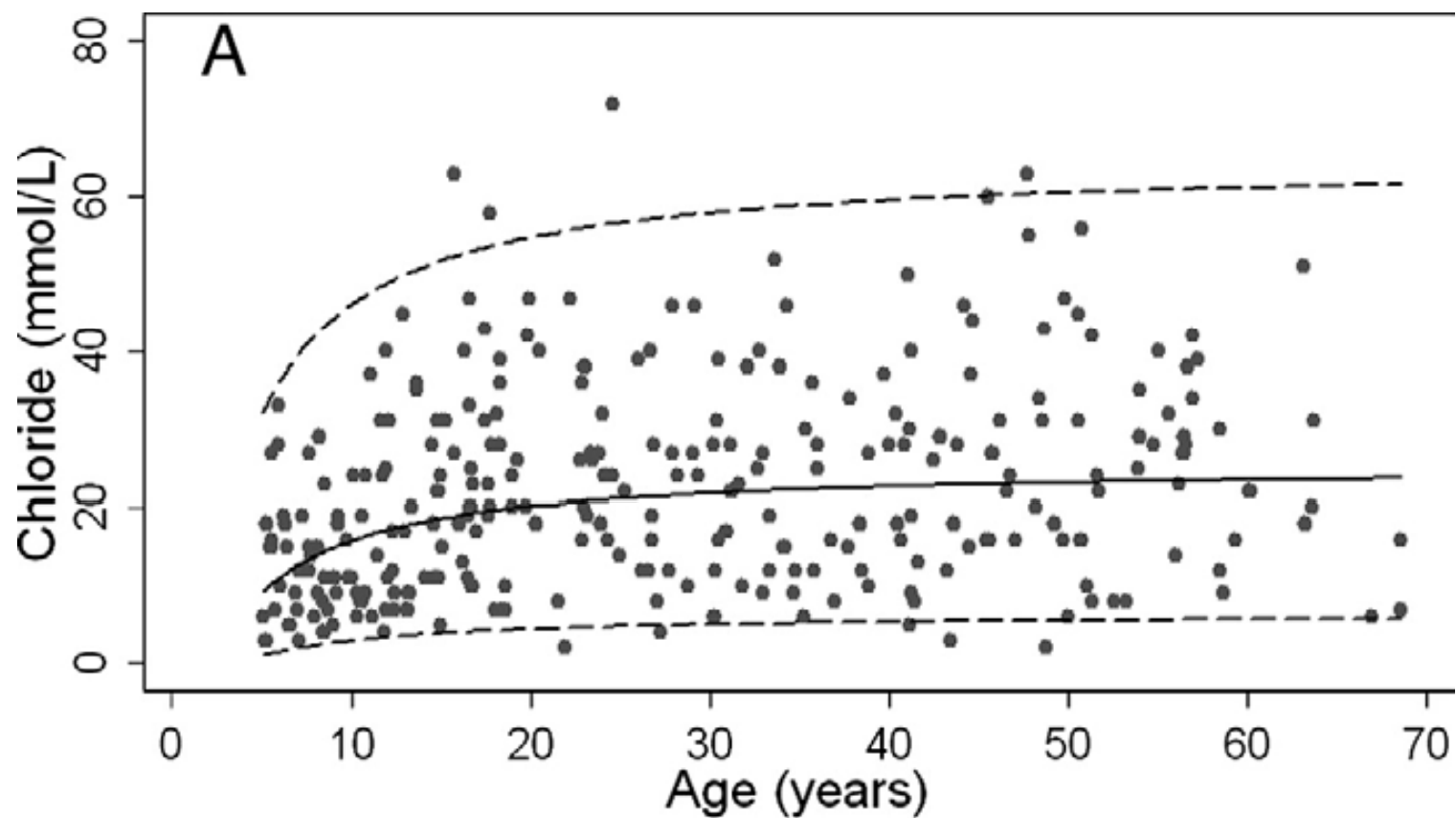
99.5%

30 mmol/L

A reference interval for sweat chloride in infants aged between five and six weeks of age.

RJayaraj, PBarton, et al

Ann Clin Biochem 2009;46:73-8.



282 volunteers
in 7 cohorts

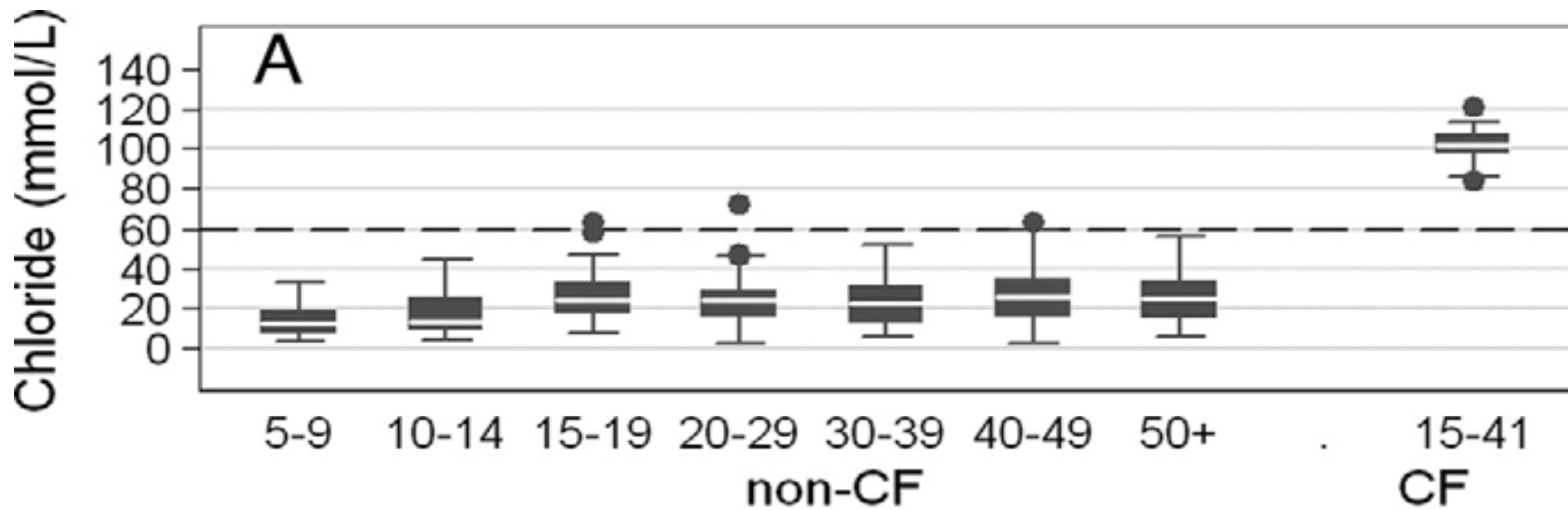
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AGE (years)	Cl (mmol/L)
5-9	<39.5
10-14	<49.0
15-19	<53.3
20+	<59.6

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Australian Guidelines Sweat Chloride Concentration

Age	Normal	Suggests	Supports
All	<40	40-60	>60

Clin Biochem Rev 2006, 27(S):S1

CLSI 2009

Sweat Chloride Concentration

Age	Normal	Intermediate	Suggestive
0-6 months	<30	30-59	>60
6 months -18 years	<40	40-59	>60
<i>Adult</i>	<i><40</i>	<i>40-59</i>	<i>>60</i>

US CFF registry, 14% of adult diagnosis had sweat chloride < 60 mmol/L.
1% of CF have sweat chloride 40-60 mmol/L.

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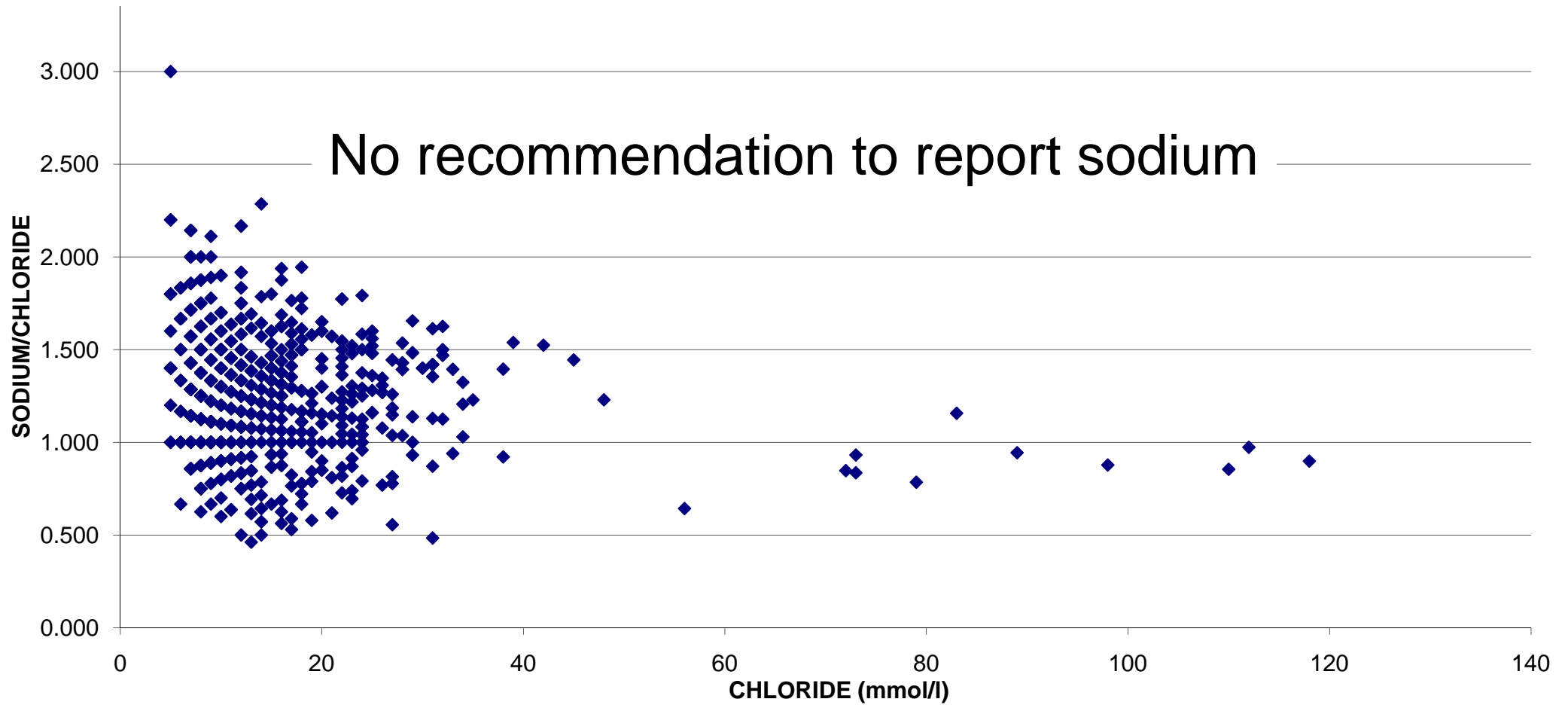
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Sweat Sodium



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If done in duplicate, report each.
Do not report averages.

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Comments:

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- Senior scientist with consultation
- Repeat equivocal and positive results
- Refer to specialist physician
- Consider mutation analysis

FALSE POSITIVES

Adrenal insufficiency

Pseudohypoaldosteronism

Hyporeninemic

hypoaldosteronism

Hypothyroidism

Familial hypoparathyroidism

Atopic dermatitis

Familial cholestatic syndrome

Pyelonephritis

Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus

Fucosidosis

Glycogen Storage Disease I

Mauriac's syndrome

Malnutrition

Anorexia nervosa

Summary

For most people results are clear.

Most people with CF have high sweat chloride concentration.

Some people with CF have low sweat chloride concentration.

Some people without CF have high sweat chloride concentration.





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