

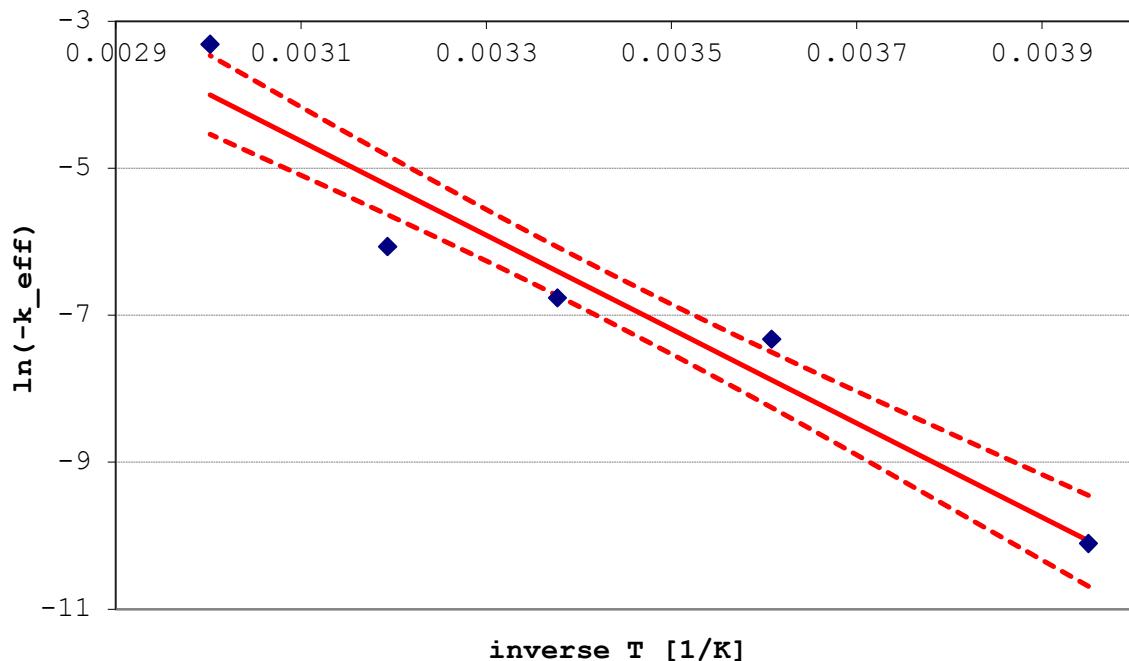
## Supplementary Information (SI)

### Development and certification of a reference material for zearalenone in maize germ oil

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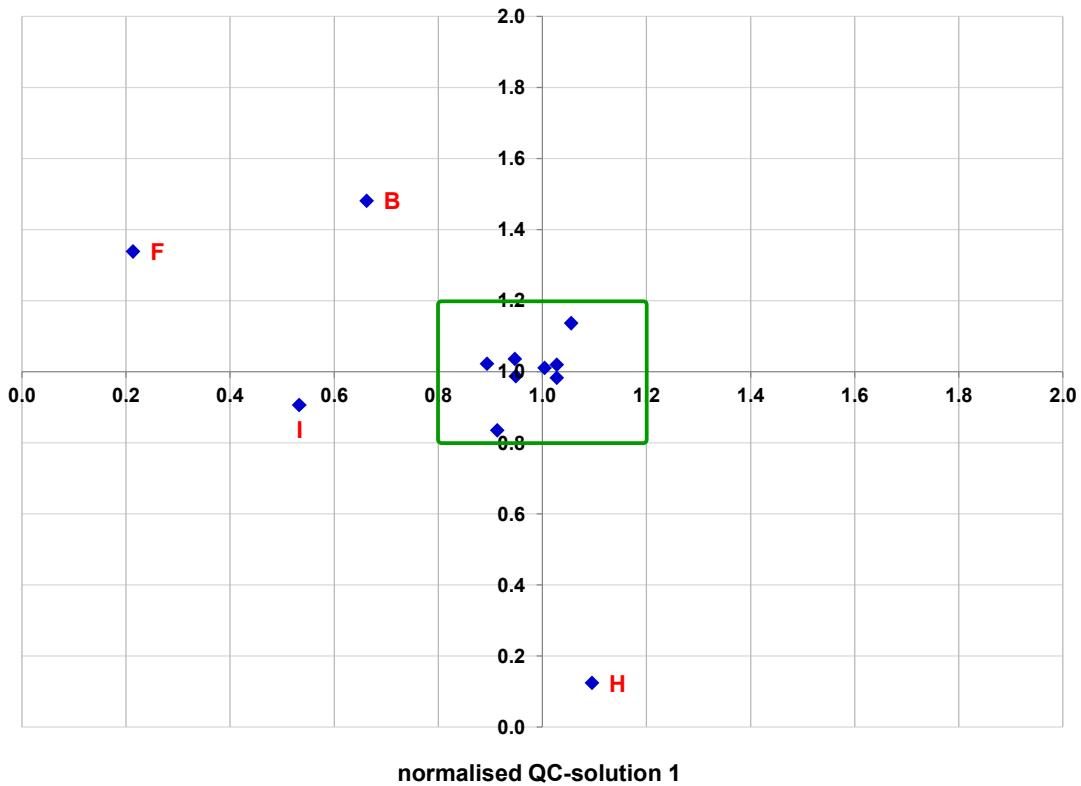
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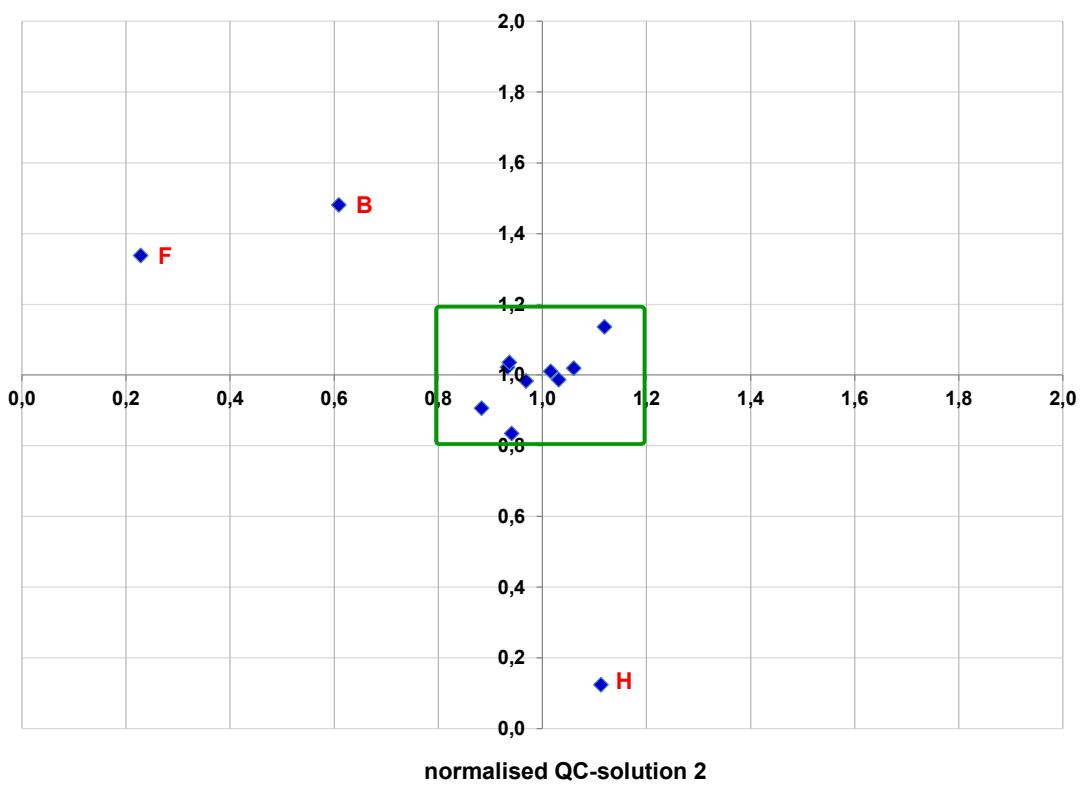
**Fig. S1** Effective reaction rate  $k_{\text{eff}}$  for ZEN in maize germ oil (ERM®-BC715) in dependence on the inverse temperature (semilogarithmic plot) by assuming an *Arrhenius* model. Solid line: linear regression over the stability data; dotted lines: upper and lower confidence limits of the regression line

normalised ZEN mass fraction of ERM-BC715

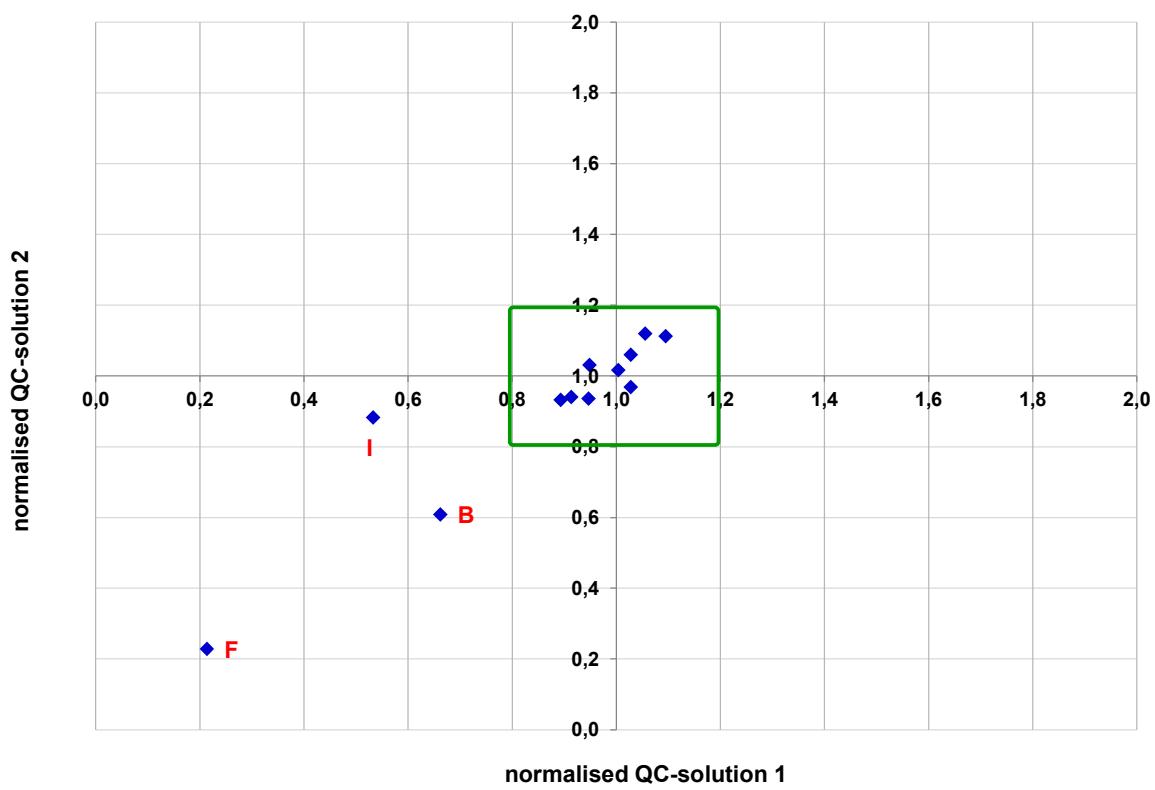


**Fig. S2 (a)** Youden plot of the normalised laboratory mean values for ZEN in ERM®-BC715 against the normalised QC-solution 1 values. Suspected laboratories (B, F, H, I) laying outside  $\pm 20\%$  of the target values indicated by the green box.

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**Fig. S2 (b)** Youden plot of the normalised laboratory mean values for ZEN in ERM®-BC715 against the normalised QC-solution 2 values. Suspected laboratories (B, F, H) laying outside  $\pm 20\%$  of the target values indicated by the green box.



**Fig. S2 (c)** Youden plot of the normalised QC-solution 2 values against the normalised QC-solution 1 values. Suspected laboratories (B, F, I) laying outside  $\pm 20\%$  of the target values indicated by the green box.