

# A.I.S.E. Testing

Application of the A.I.S.E. minimum test protocol  
for detergent performance

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The A.I.S.E. minimum test protocol for detergent performance is a set of principal requirements for testing, evaluation and communication of several aspects of laundry detergent performance

- **Stain/Soil removal**
- Color Maintenance
- Dye Transfer



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# Examples of European Consumer Reports



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- The result is used e.g. for ranking or as a basis for grading products.



Let's look at an example ...

- We tested 6 HD market detergents (DE)  
(we actually tested one more, I'll explain why this is not mentioned here)
- 3 powders, 3 liquids
  - ▶ Wash temp. 40°C
  - ▶ Load 3,5 kg
  - ▶ Hardness 2,5 mmol/l
- Evaluation using A.I.S.E. evaluation tool ...

Microsoft Excel - AISE - Ecolabel Data Analysis.xls

Datei Bearbeiten Ansicht Einfügen Format Extras Daten Fenster ?

R19 =

### Detection of single outlier (Dixon)

counts	Source	Products	Fabric/stain	Rep. external	Rep. internal
1	Lab X	A	Tea	1	1
665		B	Coffee	2	
		C	Red wine	3	
1		D	Fruit juice	4	
		E	Tomato puree	5	
		F	Carrot baby food		
		G	Mustard		
			Chocolate		
			Grass		
			Grass/mud		
			Blood		
			Motor Oil		
			Frying fat		
			Make-up		
			Milk		
			Salad dressing		
			Egg		
			Chocolate pudding		
			Cocoa		

# of data rows: 665

# of data sets: 1

Data table is: **Complete**

# of data points: 665

Selected data: 1

Design new test

Fill table with data

Dixon test for outliers

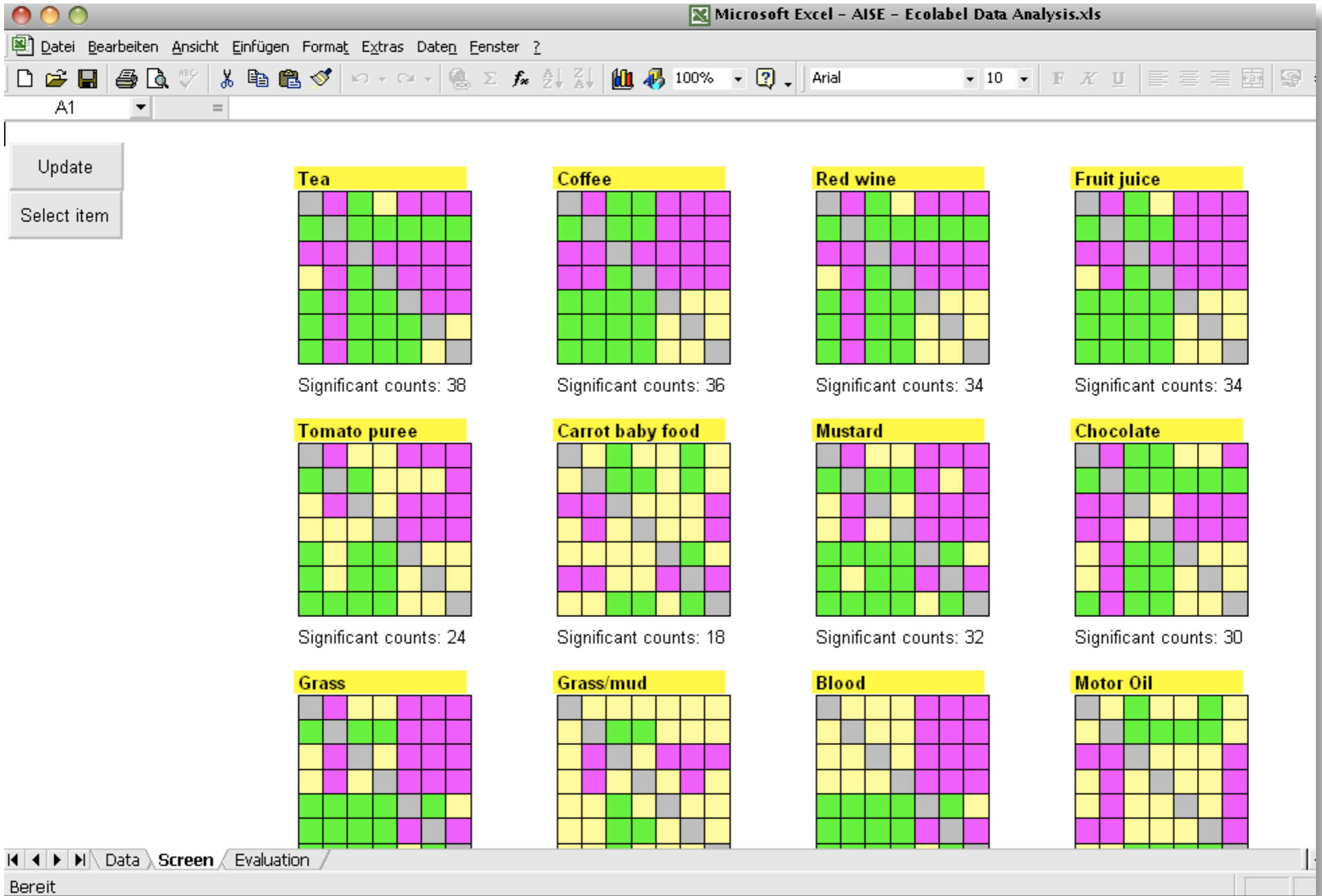
Do you want replace outliers by the average?

No  Yes

Screen and select item

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P4 = product

Select other items

- Tea
- Coffee
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- Fruit juice
- Tomato puree
- Carrot baby food
- Mustard
- Chocolate
- Grass
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Confidence level

95%

99%

Table sorted by:

product

data

### Overall stain removal performance (Stain Removal %)

Mean difference of Stain Removal %

product	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A		-6,47	2,55	1,18	-6,06	-4,56	-8,52
B	6,47		9,03	7,66	0,42	1,91	-2,05
C	-2,55	-9,03		-1,37	-8,61	-7,12	-11,07
D	-1,18	-7,66	1,37		-7,24	-5,75	-9,70
E	6,06	-0,42	8,61	7,24		1,49	-2,46
F	4,56	-1,91	7,12	5,75	-1,49		-3,96
G	8,52	2,05	11,07	9,70	2,46	3,96	

Average

product	Stain Removal %
A	69,56
B	63,08
C	72,11
D	70,74
E	63,50
F	64,99
G	61,04

### Frequency of paired wins on Stain Removal %

Significant counts of Stain Removal % (+/not sig/-)

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A		+0/8/-11	+11/8/-0	+4/14/-1	+0/10/-9	+2/8/-9	+0/5/-14
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C	+0/8/-11	+0/3/-16		+0/14/-5	+0/5/-14	+0/5/-14	+0/1/-18
D	+1/14/-4	+0/4/-15	+5/14/-0		+1/5/-13	+1/6/-12	+0/2/-17
E	+9/10/-0	+6/6/-7	+14/5/-0	+13/5/-1		+6/12/-1	+0/14/-5
F	+9/8/-2	+4/7/-8	+14/5/-0	+12/6/-1	+1/12/-6		+0/9/-10
G	+14/5/-0	+9/6/-4	+18/1/-0	+17/2/-0	+5/14/-0	+10/9/-0	

Summary

product	+/-
A	27
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C	78
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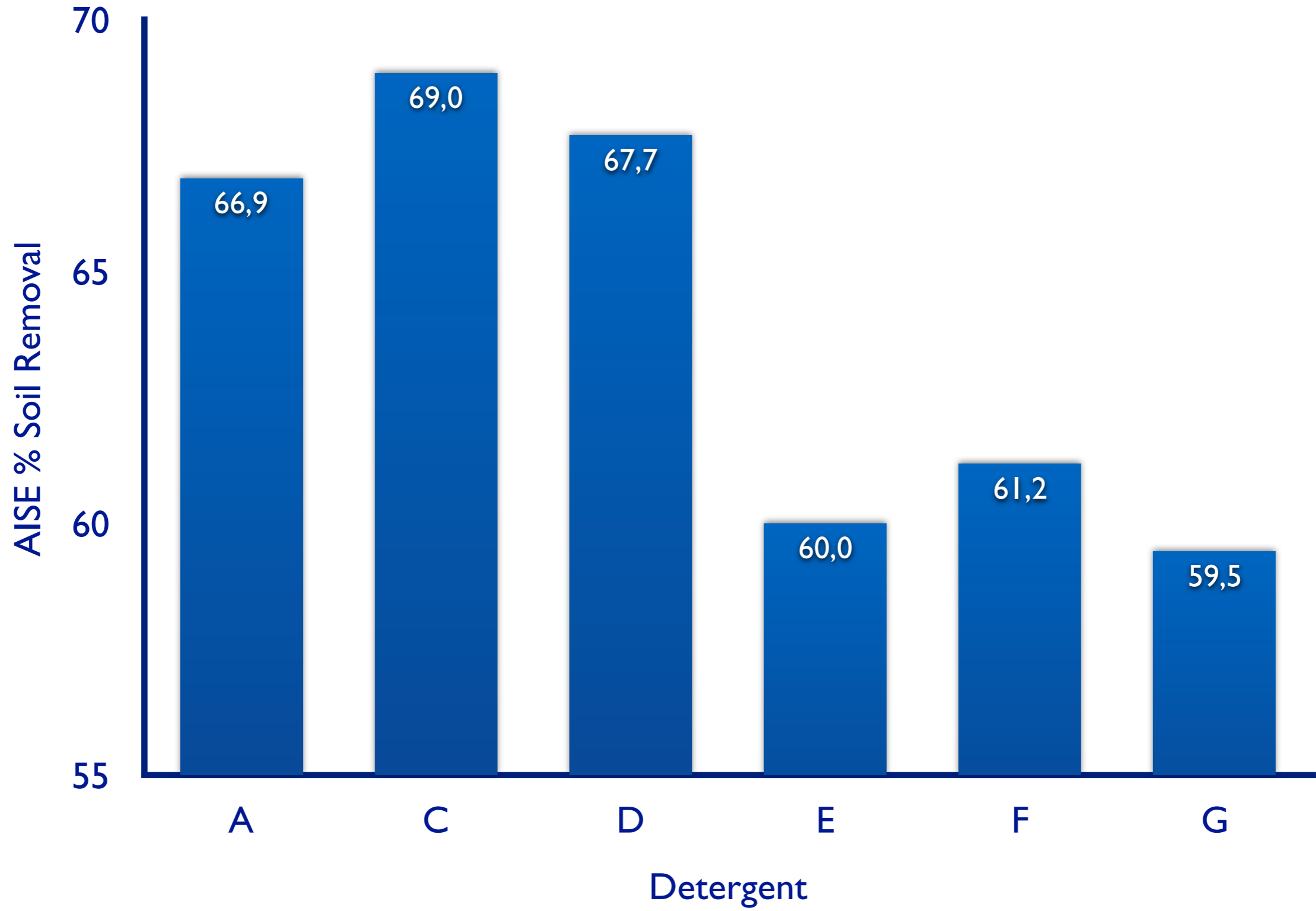
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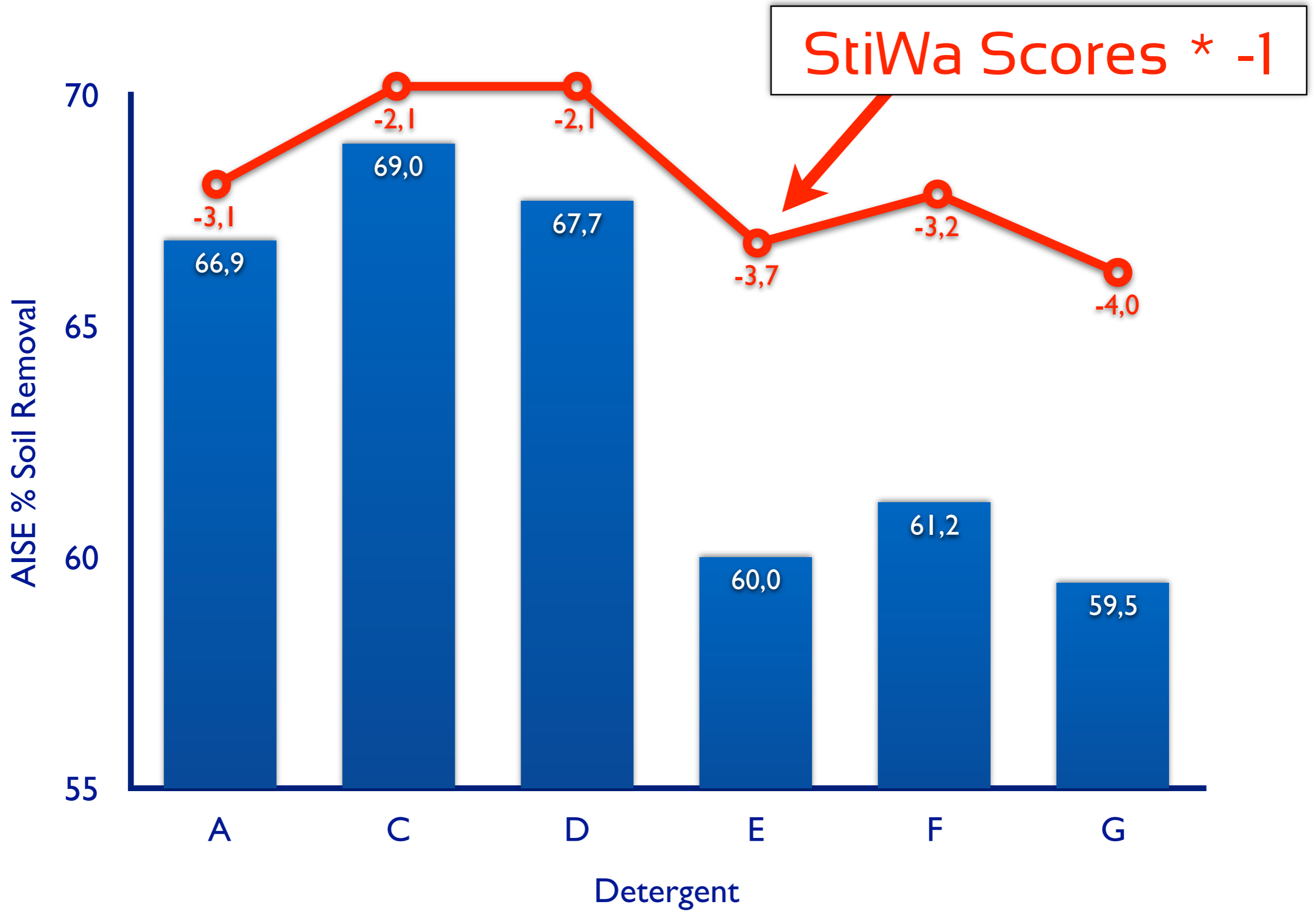
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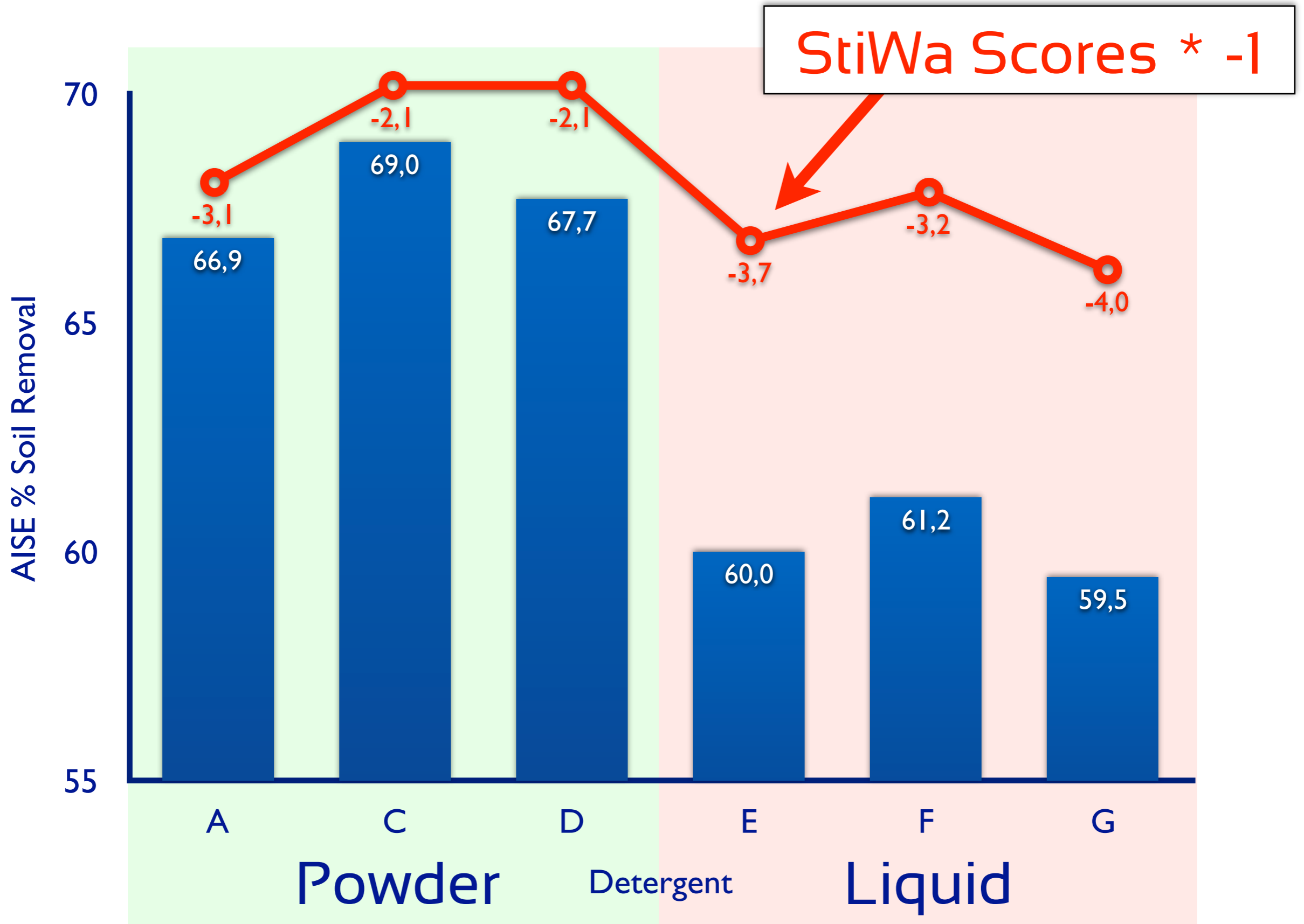
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# NEW A.I.S.E. STAIN SET

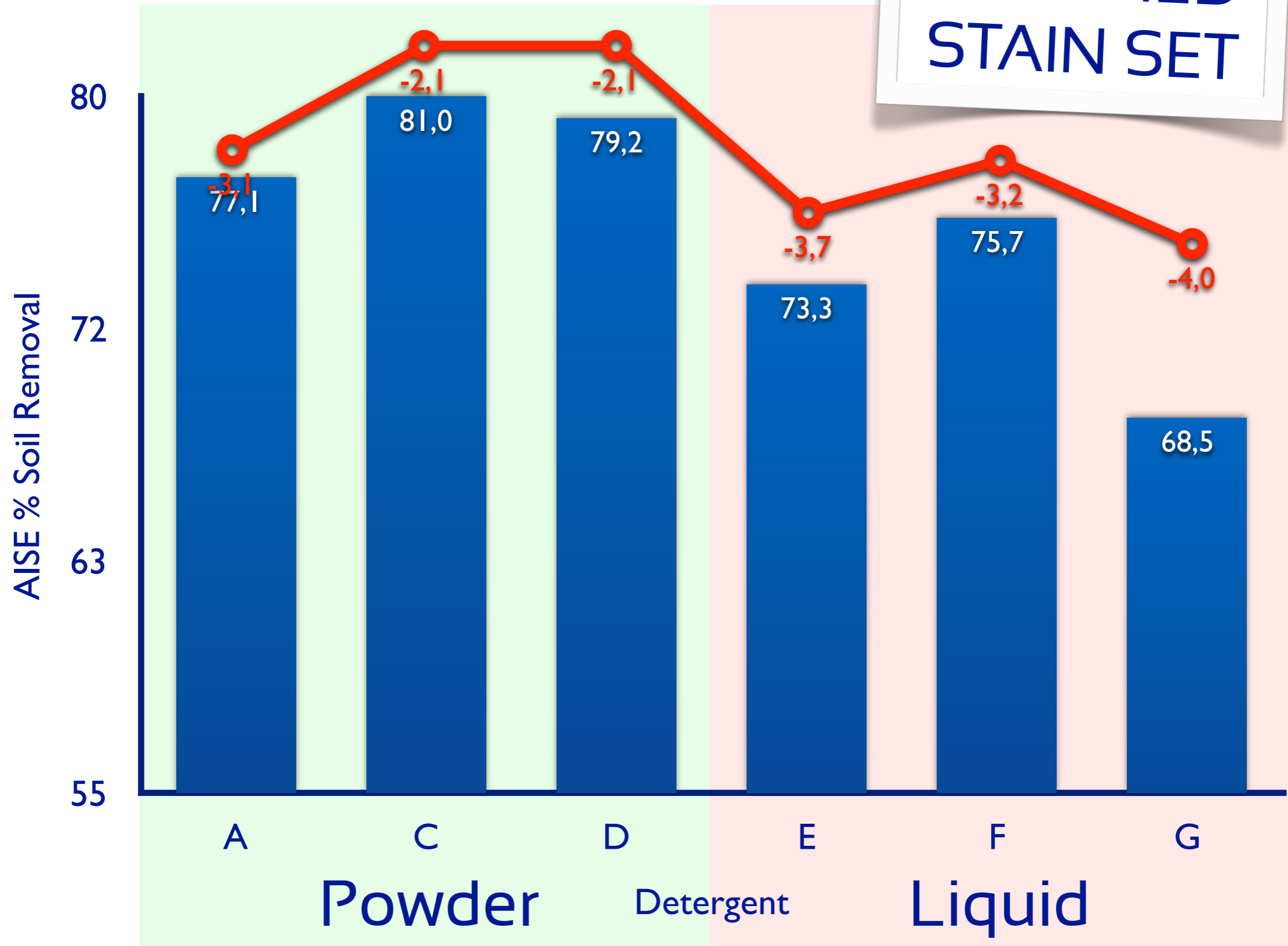
Stains	Standard Stains			Hand-made Stains* (ex Warwick-Equest)	Stain classes	
					Consumer denomination/Chemical nature	
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Coffee		WFK 10K	CFT BC2		Drink/	Bleachable
Red wine				WE5RWWKC	Drink/	Bleachable
Fruit juice			CFT CS15		Drink/	Bleachable
Tomato puree				WE5TPWKC	Food/	Bleachable
Carrot baby food				WE5IACBFWKC	Food/	Bleachable Enzymatic
French Squeezy Mustard				WE5FSMWKC	Food/	Bleachable Enzymatic
Chocolate		WFK 10Z	CFT CS44		Food/	Enzymatic
Grass	EMPA 164		CFT CS08		General soil/	Bleachable Enzymatic
Grass/Mud				WE5GMWKC	General soil/	Bleachable Enzymatic Particulate
Blood				WE5DASBWKC	General soil/	Enzymatic
Unused motor oil	EMPA 106	WFK 10 M	CFT C01		Grease, Oil/	Greasy Particulate
Frying fat (Hamburger grease)				WE5HBGBKC (blue knitted cotton)	Grease, Oil/	Greasy Enzymatic
Make up	EMPA 143/2	WFK 10MU	CFT CS17		Cosmetics/	Greasy Particulate

\* All Hand-made Stains are also available in 2.5 cm diameter. Their code number has "2.5" instead of "5"

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Let's modify the stain set ...

# MODIFIED STAIN SET



Remark: Based on this we proposed a revised ...

**ECOLABEL STAIN SET**

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Milk (+ pigment)		WFK 10MR			Food/ Enzymatic
Salad dressing			CFT C06		Food/ Enzymatic
Egg (+ pigment)		WFK 10N			Food/ Enzymatic
Chocolate pudding	EMPA 165				Food/ Enzymatic
Cocoa		WFK 20MFU	CFT PC03		Food/ Bleachable Enzymatic Particulate

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# Conclusion

- Every test design and evaluation includes ‚weighing factors‘ for stain types.
- If the evaluation does not use explicit weighing factors, these factors are determined by the number of stains per group.

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- A.I.S.E. test results could be more relevant if the dominating impact of the detergents' bleach activity would be reduced by
  - ▶ introduction of stain groups into the evaluation, and/or
  - ▶ revision of the stain set.

Thank you!