

Table S1. Intra- and inter-assay variances of the Enzyme Immunoassays for fT3, fT4, tT3 and tT4: Shown are the coefficients of variances (%CV) of the assays used in the present study, according to the manufacturer (DRG Instruments GmbH).

		Intra-assay variance (in %CV)			Inter-assay variance (in %CV)		
	Model	low	medium	high	low	medium	high
FT3	EIA-2385	4.9%	3.6%	3.1%	13.1%	7.9%	10.2%
FT4	EIA-2386	10.98%	4.26%	3.25%	10.81%	6.01%	7.90%
TT3	EIA-4569	6.61%	6.54%	3.59%	6.37%	5.23%	6.73%
TT4	EIA-4568	3.4%	2.5%	5.6%	4.9%	5.4%	8.1%