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The aim of this work is to assess the quality control of the hTSH radioio-

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dinated at the laboratory of the Medical Division of our instituition for RIA use. The hTSH was supplied by the NIADDK (USA) and labeled by the Chloramine T technique and purified on Sephadex G 100 to a specific activity of 53,70 μCi/μg (mean value revealed by 8 tracers). The RIA was set up in the laboratory accord ing to the technique described by Borghi and Bartolini and modified by the use of a second antiserum in the assay separation. Our 125I-hTSH preparations were tested together with commercial ones produced by Radioassay Systems Laborato ries (USA) in the same RIA system, showing parallels stand curves and comparable results for NSB, Bo. ID50 and for internal quality control samples, with a high significant correlation (p < 0.001). Therefore, the quality of the tracer prepared at our laboratory was confirmed, allowing our instituition to begin its pro duction and distribuition, in order to substitute importations.

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