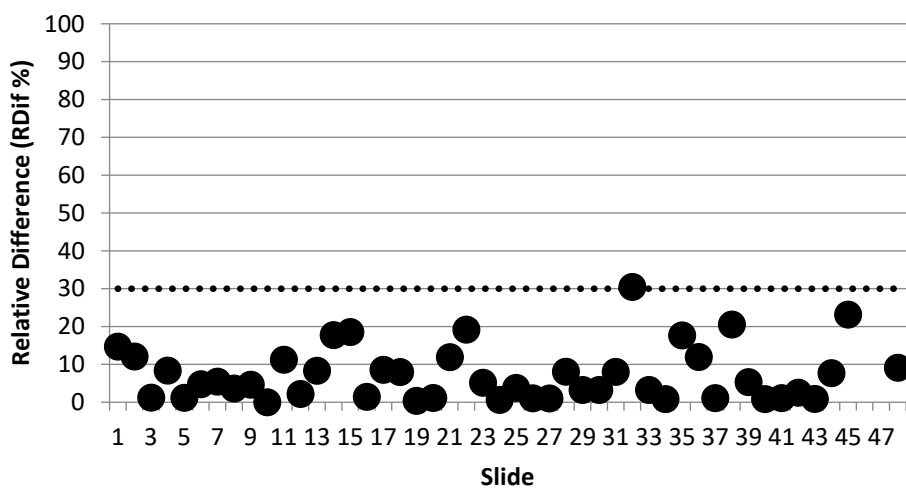


Fig. 1 Relative Difference (RDif %) between airborne pollen concentrations recorded by the technicians responsible for the site and the technicians who received the slides during the QC exercise for *Betula* pollen. Dashed line = RDif 30%, which is the amount of error considered to be reasonable for this study. (A) Total Pollen (n= 46). Note that the results for Total Pollen were not submitted for samples 45 & 46; (B) *Betula* pollen (n= 48). Circles with light grey fill = RDif > 30% and considered to be outside the range of this study. Note that the two slides with RDif > 80% contained < 40 *Betula* pollen/m³.

(A)



(B)

