

BLOOD PARASITOLOGY EQA

External Quality Assessment (EQA) scheme for laboratories
performing microscopy-based examination of blood parasites.

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- ▶ Determination of a laboratory's ability to identify the parasite(s) present in the sample, identify different stages of parasites and estimating a parasitaemia when appropriate
- ▶ Expert commentary with each distribution
- ▶ Helps to identify performance issues in a prompt manner
- ▶ Specimen format: thick and thin blood films, bone marrow films or tissue dabs
- ▶ 8 distributions each containing a panel of 1 - 2 clinical specimens
- ▶ 3-week period for examination and reporting results
- ▶ Intended results will be available for viewing on our website, within three days of the distribution closing, and individual report detailing performance analysis, issued within 20 working days
- ▶ Scheme supported by qualified and experienced professionals
- ▶ Educational
- ▶ Country-specific performance analysis provided where sufficient laboratories (from that country) take part
- ▶ Participants can request repeat samples free of charge, to assist with investigations in the event of an EQA failure
- ▶ This scheme is accredited in accordance with **ISO/IEC 17043:2023**

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