



MALARIA RAPID EQA

External Quality Assessment (EQA) scheme for all clinical diagnostic laboratories that identify Malaria antigens (proteins) present in the sample using Malaria rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs)

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Malaria Rapid EQA

- ▶ All 5 species of Plasmodium distributed
- ▶ Determination of a laboratory's ability to identify the parasite antigens (proteins) present in the sample using Malaria rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs). RDTs are increasingly used as tools for the diagnosis of malaria, both in endemic and in non-endemic settings; especially when quality microscopy is not available.
- ▶ Helps to identify performance issues in a prompt manner
- ▶ Expert commentary with each distribution
- ▶ 2 distributions each containing 2 lyophilised lysed blood specimens
- ▶ 3-week period for examination and reporting results
- ▶ Intended results will be available for viewing on our website the day after the closing date and reports will be 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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