

UK NEQAS Haematology

SURVEY 2304PA: BLOOD FILMS FOR PARASITES

DISTRIBUTION DATE: 6th November 2023

CLOSING DATE: 23:59 (GMT); 19th November 2023

1.0 Distribution Package

Distribution 23K includes the following surveys:

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| 1. Full Blood Count | 4. Blood Films for Parasite identification |
| 2. Reticulocyte Count | 5. Rapid Diagnostic Tests for Malaria |
| 3. Blood Films for Morphology | 6. Red Cell Enzymes (G6PD) |

A full package comprises a plastic postal bag, containing documentation and a moulded plastic specimen carrier comprising a transparent side holding vials of survey material and/or a slide carrier and an absorbent side that will absorb up to 50ml of liquid, i.e. the entire contents of the package, in the event of a breakage.

Specimens are only included for the tests for which you are registered. If you do not receive the expected combination of specimens, notify us immediately so that appropriate action can be taken.

Repeat specimens may be requested by Email: haem@ukneqas.org.uk or Tel: +44 (0)1923 587111

2.0 Information required for Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)

This information is printed on a separate information sheet and should be reviewed by your COSHH assessor for consideration of any changes necessary to your local work practices.

3.0 Use of packaged material

This material is for use in External Quality Assessment Surveys to assess laboratory performance.

4.0 Blood films for Parasites Survey 2304PA

This survey contains two films:-

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| 2304PA1, (Pink) | Giemsa stained thin blood film. |
| 2304PA2, (Pink) | Giemsa stained thin blood film. |

Patient Details

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| 2304PA1 | Traveller presenting with fever after holiday in Mexico. |
| 2304PA2 | Backpacker returning from India. Presenting with fever. |

Specimen handling and disposal

- Examine the films for parasites
- The material should be handled and discarded as patient material

5.0 Return of results

- Please check whether you are registered for 'screening only' or for 'screening and identification' and enter your results accordingly.
- If *P. falciparum* or *P. knowlesi* are detected please record the percentage parasitaemia.
- Return your results on line at www.ukneqash.org/sampleentry or by email to haem@ukneqas.org.uk providing your PRN.
- If you find the specimen quality unsatisfactory, tick the 'unsatisfactory' box and note the details in the Comment box.

6.0 Next Distribution:-

The next Blood Films for Parasite Identification survey (2401PA) is scheduled for 5th of February 2024.