

**UK NEQAS Haematology**  
**SURVEY 2304CM:BLOOD COMPONENT MONITORING**  
**DISTRIBUTION DATE: 5th December 2023**  
**CLOSING DATE: 23:59 (GMT); 12th December 2023**

## 1.0 Distribution Package

Distribution 2304CM includes the following specimens:

2304CM1	2304CM2
2304CM3	2304CM4

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](mailto:haem@ukneqas.org.uk) or +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 Component Monitoring Survey 2304CM

This survey contains human whole blood specimens **2304CM1** and **2304CM2** for haemoglobin and Hct (PCV) estimation, and partially fixed human platelets **2304CM3** and **2304CM4** for platelet estimation.

### Specimen handling and disposal:

- On receipt, blood specimens should be stored at 2 - 8°C, and platelet specimens at Room Temperature until tested
- Allow the material to equilibrate to room temperature for 10 minutes on a roller or similar mixer before testing.
- The material should be handled and discarded as patient material.

## 5.0 Return of Results

If you find the specimen quality unsatisfactory, tick the 'unsatisfactory' box and note details in the Comment box.

The data entry platform is different from the process used to return results for previous CM distributions.

To return your results please:

1. Login in to <https://www.ukneqash.org>, with your normal email/PRN and password.
2. Refer to the "**UK NEQAS (HAEM) BLOOD COMPONENT MONITORING PROGRAMME - INSTRUCTIONS FOR DATA ENTRY (PDF)**" document that you can access from <https://www.ukneqash.org/documents.php> in the "Survey" section.

## 6.0 Next Distribution: 2401CM is scheduled for 5th of March 2024.