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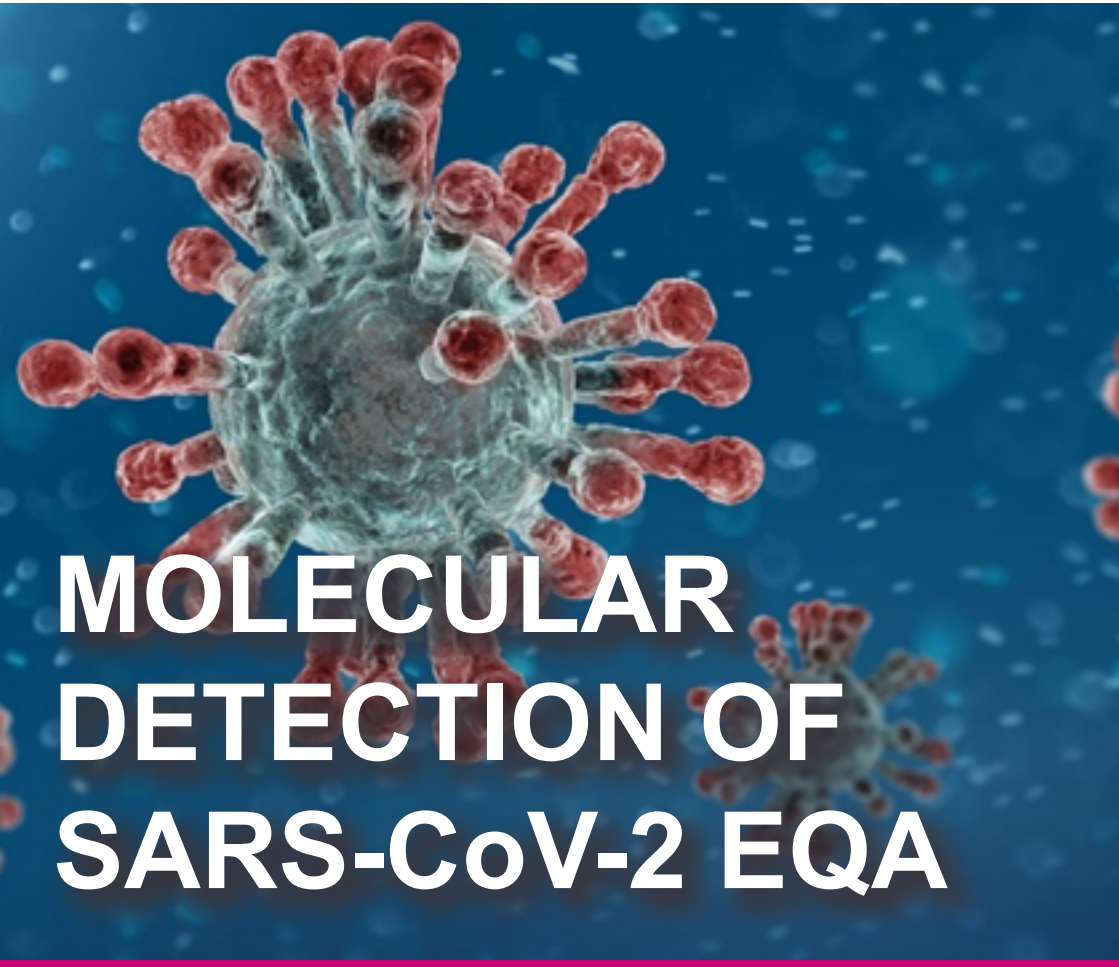

MOLECULAR DETECTION OF SARS-CoV-2 EQA

External Quality Assessment (EQA) scheme for laboratories performing testing for SARS-CoV-2

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1971 Excellence in Microbiology 2021 EQA

Molecular detection of SARS-CoV-2

- Participants are evaluated on the qualitative interpretation of results (positive/equivocal/negative) based on the specifications of their assays
- Suitable for all qualitative nucleic acid detection assays
- Assay-specific reporting of results – enables comparison of results with peer group as well as other commonly used assays
- 4 distributions each containing 4 lyophilised specimens per year
- 2-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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