Intended Result		Your Report	Your Score
Specimen 5916A	Cryptococcal antigen positive	Cryptococcal antigen positive	2
Specimen 5916B	Cryptococcal antigen positive	Cryptococcal antigen positive	2

Comments:

A total of 107 sets of specimens were distributed for testing, with 99 (92.5%) of participants returning results.

Turn around time: The time taken to report your results was 0 days. This information is provided for your own use and does not form part of your performance assessment.

Specimen 5916A: was positive for cryptococcal antigen in serum, with a titre of 1:160.
A very good performance with 97.9 (93/95) of participants reporting the correct result.

Specimen 5916B: was positive for cryptococcal antigen in serum, with a titre of 1:640.
An excellent performance with 100% (95/95) of participants reporting the correct result.

Acknowledgments: We thank colleagues at the Mycology Reference Laboratory, Public Health Wales for confirmatory testing.

Enquiries: For repeat specimens, please request using the web form, **(https://ukneqasmicro.org.uk/participant-info/order-repeat-specimens)** stating your laboratory identification number, the distribution name and number, specimen number(s), and reason for request.
Any technical enquiries related to this distribution, please contact **organiser@ukneqasmicro.org.uk** stating your laboratory identification number.

Please use the following links for information on:
1. Report format explained https://ukneqasmicro.org.uk/participant-info/report-format-explained/
2. How to interpret your performance (cumulative score and performance rating) https://ukneqasmicro.org.uk/interpretation-of-performance-2/
3. Scoring https://ukneqasmicro.org.uk/participant-info/information-on-scoring/
4. Bacteriology and mycology specific scoring https://ukneqasmicro.org.uk/participant-info/bacteriology-and-mycology-specific-scoring/
5. Homogeneity https://ukneqasmicro.org.uk/?r3d=information-of-homogeneity
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For further information about the Service including confidentiality, please refer to the Directory & Participants Manual
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Report authorised by: Dr Jennifer Henderson, Scheme Organiser

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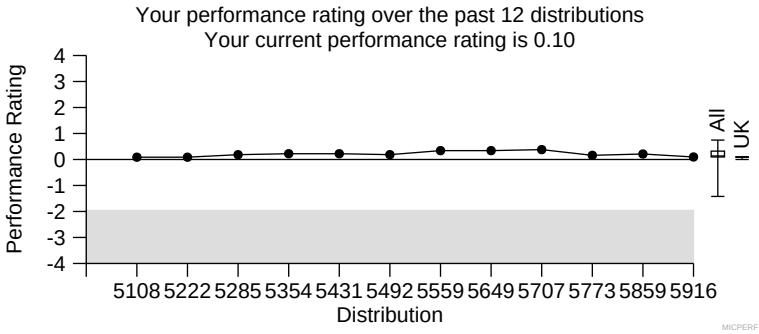
Cumulative score information
Total number of specimens sent to you for **UK NEQAS for Cryptococcal antigen detection** over the last 3 distributions is 6
Specimen numbers 9061 9062 5859A 5859B 5916A 5916B have been analysed and scored.

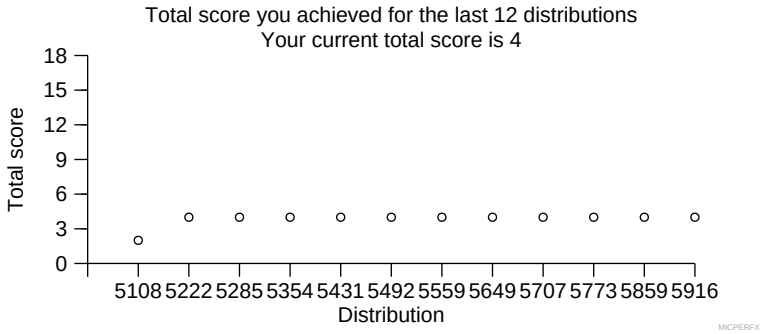
Number of reports returned and scored 6
Number of specimens reported as not examined (not scored) 0
Number of specimens received too late for analysis (not scored) 0
Number of specimens for which no report was received (not scored) 0
Your cumulative score for these specimens was 12 out of a possible total of 12

The mean score calculated from the reports returned by **UK** laboratories was 11.90 with a standard error of 1.04.

Performance rating
Your performance rating for **UK NEQAS for Cryptococcal antigen detection** (i.e. the number of standard errors by which your cumulative score lies above or below the mean for UK laboratories) is 0.10.
A performance rating of more than 1.96 standard errors below the mean indicates possible poor performance. Your performance rating may change if other participants' results are amended.

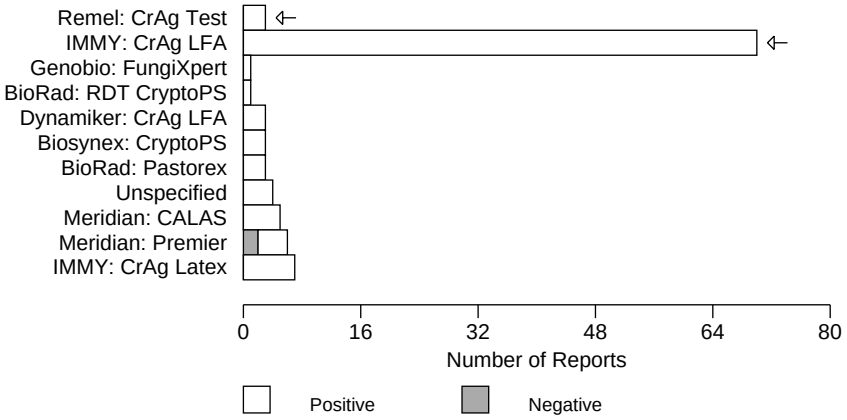
No score penalty is incurred for non return of results. However non return of results may be used as a measure of poor performance.
The box plot displayed at the right of the Performance Rating graph represents data for the latest EQA distribution round only.





Two specimens were dispatched with a request for screening for cryptococcal antigen by routine methods. Specimens 5916A and 5916B consisted of single donations of thrombinised plasma (serum) spiked with cryptococcal antigen.

Specimen: 5916A Cryptococcal antigen positive

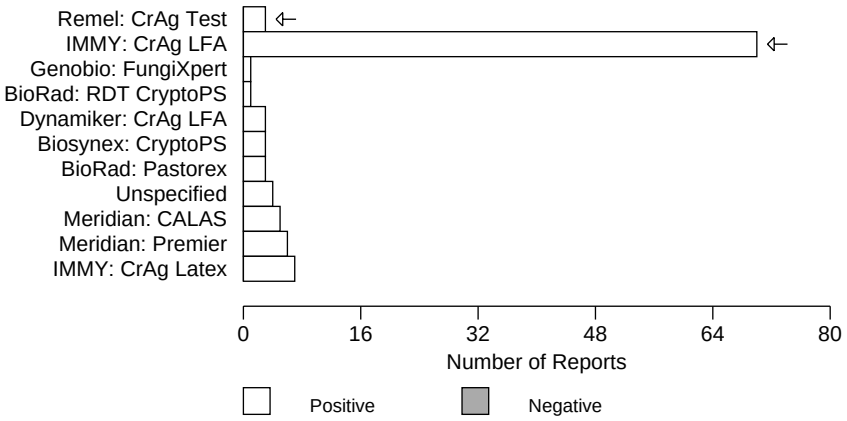


	UK	(%)	All	(%)
Remel: CrAg Test	1	(3.0)	3	(2.8)
IMMY: CrAg LFA	26	(78.8)	70	(66.0)
Genobio: FungiXpert	0	(0.0)	1	(0.9)
BioRad: RDT CryptoPS	0	(0.0)	1	(0.9)
Dynamiker: CrAg LFA	0	(0.0)	3	(2.8)
Biosynex: CryptoPS	0	(0.0)	3	(2.8)
BioRad: Pastorex	0	(0.0)	3	(2.8)
Unspecified	1	(3.0)	4	(3.8)
Meridian: CALAS	0	(0.0)	5	(4.7)
Meridian: Premier	0	(0.0)	6	(5.7)
IMMY: CrAg Latex	5	(15.2)	7	(6.6)

Your Report : Cryptococcal antigen positive
Your Score : **2**

Overall Results	UK	All	Score
Positive	29	93	2
Negative	0	2	-1
Total	29	95	
% Correct	100	97.9	

Specimen: 5916B Cryptococcal antigen positive



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IMMY: CrAg LFA	26	(78.8)	70	(66.0)
Genobio: FungiXpert	0	(0.0)	1	(0.9)
BioRad: RDT CryptoPS	0	(0.0)	1	(0.9)
Dynamiker: CrAg LFA	0	(0.0)	3	(2.8)
Biosynex: CryptoPS	0	(0.0)	3	(2.8)
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Your Report : Cryptococcal antigen positive
Your Score : **2**

Overall Results	UK	All	Score
Positive	29	95	2
Negative	0	0	-1
Total	29	95	
% Correct	100	100	

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