

# Cryptococcal antigen detection EQA

This scheme is designed for all clinical diagnostic laboratories that undertake testing for the detection of the cryptococcal antigen (CrAg). Laboratories to report on the presence or absence of CrAg.

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- ✓ Three distributions containing a panel of two simulated specimens
- ✓ Specimen format: liquid human serum
- ✓ Detection in the presence or absence of cryptococcal antigens
- ✓ Suitable for serological methods (EIA/ELISA/POCT)
- ✓ Participants can request free of charge repeat specimens in the event of an EQA failure
- ✓ Country-specific performance analysis available for countries with greater than ten participants
- ✓ Participant method data illustrated on the report
- ✓ Two week period for examination and reporting results
- ✓ Helps to identify performance issues in a prompt manner
- ✓ Scheme supported by qualified and experienced professionals
- ✓ Educational
- ✓ Intended results will be available for viewing on our website [ukneqasmicro.org.uk](http://ukneqasmicro.org.uk) the day after the closing date and reports will be issued within 20 working days
- ✓ This scheme is accredited in accordance with **ISO/IEC 17043:2010**

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