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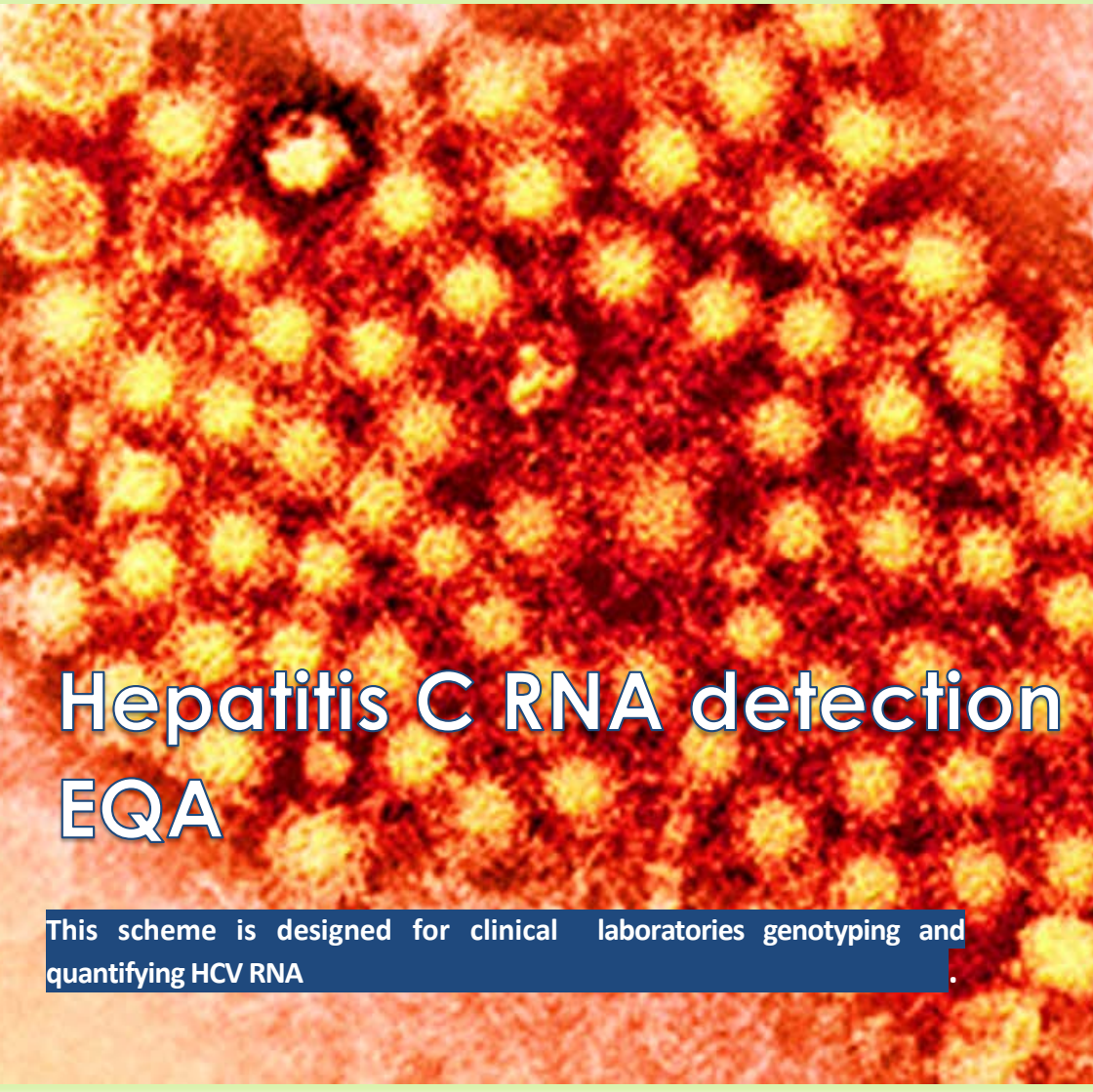

Hepatitis C RNA detection EQA

This scheme is designed for clinical laboratories genotyping and quantifying HCV RNA.

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Participants are required to report the presence or absence of HCV RNA, determine levels of HCV RNA in IU/mL and genotypes of HCV

This scheme is suitable for qualitative and quantitative detection + genotyping

For quantitative results participants are assessed on their ability to report to within a fixed value of the average of assay medians log difference in results (reported between the two specimens)

- ✓ Three distributions each containing two specimens per UK financial year
- ✓ Specimens supplied in lyophilized (freeze dried) format
- ✓ Country-specific performance analysis available for countries with greater than 10 participants
- ✓ Four week period for examination and reporting results
- ✓ Helps identify performance issues in a prompt manner
- ✓ Scheme supported by qualified and experienced professionals
- ✓ Educational
- ✓ Repeat specimens available (free of charge) for EQA failure investigation
- ✓ Intended results will appear on our website https://ukneqasmicro.org.uk/ the day after the closing date and reports will be issued within 20 working days
- ✓ Accredited in accordance with **ISO/IEC 17043:2010**

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