



## Molecular detection of mycobacteria EQA

This scheme is designed for clinical diagnostic laboratories that process clinical specimens either direct and or post culture for the detection of mycobacteria and rifampicin genes using molecular methods

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- ✓ Three distributions containing a panel of two simulated sputum specimens
- ✓ Specimen format: freeze dried cultures
- ✓ Direct and post culture detection of mycobacteria and rifampicin resistance genes
- ✓ Suitable for molecular methods
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Eight week period for examination and reporting results
- ✓ Methods used by participants illustrated on the report
- ✓ Scoring for direct detection, detection post culture and rifampicin resistance
- ✓ 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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