

| Intended Result | Your Report | Your Score |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Specimen 4460 Gram positive cocci | Gram positive cocci | 2 |
| <i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> | <i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> | 2 |

Cumulative score information

Total number of specimens sent to you for **UK NEQAS for Bacterial Identification** over the last 6 distributions is 6
For these distributions specimen numbers 4174 4208 4253 4387 4420 4460 have been sent.

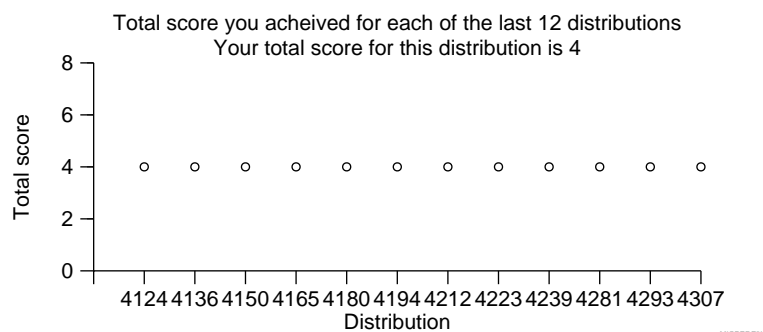
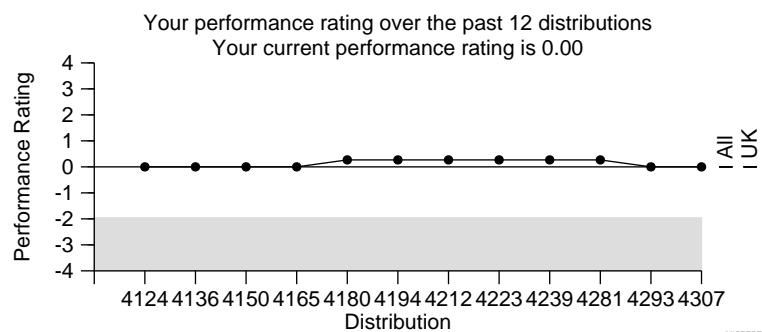
Number of reports analysed 6
Number of specimens reported as not examined (not scored) 0
Number of specimens for which no report was received (not scored) 0
Number of specimens reported too late for analysis (not scored) 0
Your cumulative score for these specimens was 24 out of a possible 24

The mean score calculated from the reports returned by **UK** laboratories was 24.00 with a standard error of 0.00.

Performance rating

Your performance rating for **UK NEQAS for Bacterial Identification** (i.e. the number of standard errors by which your cumulative score lies above or below the mean for laboratories) is 0.00.

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.



Comments

Specimen 4460 contained *Staphylococcus epidermidis*. All participants reported the correct result.

Please address any comments or technical enquiries relating to this distribution to Shila Seaton at organiser@ukneqasmicro.org.uk. In-house test results are available should you experience a technical failure and wish to discuss the results.

Report authorised by: Dr Sanjiv Rughooputh, Director

Scoring scheme for bacterial identification:

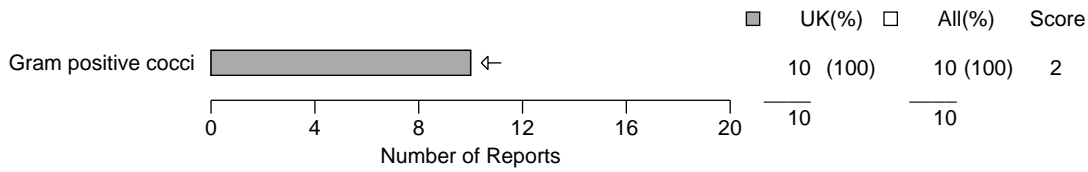
| RESULT | Correct Score | Incorrect Score |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Gram stain morphology | 2 | 0 |
| Identification (Species level) | 2 | 0 |
| Identification (Genus level) | 0/2* | 0 |

*Participants are expected to achieve the correct identification to species level. However, occasionally an organism will be distributed that is more difficult to identify to species level using simple conventional tests in which case we will modify the score as indicated. Participants will be given advanced warning with the specimen request for any specimens containing one of these isolates.

For advice on which organisms we consider easy to identify (core), and those more difficult to identify (advanced) participants are referred to a guidance document on our website; click on the 'Scoring' tab, then select 'Bacteriology and Mycology Specific Scoring' from the list and go to page 3 for the list of organisms by category.



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