



UK NEQAS FOR MICROBIOLOGY

New Results Format

Following the installation and implementation of a new computing system, your individual results and the distribution summary are being combined into one document and henceforth will be designated as the 'Participant Report'. The change is being phased in over the next few months and eventually the results for every scheme will be in the new format.

The form that accompanies the specimens will, in future, be designated as the 'Request Form'.

A sample of the new 'participant report' is presented, annotated for your information.

A great deal of effort has been made to ensure the integrity of participant data and we will continue to validate results produced by the new system. However, we would greatly appreciate notifications of any apparent discrepancies in your results to allow us to remedy any teething problems.



UK NEQAS for Rubella IgM serology
Distribution : 1450
Dispatch date : 14-May-2001

Laboratory : 9999
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Intended Result	Your Report	Your Score
Specimen 5951 Rubella IgM Negative	Rubella IgM Negative	2
Specimen 5952 Rubella IgM positive	Rubella IgM positive	Not scored
Specimen 5953 Rubella IgM Negative	Rubella IgM Negative	2
Specimen 5954 Rubella IgM positive	Rubella IgM positive	2

Cumulative score information

Total number of specimens sent to you for **UK NEQAS for Rubella IgM serology** over the last 2 distributions is 8
 For these distributions specimen numbers 5795 5796 5797 5798 5951 5953 5954 have been analysed and scored.

Number of reports analysed **7**
 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 (scored as 0) 0
 Your cumulative score for these specimens was 14 out of a possible total of 14

The mean score calculated from the reports returned by UK laboratories was **13.77 (with a standard error of 1.14)**
 Your performance rating for UK NEQAS for Rubella IgM serology (i.e. the number of standard errors by which your cumulative score lies above or below the mean) compared to UK laboratories is **0.20**

COMMENTS

● General comment area

Your performance rating ●

Mean score & standard error ●

Cumulative score information ●

Number of specimens scored, including non-returns ●

Intended results ●

Your result ●

Your score ●

Your lab ID number ●

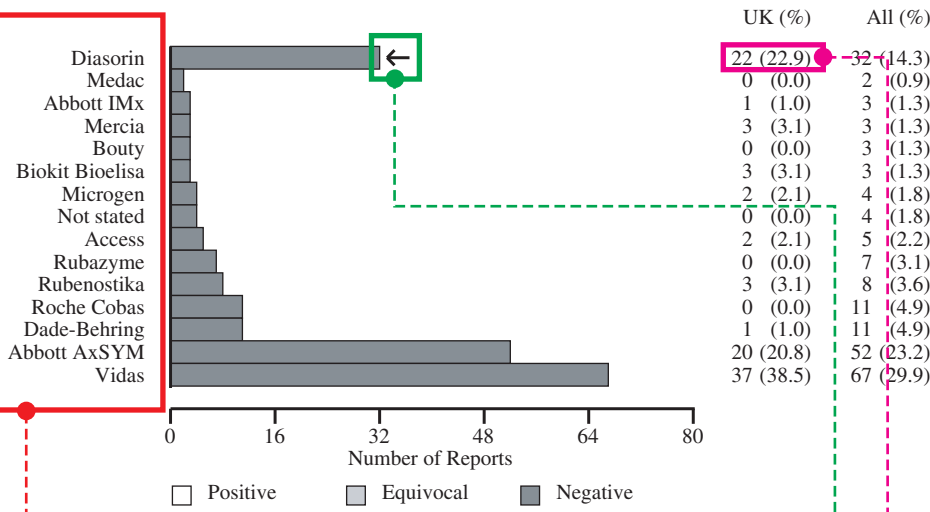


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COMMENTS BOX

Specimen : 5951 Rubella IgM negative

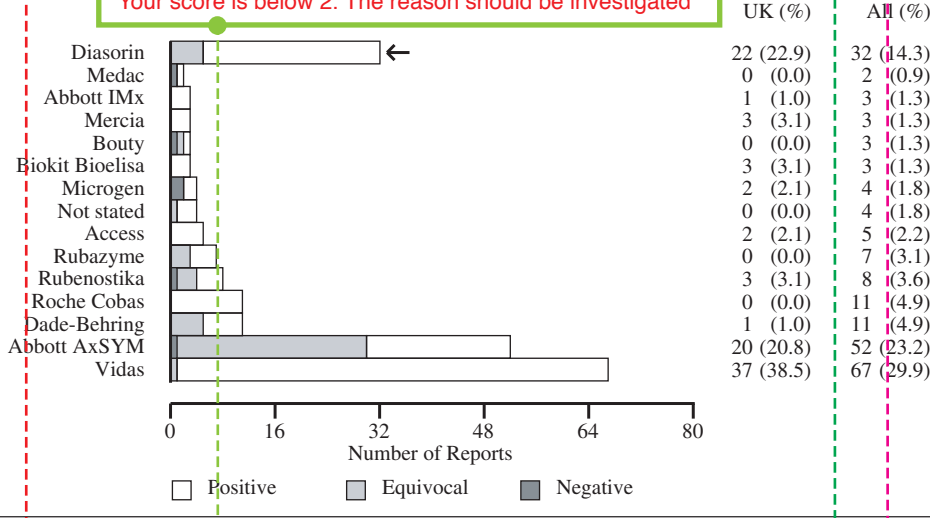


Your report : **Negative**
 Your score : **2**

Overall Results	UK	All	Score
Positive	0	0	-1
Equivocal	0	1	1
Negative	96	225	2
Total	96	226	
% Correct	100.0	99.6	

Specimen : 5952 Rubella IgM positive

Your score is below 2. The reason should be investigated



Your report : **Positive**
 Your score : **Not scored**

Overall Results	UK	All	Score
Positive	72	170	NS
Equivocal	24	49	NS
Negative	0	7	NS
Total	96	226	
% Correct	75.0	75.2	

Warning statement will appear if your score is less than fully correct

Response categories. Actual methods/response will be stated*

Arrow indicates your method

Number of participants in each designated response category**

Overall results table

* Not all response categories may be displayed, especially where a category contains very small numbers of participants.

** The data displayed in the first column is country specific. For instance, UK participants will only see results for the United Kingdom here. Where there are less than ten participants in a country, only one column will appear displaying results for all participants.