



# Molecular detection of SARS-CoV-2 EQA

External Quality Assessment (EQA) scheme for the Molecular detection of SARS-CoV-2 to help testing laboratories to monitor, evaluate and improve their performance.

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- ✓ Accredited to ISO/IEC 17043:2010
- ✓ 12 distributions (monthly) each containing two specimens
- ✓ Participants can report results from two platforms per distribution
- ✓ Specimens supplied as freeze-dried samples
- ✓ Specimens may contain other respiratory pathogens (such as Influenza and other coronaviruses)
- ✓ Specimens will contain SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (e.g. variant B.1.1.7, B.1.351)
- ✓ Participants can request free of charge extra volume should their platform require it
- ✓ Country-specific performance analysis available for countries with greater than 10 participants
- ✓ Two week period for examination and reporting results
- ✓ Helps identify performance issues in a prompt manner
- ✓ Scheme supported by qualified and experienced professionals
- ✓ Educational
- ✓ 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

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