

## Pilot UK NEQAS for N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor (NMDAR) antibodies

<b>Accreditation Status:</b>	<i>currently not accredited to ISO 17043</i>								
<b>Date Scheme started:</b>	2023								
<b>Clinical Applicability:</b>	Autoimmune encephalitis with no known common infectious cause								
<b>Analytes:</b>	NMDAR								
<b>Units for Reporting:</b>	Qualitative: Positive / Negative								
<b>Samples Distributed:</b>	Liquid format. Normal and pathological human serum								
<b>Number of Distributions per year:</b>	6								
<b>Number of Samples per Distribution:</b>	2								
<b>Frequency of Distributions:</b>	Every two months as outlined in the <a href="#">Distribution Schedule</a>								
<b>Schedule of Analysis:</b>	<b>Data entry</b> is via the web for the submission of results. Data analysis is commenced 21 days after sample dispatch. Late returns are accepted and will contribute to the laboratory's cumulative performance statistics								
<b>Data Analysis:</b>	Qualitative responses are assessed by MI scoring in relation to the designated response								
<b>Performance Scoring:</b>	MI scoring								
<b>Criteria of Performance:</b>	Laboratory performance is classified in terms of OMIS over a running analytical window of 6 distributions (12 months)  The categories of performance are: <table> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>Total MIS</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Good</td> <td>zero</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adequate</td> <td>1 - 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Poor</td> <td>&gt;2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>Total MIS</u>	Good	zero	Adequate	1 - 2	Poor	>2
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<b>Persistent Poor Performance:</b>	Defined as being in the Poor Performance category for two or more successive Distributions.								