

## Antibody to Fungal & Related Antigens

<b>Accreditation Status:</b>	<a href="#">UKAS Schedule of Accreditation</a>								
<b>Date Scheme started:</b>	1991								
<b>Clinical Applicability:</b>	Diagnosis and monitoring of Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis and Type III hypersensitivity diseases including Aspergillus and Candida infections, Bird Fancier's and Farmer's Lung								
<b>Analytes:</b>	Aspergillus fumigatus, Candida albicans, Pigeon Serum, Pigeon Feathers, Pigeon Droppings, Pigeon Mix, Budgerigar Serum, Budgerigar Feathers, Budgerigar Droppings, Budgerigar Mix and Micropolyspora faeni <i>The sample analytes included will depend on their prevalence in the general population, therefore not all analytes may be covered during the year</i>								
<b>Units for Reporting:</b>	Qualitative and quantitative responses								
<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>	<a href="#">Data entry</a> 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 results are assessed by Misclassification Index Scoring in relation to a Designated Response								
<b>Performance Scoring:</b>	MI scoring								
<b>Criteria of Performance:</b>	Laboratory performance is classified in terms of OMIS derived from the qualitative responses for all analytes for which the laboratory is registered during 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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	An OMIS of 2 or more for any one analyte will be classed as poor performance								
<b>Persistent Poor Performance:</b>	Defined as being in the Poor Performance category for two or more successive Distributions								