

Specific IgE

Accreditation Status:	UKAS Schedule of Accreditation																														
Date Scheme started:	1988																														
Clinical Applicability:	Diagnosis and management of allergic disease																														
Analytes:	<p>(SER/032) The programme includes the assessment of common or clinically important, individual IgE specificities, for example:</p> <table><tr><td>D1</td><td>Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus</td></tr><tr><td>E1</td><td>Cat epithelium</td></tr><tr><td>E5</td><td>Dog dander</td></tr><tr><td>F1</td><td>Egg white</td></tr><tr><td>F2</td><td>Cow's milk</td></tr><tr><td>F13</td><td>Peanut</td></tr><tr><td>F17</td><td>Hazel nut</td></tr><tr><td>G6</td><td>Timothy grass</td></tr><tr><td>I1</td><td>Bee venom</td></tr><tr><td>I3</td><td>Wasp venom</td></tr><tr><td>K82</td><td>Latex</td></tr><tr><td>M3</td><td>Aspergillus fumigatus</td></tr><tr><td>M6</td><td>Alternaria alternata</td></tr><tr><td>T3</td><td>Birch</td></tr><tr><td>W6</td><td>Mugwort</td></tr></table> <p>Other allergen specificities may be included, subject to the availability of clinically validated donor serum units</p>	D1	Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus	E1	Cat epithelium	E5	Dog dander	F1	Egg white	F2	Cow's milk	F13	Peanut	F17	Hazel nut	G6	Timothy grass	I1	Bee venom	I3	Wasp venom	K82	Latex	M3	Aspergillus fumigatus	M6	Alternaria alternata	T3	Birch	W6	Mugwort
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Units for Reporting:	Grade and kU/L (arbitrary)																														
Samples Distributed:	Liquid format. Normal and pathological human																														
Number of Distributions per year:	6																														
Number of Samples per Distribution:	2																														
Frequency of Distributions:	Every two months as outlined in the Distribution Schedule . Four allergen specific IgE tests will be analysed on each specimen																														
Schedule of Analysis:	Data entry 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																														
Data Analysis:	<p>Analysis by grade shows the overall response and the method specific responses. ALTM/GLTM/MLTM with truncation at 10th & 90th Percentiles and CV%. Reports show method specific statistics. Individual laboratory performance is expressed in terms of MRBIS, SDBIS and MRVIS, the DV for calculation of VI being taken from the MLTM</p> <p>Chosen Coefficient of Variation for Allergen Specific IgE is 12%</p>																														
Performance Scoring:	Cumulative performance scores are based on the quantitative response with MRVIS scoring over a running window of twelve samples or twelve months																														
Criteria of Performance:	Performance assessment is allergen specific. Quantitative performance is assessed for each allergen, and is over a running period of 6 distributions containing that allergen (12 months)																														

Ideal	MRVIS	<50
Good		50 - 100
Adequate		101 - 200
Poor		>200 or SDBIS >200

The overall quantitative performance is expressed as the OMRVIS, the mean of all the individual allergen specific MRVIS

The semiquantitative Grades are assessed by MI scoring in relation to the Consensus Designated Response (CONDR). (For this purpose, Grades 2 – 6 are considered as CLEAR POSITIVE)

Good	OMIS	Zero
Adequate		1 - 3
Poor		>4

Overall MIS (OMIS) greater than 4 will also be considered as poor performance

Persistent Poor Performance:

Defined as being in the Poor Performance category for two or more successive distributions