UK NEQAS

Immunology, Immunochemistry & Allergy

Coeliac Disease Antibodies

Accreditation Status: UKAS Schedule of Accreditation

Date Scheme started: 1995

Clinical Applicability: Diagnosis of Coeliac Disease

Analytes: Gliadin, deamidated gliadin peptide (DGP), endomysial and tissue

transglutaminase antibodies (TTG)

Units for Reporting: Positive or Negative, U/mL, or titre as appropriate

Samples Distributed: Liquid format. Normal and pathological human serum

Number of Distributions per year: 6

Number of Samples per Distribution: 1

Frequency of Distributions: Every two months as outlined in the Distribution Schedule

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: Qualitative responses are recorded for each analyte and assessed in

relation to the designated response. Reports show method or kit related statistics in terms of Method Laboratory Trimmed Mean (MLTM) and

range of results reported

Performance Scoring: MI scoring for all analytes for which the laboratory is registered

Criteria of Performance: Laboratory performance is assessed over a running analytical window of 6

Distributions (12 months)

The categories of performance are:

Good Zero
Adequate 1-2
Poor >2

An OMIS of 2 or more for any one analyte will also be classified as poor

performance

Persistent Poor Performance: Defined as being in the Poor Performance category for two or more

successive Distributions