

Acetylcholine Receptor Antibody

Accreditation Status:	UKAS Schedule of Accreditation								
Date Scheme started:	1991								
Clinical Applicability:	Diagnosis and monitoring of Myasthenia Gravis								
Analytes:	ACR (SER/008)								
Units for Reporting:	nmol/L								
Samples Distributed:	Liquid format. Normal and pathological human serum Additional materials may be produced for specific recovery experiments by the addition of a reference serum to an analyte-free serum matrix								
Number of Distributions per year:	4								
Number of Samples per Distribution:	3								
Frequency of Distributions:	Every three 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								
Criteria of Performance:	Laboratory performance is assessed over a running analytical window of 4 Distributions (12 months) The categories of performance are: <table><tr><td></td><td><u>Total MIS</u></td></tr><tr><td>Good</td><td>Zero</td></tr><tr><td>Adequate</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Poor</td><td>>1</td></tr></table>		<u>Total MIS</u>	Good	Zero	Adequate	1	Poor	>1
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Persistent Poor Performance:	Defined as being in the Poor Performance category for two or more successive Distributions								