Bullous Dermatosis Antibodies

Accreditation Status: UKAS Schedule of Accreditation

Date Scheme started: 1995

Clinical Applicability: Diagnosis of Bullous Dermatosis (SER/009)

Analytes: Dermatosis Basement Membrane and Desmosome antibodies, anti-

DSG-1 antibodies, anti-DSG-3 antibodies,

anti-BP-180 antibodies and anti-BP-230 antibodies

Units for Reporting: Positive or Negative, U/mL, Ratio, 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 assessed by MI scoring in relation to the

designated response

Performance Scoring: MI scoring and OMIS 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
Poor >1

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

successive Distributions