

Schedule of Accreditation



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Microbiology and Virology

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Medical pathology field - Test	Test/assay	Specimen Type	Equipment/Technique	Method (CE/Non-CE/In house developed/based on standard method)	Range of measurement	Std. ref & SOP
1011 Macroscopic examination and description	Macroscopic examination and description	Sputum Faeces	Macroscopic examination	Based on standard methods	Macroscopic examination	MICSOP010 MICSOP070
1012 Preparation of films on glass slides followed by microscopic examination with or without fixation and staining with dyes as required - .01 Microscopic examination for general bacteriology purposes (including enumeration and description of human cells)	Microscopic examination for general bacteriology purposes including enumeration and description of human cells	Blood cultures Swabs Wound exudates CSFs Fluids/Aspirates Genital tract and associated specimens Corneal lens/scrapings Bronchoalveolar Lavage Bronchial washings Pus Tissue/Biopsy Urine Fluids	Microscopy	Based on standard methods	Microscopic examinations	MICSOP058 MICSOP009 MICSOP010 MICSOP006 MICSOP025

1012 Preparation of films on glass slides followed by microscopic examination with or without fixation and staining with dyes as required - .02 Microscopic examination for parasites	Microscopic examination for parasites	Fluids/Aspirates Faeces Blood Sellotape slides Urine	Microscope	based on standard methods	Microscopic examination	MICSOP025 MICSOP023 MICSOP024
1012 Preparation of films on glass slides followed by microscopic examination with or without fixation and staining with dyes as required - .03 Microscopic examination for fungi	Microscopic examination for fungi	Hair/nail/skin clippings	Microscope	Based on standard methods	Microscopic examination	MICSOP048
1012 Preparation of films on glass slides followed by microscopic examination with or without fixation and staining with dyes as required - .04 Microscopic examination for mycobacteria	Microscopic examination for mycobacteria	Bronchoalveolar Lavage Bronchial washings Fluids/Aspirates Pus Tissue/Biopsy Sputum Blood cultures	Microscope	Based on standard methods	Microscopic examination	MICSOP007
1013 Culture of organisms in liquid or agar based culture media with visual or instrument monitoring for growth - .01 Culture of general bacteria	Culture of general bacteria including blood cultures, urines, CSFs. faeces. Investigation of genital tract and associated specimens. Culture of diagnostic specimens and screening for multi-drug resistant organisms.	Blood cultures Swabs Wound exudates CSFs Fluids/Aspirates Genital tract and associated specimens Corneal lens/scrapings Bronchoalveolar Lavage Bronchial washings Pus Tissue/Biopsy Urine Fluids Faeces	Incubators Bactec FX Blood Culture System	CE marked/ Based on standard methods	Target organisms isolated/ Not isolated	MICSOP009 MICSOP010 MICSOP011 MICSOP013 MICSOP014 MICSOP025 MICSOP045 MICSOP070 MICSOP072

		Sputum Swabs including screening swabs for VRE, CPE, MRSA and ESBL Tips IUD				
1013 Culture of organisms in liquid or agar based culture media with visual or instrument monitoring for growth - .02 Culture of fungi	Investigation of Dermatological Specimens for Superficial Mycoses	Hair/nail/skin clippings Skin scrapings Blood cultures	Incubators Bactec FX Blood Culture System	CE marked/ Based on standard methods	Target organisms isolated/ Not isolated	MICSOP048 MICSOP009
1013 Culture of organisms in liquid or agar based culture media with visual or instrument monitoring for growth - .03 Culture of mycobacteria	Culture of mycobacteria	Sputum Bronchoalveolar Lavage Bronchial washings Tissue/Biopsy Pus	Incubators Bactec MGIT 960 Instrument	CE marked/ Based on standard methods	Target organisms isolated/ Not isolated	MICSOP007
1014 Detection of bacterial, parasite, viral or fungal antigens using specific antibodies and appropriate techniques - .02 Particle agglutination	Identification of S. aureus by latex agglutination.	Bacterial isolates	Particle agglutination	CE marked	Qualitative	MICSOP020
	Qualitative detection of antibodies to T. pallidum in human serum -ASI	Serum	Particle agglutination	Particle agglutination	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/107
	Serological identification of beta haemolytic strep belonging to Lancefield groups A, B,C,D, F and G	Bacterial isolates	Particle agglutination	CE marked	Qualitative	MICSOP020
1014 Detection of bacterial, parasite, viral or fungal antigens using specific antibodies and appropriate techniques - .03 Enzyme immunoassay,	Detection of C.difficile toxins A and B. Alere	Faeces	Enzyme immunoassay	Ce marked	Qualitative	MICSOP070
	Confirmation of the presence of Hepatitis B	Plasma/Serum	Abbott Architect i1000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/071

	virus Surface Antigen in human serum and plasma, using the Abbott Architect HBsAg Qualitative confirmatory assay					
	Qualitative detection of Hepatitis B virus Surface Antigen in human serum and plasma, using the Abbott Architect HBsAg Qualitative assay		Abbott Architect i1000sr and i2000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/066
1014 Detection of bacterial, parasite, viral or fungal antigens using specific antibodies and appropriate techniques - .04 Immuno chromatographic methods,	Biotech Lateral Flow Kit for the detection of CTX-M groups 1, 2, 8, 9 & 25 in a bacterial colony obtained from culture	Bacterial isolates	N/A	CE/based on standard method	N/A	MICSOP020 and MICFM089
	Biotech Lateral Flow Kit for the detection of CTX-M groups 1, 2, 8, 9 & 25 in a bacterial colony obtained from culture. NG Biotech	Bacterial isolates	Immuno chromatographic methods	CE marked	Qualitative	MICSOP020 & MICFM089
	Biotech Lateral Flow Kits for detection of CPE		Lateral flow assay	CE marked	Qualitative	MICSOP072 MICFM274
	H.pylori lateral flow assay for the diagnosis of Helicobacter pylori infection CerTest	Faeces	Lateral flow assay	CE marked	Qualitative	MICSOP053
	Investigation of faeces specimens for Rota and Adenovirus using Coris Bioconcept Combi strip		Timer	CE marked	Qualitative	MICSOP026
	Qualitative detection of Cryptococcal antigen (CrAg) in cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) specimens	CSF	Lateral flow assay	CE marked	Qualitative	MICSOP014 Investigation of CSF

	Qualitative detection of Legionella Urinary Antigen detection using the Binax NOW kit	Urine	Alere reader	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/052
	Qualitative immunochromatographic assay for the rapid detection of penicillin-binding protein 2a (PBP2a) in isolates identified as Staphylococcus aureus Alere	Bacterial isolate	NA	CE marked	Qualitative	MICSOP002
1015 Detection and/or identification of bacterial, parasite, fungal and viral nucleic acids - .01 Nucleic acid probe hybridization, CE marked commercial systems	Qualitative detection and differentiation of RNA from influenza A virus (flu A), influenza B virus (flu B), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and SARS-CoV-2 using the Resp 4-plex AMP kit	Nasopharyngeal swabs	Alinity M	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/103
	Qualitative detection of Neisseria gonorrhoeae DNA from Abbott multicollect samples	Abbott multicollect samples	GeneXpert	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/088
	Quantitative detection of Hepatitis B virus (HBV) DNA in human plasma or serum	Plasma Serum	Alinity M	CE marked	5.28 IU/mL to 9.27 IU/mL	VIR/SOP/103
	Quantitative detection of Hepatitis C virus (HCV) RNA in human plasma or serum.		Alinity M	CE marked	12 IU/mL to 200,000,000 IU/mL	VIR/SOP/103
	Quantitative detection of Human Immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) RNA in human plasma.	Plasma	Alinity M	CE marked	10 copies/mL to 20,000,000 copies/mL	VIR/SOP/103
1015 Detection and/or identification of bacterial, parasite, fungal and viral	Detection of Salmonella enterica spp., Shigella spp.,	Faeces	Roche Diagnostics Ltd Light cycler 480II Entericbio workstation	CE marked	Qualitative	MICSOP070

nucleic acids - .03 Nucleic acid amplification tests, CE marked commercial systems	Campylobacter jejuni/coli/lari, Stx1/Stx2, Cryptosporidium and Giardia DNA using the Enteric Bio Real Time PCR Gastro Panel 2 kit from Serosep.					
	Detection of C. difficile DNA using the Enteric Bio Real Time C. difficile PCR Kit from Serosep.		Roche Diagnostics Ltd Light cycler 480II Entericbio Workstation	CE marked	Qualitative	MICSOP070
	Detection of M. Tuberculosis complex and Rifampicin resistance using the MTB/RIF Ultra GeneXpert Kit	Sputum specimens	Cepheid GeneXpert Instrument	CE marked	Qualitative	MICSOP062
	Detection of Norovirus genogroup I and II RNA using the Cepheid GeneXpert Kit	Faeces	Cepheid GeneXpert Instrument	CE marked	Qualitative	MICSOP062
	Identification and characterisation of Clostridium difficile using the Cepheid GeneXpert Kit		Cepheid GeneXpert Instrument	CE marked	Qualitative	MICSOP062
	Qualitative detection and differentiation of SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)viral RNA in upper respiratory specimens	Upper respiratory specimens in VTM	Cepheid GeneXpert Instrument	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/088
	Qualitative detection and differentiation of SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)viral RNA in		GenMark Dx ePLEX System	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/104

	upper respiratory specimens on the RP2 molecular assay					
	Qualitative detection of the plasmid DNA for <i>C. trachomatis</i> and the genomic DNA of <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i>	Urine, endocervical, vaginal swabs and male urethral swab specimens collected in the Abbott multi-Collect Specimen Collection Kit	Abbott m2000sp Abbott m2000rt	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/087
1015 Detection and/or identification of bacterial, parasite, fungal and viral nucleic acids - .04 Nucleic acid amplification tests, in house developed assays	Detection of <i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i> DNA in respiratory specimens using the AB7500	Respiratory specimens	Applied Biosystems Real-time PCR System - AB7500	In house developed	Qualitative	MICSOP061 MICSOP067 MICSOP073
	RT PCR Assay for the detection of <i>bla</i> IMI gene DNA in Gram-Negative isolates.	Bacterial isolates	Applied Biosystems Real-time PCR System - AB7500 Qiagen EZ1 Advanced XL	In house developed	Qualitative	MICLP036 MICSOP061 MICSOP066 MICSOP073
	RT PCR assay for the detection of <i>CoA</i> gene in <i>S.aureus</i> , the detection of Group A Streptococcal DNA, the detection of <i>MecA</i> gene in <i>S.aureus</i> , the detection of <i>S.pneumoniae</i> DNA and determination of penicillin susceptibility and the detection of <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> DNA	CSF Fluids Tissues Swabs Bacterial isolates	Applied Biosystems Real-time PCR System - AB7500 Qiagen EZ1 Advanced XL	In house developed	Qualitative	MICSOP073 MICSOP061 MICSOP063 MICSOP065
1016 Identification of cultured bacteria and fungi using non-nucleic acid based techniques - .03 Identification of fungi by microscopic morphology	Investigation of Dermatological Specimens for Superficial Mycoses	Fungal isolates	Microscope	Based on standard methods	Qualitative	MICSOP048

1016 Identification of cultured bacteria and fungi using non-nucleic acid based techniques - .04 Identification using MALDI-TOF Spectroscopy	Identification of organisms using the MALDI TOF Sirius instrument	Bacterial, fungal and Mycobacterial isolates	MALDI TOF Sirius	CE marked	Target organisms identified/ Not identified	MICSOP068
	Identification using MALDI-TOF spectroscopy		Bruker MALDI TOF Microflex	Based on standard methods	Target organisms identified/ Not identified	MICSOP068
1017 Measurement of antimicrobial activity and application of clinical interpretive criteria to general bacteria (rapidly growing aerobes) - .01 Anaerobes	Antimicrobial resistance testing of bacterial isolates using Disk diffusion and Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) testing with MIC strips and broth dilution on the Trek Diagnostic Sensititre instrument using EUCAST and CLSI interpretive guidelines	Bacterial isolates	BIOMIC V3 Trek Diagnostic Sensititre instrument	Based on standard methods	Interpreted as sensitive, resistant and susceptible increased exposure	MICSOP002 MICSOP077 MICSOP030
1017 Measurement of antimicrobial activity and application of clinical interpretive criteria to general bacteria (rapidly growing aerobes) - .02 Mycobacteria	Antimicrobial resistance testing of Mycobacterial isolates on the BACTEC MGIT	Mycobacterial isolates	Becton Dickinson BACTEC 960 MGIT	CE marked	Interpreted as sensitive or resistant	MICSOP007
1017 Measurement of antimicrobial activity and application of clinical interpretive criteria to general bacteria (rapidly growing aerobes) - .03 Yeasts	Antimicrobial resistance testing of Yeast isolates using MIC test strips	Yeast isolates	Incubator	Based on standard methods	Interpreted as sensitive, resistant and susceptible increased exposure	MICSOP069
1017 Measurement of antimicrobial activity and application of clinical interpretive criteria to general bacteria (rapidly growing aerobes) - .05	Antimicrobial resistance testing of bacterial isolates using Inoclic - a new inoculum standardization device	Bacterial isolates	BIOMIC V3	Based on standard methods	Interpreted as sensitive, resistant and susceptible increased exposure	MICSOP002 MICSOP038

Other categories of organism (as specified)						
1018 Detection of antibody response to infection using appropriate CE marked commercial techniques - .01 Particle agglutination, using CE marked commercial systems	Semi quantitative detection of anti-cardiolipin antibodies using the BD RPR card antigen flocculation test	Serum	Particle agglutination	CE marked	Serum dilution Neat - 520	VIR/SOP/064
	Semi-quantitative detection of antistreptolysin-O antibodies, in human serum, using the Biokit rheumajet ASO Latex agglutination test		Particle agglutination	CE marked	Serum dilution Neat - 3200	VIR/SOP/053
1018 Detection of antibody response to infection using appropriate CE marked commercial techniques - .02 Enzyme immunoassay, using CE marked commercial systems	Qualitative detection of Hepatitis B virus Core Antibody using the Biomerieux VIDAS Anti-HBc Total II assay	Plasma/Serum	Biomerieux Vidas	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/048 VIR/SOP/049
	Qualitative detection of Hepatitis C antibody using the Biomerieux VIDAS	Plasma/ Serum	Biomerieux Vidas	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/091
	Qualitative detection of HIV p24 antigen, HIV-1 antibody and HIV-2 antibody in human serum and plasma	Plasma/Serum	Biomerieux Vidas	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/050 VIR/SOP/049
	Qualitative detection of IgG and IgM class antibodies to VlsE1 and pepC10 antigens from Borrelia burgdorferi in human serum using the AccuDiag™ Borrelia	Serum	Microplate reader/washer	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/105

	VlsE1/pepC10 IgG/IgM ELISA		Microplate washer/Microplate reader	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/105
	Qualitative detection of Measles IgG antibody using the Biomerieux VIDAS	Plasma/Serum	Biomerieux Vidas	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/049 VIR/SOP/099
	Qualitative detection of Mumps IgG antibody using the Biomerieux VIDAS	Serum	Biomerieux Vidas	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/049 VIR/SOP/090
	Qualitative detection of Varicella zoster IgG antibodies using theVircell Varicella-Zoster Virclia IgG Monotest assay	Plasma/Serum	Virclia	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/097
	Quantitative detection of Rubella IgG antibody using the Biomerieux VIDAS		Biomerieux Vidas	CE marked	10-400IU/mL	VIR/SOP/049 VIR/SOP/084
1018 Detection of antibody response to infection using appropriate CE marked commercial techniques - .05 Immunochromatographic methods, using CE marked commercial systems	Immy Cryptococcal antigen lateral flow assay for the detection of cryptococcal antigen in serum samples		Lateral flow immunoassay	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/098
1018 Detection of antibody response to infection using appropriate CE marked commercial techniques - .07 Chemiluminescent microparticle immunoassay, using CE marked commercial systems	Qualitative detection of antibody to Hepatitis Be virus in human serum and plasma using the Abbott Architect Anti HBe assay		Abbott Architect i1000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/054

Qualitative detection of antibody to Hepatitis C virus in human serum and plasma using the Abbott Architect Anti HCV assay	Abbott Architect i1000sr and i2000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/029
Qualitative detection of antibody to Treponema pallidum, in human serum and plasma, using the Abbott Architect Syphilis TP assay	Abbott Architect i1000sr and i2000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/033
Qualitative detection of Cytomegalovirus IgG antibodies in human serum and plasma, using the Abbott Architect CMV IgG assay	Abbott Architect i2000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/055
Qualitative detection of Cytomegalovirus IgM antibodies using the Abbott Architect CMV IgM assay	Abbott Architect i2000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/078
Qualitative detection of EBNA IgG antibodies, EBV VCA IgG antibodies and EBV VCA IgM antibodies using the Abbott Architect EBV Assays	Abbott Architect i2000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/095
Qualitative detection of Hepatitis B Core Antibody, in human serum and plasma, using the Abbott Architect Anti-HBc II assay	Abbott Architect i1000sr and i2000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/034
Qualitative detection of Hepatitis Be Antigen	Architect i1000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/093

using the Abbott Architect HBeAg Assay
Qualitative detection of HIV p24 antigen, HIV-1 antibody and HIV-2 antibody in human serum and plasma using the Abbott Architect HIV Ag/Ab combo assay
Qualitative detection of IgG antibody to Hepatitis A virus in human serum and plasma, using the Abbott Architect HAVAb-IgG assay
Qualitative detection of IgM antibody to Hepatitis A virus, in human serum and plasma using the Abbott Architect HAVAb-IgM assay
Qualitative detection of Rubella virus IgM using the Abbott Architect Rubella IgM assay
Qualitative detection of Toxoplasma gondii IgG antibodies in human serum and plasma, using the Abbott Architect Toxoplasma IgG assay
Qualitative detection of Toxoplasma gondii IgM antibodies, using the Abbott Architect Toxoplasma IgM assay
Qualitative detection of Hepatitis B core IgM using the Abbott

Abbott Architect i1000sr and i2000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/027
Abbott Architect i2000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/030a
Abbott Architect i2000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/106
Abbott Architect i2000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/080
Abbott Architect i2000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/072
Abbott Architect i2000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/079
Abbott Architect i1000sr	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/010

	Architect anti HBc IgM assay					
	Qualitative detection of Parvovirus IgG and IgM on the VirClia	Serum	VirClia	CE marked	Qualitative	VIR/SOP/097
	Quantitative detection of Hepatitis B virus Surface Antibody in human serum and plasma, using the Abbott Architect Anti-HBs assay	Plasma/Serum	Abbott Architect i1000sr and i2000sr	CE marked	0-1000mIU/ml	VIR/SOP/031
	Quantitative detection of Rubella virus IgG using the Abbott Architect Rubella IgG assay		Abbott Architect i2000sr	CE marked	0 -500 IU/ml	VIR/SOP/032
1024 Preservation of microbial cultures	Preservation of microbial cultures on agar plates and slope and in Protect beads	Microbial cultures	Refrigerators Freezers	Based on standard methods	Qualitative	MICLP020 MICSOP049
1029 Miscellaneous - .99 Miscellaneous tests	Automated enumeration of clinical parameters including human cells in urine	Urines	UF5000	CE marked	1 - 10,000 µl/mL	MICSOP025