

Virus Antigen Detection - SARS-CoV-2 (Ag)

Obermeier / Kammel

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Samples : 5 samples of 0.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months



The sample set contains defined samples with antigen from SARS-CoV-2 (inactivated).

For POCT systems: Please ensure that the sample matrix used in the EQA scheme is suitable for your test system. In case of uncertainty, we recommend contacting the manufacturer or supplier of your device.

The samples are suitable for rapid tests and automated immunoassays for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 antigen.

Cooperation with:
 Nationales Konsiliarlabor für Coronaviren, Institut für Virologie, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin;
 Institut für Medizinische Virologie, Uniklinikum Frankfurt am Main

	Mar. (2)	June (4)	Sep. (5)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	10.04.26	26.06.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	09.06.26	25.08.26	03.11.26
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 Virus Detection (Genome/Antigen) -
 Influenza A and B Viruses incl. Avian Influenza A Viruses


Obermeier / Kammel

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Samples : 6 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material or allantoic fluid
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months



This program may be completed with currently circulating influenza viruses.

Please note: these EQA samples are not suitable for virus propagation and immune fluorescence tests for antigen detection. Some of the samples can contain chemically inactivated avian influenza A viruses.

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for influenza A and B viruses and antigen testing
 Option for typing of seasonal and avian influenza A viruses

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Note for laboratories from non-EU countries:

The shipment of sample materials for participation in this EQA scheme is subject to a release by the Federal Office of Economic Affairs and Export Control according to the EU Dual-Use Regulation (VO (EU) 2021/821) for sample recipients in non-EU countries. INSTAND e.V. can only process EQA scheme orders from non-EU countries if the ordering laboratories provide a completed end-use certificate, company profile including contact details (e.g. excerpt from website) and, if applicable, an import permit!

Failure to provide completed documents by the ordering deadline will unfortunately lead to the cancellation of your registration.

Cooperation with:
 Nationales Referenzzentrum für Influenza, Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin;
 Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Bundesforschungsinstitut für Tiergesundheit, Nationales Referenzlabor für Aviäre Influenza, Insel Riems

	Mar. (2)	Nov. (6)
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participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual

Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual



Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for RSV RNA and RSV antigen testing

For POCT systems: Please ensure that the sample matrix used in the EQA scheme is suitable for your test system. In case of uncertainty, we recommend contacting the manufacturer or supplier of your device.

Cooperation with:

Institut für Virologie und Immunbiologie, Universität Würzburg;
 Institut für Virologie, Universitätsklinikum Düsseldorf; Nationales Konsiliarlabor für respiratorische Syncytialviren (RSV), Parainfluenzaviren, Metapneumoviren, Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin

	June (4)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26

Virus Genome Detection - Adenoviruses



Heim / Kammel

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Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for adenovirus DNA

Determination of species of adenovirus

Typing of adenovirus

	June (4)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26

Virus Genome Detection - BK Virus



Silling / Kammel

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Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma or suspension of urine
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for BK virus DNA

Cooperation with:

Nationales Referenzzentrum für Papillom- und Polyomaviren, Institut für Virologie, Uniklinik Köln

	Mar. (2)	Sep. (5)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	26.06.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	25.08.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	11.09.26

Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml* or 0.5 ml**

Sample properties: *Lyophilised cell culture material (inactivated) or ** lyophilised RNA eluate

Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature

Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for Bornaviruses - RNA

Cooperation with:

Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Bundesforschungsinstitut für Tiergesundheit, Institut für Virusdiagnostik, Insel Riems

	June (4)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26

Virus Genome Detection - Chikungunya Virus

Schmidt-Chanasit / Kammel

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Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml

Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma and cell culture material (inactivated)

Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature

Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for CHIKV RNA

Note for laboratories from non-EU countries:

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Cooperation with:

WHO Collaborating Centre for Arbovirus and Haemorrhagic Fever Reference and Research, Nationales Referenzzentrum für tropische Infektionserreger, Bernhard-Nocht-Institut für Tropenmedizin, Hamburg

	Mar. (2)	Sep. (5)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	26.06.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	25.08.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	11.09.26



Samples : 6 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for SARS-CoV-2-RNA, MERS-CoV-RNA and other human coronavirus RNA

Option for differentiation between SARS-CoV-2, MERS-CoV and other human coronaviruses (samples which contain SARS-CoV-2 and MERS-CoV, respectively, are inactivated)

Note for laboratories from non-EU countries:

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 Institut für Medizinische Virologie, Uniklinikum Frankfurt am Main

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Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26

Virus Genome Detection - Cytomegalovirus Program 1



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma or cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for CMV DNA

	Mar. (2)	June (4)	Sep. (5)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	10.04.26	26.06.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	09.06.26	25.08.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	26.06.26	11.09.26	20.11.26

Virus Genome Detection - Cytomegalovirus Program 2 - additional Training Program (can only be ordered with program 365)



Enders / Kammel

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Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for CMV DNA

The training samples will contain virus concentrations which fall outside the requirements of the specified Rili-BÄK section B3.

The training program (368) can only be ordered together with the corresponding main EQA scheme (365) for March. Separate certificates will be issued for the training program (368) and the main EQA scheme (365, subject to Rili-BÄK-B3).

Cooperation with:
Nationale Konsiliarlabore für Cytomegalievirus (CMV): Institut für Virologie, Universitätsklinikum Ulm;
Institut für Medizinische Virologie und Epidemiologie der Viruskrankheiten, Universitätsklinikum Tübingen

Mar. (2)

Registration deadline: 09.01.26
Sample shipment: 10.03.26
Closing Date: 27.03.26

Virus Genome Detection - Cytomegalovirus Resistance Determination



R. Kaiser / Kammel

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Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma or cell culture material
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 24 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR), other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) and sequencing for CMV resistance determination

Cooperation with:
Nationale Konsiliarlabore für Cytomegalievirus (CMV): Institut für Virologie, Universitätsklinikum Ulm;
Institut für Medizinische Virologie und Epidemiologie der Viruskrankheiten, Universitätsklinikum Tübingen

Oct. (5)

Registration deadline: 26.06.26
Sample shipment: 25.08.26
Closing Date: 02.10.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml (inactivated)
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma or cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for denguevirus RNA

Typing of denguevirus

Cooperation with:
 WHO Collaborating Centre for Arbovirus and Haemorrhagic Fever Reference and Research, Nationales Referenzzentrum für tropische Infektionserreger, Bernhard-Nocht-Institut für Tropenmedizin, Hamburg

	Mar. (2)	Sep. (5)
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Sample shipment:	10.03.26	25.08.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	11.09.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for enterovirus RNA

Typing of enterovirus

	June (4)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for EBV DNA

	June (4)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26

Samples : 3 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised suspension of feces or cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for simultaneous qualitative detection of gastrointestinal adeno, astro, entero, noro, parecho, rota and sapoviruses, respectively.

This program will be completed with currently circulating virus variants.

The requirements of the RiliBÄK (Guidelines of the German Medical Association on quality assurance in medical laboratory testing / Bundesärztekammer) will be considered for the detection of the above-mentioned pathogens.

This EQA scheme will contain each of the above-mentioned pathogens at least once a year.
 It is recommended to participate at both EQA scheme terms.

Please note: Only results of multiplex tests will be accepted for EQA scheme 430

This multiplex EQA scheme is not suitable for (i) 'singleplex' PCRs, (ii) tests for antigen detection, (iii) testing of sensitivity and (iv) typing. For this purpose, we refer to the INSTAND EQA schemes for the corresponding viruses.

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Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26

Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for HAV RNA

	Mar. (2)	June (4)	Sep. (5)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	10.04.26	26.06.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	09.06.26	25.08.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	26.06.26	11.09.26	20.11.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 24 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR), other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) incl. sequencing for HBV genotyping

Cooperation with:
 WHO Collaborating Centre for Blood Products and IVD-Devices, Paul-Ehrlich-Institut, Langen

Nov. (6)

Registration deadline:	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	03.11.26
Closing Date:	20.11.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for HBV DNA

	Mar. (2)	June (4)	Sep. (5)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	10.04.26	26.06.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	09.06.26	25.08.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	26.06.26	11.09.26	20.11.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 24 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for HBV DNA

The training samples will contain virus concentrations which fall outside the requirements of the specified Rili-BÄK section B3.

The training program (378) can only be ordered together with the corresponding main EQA scheme (361) for March. Separate certificates will be issued for the training program (378) and the main EQA scheme (361, subject to Rili-BÄK-B3).

	Mar. (2)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26



Samples : 4 samples à 0.1 ml* or à 1.5 ml**

Sample properties: *Plasmids in water or **lyophilised plasma

Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature

Certificate Validity: 24 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR), other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) and sequencing for HBV resistance determination

Oct. (5)

Registration deadline:

26.06.26

Sample shipment:

25.08.26

Closing Date:

02.10.26

Virus Genome Detection - Hepatitis C Virus Geno-/Subtyping



Samples : 3-4 samples of 1.5 ml

Sample properties: Lyophilised serum/plasma

Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature

Certificate Validity: 24 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
yearly

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for HCV geno- and subtype differentiation

Cooperation with:

Nationales Referenzzentrum für Hepatitis-C-Viren, Institut für Virologie, Universitätsklinikum Düsseldorf;
Medizinisches Infektiologiezentrum Berlin

Sep. (5)

Registration deadline:

26.06.26

Sample shipment:

25.08.26

Closing Date:

11.09.26

Virus Genome Detection - Hepatitis C Virus Program 1



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml

Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma

Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature

Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
bi-annual

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for HCV RNA

Mar. (2)

June (4)

Sep. (5)

Nov. (6)

Registration deadline:

09.01.26

10.04.26

26.06.26

04.09.26

Sample shipment:

10.03.26

09.06.26

25.08.26

03.11.26

Closing Date:

27.03.26

26.06.26

11.09.26

20.11.26



Virus Genome Detection - Hepatitis C Virus Program 2 - additional Training Program (can only be ordered with program 362)



Timm / Kammel

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Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for HCV RNA

The training samples will contain virus concentrations which fall outside the requirements of the specified Rili-BÄK section B3.

The training program (379) can only be ordered together with the corresponding main EQA scheme (362) for March. Separate certificates will be issued for the training program (379) and the main EQA scheme (362, subject to Rili-BÄK-B3).

Cooperation with:
Nationales Referenzzentrum für Hepatitis-C-Viren, Institut für Virologie, Universitätsklinikum Düsseldorf

Mar. (2)

Registration deadline: 09.01.26
Sample shipment: 10.03.26
Closing Date: 27.03.26

Virus Genome Detection - Hepatitis C Virus Resistance Determination



Timm / Kammel

399

Samples : 2-3 samples of 0.5 ml
Sample properties: Serum/plasma (non-lyophilised)
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 24 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR), other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) and sequencing for HCV resistance determination

Please note: Only tests in the gene region NSSA will be offered in this EQA scheme. Resistance tests in the gene region NS3 will no longer be offered due to lack of clinical relevance.

Cooperation with:
Nationales Referenzzentrum für Hepatitis-C-Viren, Institut für Virologie, Universitätsklinikum Düsseldorf;
Medizinisches Infektiologiezentrum Berlin

Oct. (5)

Registration deadline: 26.06.26
Sample shipment: 25.08.26
Closing Date: 02.10.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for HDV RNA

Cooperation with:
 WHO Collaborating Centre for Blood Products and IVD-Devices, Paul-Ehrlich-Institut, Langen

	Mar. (2)	Sep. (5)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	26.06.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	25.08.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	11.09.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised serum/plasma or suspension of feces
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for HEV RNA

Cooperation with:
 Nationales Konsiliarlabor für Hepatitis-A-Virus (HAV) und Hepatitis-E-Virus (HEV), Institut für Medizinische Mikrobiologie und Hygiene, Universität Regensburg

	Mar. (2)	June (4)	Sep. (5)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	10.04.26	26.06.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	09.06.26	25.08.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	26.06.26	11.09.26	20.11.26



Samples : 6 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma or cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for differentiation of HSV 1 and HSV 2 DNA

	June (4)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26

Virus Genome Detection - HIV-1 (RNA) Program 2 - additional Training Program (can only be ordered with program 360)



R. Kaiser / Kammel

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Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for HIV-1 (RNA)

The training samples will contain virus concentrations which fall outside the requirements of the specified Rili-BÄK section B3.

The training program (382) can only be ordered together with the corresponding main EQA scheme (360) for March. Separate certificates will be issued for the training program (382) and the main EQA scheme (360, subject to Rili-BÄK-B3).

Cooperation with:
Institut für Medizinische Virologie, Uniklinikum Frankfurt am Main

Mar. (2)

Registration deadline:	09.01.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26

Virus Genome Detection - HIV-1 (RNA) Program 1



R. Kaiser / Kammel

360

Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
bi-annual

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for HIV-1 (RNA)

Mar. (2)

June (4)

Sep. (5)

Nov. (6)

Registration deadline:	09.01.26	10.04.26	26.06.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	09.06.26	25.08.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	26.06.26	11.09.26	20.11.26

Virus Genome Detection - HIV-1 Drug Resistance Determination - Standard Program for Protease and Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors

Obermeier / Kammel

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Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml* or 0.1 ml**
Sample properties: *Plasma or **Plasmids in water (non-lyophilised)
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 24 months

Please note: The samples will contain plasmids and heat-inactivated cell culture supernatant viruses respectively!

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR), other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) and sequencing for HIV-1 drug resistance determination of protease inhibitors and reverse transcriptase inhibitors

Cooperation with:
IMD Labor Frankfurt;
Institut für Medizinische Virologie, Uniklinikum Frankfurt am Main;
Institut für Klinische und Molekulare Virologie, Uniklinikum Erlangen;
Nationales Referenzzentrum für Papillom- und Polyomaviren, Institut für Virologie, Uniklinik Köln;
Medizinisches Infektiologiezentrum Berlin

Oct. (5)

Registration deadline:	26.06.26
Sample shipment:	25.08.26
Closing Date:	02.10.26

Samples : 2 samples of 1.1 ml
Sample properties: Plasma (non-lyophilised)
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 24 months

Please note: The samples will contain heat-inactivated cell culture supernatant viruses!

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR), other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) and sequencing for HIV-1 drug resistance determination of integrase inhibitors and determination of tropism

Cooperation with:
IMD Labor Frankfurt;
Institut für Medizinische Virologie, Uniklinikum Frankfurt am Main;
Institut für Klinische und Molekulare Virologie, Uniklinikum Erlangen;
Nationales Referenzzentrum für Papillom- und Polyomaviren, Institut für Virologie, Uniklinik Köln;
Medizinisches Infektiologiezentrum Berlin

Oct. (5)

Registration deadline:	26.06.26
Sample shipment:	25.08.26
Closing Date:	02.10.26

Virus Genome Detection - HIV-2 (RNA)



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
Sample properties: Lyophilised serum/plasma
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for HIV-2 (RNA)

Cooperation with:
Institut für Medizinische Virologie, Uniklinikum Frankfurt am Main

June (4)

Nov. (6)

Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26

Virus Genome Detection - Human Herpesvirus 6 (HHV-6)



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for human herpesvirus 6 (HHV-6) - DNA

Cooperation with:
Institut für Virologie, Universitätsklinikum Düsseldorf

Mar. (2)

Sep. (5)

Registration deadline:	09.01.26	26.06.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	25.08.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	11.09.26

Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 24 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for human herpesvirus 8 (HHV-8) - DNA

Cooperation with:
 Institut für Virologie, Medizinische Hochschule Hannover

Mar. (2)

Registration deadline: 09.01.26
 Sample shipment: 10.03.26
 Closing Date: 27.03.26

Virus Genome Detection - Human Metapneumovirus


Knies / Kammel

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Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for human metapneumovirus RNA

Cooperation with:
 Institut für Virologie, Universitätsklinikum Düsseldorf;
 Institut für Virologie und Immunbiologie, Universität Würzburg;
 Nationales Konsiliarlabor für respiratorische Syncytialviren (RSV), Parainfluenzaviren, Metapneumoviren, Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin

June (4)

Nov. (6)

Registration deadline: 10.04.26 04.09.26
 Sample shipment: 09.06.26 03.11.26
 Closing Date: 26.06.26 20.11.26

Virus Genome Detection - Human Papilloma Viruses


Silling / Kammel

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Samples : 5 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material or biopsy material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

**participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual**

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR), other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) and hybridization for HPV DNA

Differentiation of 'high risk' and 'low risk' types, and typing of 'high risk' HPV and 'low risk' HPV

Cooperation with:
 Nationales Referenzzentrum für Papillom- und Polyomaviren, Institut für Virologie, Uniklinik Köln

June (4)

Nov. (6)

Registration deadline: 10.04.26 04.09.26
 Sample shipment: 09.06.26 03.11.26
 Closing Date: 26.06.26 20.11.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for HRV RNA
 Typing of human rhinovirus

Cooperation with:
 Institut für Virologie, Universitätsklinikum Düsseldorf;
 Institut für Virologie und Immunbiologie, Universität Würzburg;
 Nationales Konsiliarlabor für respiratorische Syncytialviren (RSV), Parainfluenzaviren, Metapneumoviren,
 Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin

	June (4)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material or suspension of urine
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for JC virus DNA

Cooperation with:
 Nationales Referenzzentrum für Papillom- und Polyomaviren, Institut für Virologie, Uniklinik Köln

	Mar. (2)	Sep. (5)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	26.06.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	25.08.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	11.09.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for measles virus RNA
 Typing of measles virus

Cooperation with:
 Nationales Referenzzentrum für Masern, Mumps, Röteln, Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin

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	July (4)	Dec. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	10.07.26	04.12.26

Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material (inactivated)
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

Monkeypox virus (DNA) – quantitative
 Orthopoxviruses (DNA) – quantitative
 Orthopoxviruses (DNA) – type identification

Monkeypox virus (DNA) - qualitative
 Orthopoxviruses (DNA) – qualitative

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Incomplete data will unfortunately lead to cancellation of your registration.

Cooperation with:

Nationales Konsiliarlabor für Pockenviren, Robert Koch-Institut, Zentrum für Biologische Gefahren und Spezielle Pathogene, ZBS 1 - Hochpathogene Viren, Berlin

	Mar. (2)	Sep. (5)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	26.06.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	25.08.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	11.09.26

Virus Genome Detection - Mumps Virus



Enders / Kammel

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Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for mumps virus RNA
 Typing of mumps virus

Cooperation with:

Nationales Referenzzentrum für Masern, Mumps, Röteln, Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin

	July (4)	Dec. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	10.07.26	04.12.26

Virus Genome Detection - Norovirus



Schubert / Kammel

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Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised suspension of feces
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
 bi-annual

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for norovirus RNA with the option for differentiation in genogroup I and II

Cooperation with:

Nationales Konsiliarlabor für Noroviren, Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin;
 Nationales Konsiliarlabor für Hepatitis-A-Virus (HAV) und Hepatitis-E-Virus (HEV), Institut für Medizinische Mikrobiologie und Hygiene, Universität Regensburg;
 Institut für Virologie, Medizinische Hochschule Hannover

	Mar. (2)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	20.11.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for simultaneous qualitative detection of adenoviruses , cytomegalovirus, enteroviruses , Epstein Barr virus, herpes simplex virus type 1, herpes simplex virus type 2, human herpesvirus 6, parechovirus and varicella zoster virus, respectively.

This program will be completed with currently circulating virus variants.

The requirements of the RiliBÄK (Guidelines of the German Medical Association on quality assurance in medical laboratory testing / Bundesärztekammer) will be considered for the detection of the above-mentioned pathogens.

This EQA scheme will contain each of the above-mentioned pathogens at least once a year.
It is recommended to participate at both EQA scheme terms.

Please note: Only results of multiplex tests will be accepted for EQA scheme 433

This multiplex EQA scheme is not suitable for (i) 'singleplex' PCRs, (ii) tests for antigen detection, (iii) testing of sensitivity and (iv) typing. For this purpose, we refer to the INSTAND EQA schemes for the corresponding viruses.

	June (4)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for parainfluenza virus RNA
Typing of parainfluenza virus

Cooperation with:
Institut für Virologie, Universitätsklinikum Düsseldorf;
Institut für Virologie und Immunbiologie, Universität Würzburg;
Nationales Konsiliarlabor für respiratorische Syncytialviren (RSV), Parainfluenzaviren, Metapneumoviren, Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin

	Mar. (2)	Sep. (5)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	26.06.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	25.08.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	11.09.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for Parechovirus (RNA)

Cooperation with:
 Nationales Referenzzentrum für Poliomyelitis und Enteroviren, Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin

	Mar. (2)	Sep. (5)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	26.06.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	25.08.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	11.09.26

Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
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Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for parvovirus B19 DNA

	Mar. (2)	June (4)	Sep. (5)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	10.04.26	26.06.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	09.06.26	25.08.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	26.06.26	11.09.26	20.11.26

Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised samples (inactivated, vaccine)
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 24 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for rabies virus RNA

Note for laboratories from non-EU countries:

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Failure to provide completed documents by the ordering deadline will unfortunately lead to the cancellation of your registration.

Cooperation with:
 Nationales Konsiliarlaboratorium für Tollwut, Institut für Virologie, Universitätsklinikum Essen

	Sep. (5)
Registration deadline:	26.06.26
Sample shipment:	25.08.26
Closing Date:	11.09.26

Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for simultaneous qualitative detection of respiratory adeno, boca, corona, entero, human metapneumo, human rhino, influenza A and B viruses incl. avian influenza A viruses, parecho, parainfluenza, respiratory syncytial viruses (groups A and B) and SARS-CoV-2 (inactivated), respectively.

This program will be completed with currently circulating virus variants.

Some of the samples can contain chemically inactivated avian influenza A viruses.

The requirements of the RiliBÄK (Guidelines of the German Medical Association on quality assurance in medical laboratory testing / Bundesärztekammer) will be considered for the detection of the above-mentioned pathogens.

This EQA scheme will contain each of the above-mentioned pathogens at least once a year.
 It is recommended to participate at both EQA scheme terms.

Please note: Only results of multiplex tests will be accepted for EQA scheme 431

This multiplex EQA scheme is not suitable for (i) 'singleplex' PCRs, (ii) tests for antigen detection, (iii) testing of sensitivity and (iv) typing. For this purpose, we refer to the INSTAND EQA schemes for the corresponding viruses.

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	June (4)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26

Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for simultaneous qualitative detection of influenza A and B viruses incl. avian influenza A viruses, respiratory syncytial viruses (groups A and B) and SARS-CoV-2 (inactivated).

This program will be completed with currently circulating virus variants.

Some of the samples can contain chemically inactivated avian influenza A viruses.

The requirements of the RiliBÄK (Guidelines of the German Medical Association on quality assurance in medical laboratory testing / Bundesärztekammer) will be considered for the detection of the above-mentioned pathogens.

Please note: Only results of multiplex tests will be accepted for EQA scheme 432

This multiplex EQA scheme is not suitable for (i) 'singleplex' PCRs, (ii) tests for antigen detection, (iii) testing of sensitivity and (iv) typing. For this purpose, we refer to the INSTAND EQA schemes for the corresponding viruses.

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Failure to provide completed documents by the ordering deadline will unfortunately lead to the cancellation of your registration.

	June (4)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26

Virus Genome Detection - Rotaviruses



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
Sample properties: Lyophilised suspension of feces
Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for rotavirus RNA
Typing of rotavirus

Cooperation with:
Nationales Konsiliarlabor für Rotaviren, Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin

	June (4)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

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Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for rubella virus RNA
 Typing of rubella virus

Cooperation with:
 Nationales Referenzzentrum für Masern, Mumps, Röteln, Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin

	July (4)	Dec. (6)
Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	10.07.26	04.12.26

Virus Genome Detection - SARS-CoV-2

Samples : 5 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

participation according to Rili-BÄK:
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The sample set contains defined samples with SARS-CoV-2 (full virus, inactivated).

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for SARS-CoV-2

Cooperation with:
 Nationales Konsiliarlabor für Coronaviren, Institut für Virologie, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin;
 Institut für Medizinische Virologie, Uniklinikum Frankfurt am Main

	Mar. (2)	June (4)	Sep. (5)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	10.04.26	26.06.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	09.06.26	25.08.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	26.06.26	11.09.26	20.11.26

Virus Genome Detection - SARS-CoV-2 sequence analysis

Samples : 3-5 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised cell culture material (inactivated)
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

Differentiation of SARS-CoV-2 variants with clinical relevance using whole genome sequencing

Please note: Submitted sequences are evaluated for sequence quality both in the S gene and separately in the whole genome.

Cooperation with:
 Nationales Konsiliarlabor für Coronaviren, Institut für Virologie, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin;
 Medizinisches Infektiologiezentrum Berlin;
 Abt. Methodenentwicklung und Forschungsinfrastruktur, Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin

	Apr. (2)	Sep. (5)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	26.06.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	25.08.26
Closing Date:	10.04.26	25.09.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 24 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for Torque teno virus (TTV) DNA

Cooperation with:
 Institut für Virologie, Uniklinik Köln

Sep. (5)

Registration deadline:	26.06.26
Sample shipment:	25.08.26
Closing Date:	11.09.26



Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma or cell culture material
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

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Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for VZV DNA

June (4)

Nov. (6)

Registration deadline:	10.04.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	09.06.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	26.06.26	20.11.26

Samples : 6 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma and cell culture material (inactivated)
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

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Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for West Nile virus RNA
 Typing of West Nile virus (Lineage determination)

Cooperation with:
 WHO Collaborating Centre for Arbovirus and Haemorrhagic Fever Reference and Research, Nationales Referenzzentrum für tropische Infektionserreger, Bernhard-Nocht-Institut für Tropenmedizin, Hamburg

	Mar. (2)	June (4)	Sep. (5)	Nov. (6)
Registration deadline:	09.01.26	10.04.26	26.06.26	04.09.26
Sample shipment:	10.03.26	09.06.26	25.08.26	03.11.26
Closing Date:	27.03.26	26.06.26	11.09.26	20.11.26

Samples : 4 samples of 1.5 ml
 Sample properties: Lyophilised plasma or cell culture material (inactivated)
 Shipping Information: Shipping at ambient temperature
 Certificate Validity: 12 months

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for Zika virus RNA

Typing of Zika virus (Lineage determination)

Cooperation with:
 WHO Collaborating Centre for Arbovirus and Haemorrhagic Fever Reference and Research, Nationales Referenzzentrum für tropische Infektionserreger, Bernhard-Nocht-Institut für Tropenmedizin, Hamburg

	Mar. (2)	Sep. (5)
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Sample shipment:	10.03.26	25.08.26
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