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### **DETAIL OF ACCREDITATION**

Materials/Products tested	Type of test/Properties measured/Range of measurement	Standard specifications/ Equipment/Techniques used
HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES	Virology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis	In-house documented procedures based on manufacturer's instructions
Tissue culture isolate, swab in VTM	Herpes Simplex Virus 1 & 2 Phenotypic Drug resistance	Plaque reduction  Method: HSV Antiviral Plaque Reduction (V5756)  Cells: Culture of commercial cells (Vero, ECACC)  Culture system: CO2 incubator (Thermo Fisher Heracell 150i)
Plain, untreated swabs from any infected location in Viral Transport Medium (VTM) Whole blood/EDTA plasma/Serum CSF	Detection of Herpes simplex virus types 1 and 2 thymidine kinase (TK) and DNA polymerase (pol) genes as indicators of genotypic resistance	Method: Genotypic antiviral resistance testing of HSV using Sanger sequencing
Vesicle fluid Vitreous /aqueous humour	Nucleic acid extraction for the purposes of referral to specialist centre for sequencing	NA Extraction using Qiagen QIAamp DNA kit (V7291) PCR amplification (V7292) Gel Electrophoresis and PCR cleanup using ThermoFisher ExoSAP=IT Quantification of amplicons: Qubit 3.0 Fluorimeter (V7287)
	Nucleic acid sequence data	Sanger sequencing of HSV genotypic resistance (7256) and analysis using ReCall Software (V7257)

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EDTA plasma, serum,  Nucleic acid sequence data	Human Immunodeficiency Virus type 1 (HIV-1) genotypic resistance  Nucleic acid extraction for the purpose of referral to specialist centre for sequencing  HIV genotypic resistance	Sequencing Method: in-house Genotypic antiretroviral resistance testingof HIV using Sanger sequencing (V7270)  Nucleic acid extraction: BioMérieux EasyMag automated platform, with NucliSENS extraction reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions)  Amplification: Bio-RAD Dyad DNA engine thermal cycler  Gel electrophoresis and PCR cleanup using ThermoFisher ExoSAP-IT (V7255)  Quantification of amplicons: ThermoFisher Qubit 2.0 fluorimeter (V7064)  Preparing Sanger sequencing reactions for antiviral resistance testing (V7256)  Analysis and reporting of outsourced nucleic acid sequence data  Data analysis: ReCall software (V7257)  Interpretation: Stanford HIV drug resistance database (V7260)

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EDTA whole blood, plasma, serum	HIV-1tropism  Nucleic acid extraction for the purpose of referral to specialist centre for sequencing	Method: in-house - Genotypic antiretroviral resistance testing of HIV using Sanger sequencing (V7270)  Nucleic acid extraction: BioMérieux EasyMag automated platform, with NucliSENS extraction reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions)  Amplification: Bio-RAD Dyad DNA engine thermal cycler  Gel Electrophoresis and PCR cleanup
Nucleic acid sequence data	HIV-1 proviral tropism	using ThermoFisher ExoSAP-IT (V7255)  Quantification of amplicons: ThermoFisher Qubit 2.0 Fluorimeter (V7064)  Preparing Sanger sequencing reactions for antiviral resistance testing (V7256)  Analysis and reporting of outsourced nucleic acid sequence data  Data analysis: ReCall Software (V7257) Interpretation: Geno2Pheno (web service provided by Max Planck Institute) (V7260)
Serum, plasma	Hepatitis A genotyping/phylogenetics  Nucleic acid extraction for the purpose of referral to specialist centre for sequencing	Sequencing Method: in-house (V5201)  Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform, with MagNApure 96 DNA Viral Nucleic Acid Small Volume kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions, with in-house addition of internal control) (V7040)  Amplification: Bio-RAD Dyad DNA engine thermal cycler  PCR product purification: Cytiva GFX columns, centrifuge Analysis and reporting of outsourced nucleic acid sequence data

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Nucleic acid sequence data	Hepatitis A genotyping/phylogenetics	Analysis and reporting of outsourced nucleic acid sequence data
		Analysis: DNAStar/Seqman Genotyping: MegAlign
Oral fluids	Hepatitis A anti HAV- IgG	Manual EIA (in-house) anti-HAV IgG kit Microimmune plates and Diasource conjugate (V7373)
		EIA plate washer (Tecan Columbus Pro), EIA plate reader (Biotek EL-808)
Oral fluids	Hepatitis A anti HAV- IgM	Manual EIA (in-house) anti- HAV IgM Microimmune plates and Diasource conjugate (V7372)
		EIA plate washer (Tecan Columbus Pro) EIA plate reader (Biotek EL-808)
Serum, plasma	Hepatitis B Virus sequencing- Precore/BCP mutation screen	Sequencing
	Nucleic acid extraction for the	Method: in-house (V7046, V7039, V7497)
	purpose of referral to specialist centre for sequencing	Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform, with MagNApure 96 DNA Viral Nucleic Acid Small Volume kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions, with in-house addition of internal control) (V7040)
		Amplification: Bio-RAD Dyad DNA engine thermal cycler
		PCR product purification: Cytiva GFX columns, centrifuge
Nucleic acid sequence data	Hepatitis B Virus sequencing- Precore/BCP mutation screen	Analysis and reporting of outsourced nucleic acid sequence data
		Analysis: DNAStar/Seqman/MegAlign Mutation determination: Manual: BioEdit (V7039) Automated: Git and Anaconda (V7497)

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Serum, plasma	HBV sequencing for surface/polymerase region  Nucleic acid extraction for the purpose of referral to specialist centre for sequencing	Sequencing  Method: in-house (V7046, V7039, V7497)  Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform, with MagNApure 96 DNA Viral Nucleic Acid Small Volume kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions, with in-house addition of internal control) (V7040)  Amplification: Bio-RAD Dyad DNA engine
		thermal cycler  PCR product purification: Cytiva GFX columns, centrifuge
Nucleic acid sequence data	HBV sequencing for surface/polymerase region	Analysis and reporting of outsourced nucleic acid sequence data  Analysis: DNAStar/Seqman/MegAlign Mutation determination: Manual: BioEdit (V7039) Automated: Git and Anaconda (V7497)
PHE Central Sequencing Laboratory (CSL)		
Serum, plasma	Quantitative Hepatitis D RNA	Roche MagNA Pure 96 Extraction (V7040) ABI 7500 Real Time PCR system & Altona RealStar RT-PCR assay (V7424)

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Hepatitis E Virus RNA	Real-time PCR. Method: in-house (V6867)
	Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform, with MagNApure 96 DNA Viral Nucleic Acid Small Volume kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions, with in-house addition of internal control) (V7040)
	Amplification/quantification: Applied Biosystems ABI 7500 real time thermal cycler with Qiagen Quantitect probe RT- PCR kit reagents
	Analysis: ABI 7500 software
Anti-HBc	Manual EIA. (V7152) Murex anti-HBc (total) EIA, 8G21-01)
	EIA plate washer (Tecan Columbus or Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Tecan Sunrise)
Anti HBc	Manual EIA (In house) Biorad Monoelisa anti-HBc Plus EIA (V5142)
	plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Tecan Sunrise)
HBsAg	Manual EIA (in-house) Murex HBsAg EIA v3 reagents (V5734)
	plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Tecan Sunrise)
Confirmation HBsAg	Manual EIA. (in-house) Murex HBsAg EIA v3 reagents (V5735)
	plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Tecan Sunrise)
	Measured/Range of measurement  Virology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)  Hepatitis E Virus RNA  Anti-HBc  Anti HBc  HBsAg

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Faeces	Adenovirus (enteric) DNA	Real-time PCR (In-house)
		Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform or Qiasymphony, with MagNApure 96 DNA Viral Nucleic Acid large Volume kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions or Qiasymphony mini virus kit, with in-house addition of internal control) (V7201 Qiasymphony, V7244 MP96)
		Amplification: Reverse transcription on the Applied Biosystem ABI 2720 thermal cycler and life technology master mix and RT enzyme (V7346)
		PCR: Applied Biosystems ABi fast 7500 real time thermal cycler with (V6771)
		Invitrogen platinum qPCR super mix UDG (V7346)
Faeces	Astrovirus RNA	Real-time PCR (in-house).
		Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform V7244 or Qiasymphony, with MagNApure 96 DNA Viral Nucleic Acid large Volume kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions or Qiasymphony mini virus kit V7201, with in-house addition of internal control)
		Amplification:
		Reverse transcription on the Applied Biosystem ABI 2720 thermal cycler and life technology master mix and RT enzyme (V7346)
		PCR: (V6771) Applied Biosystems ABi fast 7500 real time thermal cycler with
		Invitrogen platinum qPCR super mix UDG (V7346)

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Viral isolates, faeces, throat	Enterovirus RNA	Real-time PCR (in-house).
swabs, CSF, EDTA-blood, tissue biopsy		Nucleic acid extraction: Qiasymphony using Qiasymphony mini virus kit V7201, with inhouse addition of internal control (as per manufacturer's instructions)
		Amplification:
		PCR: (V7199) Applied Biosystems ABi fast 7500 real time thermal cycler with
		Invitrogen platinum qPCR super mix UDG
Viral isolates, faeces, throat	Enterovirus Genotyping	Sequencing. (In house)
swabs, CSF, EDTA-blood, tissue biopsy	Nucleic acid extraction for the purpose of referral to specialist centre for sequencing	QIAGEN Qiasymphony nucleic acid extraction platform (V7201) reverse(V7244), reverse transcription (V6895), block thermocycler Biorad T100 Thermocycler, MJ Research PTC-200 Thermocycler, Biorad Tetrad 2. electrophoresis equipment Consort E844 power pack (V5342)
Nucleic acid sequence data	Enterovirus Genotyping	Analysis and reporting of outsourced nucleic acid sequence data
		Data analysis: Bionumerics version 6.1 by Applied Maths
		Genotyping: Enterovirus Typing Tool version 1.0 by RIVM and Blastn suite by NCBI

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Faeces	Norovirus RNA	Real-time PCR (in-house).
		Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform V7244 or Qiasymphony, with MagNApure 96 DNA Viral Nucleic Acid large Volume kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions or Qiasymphony mini virus kit V7201, with in-house addition of internal control)
		Amplification:
		Reverse transcription on the Applied Biosystem ABI 2720 thermal cycler and life technology master mix and RT enzyme (V7346)
		PCR: (V6771) Applied Biosystems ABI fast 7500 real time thermal cycler with
		Invitrogen platinum qPCR super mix UDG (V7346)
Faeces	Norovirus genotyping	Sequencing (in-house)
	Nucleic acid extraction for the purpose of referral to specialist centre for sequencing	Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform V7244 (V6895), block thermocycler Biorad T100 Thermocycler, MJ Research PTC-200 Thermocycler, Biorad Tetrad 2, electrophoresis equipment Consort E844 power pack (V6897)
		Data analysis: Bionumerics version 6.1 by Applied Maths Genotyping: Norovirus Typing Tool version 2.0 by RIVM and Blastn suite by NCBI

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Nucleic acid sequence data	Norovirus genotyping	Analysis and reporting of outsourced nucleic acid sequence data
		Data analysis: Bionumerics version 6.1 by Applied Maths Genotyping: Norovirus Typing Tool version 2.0 by RIVM and Blastn suite by NCBI
Faeces	Rotavirus	Real-time PCR (in-house).
		Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform V7244 or Qiasymphony, with MagNApure 96 DNA Viral Nucleic Acid large Volume kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions or Qiasymphony mini virus kit V7201, with in-house addition of internal control)
		Amplification: Reverse transcription on the Applied Biosystem ABI 2720 thermal cycler and life technology master mix and RT enzyme (V7346)
		PCR: (V6771) Applied Biosystems ABi fast 7500 real time thermal cycler with
		Invitrogen platinum qPCR super mix UDG (V7346)
Faeces	Rotavirus genotyping	Sequencing (in-house)
	Nucleic acid extraction for the purpose of referral to specialist centre for sequencing	QIAGEN QIASYMPHONY nucleic acid extraction platform ( <i>V7201</i> ), , reverse transcription ( <i>V6895</i> ), block thermocycler Biorad T1OO Thermocycler, MJ Research PTC-200 Thermocycler, Biorad Tetrad 2, electrophoresis equipment Consort E844 power pack ( <i>V6897</i> )

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Nucleic acid sequence data	Rotavirus genotyping	Analysis and reporting of outsourced nucleic acid sequence data
		Data analysis: Bionumerics version 6.1 by Applied Maths
		Genotyping: Blastn suite by NCBI
Faeces	Sapovirus DNA	Real-time PCR (in-house).
		Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform V7244 or Qiasymphony, with MagNApure 96 DNA Viral Nucleic Acid large Volume kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions or Qiasymphony mini virus kit V7201, with in-house addition of internal control)
		Amplification:
		Reverse transcription on the Applied Biosystem ABI 2720 thermal cycler and life technology master mix and RT enzyme (V7346)
		PCR: (V6771) Applied Biosystems ABi fast 7500 real time thermal cycler with
		Invitrogen platinum qPCR super mix UDG (V7346)
Viral isolates, faeces, throat	Enterovirus EV-D68	Real-time PCR (in-house).
swabs, CSF, EDTA-blood, tissue biopsy		Nucleic acid extraction: Qiasymphony, with Qiasymphony mini virus kit V7201, with inhouse addition of internal control (as per manufacturer's instructions)
		Amplification: Applied Biosystems ABi fast 7500 real time thermal cycler V7119 with
		Applied Biosystem Taqman fast virus 1 step mastermix

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Skin swabs, scabs, skin lesion curettage, biopsies, faeces, sputum, vomitus, vesicular fluid, bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL), nasal aspirate, cerebral spinal fluid (CSF), serum, plasma, tissue culture supernatants, tissue culture cell extracts	Visualisation and identification of virus particles	Electron microscopy: (In house) Negative staining and direct visualisation using JEOL JEM-1400, 120kV high-contrast transmission electron microscope digital camera for image acquisition Grid preparation: Cressington 208C, high vacuum carbon coater (V5315, V5314)
		Sample preparation: V7149, V6977, V5319, V5320
		Grid examination: V5310, V7194
Genital and oral swabs, liquid based cytology, tissue biopsy, urine	Human Papillomavirus Genotyping	In house method Genotyping (in-house) automated nucleic acid extraction platform (Qiagen Universal Bio Robot), or manual extraction protocol, thermocycler (MJ Research DNA Engine PTC 200), heat block (Techne DB3; Techne DB2A; Eppendorf ThermoStatC, Luminex Bio Rad- BioPlex 200 (V6949)
Serum, plasma, DBS, swab	HPV Pseudovirus-based neutralisation assay	In house method 37 ± 2°C incubator (Thermo Scientific Heracell 150i), centrifuge, ultracentrifuge Plate reader (Promega GloMax, Multi Detection Plate Reader). (V6887)
Serum, plasma, dried blood spot	HPV IgG	Automated Luminex based HPV serology assay using BioRad Bioplex 200 System with HTF (high-throughput fluidics) (V7359)

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Herpes simplex virus type specific (1&2) intrathecal antibody testing.	Manual EIA. Focus Diagnostics HerpeSelect® 1 ELISA IgG assay (V6993)
	ThermoScientific/well wash (Cox scientific Ltd), Biotek 50TS8 washer Tecan Sunrise plate reader (V7361)
Quantification of intrathecal (IgG) antibodies to Herpes simplex virus	EIA. Euroimmun anti-Herpes simplex virus IgG ELISA (V7376) ThermoScientific/well wash (Cox scientific Ltd), Biotek 50TS8 washer Tecan Sunrise plate reader (V7361)
Human Herpesvirus 6 integration studies and genotyping	TaqMan Real Time HHV-6 PCR Altona (V7333)
	<b>Nucleic acid extraction.</b> Biomerieux Easy mag extractor ( <i>V6805</i> )
	Real time PCR. ABI TaqMan 7500 real time PCR system thermal cycler (V7333)
	Actin control PCR Real time PCR: ABI TaqMan 7500 Fast real time PCR System thermal cycler (V5889)
Human Herpesvirus 7 DNA	Block-based PCR. (in-house) Biorad C1000 touch thermal cycler, E-gel apparatus, Gel Doc (V7217)
	<b>Nucleic acid extraction.</b> Biomerieux EasyMag extractor ( <i>V6805</i> )
Measles IgM	Manual EIA. Euroimmun Anti Measles IgM(V7469)
	EIA plate washer Biotek ELx50, plate reader (Tecan Sunrise)
	Wirology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)  Herpes simplex virus type specific (1&2) intrathecal antibody testing.  Quantification of intrathecal (IgG) antibodies to Herpes simplex virus  Human Herpesvirus 6 integration studies and genotyping

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Serum, plasma, oral fluids	Measles IgG / IgM	EIA. Microimmune Measles IgM capture EIA (Clin-Tech Ltd) Microimmune Measles IgG Capture EIA (Clin-Tech Ltd) (V5660)
		Manual:
		EIA plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Tecan Sunrise)
Serum	Measles IgG	Trinity Capita anti-Measles Virus manual ELISA (IgG) (V7414)
Paired serum, CSF	Quantification of Intrathecal(IgG) antibodies to Measles virus	EIA. Euroimmun anti-measles virus IgG (V7376)
		Plate washer ThermoScientific/well wash (Cox scientific Ltd), Biotek 50TS8 Tecan Sunrise plate reader
Oral fluid, mouth swab, throat swab, urine, EDTA whole blood. Tissue samples by prior arrangement	Measles genotyping	Block-based PCR. Biorad C1000 touch thermal cycler, Invitrogen mother E-base E-gel apparatus, Biorad Gel Doc XR+imaging system (V6980)
Nucleic acid sequence data	Measles genotyping	Analysis and reporting of outsourced nucleic acid sequence data Data analysis: Bionumerics version 6.1, produced by Applied Maths
		Genotyping: Maximum Similarity, reference strains defined by WHO
Oral fluids, serum, EDTA whole blood, mouth/throat swabs, urine	Measles RNA	QIAsymphony extraction (V6860) ABI 7500 Real Time PCR system & TaqMan 7500 Fast Measles One Step Real Time PCR assay (V7117)

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Serum, plasma, oral fluid	Mumps IgG / IgM	EIA. Microimmune Mumps IgM capture EIA (Clin-Tech Ltd) (V5658) Microimmune Mumps IgG Capture EIA (Clin-Tech Ltd) (V5631)  Manual:
		EIA plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Tecan Sunrise)
Serum, plasma	Mumps IgG	EIA. Euroimmun anti-Mumps IgG (V7468)
		Manual: EIA plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Tecan Sunrise)
Serum, plasma	Mumps IgG Immunity screening	<b>EIA.</b> Euroimmun anti-Mumps IgG (V7468)
		Manual:
		EIA plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Biotek EL-808)
Oral fluid, Throat swabs, Nasopharyngeal aspirate	Mumps RNA	QIAsymphony extraction (V6860) ABI 7500 Real Time PCR system & TaqMan 7500 Fast Mumps One Step Real Time PCR assay (V7151)
Serum, plasma	Parvovirus IgG/IgM	EIA. Euroimmun Parvovirus B19 IgG EIA (V7344) Euroimmun Parvovirus B19 IgM EIA (V7344)
		Manual: EIA plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Tecan Sunrise)

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Serum, plasma, whole blood, tissue, amniotic fluid	Parvovirus B19 DNA	BioMérieux NucliSENS easyMAG extraction (V6805) ABI 7500 Fast Real Time PCR & Altona RealStar Parvovirus B19 PCR kit (V7436)
CSF, urine, tissue, serum or plasma, EDTA whole blood	Polyomavirus JC DNA	Real time PCR. Altona RealStar real-time PCR ABI TaqMan 7500 Fast real time PCR System thermal cycler V7095) Extraction NucliSENS EasyMag extractor
Oral fluid	Rubella IgM	Manual EIA. Microimmune Rubella IgM capture EIA (Clin-Tech Ltd) (V5632).
		EIA plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Biotek EL-808)
Serum, plasma.	Rubella IgM	<b>EIA</b> Euroimmun Rubella anti—IgM (V7469)
		Manual: EIA plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Biotek EL-808)
Serum, plasma.	Rubella IgG antibody status	<b>EIA</b> Euroimmun anti-Rubella IgG (V7468)
		Manual: EIA plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Tecan Sunrise))
Serum, plasma	Rubella IgG avidity testing	EIA. Euroimmun Rubella IgG avidity (V6884) ThermoScientific/well wash (Cox scientific Ltd), Biotek 05TS8 Plate reader Tecan Sunrise

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Paired Serum/CSF	Quantification of Intrathecal antibodies (IgG) to Rubella virus	EIA Euroimmun IgG ELISA anti Rubella IgG (V7376) ThermoScientific/well wash (Cox scientific Ltd), Biotek 05TS8 Plate reader Tecan Sunrise
Serum, plasma, EDTA whole blood, oral fluid, throat swab,	Rubella RNA detection / genotyping	PCR (in house)
nasopharyngeal aspirate, urine,		Nucleic acid extraction.
CSF, amniotic fluid, frozen placenta tissue, frozen foetal tissue	Nucleic acid extraction for the purposes of referral to specialist centre for sequencing	Nucleic acid extraction: BioMérieux EasyMag automated platform (V6805), with NucliSENS extraction reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions)
		Block-based PCR.
		Detection V5798
		Genotyping V7122
		Biorad C1000 touch thermal cycler, Invitrogen mother E-base E-gel apparatus, Biorad Gel Doc XR+ imaging system(V5798)
Nucleic acid sequence data	Rubella genotyping	Analysis and reporting of outsourced DNA/RNA Sequence data
		Data analysis: Bionumerics version 6.1, produced by Applied Maths
		Genotyping: Maximum Similarity, reference strains defined by WHO
Serum, plasma	Varicella zoster IgG	EIA. VaccZymeTM VZV Glycoprotein IgG Low Level EIA (V5599)
		Manual: ThermoScientific/well wash (Cox scientific Ltd), Biotek 50TS8 Plate reader Tecan Sunrise

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Paired serum, CSF	Quantification of intrathecal antibodies (IgG) to Varicella zoster	<b>EIA.</b> Euroimmun anti-Varicella zoster IgG (V7376)
		Manual: ThermoScientific/well wash (Cox scientific Ltd), Biotek 50TS8 Plate reader Tecan Sunrise
Serum	Varicella zoster IgM	<b>EIA.</b> Biorad Platelia anti VZV IgM (V7356)
		Manual: ThermoScientific/well wash (Cox scientific Ltd), Biotek 50TS8 Plate reader Tecan Sunrise
Plasma, vesicle fluid, oral fluid, human cutaneous and mucocutaneous lesion swabs.	Varicella zoster DNA	Real time PCR. Taqman real time VZV RealStar/Altona qPCR (V7377)
		<b>Nucleic acid extraction.</b> Microbiological safety cabinet class 1 or 2, Biomerieux Easy mag extractor ( <i>V6805</i> )
Oral fluids, dried blood spots	Total IgG	EIA (in house) (V5790) Manual
		EIA plate washer (Tecan Columbus or Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Biotek EL-808)
		Total human IgG coated plates (Clin-Tech Ltd)

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Respiratory secretions, nose	Adenovirus detection/sequencing	Real-time PCR (in house).
swab, throat swab, tissue culture fluid	Nucleic acid extraction for the purposes of referral to specialist centre for sequencing	BioMérieux EMAG automated nucleic acid extraction platform, Rotor-Gene Q real-time thermal cycler (V6921)
		Block-based PCR (in house). BioMérieux NucliSENS easyMAG automated nucleic acid extraction platform, agarose gel tank/Invitrogen E-gel, block-based thermal cycler PCR Max Alpha Cycler (V5376)
Nucleic acid sequence data	Adenovirus sequencing	Analysis and reporting of outsourced nucleic acid sequence data
		Analysis/genotyping: DNAStar (V5376)
Respiratory secretions,	Coronavirus MERS-CoV RNA	Real-time RT-PCR (in house).
including lower respiratory tract secretions e.g. sputum/BAL and upper tract respiratory secretions e.g. nose and throat swabs	detection/confirmation	BioMérieux NucliSENS easyMAG automated nucleic acid extraction platform, ABI TaqMan 7500 Fast Thermal Cycler (V6991)
Upper respiratory samples:	Detection of SARS CoV2 RNA	Real Time RT-PCR triplex (in-house)
nose/throat swabs, and nasopharyngeal aspirates	(ORF1ab/E/IC)	Biomerieux eMag (V7336), EasyMag (V5489), Roche MP96 (V7379) and Perkin Elmer Chemagic extractor (V7390) and amplification using ABI QuantStudio 7 Flex (V7389)

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Upper respiratory samples: Nose/throat swabs Nasopharyngeal aspirates	Determination of SARS-CoV-2 Lineage/Variant	Real Time RT-PCR STP Dragonfly (V7456) Janus Workstation (V7459, V7467) Roche MagNA Pure 96 extraction (V7379) Perkin Elmer Chemagic extraction (V7390) BioMérieux easyMAG extraction (V5489)
		PCRmax Aplha or BioRad Tetrad thermal cycler amplification (V7371)
		Plate preparation for Whole Genome Sequencing & Bioinformatics by separate UKHSA ISO 15189:2012 accredited laboratories
		Analysis and reporting of Lineages/Variants
Combined Nose & Throat swabs, nasopharyngeal aspirates, serum	Seasonal Human Coronaviruses RNA	BioMérieux NucliSENS easyMAG (V7336), Roche MagNApure 96 (V7379), Perkin Elmer Chemagic (V7390) extraction ThermoFisher QuantStudio 7 Flex Real Time PCR system & in-house multiplex Real Time RT-PCR (V7391)
Respiratory secretions, nose and throat swabs, tissue culture fluid	Influenza strain typing	Haemagglutination inhibition by reference ferret serum antibody. (In house). Can be performed manually or automated. using Tecan Freedom Evo-96 channel liquid handling robot (V5397)
Combined Nose & Throat swabs, nasopharyngeal aspirates, culture fluids from virus isolates	Seasonal Influenza RNA	BioMérieux NucliSENS easyMAG (V7336), Perkin Elmer Chemagic (V7390) extraction ThermoFisher QuantStudio 7 Flex Real Time PCR system & in-house multiplex Real Time RT-PCR (V7395)
Combined Nose & Throat swabs, nasopharyngeal aspirates	RSV A, RSV B, hMPV RNA	BioMérieux NucliSENS easyMAG (V7336), Roche MagNApure 96 (V7379), Perkin Elmer Chemagic (V7390) extraction ThermoFisher QuantStudio 7 Flex Real Time PCR system & in-house multiplex Real Time RT-PCR (V7394)

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Respiratory sample in lysis buffer, respiratory secretions, nose and throat swabs, tissue culture fluid	Avian influenza confirmation of H5, H7 or H9 subtype virus	Real-time PCR (in house). BioMérieux NucliSENS easyMAG automated nucleic acid extraction platform. ABI TaqMan 7500 Fast thermal cycler, Qiagen Rotor-Gene Q thermal cycler (V7080,V5394, V7082, V7084, V7019)
Respiratory sample in lysis buffer, respiratory secretions,	Influenza genome sequencing	Block-based PCR and sequencing (in house).
nose and throat swabs, tissue culture fluid	Nucleic acid extraction for the purposes of referral to specialist centre for sequencing	BioMérieux EMAG automated nucleic acid extraction platform, Block-based thermal cycleror PCR Max Alpha Cycler, agarose gel tank/Invitrogen E-Gel, (V7103, V7115)
Nucleic acid sequence data	Influenza genome sequencing	Analysis and reporting of outsourced nucleic acid sequence data
		Analysis and interpretation:
		Data analysis: Mega: BioEdit:
		Bionumerics version 6.1, produced by Applied Maths
Serum, plasma	Anti-HAV IgG/IgM	Automated CMIA. Architect HAVAb-IgG (Abbott Laboratories) Architect HAVAb-IgM (Abbott Laboratories) (V5733)
Serum, plasma	HBsAg	Automated CMIA. Architect HBsAg (Abbott Laboratories) (V5733)
Serum, plasma	HBsAg quantification	Automated CMIA. Architect HBsAg (Abbott Laboratories) (V5733)

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Serum, plasma	HBsAg neutralisation	Manual EIA. Murex HBsAg Confirmatory v 3 (DiaSorin) (V5729)
		Biotek plate washer, Biotek plate reader (V5729)
Serum, plasma	HBeAg	Automated CMIA. Architect HBe (Abbott Laboratories) (V5733)
Serum, plasma	Anti-HBc	Automated CMIA. Architect HBc II (Abbott Laboratories) (V5733)
Serum, plasma	Anti-HBc IgM	Automated CMIA. Architect anti-HBc IgM (Abbott Laboratories) (V5733)
Serum, plasma	Anti-HBs	Automated CMIA. Architect anti-HBs (Abbott Laboratories) (V5733)
Serum, plasma	Anti-HBe	Automated CMIA. Abbott Architect Architect Anti-HBe (Abbott Laboratories) (V5733)
EDTA plasma, serum	HBV DNA viral load	Real-time PCR (in-house)
		Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform V6838, with MagNApure 96 DNA Viral Nucleic Acid Small Volume kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions, with in-house addition of internal control)
		Amplification/quantification: Applied Biosystems ABi Prism 7500 real time thermal cycler (V5764) with Qiagen Quantitect probe kit reagents

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EDTA plasma, serum	HCV confirmation service: antibody testing and HCV viral load	Manual EIAOrtho HCV 3.0 ELISA (Ortho) V5020 Manual DiaPro HCV Antibody Enzyme Immunoassay (V7461) EIA plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Biotek EL-808)
Serum, EDTA plasma	Quantitative Hepatitis C RNA	Roche MagNA Pure 96 Extraction (V6838) ABI 7500 Real Time PCR system & ThermoFisher TaqMan RT-PCR reagents (V5763)
Serum and Plasma	Hepatitis C Virus DAA genotypic resistance  Nucleic acid extraction for the purposes of referral to specialist centre for sequencing	Nucleic acid extraction: BioMérieux EasyMag automated platform, with NucliSENS extraction reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions) (V5489)  Amplification: Applied Biosystems 7500 Fast Real-time PCR System (V7329)
Nucleic acid sequence data	Hepatitis C Virus DAA genotypic resistance	Library clean up: Perkin Elmer Zephyr and Janus systems Quantification of amplicons: Qubit 3.0 Fluorimeter (V7287)  Library Preparation: Perkin Elmer Sciclone G3 NGSx Workstation: Takara SMARTer® Stranded Total RNA-Seq Kit v2 Capture and enrichment using the Twist capture kit with Twist Probes Sequencing (WGS) Illumina MiSeq System

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PHE Central Sequencing Laboratory (CSL)		
Serum, plasma	Hepatitis Delta Virus Anti-HDV IgG	Manual EIA. DiaPro anti-HDV total antibody (V7326)
		EIA plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Tecan Sunrise))
Serum, plasma	Hepatitis Delta Virus Anti-HDV IgM	Manual EIA. Commercial Kit: DiaPro anti-HDV IgM (V7323)
		EIA plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Tecan Sunrise))
Serum, plasma	Hepatitis E Virus Anti-HEV IgG	Manual EIA. Fortress Hepatitis E Virus IgG ELISA (V5901)
		EIA plate washer (Tecan Columbus or Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Biotek EL-808)
Serum, plasma	Hepatitis E Virus Anti-HEV IgM	Manual EIA. Fortress Hepatitis E Virus IgM ELISA (V6769)
		EIA plate washer (Tecan Columbus or Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Biotek EL-808)

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Serum, plasma	HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody confirmation/typing	Antibody confirmation MP Diagnostics HIV Ag/Ab Combo ELISA 4.0 (V7327) -Murex HIV Ag/Ab Combination (DiaSorin) (V5083) Manual EIA.
		EIA plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Tecan Sunrise))
		HIV1 &2 Typing Assay (In house) Method: EIA (V7148)
		EIA plate washer (Biotek ELx50), plate reader (Tecan Sunrise))
		HIV Western Blot
		HIV-1 Genelabs WB
		Manual set up: (V5110)
		Automated set up: (V5110 and V7207) using autoblot Bands read visually compared with kit insert reading chart
Serum and Plasma	HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody confirmation/typing	HIV Multisure Rapid Test for typing HIV1 and 2 (V7263)

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Unseparated blood on EDTA	HIV-1 proviral DNA	Real-time PCR. HIV Proviral DNA (V7180) (V5762) for LTR PCR and V7180 for gag/int PCR
		Nucleic acid extraction: Qiasymphony NA automated platform (V6860), with DSP virus/pathogen midi kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions, with in-house addition of internal control)
		Amplification/quantification: Applied Biosystems ABi Prism 7500 real time thermal cycler with Qiagen QuantiTech Virus RT-PCR mastermix reagents
EDTA plasma, serum	HIV-1 RNA qualitative PCR	Real-time PCR (In house) HIV RNA (V5762)
		Nucleic acid extraction: Qiasymphony NA automated platform V6860, with DSP virus/pathogen mini kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions, with in-house addition of internal control)
		Amplification/quantification: Applied Biosystems ABi Prism 7500 real time thermal cycler with Qiagen QuantiTech Virus RT-PCR mastermix reagents V5762
Unseparated blood on EDTA	Human T-lymphotropic virus (HTLV)	Real-time PCR. (In-house)
		Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform (V6838), with MagNApure 96 DNA Viral Nucleic Acid Mini Volume kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions, with in-house addition of internal control)
		Amplification/quantification: Applied Biosystems ABi Prism 7500 real time thermal cycler with Qiagen Quantitect master mix (V7155)

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Serum, plasma	HTLV-I/II antibody confirmation/typing	Automated CMIA. Architect HTLV I/II (Abbott Laboratories) (V5733)
		HTLV Western Blot
		For typing and confirmation purpose
		MP Diagnostics HTLV Blot 2.4
		Manual Set up (V5120)
		Automated set up (V5120 and V7207) Using Autoblot 3000 V7207 Bands read visually compared with kit insert reading chart
Unseparated blood on EDTA. Other specimens by	Human Herpesvirus 8 quantitation	Real-time PCR (In-House) (V5761)
arrangement (EDTA/serum sample, tissue, pleural fluid		Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform (V6838), with MagNApure 96 DNA Viral Nucleic Acid Mini Volume kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instructions, with in-house addition of internal control)
		Amplification/quantification: Applied Biosystems ABi Prism 7500 real time thermal cycler with Thermo Absolute QPCR ROX master mix V5761
Genital swabs in transport media or dry	Detection of Treponema pallidum DNA	Multiplex Real-time PCR. Detection of Treponema pallidum V7338
		Extraction: Qiagen QiaSymphony Amplification and Quantitation ABI 7500
		V6860
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Rectal, urethral or genital swab, ulcer swab, residual specimen from unprocessed NAAT swab, fresh dry swab	Detection of Chlamydia Trachomatis & LGV Serovars directly from clinical specimens	Multiplex Real-time PCR (In house) (V7185)  Nucleic acid extraction: Roche MP96 automated platform (V6838), with MagNApure 96 DNA Viral Nucleic Acid large Volume kit reagents (as per manufacturer's instruction)  Amplification/quantification: Applied Biosystems ABi Prism 7500 real time with Qiagen Multiplex master mix		
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