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DETAIL OF ACCREDITATION

Materials/Products tested	Type of test/Properties measured/Range of measurement	Standard specifications/ Equipment/Techniques used
HUMAN TISSUES AND FLUIDS Routine samples: Aspirates Fluids Pus Samples from sterile sites Urine Bone Cellular and fluid material contained on swabs, catheter tips and intra-uterine contraceptive devices Genital samples Semen Tissues	<u>Microbiological examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis</u> Isolation of microorganisms of clinical significance	In-house documented procedures following current UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (UK SMIs) Manual inoculation and media culture using: MBSOP 33 MBSOP 21 MBSOP 18 MBSOP 29
Cellular and fluid material contained on swabs	Screening for Methicillin-Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA)	Manual inoculation and media culture using: MBSOP 44
Rectal swab, Faeces and Urine	Screening for Resistant organisms VRE and CPE	Manual inoculation and media culture using: MBSOP 46
Blood Joint fluids	Isolation of microorganisms of clinical significance	Liquid media culture using: MBSOP 52 MESOP 12 and BioMérieux BacTAlert



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HUMAN TISSUE AND FLUIDS (cont'd)	<u>Microbiological examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)</u>	In-house documented procedures following current UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (UK SMIs)
Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)	Detection, identification and quantification (inc. differential) of: White blood cells Red blood cells Bacterial cells	Microscopy & staining (Gram and differential) using: MBSOP 11
CSF	Isolation of microorganisms of clinical significance	Manual inoculation and media culture using: MBSOP 11
Bronchoalveolar lavage Bronchial aspirate, brushings & washings Cellular and fluid material contained on swabs Endotracheal tube specimens Nasopharyngeal aspirate Pleural fluid Sputum	Isolation of microorganisms of clinical significance	Manual inoculation and media culture using: MBSOP 42
Aspirates Fluids CAPD Corneal scrapes Eye (specimens from) Tissues BAL	Detection, identification and quantification of: White blood cells Red blood cells Bacterial cells Yeast cells and fungal hyphae	Staining (inc. Gram) and microscopic examination using: MBSOP 21 MBSOP11 MBSOP52 MBSOP42



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Urine	Detection, identification and quantification of: White blood cells Red blood cells Squamous epithelial cells Bacterial cells Yeasts	Automated urinalysis, and manual examination using: MBSOP 33 and SediMAX contrast (x2) MESOP 50 and/or Manual microscopic examination using: KOVA slides
Urine	Isolation of microorganisms of clinical significance	Manual inoculation and media culture using: MBSOP 33 BG9
Faeces	Isolation of bacterial pathogens: <i>Campylobacter</i> spp. <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157 <i>Salmonella</i> sp. <i>Shigella</i> spp. <i>Vibrio</i> spp. <i>Yersinia</i> spp. <i>Pleisiomonas</i> spp.	Manual inoculation and media culture using: MBSOP59
Hair Nail Skin	Isolation and identification of clinically significant fungi	Manual inoculation, media culture, and macroscopic & microscopic examination using: MBSOP 38
Cultures isolated in-house from all samples listed above	Identification of microorganisms of clinical significance	Manual and/or automated biochemical methods using: Vitek 2- MESOP 24 and Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionisation using: MESOP 32 Vitek MS MalDI-ToF



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Bacterial cultures isolated in-house from all samples listed above	Antimicrobial susceptibility testing of clinically significant bacteria	Manual and/or automated antimicrobial susceptibility testing using the latest Global EUCAST methodology Vitek 2 using in-house procedure MESOP 24 EUCAST Disc diffusion & gradient minimum inhibitory concentration determination using in-house procedure MBSOP 06 and DOC 2689
Female genital tract swabs	Microscopic diagnosis of bacterial vaginosis	Gram stained microscopic examination using: MBSOP 29 Automated staining using Prolab Polystainer as per MESOP39
Faeces	Detection of ova, cysts and parasites (OCP)	Unstained and iodine stained direct microscopic examination and/or Formol-ether faecal concentration and microscopic examination using: MBSOP 59
Faeces	Detection of: <i>Giardia sp</i> <i>Cryptosporidium sp</i> <i>Campylobacter sp</i> <i>Salmonella enterica</i> <i>Shigella sp.</i> <i>E.coli</i> (STEC) <i>C.difficile</i> Toxin B detection	Enteric PCR using: MBSOP78, MBSOP59 and Serosep EntericBio Workstation Roche Lightcycler 480 II
Urine	Detection of <i>Schistosoma haematobium</i> ova	Microscopic examination using in-house procedure: MBSOP 33



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Nose and throat Swabs Faeces Culture isolate suspension	Detection or exclusion of: Influenza A Influenza B Respiratory syncytial virus MRSA CPE VRE Norovirus Difficile Toxin Genes tcdB, cdt and tcdC	Automated Molecular Testing (PCR) using: MBSOP 73 MBSOP 49 MBSOP 71 MBSOP 72 MVSOP 14 MBSOP 70 and: Cepheid GeneXpert
Nose/throat swabs in VTM	Detection of SARS-CoV-2 virus RNA (COVID-19) specific gene sequences: E, N2	Cepheid GeneXpert MBSOP79 Cepheid PCR Xpert® Xpress SARS-CoV-2 (Ref XPRSARS-COV2-10)
Nose/throat swabs Nasal swabs	Detection of: SARS-CoV-2(RdRP, N2 & E gene targets) Influenza A Influenza B RSV	Cepheid GeneXpert (PCR) Xpert Xpress combined Multiplex assay MBSOP84
Faeces	Rotavirus and adenovirus	Immuno-chromatographic assay Coris Combi-strip MVSOP 13
Faeces	Detection of: GDH Toxins A & B	Techlab C.difficile Quik Chek Complete kit Rapid membrane enzyme immunoassay MBSOP70



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Faeces	Helicobacter Antigen	EIA – Dynex DS2 Premier Platinum HpSA Plus MBSOP 09 MESOP 29 ** Documented in house methods to meet the requirements of the Infectious Diseases in pregnancy Screening (IDPS) as defined in the 'NHS Infectious Diseases in Pregnancy Programme: laboratory quality assurance evidence requirements'
Plasma Serum	Microbial serology for: Hepatitis B surface antibody CMV IgM and IgG & avidity Hepatitis A IgG and IgM **Hepatitis B surface antigen Hepatitis C antibody **HIV-1 & HIV-2 Antibodies and HIV-1 p24 Antigen HTLV ab Rubella IgG **Syphilis Total Antibody (IgG & IgM) Toxoplasma IgG Hepatitis B Core total Hepatitis B Core IgM, Anti-Hepatitis B e Antigen Antigen, Hepatitis B e Antigen	Enzyme Immuno-Assay (EIA) Roche Cobas 6000 using: MESOP 30 MVSOP 29 MVSOP 34 MVSOP 04 MVSOP 02 MVSOP 28 MVSOP 05 MVSOP 27 MVSOP 07 MVSOP 15 MVSOP 09 MVSOP02 MBSOP29



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Plasma Serum	Microbial serology for: Measles IgG Varicella Zoster IgG Mycoplasma IgM Parvovirus IgM and IgG Mycoplasma IgM	EIA - Dynex BEST 2000 using: MESOP 09 MVSOP 32 MVSOP 25 MVSOP 30 MVSOP 06 MVSOP 10 DOC 1613 MVSOP25 MVSOP10
Plasma Serum	Microbial serology for: HBsAg Varicella IgG Lymes (Borrelia) IgM and IgG Measles IgG Hepatitis C Ab HIV 1&2	EIA – Biomerieux VIDAS using: DOC1619 MVSOP 02 MVSOP 06 MVSOP 24 MVSOP 30 MVSOP 28 MVSOP 05
Serum/plasma	Syphilis antibody confirmation	Abbott Bioline Manual lateral flow MVSOP 15



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HUMAN TISSUES AND FLUIDS (cont'd) Nose & Throat swabs Nasal swabs	<u>Serological examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis (cont'd)</u> Respiratory pathogens: Adenovirus Coronavirus 229E Coronavirus HKU1 Coronavirus NL63 Coronavirus OC43 Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) Human Metapneumovirus Human Rhinovirus/Enterovirus Influenza A, including subtypes H1, H3 & H1-2009 Influenza B Parainfluenza Virus 1 Parainfluenza Virus 2 Parainfluenza Virus 3 Parainfluenza Virus 4 Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Bordetella parapertussis Bordetella pertussis Chlamydia pneumoniae Mycoplasma pneumonia	In-house documented procedures following current UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (UK SMIs) Biofire filmArray Multiplex PCR MBSOP88
Blood Plasma and Serum	Quantitative detection of β -D-Glucan	Fujifilm Wako test kit and toxinometer MT650 SOP MVSOP 35

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