Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Program

anti-HIV-1 Antibodies in Dried Blood Spots Proficiency Testing Program (HIVPT)

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Report Authorization

This report has been reviewed and authorized by Dr. Joanne Mei, Laboratory Chief, Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Program.

Confidentiality Statement

NSQAP participant information and evaluations are strictly confidential and shared only with individual participants, unless written authorization for release is received.

Introduction

This report summarizes data collected within the specified period for the Quarter 4, 2018, anti-HIV-1 Antibodies in dried blood spots (DBS) PT event. It is distributed to all participants, state laboratory directors, and program colleagues by request. The tables within this report provide certification profiles and distribution information for the HIVPT specimen panel, reported screening methods, confirmatory methods, and final interpretations. An evaluation of your submitted data is attached to this summary.

Certification of PT Specimens

Method and laboratory performance are evaluated by challenging participants with DBS specimens representing HIV-negative and positive serostatuses. Anti-HIV-1 Antibody screening and confirmatory tests should identify all HIV-positive specimens, regardless of subtype. Expected screening and confirmatory results, and final clinical assessments, are provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Expected Results – EIA (OD), Western Blot (Band Detection) and Final Interpretation

EIA – Avioq HIV-1 Microelisa System; Western Blot—Genetic Systems HIV-1 WB (Bio-Rad)

Specimen	OD	gp160	gp120	p65	p55/51	gp41	p40	p31	p24	p18	Final Interpretation
41841	0.106	N	N	N	N	WP	N	N	N	N	Non-reactive (NR)
41842	0.102	N	N	N	N	WP	N	N	N	N	Non-reactive (NR)
41843	0.095	N	N	N	N	WP	N	N	N	N	Non-reactive (NR)
41844	0.090	N	N	N	N	WP	N	N	N	N	Non-reactive (NR)
41845	2.125	P	WP	WP	P	WP	P	P	P	WP	Reactive (R)

Western Blot Band Detection
N = Negative
WP = Weak positive
P = Positive

Distribution of PT Specimens

On September 25, 2018 a PT panel of five individual DBS specimens was distributed to 12 domestic laboratories and 16 international laboratories.

Participant Results

Screening Data

We received data from 22 of the 28 participating laboratories by the designated reporting deadline. Each participant was asked to analyze the specimens for anti-HIV-1 Antibodies with the assay schemes they routinely use. Data submission included screening results, any confirmatory results performed based on presumptive positive screening results, and the analytic methods used for all testing.

Table 2 shows the number of laboratories using enzyme immunoassay (EIA) screening methods/kits both for the primary and secondary methods. Table 3 provides the overall statistics for the screening EIA methods where $N \geq 3$.

Table 2. Number of EIA Screening Methods Reported; Includes Primary and Secondary Methods

Method	Kit Source	Primary*	Secondary
11	In House	2	1
27	Tecnosuma (Cuba) UMELISA HIV 1+2	1	1
40	Avioq HIV-1 Microelisa System	8	2
43	Murex® HIV-1.2.0 Diasorin	2	0
12	Other	5	2
	Total	18	6

*Four laboratories did not report EIA data and reported final interpretations based on a Western Blot confirmatory test.

Table 3. Overall Statistics Screening Method (N≥3)

Method: Avioq HIV-1 Microelisa System (N=8)

Statistics	Specimen 41841	Specimen 41842	Specimen 41843	Specimen 41844	Specimen 41845
Mean	0.119	0.110	0.115	0.115	2.316
SD	0.052	0.045	0.047	0.048	0.196

Confirmatory Data

Eleven laboratories reported using Western Blot (WB) antibody analysis as either a screening or confirmatory method in the detection of anti-HIV-1 antibodies. Table 4 shows the number of laboratories using each WB kit source. Table 5 shows the Reported Frequency of Bands by WB for each of the PT specimens that tested positive.

Table 4. Western Blot Confirmatory Methods Reported

Method	Kit Source	Secondary
16	Genetic Systems HIV-1 WB Kit (Bio-Rad)	5
36	New LAV Blot I (Bio-Rad)	3
42	MP Diagnostics HIV Blot 2.2	2
	Method not reported	1
	Total	11

Table 5. Frequency of Western Blot Bands for Reactive Specimens (All Methods)

Total Number of Laboratories Finding Reactive Bands (14) for Specimen 41845

Interpretation	gp160	gp120	gp66	gp55/51	gp41	p40	p31	p24	p18
Positive	14	8	7	11	5	6	8	14	5
Weak Positive	0	4	4	0	7	3	4	0	4
Negative	0	1	1	3	1	2	1	0	3
Indeterminate	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	2

Final Interpretations

A final interpretation for each specimen must be submitted to receive an evaluation. Table 6 provides the frequency of all participant interpretations.

Table 6. Frequency Distribution of Final Interpretations (22 Laboratories)

Specimen Number	Expected Value	Non-reactive	Reactive	Indeterminate
41841	Non-reactive	22	0	0
41842	Non-reactive	21	0	1
41843	Non-reactive	22	0	0
41844	Non-reactive	22	0	0
41845	Reactive	0	22	0

Evaluations

Overall, participants reported no False-positive and no False-negative results.

Future Shipments

The Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Program will ship next quarter's PT specimens on January 15, 2019.

The content of this report may also be located on our website at:
https://www.cdc.gov/labstandards/nsqap_reports.html

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