



Registration for participation in the External Quality Assurance (EQA) for Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever Virus diagnostics

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the 1st EQA for PCR diagnosis of Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever Virus (CCHFV)

organised by the ENIVD-CLRN. For this evaluation we have selected ca. 12 samples with different CCHF strains

including negative controls.

The samples should be analysed for the presence of CCHF genome preferably also for the genome copy numbers.

All material is thoroughly inactivated by heat treatment and by gamma irradiation. According to the inactivation procedures used, we are sure to provide you with safe and non-biohazard material.

As done before virus was diluted in human plasma before aliquoting and freeze drying.

-- All samples must be resolved by adding 100µl bi.dest. water before use. --

Each laboratory will receive the complete summary of the results in an anonymous way only with the own

laboratory recognisable. This also means that we will deliver the results after we received nearly all results from all participants. As done before we plan to publish the results of this Dengue EQA later on.

In this context I want thank the following laboratories: Bernhard-Nocht-Institut, Institute of Microbiology &

Immunology University of Ljubljana, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control, for providing the material. Without this, EQA would not be possible.

If your laboratory is interested to participate in this EQA we kindly ask you to send your request to the following address: qa.enivd-clrn@enivd.org

clearly stating the name and email address of the contact person, phone number and the post mail address.

If you still have questions do not hesitate to contact us.

Because the preparation and pre-testing of the samples are still in progress it is most likely that the shipment of the samples will start beginning of June. We will inform you when we start with the

shipment

of the samples.

Best regards,

Matthias & Oliver