

HUMAN ANALYSIS CENTRE & CO.

(Department of Laboratory Services)

Root cause analysis of outlier parameter for EQAS performance

EQAS Cycle /17347

Sample No:Round-7

Format No: HAC/FM/87

BIOCHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

Points to be analysis	Check point by lab(Please ✓)			Remarks
	Yes/Follow	NO/NOT Follow (If NO/NOT Follow Remarks is required)	N/A	

A)POINTS TO BE CHECKED BEFORE EQAS SAMPLE RUN				
PRE-ANALYTICAL				
Try to perform the tests as early as possible from the date of receipt of EQAS samples. The lyophilized/stabilized samples should be stored in a refrigerator (2-8°C) until testing. Do not freeze the lyophilized samples.	Followed			
All EQAS samples must be treated in the same Manner as a routine patient specimen	Followed			
Most programs provide lyophilized/stabilized samples. Follow instructions carefully about their constitution and preparation of sample. If exact volume of water is not used for reconstitution, the resulting sample may be more dilute or concentrated. Use of a calibrated volumetric pipette is recommended.	Followed			
Mix gently to avoid frothing . After reconstitution, the sample should be kept at room temperature for the prescribed period of time.	Followed			
The testing should be performed within the recommended period of time after reconstitution. If samples have been reconstituted and left for long periods of time at room temperature, refrigerated or frozen and thawed, the results will become unreliable.	Followed			
ANALYTICAL				
The procedure for testing must be identical to that for all the patient samples. No additional precautions should be performed prior to testing EQA materials except at the preparatory stage. This is because the test is being done to determine the quality of routine procedures being followed in the laboratory (being followed for any random patient sample). For instance if the laboratory repeats the test on the EQA sample whereas routine patients are tested only once then the purpose of participation in EQAS is defeated.	Followed			

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The laboratory using any form of automation should not perform non-routine quality/maintenance procedures on the analyzer prior to testing the FQA material.	Followed			
For laboratory that performs manual testing, it is preferable that the same analyst who carries out the routine testing also performs the proficiency test. If this is not done, then the laboratory will fail to get a true reflection of its practices related to patient specimens.	Followed			
POST ANALYTICAL				
The reporting of EQA result should be in the same manner as used for reporting patient results. Some of the routine laboratory methods of reporting such a reviewing patient's prior results may not apply in these situations.	Followed			
Precautions must be taken to ensure that there are transcription errors.	Followed			
Reconstituted EQA samples should not be stored for future testing as they tend to deteriorate and will not provide accurate results.	Followed			
Lyophilized samples if available may be stored in a refrigerator for up to one year. Prior to use check for the presence of liquid in the vial or discoloration of the pellet. These are Indicators of deterioration. Do not freeze lyophilized specimens.	Followed			
B) A SIMPLE APPROACH WOULD BE TO CLASSIFY THE PROBLEM				
Clerical error				
Transcription error (may be pre or post-analytical factors).	Followed			
Situations where wrong method has been registered for analysis or method change not updated.	Followed			
Methodological problem				
Instrument function checks (e.g., blank readings, pressures) not performed as necessary, or results not within acceptable range.	Checked ok			
Scheduled instrument maintenance not performed appropriately.	Checked ok			
Incorrect instrument calibration.	OK			
Standards or reagents improperly reconstituted and stored or inadvertently used beyond expiration date.	OK			
Instrument probes misaligned.	OK			
Problem with instrument data processing functions. The laboratory may need to contact the manufacturer.	OK			

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To evaluate such problems.				
Problem in manufacture of reagents/standards, or with instrument settings specified by manufacturer.	Followed			
Carry-over from previous specimen.	Followed			
Automatic pipette not calibrated to acceptable precision and accuracy.	Followed			
Imprecision from result being close to detection limit of method.	Followed			
Instrument problem not detected by quality control:	Followed			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QC material not runs within expiration date, or method improperly stored. • QC material not runs at relevant analyte concentration. 				
Result not within reportable range (linearity) for Instrument/reagent system.	Followed			
Obstruction of instrument tubing/orifice by clot or protein.	Followed			
Technical problem				
EQA material improperly reconstituted.	CHECKED			
Testing delayed after reconstitution of EQA material (with problem from evaporation or deterioration).	CHECKED			
Sample not placed in proper order on instrument.	CHECKED			
Result released despite unacceptable QC data.	CHECKED			
QC data within acceptable limits but showed trend suggestive of problem with the assay.	CHECKED			
Inappropriate quality control limits/rules. If the acceptable QC range is too wide, the probability increases that a result will fall within the acceptable QC range yet exceed acceptable limits for EQA.	CHECKED			
Manual pipetting/diluting performed inaccurately, at an incorrect temperature or with incorrect diluents.	CHECKED			
Calculation error or result reported using too few significant digits.	CHECKED			
Secondary specimen tubes incorrectly labeled.	CHECKED			
In addition to above discipline specific errors may also occur.	CHECKED			

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Problem with proficiency testing materials

Matrix effects: The performance of some instrument/ method combinations may be affected by the matrix of the PT sample. This can be overcome to some extent by assessing participants in peer groups-to be done by the PT provider.

Non-homogenous test material due to variability infill volumes, inadequate mixing, or inconsistent heating of lyophilized specimens.

Non-viable samples for microbiology PT program.

Haemolysis on an immune-hematology program samples.

Problem with evaluation of results by the PT provider

Peer group not appropriate.

Inappropriate target value: Target values developed from participant consensus can be inappropriate from non-homogeneous testing material or lingering ("masked") outliers. However, occasional inappropriate target values occur in every PT program. Inappropriate evaluation interval: An evaluation interval may be inappropriately narrow e.g., if ± 2 standard deviation units are used with an extremely precise method, the acceptable range may be much narrower than needed for clinical usefulness.

Incorrect data entry by PT provider.

No explanation after investigation

All identifiable sources of error have been excluded, single unacceptable result may be attributed to random error, particularly when the result of repeat analysis is acceptable. In such cases, no corrective action should be taken; as such an action may actually increase the probability of a future unacceptable result.

After the RCA of this EQAS result it was found that no error occurred and it will follow the same CAPA routinely.

Conclusion and proposed action

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Reviewed By

Corrective Action: NO CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUIRED AS THE RESULTS ARE WITHIN Z SCORE.

Done By LAB TECH.

Date 08.08.2024

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MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT - JULY 2024

LAB NO: 17347

LAB NAME: HUMAN ANALYSIS CENTRE & CO

CONSTITUENT GROUP

Chemistry II

Date of Result Entered: 23/07/2024

Date of Result Published: 08/08/2024

PT Item: Lyophilized human serum based

S. No.	Analyte	Method / Principle	Analyser	No. of Participants	AV	Participants		Your Value	Z Score	u*
						CV	SDPA			
1	GLUCOSE II	GOD-POD II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1863	159.64	11.11	17.73	169 mg/dL	0.53	0.82
2	UREA II	Urease UV / GLDH II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1341	56.68	13.56	7.69	71 mg/dL	1.86	0.42
3	CREATININE II	Jaffes Kinetic-Alkaline Picrate II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1394	2.91	12.65	0.37	2.9 mg/dL	-0.03	0.02
4	T.BILIRUBIN II	Diazonium Salt (Colorimetric) / Jendrassik II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1670	3.9	18.38	0.72	3.9 mg/dL	0	0.04
5	T-PROTEIN II	Biuret - Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1500	5.52	10.7	0.59	6.7 g/dL	2	0.03
6	ALBUMIN II	BCG - Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1459	3.3	10.15	0.34	3.5 g/dL	0.59	0.02
7	URIC ACID II	Enzymatic / Uricase Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1671	7.05	14.79	1.04	6.6 mg/dL	-0.43	0.05
8	CHOLESTROL II	CHOD-PAP II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1829	119.63	12.35	14.77	98 mg/dL	-1.46	0.69
9	TRIGLYCERIDE II	GPO-PAP / Enzymatic Colorimetric / End Point II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1634	115.23	16.87	19.44	82 mg/dL	-1.71	0.96



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MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT - JUNE 2024

LAB NO: 17347

LAB NAME: HUMAN ANALYSIS CENTRE & CO

CONSTITUENT GROUP

Chemistry II

Date of Result Entered: 20/06/2024

Date of Result Published: 27/06/2024

PT Item: Lyophilized human serum based

S. No.	Analyte	Method / Principle	Analyser	No. of Participants	AV	Participants		Your Value	Z Score	u*
						CV	SDPA			
1	GLUCOSE II	GOD-POD II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1689	258.68	9.56	24.72	297 mg/dL	1.55	1.2
2	UREA II	Urease UV / GLDH II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1215	102.06	12.93	13.2	98 mg/dL	-0.31	0.76
3	CREATININE II	Jaffes Kinetic-Alkaline Picrate II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1302	4.08	12.64	0.52	4.4 mg/dL	0.62	0.03
4	T.BILIRUBIN II	Diazonium Salt (Colorimetric) / Jendrassik II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1397	2.3	18.45	0.42	2.5 mg/dL	0.48	0.02
5	T-PROTEIN II	Biuret - Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1439	5.27	10.52	0.55	5.9 g/dL	1.15	0.03
6	ALBUMIN II	BCG - Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1379	3.19	9.79	0.31	3.3 g/dL	0.35	0.02
7	URIC ACID II	Enzymatic / Uricase Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1563	6.22	14.8	0.92	6.1 mg/dL	-0.13	0.05
8	CHOLESTROL II	CHOD-PAP II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1666	108.42	11.01	11.94	102 mg/dL	-0.54	0.59
9	TRIGLYCERIDE II	GPO-PAP / Enzymatic Colorimetric / End Point II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1430	173.75	11.61	20.18	153 mg/dL	-1.03	1.07



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MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT - MAY 2024

LAB NO: 17347

CONSTITUENT GROUP

Chemistry II

Date of Result Entered: 21/05/2024

PT Item: Lyophilized human serum based

Date of Result Published: 30/05/2024

S. No.	Analyte	Method / Principle	Analyser	No. of Participants	AV	Participants CV	SDPA	Your Value	Z Score	u*
1	GLUCOSE II	GOD-POD II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1744	127.17	9.22	11.72	131 mg/dL	0.33	0.56
2	UREA II	Urease UV / GLDH II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1258	74.7	13.84	10.34	62 mg/dL	-1.23	0.58
3	CREATININE II	Jaffes Kinetic-Alkaline Picrate II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1323	1.8	13.34	0.24	1.7 mg/dL	-0.42	0.01
4	T.BILIRUBIN II	Diazonium Salt (Colorimetric) / Jendrassik II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1455	3.44	15.69	0.54	1.9 mg/dL	-2.85	0.03
5	T-PROTEIN II	Biuret - Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1414	5.27	10.05	0.53	5.7 g/dL	0.81	0.03
6	ALBUMIN II	BCG - Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1396	3.22	9.51	0.31	3.4 g/dL	0.58	0.02
7	URIC ACID II	Enzymatic / Uricase Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1562	4.76	19.82	0.94	3.7 mg/dL	-1.13	0.05
8	CHOLESTROL II	CHOD-PAP II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1689	112.28	10.99	12.34	88 mg/dL	-1.97	0.6
9	TRIGLYCERIDE II	GPO-PAP / Enzymatic Colorimetric / End Point II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1501	95.35	18	17.17	65 mg/dL	-1.77	0.89



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MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT - APRIL 2024

LAB NO: 17347

LAB NAME: HUMAN ANALYSIS CENTRE & CO

CONSTITUENT GROUP

Chemistry II

Date of Result Entered: 20/04/2024

Date of Result Published: 08/05/2024

PT Item: Lyophilized human serum based

S. No.	Analyte	Method / Principle	Analyser	No. of Participants	AV	Participants		Your Value	Z Score	u*
						CV	SDPA			
1	GLUCOSE II	GOD-POD II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1687	204.86	9.48	19.41	172 mg/dL	-1.69	0.95
2	UREA II	Urease UV / GLDH II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1184	36.72	11.85	4.35	83 mg/dL	10.64	0.25
3	CREATININE II	Jaffes Kinetic-Alkaline Picrate II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1310	3.59	12.77	0.46	3.2 mg/dL	-0.85	0.03
4	T.BILIRUBIN II	Diazonium Salt (Colorimetric) / Jendrassik II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1477	5.85	14.57	0.85	5.06 mg/dL	-0.93	0.04
5	T-PROTEIN II	Biuret - Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1415	5.38	10.36	0.56	6.4 g/dL	1.82	0.03
6	ALBUMIN II	BCG - Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1388	3.23	9.87	0.32	3 g/dL	-0.72	0.02
7	URIC ACID II	Enzymatic / Uricase Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1522	6.77	14.81	1	5.4 mg/dL	-1.37	0.05
8	CHOLESTROL II	CHOD-PAP II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1705	112.26	12.27	13.78	88 mg/dL	-1.76	0.67
9	TRIGLYCERIDE II	GPO-PAP / Enzymatic Colorimetric / End Point II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1472	314.39	13.86	43.57	246 mg/dL	-1.57	2.27



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MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT - MARCH 2024

LAB NO: 17347

CONSTITUENT GROUP

Chemistry II

Date of Result Entered: 21/03/2024

Date of Result Published: 06/04/2024

PT Item: Lyophilized human serum based

S. No.	Analyte	Method / Principle	Analyser	No. of Participants	AV	Participants		Your Value	Z Score	u*
						CV	SDPA			
1	GLUCOSE II	GOD-POD II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1640	385.53	10.46	40.34	328 mg/dL	-1.43	1.99
2	UREA II	Urease UV / GLDH II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1166	64.17	12.02	7.71	52 mg/dL	-1.58	0.45
3	CREATININE II	Jaffes Kinetic-Alkaline Picrate II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1233	6.66	11.71	0.78	5.9 mg/dL	-0.97	0.04
4	T.BILIRUBIN II	Diazonium Salt (Colorimetric) / Jendrassik II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1435	2.6	16.3	0.42	1.81 mg/dL	-1.88	0.02
5	T-PROTEIN II	Biuret - Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1251	4.33	12.37	0.54	3.2 g/dL	-2.09	0.03
6	ALBUMIN II	BCG - Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1285	2.65	11.67	0.31	2.5 g/dL	-0.48	0.02
7	URIC ACID II	Enzymatic / Uricase Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1238	4.3	14.99	0.64	2.8 mg/dL	-2.34	0.04
8	CHOLESTROL II	CHOD-PAP II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1453	90.3	11.84	10.69	87 mg/dL	-0.31	0.56
9	TRIGLYCERIDE II	GPO-PAP / Enzymatic Colorimetric / End Point II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1296	81.75	17.62	14.41	63 mg/dL	-1.3	0.8



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MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT - FEBRUARY 2024

LAB NO: 17347

LAB NAME: HUMAN ANALYSIS CENTRE & CO

CONSTITUENT GROUP

Chemistry II

Date of Result Entered: 22/02/2024

Date of Result Published: 05/03/2024

PT Item: Lyophilized human serum based

S. No.	Analyte	Method / Principle	Analyser	No. of Participants	AV	Participants		Your Value	Z Score	u'
						CV	SDPA			
1	GLUCOSE II	GOD-POD II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1627	96.57	9.21	8.9	86 mg/dL	-1.19	0.44
2	UREA II	Urease UV / GLDH II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1168	26.64	15.95	4.25	39 mg/dL	2.91	0.25
3	CREATININE II	Jaffes Kinetic-Alkaline Picrate II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1273	2.26	12.99	0.29	1.8 mg/dL	-1.59	0.02
4	T.BILIRUBIN II	Diazonium Salt (Colorimetric) / Jendrassik II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1130	1.76	16.01	0.28	1.04 mg/dL	-2.57	0.02
5	T-PROTEIN II	Biuret - Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1322	5.99	9.6	0.57	4.8 g/dL	-2.09	0.03
6	ALBUMIN II	BCG - Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1294	3.61	9.21	0.33	3.4 g/dL	-0.64	0.02
7	URIC ACID II	Enzymatic / Uricase Colorimetric II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1499	5.37	17.7	0.95	3.6 mg/dL	-1.86	0.05
8	CHOLESTROL II	CHOD-PAP II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1685	125.93	11.88	14.96	89 mg/dL	-2.47	0.73
9	TRIGLYCERIDE II	GPO-PAP / Enzymatic Colorimetric / End Point II	Any Analyser (Automation / Semi Automation)	1488	159.25	13.19	21.01	110 mg/dL	-2.34	1.09