

2018 External Quality Assurance (EQA) Program for Neonatal G6PD Screening Test

I. Introduction

Preventive Medicine Foundation Quality Assurance Program Center (PMF QAP Center) has been providing "EQA Program for Neonatal Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase (G6PD) Screening Test" using dried blood spot samples for newborn screening centers since 1999. This EQA program has been officially accredited by Taiwan Accreditation Foundation (TAF) for conformity to ISO/IEC 17043:2010 since 2017. More than 50 screening laboratories (including 5 reagent manufacturers) from 15 countries (AU, CH, CN, DE, FI, GR, IN, LB, MX, PH, TH, TR, TW, US, and VN) have participated in the EQA program at present time.

II. General information

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3. Eligibility criteria for participation

- a) Newborn screening centers designated by Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan ;
- b) Overseas newborn screening laboratories.

4. Schedule for 2018

Four EQA surveys for G6PD screening test are scheduled in 2018 (10 QC samples per survey).

No.	Survey No	Scheduled Survey Starting Date *	Scheduled Reporting Deadline* (Domestic)	Scheduled Reporting Deadline* (Overseas)
1	NS2018-01	02/26	03/01	03/07
2	NS2018-02	04/23	04/26	05/02
3	NS2018-03	07/16	07/19	07/25
4	NS2018-04	10/15	10/18	10/24

* Date: Month/Day

5. QC samples

- a) The QC samples were prepared by spotting human whole blood (no extra G6PD added) on Whatman 903 filter paper ("UNION" Newborn Screening Quality Control Material, Medical Device Registration No.: MOHW-MD-(I)-No.004754) ;
- b) Analyte : G6PD (report the decision : "Positive" or "Negative")
- c) The G6PD activity of the QC samples conforms to the test range required for neonatal screening;
- d) All of the QC samples have been tested and were found negative for HBsAg, Anti-HCV, STS (RPR), HIV-1/HIV-2 Ag/Ab, HIV p24 antigen, and Anti-HTLV. However, presence of these or other infectious agents cannot be excluded absolutely and therefore the QC samples should be treated as potential biohazards in use and for disposal ;

- e) The homogeneity and stability of QC samples conform to the requirements of ISO17043:2010.
6. Requirements of G6PD screening test used by participants
 - a) Using dry blood spots collected on filter paper as test samples ;
 - b) Using cut-off values for newborns ;
 - c) Both qualitative and quantitative methodologies are accepted.
 7. Result analysis

Consensus results of decisions ("Positive" or "Negative") made by participants will be analyzed.
 8. Assigned value

The assigned value will be the consensus decision from more than 75% participants.
 9. Evaluation criteria
 - 9.1 The evaluation criteria for measurement result of "each QC sample "
 - a) Acceptable : Neither False Positive (FP) nor False Negative (FN);
 - b) Unsatisfactory : False Positive (FP) or False Negative (FN).
 - 9.2 The performance evaluation criteria for participant survey report
 - a) Acceptable: all results are acceptable;
 - b) Acceptable with caution: only one result is unsatisfactory;
 - c) Unsatisfactory: more than one result are unsatisfactory.
 10. Reports provided by PMF QAP center
 - a) Summary Report of EQA Survey for Neonatal G6PD Screening Test ;
 - b) Participant Report of EQA Survey for Neonatal G6PD Screening Test ;
 - c) Summary Report of EQA Survey on website ;
 - d) Annual report.
 11. Confidentiality

The participant (individual laboratory) report is confidential, and will only be released to individual laboratory and the authority concerned. Every participant is shown by its unit code on the disclosed summary reports of EQA Surveys.

12. Delivery and reissue of the QC samples

- 12.1 QC samples will be sent by express delivery (e.g. FedEx, UPS, DHL etc.).
- 12.2 When dirt on the dry blood spots of the QC samples is found, take a photo of the QC samples and email to QAP center immediately. The QAP center will re-send the QC samples as soon as possible.
- 12.3 The reporting deadline will not be extended for those QC samples re-sent, the result need to be reported in time.

13. Proof of participation

13.1 Proof of participation letter

- a) "Proof of Participation Letter " is issued annually ;
- b) All participants will receive this letter to prove that they have participated in which survey(s) of the year and reported results in time.

13.2 Certificate of participation

- a) "Certificate of Participation" is issued annually ;
- b) The certificate is issued to whom has participated in all the surveys of the year and reported results in time ;
- c) If the participates already have a certificate from previous year, an annual certification label will be issued only.



14. Application for participation

To apply "2018 External Quality Assurance (EQA) Program for Neonatal G6PD Screening Test" , please download the application form from our website, or contact us to request the application form. Participants who have already enrolled before 2018 do not need to apply again

15. Charge

This program is free of charge for all the participating laboratories in 2018. But the commercial laboratories need to pay the sample shipping fee to couriers.

16. Complain and suggestion

16.1 Participants or related parties may make a complaint or suggestion to PMF QAP center regarding the EQA programs or the services provided by PMF QAP center.

16.2 If you are dissatisfied with our service and would like to make a complaint or suggestion, you may call us on: +886-2-27036080. Alternatively you may send us your comments and complaints via email < g6pd@g6pd.tw > or Fax (+886-2-27036070). Anonymous complaints will not be considered.

17. Appeal

17.1 Participants may appeal against the evaluations of EQA surveys to PMF QAP center within 30 days after received the EQA survey reports.

17.2 A formal appeal must be submitted in written form (with contact information) within 30 days after received the EQA survey reports. Anonymous appeals will not be considered. The formal written appeal may be submitted via email < g6pd@g6pd.tw > or Fax (+886-2-27036070) to PMF QAP center.

18. Changes of data or information

If participants would like to change data or institution information, please download the application form on our website, or contact us to request the application form.