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Locations covered by the organisation and their relevant activities

Laboratory locations:

Location details	Activity	Location code
Address UK Health Security Agency – Culture Collections Porton Down Salisbury Wiltshire SP4 0JG	Local contact Pratima Mahajan Contact details as above	Quality Management activities Testing A
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DETAIL OF ACCREDITATION

Materials/Products tested	Type of test/Properties measured/Range of measurement	Standard specifications/ Equipment/Techniques used	Location Code
Cell lines (growing and frozen cultures)	<u>Authentication Tests:</u>		
	Mycoplasma (contamination)	SOP ECC146 by culture isolation	A
	Mycoplasma (contamination)	SOP ECC137 by indirect Hoechst stain	A
	Mycoplasma (contamination)	SOP ECC193 by in-house real-time qPCR using GeneJET™ Genomic DNA Purification Kit for extraction and visualisation using the Brilliant III Ultra-Fast qPCR Master Mix on the QuantStudio 7	A
	Bacteria and Fungi	SOP ECC148 by turbidity using Fluid Thioglycollate Medium (FTM) at 32°C and Tryptone Soya Broth (TSB) at 22°C for up to 14days	A
Cell lines (growing and frozen cultures)	Viability and Cell Count	SOP ECC76 using Chemometec Nucleocounter NC-3000	A
Cell lines (growing and frozen cultures)	Antibody Isotyping	SOP ECC121 using rapid device immunochromatograms: Bio-Rad Rat and Mouse hybridoma cell lines	A
Microbiological reference cultures and culture derivatives	<u>Microbiological and Biochemical Characterisation Tests</u>		
NCTC freeze-dried bacterial cultures in glass ampoules	Catalase test	SOP N-2107 based on BSOPTP8 Standards for Microbiology Investigations	B
	Coagulase test	SOP N-2156 based on BSOPTP10 Standards for Microbiology Investigations	B



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Microbiological reference cultures and culture derivatives (cont'd) (<i>Haemophilus</i> spp. only)	<u>Microbiological and Biochemical Characterisation Tests (cont'd)</u>		
	Oxidase test	SOP N-2132 based on BSOPTP26 Standards for Microbiology Investigations	B
	Motility test	SOP N-2126 based on BSOPTP21 Standards for Microbiology Investigations	B
	Gram stain reaction	SOP N-2116	B
	X + V factor	SOP N2847 based on SMITP38, (UK Standards for Microbiology Investigation Test Procedure), issue 4	B
	Identification by protein profiling	SOP N-2849 using MALDI TOF	B
MICROBIOLOGY CULTURE MEDIA-including solutions and supplements, as specified Liquid and solid agar media for enumeration or detection and diagnostic media	<u>Media Performance Testing, Microbiological and Physical Tests</u>		
	Evaluation of growth promotion. Productivity and selectivity	SOP N2908 and N2909 quantitative evaluation and qualitative growth check using drop inoculum technique, visual assessment and evaluation of differential/ biochemical reactions	B
	Contamination check	SOP N2910 visual assessment after incubation	B
	pH	SOP N2903 Measurement using pH meter	



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MICROBIOLOGY CULTURE MEDIA-including solutions and supplements, as specified (cont'd)	<u>Media Performance Testing, Microbiological and Physical Tests (cont'd)</u>		
Diluents (MRD and swab resuscitation medium), solutions and supplements for use in enumeration procedures	Maintenance of Viability	SOP N2909 quantitative evaluation of viability maintenance in diluents over a holding time of 45mins to 1h at 20°C to 25°C	B
Diluents (MRD and swab resuscitation medium), solutions for use in enumeration procedures	Contamination check	SOP N2910 visual assessment after incubation	B
	pH	SOP N2903 Measurement using pH meter	B
	Fill volume determination	SOP N2906 gravimetric check	B
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