

## Survey for HCG

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## Instructions for Use

### Notes:

The usual precautions in the laboratory for potential hazardous samples apply for these samples. The blood donations used for production were found to be non-reactive for HBsAg, anti-HIV 1/2 and anti-HCV.

Various tasks of the proficiency testing scheme may occasionally be given over to qualified subcontractors. However, ESfEQA is responsible to the participants for the subcontractor's work.

Results from sample analysis may only be disclosed to colleagues from other laboratories after the testing period has been concluded.

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### 1. Intended Use

The samples are intended for use as qualitative control material for External Quality Assessment (EQA) in medical laboratories for the following analyte:

hCG qualitative

### 2. Product Description

The samples are lyophilized material based on human plasma.

### 3. Storage and Stability

The samples should be stored upright at 2-8 °C. They are stable at least until the deadline for data submission as indicated below.

After reconstitution, the samples are stable in tightly recapped vials for 10 days at 2-8 °C.

### 4. Sample Preparation and Analysis

Remove the screw cap from the vial and pipette exactly 3 ml of distilled or deionized water to the lyophilisate. Keep the control sample for about 30 minutes at rest in a light-protected place, then gently agitate the vial occasionally until the lyophilisate is completely dissolved.

Samples should be treated the same way as patient samples and run in accordance with the instructions of the instrument and reagent manufacturer.

### 5. Dates and Submission of Test Results

Testing Periods: Please refer to the sample labels. Results can be submitted anytime within the testing period indicated on the sample labels.

Please submit your results electronically to ESfEQA at <https://teqa.esfeqa.eu>.

Contact your local distributor of ESfEQA programs or ESfEQA directly if you need assistance with registration in TEQA. Alternatively, though not preferred, use the result form provided on the ESfEQA website. In both cases indicate the instrument and method used for the analysis of the samples.

### 6. Deadline for Data Submission

The deadlines for submitting results are indicated on the sample labels (time zone GMT +1).

### 7. Reports and Certificates

The data will be evaluated by ESfEQA. The individual laboratory reports and certificates can be retrieved online at <https://teqa.esfeqa.eu>.