

15 October 2024

Dear SmartSpot Quality EQA Participant

Re: Participation in SmartSpot Quality External Quality Assessment (EQA) Program 2025

To SmartSpot's returning customers, thank you for participating in one or more of SmartSpot Quality's EQA programs in **2024**. To SmartSpot's new customers, SmartSpot looks forward to welcoming you to its EQA community.

SmartSpot Quality is a proudly ISO/IEC 17043:2010 accredited Proficiency Testing Schemes Provider. The scope of accreditation currently includes the following EQA, Validation and Verification programs:

<i>Mycobacterium Tuberculosis (MTB)</i>	<i>SARS-CoV-2</i>
<i>TB LAM (Ag)</i>	<i>SARS-CoV-2 / Flu / RSV</i>
<i>HBV Viral Load</i>	<i>Clostridioides Difficile</i>
<i>HCV Viral Load & HCV Fingertstick Viral Load</i>	<i>CT/NG</i>
<i>HIV Viral Load</i>	<i>MRSA</i>
<i>HIV Qualitative</i>	<i>Syphilis</i>
<i>HPV</i>	

SmartSpot views the continued expansion of its scope of accreditation as an opportunity to further enhance its services horizontally and vertically within a framework that ensures quality as it scales its reach and impact. The net effect boosts value for each of SmartSpot's customers and stakeholders, including everyone in a wider global quality control network and community.

Below please find:

1. A summary of **new SmartSpot Quality Control Programs** and their estimated timeline for assessment for inclusion in SmartSpot Quality's ISO/IEC 17043:2010 Scope of Accreditation.
2. The **Submission Schedule for SmartSpot's 2025 EQA Programs** (Page 2 & 3 below).

Note: Shipments are dispatched one week prior to the opening submission date for each cycle. For programs where controls are long term stable, all 3 panels may be shipped ahead of the first EQA Cycle.

NEW PROFICIENCY TEST PROGRAM	ACCREDITATION STATUS	EXPECTED ASSESSMENT DATE FOR ACCREDITATION
CD4	Pilot Program scheduled to begin on 21 October 2024	02 December 2024
TV	Pilot Program completed	02 December 2024
MG	Pilot Program scheduled to begin in December 2024	March 2025
NGS	Pilot Program scheduled to begin in December 2024	March 2025

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**ISO/IEC 17043:2010 Accredited Programs:
 2025 EQA Submission Schedule**

Molecular MDR MTB (fit for Xpert MTB/RIF, MTB/RIF Ultra, MTBC LAMP, Abbott RealTime MTB and MTB RIF/INH TrueNat MTB/RIF and Roche Cobas MTB RIF/INH)*					Molecular SARS-CoV-2 (fit for Xpert, Molbio, ThermoFisher, Abbott, Roche, Accula Dock, Bioer, Biorad)				
1 st Day of submission		Last day of submission		1st Day of submission		Last day of submission			
Cycle 1:	15 March 2025	15 April 2025	15 April 2025	10 May 2025	31 May 2025	10 May 2025	31 May 2025		
Cycle 2:	15 July 2025	15 August 2025	15 August 2025	10 August 2025	31 August 2025	10 August 2025	31 August 2025		
Cycle 3:	15 October 2025	15 November 2025	15 November 2025	10 November 2025	30 November 2025	10 November 2025	30 November 2025		
Molecular XDR & Bruker MDR MTB (fit for Xpert MTB/XDR, Genotype MTBDR _{plus} and MTBDR _s ; FluoroType MTBDR)*				Molecular SCoV2/ Flu A/ Flu B/ RSV (fit for Xpert, Abbott, CDC Multiplex, Respi+)*					
1st Day of submission		Last day of submission		1st Day of Submission		Last day of submission			
Cycle 1:	1 April 2025	30 April 2025	30 April 2025	10 May 2025	31 May 2025	10 May 2025	31 May 2025		
Cycle 2:	1 August 2025	31 August 2025	31 August 2025	10 August 2025	31 August 2025	10 August 2025	31 August 2025		
Cycle 3:	1 November 2025	30 November 2025	30 November 2025	10 November 2025	30 November 2025	10 November 2025	30 November 2025		
HIV Qualitative and Quantitative (fit for Xpert, Roche, Abbott, Hologic, Biomerieux)*				Molecular MRSA (fit for Xpert assays)*					
1st Day of submission		Last day of submission		1st Day of Submission		Last day of submission			
Cycle 1:	1 May 2025	21 May 2025	21 May 2025	10 May 2025	31 May 2025	10 May 2025	31 May 2025		
Cycle 2:	1 August 2025	21 August 2025	21 August 2025	10 August 2025	31 August 2025	10 August 2025	31 August 2025		
Cycle 3:	1 November 2025	21 November 2025	21 November 2025	10 November 2025	30 November 2025	10 November 2025	30 November 2025		
HBV Qualitative and Quantitative (fit for Xpert, Roche, Abbott) *				Molecular HPV (fit for Xpert, Abbott, Atila BioSystems) *					
1st Day of submission		Last day of submission		1st Day of submission		Last day of submission			
Cycle 1:	1 May 2025	21 May 2025	21 May 2025	1 March 2025	31 March 2025	1 March 2025	31 March 2025		
Cycle 2:	1 August 2025	21 August 2025	21 August 2025	1 July 2025	31 July 2025	1 July 2025	31 July 2025		
Cycle 3:	1 November 2025	21 November 2025	21 November 2025	1 October 2025	31 October 2025	1 October 2025	31 October 2025		
HCV Qualitative and Quantitative (fit for Xpert, Roche, Abbott) *				Molecular CT/NG (fit for Xpert, Abbott, QuantStudio)*					
1st Day of Submission		Last Day of Submission		1st Day of Submission		Last Day of Submission			
Cycle 1:	1 May 2025	21 May 2025	21 May 2025	15 March 2025	15 April 2025	15 March 2025	15 April 2025		
Cycle 2:	1 August 2025	21 August 2025	21 August 2025	15 July 2025	15 August 2025	15 July 2025	15 August 2025		
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	TB Antigen (fit for Determine LAM, PathFast) *		Rapid Syphilis (fit for lateral flow tests)*	
	1st Day of Submission	Last Day of Submission	1st Day of Submission	Last Day of Submission
	Cycle 1:	15 April 2025	6 May 2025	15 April 2025
Cycle 2:	15 August 2025	6 September 2025	15 August 2025	6 September 2025
Cycle 3:	15 November 2025	6 December 2025	15 November 2025	6 December 2025

*For other assays, please enquire at info@SmartSpotQ.com

Pre-accreditation[†] Programs: 2025 EQA Submission Schedule

	CD4 (fit for Visitect)*		TV (fit for Xpert)*	
	1st Day of Submission	Last Day of Submission	1st Day of Submission	Last Day of Submission
	Cycle 1:	15 April 2025	6 May 2025	1 March 2025
Cycle 2:	15 August 2025	6 September 2025	1 July 2025	31 July 2025
Cycle 3:	15 November 2025	6 December 2025	1 October 2025	31 October 2025

[†] Scheduled for assessment by SANAS in December 2024 which is routinely followed by a finalization period expected to be concluded 1 February 2025.

*For other assays, please enquire at info@SmartSpotQ.com

Pilot[†] Programs: 2025 EQA Submission Schedule

	MG (fit for SpeeDx assays)*		NGS (MDR & XDR TB)	
	1st Day of submission	Last Day of Submission	1st Day of submission	Last Day of Submission
	Cycle 1:	1 March 2025	31 March 2025	1 April 2025
Cycle 2:	1 July 2025	31 July 2025	1 August 2025	31 August 2025
Cycle 3:	1 October 2025	31 October 2025	1 November 2025	30 November 2025

[†]SmartSpot is recruiting laboratories to participate in EQA Programs for newly developed Quality Controls.

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Enrolment

Please follow the steps below to confirm participation in SmartSpot's **2025** EQA Program:

- Complete Product Requirement Forms by completing the online request form at <https://SSQmonitor.com/ProductInfo>.
- SmartSpot Quality will send a quotation for approval.
- Confirm participation by providing SmartSpot Quality with a signed quotation or a purchase order.
- For support related to obtaining a quotation, please email Orders@SmartSpotQ.com.
- For technical queries, please email info@SSQmonitor.com.

Early Bird Discounts

- Order confirmation by 1 December 2024 - **20% discount on shipping fees**
- Proof of Payment for Order by 15 December 2024 – **further 30% on shipping fees**

Enrolment Cutt-off dates

- **EQA** - 24th January 2025.
After this date, please feel free to enquire and SmartSpot will do its best to accommodate late enrolment.
- **Verification and Validation** - open all year round.

All the best for **2025!**

Yours Sincerely,

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