

24 June 2024  
(Updated)

Dear SmartSpot Quality EQA Participant

**Re: Participation in SmartSpot Quality External Quality Assessment (EQA) Program 2024**

To SmartSpot's returning customers, thank you for participating in one or more of SmartSpot Quality's EQA programs in **2023**. 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 the accreditation currently includes the following EQA and Verification programs:

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

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 inclusion in SmartSpot Quality's ISO/IEC 17043:2010 Scope of Accreditation.
2. The **Submission Schedule for SmartSpot's 2024 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 DATE FOR INCLUSION IN SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION
CD4	Pilot Programs scheduled to begin on 1 August 2024	01 October 2024

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**ISO/IEC 17043:2010 Accredited Programs:  
 2024 EQA Submission Schedule**

<b>Molecular MDR MTB</b> (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)*					<b>HIV Qualitative and Quantitative</b> (fit for Xpert®, Roche®, Abbott®, Hologic®, Biomerieux®)*				
1 <sup>st</sup> Day of submission		Last day of submission		1 <sup>st</sup> Day of submission		Last day of submission			
Cycle 1:	15 March 2024	15 April 2024	15 April 2024	13 May 2024	31 May 2024	31 May 2024	31 May 2024		
Cycle 2:	15 July 2024	15 August 2024	15 August 2024	1 August 2024	21 August 2024	21 August 2024	21 August 2024		
Cycle 3:	15 October 2024	15 November 2024	15 November 2024	1 November 2024	21 November 2024	21 November 2024	21 November 2024		
<b>Molecular XDR MTB (&amp; Bruker MDR MTB)</b> (fit for Xpert® MTB/XDR, Genotype® MTBDR <sub>plus</sub> and MTBDR <sub>s</sub> ; FluoroType® MTBDR)*					<b>Molecular SARS-CoV-2</b> (fit for Xpert®, Molbio®, ThermoFisher®, Abbott®, Roche®, Accula Dock®, Bioer®, Biorad® and other PCR platforms)				
1 <sup>st</sup> Day of submission		Last day of submission		1 <sup>st</sup> Day of submission		Last day of submission			
Cycle 1:	1 April 2024	30 April 2024	30 April 2024	15 April 2024	15 May 2024	15 May 2024	15 May 2024		
Cycle 2:	1 August 2024	31 August 2024	31 August 2024	1 July 2024	31 July 2024	31 July 2024	31 July 2024		
Cycle 3:	1 November 2024	30 November 2024	30 November 2024	1 October 2024	31 October 2024	31 October 2024	31 October 2024		
<b>Molecular MRSA</b> (fit for Xpert® assays)*					<b>HCV Qualitative and Quantitative</b> (fit for Xpert®, Roche®, Abbott®)*				
1 <sup>st</sup> Day of submission		Last day of submission		1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Submission		Last day of submission			
Cycle 1:	15 April 2024	15 May 2024	15 May 2024	13 May 2024	31 May 2024	31 May 2024	31 May 2024		
Cycle 2:	1 July 2024	31 July 2024	31 July 2024	1 August 2024	21 August 2024	21 August 2024	21 August 2024		
Cycle 3:	1 October 2024	31 October 2024	31 October 2024	1 November 2024	21 November 2024	21 November 2024	21 November 2024		
<b>TB Antigen</b> (fit for Determine LAM, PathFast®)*					<b>Molecular HPV</b> (fit for Xpert®, Abbott®, Atila BioSystems)*				
1 <sup>st</sup> Day of submission		Last day of submission		1 <sup>st</sup> Day of submission		Last day of submission			
Cycle 1:	1 May 2024	31 May 2024	31 May 2024	15 April 2024	15 May 2024	15 May 2024	15 May 2024		
Cycle 2:	1 July 2024	31 July 2024	31 July 2024	1 July 2024	31 July 2024	31 July 2024	31 July 2024		
Cycle 3:	1 October 2024	31 October 2024	31 October 2024	1 October 2024	31 October 2024	31 October 2024	31 October 2024		
<b>HBV Qualitative and Quantitative</b> (fit for Xpert®, Abbott®)*					<b>Molecular SCoV2/ Flu A/ Flu B/ RSV</b> (fit for Xpert®, Abbott®, CDC Multiplex, Respi+)*				
1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Submission		Last Day of Submission		1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Submission		Last Day of Submission			
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Cycle 2:	1 August 2024	21 August 2024	21 August 2024	1 July 2024	31 July 2024	31 July 2024	31 July 2024		
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	Molecular CT/NG <small>((fit for Xpert®, Abbott®, QuantStudio®))*</small>		Rapid Syphilis <small>(fit for lateral flow tests)*</small>	
	1st Day of Submission	Last Day of Submission	1st Day of Submission	Last Day of Submission
Cycle 1:	1 June 2024	30 June 2024	1 June 2024	30 June 2024
Cycle 2:	1 September 2024	30 September 2024	1 September 2024	30 September 2024
Cycle 3:	15 November 2024	15 December 2024	15 November 2024	15 December 2024

\*For other assays, please enquire at [info@SmartSpotQ.com](mailto:info@SmartSpotQ.com)

Pilot <sup>†</sup> Programs: 2024 EQA Submission Schedule		
	CD4 <small>(fit for Visitect)*</small>	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Submission	Last Day of Submission
Cycle 1:	15 August 2024	15 September 2024
Cycle 2:	12 October 2024	31 October 2024
Cycle 3:	2 December 2024	20 December 2024

<sup>†</sup>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 **2024** EQA Program:

- Complete Product Requirement Forms by completing the online request form at <https://ssgmonitor.com/productinfo>.
- SmartSpot Quality will send a quotation for approval.
- Confirm participation by providing SmartSpot Quality with a signed quotation or a purchase order.

The deadline to confirm participation is **9<sup>th</sup> of February 2024**. After this date, please feel free to enquire and SmartSpot will do its best to accommodate late enrolment. Verification orders are open all year round. SmartSpot offers a **10% early bird discount** on shipping fees to customers who confirm their order by the 12<sup>th</sup> of January and a **further 15% discount** on shipping fees for those who make payment by the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2024.

All the best for **2024!**

Yours Sincerely,

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