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INSTAND EQA schemes for SARS-CoV-2 diagnostics in 2021 - up to four times a year

Dear colleagues,

Due to numerous inquiries, INSTAND e.V. decided to increase the frequency of some of the External Quality Assessment (EQA) schemes for SARS-CoV-2 diagnostics. Please see below for an overview:

EQA schemes 4 times a year

- (416) virus immunology - SARS-CoV-2 (ab) (Table 1a)
- (409) virus genome detection - SARS-CoV-2 (Table 1b)
- (in preparation) virus antigen detection - SARS-CoV-2 (ag) for rapid tests and automated immunoassays (Table 1e)

EQA schemes 2 times a year

- (340) virus genome detection - coronaviruses incl. SARS-CoV-2 differentiation between different coronaviruses possible (Table 1c)
- (431) virus genome detection - respiratory virus panel 1 for multiplex tests (Table 1d)
- (432) virus genome detection - respiratory virus panel 2 for multiplex tests (Table 1d)

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Table 1: INSTAND EQA schemes for SARS-CoV-2 diagnostics

table	group	EQA scheme	March (2)	June (4)	Sep. (5)	Nov. (6)	catalog*
		deadline for registration	08.01.21	23.04.21	16.07.21	24.09.21	page*
		shipment	10.03.21	09.06.21	01.09.21	10.11.21	
		deadline for receipt of data	26.03.21	25.06.21	17.09.21	26.11.21	
<i>virus antibody detection</i>							
1a	416	virus immunology - SARS-CoV-2 (ab)	X	X	X	X	141
<i>virus genome detection</i>							
1b	409	virus genome detection - SARS-CoV-2	X	X	X	X	134
1c	340	virus genome detection - coronaviruses incl. SARS-CoV-2 differentiation between different CoVs possible	-	X	-	X	119
1d	431	virus genome detection - respiratory virus panel 1 for multiplex tests	-	X	-	X	132
	432	virus genome detection - respiratory virus panel 2 for multiplex tests	-	X	-	X	133
<i>virus antigen detection</i>							
1e	follows	virus antigen detection - SARS-CoV-2 (ag) for rapid tests and automated immunoassays	in preparation for 4 times a year details will be published soon				will follow

* For further details, please see the INSTAND program 2021 on the corresponding page:
https://www.instand-ev.de/fileadmin/uploads/Ringversuche/Programm/INSTAND-Katalog_2021_EN.pdf

For ordering, please register under
<https://rv-online.instandev.de/> (select English).

In case of questions, please do not hesitate to contact the EQA scheme advisors.

With kind regards

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