

Amino Acids Interpretation Pilot		Scheme Code: AAI
Aim:	To educate and assess the ability of laboratories to detect inherited disorders resulting in recognisable patterns of amino acids in plasma	
Status:	Pilot scheme since 2017	
General		
Eligibility Requirements:	Participating laboratories must carry out the interpretation of the EQA samples. The use of cluster laboratories is not allowed. The number of participants for 2022 is limited to 100, with previous participants taking priority.	
Use of cluster labs allowed?	No	
No of organising centres:	One	
Geographic area:	Worldwide	
Price:	0 Euro / 0 GBP / 0 USD.	
Scientific Advisor:	Dr Sabine Scholl-Bürgi, admin@erndim.org	
Scheme Organiser:	ERNDIM	
EQA Samples		
Sample type:	Clinical information and quantitative values for amino acids in plasma (with reference ranges) are circulated	
Analytes:	Amino acids in plasma	
Scheme Design		
Sample design/selection	Scientific Advisor and Scheme Assessors	
Sample Dispatch:	Two dispatches per year. EQA cases are sent by email from erndim@mft.nhs.uk	
No of samples/year:	6	
Results Submission		
No of submission deadlines/year	2	
Submission of results	Online results submission using link sent to all participants	
Scoring of results:		
Analysis	No	
Interpretation, including diagnoses	Yes	
Reports:		
Interim Reports		
Published 8-10 weeks after the submission deadline	Yes	
Diagnoses circulated by email 2-3 weeks after submission deadline	Yes	
Individual Lab Annual Reports		
Full anonymised scheme results included in AR	Yes	
Scheme Annual Report (AR)	Published following completion of the scheme	

Provisional 2022 Calendar

Year	Month	AAI Pilot
-1	Dec	R
Scheme Year	Jan	R
	Feb	D
	Mar	S
	Apr	
	May	D
	Jun	S
	Jul	
	Aug	
	Sep	AR
	Oct	
	Nov	
	Dec	

R = Registration open

D = Sample Dispatch

S = Submission Deadline

AR = Annual Report published

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