

EQA round: DIF2/24 - Peripheral Blood Morphology Evaluation

Setup: all data

AV = assigned value CVE = consensus of the experts >> ... expected result > ... acceptable result ± ... result not assessed	N_{tot} = total number of the results N_{rel} = relative number of the results	N_{eva} = number of the results assessed N_{suc} = number of successful results S_{rel} = relative success
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Sample Test Group	AV	N_{tot}	N_{rel} [%]	Frequency of the results Result	Success N_{eva} N_{suc} S_{rel} [%]
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Sample A

(921) WBC - morphology

All results		3	2	No changes	
	>	20	13	Agranulation	
		9	6	Hyposegmentation / asegmentation / pelgeroid	
		1	0,7	Döhle bodies	
CVE	>>>	147	98	Denuded nuclei/cells, nuclear shadows / smudge cells	
		2	1,3	Cytoplasmatic fragments	
	>	66	44	Vacuolisierung	
		2	1,3	LGL/big lymphocytes	
		4	2,7	Lymphocytes - reactive forms	
	>	70	47	Lymphocytes - atypical forms (except "hairy")	
		2	1,3	Granules (pseudo) Chediak-Higashi	

(922) WBC - count changes (relative)

All results	CVE	>>>	147	98	Neutropenia
				1	0,7 Neutrophilia
		>	44	29	Lymphocytosis
	CVE	>>>	95	63	Lymphocytopenia
				4	2,7 Eosinophilia
	CVE	>>>	114	76	Monocytopenia
				16	11 Left shift

(923) RBC - morphology

All results		2	1,3	No changes	
		9	6	Normocytosis	
CVE	>>>	143	95	Anisocytosis	
		4	2,7	Poikilocytosis	
		2	1,3	Eliptocytes, ovalocytes	
	>	25	17	Spherocytes	
		8	5,3	Stomatocytes	
	>	27	18	Dacryocytes	
		2	1,3	Target cells	
		2	1,3	Schistocytes (and other fragmentocytes)	
		2	1,3	Polychromasia	
		2	1,3	Hypochromia	
		1	0,7	Basophilic stippling	
		4	2,7	Howell-Jolly bodies	
		1	0,7	Rouleaux formation	

(924) Platelets - morphology

All results		2	1,3	Not specified	
CVE	>>>	111	74	No changes	
		6	4	Large platelets	
		7	4,7	Small platelets	
	>	31	21	Platelets hypogranulation	

(925) Clinical recommendation - smear assessment

All results	CVE	>>>	150	100	Blood smear is pathological
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All results	CVE	>>>	150	100	An examination by the specialist/haematologist is recommended
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(927) Estimation of diagnosis

All results		1	0,7	Not specified	
		6	4,1	Anemia: Normocytosis	
CVE	>>>	61	41	Acute leukemia: Without closer determination	
		>	56	Acute leukemia: ALL (acute lymphoblastic leukemia)	
		>	10	Acute leukemia: AML (acute myeloid leukemia)	
			1	Myelodysplastic syndrome: Myelodysplastic syndrome	
			1	Chronic myeloproliferative disease: CML (chronic myelogenous leukaemia)	
		24	16	Mature lymphocytic cells neoplasms: Exact determination impossible	
		10	6,8	Mature lymphocytic cells neoplasms: CLL (chronic lymphocytic leukaemia)	

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	2	1,4	Mature lymphocytic cells neoplasms: PLL (prolymphocytic leukaemia)		
	13	8,8	Platelets disorders: Thrombocytopenia		
(928) How do you rate the technical quality of the smear?	150				0
All results	±	150	100	Acceptable	
(929) How do you rate the staining of the smear?	148				0
All results	±	148	100	Acceptable	
(939) Overall assessment (score)	150				150 149 99
Maximum score achievable: 87 points				Criterion (60 % out of the maximum): 53 points	
Minimum score achieved: 52 points (59,8 %)					
Maximum score achieved: 87 points (100 %)					
All results	1	0,7		Unacceptable result	
	>>>	149	99	Satisfactory result	

Sample B**(921) WBC - morphology**

All results	3	2	Not specified
	>	67	No changes
	>	24	Hypergranulation/toxic granulation
		5	Giant bands and metamyelocytes
	>	15	Agranulation
		11	Neutrophil hypersegmentation
		4	Hyposegmentation / asegmentation / pelgeroid
		1	Döhle bodies
		1	Atypical/reactive/pathological monocytes/promono.
		11	Denuded nuclei/cells, nuclear shadows / smudge cells
	>	31	Vacuolisation
		5	LGL/big lymphocytes
		4	Lymphocytes - reactive forms
		4	Lymphocytes - atypical forms (except "hairy")
		1	Nucleus fragments of neutrophiles

(922) WBC - count changes (relative)

All results	CVE >>>	127	85	Neutrophilia
	CVE >>>	144	96	Lymphocytopenia
		1	0,7	Eosinophilia
	CVE >>>	90	60	Basophilia
		4	2,7	Monocytopenia
	CVE >>>	145	97	Left shift

(923) RBC - morphology

All results		5	3,3	Normocytosis
		1	0,7	Macrocytosis
	CVE >>>	147	98	Anisocytosis
		>	46	Poikilocytosis
	CVE >>>	141	94	Eliptocytes, ovalocytes
		>	34	Spherocytes
		>	41	Stomatocytes
			1	Drepanocytes
	CVE >>>	143	95	Dacryocytes
		1	0,7	Acanthocytes
		2	1,3	Echinocytes
		4	2,7	Target cells
	CVE >>>	52	35	Schistocytes (and other fragmentocytes)
	CVE >>>	134	89	Polychromasia
	CVE >>>	117	78	Basophilic stippling
		5	3,3	Howell-Jolly bodies
		1	0,7	Cabot rings
		2	1,3	Rouleaux formation
		1	0,7	Pappenheimer bodies

(924) Platelets - morphology

All results		1	0,7	Not specified
		7	4,7	No changes
	CVE >>>	138	92	Large platelets
		9	6	Small platelets
		8	5,3	Platelet aggregates
		>	55	Platelets hypogranulation

Summary statistics - qualitative results**EQA round: DIF2/24 - Peripheral Blood Morphology Evaluation**

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Sample Test Group	AV	N _{tot}	N _{rel} [%]	Frequency of the results		Success N _{eva} N _{suc} S _{rel} [%]
				Result		
	>	9	6	Megakaryocytic nucleus fragments		
(925) Clinical recommendation - smear assessment						
All results	CVE	>>>	150	100	Blood smear is pathological	
(926) Clinical recommendation - examination						
All results	CVE	>>>	150	100	An examination by the specialist/haematologist is recommended	
(927) Estimation of diagnosis						
All results			1	0,7	Anemia: Without closer determination	
			10	6,8	Anemia: Normocytosis	
			1	0,7	Acute leukemia: AML (acute myeloid leukemia)	
			4	2,7	Myelodysplastic syndrome: Myelodysplastic syndrome	
	>	45	30	Chronic myeloproliferative disease: Exact determination impossible		
			3	2	Chronic myeloproliferative disease: CML (chronic myelogenous leukaemia)	
	CVE	>>>	111	75	Chronic myeloproliferative disease: Myelofibrosis	
			1	0,7	Platelets disorders: Thrombocytopenia	
			1	0,7	Platelets disorders: Other	
			1	0,7	Other: Viral infection incl. inf. mononucleosis	
(928) How do you rate the technical quality of the smear?			150			0
All results	±	149	99	Acceptable		
	±	1	0,7	Not acceptable (give a reason)		
(929) How do you rate the staining of the smear?			148			0
All results	±	148	100	Acceptable		
(939) Overall assessment (score)			150			150 146 97
Maximum score achievable: 117 points			Criterion (60 % out of the maximum): 71 points			
Minimum score achieved: 47 points (40,2 %)						
Maximum score achieved: 117 points (100 %)						
All results			4	2,7	Unacceptable result	
	>>>	146	97	Satisfactory result		

Summary for all samples

(939) Overall assessment (score)	150	145	97
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