Interleukin-6 (IL6)

Accreditation Status: UKAS Schedule of Accreditation

Date Scheme started: 2020

Clinical Applicability: Monitoring of inflammatory responses

Analytes: Interleukin-6 (SER/060)

Units for Reporting: pg/mL

Samples Distributed: Liquid format. Normal and pathological human serum

Number of Distributions per year: 6

Number of Samples per Distribution: 2

Frequency of Distributions: Every two months as outlined in the Distribution Schedule

Schedule of Analysis: Data entry is via the web for the submission of results. Data analysis is

commenced 21 days after sample dispatch. Late returns are accepted and will

contribute to the laboratory's cumulative performance statistics

Data Analysis: All Laboratory Trimmed Mean (ALTM) with truncation at 2SD, SD, and CV%. Reports

also show method specific statistics. Individual laboratory performance is

expressed in terms of MRBIS, SDBIS, and MRVIS

Chosen Coefficient of Variation is 22%

Performance Scoring: MRVIS

Criteria of Performance: Laboratory performance is classified in terms of the MRVIS over a running

analytical window of 6 Distributions (12 months)

 Ideal
 MRVIS
 <50</th>

 Good
 50 - 100

 Adequate
 101 - 200

Poor >200 or SDBIS >200

Persistent Poor Performance: Defined as being in the Poor Performance category for two or more

successive Distributions