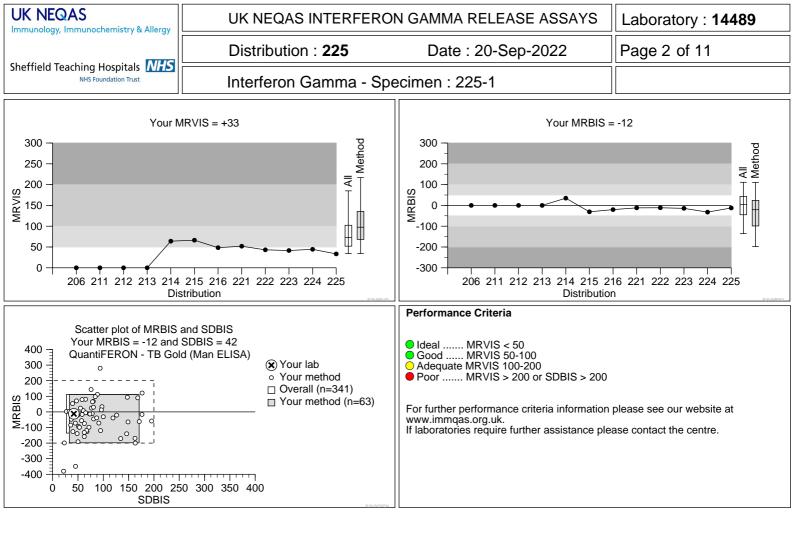
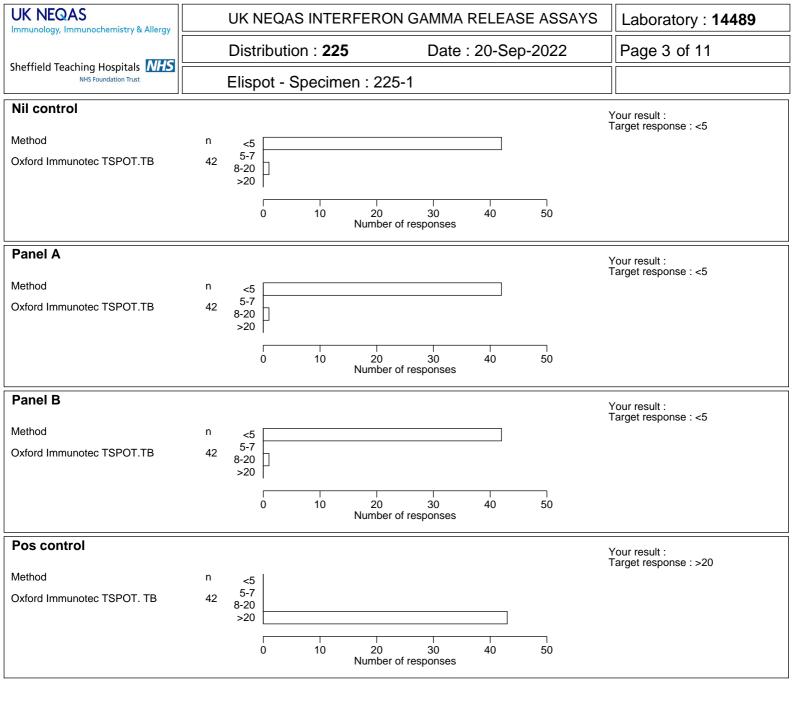


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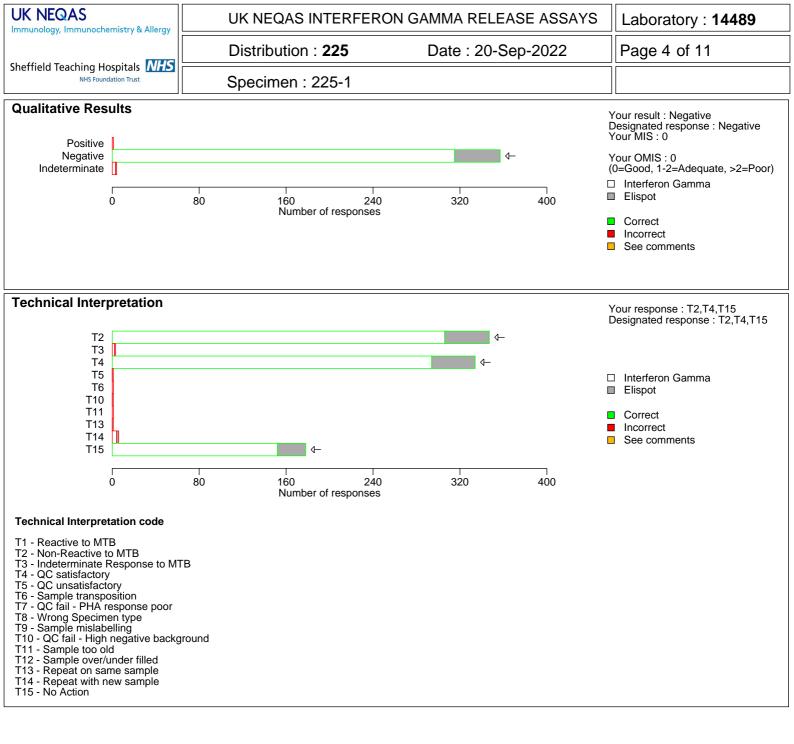
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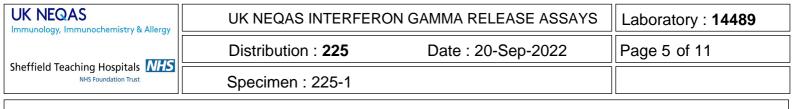
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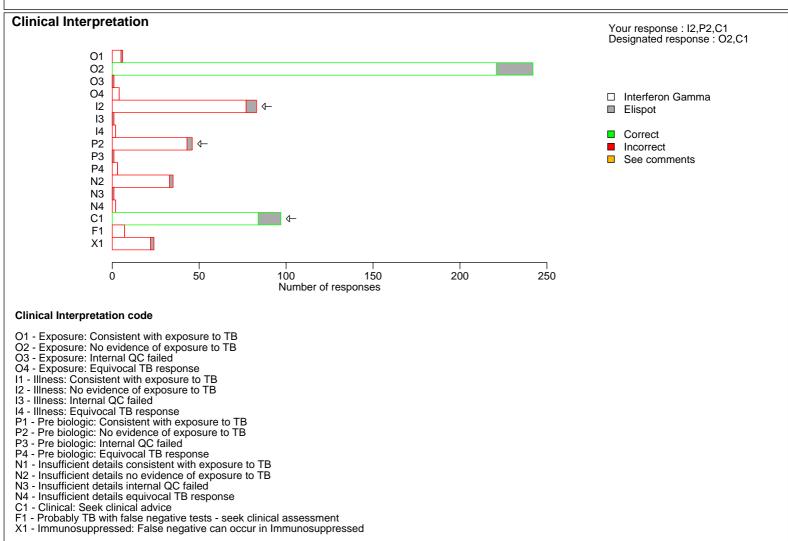
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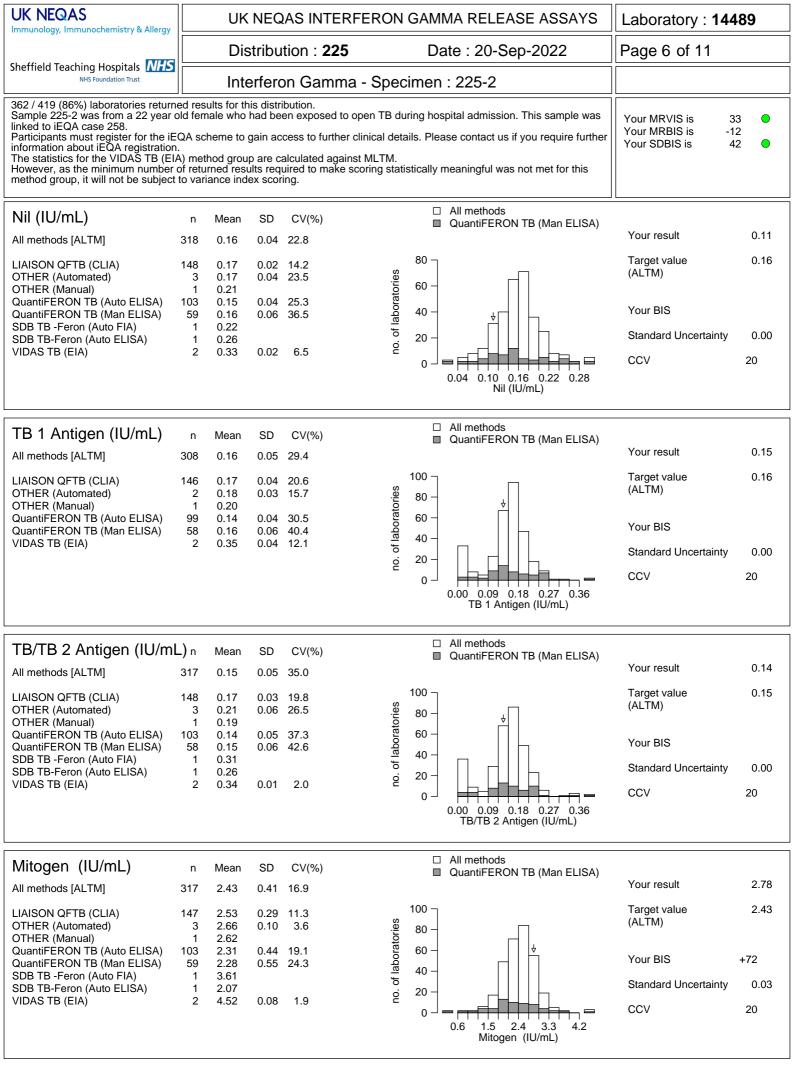




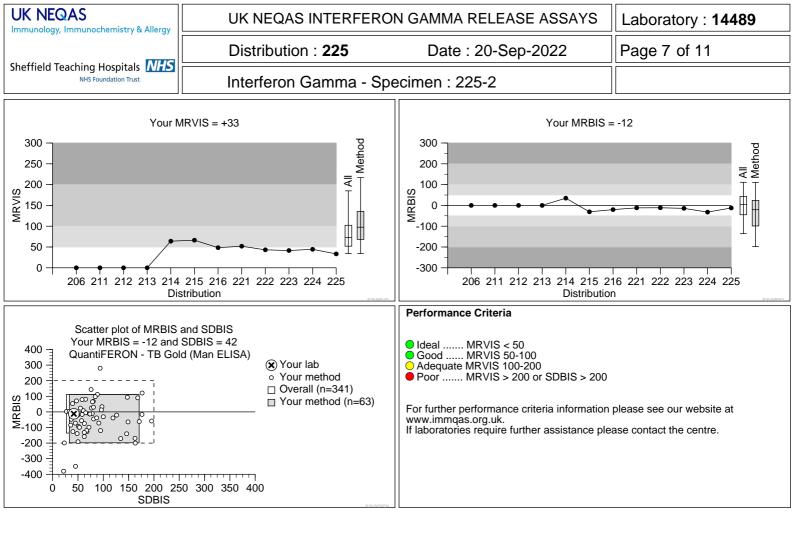
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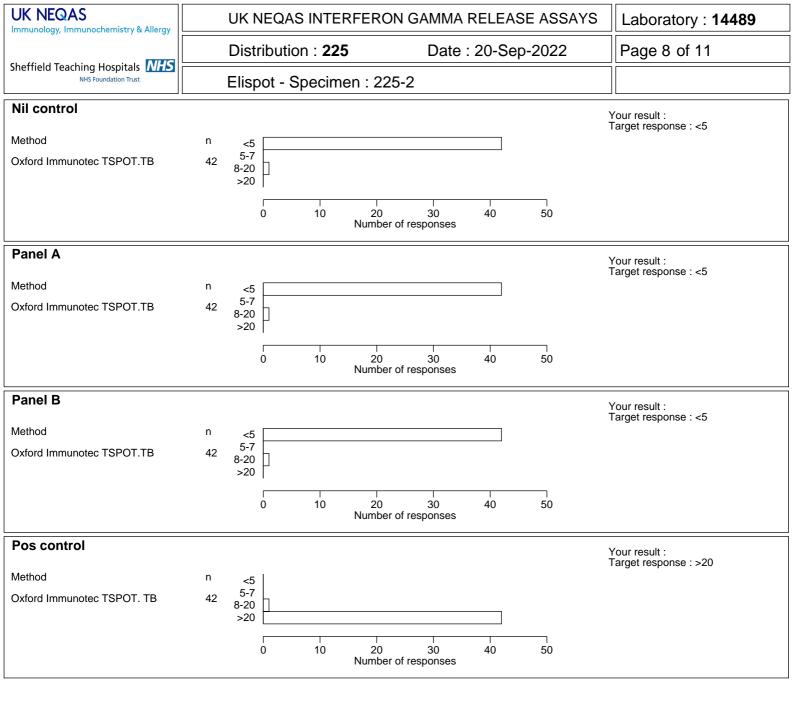


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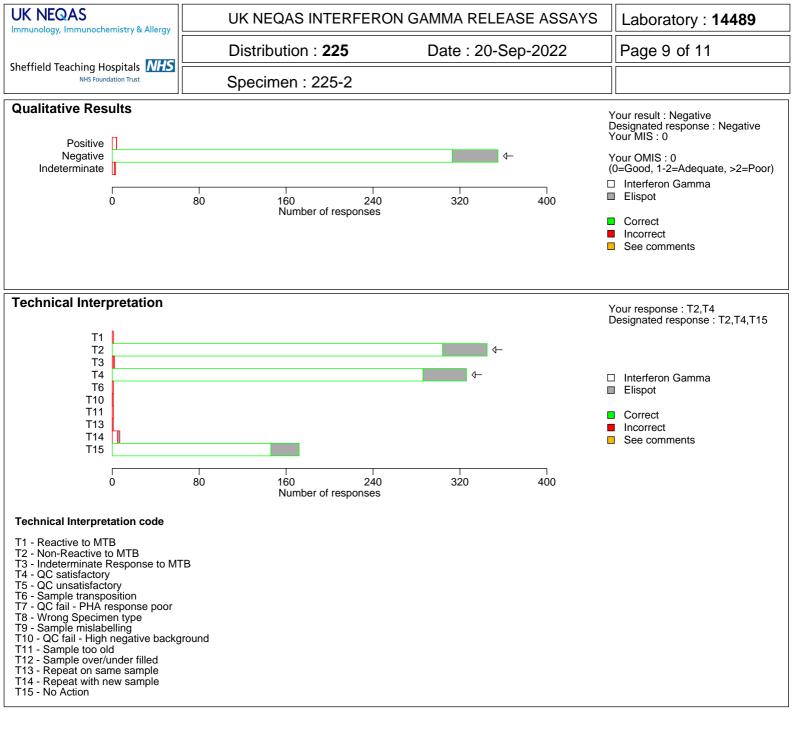


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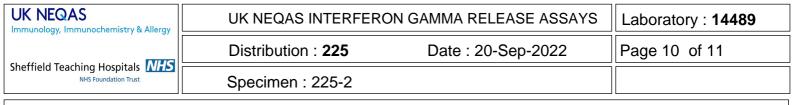


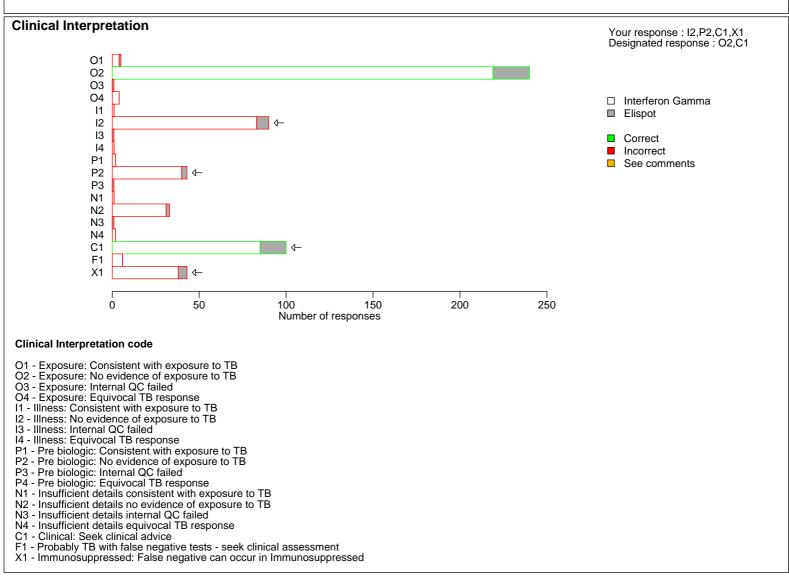
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# Comments :

The response rate was good for distribution 225 with 86 % (362/419) of participants submitting a result.

## **Qualitative and Quantitative results :**

# Sample 225-1 :

A negative qualitative response was reported by 357/362 of the laboratories that submitted a result for sample 225-1. One laboratory reported a positive result, and four laboratories reported an indeterminate result for this sample. Laboratories that are out of consensus should check their results.

## Sample 225-2 :

A negative qualitative response was reported by 355/362 of the laboratories that submitted a result for sample 225-2. Four laboratories reported a positive result, and three laboratories reported an indeterminate result for this sample. Laboratories that are out of consensus should check their results.

# **Technical Interpretation :**

## Sample 225-1 :

There were 351 responses for sample 225-1 with 347 laboratories reporting comment (T2) Non-Reactive to MTB, 331 of these laboratories also reported (T4) QC satisfactory, and of these; 176 laboratories reported comment (T15) No action. Eleven laboratories did not submit a technical response.

#### Sample 225-2 :

There were 349 responses for sample 225-2 with 345 laboratories reporting comment (T2) Non-Reactive to MTB, 322 of these laboratories also reported (T4) QC satisfactory, and of these; 168 laboratories reported comment (T15) No action. Thirteen laboratories did not submit a technical response.

## **Clinical Interpretation :**

#### Sample 225-1

For sample 225-1, there were 266 responses of which 242 laboratories submitted comment (O2) Exposure: No evidence of exposure to TB, 82 of these laboratories also reported comment (C1) Clinical: Seek clinical advice. Various other clinical comments were reported by laboratories and participants should review the iEQA case to assess if these are appropriate. 96/362 laboratories did not report a clinical interpretation for sample 225-1.

## Sample 225-2

For sample 225-2, there were 264 responses of which 240 laboratories submitted comment (O2) Exposure: No evidence of exposure to TB, 86 of these laboratories also reported comment (C1) Clinical: Seek clinical advice. Various other clinical comments were reported by laboratories and participants should review the iEQA case to assess if these are appropriate.

98/362 laboratories did not report a clinical interpretation for sample 225-2.

#### The answers to iEQA cases 257 and 258 are now available. Please refer to these cases for more details about interpretation

## Reminder :

Please remember you must register for the iEQA scheme to gain access to further clinical details. Participants registered for the UK NEQAS for Interferon Gamma Release Assays (Mycobacterium tuberculosis) are provided with free of charge access to iEQA for 1 user

The next distribution (226) will be linked to the necessary clinical details on the UK NEQAS Immunology interpretative scheme (iEQA)

# www.immqas.org.uk.

We would encourage any laboratory that is not currently registered for UK NEQAS Immunology interpretative scheme (iEQA) to contact us for further information. There is much useful educational material in the cases for both scientists and clinicians that highlight the importance of the correct use and interpretation of the assav.



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