

Test	Malarial Parasite Confirmation Testing
Common Abbreviations	MP
Profile	MPC
Clinical indication	All positive malaria parasite requests identified in the haematology department <b>MUST</b> be sent to the Reference Laboratory for confirmation. Malaria confirmation testing is carried out by the referral laboratory using morphology and sometimes by PCR.
Specimen type	Whole blood
Sample type	EDTA sample
Minimum volume	1 Adult EDTA sample
Special precautions	Samples will be requested by the laboratory after an initial screen has been performed and parasites have been found to be present. (Original sample will be sent for confirmation testing if appropriate)
Stability	24 hours
Turn-around time	7 days
Referral Laboratory	Diagnostic Laboratory Faculty of Infectious & Tropical Diseases London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Keppel Street London WC1E 7HT
Reference interval	Details provided by referral laboratory
Limitations	Not specified