



Test	Microfilaria, Babesia and Trypanosome Confirmation Testing
Common Abbreviations	Blood Parasites (non malarial)
Profile	BPX
Clinical indication	All parasite requests processed by the haematology department MUST be sent to the Reference Laboratory for confirmation. Parasite confirmation is performed 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 if required. (Original sample will be sent for confirmation testing if appropriate)
Stability	24 hours
Turn-around time	5 days
Referral Laboratory	Diagnostic Parasitology 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