

Bio-Rad launches bulk urine, CSF negative controls

July 2023—Bio-Rad Laboratories launched two Exact Diagnostics products, Bulk Urine Negative and Bulk CSF Negative controls. The bulk urine negative control is intended to be validated as an independent external quality run control to monitor the absence of adenovirus, BK virus, *Candida auris*, *Chlamydia trachomatis*, cytomegalovirus, John Cunningham virus, *Mycoplasma genitalium*, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, *Trichomonas vaginalis*, and Zika virus in various molecular assays. The bulk CSF negative control is an independent external quality run control intended to monitor the absence of *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*, *Babesia microti*, *Bartonella quintana*, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, *Ehrlichia chaffeensis*, enterovirus, herpes simplex virus 1 and 2, and varicella-zoster virus in various molecular assays.

These products can be used to detect errors in laboratory testing procedures, including potential contamination events, and allow laboratories to evaluate their molecular assays and test for operator proficiency. They are also designed for spike-in or dilution purposes.



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