



2010

Malarial Parasite

Description and Diagnosis Codes

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2010

1. Please discard all previous versions of the Malarial Parasite description and diagnosis codes. OLD CODES LISTS ARE NO LONGER VALID. The codes have been revised by the Malarial Parasite committee for 2010. Changes have been highlighted by an asterisk (*) next to the code number and “^A” for amended codes and “^{New}” for additional codes. Using previous versions of the codes may lead to incorrect scoring.
2. These codes are designed to cover all necessary descriptive and diagnostic terms. There may be some variation from the terminology used by your laboratory but we ask that you find the most appropriate answer within the codes supplied.
3. “Other” codes for description and diagnosis are no longer available for use. If you consider a required code has been omitted from this list we ask that you submit your comments via the “Participant Feedback and Concerns” form for review by the committee.
4. The maximum number of descriptive codes that can be entered is 6. If you record more than 6 codes on your result sheet the first 6 codes only will be entered.

Do not hesitate to contact the staff at the Haematology QAP if you have any queries.

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DESCRIPTIVE CODES

CODE	DIAGNOSIS
101	Parasitised red cells larger than uninfected cells
102	Parasitised red cells smaller than uninfected cells
103	Parasitised decolourised red cells
104	Parasitised fimbriated red cells
105	Maurer's dots or clefts
106	Schuffner's dots
112	Trophozoites with amoeboid-like morphology
113*	Early trophozoites ^A
114	Mature trophozoites
115	Frequent marginal (accolé) forms
116	Frequent double chromatin dots
117	Frequent multiple trophozoites infecting red cells
118	Schizonts
120	Gametocytes
123	Crescent shaped gametocytes
124	Heavy malaria pigment
125	Fine malaria pigment
126	No parasites seen

DIAGNOSIS CODES

CODE	DIAGNOSIS
400	No malarial parasites seen
402	<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>
403	<i>Plasmodium ovale</i>
404	<i>Plasmodium vivax</i>
405	<i>Plasmodium malariae</i>
406	<i>Plasmodium vivax</i> + <i>Plasmodium ovale</i>
407	<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> + <i>Plasmodium ovale</i>
408	<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> + <i>Plasmodium vivax</i>
409	<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> + <i>Plasmodium malariae</i>
410	<i>Plasmodium malariae</i> + <i>Plasmodium ovale</i>
411	<i>Plasmodium malariae</i> + <i>Plasmodium vivax</i>
444	Other Plasmodium species not listed above