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Supply issues – Becton Dickinson (BD) mycobacterial growth indicator tubes (MGIT) MGIT supplement , MGIT indicators.

We are aware of the problems with the supply of these materials from BD stocks and the reasons for this. There is now a considerable back log of patients requiring investigation for the infection or re- emergence of TB.

One of the ways you may wish to continue to provide a rapid and sensitive diagnosis on all samples is to use our PCR method of amplification for Mycobacterium TB and Avium complex and for the rarer Mycobacterium; Mycobacterium genus PCR and then sequencing to speciate the positives.

We are able to safely deal with all samples which may contain infection with these organisms and also we can extract from shavings of blocks of fixed tissue, albeit at a reduced assay sensitivity because of the formalin fixation.

Please feel free to telephone for any further questions you may have about this service.

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