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Dear Colleague

**Suspension of Anti-Myelin Associated Glycoprotein Assay**

Further to my letter dated 19/08/2022, I regret to inform you that we have been unable to resolve the technical issues with our Buhlmann anti-MAG antibody assay and we have taken the decision to suspend testing with immediate effect until further notice. Please be assured we have made every effort to try to find a resolution which would restore confidence in the assay to ensure results are accurate and reliable, but we are very disappointed that we have been unable to do so at this time.

We are continuing to troubleshoot these issues with the supplier, and in addition we will start to explore alternative assays with the aim of providing service again as soon as possible.

In the interim period, there are other laboratories in the UK that use the Buhlmann anti-MAG antibody assay and have not explored nor reported the same issues as we are experiencing in Glasgow. We will forward on requests we receive from NHS GG&C, but would ask that all other health boards send their requests direct to another laboratory.

The following centres offer the same assay and may be able to assist:  
Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust  
The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust  
University College London Hospitals NHS Trust

If you have any outstanding anti-MAG antibody requests a report will be issued soon to provide information on the current situation.

I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause and please do not hesitate to contact the lab on 0141 354 9010 or email [NeuroImmunology.Labs@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:NeuroImmunology.Labs@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) to discuss any concerns. I will be in touch to inform you when we have found a solution to the problem, or can provide an alternative assay that meets our acceptance criteria.

Yours sincerely



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