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Dear Colleagues,

Ganglioside Assay (Anti-GM1 and Anti-GQ1b antibodies)

We are currently experiencing technical difficulties with this assay, and we are actively troubleshooting this. As a result, we are currently unable to accept any new requests for GQ1b antibodies, meaning we will suspend both the GM1 and GQ1b assay.

We have an accumulation of outstanding requests for this assay, and due to the nature of the manual ELISA, will take several weeks to clear once the assay is operational.

We are investigating referring your samples for testing to another accredited location, and if this is not possible, we will safely store samples already in our system, and test these when our assay becomes available. In the meantime, please no longer send any referral for GM1 or GQ1b antibodies.

New requests received from 17/02/2025 will be reported as:

Not Tested=*, with the comments 'As per letter issued on 28/01/25, unable to perform Ganglioside antibodies (anti-GM1/GQ1b).'

Following this date, we will not be returning any samples that are referred to us or forwarding them on for analysis at another centre.

If you have any questions about any of this then please do not hesitate to contact us on the above email address/telephone number.

Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience caused by the withdrawal of this service.

Yours faithfully

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