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Subject: Inter Laboratory Validation Trial on Geno*Listeria* Method

Dear Colleagues,

EURL Lm organises an Inter Laboratory Validation Trial (ILVT) on the EURL Lm method recently developed: Geno*Listeria* ([Circular letter No 2023/14](#)). This method enables the identification of 30 Clonal Complexes of *Listeria monocytogenes* (Lm) on pure strains by real time PCR ([EURL Lm method](#)).

The ILVT is open to laboratories which had already gained experience with this method. A maximum of 13 laboratories can participate to the ILVT, a selection of the participants will be made by the EURL Lm in case of over-application.

The participation to the ILVT requires a good understanding of the method, and a rigorous following of the instructions. Each participants will carry out the DNA extraction of 98 strains and 334 PCR reactions.

EURL Lm will provide primers and probes but not the master mix.

The parcel containing strains, primers and probes and also positive control will be dispatched on Monday 27 November 2023.

The deadline for the results transmission is Monday 23 May 2024.

We invite you to register to this ILVT by Monday 30 October 2023 with the link given in the email.

Do not hesitate to contact Karine Capitaine and Benjamin Félix for further information.

Best regards,



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