

Brucellosis Specimen Quality Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Term	Description
C	Contaminated	Specimen contains cloudy, "creamy", translucent to opaque serum
QNS	Quantity Not Sufficient	Not enough serum present to perform examinations; includes specimens that may have leaked, caps not properly sealed, etc.
M	Missing	Specimen tube number recorded on the test form but the specimen tube was not present when specimen shipment was received at the laboratory.
NID	No ID	No identification was included with specimen
H	Hemolysis	Specimen displays extreme hemolysis; thick, viscous liquid with no testable serum
INV	Invalid	Specimen that may appear "good" yet produces an invalid result
GEL	Gel	Specimen displays gelatinous qualities; solid, "gelled" specimen with little to no testable serum
B	Broken	Broken collection tube; indicative of a shipping problem
LA	Laboratory Accident	Laboratory accident; mishap in laboratory prevented specimen from being examined