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Dear Colleagues,

Re: Changes to access of the Voltage gated calcium channel antibody assay

From the 1st September 2025, we will be restricting access of the Voltage Gated Calcium Channel antibody assay to only users who utilise electronic requesting with us. This is due to the challenges that we have to deliver the assay within the period of stability that we have identified from validating the assay.

All samples that are currently in our possession will still be processed for the assay if it has been requested, these will have a comment added to highlight this stability issue.

The assay that is performed at Oxford derives from a commercially available kit, which can be verified by other laboratories. The kit insert link is included below

<https://rsrltd.com/pdf%20ifu/VGCC%20Ab%20RIA.pdf>

Our operational pressures remain and we do not have a planned resolution to this for the foreseeable future. We continue to urge all users to transition to NPEx requesting or to identify other centres to conduct your testing.

Yours faithfully
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