



## Scheme 2009, Assessment Pilot run HER-2 CISH / SISH

Aalborg, 21 April 2009

Dear participant

Please find enclosed pairs of unstained sections for this pilot run for HER-2 CISH / SISH.

If you are in any doubt, please read the details at the website: [www.nordiqc.org](http://www.nordiqc.org), or send us an e-mail: [nordiqc@rn.dk](mailto:nordiqc@rn.dk). Also inform us if slides are missing.

Please note your three digit participant number (NQC...) shown on the address label and slides. This number *must* be indicated on all new slide labels and used for any communication with NordiQC.

Stain the sections according to your protocols, and return one stained slide (or both slides if HER-2 and Chromosome 17 stains are performed separately) together with your own control slide(s) marked with your participant number. Please also fill out the scoring sheet attached, mark it with your participant number and return it with the slide(s) to NordiQC to NordiQC at the above address not later than **10 May**.

**As this is a pilot run we kindly ask you also to send in a paper copy of the CISH / SISH protocol used.**

Keep the remaining NordiQC slides in your file to serve as a control set.

Submitted sections (including in-house controls) are stored in the NordiQC file for future documentation and will not be returned to the laboratories. However, the laboratories can request their stained sections for review in case their control set is lost.

All stained slides submitted before deadline will be assessed, and the general results communicated on the website about 7 July. Examples of optimal as well as insufficient stains will be illustrated (anonymously) and the corresponding methods described. The origin of recommended protocols giving optimal results will be published, unless anonymity is requested.

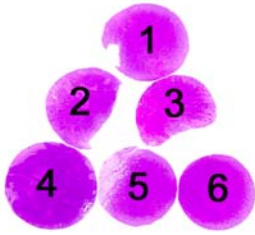
About 7 July each laboratory receive an e-mail with their individual assessment scores and (when needed) comments to the stains and suggestions for protocol improvement.

Monographs describing the markers are available on the website. Submitted sections are stored in the NordiQC file for future documentation. The laboratories may request their stained sections for review in case their control set is lost.

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## Scoring sheet - keep this part

### HER-2:

Label		HER-2 score				Comments
		HER2 copy no.	Chr. 17 copy no.	HER2 / Chr 17 ratio	<u>Amplified</u> <u>Equivocal</u> <u>Non-ampl.</u>	
	1. Breast ductal carcinoma					
	2. Breast ductal carcinoma					
	3. Breast ductal carcinoma					
	4. Breast ductal carcinoma					
	5. Breast ductal carcinoma					
	6. Breast ductal carcinoma					

Content of the multitissue sections for HER-2 CISH / SISH  
All material has been fixed in 10 % NBF

General comments: \_\_\_\_\_

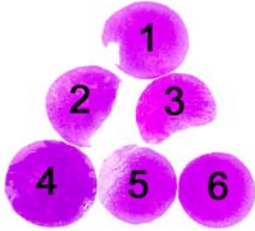
Best regards  
NordIQ

## Scoring sheet - to be returned with the stained slide(s)

Extra sheets can be printed from [www.nordiqc.org](http://www.nordiqc.org) → Assessments → Accompany letter

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