

EMPAT Direct Exam Round 57
 Proficiency Testing Performance for Participant ID: PAT-101812

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This report contains your organization's EMPAT Direct Exam Proficiency Analytical Testing results for **EMPAT Direct Exam Round 57**. It is the participant's responsibility to thoroughly review the information in this final report and to immediately contact the AIHA Proficiency Analytical Testing Programs, in writing, if any errors are found.

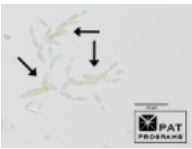
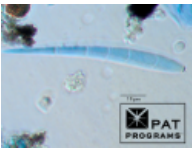

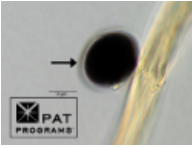
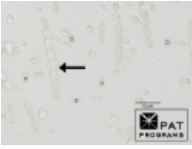
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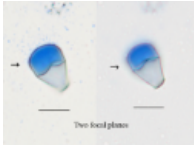
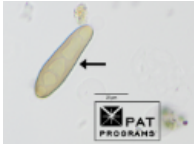
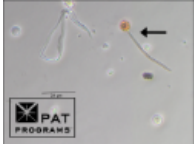
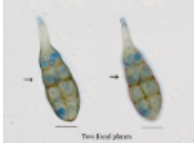

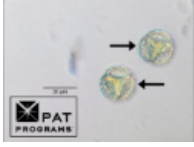


The final report is comprised of two sections relating to EMPAT Direct Exam Round 57. The first section contains your organization's results listed per analyte, per sample. The second section contains your current performance and performance from the two previous rounds, respectively (where applicable). Summary results for all participants for EMPAT Direct Exam Round 57 are located in a separate report.

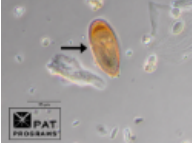
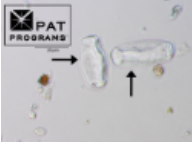


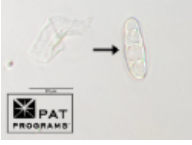

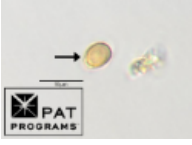
Scoring Deviations and **Educational Comments** are below the Testing Results table. Sample 8 and Sample 17 did not pass scoring acceptance criteria.

Testing Results for EMPAT Direct Exam Round 57

This part of the report contains your organization's results listed per analyte, per sample.

Sample	Display Order	Sample Number	Your Response	Expected Response	Also Accepted As	Score
	20	1	Cladosporium	Cladosporium		5
	6	2	Cercospora-like	Cercospora-like		5
	1	3	Basidiospores, non-specified	Basidiospores, non-specified		5
	16	4	Nigrospora	Nigrospora		5
	3	5	Aspergillus/ Penicillium-like	Aspergillus/ Penicillium-like		5

Sample	Display Order	Sample Number	Your Response	Expected Response	Also Accepted As	Score
	14	6	Polythrincium	Polythrincium		5
	4	7	Bipolaris/Drechslera/ Helminthosporium/ Exserohilum	Bipolaris/Drechslera/ Helminthosporium/ Exserohilum		5
	2	8	Non-specified spore	Basidiospores, non-specified	Sample Did Not Pass Scoring Acceptance Criteria	5
	5	9	Alternaria	Alternaria		5
	11	10	Ascospores, non-specified	Ascospores, non-specified		5
	12	11	Non-fungal particulate	Non-fungal particulate		5
	10	12	Fusarium	Fusarium		5
	15	13	Zygophiala	Zygophiala		5

Sample	Display Order	Sample Number	Your Response	Expected Response	Also Accepted As	Score
	9	14	Myxomycetes/ Periconia/Smuts/Rusts	Myxomycetes/ Periconia/Smuts/Rusts		5
	18	15	Oidium-like	Oidium-like		5
	7	16	Ganoderma	Ganoderma		5
	17	17	Curvularia	Non-specified spore	Sample Did Not Pass Scoring Acceptance Criteria	5
	8	18	Ascospores, non-specified	Ascospores, non-specified		5
	19	19	Cladosporium	Cladosporium		5
	13	20	Ganoderma	Ganoderma		5
Round Performance						100%

Overall Performance Summary Concluding with EMPAT Direct Exam Round 57

The following table contains your organization's current and two previous test rounds performance respectively (where applicable). For more information in regard to the determination of proficiency, please visit: www.aihapat.org.

Sample	Round	Round Score	Round Performance	Proficiency Status - Three Round Score
Direct Exam	55	100%	PASS	
	56	95%	PASS	
	57	100%	PASS	PROFICIENT

Interpretation Notes: None.

Pass: Round Score greater than or equal to 85%

Fail: Round Score less than 85%

P - Proficient; NP - Non-proficient; I - Indeterminate (not enough rounds to determine proficiency)

A participant is rated proficient for the applicable EMPAT analyte group if the participant has a passing score for the applicable EMPAT analyte group in two (2) of the last three (3) consecutive PT rounds. A participant is rated non-proficient for the applicable PT analyte group if the participant has failing scores for the associated PT analyte group in two (2) of the last three (3) consecutive PT rounds.

Scoring Deviations:

Sample 8

This image did not pass scoring acceptance criteria. Comments indicate arrow placement could be a cause of the distribution of responses between Hyphal Fragment and spore identification.

Sample 17

This image did not pass scoring criteria. Comments indicate a lack of distinguishing characteristics to identify the spore.

Educational Comments:

Sample 14

This image passed scoring acceptance criteria. Additional information can be found in *Sampling and Identifying Allergenic Pollens and Molds*, pages 162-163, and *The Air Spora*, pages 104-105.

Lacey, Maureen E., West, Jonathan S., *The Air Spora*. Dordrecht: Springer, 2006. Print.

Smith, Grant E., *Sampling and Identifying Allergenic Pollens and Molds*, San Antonio: Blewstone Press, 2000. Print.

Sample 19

This image passed scoring acceptance criteria. Additional examples can be found in *Sampling and Identifying Allergenic Pollens and Molds*, pages 136-137 and 160-161, and *The Air Spora*, pages 112-113.

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Additional information on the following items are available in the Environmental Microbiology Scheme Plan:

Procedures used to establish criteria for evaluation.

Scoring Acceptance Criteria: Sample images go through scoring acceptance criteria checks that requires 80% agreement between the reference laboratories and 50% agreement among the population. Any challenges that fail these criteria or pass but have issues flagged by the responses of participant laboratories in the round will also be researched and final decisions made by the AIHA PAT Board.

Scoring: Scoring is based on the following point system: +5 points for a correct identification and 0 points for an incorrect identification. Participants that incorrectly identify a challenge that fails to pass acceptance criteria will receive full credit of 5 points; with each round of testing having the possibility of achieving a maximum full credit correct score of 100 points. A passing score for a round is achieved with a score of at least eighty-five (85) percent.

Participants shall not describe their proficiency status in a manner that implies accreditation, certification or variations thereof. PAT results pertain only to the participant organization at the location listed on this results report. AIHA PAT Programs makes every effort to ensure that individual participant results are kept confidential and are not made public. Round results are only released to the participant and those entities requiring this information for accreditation, regulatory and contract purposes. New participants are made aware of the arrangement in advance of

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