

**Table 1 Proportion of laboratories attaining a satisfactory score for organisms included multiple times in the regional external quality assessment scheme, World Health Organization Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2011–2019**

Organism	Identification	
	Times included	Satisfactory (%)
<i>Salmonella</i> spp.	10	65
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	7	86
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	5	96
<i>Cronobacter sakazakii</i>	4	90
<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i>	4	89
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	3	90
<i>Shigella sonnei</i>	3	88
Normal enteric flora	3	67
<i>Shigella boydii</i>	3	60
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	2	96
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	2	93
<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>	2	83
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	2	76
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	2	76
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	2	72
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	1	96
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	1	89
<i>Arcanobacterium haemolyticum</i>	1	50
<i>Plesiomonas shigelloides</i>	1	48
<b>Antimicrobial susceptibility testing</b>		
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	5	65
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	3	75
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	2	85
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	2	69
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	2	61
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	1	90
<i>Cronobacter sakazakii</i>	1	85
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	1	54
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	1	50

Satisfactory column shows the median proportion of laboratories attaining a satisfactory ( $\geq 80\%$ ) score. Scores for organisms included once are shown for comparison.