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Dear User,

I am writing to inform you of a change to our service regarding the testing for Whipple disease. Due to the National Reconfiguration of Genomic Services this laboratory will no longer be offering testing for Whipple disease from 21/05//2018. This will be transferred to : -

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For more information please contact Deborah Gascoyne-Binzi (0113 3923929; e-mail Deborah.Gascoyne-Binzi@nhs.net) or Tony English (0113 3928797). This assay is currently offered via Microbiology where it has been fully validated. Please note that this test is not currently in the Microbiology department's scope for UKAS ISO15189 accreditation; although they are working towards including this in the next application for extension to scope.

The Microbiology department are able to process all types of tissue and cellular fluid samples. If you are sending paraffin embedded material, please send 6-10 sections 10µm thick in a sterile Universal container (or similar) to avoid delays.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Ruth Charlton (FRCPath)
Clinical Lead for Genetic Services