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Dear

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – ADAMTS13**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to ADAMTS13 activity.

Question:

1. The total number of ADAMTS13 activity assays performed by your laboratory in the stated period(s).

Answer:

Year	Number
2022	116
2023	131
2024	149

Question:

2. If applicable, how many of these tests were performed in-house vs sent to an external/reference laboratory. If sent away, please name the receiving laboratory(ies).

Answer:

All in house

Question:

3. The number of unique patients who had at least one ADAMTS13 test in the period(s).

Answer:

Unable to gather at this time.

Question:

4. If you collect them, separate numbers for ADAMTS13 inhibitor/antibody assays.

## Answer:

We send all positives to London for FRET testing for confirmation. These are on top of the Acustar results not instead of.

Year	Positives
2022	5<
2023	5<
2024	5<
Total	9

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

## Question:

5. The diagnostic assays/tools that were used to perform the ADAMTS13 activity and/or inhibitor assays. (e.g. Werfen acustar, technoclone ceveron, in-house FRET, ELISA)

## Answer:

Werfen Acustar.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal). If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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