

# What testing needs to be performed?



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Participating in B-PTS studies provides laboratories with an objective means for assessing and demonstrating the reliability of their data. Participants are therefore asked to use their **routine methods** for B-PTS studies, instead of a non-standard method, which can sometimes be prescribed for a collaborative study.

A **study protocol** is sent to participants by email at least **2 weeks** before the B-PTS samples are shipped.

The study protocol provides general information on:

- how to process the samples, noting that laboratories test panel samples using their established, routinely used assay;
- the conditions of storage, taking into consideration any limitations at the BEs;
- the link to the **AoR form**;
- how to record the results, the deadline for submitting the results and the link to the RDS.