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The goal of this section is to briefly summarise the major inferences that can be drawn from the information presented in the report. State in brief the outcome of the EQA scheme, the significance of the findings reported. This could be done in subsections as per the different objectives of the EQA.

Evaluate the EQA itself using criteria such as appropriateness of the study design, participation rates, frequency of testing, number of samples, analysis of results, reporting of data, etc.

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6 Recommendations

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Based on the identified critical factors, propose specific actions to address the identified errors, gaps, etc. per method. Link proposed actions to key players, i.e. whether the action is for individual laboratories, for the laboratory network, for ECDC, etc.

Put your proposal in the context of identified objectives (EQA, network, ECDC).

If key elements to improve the EQA organisation itself were identified, state these here, e.g. how to collect questionnaires, how and when to send testing material, how to procure EQA activities.

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