

Dear Lab XXXX,

Thank you for volunteering to participate in our spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) pilot proficiency testing (PT) program. Your participation will help CDC to evaluate its readiness to provide a routine SMA PT program. A panel consisting of five DBS samples will be shipped to you on June XX, 2020. A Data Reporting form, a Customer Service Feedback form and an instruction sheet are attached. Your completed evaluation of these samples and the overall feedback are requested no later than July xx, 2020. We are also requesting that you submit your assay data including SMN1 and housekeeping gene Cqs with corresponding amplification plots and population median Cqs for SMN1 and your housekeeping gene. All raw data submitted will be stored securely. If you have any questions please email [nsqapdmt@cdc.gov](mailto:nsqapdmt@cdc.gov) with subject "SMA Pilot – LAB-XXXX) where XXXX is your lab code number.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
NSQAP DMT