

## TECHNICAL DOCUMENT

Community Network of Reference Laboratories (CNRL) for Human Influenza in Europe

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Since the [April 2010](#) report, only two ECDC-affiliated countries have sent specimens (virus isolates) to the WHO CC in London (Table 1). The viruses received were all MDCK-cell isolates. Of the small number of pandemic A(H1N1) viruses from ECDC countries that have been analysed since the last report, all were antigenically similar to A/California/7/2009. The recently received influenza B viruses are being analysed.

**Table 1.** Summary of specimens received in May 2010 and analyses conducted on them.

Collection Date (Month) Country	Viruses received					
	Pandemic A(H1N1)		B-Victoria lineage		B-Yamagata lineage	
	Number received	Number grown*	Number received	Number grown*	Number received	Number grown*
FEBRUARY Italy Latvia	3	0	1			
MARCH Italy Latvia			8	8	4	2
APRIL Italy Latvia			2	2	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>

\* 7 viruses are *In culture*.