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## Abbreviations and acronyms

|           |   |
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| BU-LABNET | Buruli ulcer laboratory network         |
| CPC       | Pasteur Center of Cameroon              |
| EQA       | external quality assessment             |
| FNA       | fine-needle aspiration                  |
| IPIN      | International Pasteur Institute Network |
| ITM       | Institute of Tropical Medicine          |
| NTD       | neglected tropical disease              |
| PCR       | polymerase chain reaction               |
| SOP       | standard operating procedure            |
| WHO       | World Health Organization               |

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