

# SKIN AND EAR CYTOLOGY SEMIQUANTITATIVE SCALE

Cytology is an important diagnostic technique allowing assessment of the presence of bacteria and yeast on the skin surface and in the external ear canals. It is used for diagnostic and for treatment success monitoring purposes. Results should always be interpreted in light of the history and the clinical examination of each patient.

CLASSIFICATION	DESCRIPTION
<b>0</b> (Negative cytology)	No bacteria/yeast/inflammatory cells
<b>1+</b>	Occasional bacteria/yeast/inflammatory cells present Slide must be scanned carefully for detection
<b>2+</b>	Bacteria/yeast/inflammatory cells present in low numbers Detectable rapidly without difficulties
<b>3+</b>	Bacteria/yeast/inflammatory cells present in larger numbers Detectable rapidly without difficulties
<b>4+</b>	Massive amounts of bacteria/yeast/inflammatory cells present Detectable rapidly without difficulties

