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To whom it may concern,

We, as the manufacturer of COVID-19/Influenza A+B Antigen Combo Rapid Test, COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Cassette (Saliva), COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Cassette (Nasal swab) and COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test assure that the following major SARS-CoV-2 variants which seem to spread more easily and quickly than other variants, can be detected by these antigen tests:

- ✓ B.1.1.7 (Alpha)
- ✓ B.1.351 (Beta)
- √ P.1 (Gamma)
- √ B.1.617.2 (Delta)
- √ C.37 (Lambda)
- √ B.1.1.529 (Omicron)

Yours sincerely,

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COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test, nasal swab

Analytical Sensitivity (Limit of Detection) Study Report - Omicron

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An initial range finding study was performed testing 3 batches of the devices in triplicate using a 10-fold dilution series. The lowest concentration at which Omicron variant target demonstrated 100% positivity (3 out of 3 replicates) was chosen as basis for further study.

Using this concentration, the LoD was further refined with a 2-fold dilution series. The last dilution demonstrating 95% positivity was then tested in an additional 20 replicates tested in the same way.

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1. Purpose

Inclusivity study was performed to demonstrate that the COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test can detect the Omicron variant.

2. Materials

2.1 IVD Reagents: three batches of the COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test (Lot1: 2020070143, Lot2: 2020070144, Lot3: 2020070145).

2.2 Samples:

a. Omicron variant stocks as shown in the table below

Variant	Titer of Stock (TCID ₅₀ /mL)	Sample Type	Source
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b. Presumed negative natural nasal swab specimens from healthy donors were extracted in extraction reagent provided in the kit. Swab extracted solution was combined and mixed thoroughly to create a clinical matrix pool to be used as the diluents.

3. Method and Result

3.1 Screening of Critical Positive Concentration

3.1.1 Method

Serial, 10-fold dilutions of each inactivated virus were prepared with the natural nasal swab matrix pool as described above. $50~\mu L$ of the viral particle solution was added to dry swabs and the swab was then placed into 0.3~mL extraction reagent for test. Triplicate samples of each serial dilution were tested using one batch of 3 combinations (Lot1: 2020070143, Lot2: 2020070144, Lot3: 2020070145). The lowest concentration at which Omicron variant target demonstrated 100% positivity (3 out of 3 replicates) was chosen for further study.

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The results of critical positive concentration screening are presented in Table below. The concentration of $4.60 \times 10^2 \, TCID_{50} / mL$ met the criteria we settled up for further study.

Table 1. Inactivated Omicron Variant

Omicron tested	Test Result of COVID-19 Antigen (+/+)		
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4.60×10^3	3/3	3/3	3/3
4.60×10 ²	3/3	3/3	3/3
4.60×10	0/3	0/3	0/3

3.2 Confirmation of Critical Positive Concentration

3.2.1 Method

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Based on this study the LoD of COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test for nasal swab specimens was confirmed as follows:

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