

# CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test

# Instructions for Use

For In Vitro Diagnostic Use Only



**Prescription Use Only** 



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# Intended Use

- The CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test is an Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) intended for qualitative detection of IgG antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in human serum and plasma (EDTAtested). The CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test is intended for use as an aid in identifying individuals with an adaptive immune response to SARS-CoV-2, indicating recent or prior infection. At this time, it is unknown for how long antibodies persist following infection and if the presence of antibodies confers protective immunity. Testing is limited to laboratories certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA), 42 U.S.C 263a, to perform moderate or high complexity tests.
- Results are for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies. IgG antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 are generally detectable in blood several days after initial infection, although the duration of time antibodies are present post-infection is not well characterized. Individuals may have detectable virus present for several weeks following seroconversion.
- Laboratories within the United States and its territories are required to report all positive results to the appropriate public health authorities.

- The sensitivity of the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test early after infection is unknown. Negative results do not preclude acute SARS-CoV-2 infection. If acute infection is suspected, direct testing for SARS-CoV-2 is necessary.
- False positive results for the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test may occur due to cross-reactivity from preexisting antibodies or other possible causes.
- This test is not cleared, CLIA waived, approved, or subject to an approved investigational device exemption.

## Introduction

- The Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome-Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) is a single-stranded RNA virus which belongs to the family of coronaviruses. Coronaviruses are composed of several proteins including the Spike (S), Envelope (E), Membrane (M), and Nucleocapsid (N).
- This novel coronavirus is believed to have originated in China, in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province. In humans, SARS-CoV-2 causes respiratory infections and is mainly transmitted by respiratory droplets and aerosols from infected patients.

# **Principles of the Procedure**

The CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test allows the qualitative detection of the human anti SARS-CoV-2 IgG antibodies present in human serum and plasma (EDTA-tested), utilizing the Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) technique.

The ELISA plate is coated with COVID-19 recombinant protein. The operator applies assays controls and diluted human serum or plasma (EDTApreserved) specimens to the COVID-19 coated-plate. Human anti SARS-CoV-2 antibodies may specifically bind to the coated COVID-19 protein. Horseradish Peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated anti-human IgG antibody solution is applied to each well for detection of immobilized human anti SARS-CoV-2 antibodies. Upon application of HRP-substrate a colorimetric reaction proportional in strength to the concentration of anti SARS-CoV-2 antibodies present in the respective specimen will occur. Optical Density quantitation allows to determine anti SARS-CoV-2 antibody containing specimens by comparison to a ratio above 5:1 compared to the provided normal human serum control (NHS).

# Warnings and Precautions

- Biohazard: biological samples such as tissues, body fluids, and blood have the potential to transmit infectious diseases; when handling of these substances and assay waste, follow all applicable local, state/provincial, and/or national regulations.
- Use routine Good Laboratory Practices (GLP). Do not eat, drink, or smoke in designated work areas.
- Care should be taken to avoid contact of skin or eyes with specimens and kit reagents in general. In case of contact, wash immediately with plenty water. Seek medical attention if necessary.
- Do not use kit component that appears damaged or irregular.
- Do not use expired reagents.
- The CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Developing Solution contains small amount of 3,3',5,5'-Tetramethylbenzidine (TMB), and the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Stop Solution is an acid solution. In case of skin contact, eye contact, ingestion, or inhalation, immediately use a shower, eyewash fountain, hand/face spray unit, and other emergency equipment to flush affected area(s) with plenty of water. Seek medical attention if necessary.
- Read the test instructions carefully before using the product.

## Specimen

• The specimens compatible with this test are human serum and plasma (EDTA-tested).

- Use of specimen precipitated, contaminated by bacteria or protein suspension should be avoided.
- Do not heat the specimens.

## Storage

Appropriate storage conditions and associated stability data of the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test are summarized below.

<u>Note</u>: during shipping, exposure to temperatures up to 28°C is permitted for up to 72 hours.

Table 1. Kit Storage Conditions

CoVisa™ IgG Test	Temperature	Duration
Part #2100000	2°C to 8°C	See product label for actual expiration date

Storage of Specimen

- The Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI GP44-A4) recommends that specimens should be stored at room temperature no longer than 8 hours. Specimens can be stored refrigerated at +2°C to +8°C for 48 hours. Beyond 48 hours, specimens should be frozen at -20°C or lower.
- Samples should not be repeatedly frozen and thawed.
- Frozen samples must be mixed well after thawing and prior to testing.
- Diluted samples should be incubated within 8 hours.
- Do not use bacterially contaminated samples.
- The individual laboratory is responsible for managing its own studies to determine its own specific stability criteria.

# **Materials Provided**

Table 2. CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Kit Contents (each kit contains reagents to process 94 specimens x 5 = 470 specimens total)

CoVisa™ IgG Test Item	Quantity	
Plate	5 x 96-well plate	
Specimen Dilution Buffer	1 bottle	
Detector Concentrate	1 bottle	
Detector Dilution Buffer	1 bottle	
20X Wash Solution	1 bottle	
Developing Solution	1 amber bottle	
Stop Solution	1 bottle	
Negative Control	1 vial	
Instructions For Use (IFU)	1 booklet	

# Equipment Required but Not Provided

- Microplate reader: wavelength of 450 nm, reference wavelength range from 620 nm to 650 nm
- Calibrated multi-channel pipette to deliver between 100 μL and 200 μL
- Calibrated single-channel micropipettes to deliver between 10 μL and 1000 μL
- Pipette tips
- Serological pipettes
- Timer
- Vortexer
- Thermometer
- Distilled or deionized water to dilute the concentrated 20X Wash Solution
- Microtiter plate cover or equivalent
- "Dilution Tubes" to prepare specimens dilutions
- 500 mL glass or plastic container, or equivalent to prepare the 1X Wash Solution
- 15 mL Falcon polypropylene tube or equivalent to prepare the Detector Solution
- Reagent Reservoirs
- Absorbent paper / paper towel

## **Equipment Recommanded**

• Automatic microplate washer.

<u>Note:</u> the 20X Wash Solution provided in the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test allows manual washing of the microplates. Bulk 20X Wash Solution is available to accommodate the automatic wash process.

## Procedure

- <u>Make sure all the reagents are equilibrated to</u> room temperature (15°C-25°C) before use.
- Do not run test below 15°C or above 25°C.
- Pipet all solutions slowly, and avoid the formation of bubbles for accuracy.
- Change pipette tips between all pipetting steps.
- Cover or cap all kit components and store at 2-8° C when not in use.
- Do not allow the microplate to dry between changes of solutions in the wells.
- The Developing Solution is light-sensitive, avoid prolonged exposure to light.
- Any unused well of the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate cannot be used during a subsequent experiment.

Note: the instructions provided below are to run one (1) CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate. Volums need to be adapted if more then one CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate is run.

## 1. Assay Controls

- The Positive Control is located at the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate well position (row / column) H/12.
- The Negative Control is located at the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate well position (row / column) H/11.
   <u>Note</u>: it is recommended to perform one negative control per CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate.
- Wells H/11 and H/12 cannot be used for specimen testing.

#### 2. SPECIMEN PREPARATION

- a) Specimens can be serum or plasma (EDTA). Use
   a Dilution Tube for each patient specimen and label appropriately.
- b) Prior to application to the test, patient specimens are to be diluted 1:100 in Specimen Dilution Buffer (serial dilutions preferred).

Example: 10  $\mu$ L of serum specimen is added to 90  $\mu$ L of Specimen Dilution Buffer; this 1:10 dilution is then repeated to reach a final dilution of 1:100, by adding 10  $\mu$ L of the first 1:10 dilution to 90  $\mu$ L of Specimen Dilution Buffer.

c) Vortex for 5 seconds after each step and avoid forming bubbles.

#### 3. SPECIMEN AND ASSAY CONTROLS APPLICATION

- a) Obtain the appropriate number of CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate(s) and take them out of their pouch.
- b) Label each of them appropriately.
- c) Using an appropriate single-channel pipette, transfer 90 µL from the CoVisa™ IgG Test Negative Control vial into well H/11.
- d) Using an appropriate single-channel pipette, add 90 μL of Specimen Dilution Buffer into H/12 well.
- e) Using an appropriate single-channel pipette, transfer 90 μL from each Specimen Preparation from each "Dilution Tube" into the appropriate wells.
- f) Visually check that all tested wells contain solution. Gently tap the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate to ensure that the solutions are evenly distributed over the bottom of all tested well, and cover the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate with a microtiter plate cover.
- g) Incubate the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate at 15°C to 25°C, for 1 hour.

<u>Note</u>: after 45-minute incubation, continue with step 4.

### 4. <u>1X WASH AND DETECTOR SOLUTIONS</u> PREPARATION

a) After 45-minute incubation of step 3.g, start the preparation of the 1X Wash Solution, as well as the Detector Solution.

#### 1X Wash Solution

- b) If Test Plate washes are performed manually, prepare 200 mL of 1X Wash Solution by adding 10 mL of the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test 20X Wash Solution to 190 mL of distilled or deionized water. Mix thoroughly before use. Keep for used under step 5.
- c) If Test Plate washes are performed with an automated plate washer, prepare 400 mL of 1X Wash Solution by adding 20 mL of the CoVisa™ lgG Test 20X Wash Solution to 380 mL of distilled or deionized water. Mix thoroughly before use. Keep for use under step 5.

**Detector Solution** 

- d) Obtain a 15 mL polypropylene tube or equivalent and label it as "Detector Solution".
- e) Obtain the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Detector Concentrate and the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Detector Dilution Buffer. Gently but thoroughly shake both solutions before use.
- f) Using an appropriate single-channel pipette, add 1 mL of CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Detector Concentrate to 11 mL of CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Detector Dilution Buffer into the tube labeled as "Detector Solution".
- g) Mix the "Detector Solution" tube by repeated gentle inversion. Keep for use under step 6.

#### 5. FIRST WASH STEP

 a) After completion of the 1-hour incubation at 15 to 25°C under step 3.g., obtain the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> lgG Test Plate and empty its contents into a sink or proper waste container.

If the Test Plate washes are performed manually, follow step b); if Test Plate washes

are performed with an automated plate washer, follow step c).

- b) Manual wash procedure:
  - Obtain a reagent reservoir, label it as "Wash Solution", and pour into it 1X Wash Solution (prepared under step 4.b) into it. Approximately 22 mL of "Wash Solution" are needed per wash step and per Test Plate.
  - 2. Using an appropriate multi-channel pipette, transfer 200  $\mu L$  of 1X Wash Solution into each well.
  - 3. Tap the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate gently for 5 seconds.
  - 4. Allow the 1X Wash Solution to soak for 1 minute.
  - Empty the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate content into a sink or proper waste container, using a "wrist snap" action.
  - Remove residual liquid by tapping the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate upside down on a stack of absorbent paper.
  - 7. Repeat steps b.2 to b.6 for 3 more times.
- c) <u>Wash procedure using an automated plate</u> <u>washer</u>:
  - 1. Pour the 400 mL of 1X Wash Solution prepared at step 4.c) into the plate washer.
  - Set wash volume to 0.40 mL to 0.45 mL of Wash Solution per CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate well.
  - 3. Allow the 1X Wash Solution to soak for 1 minute.
  - Set aspirate function to empty ≥ 95% volume from the wells.
  - 5. Repeat steps c.2 to c.4 for 3 more times.
  - Remove the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate from the automated plate washer and tap the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate upside down on a stack of absorbent paper to remove residual liquid.

#### 6. DETECTOR APPLICATION

a) Obtain a reagent reservoir, label it as "Detector", and pour the content of the "Detector Solution" tube (prepared at step 4) into it.

- b) After completion of the First Wash (step 5), obtain the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate, and using an appropriate multi-channel pipette, transfer 100 µL of Detector Solution into each well.
- c) Gently tap the plate to ensure that the Detector Solution is evenly distributed over the bottom of each well, and cover the plate with a microtiter plate cover.
- d) Incubate the plate at 15°C to 25°C for 1 hour.

### 7. SECOND WASH STEP

- a) When the 1-hour incubation at 15 to 25°C of step 6.d. is over, obtain the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate and empty its contents into a sink or proper waste container.
- b) Follow the same washing procedure performed during the First Wash (step 5):

-if wash step is performed manually, follow steps 5.b.

-if wash step is performed with an automated plate washer, follow step 5.c.2 to 5.c.6.

#### 8. DEVELOPMENT AND STOP STEPS

- a) Obtain a reagent reservoir, label it as "Developing Solution" and pour 12 mL of CoVisa™ IgG Test Developing Solution into it.
- b) After the Second Wash (step 7), using a multichannel pipette, transfer 100 µL of CoVisa™ IgG Test Developing Solution to each well of the CoVisa™ IgG Test Plate.
- c) Gently tap the plate to ensure that the CoVisa™
   lgG Test Developing Solution is evenly
   distributed over the bottom of each well.
- d) Cover the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate with a microtiter plate cover and incubate, in the dark, for 20 min at 15°C to 25°C.
- e) During the incubation time of step 8.d., obtain a reagent reservoir, label it as "Stop Solution", and transfer 12 mL of CoVisa™ IgG Test Stop Solution into it.

f) When the 20 min incubation of step 8.d is completed, transfer 100 µL of CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Stop Solution from the "Stop Solution" reservoir into each well of the plate using an appropriate multichannel pipette.

<u>Note:</u> wells already contain 100 µL of CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Developing Solution and the Stop Solution is added to the Developing Solution.

Results must be read immediately after addition of the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Stop Solution (step 9).

#### 9. TEST RESULTS INTERPRETATION

- a) Carefully shake the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test Plate for 10 seconds to ensure homogeneity of the color solution and <u>immediately</u> read results with a microplate spectrophotometer, at 450 nm.
- b) Test evaluation ratio-based analysis

The interpretation of the test specimen's result is based on the calculation of the ratio of the test specimen's optical density  $OD_{450}$  readout over the normal human serum control (NHS)'s optical density  $OD_{450}$  readout (well position H/11).

- c) Results intervals
  - A CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test result is called "negative for anti SARS-CoV-2 IgG antibody" if the calculated ratio is < 5.</li>
  - A CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test result is called "positive for anti SARS-CoV-2 IgG antibody" if the calculated ratio is ≥ 5.
- d) Interpret results following Tables 3 and 4.

System Suitabiliy	Description	Instructions
CoVisa™ IgG Test is <b>Valid</b>	-If the Positive Control H/12 well is Positive <u>AND</u> -If the Negative Control H/11 well is Negative	Interpret results following Table 4
CoVisa™ IgG Test is <b>Invalid</b>	<ul> <li>If the Positive Control</li> <li>H/12 well is not Positive,</li> <li><u>AND/OR</u></li> <li>If the Negative Control</li> <li>H/11 well is not Negative</li> </ul>	Retest is needed

 Table 3.
 System Suitability Evaluation

Table 4. Test Results Interpretation

System Suitabiliy	Ratio	Test Result
CoVisa™ IgG Test is <b>Valid</b>	Ratio is < 5	<b>Negative</b> for anti SARS-CoV-2 IgG antibody
CoVisa™ IgG Test is <b>Valid</b>	Ratio is ≥ 5	<b>Positive</b> for anti SARS-CoV-2 IgG antibody

# **Limitations of the Procedure**

- This test has not been reviewed by the FDA.
- Use in conjunction with other clinical patient evaluations.
- Failure to follow the test procedure and instructions on test results interpretation may adversely affect test performance and/or invalidate the test result.
- If the level of antigen in a specimen is below the limit of detection of the test, a negative test result may occur.
- Negative results do not exclude the presence of other coronavirus or non-coronavirus viral infections and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or other patient management decisions.

- Negative results do not rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection, particularly in those who have been in contact with the virus. Follow-up testing with a molecular diagnostic should be considered to rule out infection in these individuals.
- A Negative can be because the test has been performed earlier than 14 days after COVID-19 diagnosis.
- Positive results do not exclude co-infections with other viral or bacterial pathogens.
- Positive results may be due to past or present infection with non-SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus strains, such as coronavirus HKU1, NL63, OC43, or 229E.
- Monoclonal antibodies may fail to detect, or detect with less sensitivity, SARS-CoV-2 viruses that have undergone amino acid changes in the target epitope region.
- Results from antibody testing should not be used as the sole basis to diagnose or exclude SARS-CoV-2 infection or to inform infection status.
- Not for screening of donated blood.

## **Assay Performance Summary**

a) Cross-Reactivity

To determine cross-reactivity of the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test to non-SARS-CoV-2 pathogens, serum specimens derived from subjects believed to be negative for SARS-CoV-2 (specimen collected before the assumed emergence of COVID-19) and with confirmed infections or conditions, as shown in the following table, were tested.

CoVisa™ IgG Test serological test Cross Reactivity	# samples applied / # positive	
Hepatitis B	5/0	
Hepatitis C	4/0	
HIV	2/0	
Influenza A	2/0	
ANA	5/0	

b) Class specificity

The anti-human IgG antibody used in the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test demonstrates class-specific reactivity only to human IgG isotypes. No binding interactions were observed to human IgM, human IgA.

#### c) Clinical Agreement Study

 Table 6.
 Clinical data results and scatter blot

		SARS-CoV-2 Negative	
		Positive	Negative
CoVisa™ IgG Test	Positive	30	1
	Negative	0	130





Clinical performance of the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test was evaluated by testing 30 serum specimens (11 of these were contrived) collected from patients more than 14 days after a positive diagnosis for SARS-CoV-2 infection, and 131 specimens that were confirmed negative for infection with SARS-CoV-2 (95% serum collected before COVID-19 emergence). 100 of the specimens called SARS-CoV-2 "negative" were on or before collected September 2019. All other specimens called SARS-CoV-2 "negative" had a negative RT-PCR outcome for SARS-CoV-2 RNA. In all cases, a FDA EUA COVID-19 real-time reverse transcriptase PCR test was used.

Results from the CoVisa<sup>™</sup> IgG Test showed 30 of 30 SARS-CoV-2 positive serum tested positive and 130 of 131 SARS-CoV-2 negatives serum tested negative. A subset of plasma specimens derived from the above mentioned sera produced the same results.

The PPA is 100% and NPA is 99.2%.

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