

# COVID-19 196/1918 Rapid Test

- · 10 Minutes for Results
- · Whole Blood, Serum or Plasma
- 100% Combined Sensitivity and 94% Combined Specificity to PCR
- CE marked

**Coronaviruses (CoVs)** belong to the subfamily *Orthocoronavirinae* in the family *Coronaviridae* and the order *Nidovirales*. Recently, a novel CoV, SARS-CoV-2, has been identified as the etiological agent responsible for the outbreak in Wuhan, China.

## Symptoms of infection:

- · Low-grade fever
- · Shortness of breath
- · Cough



### **Serology Tests**

Serology tests look for the presence of antibodies which are specific proteins made in response to infections. The antibodies detected by this test indicate that a person has had an immune response to SARS-CoV-2, whether symptoms developed from infection or the infection was asymptomatic. A serology test used as an adjunct to PCR testing will allow for health ministries and hospitals to monitor seroprevalence and potentially identify suspected, confirmed, or probable exposures.



### **Studies**

Studies have shown that the current strategy for the detection of viral RNA in oral swabs used for COVID-19 diagnosis is not ideal. The virus may be present in anal swabs or blood of patients when oral swab detection is negative. In contrast, studies found anti-viral antibodies in nearly all patients, indicating that serology should be considered as part of COVID-19 epidemiology. (2)

- 1. CDC Tests for COVID-19, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Accessed 26 FEB 2020 www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/testing.html
- 2. Emerging Microbes & Infections 2020, VOL. 9 Molecular and serological investigation of 2019-nCoV infected patients





## COVID-19 IgG/IgM Rapid Test

The Biomerica COVID-19 IgG/IgM Rapid Test is a qualitative rapid immunoassay for the detection of IgG and IgM antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in whole blood, serum or plasma specimens. The specimen reacts with SARS-CoV-2 coupled gold conjugate and then reacts with anti-human IgM and/or antihuman IgG in the test line region if the specimen contains antibodies directed to SARS-CoV-2.

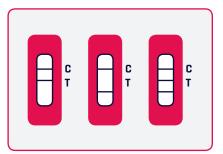


## The Test

T' ZONE

Lines appearing in the test 'T' zone represent the presence of IgG, IgM or both IgG & IgM antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in specimens.









**Negative** 

### **Performance**

#### SENSITIVITY AND SPECIFICITY

The Biomerica COVID-19 IgG/IgM Rapid Test was compared with a commercial PCR test. The results show that the test has high combined sensitivity and specificity:

IgG and/or IgM Result:		PCR	
		Positive	Negative
Biomerica COVID-19 IgG/IgM Rapid Test	Positive	20	3
	Negative	0	47

**Combined Sensitivity instead of Relative Sensitivity:** 100% (95%CI\*: 83.16% to 100.00%)

**Combined Specificity instead of Relative Specificity:** 94.0% (95%CI\*: 83.45% to 98.75%)

96.0% (95%CI\*: 87.98% to 99.11%)

\*Confidence Interval

