

Analytical Performance Report

DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette

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1. Analytical Sensitivity / Detection Limit

Study objective:

To evaluate the limit of detection of DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab).

Study design:

Method:

The LOD for the DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab) was established using limiting dilutions of a viral sample inactivated by heating at 65°C for 30 minutes, the material was supplied at a concentration of 4.6×10^5 TCID₅₀/mL. In this study, designed to estimate the LOD of the assay when using a direct nasal swab, the starting material was spiked into a volume of pooled human nasal matrix obtained from healthy donors and confirmed negative for SARS-CoV-2. An initial range finding study was performed testing devices in triplicate using a 10-fold dilution series. At each dilution, 50 µL samples were added to swabs and then tested in the DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab) using the procedure appropriate for patient nasal swab specimens. A concentration was chosen between the last dilution to give 9 positive results and the first to give 9 negative results. Using this concentration, the LOD was further refined with a 2-fold dilution series. At each dilution, then tested in 60 replicates tested in the same way using three lots of DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab).

Materials:

- DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab)
Lot 1: 2006189; Lot 2: 2006190; Lot 3: 2006191
- SARS-CoV-2 cultured virus confirmed by PCR and has been inactivated by heating at 65°C for 30 minutes, the material was supplied at a concentration of 4.6×10^5 TCID₅₀/mL.
- Pooled human nasal matrix obtained from healthy donors and confirmed negative for SARS-CoV-2.

Test procedure:

Perform the test according to the test procedure in the package insert.

Acceptance criteria:

Acceptable Limit of Detection level: Positive agreement $\geq 90\%$.

Results:

Table 1.1: The result of 10-fold dilution series

Dilution series	Concentration	DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette			NO. Positive/ Tested
		Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	
Neat	4.6×10^5 TCID ₅₀ /mL	3/3	3/3	3/3	9/9
1/10	4.6×10^4 TCID ₅₀ /mL	3/3	3/3	3/3	9/9
1/100	4.6×10^3 TCID ₅₀ /mL	3/3	3/3	3/3	9/9
1/1000	4.6×10^2 TCID ₅₀ /mL	3/3	3/3	3/3	9/9
1/10000	4.6×10 TCID ₅₀ /mL	0/3	0/3	0/3	0/9

Table 1.2: The results of 2-fold dilution series.

Dilution series	Concentration	DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette			NO. Positive /Tested	Positive agreement
		Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3		
Neat	4.6×10^2 TCID ₅₀ /mL	20/20	20/20	20/20	60/60	100%
1/2	2.3×10^2 TCID ₅₀ /mL	20/20	20/20	20/20	60/60	100%
1/4	1.15×10^2 TCID ₅₀ /mL	20/20	20/20	20/20	60/60	100%
1/8	5.75×10 TCID ₅₀ /mL	6/20	3/20	5/20	14/60	23.3%
1/16	2.88×10 TCID ₅₀ /mL	0/20	0/20	0/20	0/60	0%

Conclusion:

From the study above:

The Limit of Detection of the DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab) is 1.15×10^2 TCID₅₀/mL.

2. Analytical Specificity

2.1. Interfering Substances

Study objective:

To evaluate if the substances found in respiratory specimen interfere with the DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab).

Study design:

Method:

Test simulated specimens using the DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab) to evaluate if there are any substance interferences. These potential interfering substances were spiked separately into negative pooled human nasal matrix and SARS-CoV-2 cultured virus as the simulated specimens. 50 µL simulated specimens were added to swabs and then tested in the DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab) using the procedure appropriate for patient nasal swab specimens.

Materials:

- DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab)
Lot 1: 2006189; Lot 2: 2006190; Lot 3: 2006191
- Limit of detection reference: SARS-CoV-2 cultured virus with concentration of 1.15×10^2 TCID₅₀/mL.
- Pooled human nasal matrix obtained from healthy donors and confirmed negative for SARS-CoV-2.
- Potential interfering substances: Human blood (EDTA anticoagulated), Mucin, Antiviral drugs (Oseltamivir phosphate, Ribavirin), Antibiotics/antibacterial drugs (Levofloxacin, Azithromycin, Meropenem, Tobramycin), Nasal sprays or nose drops (Phenylephrine, Oxymetazoline, 0.9% sodium chloride, A natural soothing ALKALOL), Nasal corticosteroids (Beclomethasone, Hexadecadrol, Flunisolide, Triamcinolone, Budesonide, Mometasone, Fluticasone, Fluticasone propionate).

Test Procedure:

Perform the test according to the test procedure in the package insert.

Results:

Table 2.1.1. Test results of negative pooled human nasal matrix simulated specimens.

Potential interfering substances were spiked into Negative pooled human nasal matrix		Concentration	DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette		
			Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3
	Human blood (EDTA anticoagulated)	20% (v/v)	-	-	-
	Mucin	5mg/ml	-	-	-
Antiviral drugs	Oseltamivir phosphate	5mg/ml	-	-	-
	Ribavirin	5mg/ml	-	-	-
Antibiotics /antibacterial drugs	Levofloxacin	5mg/ml	-	-	-
	Azithromycin	5mg/ml	-	-	-
	Meropenem	5mg/ml	-	-	-
	Tobramycin	2mg/ml	-	-	-
Nasal sprays or nose drops	Phenylephrine	20%(v/v)	-	-	-
	oxymetazoline	20%(v/v)	-	-	-
	0.9% sodium chloride	20%(v/v)	-	-	-
	A natural soothing ALKALOL	20%(v/v)	-	-	-

Nasal corticosteroids	Beclomethasone	20%(v/v)	-	-	-
	Hexadecadrol	20%(v/v)	-	-	-
	Flunisolide	20%(v/v)	-	-	-
	Triamcinolone	20%(v/v)	-	-	-
	Budesonide	20%(v/v)	-	-	-
	Mometasone	20%(v/v)	-	-	-
	Fluticasone	20%(v/v)	-	-	-
Fluticasone propionate	20%(v/v)	-	-	-	

Note: “-“ = negative result

Table 2.1.2. Test Results of SARS-CoV-2 cultured virus simulated specimens

Potential interfering substances were spiked into Limit of detection references (SARS-CoV-2 cultured virus with concentration of 1.15×10^2 TCID ₅₀ /mL)		Concentration	DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette		
			Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3
	Human blood (EDTA anticoagulated)	20% (v/v)	+	+	+
	Mucin	5mg/ml	+	+	+
Antiviral drugs	Oseltamivir phosphate	5mg/ml	+	+	+
	Ribavirin	5mg/ml	+	+	+
Antibiotics /antibacterial drugs	Levofloxacin	5mg/ml	+	+	+
	Azithromycin	5mg/ml	+	+	+
	Meropenem	5mg/ml	+	+	+
	Tobramycin	2mg/ml	+	+	+
Nasal sprays or nose drops	Phenylephrine	20%(v/v)	+	+	+
	oxymetazoline	20%(v/v)	+	+	+
	0.9% sodium chloride	20%(v/v)	+	+	+
	A natural soothing ALKALOL	20%(v/v)	+	+	+
Nasal corticosteroids	Beclomethasone	20%(v/v)	+	+	+
	Hexadecadrol	20%(v/v)	+	+	+
	Flunisolide	20%(v/v)	+	+	+
	Triamcinolone	20%(v/v)	+	+	+
	Budesonide	20%(v/v)	+	+	+
	Mometasone	20%(v/v)	+	+	+
	Fluticasone	20%(v/v)	+	+	+
Fluticasone propionate	20%(v/v)	+	+	+	

Note: “+“= positive results

Conclusion:

According to the results, we can conclude that all the mentioned substances did not interfere with the DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab).

2.2. Cross Reactivity

Study objective:

To evaluate the cross reactivity of DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab) with potential cross-reactivity pathogens.

Study design:

Materials:

- DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab)
Lot 1: 2006189; Lot 2: 2006190; Lot 3: 2006191

Method:

To find if there is cross reaction with possible pathogens in the clinical specimens, use the DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab) to test these specimens.

Specimen Preparation:

Table 2.2.1. Specimen Information

Pathogens	
Respiratory syncytial virus Type A	Human coronavirus NL63
Respiratory syncytial virus Type B	Human coronavirus HKU1
Novel influenza A H1N1 virus (2019)	Parainfluenza virus 1
Seasonal influenza A H1N1 virus	Parainfluenza virus 2
Influenza A H3N2 virus	Parainfluenza virus 3
Influenza A H5N1 virus	Parainfluenza virus 4
Influenza B Yamagata	Haemophilus influenzae
Influenza B Victoria	Streptococcus pyogenes
Rhinovirus	Streptococcus pneumoniae
Adenovirus 3	Candida albicans
Adenovirus 7	Bordetella pertussis
EV-A71	Mycoplasma pneumoniae
Mycobacterium tuberculosis	Chlamydia pneumoniae
Mumps virus	Legionella pneumophila
Human coronavirus 229E	Pooled human nasal wash
Human coronavirus OC43	

Procedure:

Test above specimen with DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab). Add 50 µL specimen to the swab and perform the test according to the test procedure in the package insert. Three lots of the tests will be used per specimen, each specimen will be tested once per lot. Totally three operators, one operator perform one lot.

Note: If the test result is valid, test the specimen again. People who prepare the specimen do not participate in the specimen testing. Operators (A, B, C) do not prepare the specimen.

Results:*Table 2.2.2. Test Results*

Pathogens	Concentration	DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette		
		Lot1	Lot2	Lot3
Respiratory syncytial virus Type A	5.5x10 ⁷ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Respiratory syncytial virus Type B	2.8x10 ⁵ TCID ₅₀ /mL	-	-	-
Novel influenza A H1N1 virus (2019)	1x10 ⁶ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Seasonal influenza A H1N1 virus	1x10 ⁵ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Influenza A H3N2 virus	1x10 ⁶ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Influenza A H5N1 virus	1x10 ⁶ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Influenza B Yamagata	1x10 ⁵ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Influenza B Victoria	1x10 ⁶ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Rhinovirus	1x10 ⁶ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Adenovirus 3	5x10 ^{7.5} TCID ₅₀ /mL	-	-	-
Adenovirus 7	2.8x10 ⁶ TCID ₅₀ /mL	-	-	-
EV-A71	1x10 ⁵ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Mycobacterium tuberculosis	1x10 ³ bacteria/mL	-	-	-
Mumps virus	1x10 ⁵ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Human coronavirus 229E	1x10 ⁵ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Human coronavirus OC43	1x10 ⁵ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Human coronavirus NL63	1x10 ⁶ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Human coronavirus HKU1	1x10 ⁶ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Parainfluenza virus 1	7.3x10 ⁶ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Parainfluenza virus 2	1x10 ⁶ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Parainfluenza virus 3	5.8x10 ⁶ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Parainfluenza virus 4	2.6x10 ⁶ PFU/mL	-	-	-
Haemophilus influenzae	5.2x10 ⁶ CFU/mL	-	-	-
Streptococcus pyogenes	3.6x10 ⁶ CFU/mL	-	-	-
Streptococcus pneumoniae	4.2x10 ⁶ CFU/mL	-	-	-
Candida albicans	1x10 ⁷ CFU/mL	-	-	-
Bordetella pertussis	1x10 ⁴ bacteria/mL	-	-	-
Mycoplasma pneumoniae	1.2x10 ⁶ CFU/mL	-	-	-
Chlamydia pneumoniae	2.3x10 ⁶ IFU/mL	-	-	-
Legionella pneumophila	1x10 ⁴ bacteria/mL	-	-	-
Pooled human nasal wash	100%	-	-	-

Note: “-“= Negative Results

Conclusion:

The tested pathogens above showed no cross-reaction with the DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab).

3. Precision

3.1. Intra-Assay

Study objective:

To evaluate the precision of DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab) in lot.

Study design:

Method:

Use the same batch of tests the positive and negative specimen and observe the precision in lot. 50 µL specimens were added to swabs and then tested in the DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab) using the procedure appropriate for patient nasal swab specimens. Three lots were assayed by three operators respectively. Testing at each lot consisted of 10 replicates for each specimen.

Materials:

- DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab)
Lot 1: 2006189; Lot 2: 2006190; Lot 3: 2006191
- Positive Specimen: SARS-CoV-2 cultured virus: Concentration of 1.15×10^2 TCID₅₀/mL (LoD) and 4.6×10^2 TCID₅₀/mL (4 x LoD)
- Negative Specimen: Pooled human nasal matrix obtained from healthy donors and confirmed negative for SARS-CoV-2.

Test Procedure:

Perform the test according to the test procedure in the package insert.

Acceptance Criteria:

Negative specimens get negative result and positive specimens get positive result.

Results:

Lot 1: 2006189

		Specimens		
		Negative Specimen	1.15×10^2 TCID ₅₀ /mL	4.6×10^2 TCID ₅₀ /mL
Test	1	-	+	+
	2	-	+	+
	3	-	+	+
	4	-	+	+
	5	-	+	+
	6	-	+	+
	7	-	+	+
	8	-	+	+
	9	-	+	+
	10	-	+	+

Lot 2: 2006190

		Specimens		
		Negative Specimen	1.15×10^2 TCID ₅₀ /mL	4.6×10^2 TCID ₅₀ /mL
Test	1	-	+	+
	2	-	+	+
	3	-	+	+
	4	-	+	+
	5	-	+	+
	6	-	+	+
	7	-	+	+
	8	-	+	+
	9	-	+	+
	10	-	+	+

Lot 3: 2006191

		Specimens		
		Negative Specimen	1.15×10^2 TCID ₅₀ /mL	4.6×10^2 TCID ₅₀ /mL
Test	1	-	+	+
	2	-	+	+
	3	-	+	+
	4	-	+	+
	5	-	+	+
	6	-	+	+
	7	-	+	+
	8	-	+	+
	9	-	+	+
	10	-	+	+

Conclusion:

The precision is fine and acceptable of DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab).

3.2. Inter-Assay

Study objective:

To evaluate the precision of DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab) between lot.

Study design:

Method:

Use different batches of test to test the same negative and positive specimen and observe the precision between lots. 50 µL specimens were added to swabs and then tested in the DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab) using the procedure appropriate for patient nasal swab specimens.

Materials:

- DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab)
Lot 1: 2006189; Lot 2: 2006190; Lot 3: 2006191
- Positive Specimen: SARS-CoV-2 cultured virus: Concentration of 1.15×10^2 TCID₅₀/mL. (LoD) and 4.6×10^2 TCID₅₀/mL (4 x LoD).
- Negative Specimen: Pooled human nasal matrix obtained from healthy donors and confirmed negative for SARS-CoV-2.

Test Procedure:

Perform the test according to the test procedure in the package insert.

Acceptance Criteria:

Negative specimens get negative results and positive specimens get positive results.

Result:

		Negative Specimen		
		Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3
Test	1	-	-	-
	2	-	-	-
	3	-	-	-
	4	-	-	-
	5	-	-	-
	6	-	-	-
	7	-	-	-
	8	-	-	-
	9	-	-	-
	10	-	-	-

		1.15 x 10 ² TCID ₅₀ /mL		
		Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3
Test	1	+	+	+
	2	+	+	+
	3	+	+	+
	4	+	+	+
	5	+	+	+
	6	+	+	+
	7	+	+	+
	8	+	+	+
	9	+	+	+
	10	+	+	+

		4.6 x 10 ² TCID ₅₀ /mL		
		Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3
Test	1	+	+	+
	2	+	+	+
	3	+	+	+
	4	+	+	+
	5	+	+	+
	6	+	+	+
	7	+	+	+
	8	+	+	+
	9	+	+	+
	10	+	+	+

Conclusion:

The precision is fine and acceptable of DIAQUICK COVID-19 Ag Cassette (Swab).