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Device: QIArearch Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Test  
EUA Number: EUA202424  
Company: QIAGEN, GmbH  
Indication: Qualitative detection of total antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in human serum and plasma (sodium heparin, lithium heparin, dipotassium EDTA and tripotassium EDTA). Intended for use as an aid in identifying individuals with an adaptive immune response to SARS-CoV-2, indicating recent or prior infection. Emergency use of this test is limited to authorized laboratories.  
Authorized Laboratories: Laboratories certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA), 42 U.S.C. 263a, that meet requirements to perform moderate or high complexity tests.

Dear Ms. Patel:

This letter is in response to your<sup>1</sup> request that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issue an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for emergency use of your product,<sup>2</sup> pursuant to Section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act) (21 U.S.C. §360bbb-3).

On February 4, 2020, pursuant to Section 564(b)(1)(C) of the Act, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) determined that there is a public health emergency that has a significant potential to affect national security or the health and security of United States citizens living abroad, and that involves the virus that causes COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 564 of the Act, and on the basis of such determination, the Secretary of HHS then declared that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro

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<sup>1</sup> For ease of reference, this letter will use the term “you” and related terms to refer to QIAGEN, GmbH.

<sup>2</sup> For ease of reference, this letter will use the term “your product” to refer to the QIArearch Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Test for the indication identified above.

diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of the virus that causes COVID-19 subject to the terms of any authorization issued under Section 564(a) of the Act.<sup>3</sup>

FDA considered the totality of scientific information available in authorizing the emergency use of your product for the indication above. A summary of the performance information FDA relied upon is included in the “QIAreacH Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Test Instructions for Use (Handbook)” (identified below).

Having concluded that the criteria for issuance of this authorization under Section 564(c) of the Act are met, I am authorizing the emergency use of your product, described in the Scope of Authorization of this letter (Section II), subject to the terms of this authorization.

### **I. Criteria for Issuance of Authorization**

I have concluded that the emergency use of your product meets the criteria for issuance of an authorization under Section 564(c) of the Act, because I have concluded that:

1. The SARS-CoV-2 can cause a serious or life-threatening disease or condition, including severe respiratory illness, to humans infected by this virus;
2. Based on the totality of scientific evidence available to FDA, it is reasonable to believe that your product may be effective in diagnosing recent or prior infection with SARS-CoV-2 by identifying individuals with an adaptive immune response to the virus that causes COVID-19, and that the known and potential benefits of your product when used for such use, outweigh the known and potential risks of your product; and
3. There is no adequate, approved, and available alternative to the emergency use of your product.<sup>4</sup>

### **II. Scope of Authorization**

I have concluded, pursuant to Section 564(d)(1) of the Act, that the scope of this authorization is limited to the indication above.

### **Authorized Product Details**

Your product is a digital lateral flow serological test, using nanoparticle fluorescence, intended for qualitative detection of total antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in human serum and plasma (sodium heparin, lithium heparin, dipotassium EDTA and tripotassium EDTA). The product 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.

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<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Determination of a Public Health Emergency and Declaration that Circumstances Exist Justifying Authorizations Pursuant to Section 564(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act*, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3. 85 FR 7316 (February 7, 2020).

<sup>4</sup> No other criteria of issuance have been prescribed by regulation under Section 564(c)(4) of the Act.

Antibody responses are measured on a single-use, lateral flow, digital detection cartridge (eStick) via nanoparticle fluorescence. The eStick contains optoelectronic technology and a microprocessor that converts a fluorescent signal into a qualitative readout for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 specific antibodies in patient test samples. The QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Test is performed by inserting the eStick into the QIAreach eHub (available separately and including the “QIAreach eHub User Manual”). The QIAreach eHub is a connection hub that provides power to perform multiple QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Tests simultaneously. The QIAreach eHub acts as a power source and features a rechargeable lithium battery to allow QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Tests to be performed when a continuous power supply is not available. To perform the test, QIAreach Diluent Buffer is added to the QIAreach Processing Tube and resuspends the SARS-CoV-2 viral protein-fluorescent nanoparticle conjugate that is spray dried on the immobilized accretion pad. Patient serum or plasma is then added to the QIAreach Processing Tube and mixed with the resuspended viral protein conjugate using a pipette. If anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibodies are present in the sample they will bind to the SARS-CoV-2 viral protein-nanoparticle conjugate. The sample is then transferred from the QIAreach Processing Tube and added to the lateral flow strip through the sample port in the eStick. Once in the eStick, the test sample migrates on the nitrocellulose membrane and past the capture test line. The migrating anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibodies will bind to immobilized SARS-CoV-2 viral protein at the test line, where they will bridge the two SARS-CoV-2 viral proteins on the test line and in the conjugate. A photosensor will detect light emitted from the fluorescent nanoparticles in the presence of excitation light filtered onto the test line. Signal is interpreted on the eStick firmware and transmitted to the QIAreach eHub, which then communicates a positive or negative test result to the user by means of a visual display at each eStick connection port in the eHub. The QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Test includes the following materials or other authorized materials: QIAreach eStick, QIAreach Processing Tube and QIAreach Diluent Buffer.

Your product requires the use of the QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Controls which are not included with the kit but are available from you with the “QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Controls Package Insert,” or other authorized controls (as may be requested under Condition M below):

- QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Positive Control – includes 4 vials of 100 µL of human serum containing SARS-CoV-2 antibodies
- QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Negative Control - includes 4 vials of 100 µL of human serum which does not contain SARS-CoV-2 antibodies

Your product also requires the use of additional authorized materials and authorized ancillary reagents that are not included with your product and are described in the Instructions for Use.

The labeling entitled “QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Test Instructions for Use (Handbook)” (available at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/vitro-diagnostics-euas>), the Product Information Card (PIC card), the “QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Test Quick Reference Guide” and the following fact sheets pertaining to the emergency use, is required to be made available as set forth in the Conditions of Authorization (Section IV) and are collectively referred to as “authorized labeling”:

- Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: QIAGEN, GmbH - QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Test
- Fact Sheet for Recipients: QIAGEN, GmbH - QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Test

The above described product, when accompanied by the authorized labeling provided as set forth in the Conditions of Authorization (Section IV), is authorized to be distributed to and used by authorized laboratories under this EUA, despite the fact that it does not meet certain requirements otherwise required by applicable federal law.

I have concluded, pursuant to Section 564(d)(2) of the Act, that it is reasonable to believe that the known and potential benefits of your product, when used consistent with the Scope of Authorization of this letter (Section II), outweigh the known and potential risks of your product.

I have concluded, pursuant to Section 564(d)(3) of the Act, based on the totality of scientific evidence available to FDA, that it is reasonable to believe that your product may be effective in diagnosing recent or prior infection with SARS-CoV-2 by identifying individuals with an adaptive immune response to the virus that causes COVID-19, when used consistent with the Scope of Authorization of this letter (Section II), pursuant to Section 564(c)(2)(A) of the Act.

FDA has reviewed the scientific information available to FDA, including the information supporting the conclusions described in Section I above, and concludes that your product (as described in the Scope of Authorization of this letter (Section II) meets the criteria set forth in Section 564(c) of the Act concerning safety and potential effectiveness.

The emergency use of your product under this EUA must be consistent with, and may not exceed, the terms of this letter, including the Scope of Authorization (Section II) and the Conditions of Authorization (Section IV). Subject to the terms of this EUA and under the circumstances set forth in the Secretary of HHS's determination under Section 564(b)(1)(C) of the Act described above and the Secretary of HHS's corresponding declaration under Section 564(b)(1) of the Act, your product is authorized for the indication above.

### **III. Waiver of Certain Requirements**

I am waiving the following requirements for your product during the duration of this EUA:

- Current good manufacturing practice requirements, including the quality system requirements under 21 CFR Part 820 with respect to the design, manufacture, packaging, labeling, storage, and distribution of your product, but excluding Subpart H (Acceptance Activities, 21 CFR 820.80 and 21 CFR 820.86), Subpart I (Nonconforming Product, 21 CFR 820.90), and Subpart O (Statistical Techniques, 21 CFR 820.250).

### **IV. Conditions of Authorization**

Pursuant to Section 564(e) of the Act, I am establishing the following conditions on this

authorization:

**QIAGEN, GmbH (You) and Authorized Distributor(s)<sup>5</sup>**

- A. Your product must comply with the following labeling requirements under FDA regulations: the intended use statement (21 CFR 809.10(a)(2), (b)(2)); adequate directions for use (21 U.S.C. 352(f)), (21 CFR 809.10(b)(5), (7), and (8)); appropriate limitations on the use of the device including information required under 21 CFR 809.10(a)(4); and any available information regarding performance of the device, including requirements under 21 CFR 809.10(b)(12).
- B. You and authorized distributor(s) must make your product available with the authorized labeling to authorized laboratories.
- C. You and authorized distributor(s) must make available on your website(s) the Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers and the Fact Sheet for Recipients.
- D. You and authorized distributor(s) must include a physical copy of the authorized PIC card with each shipped QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Test to authorized laboratories, and will make the “QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Test Instructions for Use (Handbook)” and the “QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Test Quick Reference Guide” electronically available with the opportunity to request a copy in paper form, and after such request, you must promptly provide the requested information without additional cost.
- E. You and authorized distributor(s) must inform authorized laboratories and relevant public health authorities of this EUA, including the terms and conditions herein, and any updates made to your product, and authorized labeling.
- F. Through a process of inventory control, you and authorized distributor(s) must maintain records of the authorized laboratories to which they distribute the test and number of tests they distribute.
- G. You and authorized distributor(s) must collect information on the performance of your product. You must report to FDA any suspected occurrence of false positive and false negative results and significant deviations from the established performance characteristics of the product of which you become aware.
- H. You and authorized distributor(s) are authorized to make available additional information relating to the emergency use of your product that is consistent with, and does not exceed, the terms of this letter of authorization.
- I. You and authorized distributor(s) must make available the control material (QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Controls) with the “QIAreach Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Controls Package

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<sup>5</sup> “Authorized Distributor(s)” are identified by you, QIAGEN, GmbH, in your EUA submission as an entity allowed to distribute your product.

Insert” or other authorized control materials (as may be requested under Condition M below), at the same time as your product.

**QIAGEN, GmbH (You)**

- J. You must notify FDA of any authorized distributor(s) of your product, including the name, address, and phone number of any authorized distributor(s).
- K. You must provide authorized distributor(s) with a copy of this EUA and communicate to authorized distributor(s) any subsequent amendments that might be made to this EUA and its authorized accompanying materials (e.g., Fact Sheets).
- L. You must comply with the following requirements pursuant to FDA regulations: Subpart H (Acceptance Activities, 21 CFR 820.80 and 21 CFR 820.86), Subpart I (Nonconforming Product, CFR 820.90), and Subpart O (Statistical Techniques, 21 CFR 820.250).
- M. You may request changes to this EUA for your product, including to the Scope of Authorization (Section II in this letter) or to the authorized labeling, including requests to make available additional authorized labeling specific to an authorized distributor. Such additional labeling may use another name for the product but otherwise must be consistent with the authorized labeling, and not exceed the terms of authorization of this letter. Any request for changes to this EUA should be submitted to the Division of Microbiology (DMD)/Office of Health Technology 7 (OHT7)-Office of In Vitro Diagnostics and Radiological Health (OIR)/Office of Product Evaluation and Quality (OPEQ)/Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) and require appropriate authorization from FDA prior to implementation.
- N. You must evaluate the performance and assess traceability<sup>6</sup> of your product with any FDA-recommended reference material(s) or established panel(s) of characterized clinical specimens. After submission to and concurrence with the data by FDA, you will update your labeling to reflect the additional testing. Such labeling updates will be made in consultation with, and require concurrence of, DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH.
- O. You must have a process in place to track adverse events, including any occurrence of false results and report to FDA pursuant to 21 CFR Part 803.
- P. You must have lot release procedures and the lot release procedures, including the study design and statistical power, must ensure that the tests released for distribution have the clinical and analytical performance claimed in the authorized labeling.
- Q. If requested by FDA, you must submit lot release procedures to FDA, including sampling protocols, testing protocols, and acceptance criteria, that you use to release lots

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<sup>6</sup> Traceability refers to tracing analytical sensitivity/reactivity back to an FDA-recommended reference material.

of your product for distribution in the U.S. If such lot release procedures are requested by FDA, you must provide it within 48 hours of the request.

- R. If requested by FDA, you must periodically submit new lots for testing at the National Cancer Institute, or by another government agency designated by FDA, to confirm continued performance characteristics across lots. In addition, FDA may request records regarding lot release data for tests to be distributed or already distributed. If such lot release data are requested by FDA, you must provide it within 48 hours of the request.
- S. You must further complete the agreed upon real-time stability study for your product. After submission to and concurrence with the data by FDA, you will update your labeling to reflect the additional testing. Such labeling updates will be made in consultation with, and require concurrence of, DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH.
- T. You must further complete the agreed upon testing of the QIAreach eHub for compliance with the IEC60601 FDA recognized standard within eight months of the date of this letter. After submission to and concurrence with the data by FDA, you will update your labeling to reflect the additional testing. Such labeling updates will be made in consultation with, and require concurrence of, DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH.

#### **Authorized Laboratories**

- U. Authorized laboratories using your product must include with test result reports, all authorized Fact Sheets. Under exigent circumstances, other appropriate methods for disseminating these Fact Sheets may be used, which may include mass media.
- V. Authorized laboratories must use your product as outlined in the authorized labeling. Deviations from the authorized procedures, including the authorized instruments, authorized clinical specimen types, authorized control materials, authorized other ancillary reagents and authorized materials required to use your product are not permitted.
- W. Authorized laboratories that receive your product must notify the relevant public health authorities of their intent to run your product prior to initiating testing.
- X. Authorized laboratories using your product must have a process in place for reporting test results to healthcare providers and relevant public health authorities, as appropriate.
- Y. Authorized laboratories must collect information on the performance of your product and report to DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH (via email: [CDRH-EUA-Reporting@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:CDRH-EUA-Reporting@fda.hhs.gov)) and to you ([techservice-na@qiagen.com](mailto:techservice-na@qiagen.com)) any suspected occurrence of false positive or false negative results and significant deviations from the established performance characteristics of your product of which they become aware.
- Z. All laboratory personnel using your product must be appropriately trained in immunoassay techniques and use appropriate laboratory and personal protective

equipment when handling this kit, and use your product in accordance with the authorized labeling. All laboratory personnel using the assay must also be trained in and be familiar with the interpretation of results of the product.

**QIAGEN, GmbH (You), Authorized Distributor(s) and Authorized Laboratories**

AA. You, authorized distributor(s), and authorized laboratories using your product will ensure that any records associated with this EUA are maintained until otherwise notified by FDA. Such records will be made available to FDA for inspection upon request.

**Conditions Related to Printed Materials, Advertising and Promotion**

BB. All descriptive printed matter, advertising, and promotional materials relating to the use of your product, shall be consistent with the authorized labeling, as well as the terms set forth in this EUA and meet the requirements set forth in section 502(a), (q)(1), and (r) of the Act and FDA implementing regulations.

CC. No descriptive printed matter, advertising, or promotional materials relating to the use of your product may represent or suggest that this test is safe or effective for the detection of SARS-CoV-2.

DD. All descriptive printed matter, advertising, and promotional materials relating to the use of your product shall clearly and conspicuously state that:

- This test has not been FDA cleared or approved but has been authorized for emergency use by FDA under an EUA for use by authorized laboratories;
- This test has been authorized only for detecting the presence of total antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens; and
- The emergency use of this test is only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 under Section 564(b)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the declaration is terminated or authorization is revoked sooner.

The emergency use of your product as described in this letter of authorization must comply with the conditions and all other terms of this authorization.

**V. Duration of Authorization**

This EUA will be effective until the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of the emergency use of in vitro diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 is terminated under Section 564(b)(2) of the Act or the EUA is revoked under Section 564(g) of the Act.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure