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Introduction

Coronaviruses are enveloped RNA viruses that are broadly distributed in the animal kingdom. They have been identified in humans, other mammals, and birds. Coronaviruses were named because the spike proteins known to facilitate viral attachment and cell entry appear like a halo on the virus surface when viewed under an electron microscope. Coronaviruses are roughly spherical with a diameter ranging from 118 nm to 136 nm. The coronavirus genome, which ranges from 26 kb to 32 kb, is the largest among all RNA viruses, including RNA viruses that have segmented genomes. Until 2019, six coronaviruses have been associated with human diseases:

- severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus (SARS-CoV),
- Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV),
- human coronavirus 229E (HCoV-229E),
- human coronavirus OC43 (HCoV-OC43),
- human coronavirus NL63 (HCoV-NL63), and
- human coronavirus HKU1 (HCoV-HKU1)[1].

In 2019, a cluster of patients presenting with a respiratory disease were shown, by sequencing, to be infected with a novel coronavirus[2]. The coronavirus associated with this cluster was subsequently named severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) by the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses[3]. SARS-CoV-2 is the seventh coronavirus known to infect humans. The disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 was designated as coronavirus infectious disease 2019 (COVID-19) by the World Health Organization (WHO)[4].

The host range for SARS-CoV-2 is not yet fully defined. SARS-CoV-2 is a beta-coronavirus. The receptor for SARS-CoV-2 is the angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2). ACE2 is a cell-surface, zinc-binding carboxypeptidase involved in regulation of cardiac function and blood pressure. It is expressed in epithelial cells of the lung and the small intestine, which are the primary targets of SARS-CoV-2, as well as the heart, kidney, and other tissues.

SARS-CoV-2 replicates in the upper and lower respiratory tracts and is transmitted by droplets and aerosols and most likely other contact with asymptomatic and symptomatic infected persons. The basic reproduction number (R_0) of the original variant is between 2 and 3, but significantly more contagious variants have developed. The median incubation period is 5,7 (range 2 to 14) days[5]. Similarly to SARS and MERS, superspreading events have been reported, with a dispersion parameter (k) estimated at 0,1. Most infections are uncomplicated, and 5 % to 10 % of patients are hospitalized mainly due to pneumonia with severe inflammation. However, complications include respiratory and multiorgan failures. Risk factors for the complicated disease increase with age and include hypertension, diabetes, chronic cardiovascular and chronic pulmonary diseases, and immunodeficiency.

Clinical management of COVID-19 and control of infections and spread of SARS-CoV-2 require effective and efficient in vitro diagnostics. There are a number of tests and kits in use for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 and the number of methods will continue to increase. Acceptable design, development and establishment of quality SARS-CoV-2 diagnostics based on nucleic acid detection methods is critical to ensure COVID-19 infection control. Establishing indices for conducting comprehensive quality evaluation of these methods and kits both during development and in routine application will ensure the accuracy of the test results and support epidemic prevention and control. This document provides requirements and recommendations to consider for the quality practice of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid amplification methods.

In vitro diagnostic test systems — Requirements and recommendations for detection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) by nucleic acid amplification methods

1 Scope

This document provides requirements and recommendations for the design, development, verification, validation and implementation of analytical tests for detecting the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) using nucleic acid amplification. It addresses pre-examination, examination and post-examination process steps for human specimens.

This document is applicable to medical laboratories. It is also intended to be used by in vitro diagnostic developers and manufacturers, as well as by institutions and organizations supporting SARS-CoV-2 research and diagnostics.

This document does not apply to environmental samples.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2

SARS-CoV-2

virus that causes coronavirus infectious disease 2019 (COVID-19)

3.2

specimen

primary sample

discrete portion of a body fluid, breath, hair or tissue taken for examination, study or analysis of one or more quantities or properties assumed to apply for the whole

Note 1 to entry: The Global Harmonisation Task Force (GHTF) uses the term specimen in its harmonized guidance documents to mean a sample of biological origin intended for examination by a medical laboratory.

Note 2 to entry: In some countries, the term “specimen” is used instead of “primary sample” (or a subsample of it), which is the sample prepared for sending to, or as received by, the laboratory and which is intended for examination.

[SOURCE: ISO 15189:2012, 3.16^[6] modified — Note 2 to entry was removed and Note 3 to entry was renumbered as Note 2 to entry.]

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3.3

sample

one or more parts taken from a *primary sample* (3.2)

EXAMPLE A volume of serum taken from a larger volume of serum.

[SOURCE: ISO 15189:2012, 3.24^[6]]

3.4

reverse transcription

RT

process of making complementary DNA [cDNA (3.6)] from an RNA (3.20) *template* (3.22), using the enzymatic activity of a reverse transcriptase associated with one or more oligonucleotide primers under a suitable set of conditions

[SOURCE: ISO 16577:2016, 3.180^[7], modified — Replaced “DNA” with “complementary DNA (cDNA)”.]

3.5

deoxyribonucleic acid

DNA

polymer of deoxyribonucleotides occurring in a double-stranded (dsDNA) or single-stranded (ssDNA) form

[SOURCE: ISO 22174:2005, 3.1.2^[8]]

3.6

complementary DNA

cDNA

single-stranded DNA (3.5), complementary to a given RNA (3.20) and synthesised in the presence of reverse transcriptase to serve as a *template* (3.22) for DNA amplification

[SOURCE: ISO 20395:2019, 3.5^[9]]

3.7

analytical specificity

capability of a measuring system, using a specified measurement procedure, to provide measurement results for one or more measurands which do not depend on each other nor on any other quantity in the system undergoing measurement

Note 1 to entry: Lack of analytical specificity is called analytical interference (see ISO 18113-1:2009, A.3.2).

[SOURCE: ISO 18113-1:2009, A.3.4^[10]]

3.8

limit of detection

LOD

measured quantity value, obtained by a given measurement procedure, for which the probability of falsely claiming the absence of a component in a material is 0,05, given a probability of 0,05 of falsely claiming its presence

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, 4.18^[11], modified — “ β , given a probability α ” was replaced by “0,05, given a probability of 0,05” and Notes 1 to 3 to entry were deleted.]

3.9

verification

provision of objective evidence that a given item fulfils specified requirements

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, 2.44^[11], modified — EXAMPLES 1 to 3 and Notes 1 to 6 to entry were deleted.]

3.10 validation

confirmation, through the provision of objective evidence, that the requirements for a specific intended use or application have been fulfilled

Note 1 to entry: The word “validated” is used to designate the corresponding status.

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2015, 3.8.13^[12], modified — Notes 1 and 3 to entry were deleted and Note 2 to entry was renamed Note 1 to entry.]

3.11 amplicon

specific *DNA* (3.5) fragment produced by a DNA-amplification technology, such as the *polymerase chain reaction (PCR)* (3.12)

[SOURCE: ISO 13495:2013, 3.3.1^[13]]

3.12 polymerase chain reaction PCR

enzymatic procedure which allows in vitro amplification of *DNA* (3.5) or *RNA* (3.20)

[SOURCE: ISO 22174:2005, 3.4.1^[8], modified — “or RNA” added to the end of the definition and “in vitro” has been unitalicized in accordance with the ISO House Style.]

3.13 reference material

material, sufficiently homogeneous and stable with reference to specified properties, which has been established to be fit for its intended use in measurement or in examination of nominal properties

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, 5.13^[11], modified — Notes 1 to 8 to entry and EXAMPLES 1 to 5 were deleted.]

3.14 pseudo-virus

virus or virus-like particle that can integrate the envelope glycoprotein of another virus to form a virus with an exogenous viral envelope, and the genome retains the characteristics of the retrovirus itself

3.15 digital PCR dPCR

procedure in which nucleic acid *templates* (3.22) are distributed across multiple partitions of nominally equivalent volume, such that some partitions contain *template* and others do not, followed by *PCR* (3.12) amplification of target sequences and detection of specific *PCR* products, providing a count of the number of partitions with a positive and negative signal for the target template

Note 1 to entry: Nucleic acid target sequences are assumed to be randomly and independently distributed across the partitions during the partitioning process.

Note 2 to entry: The count of positive and negative partitions is normally based on end point detection of *PCR* products following thermal cycling, however real-time *qPCR* (3.16) monitoring of *PCR* product accumulation is additionally possible for some dPCR platforms.

[SOURCE: ISO 20395:2019, 3.10^[9]]