

the device containing the buffer should be stored at 2-30°C.
The device should be kept away from direct sunlight, moisture and heat.

PRECAUTIONS

Humidity and temperature can adversely affect results. Instructions for the use of the test should be followed during testing procedures. There is always a possibility that false results will occur due to the presence of interfering substances in the specimen or factors beyond the control of the manufacturer, such as procedural errors associated with the testing. Although the test demonstrates superior accuracy in detecting antibodies against COVID-19, a low incidence of false results can occur. Therefore, other clinically available tests are recommended in case of questionable results. As with all diagnostic tests, a definitive clinical diagnosis should not be based on the results of a single test, but should only be made by the physician after all clinical and laboratory findings have been evaluated.

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Coronavirus Diseases 2019 (COVID-19) IgM/IgG Antibody Test

Instructions For Use

Format: Cassette

Specimen: Serum/Plasma/Whole Blood

Catalog Number: A03-51-322



* Please read the instructions carefully before use

INTENDED USE

Artron COVID-19 IgM/IgG Antibody Test is a rapid, qualitative and convenient immunochromatographic *in vitro* assay for the differential detection of IgM & IgG antibodies to COVID-19 virus in human serum, plasma or whole blood samples obtained from patients with COVID-19 infection. The device is designed to aid in the determination of recent or previous exposure to COVID-19 virus tracking the status of the disease after COVID-19 Virus infection.

The assay only provides a preliminary result. A positive result does not necessarily mean a recent infection, but represents a different stage of the disease after infection. IgM positive or IgG both positive suggest recent exposure, while IgG positive suggests previous infection, or reinfection. Current infection should be confirmed by Real-Time Reverse Transcriptase (RT-PCR) or viral gene sequencing. The test is intended for professional use.

BRIEF SUMMARY AND PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

In late December, 2019, an outbreak of a novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19; previously known as 2019-nCoV) was reported in Wuhan, China, which has subsequently affected 26 countries worldwide. In general, COVID-19 is an acute resolved disease but it can also be deadly, with a 2% case fatality rate. Severe disease onset might result in death due to massive alveolar damage and progressive respiratory failure. The pathogen has since been identified as a zoonotic coronavirus, similar to SARS coronavirus and MERS coronavirus, and has been named as severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) epidemic has been declared a public health emergency of international concern by the World Health Organization, may progress to a pandemic associated with substantial morbidity and mortality. SARS-CoV-2 is genetically related to SARS-CoV, which caused a global epidemic with 80,000 confirmed cases in more than 25 countries in 2002–2003.

The principle of Artron COVID-19 IgM/IgG Antibody Test is an antibody-capture immunochromatographic assay for the simultaneous detection and differentiation of IgM & IgG antibodies to COVID-19 virus in human serum, plasma, or whole blood samples. COVID-19 virus-specific antigens are conjugated to a colloidal gold and deposited on the conjugate pad. Monoclonal anti-human IgM and monoclonal anti-human IgG are immobilized on two individual lines (T2 and T1) of the nitrocellulose membrane. The IgM line (T2) is closer to the sample and followed by the IgG line (T1). When the sample is added, the gold-antigen conjugate is captured and the COVID-19 IgM and/or IgG antibodies, if any in the sample, will interact with the conjugated antigen. The immunocomplex will migrate towards the test window until the test lines (T1 & T2) where they will be captured by the relevant anti-human IgM (T2) and/or anti-human IgG (T1), forming a visible pink line, indicating positive results. If COVID-19 antibodies are not in the sample, no pink line will appear in the test lines (T1 & T2), indicating a negative result.

To serve as an internal process control, a control line should always appear at Control Zone (C) when the test is completed. Absence of a pink control line in the Control Zone is an indication of an invalid result.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Each contents: Test Cassette, Desiccant, 100 capillary tubes (20 µl) for 100 tests, 100 µl sample buffer for 100 tests, and test instruction.

MATERIALS REQUIRED (BUT NOT PROVIDED)

Alcohol swab.

- Lancet and blood collection device.
- Pipette
- Gloves.
- Clock or timer.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

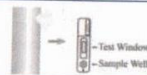
- For professional *in vitro* diagnostic use only. Do not reuse.
- Do not use if the product seal or its packaging is compromised.
- Do not use after the expiration date shown on the pouch.
- Do not mix and interchange different specimens.
- This test should be performed at 15 to 30°C (59 to 86°F). If stored refrigerated, ensure that the Test Units are brought to operating temperature before performing testing.
- Wear protective clothing such as laboratory coats, disposable gloves and eye protection while handling potentially infectious materials or performing the assay.
- Wash hands thoroughly after finishing the tests.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke in the area where the specimens or kits are handled.
- Clean up spills thoroughly with appropriate disinfectants.
- Handle all specimens as if they contain infectious agents. Observe established precautions against microbiological hazards throughout testing procedures.
- Dispose of all specimens and used devices in a proper bio-hazard container. The handling and disposal of the hazardous materials should follow local, regional or national regulations.
- Keep out of children's reach.

SPECIMEN PREPARATION

- **Whole Blood samples** may be collected by fingerstick or venipuncture, following routine facility procedures. In summary:
 - **Fingerstick whole blood:**
 - Clean the area of finger to be lanced with the alcohol swab. Allow to dry.
 - Without touching the puncture site, rub down the hand towards the middle or ring finger fingertip.
 - Puncture the skin with a sterile lancet and wipe away the first drop of blood.
 - Gently rub the hand from wrist to the lanced finger to form a full drop of blood over the puncture site.
 - Collect the blood droplet using the included capillary tube.
 - Fingerstick whole blood must be tested immediately after collection.
 - **Venous whole blood:**
 - Collect venous whole blood in a tube with anticoagulant.
 - Whole blood samples should be tested immediately after sample collection.
- **For Serum samples**, collect blood in a tube without anticoagulant and allow it to clot.
- **For Plasma samples**, collect blood in a tube containing anticoagulant.
- Separate serum or plasma from blood as soon as possible to avoid hemolysis. Use only clear, non-hemolyzed specimens.
- The blood may be stored at 2°C to 8°C for up to three days if the tests cannot be performed immediately. Allow sample to attain room temperature (without heating) prior to use.

TEST PROCEDURES

- 1 Remove the testing device from the sealed pouch by tearing at the notch and place the testing device on a flat, dry surface.



2 For fingerstick whole blood:

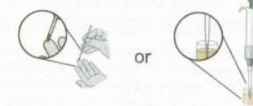
Using a capillary tube, collect the fingerstick whole blood till the black line.

For venous whole blood:

Using a pipette or a capillary tube, collect the venous whole blood (20 µl).

For serum/plasma:

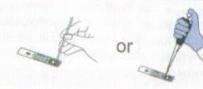
Using a pipette, collect the serum/plasma (10 µl).



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Add the collected serum/plasma/whole blood to upper area (close to test window) of sample well on the test device without air bubbles (hold the capillary tube/pipette vertically and gently touch the end against the pad within the sample well for transferring).



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Wait for 20-30 seconds; add 2 drops (around 90 µl) of the sample buffer to the sample well of the test device.



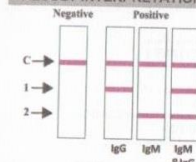
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Read the results after 15-20 minutes. Strong positive specimens may produce positive result in as little as 1 minute.



DO NOT INTERPRET RESULTS AFTER 30 MINUTES.

RESULT INTERPRETATIONS



Negative

A pink colored band appears only at the control region (C) indicating a negative result for COVID-19 infection.

Positive

Pink colored bands appear at the control region (C) and T1 and/or T2 region.

- 1) IgM and IgG positive, visible bands at T2 and T1, indicating positive result for a possible COVID-19 infection.
- 2) IgM positive, a visible band at T2 region, indicating positive result for a possible COVID-19 infection.
- 3) IgG positive, a visible band at T1 region, indicating a positive result for a possible COVID-19 infection.

Invalid

No visible band at the control region (C). Repeat with a new test device. If test still fails, please contact the distributor with the lot number.

QUALITY CONTROL

Although the testing device contains an internal quality control (pink colored band in the control region), good laboratory practice recommends the daily use of an outside control to ensure proper testing device performance. Quality control samples should be tested according to the standard quality control requirements established by your laboratory.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

- The test device in the sealed pouch should be stored at 2-30°C. Do not freeze the test device.