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BIOCREDIT COVID-19 Ag Test
: Analytical Sensitivity Report using mutated SARS-CoV-2
recombinant protein

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1. Purpose

To assess the analytical limit of detection (LoD) of BIOCREDIT COVID-19 Ag for mutated SARS-CoV-2 recombinant protein.

2. Tested by/Verified by

Tested by Se-Chang Kwon

Verified by Seo-woo Lee

3. Test Date

May 25, 2021 ~ May 26, 2021

4. Materials and Method

4.1. Materials

4.1.1. Test product

Two independent lot products were used in this study (Table 1).

Table 1. Test product

Product	Lot No.	Mfg.date	Cat No
BIOCREDIT COVID-19 Ag	H073014EV	2021.03.09	G61RHA20C
	H073016EV	2021.03.11	

4.1.2. Test materials


The mutated SARS-CoV-2 recombinant protein were provided by Fapon (China).

Table 2. Test specimen

Variants	Country identified	Conc. (mg/ml)	Source
B.1.618	India	0.58	FPZ0688
B.1.617.1	India	1.04	FPZ0689
B.1.429	California	1.92	FPZ0691

4.1.3. Test equipment

Table 3. Test equipment

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	Type	Equipment No.	Calibration date	Calibration valid date
Micro pipette	2~20 μl	R-11-0030	2020.10.26	2021.10.25
	10~100 μl	R-11-0034	2020.10.26	2021.10.25
	20~200 μl	R-11-0033	2020.10.26	2021.10.25
	200~1000 μl	R-11-0031	2020.10.26	2021.10.25
Thermo-hydrometer	N/A	P-11-0058	2020. 07.13	2021.07.12

4.2. Method

4.2.1. Test condition

This test was conducted at RapiGEN Biotechnology Research Institute, and the temperature and humidity conditions were verified using a thermo-hydrometer

Table 4. Test condition

Test site	Temperature and humidity
RapiGEN Biotechnology Research Institute	Minimum 18°C, 21% RH
	Maximum 20°C, 25% RH

4.2.2. Test method

- ① Nasopharyngeal smear, which was confirmed as negative, was provided by Lee biosolutions.
- ② The variants of SARS-CoV-2 recombinant protein was spiked into the solution of ① to a concentration of 50 ng/ml, and then diluted it to a concentration of 0.01 ng/ml a 12 steps dilution method as shown in Table 5.
- ③ The 120 μl of sample prepared in ② was added to the device sample well (S).
- ④ Read results in 15 minutes.
- ⑤ The tests were performed with 2 Lots.

Table 5. Concentration of SARS-CoV-2 variants

Sample No.	Conc. (ng/ml)	Sample No.	Conc. (ng/ml)
1	50	8	0.39
2	25	9	0.19

3	12.5	10	0.09
4	6.25	11	0.04
5	3.12	12	0.02
6	1.56	13	0.01
7	0.78	14	0

5. Results

5.1. Interpretation of results

1) Negative: The presence of only one red band at the control line (C) within the result window indicates a negative result.



2) Positive: Two bands appear, one red control line (C) and one black test line (T) within the result window indicates a positive result.



3) Invalid: If the control line fails to appear within the result window or presence of only one black band at the Test line (T), the result is considered invalid.



5.2. Sensitivity criteria

The test line intensity was evaluated by referring to the RapiGEN color chart (Figure 1).

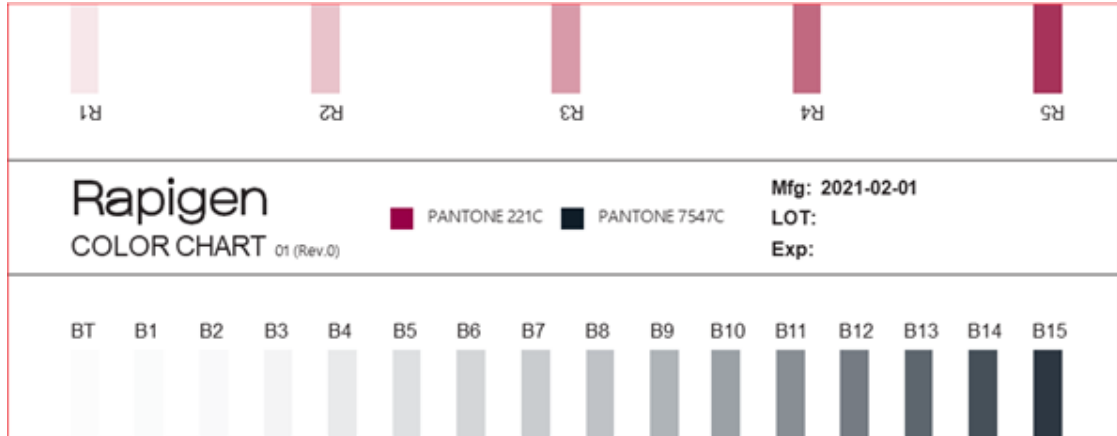


Figure 1. RapiGEN Color Chart. Strong positive (B11~B15); Medium positive (B6~B10); Weak positive (B1~B5); Negative (Black trace (BT) or Not detected (ND)).

5.3. Test results

5.3.1. B.1.618 (India)


Results showed that the established tentative LoD was confirmed as 0.04 ng/ml (Table 6). In addition, it was confirmed that the variant recombinant protein showed strong positive (B11~B15) at concentration of 12.5 to 50 ng/ml, medium positive (B6~B10) at concentration of 1.56 to 6.25 ng/ml, weak positive (B1~B5) at concentration of 0.04 to 0.78 ng/ml, and negative (BT, ND) to under concentration.

Table 6. Detection limit test result for B.1.618

Lot No.	Sample No.													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
H073014EV	B14	B13	B12	B10	B8	B7	B5	B3	B3	B2	B1	BT	ND	ND
H073016EV	B14	B13	B12	B10	B7	B7	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	BT	ND	ND
Number of Positive	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	0/2	0/2	0/2
Positivity	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%

5.3.2. B.1.617.1 (India)

Results showed that the established tentative LoD was confirmed as 0.04 ng/ml (Table 7). In addition, it

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was confirmed that the variant recombinant protein showed strong positive (B11~B15) at concentration of 6.25 to 50 ng/ml, medium positive (B6~B10) at concentration of 1.56 to 3.12 ng/ml, weak positive (B1~B5) at concentration of 0.04 to 0.78 ng/ml, and negative (BT, ND) to under concentration.

Table 7. Detection limit test result for B.1.617.1

Lot No.	Sample No.													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
H073014EV	B15	B15	B13	B11	B9	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	BT	ND	ND
H073016EV	B15	B14	B12	B12	B8	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	BT	ND	ND
Number of Positive	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	0/2	0/2	0/2
Positivity	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%

5.3.3. B.1.429 (California)


Results showed that the established tentative LoD was confirmed as 0.09 ng/ml (Table 8). In addition, it was confirmed that the variant recombinant protein showed strong positive (B11~B15) at concentration of 12.5 to 50 ng/ml, medium positive (B6~B10) at concentration of 3.12 to 6.25 ng/ml, weak positive (B1~B5) at concentration of 0.09 to 1.56 ng/ml, and negative (BT, ND) to under concentration.

Table 8. Detection limit test result for B.1.429

Lot No.	Sample No.													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
H073014EV	B15	B13	B12	B9	B8	B4	B3	B3	B2	B1	BT	ND	ND	ND
H073016EV	B15	B14	B12	B8	B8	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	BT	ND	ND	ND
Number of Positive	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2
Positivity	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%


6. Conclusions

BIOCREDIT COVID-19 Ag can detect mutant recombinant protein of India (B.1.618, B.1.617.1) and California (B.1.429) variant, and LoD of each mutant virus is 0.04 and 0.09 ng/ml, respectively.

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8. Attachments

8.1. Certificate of SARS-CoV-2 variant viruses



Certificate of Analysis

Name: COVID-19 Nucleocapsid protein recombinant antigen(B.1.618)

Catalog No.: FPZ0688

Lot No.: 20210510

Manufacturing Date: 20210510

Expiry Date: 20240509

Concentration: 0.58mg/ml

Source: E.coli

Format: Clear and transparent liquid

Amino acid sequence: 1-419aa

Specific fragment: Nucleocapsid protein

Molecular weight: 45KD

Buffer: 10mMPB+150mMNaCl, pH7.4

Preservative: /

Purification method: Column chromatography

Purity: ≥90%

Application: Lateral flow/ELISA/CMIA

Storage: -20±5℃

Remark:

- 1.The raw material can be stored at 2~8℃ for 15 days during transportation;
- 2.Avoid repeating freeze-thaw cycles.


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Certificate of Analysis

Name: COVID-19 Nucleocapsid protein recombinant antigen(B.1.617.1)
Catalog No.: FPZ0689
Lot No.: 20210509
Manufacturing Date: 20210509
Expiry Date: 20240508
Concentration: 1.04mg/ml
Source: E.coli
Format: Clear and transparent liquid
Amino acid sequence: 1-419aa
Specific fragment: Nucleocapsid protein
Molecular weight: 45KD
Buffer: 10mMPB+150mMNaCl, pH7.4
Preservative: /
Purification method: Column chromatography
Purity: $\geq 90\%$
Application: Lateral flow/ELISA/CMIA
Storage: $-20 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$

Remark:

- 1.The raw material can be stored at 2~8℃ for 15 days during transportation;
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Certificate of Analysis

Name: COVID-19 Nucleocapsid protein recombinant antigen(B. 1.429)
Catalog No.: FPZ0691
Lot No.: 20210113-1
Manufacturing Date: 20210113
Expiry Date: 20240112
Concentration: 1.92mg/ml
Source: E.coli
Format: Clear and transparent liquid
Amino acid sequence: 1-419aa
Specific fragment: Nucleocapsid protein
Molecular weight: 45KD
Buffer: 10mMPB+150mMNaCl, pH7.4
Preservative: /
Purification method: Column chromatography
Purity: $\geq 90\%$
Application: Lateral flow/ELISA/CMIA
Storage: $-20 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$

Remark:

- 1.The raw material can be stored at $2\sim 8^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 15 days during transportation;
- 2.Avoid repeating freeze-thaw cycles.

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