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Principle of the Assay

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Spike Glycoprotein

Nucleocapsid Protein (NP)

Analyte	Assay Type	Range	Limit of Detection	Precision* (Inter-assay)	Precision* (Intra-assay)	Average* Linearity
S1	Indirect	1000 - 1.3 U/mL	1.3 U/mL	14%	6.2%	105%
S2	Indirect	1000 - 1.3 U/mL	1.3 U/mL	14%	13.2%	101%
NP	Indirect	1000 - 1.3 U/mL	0.9 U/mL	13%	9%	103%

*Intra-assay and inter-assay precision are calculated with n=20 and n=10 replicates, respectively.

Why the nucleocapsid addition?

The ability to measure antibodies towards NP as well as S1 and S2 provides an opportunity to distinguish antibody responses caused by vaccination versus those caused by infection. All currently authorized SARS-CoV-2 functional vaccines, such as the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines and the Johnson and Johnson DNA vaccine, use the spike glycoprotein as the immunogen to elicit a protective antibody response in the patient. Thus, detecting antibodies specific for NP in patients that have been vaccinated suggests that they have also been previously infected with SARS-CoV-2. This sort of tool is useful in seroprevalence studies, as well as in studies focused on elucidating the immune responses of vaccinated patients.

SARS-CoV-2 Spike Proteins S1 and S2 IgG Assay vs. Molecular COVID-19 Test			SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid IgG Assay vs. Molecular COVID-19 Test				S1 and S2 vs. PCR	Nucleocapsid vs. PCR
N = 360	Confirmed	Confirmed	N = 360	Confirmed	Confirmed	Sensitivity (PPA)	97.1%	94.1%
N = 300	Positive	Negative	11 - 300	Positive	Negative	Sensitivity (NPA)	100%	94.2%
IgG Test Positive	33	0	IgG Test Positive	32	19	Positive Predictive Value (PPV)	100%	62.7%
IgG Test Negative	1	326	IgG Test Negative	2	307	Negative Predictive Value (NPV)	99.7%	99.4%



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