FIND Evaluation of SD Biosensor, Inc.

STANDARD Q COVID-19 Ag Test

External Report

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Evaluation Process – private sector engagement

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Document History

Document Version	Date	Comment
1.0	18 September 2020	Initial release
1.1	16 October 2020	Corrected PCR sample type; added N per PCR comparator assay in Germany.
2.0	1 November 2020	Data for Switzerland added
2.1	10 December 2020	Missing data added for Germany; LOD methodology updated; Brazil EoU added

1 Product Info:

Manufacturer Name	SD Biosensor, Inc.
Test name	STANDARD Q COVID-19 Ag Test
Product Code(s)	09COV30D in BR/DE; 99COV30D-EN01 in CH
Pack size(s)	25 tests per kit
Contents of kit	Test device (individually in a foil pouch with desiccant), Extraction buffer tube, Nozzle cap, Sterile swab, Film and Instructions for Use
Equipment and consumables required, but not provided	Equipment: Timer, refrigerator - optional (for storage of specimens prior to testing, if applicable). Consumables: PPE
Product Storage (temperature range)	2-30 °C.
Shelf-life (months)	24 months
Manufacturing Site (country)	Republic of Korea

2 Study details:

Clinical Study Design:	Prospective diagnostic evaluation studies across multiple, independent sites to determine the accuracy of COVID-19 antigen RDTs, using consecutive enrolment. Interim analyses are performed at 25% and 50% enrolment, and the evaluation is stopped if tests do not meet 97% specificity. Presence of symptoms, date of symptom onset and hospitalization status is collected for all enrolled participants.
Index assays:	Novel lateral flow format tests that detect recombinant SARS-CoV-2 antigens.
Reference method:	Results of the index test are compared to the routine, diagnostic RT-PCR result, which is used for clinical management
Limit of detection:	Analytical sensitivity, i.e. Limit of detection, was performed at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in which standardized serial dilutions of cultured viral isolate were prepared. Proprietary swab provided in the kit was soaked in viral dilution series. Dilutions were tested in triplicate and the LOD was defined as the last dilution where all repeats were interpreted as positive.
Clinical Performance:	Sensitivity was calculated as the proportion of true positive results detected by STANDARD Q COVID-19 Ag among all positives by the reference method, and reported as a percentage

	Specificity was calculated as the proportion of true negative specimens, identified as negative by STANDARD Q COVID-19 Ag among all negatives by the reference method, and reported as a percentage. The 95% confidence intervals were calculated in order to assess the level of uncertainty introduced by sample size, using the Wilson's score method.
Ease of Use	A System usability survey and ease of use questionnaire assessing the quality of the test, test preparation, ease of test execution, procedure time, ease of result interpretation, storage conditions and perceived settings of use was completed by operators and a final score out of 100 was calculated.

3 Evaluation Details

Country of Collaborator	**Germany**	**Brazil**	**Switzerland**
Location of clinical site(s) (city, town)	1. Heidelberg (HD) 2. Berlin	Macae, state of Rio de Janeiro	University Hospital of Geneva
Health care level of site(s)	1. Heidelberg: Drive-in testing Center 2. Berlin: Ambulatory testing clinic of Charité – University Hospital	Community Testing Clinic	Hospital
Study period (date to date)	1. HD: 20-31 July 2. Berlin: 03 June -31 July	13-30 July	19-23 October 2020
Study cohort inclusion/exclusion	Adults able to ambulate and meeting suspect definition of the Department of public health Provided informed consent	Adults in community meeting national suspect definition Provided informed consent	Adults in community meeting Department of Public Health definition of a suspected COVID-19 case and being tested for SARS-CoV-2 part of routine medical care. Provided informed consent
Sample type, antigen test	1. HD: Nasopharyngeal swabs 2. Berlin: Combined naso-/oropharyngeal swab	Nasopharyngeal swabs	Nasopharyngeal swab
Reference PCR Method	• Cobas SARS-CoV-2 (Roche Diagnostics Inc) ○ N = 912	Lab-developed assay based on the US CDC protocol, which targets two	Cobas SARS-CoV-2 (Roche Diagnostics Inc)

	• Abbott *RealTime* SARS-CoV-2 (Abbott Molecular, Inc)
	  ○ N = 78
	• Genesig COVID-19 Real-Time PCR assay (Primerdesign, Inc)
	  ○ N = 19
	• Allplex 2019-nCov Assay (Seegene Inc)
	  ○ N = 125
	• LightMix® Modular SARS-CoV (COVID19) E-gene (Tib Molbiol)
	  ○ N = 131
		regions (N1 and N2) of the nucleocapsid (N) gene of SARS-CoV-2 (https://www.fda.gov/media/134922/download)	

Sample type, PCR test	Naso/oropharyngeal swabs	Nasopharyngeal swabs	Nasopharyngeal swabs

4 Results

4.1 Study Cohort(s)

Country	**Brazil**	**Germany**	**Switzerland**
Total N (valid PCR results)	400	1263	529
Age [mean (min-max), N]	37 (2-94); 397	35 (18-80.4); 1244	35 (16-78); 529
Gender [%F, (n/N)]	57.3%, (229/398)	48.9%, (618/1224)	53.9%, (285/529)
Symptoms present [%Yes, (n/N)]	98.7%, (392/397)	84.6%, (1040/1229)	99.8%, (528/529)
Hospitalized (n, % Yes)	Not available	Not available	Not available
Days from symptom onset [median (Q1-Q3); N]	5 (4-6); 397	3 (2-4); 1004	3 (2-4); 183*
Days < 0-3 (n, %)	85 (21.4%)	629 (63%)	122 (66.7%)
Days 4-7 (n, %)	273 (68.8%)	312 (31%)	54 (29.5%)
Days 8+ (n, %)	39 (9.8%)	63 (6%)	7 (3.8%)
Positivity [%, (n/N)]	26.5%, (106/400)	3.7%, (47/1263)	36.1%, (191/529)
PCR Ct [median (Q1-Q3); N]	25.5 (22.8-29.2); 106	25.3 (21.8-29.2); 47	21.8 (18.9-25.7); 191*
Ct > 33 (n, %)	7 (6.6%)	6 (12.8%)	8 (4.19%)

Ct > 30 (n, %)	19 (17.9%)	11 (23.4%)	17 (8.9%)
Ct > 25 (n, %)	57 (53.8%)	26 (55.3%)	50 (26.2%)

** days post symptom onset only available for individuals who tested PCR positive.*

4.2 Estimation of Clinical Performance

Country	**Brazil**	**Germany**	**Switzerland**
Clinical Sensitivity (95% CI); N	88.7% (81.3, 93.4); 106	76.6% (62.8, 86.4); 47*	89% (83.8, 92.7); 191
Sensitivity days ≤7, N	90.7% (83.3, 95.0); 97	80% (64.1, 90.1); 35	89.8% (84.4, 93.4); 176
Sensitivity Ct ≤33, N	91.9% (84.9, 95.9); 99	87.8% (74.5, 94.7); 41	91.8% (86.9, 95); 183
Sensitivity Ct ≤ 25, N	95.9% (86.3, 98.9); 49	100% (84.5, 100); 21	97.2% (92.9, 98.9); 141
Clinical Specificity (95% CI), N	97.6% (95.2, 98.8); 294	99.3% (98.6, 99.6); 1216	99.7% (98.3, 99.9); 338
Invalid rate (%, n/N)	0%, 0/400	0%, 0/1263	0%, 0/529

**Note:40/47 positives were tested using Roche, 5/47 positives were tested using Seegene and 2/47 were tested using TibMolbiol.*

4.2.1 Estimation of Analytical Performance

	Lowest dilution detected	Corrected concentration	Viral Copy equivalence	Supplier-reported LOD
Analytical Sensitivity	**5.0×10^3 pfu/ml ~** 7.14×10^3 $TCID_{50}$/ml	**7.58×10^2** pfu/ml	**1.15×10^6 copies/ml** applied to test	$1.25 \times 10^{3.2}$ $TCID_{50}$/ml **~ 1.39×10^3 pfu/ml**

Note: corrected concentration accounts for volume of dilution that is absorbed onto the swab and then diluted into the proprietary extraction buffer.

4.3 Ease of Use

STANDARD Q COVID-19 Ag Test (SD Bionsensor, Inc.)	84 out of 100	6 operators, Germany 1 operator, UK 7 operators, Brazil