



Citest COVID-19 Ag test and SARS-CoV-2 variant in the United Kingdom

Dear Customers,

A SARS-CoV-2 variant, referred to as SARS-CoV-2 VUI 202012/01 (Variant Under Investigation, year 2020, month 12, variant 01), has been identified through viral genomic sequencing in the United Kingdom (UK). It is defined by multiple spike protein mutations (deletion 69-70, deletion 144, N501Y, A570D, D614G, P681H, T716I, S982A, D1118H) present.

Citest COVID-19 Ag is designated to detect nucleocapsid protein (NP) of SARS-CoV-2 virus. Thus, abovementioned spike protein mutation SARS-CoV-2 variant found in U.K. is not affecting virus performance of Citest COVID-19 Ag test.

Citest COVID-19 Ag test can detect SARS-CoV-2 variant (SARS-CoV-2 VUI 202012/01) in U.K., South Africa and Brazil with same performance of other currently known strains of SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Sincerely,

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