

Tailored respiratory diagnostic solution

Enabling clinical laboratories to identify multiple respiratory pathogens in the same sample

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Molecular testing for respiratory pathogens helps laboratories detect viral, bacterial, and fungal targets with high sensitivity.

Accurate testing is needed to distinguish respiratory pathogens, such as SARS-CoV-2 and influenza, from each other

Molecular testing for respiratory pathogens helps laboratories maximize sensitivity for common viruses including SARS-CoV-2 and influenza (flu). As the pandemic continues to show signs of unpredictability and volatility, we expect SARS-CoV-2 and its variants to remain with us indefinitely. SARS-CoV-2 now joins the list of respiratory pathogens that pathologists will see in the lab; and since influenza and COVID-19 share symptoms, making a differential diagnosis is even more challenging. With the overlap of COVID-19 and flu season, it is helpful for clinical and public health labs to be equipped with a single test that can detect genetic material from multiple respiratory viruses.

Adoption of multiplex testing assays has grown over the last few years, most notably as a response to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. Multiplex testing assays allow laboratories to test for multiple infectious disease targets in a single reaction. This helps providers rule out multiple respiratory infections with one patient sample.

Applied Biosystems[™] TaqPath[™] COVID-19, Flu A, Flu B Combo Kit*

- Single test for SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, and influenza B viruses
- Compatible with multiple instruments and available in multiple formats
- Refer to CDC guidance: "CDC encourages laboratories to consider adoption of a
 multiplexed method that can facilitate detection and differentiation of SARS-CoV-2 and
 influenza viruses. Such assays can facilitate continued testing for both influenza and
 SARS-CoV-2 and can save both time and resources as we head into influenza season."**

Product details	
Regulatory status	EUA
Format	Single-tube multiplex
Targets	SARS-CoV-2 (S and N genes)
	Influenza A (matrix gene)
	Influenza B (matrix gene)
Kit size	1,000 rxns
Throughput	1-94 samples on 96-well plates, 1-382 samples on 384-well plates
Control(s)	MS2 process control + included positive control
Sample type(s)	Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab, anterior nasal swab
Turnaround time	Approx. 3 hours
Instruments	Applied Biosystems™ 7500 Fast Dx, QuantStudio™ 5 (96-well, 0.2 mL), and QuantStudio™ 7 (384-well block) real-time PCR instruments
Software	Applied Biosystems™ Pathogen Interpretive Software
Cat. No.	A49868



Sample collection

Specimens including:

Anterior nasal swab

NP swah



KingFisher Flex Purification System with MagMAX Viral/Pathogen II Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit CE-IVD



Real-time PCR

TaqPath COVID-19 Flu A, Flu B Combo Kit and Applied Biosystems™ TaqPath™ 1-Step Multiplex Master Mix (no ROX)

Applied Biosystems real-time PCR instruments:

- 7500 Fast Dx Real-Time PCR System
- QuantStudio 5 Real-Time PCR System (96-well, 0.2 mL)
- QuantStudio 7 Flex Real-Time PCR System (384-well)



Analysis and report

Report generated using Pathogen Interpretive Software

^{*} For In Vitro Diagnostic Use. For Emergency Use Authorization Only | Rx Only.

^{**} cdc.gov/csels/dls/locs/2021/07-21-2021-lab-alert-Changes_CDC_RT-PCR_SARS-CoV-2_Testing_1.html

