

SmartNotes

Coronavirus:

Associated viral and bacterial infection identification

Patients with respiratory infections may present symptoms similar to those associated with coronavirus, making fast and accurate pathogen identification more difficult. There is also an increased risk of bacterial co-infection in patients that require breathing assistance as the virus takes hold.

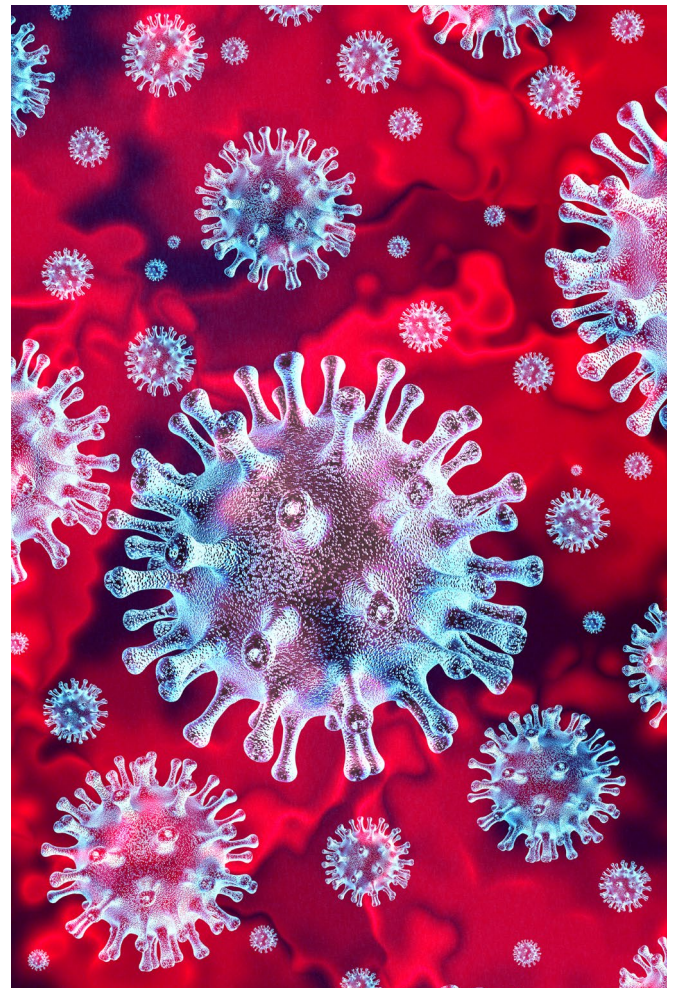
Identification of similar or related infections is vital to rapidly address the outbreak.

While data is still emerging, reports have suggested that 15% of hospitalized coronavirus patients developed a secondary bacterial infection, such as ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP)¹. Among patients who died from coronavirus, 16% of patients had secondary infections².

The collection, transport and identification of samples, along with accurate treatment is vital to reducing patients' time in hospital and ultimately saving lives.

Thermo Fisher Scientific™ provide sampling, media, identification and susceptibility testing products, together with QC organisms to support the accurate identification and treatment of viral and bacterial infections.

We're listening to our customers and are aware that there are regional differences in causation of related co-bacterial infections. Your feedback is vital for Thermo Fisher Scientific to support you. Contact your local sales representative for support tailored to your laboratory throughput.



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Ordering information for expanded product range in response to coronavirus pandemic

Product†	Usage	Product code
Collection and transport		
Thermo Scientific™ MicroTest™ Tube	Viruses, <i>chlamydiae</i>	R12587
Thermo Scientific™ MicroTest™ Tube without beads	Viruses, <i>chlamydiae</i>	R12700
Polyester Tipped Swabs	Oropharyngeal swab	R12548
M4RT Tube (3 mL)	72 tubes/pk	R12505
M4RT MicroTip Flock Swab Kit (3 mL)	100 kits/pk	R12566
InhibiSURE™ Viral Inactivation Medium	100 tubes/pk	EB1372A
InhibiSURE™ Viral Inactivation NPG Swab Kit	100 tubes/pk	SK01372
Disposable Sampling Swab, 100 mm breakpoint	100/pk	R12544
Disposable Sampling Swab, 80 mm breakpoint	100/pk	R12680
SpeciMAX™ Dx Saliva Collection Kit	400 kits/pk	A51022
SpeciMAX™ Dx Stabilized Saliva Collection Kit	100 kits/pk	A51023
Detect and isolate		
Thermo Scientific™ Xpect™ Flu A & B Test	Influenza A, influenza B viral antigens	R24600
Thermo Scientific™ Xpect™ RSV Test	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	R24601
Thermo Scientific™ Remel™ Xpect™ Flu A and B Control Swab	Flu A & B control swabs	R246003
Thermo Scientific™ Remel™ Xpect™ RSV Control Kit	RSV control kit	R246012

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Thermo Scientific™ Remel™ BactiSwab™ Wire Shaft Amies Clear	Wire Shaft Amies Clear is supplied with a mini-tip swab suitable for ear, nose, throat, eye, male urethral and pediatric specimen collection	R723025
Remel™ BactiSwab™ Gel Collection and Transport Swabs: Single Swab Amies Charcoal	Provides excellent recovery for a wide range of bacteria, including anaerobes.	R723040
Thermo Scientific™ Amies Agar Gel Transport Swab	Suitable for throat, vaginal, wound and skin specimen collection	TS0001A
Detect and isolate		
Thermo Scientific™ Remel™ Columbia Blood Agar w/ 3% Sheep Blood	General-purpose medium for cultivation, isolation and hemolytic determination of microorganisms	R01214
Thermo Scientific™ Columbia CNA Agar with Sheep Blood Medium	Identify <i>staphylococci</i> and <i>streptococci</i>	R01320
Thermo Scientific™ Remel™ Blood Agar w/Gentamicin	Selective isolation of <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	R01227
Thermo Scientific™ Remel™ Chocolate Agar w/Bacitracin	Isolation of <i>Haemophilus</i> from respiratory specimens containing mixed flora	R01304
Thermo Scientific™ Remel™ Schaedler Agar w/Blood, Hemin, Vitamin K	Isolation of anaerobic bacteria from clinical specimens	R01800
Thermo Scientific™ Loewenstein-Jensen Medium	Isolation of Mycobacteria from clinical specimens	TV5112 TV5122C
Thermo Scientific™ MacConkey Agar Medium	Detect and enumerate coliform organisms, including <i>E. coli</i> , while isolating and detecting <i>Salmonella</i> and <i>Shigella</i> specimens	R01562
Thermo Scientific™ Spectra™ MRSA Medium	Chromogenic screening plate for Methicillin Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA)	R01821
Thermo Scientific™ VersaTREK™ REDOX™ 1 Media	Aerobic media	7102-44
Thermo Scientific™ VersaTREK™ REDOX™ 2 Media	Anaerobic media	7103-44
Thermo Scientific™ Signal™ Blood Culture System	Detect the growth of aerobic, anaerobic and micro-aerophilic organisms from blood samples	BC0100M
Identify		
Thermo Scientific™ Oxoid™ O.B.I.S. PYR	Detection of PYRase activity in streptococcal microorganisms and <i>Citrobacter sp.</i> from culture	ID0580M
Thermo Scientific™ DrySpot™ Pneumo Latex Agglutination Test	Detection of capsular antigen from <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> to provide rapid identification of <i>Strep. pneumoniae</i> isolated from culture plates and blood culture	DR0420M
Thermo Scientific™ Wellcogen™ Streptococcus pneumoniae Rapid Latex Agglutination Test	Detection of capsular antigen from <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> (Pneumococcus)	R30859001
Thermo Scientific™ Remel™ PathoDextra™ Strep Grouping Kit	For identification of Group A, B, C, D, F and G streptococcus	DR0700M
Thermo Scientific™ Staphaurex™ Plus Latex Agglutination Test	Identify staphylococci which possess clumping factor, protein A, and/or surface antigens, including those characteristic of Methicillin Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) and Methicillin Sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MSSA) strains	R30950102
Thermo Scientific™ Oxoid™ PBP2 ¹ Latex Agglutination Test Kit	Detection of PBP2 ¹ as an aid in identifying methicillin resistance in both <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) and coagulase-negative staphylococci.	DR0900A

Product†	Usage	Product code
Thermo Scientific™ Remel™ Gram Stain Kit, 4 x 250 mL bottles	Differentiate Gram-positive from Gram-negative microorganisms	R40080
Thermo Scientific™ RapID™ ONE System	Identify medically important Enterobacteriaceae and other selected oxidase-negative, Gram-negative bacilli isolated from human clinical specimens	R8311006
Thermo Scientific™ Sensititre™ Gram Negative GNID ID Plate	Obtain presumptive identification of Gram-negative organisms in just five hours, or obtain species level identification with overnight incubation	GNID
Thermo Scientific™ Sensititre™ Gram Negative GPID ID Plate	Obtain species-level identification of Gram-positive organisms with overnight incubation	GPID

Susceptibility Test

Test multiple antibiotics simultaneously, on a plate format which can be run either manually, or using scalable automated instrumentation options to meet laboratory throughput.

Thermo Scientific™ Sensititre™ Gram Negative AST Plate	Perform susceptibility testing of multidrug-resistant, Gram-Negative isolates against a comprehensive range of second-line antimicrobials on a single platform	MDRGN1F MDRGNX1F*
Thermo Scientific™ Sensititre™ Streptococcus FDANDSF AST Plate	Perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) of <i>Streptococcus</i> isolates	FDANDSF
Thermo Scientific™ Sensititre™ Streptococcus STP6F AST Plate	Perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) of <i>Streptococcus</i> isolates	STP6F
Thermo Scientific™ Sensititre™ Haemophilus and Streptococcus HPB1 AST Plate	Perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) of <i>Haemophilus</i> and <i>Streptococcus</i>	HPB1
Thermo Scientific™ Sensititre™ Gram Negative GN7F AST Plate	Perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) of Gram-negative isolates on a single plate which includes antimicrobials ceftazidime/avibactam and ceftolozane/tazobactam	GN7F
Thermo Scientific™ Sensititre™ Gram Positive AST Plate	Perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) of non-fastidious Gram-positive isolates	GPALL3F FDANDPF

Latest disc formats to support testing against multiple drug resistant bacteria.

Thermo Scientific™ Oxoid™ Ceftazidime/Avibactam Antimicrobial Susceptibility Disks	Ceftazidime/Avibactam is indicated for the treatment of complicated urinary tract infections, including pyelonephritis, in patients 18 years or older. In combination with metronidazole, it is also indicated for the treatment of complicated intra-abdominal infections. (CLSI or EUCAST compliant)	CT1947B CT1948B
Thermo Scientific™ Oxoid™ Meropenem/Vaborbactam MEV30 Antimicrobial Susceptibility Discs	Perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) of carbapenem-resistant-Enterobacteriaceae (CRE). (CLSI or EUCAST compliant)	CT1949B

* Research use only

Thermo Scientific™ Sensititre AIM™
Automated Inoculation Delivery System



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Product†	Collection & transport	Detect & isolate	Identify	Susceptibility test	Product code
<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i> subsp. <i>jejuni</i> ATCC® 33291™	4				R4601400
<i>Candida albicans</i> ATCC® 10231™		4			R4601503
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i> ATCC® 8090™		4			R4601800
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC® 29212™		4	4	4	R4607030
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC® 51299™				4	R4601996
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC® 25922™		4		4	R4607050
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> ATCC® 49766™				4	R4603806
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> Type b ATCC® 10211™	4	4			R4603810
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> ATCC® 43069™	4				R4607043
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> ATCC® 49226™		4			R4609006
<i>Proteus hauseri</i> ATCC® 13315™		4			R4607057
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i> ATCC® 12453™		4			R4607059
<i>Proteus vulgaris</i> ATCC® 8427™		4			R4607058
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC® 27853™		4		4	R4607060
<i>Salmonella enterica</i> subsp. <i>enterica</i> serovar Typhimurium ATCC® 14028™			4		R4606000
<i>Salmonella enterica</i> subsp. <i>enterica</i> serovar Enteritidis ATCC® 13076™			4		R4608200
<i>Shigella flexneri</i> serovar 2b group B ATCC® 12022™	4				R4608101
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> subsp. <i>aureus</i> ATCC® 25923™		4		4	R4607010
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> subsp. <i>aureus</i> ATCC® 29213™				4	R4607011
<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> ATCC® 12228™		4			R4606500
<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> group B ATCC® 12386™			4		R4607027
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> ATCC® 49619™				4	R4609015
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> ATCC® 6305™		4			R4607024
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> ATCC® 19615™	4	4	4		R4607000
<i>Streptococcus sanguinis</i> Type 1 ATCC® 10556™		4			R4607023



M4RT Tube (3 mL)



SpeciMAX™ Dx Stabilized Saliva Collection Kit



InhibiSURE™ Viral Inactivation NPG Swab Kit

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