

# SPOT system protocol V.2

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## ABSTRACT

The need for rapid, accurate, and scalable testing systems for COVID-19 diagnosis is clear and urgent. Here we report a rapid Scalable and Portable Testing (SPOT) system consisting of a rapid, highly sensitive, and accurate assay and a battery-powered portable device for COVID-19 diagnosis. The SPOT assay comprises a one-pot reverse transcriptase-loop-mediated isothermal amplification (RT-LAMP) followed by PfAgo-based target sequence detection. It is capable of detecting the N gene and E gene in a multiplexed reaction with the limit of detection (LoD) of 0.44 copies/ $\mu$ L and 1.09 copies/ $\mu$ L, respectively, in SARS-CoV-2 virus-spiked saliva samples within 30 min. Moreover, the SPOT system is used to analyze 104 clinical saliva samples and identified 28/30 (93.3% sensitivity) SARS-CoV-2 positive samples (100% sensitivity if LoD is considered) and 73/74 (98.6% specificity) SARS-CoV-2 negative samples. This combination of speed, accuracy, sensitivity, and portability will enable high-volume low-cost access to areas in need of urgent COVID-19 testing capabilities.

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## MATERIALS TEXT

### STEP MATERIALS

- [☒ Nuclease-free Water - 25 ml New England](#)
- Biolabs Catalog #B1500S** Step 2
- [☒ Bst 2.0 WarmStart DNA Polymerase - 8,000 units New England](#)
- Biolabs Catalog #M0538L** Step 2
- [☒ Deoxynucleotide Solution Mix - 8 umol of each New England](#)
- Biolabs Catalog #N0447S** Step 2
- [☒ Non-CRISPR nuclease Contributed by](#)
- users Catalog #N/A** Step 2
- [☒ Non-primer oligos Contributed by](#)
- users Catalog #N/A** Step 2
- [☒ E gene primer mix Contributed by](#)
- users Catalog #N/A** Step 2
- [☒ Isothermal Amplification Buffer - 6.0 ml New England](#)
- Biolabs Catalog #B0537S** Step 2
- [☒ N gene primer mix Contributed by](#)
- users Catalog #N/A** Step 2
- [☒ Reporter Probe 2 Contributed by](#)
- users Catalog #N/A** Step 2
- [☒ WarmStart RTx Reverse Transcriptase - 250 rxns New England](#)
- Biolabs Catalog #M0380L** Step 2
- [☒ Manganese\(II\) chloride tetrahydrate Sigma](#)
- Aldrich Catalog #M3634** Step 2
- [☒ Magnesium Sulfate \(MgSO<sub>4</sub>\) Solution - 6.0 ml New England](#)
- Biolabs Catalog #B1003S** Step 2
- [☒ Reporter probe 1 Contributed by](#)
- users Catalog #N/A** Step 2
- [☒ Saliva sample Contributed by](#)
- users Catalog #N/A** Step 2
- [☒ QuickExtract DNA Extraction](#)
- Solution Lucigen Catalog #QE09050** Step 1

- 1 Using the first provided microcap, collect a saliva sample into capillary 1, containing QuickExtract DNA Extraction Solution (Lucigen). Insert the capillary into the SPOT device and press the "Start" button to run the 5-minute pretreatment.

[☒ QuickExtract DNA Extraction](#)  
**Solution Lucigen Catalog #QE09050**

SPOT1 Device  
Incubating fluorometer  
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🔥 95 °C

🕒 00:05:00

- 2 After pretreatment, remove capillary 1 from the SPOT device and use the second provided microcap to transfer a small volume of pretreated sample to capillary 2, which contains the SPOT assay mastermix. Dispense the pretreated sample into **only the top layer of the capillary**, as shown in the diagram below. **Disturbing the wax dividing layer during sample transfer may lead to a failed reaction.**

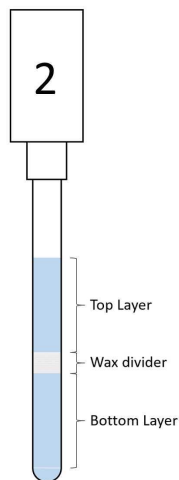


Diagram of capillary 2 layout. Pretreated saliva samples should be transferred into the top layer **only**. Disturbing the wax divider will result in a failed detection reaction.

**SPOT assay master mix:**

A	B	C	D
	Initial concentration	Final concentration	Amount (μL)
<b>Upper compartment</b>			
WarmStart® Bst 2.0	8000 units/mL	320 units/mL	1.6
WarmStart® RTx	15,000 units/mL	300 units/mL	0.8
Isothermal amplification buffer	10X	0.5X	4
dNTPs	10 mM	0.7 mM	5.6
MgSO <sub>4</sub>	100 mM	4 mM	3.2
N gene primer mix	10X	0.25X	2
E gene primer mix	10X	0.25X	2
Saliva samples			5
Nuclease-free water			15.8
Total			40
<b>Lower compartment</b>			
Isothermal amplification buffer	10X	1X	4
PfAgo	5 mg/mL or 55 μM	1.375 μM	2
MnCl <sub>2</sub>	50 mM	0.5 mM	0.8
gDNAs (total 6 oligos)	100 μM	625 nM	3
Reporter probe 1	100 μM	156.25 nM	0.125
Reporter probe 2	100 μM	312.5 nM	0.25
Nuclease-free water			29.825
Total			40

[☒ Bst 2.0 WarmStart DNA Polymerase - 8,000 units](#) **New England**

**Biolabs Catalog #M0538L**

☒ 2 μl

[☒ WarmStart RTx Reverse Transcriptase - 250 rxns](#) **New England**

**Biolabs Catalog #M0380L**

☒ 1 μl

[☒ Isothermal Amplification Buffer - 6.0 ml](#) **New England**

**Biolabs Catalog #B0537S**

☒ 8 μl

[☒ Deoxynucleotide Solution Mix - 8 umol of each](#) **New England**

**Biolabs Catalog #N0447S**

☒ 5.6 μl [M] 0.7 Milimolar (mM)

[☒ Magnesium Sulfate \(MgSO<sub>4</sub>\) Solution - 6.0 ml](#) **New England**

**Biolabs Catalog #B1003S**

☒ 3.2 μl [M] 4 Milimolar (mM)

[☒ N gene primer mix](#) **Contributed by**

**users Catalog #N/A**

[E gene primer mix](#) Contributed by  
 users Catalog #N/A

[Saliva sample](#) Contributed by  
 users Catalog #N/A

[Nuclease-free Water - 25 ml](#) New England  
 Biolabs Catalog #B1500S

[Non-CRISPR nuclease](#) Contributed by  
 users Catalog #N/A

[Manganese\(II\) chloride tetrahydrate](#) Sigma  
 Aldrich Catalog #M3634

0.8 µl [M]0.5 Milimolar (mM)

[Non-primer oligos](#) Contributed by  
 users Catalog #N/A

[Reporter probe 1](#) Contributed by  
 users Catalog #N/A

[Reporter Probe 2](#) Contributed by  
 users Catalog #N/A

- 3 Insert capillary 2 into the SPOT device and press the "Start" button to initiate the 35-minute detection reaction. 35m

SPOT1 device  
 Incubating fluorometer  
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63 °C 00:30:00

95 °C 00:05:00

- 4 Result ("Positive"/"Negative"/"Inconclusive") will be displayed on SPOT device LCD screen after completion of detection<sup>1m</sup> reaction and the 1-minute cooling period.