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Qbiotix SARS-CoV-2 protocol

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ABSTRACT

Qbiotix has developed novel nucleic acid assays and sample preparation procedures to improve global microbial detection standards and rapidly/inexpensively test high volume of samples. Qbiotix aims to enable countries to test their entire populations, their food, their waters with millions of tests per day on a regular basis.

The assays are isothermal and homogeneous. Thermocycling is not required and amplification is non-enzymatic removing the need for complex instrumentation and reliance on variable quality enzymes. Critically we have removed the need for complex nucleic acid preparation, integrated the assay into the collection/transport solution and significantly reduced reliance on a complex supply chain. The assays remove a good proportion of the constraints of PCR which heretofore have inhibited the number of people being testing for SARS-CoV-2 in the US and globally.

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GUIDELINES

The test should be run in a standard laboratory

BEFORE STARTING

Need to have kits and saliva collection devices provided by Qbiotix. Also need to have calibrated pipettes, tips, a magnetic separator and a microtiter plate analyzer.

- 1- collect saliva vial  1 mL in a collection device provided by Qbiotix

- 2 2- open vial and scan barcode in a temperature laboratory with temperature between 18 and 25 degrees Celsius.
- 3 3- dispense  **250 µl** sample to single well in plate with a standard pipette
- 4 4- dispense  **250 µl** of magnetic bead solution in well with a standard pipette in a temperature controlled room with temperature between 18 and 25 degrees Celsius. The bead solution is supplied within a KIT provided by Qbiotix
- 5 5- incubate at controlled temperature on the plate reader  **00:10:00**
- 6 6- place plate on a magnetic separator  **00:00:30**
- 7 7- insert plate on analyzer (reading speed depends on chosen plate reader instrument). The plate reader analyzer needs to have with the ability to read fluorescence and control temperature
- 8 6- read results