

# [Verichem reference materials for microprotein testing](#)

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November 2021—Verichem Laboratories offers ready-to-use, liquid-stable clinical reference materials for microprotein testing, suitable for use with turbidimetric and colorimetric test methods. The products are intended for the calibration and calibration verification of clinical systems testing for total protein and albumin in urine and cerebral spinal fluid. The kit contains a five-level set with 15 mL of material at each level and provides 10 individual certified concentrations in an azide-free format, incorporating human protein components for optimum reactivity.



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# [TaqMan panel updated to include mu strain](#)

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November 2021—Thermo Fisher Scientific has updated its research use only Applied Biosystems TaqMan SARS-CoV-2 Mutation Panel to include the mu strain. Laboratories can build their own panel from a menu of more than 50 verified real-time PCR assays that allows the user to identify relevant SARS-CoV-2 mutations and adapt as additional mutations and variants emerge.



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# [DoD awards Labcon \\$59.3 million to increase pipette production](#)

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November 2021—Labcon North America, a wholly owned subsidiary of Helena Laboratories, has announced a \$59.3 million contract award from the U.S. Department of Defense in coordination with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



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# [Roche launches three respiratory panels in CE markets](#)

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November 2021—Roche launched in the CE market three molecular PCR diagnostic test panels to simultaneously detect and differentiate flu A, flu B, and respiratory syncytial virus; adenovirus, human metapneumovirus, and enterovirus/rhinovirus; and parainfluenza 1, 2, 3, and 4. The tests can be run together or individually from a single nasopharyngeal swab specimen and run on the Cobas Omni Utility Channel for use with the Cobas 6800/8800 systems.



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# **LumiraDx submits SARS-CoV-2/flu A/B rapid antigen test for EUA**

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November 2021—LumiraDx has submitted the LumiraDx SARS-CoV-2 and Flu A/B Test to the Food and Drug Administration for emergency use authorization.



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# **Bio-Rad launches CFX Opus Dx RT-PCR detection systems**

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November 2021—Bio-Rad launched its CFX Opus 96 Dx and CFX Opus 384 Dx systems, real-time PCR detection systems that have been listed with the FDA for IVD testing and that meet the CE-IVD requirement for IVD use in Europe. Both instruments are also registered with regulatory bodies for IVD use in Singapore and Canada.



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# **Microbiologics SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen controls**

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November 2021—Microbiologics has launched its SARS-CoV-2 Whole Virus Antigen Control, which can be used in the point-of-care setting for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 antigens and for monitoring the extraction, amplification, and detection in nucleic acid testing. In antigen-based applications, the high titer formula provides a clear positive reaction to monitor the detection of SARS-CoV-2 viral antigens. Each kit contains six individually packaged lyophilized swabs.



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# **Simplexa COVID-19, flu A/B assay gets CE mark**

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November 2021—DiaSorin Molecular announced that it has CE marked its Simplexa COVID-19 and Flu A/B Direct kit. The multiplex test allows for the in vitro qualitative detection and differentiation of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, and influenza B from a patient sample in one reaction well. The assay is designed for use on the Liaison MDX and is run directly from nasopharyngeal swabs without the need for off-board extraction.



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## [PerkinElmer gets EUA for SARS-CoV-2 respiratory panel, ELISA](#)

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November 2021—PerkinElmer announced that the FDA has issued emergency use authorization for its PKamp Respiratory SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR Panel 1 assay. The RT-PCR test provides simultaneous qualitative detection and differentiation of SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B, and respiratory syncytial virus isolated from nasopharyngeal swabs, anterior nasal swabs, and midturbinate swabs.



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## [Hardy Diagnostics releases group A strep agar](#)

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November 2021—Hardy Diagnostics released its HardyChrom Group A Strep agar, a chromogenic medium recommended for the selective cultivation and differentiation of group A streptococcus from clinical specimens. Identification can be made based on colony color—the medium will display red-brown or red-orange colonies on the HardyChrom Group A Strep agar when *Streptococcus pyogenes* is present; non-group A streptococcus isolates will appear as blue, clear, or white colonies.



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