

# [Thermo Fisher's customizable SARS-CoV-2 mutation panel](#)

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March 24, 2021—Thermo Fisher Scientific launched its Applied Biosystems TaqMan SARS-CoV-2 Mutation Panel, a customizable menu of 22 verified real-time PCR assays for identification of SARS-CoV-2 mutations.



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# [FDA approves Ventana ALK \(D5F3\) CDx assay with Lobrena](#)

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March 23, 2021—Roche announced FDA approval of the Ventana ALK (D5F3) CDx Assay as a companion diagnostic to identify ALK-positive non-small cell lung cancer patients eligible for treatment with Pfizer's drug Lobrena (lorlatinib).



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# [QIASphere cloud-based platform launched with QIAstat-Dx](#)

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March 22, 2021—Qiagen launched its QIASphere cloud-based platform that will allow labs and QIAstat-Dx users to monitor tests and instrument status remotely 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



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# [Bio SB launches antibodies for SARS-CoV-2](#)

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March 19, 2021—Bio SB has developed a new panel of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies to identify the COVID-19 virus, its receptors, and cytokines by immunohistochemistry and immunofluorescence on formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded biopsies.



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# [Quidel gets EUA for Solana SARS molecular](#)

## test

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March 2021—Quidel received emergency use authorization from the FDA to market its Solana SARS-CoV-2 assay, an isothermal reverse transcriptase-helicase dependent amplification (RT-HDA) assay intended for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2 in nasopharyngeal and nasal swab specimens in viral transport media from patients suspected of having COVID-19 by their health care provider.



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## Visby POC COVID-19 PCR test gets CLIA waiver

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March 2021—Visby Medical announced FDA authorization of the company's rapid PCR COVID-19 test for use at the point of care by organizations with a CLIA certificate of waiver.



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# [Siemens lab-based COVID-19 antigen test](#)

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March 2021—Siemens Healthineers announced the company's laboratory-based SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Assay obtained the CE mark. The test runs on the Atellica IM analyzer, which has the capacity to run 440 tests per hour, and the Advia Centaur XP and XPT immunoassay systems.



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# [Thermo Fisher saliva PCR test for COVID-19](#)

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March 2021—Thermo Fisher Scientific announced the availability of a direct from saliva PCR test for COVID-19 to enable widespread, high-frequency surveillance testing. The Applied Biosystems TaqCheck SARS-CoV-2 Fast PCR Assay Kit is a multiplexed RT-PCR assay for the qualitative detection and characterization of SARS-CoV-2 RNA (*S* and *N* genes) plus a human RNase P assay to help assess sample adequacy. The assays are designed to work with raw saliva from research samples.



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# Sarstedt Microvette automated processing tube

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March 2021—Sarstedt introduced the Microvette APT for capillary blood collection. The tubes are available with either a 250- $\mu$ L or 500- $\mu$ L maximum fill volume. Both options have 75  $\times$  13 mm external tube dimensions with a false bottom, feature a thin collection rim, are prepared with K2 EDTA, and have a pierceable and leak-resistant cap. The Microvette APT 250 offers a preassembled end-to-end capillary for collection. The Microvette APT 500 has a variable filling volume from 250 to 500  $\mu$ L.



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# LGC acquires Technopath

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March 2021—LGC announced its acquisition of Technopath Clinical Diagnostics, expanding LGC's position in the clinical diagnostics QC market. Technopath's chemistry and immunoassay controls will be brought into LGC's clinical diagnostics business unit.



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