

## Siemens Healthineers Signs Agreement with A1 Life Sciences to Support Global Efforts to Track Variants

- **Evolving portfolio of PCR-based assays for the identification of SARS-CoV-2 mutations and variants**
- **Diagnovital kits from A1 Life Sciences are designed to detect and identify SARS-CoV-2 mutations and complement Siemens Healthineers FTD SARS-CoV-2 Assay<sup>1</sup> for diagnosis of COVID-19 infection**

Siemens Healthineers announced today a collaboration with A1 Life Sciences to support global efforts to track variants of SARS-CoV-2, enabling Siemens Healthineers to offer an evolving portfolio of PCR-based assays for the identification of SARS-CoV-2 mutations and variants. As SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOC) are rapidly spreading globally, identifying and understanding variant strains is becoming increasingly important.

Siemens Healthineers will now offer A1 Life Sciences' Diagnovital kits that are designed to detect and identify SARS-CoV-2 mutations and variants. This portfolio of A1 Life Sciences' Diagnovital kits will complement the FTD SARS-CoV-2 Assay, which is intended for the initial diagnosis of the infection. If a sample is identified as positive by the FTD SARS-CoV-2 Assay, then the residual extracted nucleic acid from the original sample can be reflex tested by the appropriate A1 Life Sciences' Diagnovital kit or combination of kits to identify if the positive sample harbors a mutation and/or is a variant.

"We are proud to join with Siemens Healthineers in the ongoing race to manage this pandemic," said Umit Firat, CEO of A1 Life Sciences. "Their broad global reach will help us to further address the critical, ongoing need to efficiently and accurately identify variants."

Identifying mutations and variants helps not only epidemiologists, but also helps support informed decision-making about public health actions to control spread. Given the certainty that further mutations and variants will emerge, along with the uncertainty as to whether these variants will become VOCs, the testing will be flexible and highly adaptable. With single-mutation formatted assays, like those in the A1 Life Sciences' Diagnostical portfolio, laboratories can select from individual assays to create their appropriate testing scheme based on mutations prevalent in their region. A1 Life Sciences' Diagnostical portfolio, as distributed by Siemens Healthineers, will be offered for Research Use Only around the world, but will not be offered initially in the U.S.

“Having these PCR variant detection kits widely available will provide clear and immediate benefits around the world,” said Corey Bouwman, Head of Molecular Diagnostics, Siemens Healthineers. “With many national programs taking shape right now to identify and curb the spread of new and existing viral variants, availability is key. This is a critical step we all must take together to address this phase of the pandemic.”

<sup>1</sup>CE-IVD labelled for diagnostic use in the EU. This test has not been FDA cleared or approved. This test has been authorized by FDA under an EUA for use by authorized laboratories. This test has been authorized only for the detection of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens. This test is only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 under Section 564(b)(1) of the Act, 21. U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the authorization is terminated or revoked sooner.

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<https://www.siemens-healthineers.com/press/releases/partnership-a1-life-sciences>.

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