

## A new easy to use rapid test for the diagnosis of acute COVID-19 infection - Actim Oy -developed antigen test receives CE marking

- Novel Actim<sup>®</sup> SARS-CoV-2 rapid test developed by Actim Oy provides healthcare professionals an easy to use method to diagnose acute COVID-19 infection in minutes
- The recently CE marked test enables fast and reliable detection of SARS-CoV-2 antigens on site without the need for laboratory equipment
- The test help break infection chains and it allows initiating immediate isolation measures to prevent the spread of the pandemic

The Finnish diagnostics company Actim Oy has recently received a CE mark for the new Actim SARS-CoV-2 rapid test. The test is intended for healthcare professionals and it detects the nucleoprotein of SARS-CoV-2 virus in the nasopharyngeal swab sample. The test has been shown to perform reliably with different variants of the coronavirus, such as the UK, Indian, and South African virus variants.

Actim SARS-CoV-2 is a user-friendly, one-step dipstick test that gives test results in 15 minutes on site with no need for laboratory equipment. The test is specific for the novel coronavirus and does not cross-react with common viruses, such as other coronaviruses (229E, OC43), type A or B influenza, or enteroviruses. It provides 98 % (Ct <30) sensitivity and 100 % specificity ensuring highly reliable, rapid, and accurate testing of the current coronavirus infection.

*"Reliable testing remains a critical step in controlling the novel COVID-19 pandemic and we are very proud to be able to offer an accurate and effective test that has outstanding sensitivity and specificity of 94% and 100% respectively. A first-class product, developed by a first-class team,"* concludes **Magnus Pålsson**, the Managing Director of Actim Oy.

### About Actim Oy

Actim Oy specializes in developing and producing innovative diagnostic rapid tests for healthcare. The high-quality products are designed with nearly 30 years of experience to meet the highest international standards. Actim tests can be used at the point of care and they are trusted by healthcare professionals worldwide. Actim is a part of Finnish biotechnology group Medix Biochemica.

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