





Norovirus

RT-PCR Test for Norovirus

Instructions for use Gebrauchsanweisung

Introduction

Norovirus belongs to the virus class Caliciviridae and is known to be a seasonal disease. It is a highly contagious pathogen that is responsible for the majority of cases of acute gastroenteritis worldwide. Norovirus infections in humans are mainly caused by genogroup II and I, while GII being the predominant cause of Norovirus outbreaks. Infections of the gastrointestinal tract by Norovirus are characterized by sudden onset symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain. The virus is particularly prevalent in communal settings such as hospitals, schools, and nursing homes, where it can easily spread from person to person. The illness typically lasts only a few days but can cause more severe complications in immunocompromised individuals or the elderly. Acute gastroenteritis caused by Norovirus is a self-limiting disease although if untreated can cause a critical course of disease especially in the youngest or elderly. 1,2,3,4

Package Contents

15 Vivalytic Norovirus test cartridges for the detection of human Norovirus genogroup $\sl / \sl / \s$

Pathogen List

Norovirus genogroup I/II

Intended Use

The Vivalytic Norovirus test is an automated qualitative in vitro diagnostic test based on real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for the detection of nucleic acids from human Norovirus genogroup I/ II from liquid or soft human stool swabs to aid in the diagnosis of acute gastrointestinal infections of symptomatic individuals.

Results should not be used as the sole basis for diagnosis, treatment or other patient management decisions. Positive results do not exclude co-infection with other pathogens. The agent(s) detected may not be the definite cause of disease. Negative results do not exclude a Norovirus infection or another gastrointestinal infection. Results must be clinically correlated with patient history, clinical observations and epidemiological information. Other diagnostic information is necessary to determine patient infection status. Intended for use with a Vivalytic one analyser by healthcare professionals only in laboratory settings such as hospital laboratories and reference laboratories.

Safety Information

These Instructions for Use contain test-specific information only. For additional warnings and instructions refer to the Instructions for Use provided with your Vivalytic one analyser (chapter device safety information). Only use Vivalytic cartridges and accessories approved for the Vivalytic one analyser. Take care to avoid any contamination when handling patient samples and cartridges. When sample was spilled on the cartridge, do not use the cartridge, and dispose it.

For in vitro diagnostic use by trained healthcare professional.



WARNING

- Always follow good laboratory practice to ensure the proper performance of this test.
- Make sure to wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Do not use a cartridge if the sealed pouch or the cartridge itself is visibly damaged.
- · Do not touch or scratch the detection area of the cartridge.
- · Do not reuse a cartridge.
- Do not use expired cartridges. The expiration date can be found on the packaging and the cartridge label.
- Do not wait longer than 15 minutes after opening the cartridge pouch to begin the test.
 This maintains hygiene and avoids performance loss due to humidity. Prolonged exposure to humidity has a negative impact on test performance.
- · Do not shake a cartridge that contains a sample.
- Do not turn the cartridge upside down.
- · Place the cartridge on a clean and flat surface only.
- Do not use sample types, media and volumes that are not approved for the test
- Always follow good laboratory practice to ensure the proper performance of this test.
- Biological specimens, transfer devices, and used cartridges should be considered capable of transmitting infectious agents requiring standard precautions. Handle potentially infectious patient samples and cartridges according to national laboratory standards and dispose samples and cartridges according to regional and laboratory standards.
- · Be compliant with the national safety regulations and practices.

Note: Further information can be found in the safety data sheet (SDS) of the product. Please contact the customer support of your local distributor.

Additional Equipment & Consumables Required but not Provided

- Bosch Vivalytic one analyser (reference number F09G300115)
- Pipettor (100–1000 µl)
- Sterile filter pipette tips 100 –1000 ul
- Swab collection kits
- Regular Flocked Swab FLOQSwabs® 552C (COPAN Italia s.p.a.)
- Transport medium
- eNAT® 606C (COPAN Italia s.p.a.)
- · Suitable protective clothing

Test Principle

Vivalytic Norovirus is a qualitative real-time RT-PCR based test.

Storage und Usage Conditions

Product is stable until the expiry date if stored at +15 °C to +25 °C. Storage and usage conditions can be taken either from the cartridge, pouch, or box label. Cartridge has to be used at +15 °C to +25 °C, relative humidity <65 %, within 15 min upon pouch opening. This maintains hygiene and avoids performance loss due to humidity. Prolonged exposure to humidity has a negative impact on test performance.

Reagents

All reagents necessary for the sample processing are integrated into the cartridge. The processing includes cell lysis, nucleic acid extraction, DNA amplification and detection

Reagents are PCR bead, binding buffer, washing buffer, and elution buffer. The PCR bead contains the DNA polymerase, primers, and probes. Binding buffer facilitates binding of nucleic acids during the purification process. Washing buffer is a formulation of different salts and solvents to remove impurities e. g. proteins during the extraction process. Elution Buffer is a low-salt buffer and contains the purified nucleic acids at the end of the extraction process.

Sample Type/Medium

The test is intended for use with stool swab samples in eNAT® medium (Regular Flocked Swab FLOQSwabs® 552C, eNAT® transport medium Ref. 606C, COPAN Italias n.a.).

Collect and store samples as indicated in the manufacturer's instructions.

In case the sample is not processed immediately after sample collection, nucleic acids will be preserved in $eNAT^{\oplus}$ transport medium for up to 4 weeks at room temperature and at $4^{\circ}C$ and up to 6 months at -20° C to -80° C (see Instructions for Ilse $eNAT^{\oplus}$ transport medium⁵).

Sample Preparation

Use a Regular Flocked Swab FLOQSwabs® (COPAN Italia s.p.a.) to collect a small amount of stool by inserting the tip of the flocked swab into the stool sample and rotate it. Bloody, slimy, or watery area of stools should be selected and collected. After collection, examine the swab to make sure there is fecal material visible on the tip. In case it is not, again insert the flocked swab into the stool sample and rotate taking care that all the area of the swab tip is in contact with the sample. Make sure that the swab is just covered with stool and remove excess stool by gently rotating the swab against the rim of the sample. After collection transfer the swab into the 2 ml Copan eNAT® tube with eNAT® transport medium. Hold the swab shaft between thumb and finger, mash and mix the stool specimen against the side of the tube to evenly disperse and suspend the specimen in the preservation medium. Hold the swab shaft close to the rim of the tube, bend it at a 180 degrees angle to break it off at the marked breakpoint. Discard the broken upper part of the swab shaft and tighten the cap. Shake the sample tube containing the swab sample and eNAT® medium (COPAN Italia s.p.a.) thoroughly at least for 10 seconds for homogenization. Use a pipettor in order to fill 300 µl of homogenized patient sample in the sample input of the cartridge. Ensure to only pipet from the supernatant (top of the sample) to prevent the carryover of stool particles. In case of an excess amount of particles in the sample it is recommended to place the sample tube on a flat surface and let the particles sediment for 5 minutes.

Do not use viscous samples that are difficult to pipette.

Test Result

After automatic processing of the sample with the Vivalytic *one* analyser the test result is shown on the screen of the Vivalytic *one* analyser. The time to result is about 58 min. For high titer specimens results are available after less than 44 min and the test run can be terminated earlier (see Chapter Test Termination).

The sample is classified either as Norovirus positive, Norovirus negative or invalid. In case of a positive detection of Norovirus, the test is considered valid even if the Human Control is negative.

Detection of the human cell based whole process control (Human Control) in negative samples shows a successful extraction procedure and excludes an inhibition of the PCR reaction. Interpretation of results is shown in the table below.

Norovirus	Human control	Validity	Result
+	+/-	valid	Sample is considered positive for Norovirus.
-	+	valid	Sample is considered negative for Norovirus.
_	-	invalid	Not evaluable. ¹

¹ Retesting is recommended

PCR - Curve and Ca Value

Real-time PCR curves (software-modified) are shown and classified as positive or negative by the software. In case of positive curves, the respective C_q value is displayed. Inconclusive results are marked by the software (\triangle). Retesting is advised.

Invalid or Failed Tests

A test is rated as invalid if neither target DNA nor Human Control is detected. Possible reasons for an invalid run might be poor sample quality due to a partial or complete absence of human cellular material in the sample. Results are displayed for an invalid test but are not allowed to be used for diagnostic interpretation. Pay attention to use the correct sample type, sample collection and storage of the sample and cartridges prior to the test run. If required, repeat the analysis with a new sample. In case of a failed test, first check for correct operating conditions of the Vivalytic one analyser (refer to Vivalytic one analyser. If the problem persists, contact the customer support of your local distributor.

Test Termination

As soon as a valid, positive Norovirus result is shown on the screen, the user has the option to finish the test.

Test Report

In the printed test report, pathogen, results, control and information on user, patient and Vivalytic *one* analyser are listed with a signature field.

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Notice to Users in FU

Any serious incident that has occurred in relation to the device, should be reported to the manufacturer and the competent authority of the Member State in which the user and/or patient is established.

Limitations

The results of the Vivalytic Norovirus test must be interpreted by a trained healthcare professional only. The results of the Vivalytic Norovirus test must not be used as the sole parameter for diagnosis.

- A negative result does not exclude pathogens being present in the sample at a level below assay sensitivity or other pathogens being present not covered by this assay.
- There is a risk of false negative or false positive results due to improperly collected, transported, or handled samples.
- In borderline cases atypical PCR characteristics (e. g. flat curve with low or high C_a-value) can occur. In case of atypical characteristics results are not allowed to be used for diagnostic interpretation. Inconclusive results are marked by the software. Retesting is advised.
- Vivalytic Norovirus is a qualitative real-time PCR test and does not provide a quantitative result.
- A positive result does not necessarily mean that viable pathogens are present.
- A negative result does not preclude Norovirus infection. It is recommended that negative tested samples are interpreted in the context with additional laboratory data
- An excess amount of stool may have inhibitory effects on the assay performance.

Analytical Performance Evaluation

Analytical Sensitivity (Limit of Detection)

The limit of detection of the Vivalytic Norovirus test was determined as the lowest concentration of analyte that can be consistently detected (≥95% of samples tested under routine laboratory conditions using a defined type of sample). (Table 1)

Inclusivity

To evaluate inclusivity, an *in silico* analysis (BLAST alignment) of the genomic sequence of various relevant Noroviruses against the sequence of the PCR primers and hydrolysis probe used in the Vivalytic Norovirus test for amplification and detection of the respective pathogens was performed. Inclusivity could be shown for strains listed in <u>Table 2</u>.

Exclusivity/ Analytical Specificity

To exclude cross-reactivity (exclusivity), an *in silico* analysis (BLAST alignment) of the target region of Norovirus against the genomic sequence of various other pathogens representing common gastrointestinal pathogens or closely related species was conducted. There was no evidence of an interference (Table 3).

Reproducibility

The reproducibility of the Vivalytic Norovirus test was established using a panel with 3 different concentrations of Norovirus. At 3 test sites, each mix was tested on the same set of Vivalytic instruments by the same operator with 3 LOTs in 4 replicates on 3 days, respectively.. The obtained positivity rates for the different combinations were correlated to the expected positivity rate (Table 4a).

Repeatability

The repeatability of the Vivalytic Norovirus test was established using a panel with 1 concentration (3x c95) of Norovirus. At 1 test site, the mix was tested on the same set of Vivalytic instruments by the same operator with 3 LOTs in 20 replicates, respectively, yielding in a total of 60 observations per target pathogen. The obtained positivity rates for the different combinations were correlated to the expected positivity rate (Table 4b).

Interferences

Interferences were evaluated for endogenous and exogenous substances, that are potentially present in the patient sample. Refer to <u>Table 5</u> for substances that have the potential to interfere with the test.

Clinical Performance evaluation Sensitivity and Specificity

Sensitivity and specificity results derived from native liquid and soft human stool samples. Samples were collected in a clinical setting and compared with results of reference methods.

Samples for testing with Vivalytic Norovirus cartridges were freshly used or frozen for storage and prepared as describe above in eNAT® (COPAN Italia S.p.A.).

In case of reference testing samples were prepared according to recommendations of used reference methods. In total, 159 samples were analysed. Sensitivity or Positive Percent Agreement (PPA) was calculated as 100 % x TP/(TP+FN). Specificity or Negative Percent Agreement was calculated as 100 % x TN / (TN+FP). The results of the clinical performance evaluation are shown in **Table 6**.

Technical Support

If you require any support, technical help or have additional questions, please contact your local distributor or visit the Bosch Vivalytic website at www.bosch-vivalytic.com.

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Symbols

Manufacturer

SN Serial number

✓ Temperature limit

Expiry date

On on tuse if package is damaged

LOT Lot number

© For single use only

REF Reference number

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IVD

CE mark

Contains <n> tests



Pipette the indicated sample volume in the sample input of the cartridge as marked by the black triangle.

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WARNING



Hazard component in cartridge

(F09G300919; binding buffer RB-BB-34a)
Guanidinium chloride; guanidine hydrochloride

Hazard statements

H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H315 Causes skin irritation.
H319 Causes serious eve irritation.

Precautionary statements

P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P280 Wear protective gloves and eye/face protection.
P302+P352 IF ONSKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap.

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove

 $contact \, lenses, if \, present \, and \, easy to \, do. \, \, Continue \, rinsing.$

P337+P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/

national/international regulation

Table 1 Limit of Detection (LoD)

Norovirus GII*

168700 copies /mL

*Determined by using quantified clinical isolates for a spiking approach in eNAT® (COPAN) supplemented with approximately 1000 Human Bronchial/Tracheal Epithelial Cells (hPBTEC) and 6% (y/v) Stool Matrix Negative Control (artificial simulated matrix). Norovirus GI was confirmed at the 3x LoD (as determined for Norovirus GII) using artificial nucleic acid constructs.

Table 2 Inclusivity

Norovirus GI/GII

Strains validated for inclusivity via BLAST alignment

Table 3 - Exclusivity	Enterococcus faecium
Abiotrophia defective	
Acinetobacter baumannii	Enterococcus gallinarum
Acinetobacter lwoffii	Enterococcus hirae
Adenovirus	Enterococcus raffinosus
Aeromonas caviae	Enterovirus
Aeromonas hydrophila	Escherichia blattae
Alcaligenes faecalis	Escherichia coli (Shiga toxin producing) (STEC)
Anaerococcus tetradius	Escherichia coli (Enteroaggregative) (EAEC)
Arcobacter butzleri	Escherichia coli (Enteroinvasive) (EIEC)
Arcobacter cryaerophilus	Escherichia coli (Enteropathogenic) (EPEC)
Ascaris lumbricoides	Escherichia coli (Enterotoxigenic) (ETEC)
Astrovirus	Escherichia coli (non-pathogenic) (K-12 MG1655)
Bacillus cereus	Escherichia coli (Enterohemorrhagic) (EHEC
Bacillus subtilis	Escherichia fergusonii
Bacteroides caccae	Escherichia hermannii
Bacteroides fragilis	Escherichia vulneris
Bacteroides merdae	Eubacterium rectale
Bacteroides stercoris	Flavonifractor plautii
Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron	Fusobacterium varium
Bifidobacterium adolescentis	Gardnerella vaginalis
Bifidobacterium bifidum	Gemella morbillorum
Bifidobacterium longum	Giardia lamblia
Blastocystis hominis	Giardia muris
Campylobacter coli	Grimontia hollisae
Campylobacter concisus	Hafnia alvei
Campylobacter curvus	Helicobacter fennelliae
Campylobacter fetus	Helicobacter pylori
Campylobacter gracilis	Helicobacter cinaedi
Campylobacter helveticus	Helicobacter timeer Helicobacter hepaticus
Campylobacter hominis	Hepatitis A virus
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Campylobacter hyointestinalis	Herpes Simplex Virus 2
Campylobacter jejuni	Hymenolepis nana
Campylobacter lari	Klebsiella oxytoca
Campylobacter mucosalis	Klebsiella ozaenae
Campylobacter rectus	Klebsiella pneumoniae
Campylobacter showae	Lactobacillus acidophilus
Campylobacter sputorum	Lactobacillus reuteri
Campylobacter upsaliensis	Lactococcus lactis
Candida albicans	Leminorella grimontii
Candida catenulate	Listeria grayi
Cedecea davisae	Listeria innocua
Chilomastix mesnili	Listeria monocytogenes
Chlamydia trachomatis	Megamonas hypermegale
Citrobacter amalonaticus	Morganella morganii
Citrobacter freundii	Norovirus GIV
Citrobacter koseri	Pentatrichomonas hominis
Citrobacter sedlakii	Peptoniphilus asaccharolyticus
Clostridium beijerinckii	Peptostreptococcus anaerobius
Clostridium bifermentans	Plesiomonas shigelloides

Table 3 – Exclusivity	
Clostridium bolteae	Porphyromonas asaccharolytica
Clostridium botulinum	Prevotella melaninogenica
Clostridium butyricum	Proteus mirabilis
Clostridium chauvoei	Proteus penneri
Clostridium difficile (non-toxigenic)	Proteus vulgaris
Clostridium fallax	Providencia alcalifaciens
Clostridium haemolyticum	Providencia rettgeri
Clostridium histolyticum	Providencia stuartii
Clostridium innocuum	Pseudomonas aeruginosa
Clostridium methylpentosum	Pseudomonas fluorescens
Clostridium nexile	Pseudomonas putida
Clostridium novyi	Rotavirus B
Clostridium orbiscindens	Rotavirus C
Clostridium paraputrificum	Rotavirus D
Clostridium perfringens	Rotavirus F
Clostridium ramosum	Rotavirus G
Clostridium scindens	Rotavirus H
Clostridium septicum	Rotavirus I
Clostridium sordellii	Ruminococcus bromii
Clostridium sphenoides	Saccharomyces boulardii
Clostridium spiroforme	Salmonella enterica
Clostridium sporogenes	Salmonella enterica spp. enterica serovar
24	Typhimurium
Clostridium symbiosum	Salmonella enteritidis
Clostridium tertium	Salmonella subterranea
Clostridium tetani	Sapovirus
Collinsella aerofaciens	Serratia liquefaciens
Corynebacterium genitalium	Serratia marcescens
Coxsackie virus	Shigella boydii
Cryptosporidium canis Cryptosporidium cuniculus	Shigella dysenteriae Shigella flexneri
Cryptosporidium felis	Shigella sonnei
Cryptosporidium fetus	Staphylococcus aureus
Cryptosporidium hominis	Staphylococcus aureus subsp. aureus
Cryptosporidium meleagridis	Staphylococcus epidermidis
Cryptosporidium muris	Stenotrophomonas maltophilia
Cryptosporidium parvum	Streptococcus agalactiae
Cytomegalovirus	Streptococcus dysgalactiae
Desulfovibrio piger	Streptococcus dysgalactiae subsp.
Desarjonano pige.	dysgalactiae
Dientamoeba fragilis	Streptococcus intermedius
Diphyllobothrium latum	Streptococcus pyogenes
Dysgonomonas capnocytophagoides	Streptococcus salivarius
Echovirus	Streptococcus uberis
Edwardsiella tarda	Taenia saginata
Eggerthella lenta	Trabulsiella guamensis
Encephalitozoon intestinalis	Veillonella parvula
Endolimax nana	Vibrio cholerae
Entamoeba coli	Vibrio mimicus
Entamoeba hartmanni	Vibrio parahaemolyticus
Entamoeba histolytica	Vibrio vulnificus
Entamoeba moshkovskii	Yersinia bercovieri
Entamoeba polecki	Yersinia enterocolitica
Enterobacter aerogenes	Yersinia enterocolitica subsp. enterocolitica
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Enterobacter cloacae	Yersinia frederiksenii
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Table 4 a Reproducibility						
С	No of	No of	No of	Proportion of	95 % Wilson-	95 % Pearson-

	total tests	pos. tests	neg. tests	positive/ negative results (%)	Score confidence interval (%)	Clopper confidence interval (%)
blank	108	0	108	100	96.6% - 100%	96.6% - 100%
3x c95	108	108	0	100	96.6% - 100%	96.6% - 100%
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3x c95 = 95 % predicted positive agreement

< c100 = < 100 % predicted positive agreement (verified with 3,33x10⁶ copies/mL, c100 =

3,8x10⁷ copies/mL)

Table 4 b Repeatability						
LOT	No of total tests	No of pos. tests (3x c95)	Proportion of positive/ negative results (%)	95 % Wilson-Score confidence interval (%)	95 % Pearson- Clopper confidence interval (%)	
1	20	20	100	83.9% - 100%	83.2% - 100%	
2	20	20	100	83.9% - 100%	83.2% - 100%	
3	20	20	100	83.9% - 100%	83.2% - 100%	
Total	60	60	100	94% – 100%	94% – 100%	

3x c95 = 95 % predicted positive agreement

No interferen	sted Substances for Interference
Cholesterol; C	
Mucus; 3 mg/	
Palmitic acid;	
Stearic Acid; 2	-
Triglyceride; (
Whole blood;	
Barium Sulfat	2; 1.3 % (w/v)
GLYICILAX for	adults; 1.0 % (w/v)
GRÜNWALDE	R Sennalax film-coated tablet; 0.1 mg/mL
Hemorrhoid o	intment with witch hazel; 1 % (v/v)
LOPERAMID-r	atiopharm acute 2 mg film-coated tablet; 0.2 % (v/v)
MAALOXAN 2	5 mVal Liquid; 0.1 mg/mL
METRONIDAZ	OL Aristo 400 mg tablet; 0.5 % (w/v)
Naproxen axi	cur® tablet; 0.5 % (w/v)
Nonoxynol-9;	1 % (w/v)
Nystatin STAE	A®; 1 % (w/v)
Postericort oi	ntment; 0.5 % (v/v)
Cl 1 4 - /	60 ml clysms; 0.5 % (v/v)

Interference was experimentally verified at 3x LoD for Norovirus GII using a spiking approach in eNAT* (COPAN) plus 1000 hPBTEC and 6% (v/v) Stool Matrix Negative Control (artificial simulated matrix).

Table 6 – Clinical Sensitivity (PPA) [1] and Specificity (NPA) [2] for samples ir eNAT* (95 % confidence interval, clinical study)

- [1] 94.23% (84.05 98.79%)*
- [2] 100% (95.98 100%)

Vancomycin; 1.4 mg/mL Vaseline; 1 % (w/v)

In total, 159 clinical samples were tested within the scope of the clinical study. In this data set, 52 samples were found positive and 90 negative for Norovirus. All samples were tested with the reference tests from Seegene (Allplex™ GI-Virus Assay) and Vivalytic to determine the clinical

^{*3} samples were detected as false negative.

performance for Vivalytic Norovirus. Discrepant result was verified using RIDAGENE RIDA®GENE HSP (R-Biopharm) (1 sample).

Table 7 – Document History			
Revision 01	Initial document		
Revision 02	Pre-release changes		



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