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# careHPV<sup>®</sup> Test Kit Handbook



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For detection of 14 high-risk human papillomavirus (HPV) genotypes by nucleic acid hybridization

For use with:

- careHPV Test System
- careBrush
- careHPV Collection Medium

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# Intended Use

The *careHPV* Test technology is an in vitro nucleic acid hybridization assay with signal amplification using microplate chemiluminescence for the qualitative detection of 14 high-risk types of HPV DNA in cervical and/or vaginal specimens. The HPV types detected by the test are the high-risk HPV types 16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 66, and 68.

The use of this test is indicated as a primary screening test in women 30 years and older to detect high-risk HPV infection, which is a risk factor for developing high-grade cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN 2/3+).

This test is “For Professional Use Only” by trained and validated laboratory personnel. Read these instructions for use carefully before using the test.

The *careHPV* Test is not intended for use in screening women under the age of 30 or women who are pregnant. The use of this test has not been evaluated for the management of women with the following conditions:

- prior cytologic or histologic abnormalities
- have undergone a hysterectomy procedure
- are postmenopausal
- are HIV+ with additional risk factors
- are immunocompromised
- have been exposed to Diethylstilbestrol
- have a history of sexually transmitted diseases

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## Summary and Explanation

The presence of certain HPV types in the female genital tract is associated with a number of diseases, including condyloma, Bowenoid papulosis, cervical, vaginal, and vulvar intraepithelial neoplasia, and cancer (1, 2). More than 100 types of HPV have been identified and are generally classified as high-risk or low-risk depending on their known association or lack of association with cancer and its precursor lesion, high-grade cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN 2/3+). It is generally accepted that these viruses are predominantly sexually transmitted and that high-risk HPV types are a major recognized risk factor for development of cervical cancer (2–6). Infection of the cervix with high-risk HPV types can be associated with cytological and histological changes that are detected by Pap screening, colposcopy, or biopsy.

Human papillomaviruses are composed of an icosahedral viral particle (virion) containing an 8000 base pair double-stranded circular DNA molecule surrounded by a protein capsid. Following infection of epithelial cells, the viral DNA becomes established throughout the entire thickness of the epithelium, but intact virions are found only in the upper layers of the tissue. Thus, viral DNA can be found either in virions or as episomal or integrated HPV sequences, depending upon the type and grade of lesion.

Historically, HPV types 16 and 18 have been regarded as high-risk cancer-associated types (2, 7, 8) and HPV types 31, 33, and 35 have been demonstrated to have an intermediate association with cancer (2, 9). This intermediate association is due to the fact that these types are more frequently detected in CIN 2/3+ rather than in cancers. Therefore, cancers associated with the presence of these types are less common than cancers that are associated with high-risk HPV types 16 and 18 (2, 10). These 5 HPV types combined together account for about 80 percent of cervical cancers (2, 11, 12). Additional high- and intermediate-risk HPV types, including types 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, and 68, have been identified as the principal HPV types detectable in the remaining cancers (2, 12–18). HPV type 66 has been

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classified as a probable high-risk type (19), and due to the increased specificity of the *careHPV* Test, HPV type 66 was added to the probe mix.

The absolute risk of developing an incident cytologic abnormality following an HPV infection with types detected by the *careHPV* Test has not been adequately described and is known to vary in different populations (6).

Although current scientific literature suggests that persistent infection with high-risk HPV is the main risk factor for development of high-grade cervical neoplasia and cancer (2, 4, 5, 8, 20–26), apparent persistence may represent continuous infection with a single HPV type, with multiple HPV types, or reinfection. Nonetheless, women who are repeatedly Pap negative and high-risk HPV negative appear to be at low risk for having or developing cervical precancerous lesions (5, 20, 27, 28).

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# Principle of the Procedure

The *careHPV* Test utilizes the same Hybrid Capture® 2 technology developed for QIAGEN's *digene*® HC2 High-Risk HPV DNA Test (HC2 Test). The *careHPV* Test is a nucleic acid hybridization assay with signal amplification that utilizes microplate chemiluminescent detection. When specimens containing high-risk HPV DNA are present, the HPV DNA hybridizes to complementary RNA from the probe mix. The magnetic microparticle solid support displays anti-DNA–RNA hybrid antibodies that capture the DNA–RNA hybrids, allowing separation and removal of unbound non-specific material. Next, alkaline phosphatase-linked anti-hybrid antibodies are added to bind and detect the captured hybrids. Further washing removes unbound alkaline phosphatase conjugate, leaving alkaline phosphatase that is bound in proportion to the amount of hybridized HPV DNA. Finally, a chemiluminescent substrate is added that is hydrolyzed by the bound alkaline phosphatase to produce light in direct proportion to the amount of alkaline phosphatase present, which correlates with the amount of hybridized HPV DNA present.

The signal produced by the hydrolyzed substrate is measured to give a result in relative light units (RLU) quantified by a luminometer. A RLU value equal to or greater than the cutoff value (CO) means that the specimen contains sufficient amount of high-risk HPV DNA to be considered clinically positive. A RLU value below the CO means that the specimen contains insufficient or no high-risk HPV DNA and is considered clinically negative.

# Materials Provided

## Kit contents

<b>careHPV Test Kit</b>		<b>(96)</b>
<b>Catalog no.</b>		<b>614015</b>
<b>Number of tests*</b>		<b>96</b>
Assay Microplate	<b>PLATE</b>	1
Negative Calibrator	<b>CAL -</b>	0.5 ml
Positive Calibrator	<b>CAL +</b>	0.5 ml
Reagent 1 (purple cap sticker)	<b>REAG 1</b>	3 ml
Indicator Dye	<b>INDIC</b>	0.3 ml
<b>Stabilized biologics (4)</b>		
Reagent 2 (yellow cap sticker)	<b>REAG 2</b>	1
Reagent 3 (brown cap sticker)	<b>REAG 3</b>	1
Reagent 4 (red cap sticker)	<b>REAG 4</b>	1
Reagent 6 (green cap sticker)	<b>REAG 6</b>	1
<b>Reconstitution diluents (4)</b>		
Reagent 2 Diluent (yellow cap sticker)	<b>REAG 2 DIL</b>	4.5 ml
Reagent 3 Diluent (brown cap sticker)	<b>REAG 3 DIL</b>	3 ml
Reagent 4 Diluent (red cap sticker)	<b>REAG 4 DIL</b>	5 ml
Reagent 6 Diluent (green cap sticker)	<b>REAG 6 DIL</b>	5 ml
Reagent 5 (blue cap sticker)	<b>REAG 5</b>	250 ml
Reagent 5 Nozzle	<b>REAG 5 NOZZLE</b>	1

\* Note that the calibrators required for assay calibration verification must be included with each performance of the test. See "Quality Control," page 29 for further information.

# Materials Required but Not Provided

When working with chemicals, always wear a suitable lab coat, disposable gloves, and protective goggles. For more information, consult the appropriate safety data sheets (SDSs), available from the product supplier.

- *careHPV* Test System (cat. no. 9001772), including:
  - *careHPV* Test Controller
  - *careHPV* Test Luminometer
  - *careHPV* Test Shaker
  - *careHPV* Test Magnetic Plate Holder
- Foam specimen tube rack for 15 mm or 16 mm diameter tubes
- 50 µl fixed-volume pipet\*
- Repeat pipet capable of dispensing 20 µl, 25 µl and 40 µl†
- Repeat-pipet tips appropriate for dispensing 20 µl, 25 µl and 40 µl
- Disposable 200 µl extra-long aerosol-barrier pipet tips
- Plate sealers
- Powder-free gloves
- Paper towels
- 96-Well White Round-Bottom Polystyrene, Not Treated, Microplate (Corning® Costar®, Product #3789A)

\* Make sure that instruments have been checked and calibrated according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

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# Warnings and Precautions

## Warnings

For in vitro diagnostic use.

When working with chemicals, always wear a suitable lab coat, disposable gloves, and protective goggles. For more information, please consult the appropriate safety data sheets (SDSs). These are available online in convenient and compact PDF format at [www.qiagen.com/safety](http://www.qiagen.com/safety) where you can find, view, and print the SDS for each QIAGEN® kit and kit component.

Handle all specimens and disposed materials as if capable of transmitting infectious agents. Clinical specimens should be handled at the biosafety level (BSL) 2 level as recommended for any potentially infectious human serum or blood specimen (29, 30).

Clean and disinfect all spills of specimens using a suitable disinfectant in accordance with national and local regulations. Refer also to the disinfection and sterilization chapter in the World Health Organization's Laboratory Biosafety Manual (31).

Decontaminate and dispose of all specimens, reagents, and other potentially contaminated materials in accordance with national and local regulations.

## Safety and risk statements for components

The following hazard and precautionary statements apply to components of the *careHPV* Test kit in either dried or reconstituted form.

### **Negative Calibrator**

Contains: 1% Ethoxylated nonylphenol. Warning! Causes mild skin irritation. Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection.

### **Positive Calibrator**

Contains: 1% Ethoxylated nonylphenol. Warning! Causes mild skin irritation. Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection.

### **Reagent 1**



Contains: sodium hydroxide. Danger! May be corrosive to metals. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

## Reagent 2



Contains: 2.2M 2-[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]ethanesulphonic acid; 2.6% Polyacrylic acid; 0.7M sodium hydroxide. Danger! Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. May cause respiratory irritation. Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant. Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

## Reagent 3

Contains: 0.4% Ethoxylated nonylphenol; 0.04% Sodium azide. Warning! May be harmful if swallowed. Causes mild skin irritation. Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects. Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

## Reagent 4

Contains: 0.04% Sodium azide. Warning! May be harmful if swallowed. Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

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## Reagent 6

Contains: 0.1M 2-Amino-2-methyl-1-propanol. Warning! Causes mild skin irritation. Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection..

### Precautions

The user must always adhere to the following precautions when performing the *careHPV* Test:

- The components in this test kit have been tested as a unit and must not be interchanged with components from other sources or from different test kits.
- Nucleic acids are very sensitive to environmental nuclease degradation. Nucleases are present on human skin and on surfaces or materials handled by humans. Work surfaces must be clean and covered with disposable pads; technicians must wear powder-free gloves when performing all test steps.
- Prevent contamination of the Assay Microplate and Reagent 6 (green cap sticker) with exogenous alkaline phosphatase. Substances that may contain alkaline phosphatase include Reagent 4 (red cap sticker), bacteria, saliva, hair, and oils from the skin. Covering the microplate after Reagent 5 addition and during incubation with Reagent 6 is especially important because exogenous alkaline phosphatase may react with Reagent 6, producing false-positive results.
- Reagents 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 must be prepared prior to starting the test and used within 8 hours of preparation if stored between 15°C and 30°C. Prepared reagents may be stored for 30 days between 2°C and 8°C for a second test run. A new plate, as specifically noted in the “Materials Required but Not Provided” section, must be used for a second run. Failure to follow the above recommendations may cause an invalid result.. If the assay is invalid, the test must be repeated using a new kit.

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- Indicated reagent volumes must be accurately dispensed. Failure to do so could result in erroneous test results. Ensuring that the noted color changes occur will help confirm that the required volumes have been dispensed.
  - When using the repeat pipet, the user should first dispense several times into a waste reservoir to flush the pipet tip of any air bubbles and ensure accurate delivery.
  - The Test Data Recording Sheet (see “Appendix: Test Data Recording Sheet,” page 54) indicates the required microplate well locations for the Negative Calibrator (microplate wells A1, B1, C1), Positive Calibrator (microplate wells D1, E1, F1), and clinical specimens (microplate wells G1 and all subsequent microplate wells).
  - When performing the *careHPV* Test, refer to the appropriate *careHPV* Test System user manuals for instrument instructions and troubleshooting.

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## Reagent Storage and Handling

Upon receipt, store the *careHPV* Test kit between 4°C and 25°C. Do not use the *careHPV* Test kit beyond the expiration date on the kit label.

Store prepared reagents between 15°C and 30°C for no longer than 8 hours or up to 30 days when stored between 2°C and 8°C. Discard the kit and all prepared reagents if not used for testing within 8 hours when stored between 15°C and 30°C, or after 30 days when stored between 2°C and 8°C.

A new plate, as specifically noted in the “Materials Required but Not Provided” section, must be used for a second test run with the kit reagents. Please refer to that section for ordering information.

## Specimen Handling and Storage

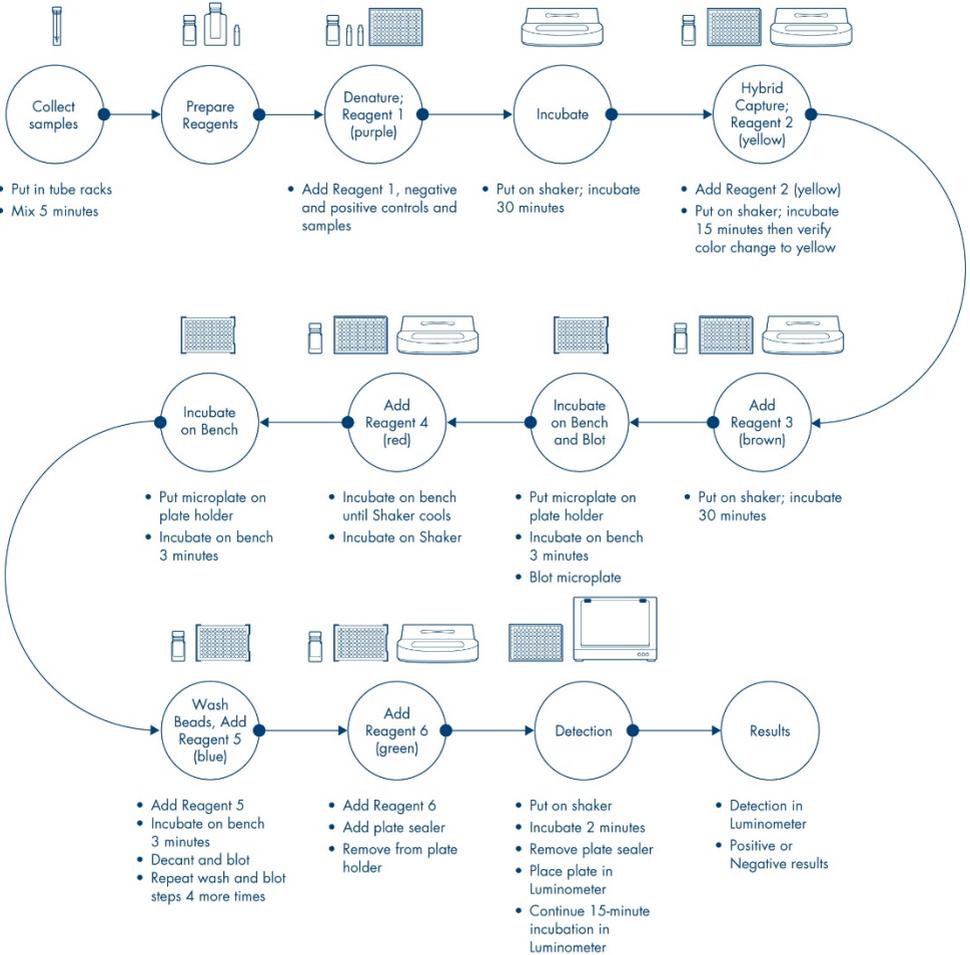
Use only specimens collected in *careHPV* Collection Medium with a *careBrush*. Refer to the *careBrush Instructions For Use* for additional collection details.

Refer to the respective *careBrush* IFUs for additional specimen collection details regarding medical expert collected or self-sampled.

Store clinical specimens in *careHPV* Collection Medium between 15°C and 30°C for up to 14 days or between 2°C and 8°C for up to 35 days.

# Procedure

## Workflow for the careHPV Test system



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## Preparing specimens

1. Record the following information on the Test Data Recording Sheet (see “Appendix: Test Data Recording Sheet,” page 54):

- Testing site
- Testing date
- Operator ID
- Room temperature
- *careHPV* Test Kit lot number

2. Place the clinical specimen tubes into the foam specimen tube rack(s).

On the Test Data Recording Sheet, complete the plate map by recording in the applicable microplate well locations the IDs of all specimens to be tested (microplate well G1 and all subsequent microplate wells).

Note: The calibrators are not placed in the specimen tube rack.

3. Make sure that the specimen tube caps are tightly closed.

4. Mix the specimens as follows:

Invert the specimen tube rack 180 degrees and give a hard shake once, quickly, in the inverted position.

Promptly return the rack to the upright position and give a hard shake once, quickly, in the upright position.

Repeat this mixing step continuously for 5 minutes.

## Starting the *careHPV* Test System

The *careHPV* Test System requires approximately 15 seconds after receiving power to display the “Startup” screen.

1. Touch the “*careHPV*” icon on the *careHPV* Test Controller to begin the *careHPV* Test.

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The *careHPV* Test Controller displays the 7 steps of the *careHPV* Test that will be performed.

2. Record the microplate run number on the Test Data Recording Sheet.
3. Allow the *careHPV* Test Shaker to warm to the required temperature for the performance of the test.

The *careHPV* Test System requires approximately 13–15 minutes to reach the required temperature.

## Preparing reagents

Reconstitute the *careHPV* Test reagents as described below. Use prepared reagents within 8 hours of preparation when stored 15°C and 30°C, or up to 30 days when stored 2°C and 8°C. Failure to do so may cause an invalid assay.

### Important points before starting

- Indicator Dye does not have a number on the bottle; it is paired with Reagent 1.
- The containers of the stabilized biologics and the diluents are color-coded for ease of use.
- Due to the small amount of material in the vial, stabilized biologics Reagent 4 may not be visible.

Note: Do not switch the diluent bottle and stabilized biologics vial caps once the reagents are reconstituted

### Things to do before starting

- To reduce possible errors, line up the stabilized biologics by order with the diluent bottles that have the same numbers.
- Tap the stabilized biologics bottles on the bench before opening.

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1. Add 1 drop of Indicator Dye to the Reagent 1 bottle (purple cap sticker). Replace the cap of the Reagent 1 bottle and invert 10 times to thoroughly mix the reagent.

The color of the reagent changes from clear to purple.

2. Add the contents of the Reagent 2 diluent bottle (yellow cap sticker) to the Reagent 2 bottle (yellow cap sticker). Replace the cap of the Reagent 2 bottle and invert 10 times to thoroughly mix the reagent.

Note: Mix gently to avoid foam.

3. Add the contents of the Reagent 3 diluent bottle (brown cap sticker) to the Reagent 3 bottle (brown cap sticker). Replace the cap of the Reagent 3 bottle and invert 10 times to thoroughly resuspend the reagent.

4. Add the contents of the Reagent 4 diluent bottle (red cap sticker) to the Reagent 4 bottle (red cap sticker). Replace the cap of the Reagent 4 bottle and invert 10 times to thoroughly resuspend the reagent.

Note: The contents in the Reagent 4 bottle may not be visible.

5. Add the contents of the Reagent 6 diluent bottle (green cap sticker) to the Reagent 6 bottle (green cap sticker). Replace the cap of the Reagent 6 bottle and invert 10 times to thoroughly resuspend the reagent.

**Note:** Reagent 6 is light sensitive. Reagent 6 is in a brown-colored bottle to protect it from direct sunlight.

6. Remove the cap from the Reagent 5 bottle (blue cap sticker).

7. Cut open the package holding the Reagent 5 nozzle.

8. Remove the Reagent 5 nozzle from the packaging and attach to the Reagent 5 bottle.

Do not place the Reagent 5 nozzle on the bench; remove it directly from the sealed bag and attach it to the bottle.

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## Protocol 1: Microplate preparation and 30-minute incubation

### Things to do before starting

- Clean and cover the work surface with disposable pads, and wear powder free gloves when performing all test steps.
- Complete the Test Data Recording Sheet (“Appendix: Test Data Recording Sheet,” page 54) by recording the IDs of the calibrators to be pipetted into the applicable microplate well locations; observe the required placement for the Negative Calibrator (microplate wells A1, B1, C1) and Positive Calibrator (microplate wells D1, E1, F1).
- Confirm the testing site, testing date, operator ID, room temperature, *careHPV* Test kit lot number, microplate run number, and microplate well locations of all IDs of clinical specimens to be pipetted were recorded as described in “Preparing specimens,” page 18.

1. Using the repeat pipet and a new tip, add 25 µl of Reagent 1 (purple cap sticker) to each microplate well.
2. Using the 50 µl fixed-volume pipet and a new, clean pipet tip for each calibrator or specimen, add the indicated volumes to the specified microplate wells, as follows:
  - Dispense 50 µl of Negative Calibrator into microplate wells A1, B1, and C1.
  - Dispense 50 µl of Positive Calibrator into microplate wells D1, E1, and F1.
  - According to the Test Data Recording Sheet, dispense 50 µl of each specimen into the bottom of the remaining microplate wells, beginning with microplate well G1. Record on the Test Data Recording Sheet any specimens that appear dark in color.

**Important:** False-positive test results could occur due to contamination of the *careHPV* Test with non-specific RNA–DNA hybrids endogenous to cervical specimens. It is important during transfer of the specimen to the microplate well that the specimen is delivered directly to the bottom of the microplate well without the pipet tip touching the sides of the microplate well.

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**Important:** Specimens containing blood or other biological materials appearing dark in color may not affect the results of the test, but may not give the proper color change following Reagent 2 addition. Record samples that are dark in color on the Test Data Recording Sheet.

3. Apply a new plate sealer and securely cover the microplate according to the following procedure:
  - a. Remove the paper from the plate sealer.
  - b. Place the plate sealer over the microplate, being sure to cover all microplate wells.
  - c. Press the plate sealer over the microplate and tear off the tab on each end of the plate sealer.
4. Confirm the *careHPV* Test Shaker is at the proper temperature to start the test.
5. At the prompt, open the *careHPV* Test Shaker lid and place the microplate into the *careHPV* Test Shaker with the A1 microplate well oriented in the top left corner. Close the lid.
6. Touch the "1" icon on the *careHPV* Test Controller to begin the 30-minute incubation.
7. Proceed to "Protocol 2: Reagent 2 addition and 15-minute incubation," starting on page 23.

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## Protocol 2: Reagent 2 addition and 15-minute incubation

1. When prompted by the *careHPV* Test Controller, remove the microplate from the *careHPV* Test Shaker and place the microplate on the bench top.
2. Carefully remove the plate sealer to prevent splashing and cross-contamination between microplate wells; discard the plate sealer.
3. Promptly insert the microplate back into the *careHPV* Test Shaker.
4. Swirl the Reagent 2 bottle (yellow cap sticker) to mix and, using the repeat pipet and a new tip, add 40  $\mu$ l of Reagent 2 to each microplate well.
5. Apply a new plate sealer and securely cover the microplate, as previously described on page 22, while the microplate is in the *careHPV* Test Shaker.
6. Close the *careHPV* Test Shaker lid.
7. Touch the "2" icon on the *careHPV* Test Controller to begin a 15-minute incubation.
8. Proceed to "Protocol 3: Reagent 3 addition and 30-minute incubation," starting on page 24.

## Protocol 3: Reagent 3 addition and 30-minute incubation

1. When prompted by the *careHPV* Test Controller, remove the microplate from the *careHPV* Test Shaker and place the microplate on the bench top. Leave the *careHPV* Test Shaker lid open.
2. Make sure that the color of each sample has changed from purple to yellow. Carefully note on the Test Data Recording Sheet any samples that have not changed color.

**Note:** Specimens that contain blood or other biological materials may not give the proper color change; these specimens were recorded as dark in color on the Test Data Recording Sheet in Protocol 1. This dark color will not affect the results of the test and the user should proceed with testing these specimens.

Any microplate wells that were not noted as dark specimens but have not turned yellow will produce invalid results and must be eliminated from result interpretation. Repeat testing for these specimens. Make note of the specimens to be retested and record them on the Test Data Recording Sheet.

3. Carefully remove and discard the plate sealer.
4. Promptly insert the microplate back into the *careHPV* Test Shaker. Swirl the Reagent 3 bottle (brown cap sticker) to mix and, using the repeat pipet and a new tip, add 20  $\mu$ l of Reagent 3 to each microplate well.
5. Apply a new plate sealer and securely cover the microplate, as previously described on page 22. Close the *careHPV* Test Shaker lid.
6. Touch the "3" icon on the *careHPV* Test Controller to begin a 30-minute incubation.
7. When prompted by the *careHPV* Test Controller, remove the microplate from the *careHPV* Test Shaker. Leave the *careHPV* Test Shaker lid open.

Keep the microplate horizontal and steady to avoid splashing across microplate wells.

8. Carefully secure the microplate on the *careHPV* Test Magnetic Plate Holder.
9. Leave the *careHPV* Test Magnetic Plate Holder containing the microplate on the bench top. Carefully remove and discard the plate sealer.

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10. Touch the “3” icon on the *careHPV* Test Controller to begin a 3-minute incubation.

**Note:** This incubation occurs on the bench top and the *careHPV* Test Controller counts down the incubation time.

11. Proceed to “Protocol 4: Reagent 4 addition and incubation,” starting on page 26.

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## Protocol 4: Reagent 4 addition and incubation

Important: Make sure the 3-minute incubation from Protocol 3 has completed before starting this procedure.

1. Decant and blot the microplate as follows:
  - a. Firmly grip the bottom of the *careHPV* Test Magnetic Plate Holder and sides of the microplate in one hand (microplate faces up).
  - b. Invert the *careHPV* Test Magnetic Plate Holder upside down (180 degrees) over a waste collector and decant the liquid from the microplate one time with force.
  - c. While holding the *careHPV* Test Magnetic Plate Holder in this inverted position (microplate facing down), place it onto a clean blotting paper towel and blot the microplate.
  - d. Return the *careHPV* Test Magnetic Plate Holder to the bench top with the microplate facing up.
2. Swirl the Reagent 4 bottle (red cap sticker) to mix. Using the repeat pipet and a new tip, add 40  $\mu$ l to each microplate well.

The microplate remains on the *careHPV* Test Magnetic Plate Holder.

3. Apply a new plate sealer and securely cover the microplate, as previously described on page 22.
4. Carefully remove the microplate from the *careHPV* Test Magnetic Plate Holder to prevent splashing and place the microplate on the bench top.
5. Touch the "4" icon on the *careHPV* Test Controller to begin the timer for the bench top incubation.

**Note:** This incubation starts with the microplate on the bench top to allow the *careHPV* Test Shaker to cool down. The *careHPV* Shaker lid should remain open to cool. The remainder of the incubation is performed with the microplate in the *careHPV* Test Shaker.

6. When prompted by the *careHPV* Test Controller, place the microplate in the *careHPV* Test Shaker and close the lid for the remainder of the incubation.

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7. When prompted by the *careHPV* Test Controller, remove the microplate from the *careHPV* Test Shaker and secure the microplate on the *careHPV* Test Magnetic Plate Holder.
  8. Carefully remove and discard the plate sealer.
  9. Touch the “4” icon on the *careHPV* Test Controller to begin a 3–minute incubation.  
Note: This incubation occurs on the bench top.
  10. Proceed to “Protocol 5: Reagent 5 addition and microplate wash,” starting on page 28.

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## Protocol 5: Reagent 5 addition and microplate wash

### Important points before starting

- To avoid bubbles and cross-contamination during washing, dispense Reagent 5 bubbles into a waste reservoir, and then move directly to filling the microplate without stopping the Reagent 5 flow.
  - When washing the microplate, fill each microplate well to the top without overflowing
1. When prompted by the *careHPV* Test Controller, decant and blot the microplate, as previously described on page 26.
  2. Return the *careHPV* Test Magnetic Plate Holder to the bench top with the microplate facing up.
  3. Wash the microplate by gently filling each microplate well with Reagent 5 (blue cap sticker).
  4. Touch the “5” icon on the *careHPV* Test Controller to begin a 3-minute incubation.

#### Notes:

- The “5” icon will have a flashing blue halo until the “5” icon is touched to start the 3-minute incubation. The *careHPV* Test Controller will count down to the completion of the incubation.
  - At the touch of the “5” icon, a blue-filled droplet with a black number inside appears on the *careHPV* Test Controller display.
5. At the end of the incubation, decant and blot the microplate, as previously described on page 26.  
Note: The “5” icon will have a flashing blue halo at the end of the incubation.
  6. The *careHPV* Test Controller will prompt 4 more times. Each time the *careHPV* Test Controller prompts, repeat the wash of the microplate (steps 3–5 of this protocol), for a total of 5 washes.

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Note: Touching the “5” icon starts the 3–minute incubation; make sure to add Reagent 5 to the microplate wells before touching the “5” icon.

7. Leave the microplate in the *careHPV* Test Magnetic Plate Holder.
8. Proceed to “Protocol 6: Reagent 6 addition and incubation,” starting on page 3030.

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## Protocol 6: Reagent 6 addition and incubation

1. When prompted by the *careHPV* Test Controller, swirl the Reagent 6 bottle (green cap sticker) to mix and, using the repeat pipet and a new tip, add 40 µl of Reagent 6 to each microplate well.
2. Apply a new plate sealer and securely cover the microplate, as previously described on page 22.
3. Carefully remove the microplate from the *careHPV* Test Magnetic Plate Holder; place the covered microplate on the *careHPV* Test Shaker and close the lid.
4. Touch the “6” icon on the *careHPV* Test Controller to begin a 15-minute incubation.
5. When prompted by the *careHPV* Test Controller (after 2 minutes), remove the microplate from the *careHPV* Test Shaker.
6. Carefully remove and discard the plate sealer.
7. At the prompt, open the *careHPV* Test Luminometer lid and lift the microplate cover.
8. Place the microplate into the *careHPV* Test Luminometer with the microplate oriented with the A1 microplate well in the upper right corner. Close the microplate cover.
9. Close the *careHPV* Test Luminometer lid to finish the incubation.

### Notes:

- The incubation will continue with the incubation time counting down and displaying an active “6” icon.
  - At the end of the incubation, the *careHPV* Test System proceeds immediately to Protocol 7 of the test without user intervention. The *careHPV* Test Luminometer initiates microplate measurement. The screen will display an active “7” icon while the microplate is being measured.
  - The duration of the microplate measurement is approximately 3 minutes. After the microplate is measured, the “Results” screen will display.
10. Proceed to “Interpretation of Results,” page 31.

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# Interpretation of Results

Specimen results are interpreted automatically by the *careHPV* Test System. Specimens with a RLU to CO ratio (RLU/CO)  $\geq 1.0$  are considered positive and specimens with a RLU/CO  $< 1.0$  are considered negative or not detected. The results are displayed graphically on the *careHPV* Test Controller screen.

When the *careHPV* Test Controller displays the “Results” screen with test results, transcribe the result shown for each microplate well onto the Test Data Recording Sheet.

Test results are indicated, as follows:

- **Green** microplate wells indicate specimens with a negative test result (that is, high-risk HPV DNA not detected).  
**Note:** **Green** microplate wells also indicate acceptable results for the negative and positive calibrators.
- **Yellow** microplate wells (displaying a “+”) indicate specimens with a positive test result (that is, high-risk HPV DNA detected).
- **Gray** microplate wells with a large red circle with a slash over the middle of the plate indicate an invalid assay (for example, due to failed calibrators).

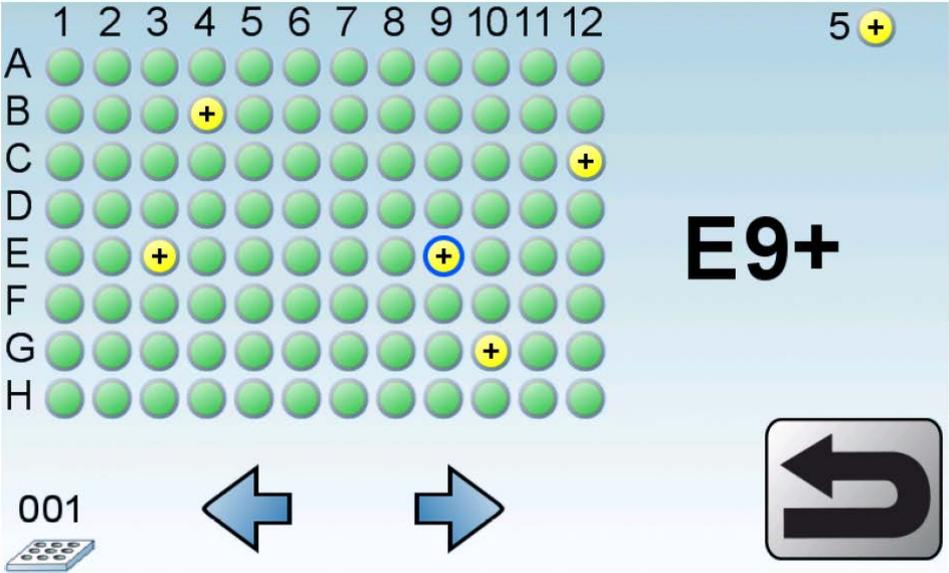


Figure 1. Example of sample results displayed on the careHPV Test Controller.

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# Quality Control

In accordance with QIAGEN's ISO-certified Quality Management System, each lot of the *careHPV* Test Kit is tested against predetermined specifications to ensure consistent product quality. Acceptable ranges have been established only for the *careHPV* Test System.

The *careHPV* Test Controller performs assay calibration verification to ensure that the reagents and furnished calibrator materials are functioning properly, permitting accurate determination of the test result. The assay calibration verification consists of the following:

- The Negative Calibrator is tested in triplicate with each test. The Negative Calibrator mean ( $NC\bar{X}$ ) must be  $\geq 10$  and  $\leq 750$  RLU, and the resultant coefficient of variation (CV) must be  $\leq 25\%$  in order for the assay to be valid.
- The Positive Calibrator is tested in triplicate with each test. The resultant CV must be  $\leq 25\%$  in order for the assay to be valid.
- The Positive Calibrator mean ( $PC\bar{X}$ ) and  $NC\bar{X}$  results are used to calculate the  $PC\bar{X}/NC\bar{X}$  ratio. The ratio must be  $\geq 2.0$  and  $\leq 15.0$  for the assay to be valid.

The *careHPV* Test System will complete the calculation of the above 3 quality control standards. When the above standards are met, the test results are valid and the *careHPV* Test Controller displays the "Results" screen. When the above standards are not met, the test results are invalid and the *careHPV* Test Controller displays an "Invalid" screen.

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## Limitations

- Refer to the *careHPV* Test System user manual for additional limitations specific to the use of that system.
- Detection of HPV using the *careHPV* Test does not differentiate HPV types or infection with more than one type and cannot evaluate persistence of any one type.
- The analytical sensitivity for HPV 45 and HPV 52 is lower in comparison to the other genotypes tested in the *careHPV* Test.
- Infection with HPV is not an indicator of cytological changes or underlying CIN 2/3+, nor does it imply that CIN 2/3+ or cancer will develop. Most women infected with one or more high-risk HPV types do not develop CIN 2/3+ or cancer.
- The *careHPV* Test does not detect HPV low-risk types (6, 11, 42, 43, 44, and many other low-risk types).
- A small amount of cross-hybridization between HPV types 6 and 42 (low-risk HPV types) and the *careHPV* Test exists. Specimens with high levels ( $\geq 2$  ng/ml) of HPV 6 or HPV 42 DNA may be positive.
- It has been reported in the literature that a complex probe mix, similar to that used in this test, may cause false-positive results due to cross-hybridization with HPV types 11, 53, 54, 55, MM4, MM7, MM8, or MM9 (32). Although several of these HPV types are rare or novel types not often encountered with high-grade disease, specimens containing high levels of these HPV DNA types may incorrectly be reported as positive with the *careHPV* Test (10, 33).
- Cross-reactivity between the *careHPV* Test and the plasmid pBR322 is possible. The presence of pBR322 homologous sequences has been reported in human genital specimens, and false positive results could occur in the presence of high levels of bacterial plasmid.

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- A negative result does not exclude the possibility of HPV infection. HPV infection may exist below the limit of detection for the test, or sampling error during specimen collection may cause a false-negative test result.
  - A negative high-risk HPV result does not exclude the possibility of future cytological abnormalities or underlying CIN 2/3+ or cancer. A small proportion of high-grade lesions occur in women who are high-risk HPV negative by existing technologies (6).
  - If antifungal cream is present at the time a specimen is collected for HPV testing, there is a likelihood of obtaining a false-positive result.
  - If high concentrations of blood, contraceptive jelly, or douche are present at the time a specimen is collected for HPV testing, there is a likelihood of obtaining a false-negative result should this specimen contain HPV DNA concentration near the CO.

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# Performance Characteristics

## Clinical performance for the use of *careHPV* Test in screening for cervical cancer and precancerous lesions

A multi-center clinical study using the *careHPV* Test was conducted at the Cancer Institute and Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (CICAMS), Sun Yat-Sen University Cancer Center, and Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital in China. Cervical specimens were collected using the *careBrush* and *careHPV* Collection Medium from women (30–59 years) in a general screening population and outpatient clinics. A total of 1279 women were enrolled in this study, representing a relatively equal distribution across the 3 hospitals; 1241 participants completed the study. The 3 study sites collected specimens from approximately 147 patients diagnosed with cervical cancer or precancerous lesions (CIN 2/3+), 162 patients with benign lesions (inflammation/mild cervical intraepithelial neoplasia, CIN 1), and 932 cases of normal control.

Acetic acid staining was also performed for visual examination (VIA). Liquid-based cytology was performed at each hospital, and the results recorded using the Bethesda Classification. The *careHPV* Test, the HC2 Test, and PCR testing were performed for each patient specimen. All *careHPV* testing was performed at room temperature (15–30°C)\*. Test results were compared to the disease status of each patient. Disease status was based on the results of histologic evaluation. Women with a positive HC2 Test result or VIA were returned for colposcopy and biopsy. Test results were compared to disease status to assess the test's clinical sensitivity, clinical specificity, as well as negative and positive predictive values for detecting high-grade cervical neoplasia (see Table 1, below).

\* Additional clinical data for *careHPV* testing performed in Hyderabad, India shows valid assay performance at temperatures up to 36.6°C with a maximum relative humidity of 75% for temperatures up to 31°C, decreasing linearly to 27% at 36.6°C.

**Table 1. Performance characteristics of the careHPV Test in a general screening population**

<b>careHPV Test</b>	<b>Pathological diagnosis</b>		<b>Total</b>
	Positive (CIN 2/3+)	Negative (<CIN 2)	
Positive	129	160	289
Negative	18	934	952
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1094</b>	<b>1241</b>

Where:

- Sensitivity  $[TP/(TP+FN)] = 87.76\%$  (129/147); 95%CI = 81.69–92.34%
- Specificity  $[TN/(TN+FP)] = 85.37\%$  (934/1094); 95%CI = 83.19–87.38%
- Positive predictive value = 44.64% (129/289)
- Negative predictive value = 98.11% (934/952)

The prevalence of HPV infection in a population may affect positive predictive, as values decrease when testing populations with low prevalence or individuals with no risk of infection.

The positivity rate of the careHPV Test and the HC2 Test was 23.29% (289/1241) and 25.06% (311/1241), respectively. The HC2 Test and the careHPV Test detect the same 13 HPV types with the careHPV Test additionally detecting HPV type 66. This difference would not be expected to result in significantly different performance profiles for the 2 tests.

The concordance between the careHPV Test and HC2 Test was 93.71%, as shown in Table 2, below.

**Table 2. Comparison of the careHPV Test versus the digene HC2 High-Risk HPV DNA Test**

careHPV Test	digene HC2 High-Risk HPV DNA Test		Total
	Positive	Negative	
Positive	261	28	289
Negative	50	902	952
<b>Total</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>1241</b>

Kappa = 0.829 (P<0.0001)

Consistent rate = 1163/1241 = 93.71% (95% CI = 92.26%–94.97%)

The concordance between the careHPV Test versus PCR-based HPV detection was 90.89%, as shown in Table 3, below. HPV nucleic acid was amplified using a PCR-based fluorescent detection kit [Ganglong Biotechnology (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd].

**Table 3. Comparison of the careHPV Test versus PCR-based HPV detection**

careHPV Test	PCR-based HPV detection		Total
	Positive	Negative	
Positive	263	26	289
Negative	87	865	952
<b>Total</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>1241</b>

Kappa = 0.763 (P<0.0001)

Consistent rate = 1128/1241 = 90.89% (95% CI = 89.20%–92.40%)

## Self-collection performance

In the literature cited in our review of careHPV test performance from self-collected vaginal specimens, over 27,000 women were enrolled between the ages of 25–60. The study cohorts included women from China (34, 35), India (36), Nicaragua (36), and Uganda (36). Study designs varied slightly, but, in general, women with a positive test result were offered further

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examination by colposcopy and results were reported in terms of sensitivity and specificity versus the comparative method.

In the studies comparing self-collected versus physician-collected specimens, the results indicated reduced but similar sensitivity for CIN2+ (34–36), 70–83% for self-collected versus 82–96% for physician-collected. Specificity results were similar for CIN2+ for both methods (34–36), 87–91% for self-collected versus 83–92% for physician-collected specimens.

## Analytical performance testing conditions

Studies for analytical sensitivity, cross-reactivity, and interfering substances were performed at room temperature (15–30°C) in a controlled laboratory environment. Additional analytical testing was performed in an environmental chamber, showing valid test performance at 15–40°C and 15–75% relative humidity (noncondensing); maximum 75% relative humidity for temperatures up to 31°C decreasing linearly to 50% relative humidity at 40°C.

## Analytical sensitivity

To demonstrate the analytical sensitivity of the *careHPV* Test, a panel of HPV plasmid DNA targets was tested to verify that each of the 14 high-risk HPV types is detected with a  $PC_{\bar{x}}/NC_{\bar{x}}$  ratio  $\geq 2.0$ . Each of the 14 HPV DNA types was prepared at a HPV target concentration of 1.0 pg/ml (5000 copies/assay) in Negative Calibrator. The concentration prepared replicates the target plasmid concentration of the Positive Calibrator.

Each HPV type was tested in replicates of 8. The mean signal, the CV, and the signal-to-noise ratio for each HPV type were calculated. The results are shown in Table 4, below.

**Table 4. Summary of the *careHPV* Test analytical sensitivity for each HPV DNA type at 1 pg/ml**

HPV type	Mean signal (RLU)	Coefficient of variation	Signal-to-noise ratio
16	672	15%	5.3
18	611	14%	4.9
31	623	12%	4.9
33	564	8%	4.5
35	678	10%	5.4
39	611	7%	4.4
45	321	9%	2.5
51	676	12%	5.4
52	370	8%	2.7
56	739	10%	5.3
58	558	10%	4.4
59	686	8%	5.4
66	636	12%	4.6
68	534	11%	3.8

## Cross-reactivity

### Cross-reactivity with micro-organisms

Studies indicate that the *careHPV* Test does not cross-react with the following micro-organisms (see Table 5, below) at the following concentrations:

- *C. trachomatis* (3.5e2–2.0e3 CFU/ml)
- *T. vaginalis* (8e5 cells/ml)
- Pathogens listed in Table 5, below (1.5e4–9.8e9 CFU/ml)

**Table 5. Potentially cross-reactive pathogens**

Pathogen	Pathogen
<i>Acinetobacter</i> sp.	<i>Mycoplasma hominis</i>
<i>Acinetobacter lwoffii</i>	<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i>	<i>Neisseria lactamica</i>
<i>Candida albicans</i>	<i>Neisseria sicca</i>
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>	<i>Peptostreptococcus anaerobius</i>
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	<i>Prevotella melaninogenica</i>
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ( <i>Streptococcus</i> )	<i>Proteus vulgaris</i>
<i>Escherichia coli</i> (HB101)*	<i>Serratia marcescens</i>
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
<i>Gardnerella vaginalis</i>	<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>
<i>Haemophilus ducreyi</i>	<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	<i>Treponema phagedenis</i>
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i>	<i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>
<i>Mobiluncus curtisii</i>	<i>Ureaplasma urealyticum</i>
<i>Mobiluncus mulieris</i>	

\* Both the *E. coli* strain used to grow plasmids (HB101) and a clinical isolate of *E. coli* were tested.

## Cross-reactivity with viral or plasmid DNA

The following DNA types were tested for cross-reactivity at the following concentrations:

- Herpes simplex II (1e6 PFU/ml)
- pBR322 (4 ng/ml)

The Herpes simplex II showed no cross-reactivity.

The pBR322 plasmid showed cross-reactivity in the careHPV Test, which is not unexpected. The pBR322 is used as the vector for the HPV plasmid and it is difficult to remove the entire vector pBR322 DNA when isolating the HPV insert. The presence of pBR322 homologous

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sequences has been reported in human genital specimens, and false-positive results could occur in the presence of high levels of pBR322 DNA.

### Cross-reactivity with human genomic DNA

Studies indicate that the *careHPV* Test does not cross-react with human genomic DNA at 250 ng/ml.

### Cross-reactivity determined by blast method

Sequence analyses (blast method) were completed for the following to make sure there were no overlapping, cross-reactive sequences:

- HIV, HBV, EBV, CMV
- Adenovirus 2
- *Neisseria meningitides*

### Interfering substances

The effect of substances that may be found in cervical specimens (whole blood, douche, antifungal cream, contraceptive jelly, and vaginal lubricant) was evaluated in the *careHPV* Test. The substances were added in 2 different amounts (50 µl and 100 µl) to Negative Calibrator, Positive Calibrator, and 5 pg/ml HPV 16 in Negative Calibrator. The Negative Calibrator, Positive Calibrator, and 5 pg/ml HPV 16 in Negative Calibrator were also tested without substances.

False-positive results were observed with the antifungal cream at both concentrations, but no false-positive results were observed with any of the other substances at any concentration tested.

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A false-negative result may be reported in a clinical specimen with a HPV DNA concentration close to that of the CO (1 pg/ml) if high levels of blood, contraceptive jelly, or douche are present at the time a specimen is collected.

## Repeatability

A repeatability study was performed to determine the precision of the *careHPV* Test within laboratory, instruments, test kit lots, and operators; using a precision panel of contrived HPV targets, different levels of pooled HPV-positive clinical specimens, and pooled HPV-negative clinical specimens.

The panel comprised of 28 contrived HPV samples in a negative clinical sample matrix, 4 levels of pooled clinical samples, and 1 pool of negative clinical samples. The 28 contrived HPV samples consisted of each of 14 plasmid DNA samples, representing the genotypes detected by the *careHPV* Test. The panel clinical samples consisted of: 1 pooled clinical sample negative for HPV, 1 pooled clinical sample positive for HPV at 2X the cutoff, 1 pooled clinical sample positive for HPV at 1.5X the cutoff, 1 pooled clinical sample with signal levels approximately between C20 to C95, and 1 pooled clinical sample with signal level approximately C5 to C20.

3 lots of *careHPV* Test kits, 1 lot of panel members, and 2 *careHPV* systems were used in the study. The samples were tested across 12 days, with 3 runs per day, 2 replicates per run, and 1 run for each test kit lot per day. Each *careHPV* system was tested on each day; however, one of the systems was tested twice each day and this alternated throughout the study. 2 operators performed the *careHPV* Test runs for the entirety of the study. The results are shown in Table 6.

**Table 6. Summary of proportion of positive results along with the corresponding two-sided exact 95% confidence interval for each sample**

Grouping Variable(s)		Proportion		Two-Sided 95% Confidence Limit	
Sample	Sample Level	Fraction	Percentage	Lower	Upper
CTS1	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
CTS2	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
CTS3	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
CTS4	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
CTS5	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
CTS6	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
CTS7	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	71/72	100.00%	92.50%	99.96%
CTS8	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
CTS9	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	69/72	95.83%	88.30%	99.13%
CTS10	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
CTS11	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	70/72	97.22%	90.32%	99.66%
CTS12	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	71/72	98.61%	92.50%	99.96%
CTS13	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	70/72	97.22%	90.32%	99.66%
CTS14	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
	C <sub>95</sub>	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
CLS1	2xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
CSL2	1.5xCO	72/72	100.00%	95.01%	100.00%
CSL3	C <sub>95</sub>	70/72	97.22%	90.32%	99.66%
CSL4	C <sub>5</sub> – C <sub>20</sub>	1/72	1.39%	0.04%	7.50%
CSL5	Negative	1/72	1.39%	0.04%	7.50%

CO = Cutoff. These data indicate the careHPV Test is repeatable with 3 test kit lots, 2 operators, and 2 instrument systems.

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## Reproducibility

A multi-center reproducibility study was performed to determine the between days, between sites, and overall reproducibility of the *careHPV* Test using a panel of contrived HPV targets, different levels of pooled HPV-positive clinical specimens, and pooled HPV-negative clinical specimens.

Two external laboratories, one in Scotland and one in El Salvador, as well as one internal laboratory in the United States performed the testing with the same lot of *careHPV* Test kits on 5 or 6 different days. All sites used an identical precision panel, consisting of 28 contrived HPV samples, 4 levels of pooled clinical samples, and 2 pools of negative clinical samples. The 28 contrived HPV samples consisted of each of 14 plasmid DNA samples in a negative clinical sample matrix, representing the genotypes detected by the *careHPV* Test, and they were formulated by diluting the DNAs to respective C95 and 2X clinical cutoff levels. The precision panel clinical samples consisted of: 1 pooled clinical sample negative for HPV, 1 pooled clinical sample positive for HPV at 2X cutoff, 1 pooled clinical sample positive for HPV at 1.5X cutoff, 1 pooled clinical sample with signal levels approximately between C20 to C95, and 1 pooled clinical sample with signal level approximately C5 to C20.

All panel members were tested each day in triplicate over 2 separate runs. A different operator conducted each run per day. The results are shown in Table 7.

**Table 7. Proportion of positive results along with the corresponding two-sided exact 95% confidence interval for each sample.**

Sample Type	Sample	Fraction	Percentage	Two-Sided 95% Confidence Interval for the Observed Positivity Level (N=102)	Two-Sided 95% Confidence Interval for the Expected Positivity Level (N=102)
<b>Clinical</b>	<b>1.5XCO</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	94.66%, 99.98%
	<b>2XCO</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>c5-c20</b>	0 / 102	0.00%	0.00%, 3.55%	1.61%, 28.65%
	<b>c95</b>	98 / 98*	100.00%	96.31%, 100.00%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>neg</b>	2 / 102	1.96%	0.24%, 6.90%	0.00%, 3.55%
<b>Contrived</b>	<b>neg</b>	1 / 98*	1.02%	0.03%, 5.55%	0.00%, 3.55%
	<b>dna16_2XCO</b>	97 / 97*	100.00%	96.27%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>dna16_c95</b>	101 / 102	99.02%	94.66%, 99.98%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>dna18_2XCO</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>dna18_c95</b>	98 / 100*	98.00%	92.96%, 99.76%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>dna31_2XCO</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>dna31_c95</b>	98 / 102	96.08%	90.26%, 98.92%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>dna33_2XCO</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>dna33_c95</b>	99 / 102	97.06%	91.64%, 99.39%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>dna35_2XCO</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>dna35_c95</b>	100 / 101*	99.01%	94.61%, 99.97%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>dna39_2XCO</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%

	<b>dna39_c95</b>	96 / 102	94.12%	87.64%, 97.81%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>dna45_2XCO</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>dna45_c95</b>	90 / 101*	89.11%	81.35%, 94.44%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>dna51_2XCO</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>dna51_c95</b>	101 / 102	99.02%	94.66%, 99.98%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>dna52_2XCO</b>	101 / 101*	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>dna52_c95</b>	98 / 102	96.08%	90.26%, 98.92%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>dna56_2XCO</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>dna56_c95</b>	95 / 101*	94.06%	87.52%, 97.79%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>dna58_2XCO</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>dna58_c95</b>	99 / 102	97.06%	91.64%, 99.39%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>dna59_2XCO</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>dna59_c95</b>	100 / 102	98.04%	93.10%, 99.76%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>dna66_2XCO</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>dna66_c95</b>	93 / 102	91.18%	83.91%, 95.89%	88.93%, 98.39%
	<b>dna68_2XCO</b>	99 / 100*	99.00%	94.55%, 99.97%	96.45%, 100.00%
	<b>dna68_c95</b>	102 / 102	100.00%	96.45%, 100.00%	88.93%, 98.39%

CO = Cutoff. Overall data are a combination of all runs at all sites

\* Outliers excluded from data analysis

These data indicate the *careHPV* Test is reproducible across 3 sites in 3 countries

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Symbol	Symbol definition
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	Use by

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	Catalog number
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	Material number
	Sodium hydroxide
	Global Trade Item Number
	Temperature limitation
	Manufacturer
	Consult instructions for use

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# Appendix: Test Data Recording Sheet

Testing site: \_\_\_\_\_ Testing date: \_\_\_\_\_

Operator ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Room temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ °C  
 careHPV Test Kit lot number: \_\_\_\_\_ Microplate run number: \_\_\_\_\_

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B	NC											
C	NC											
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E	PC											
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## Ordering Information

<b>Product</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Cat. no.</b>
<i>careHPV</i> Test System	This includes the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>careHPV</i> Test Controller</li> <li>• <i>careHPV</i> Test Luminometer</li> <li>• <i>careHPV</i> Test Shaker</li> <li>• <i>careHPV</i> Test Magnetic Plate Holder</li> </ul>	9001772
<i>careHPV</i> Test Luminometer	Microplate chemiluminescent detection instrument for use with the <i>careHPV</i> Test System	9002140
<i>careHPV</i> Test Controller	Touch-screen device with application software for use with the <i>careHPV</i> Test System	9002142
<i>careBrush</i>	Package of 50 pre-scored cervical brush collection devices	619024
<i>careHPV</i> Collection Medium	Package of 50 tubes, each containing 1 ml of <i>careHPV</i> Collection Medium	619025
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