

# CE mark for Eurobio Scientific's new proprietary test for the detection of Omicron BA.x, BA.2 and Delta variants of SARS-CoV-2

- A routine COVID screening test that simultaneously detects and identifies the presence of Omicron BA.x, Omicron BA.2 and screens for other Delta variants
- First CE marked French test for screening for Omicron and Delta variants requiring only one reaction and delivering a result in 45 minutes

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**Eurobio Scientific** (FR0013240934, ALERS, PEA-PME eligible), a leading French group in specialty in vitro medical diagnostics, announces the CE mark of its new proprietary test, **EBX 048, Eurobioplex SARS-CoV-2 Fast-SVT (Screening and VOC<sup>1</sup> Typing)**, developed specifically for routine COVID-19 screening and identification of current variants.

The proprietary **EBX SARS-CoV-2 Fast-SVT** is a real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR<sup>2</sup>) assay that, in a single test, identifies the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and detect the K417N (Omicron variant BA.x sublineage screening), V213G (**Omicron variant BA.2 sublineage** screening) and L452R (Delta variant screening) mutations in a qualitative manner. The presence of the V213G mutation thus allows the BA.2 sublineage to be differentiated from other sublineages of the Omicron variant.

This new test, designed and developed by Eurobio Scientific's R&D department, is produced in-house, in its premises in Les Ulis - France and follows the ISO 13485 regulatory process. It is available in several versions allowing 50, 100 or 200 determinations to be performed simultaneously.

While, in France and for the past week, the number of daily hospitalizations and the number of admittances into emergency units rose by approximately 10%<sup>3</sup>, while the number of positive COVID tests increased by 77%<sup>3</sup>, **EBX SARS-CoV-2 Fast-SVT** is immediately available for hospital and private laboratories, both in France and internationally. It is the first CE marked test able to specifically identify the BA.2 sub-variant which is currently involved in 92% of COVID infections in France<sup>4</sup>, and to track the incidence of the L452R mutation, which, if rising, could signal a return to more severe forms of COVID-19.

**EBX SARS-CoV-2 Fast-SVT** is therefore a means of controlling the epidemic, while a resurgence of hospitalizations is observed in France, in connection with a sustained circulation of the Omicron BA.2 variant, and in an overall context of risk of loss of vaccine immunity or immune escape.

<sup>1</sup>VOC : Variant of Concern

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Santé Publique France - COVID-19 : point épidémiologique du 7 avril 2022, n°110



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The "Polymerase Chain Reaction" (PCR) is a method based on the selective multiplication of target DNA sequences, which makes it possible to detect specific DNA sequences present in a product.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus/carte-et-donnees

### Next financial meeting

Annual shareholders' meeting : June 13, 2022

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