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Serological Assays for SARS-CoV-2 Infectious Disease: Benefits, Limitations and Perspectives

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Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), which first appeared in Wuhan, China, in December 2019 and is now spreading worldwide. SARS-CoV-2, formerly known by the provisional name 2019 novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), shares some characteristics with two other coronaviruses, which previously caused epidemic respiratory syndromes: severe acute respiratory

multiple copies of the nucleocapsid (N) protein. This protein is bound to the single-stranded RNA genome [9]. The lipid bilayer envelope, membrane proteins, and nucleocapsid protect the virus when it is outside the host cell [10]. Moreover, the first two-thirds of the viral genome encode non-structural proteins (NSPs), and in particular, the RNA polymerase represents the main part of the transcription/replication machinery, well conserved among different CoV species.

Specifically, SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 account for the same receptor used to penetrate into human cells and start replication: angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2), which is mostly expressed by type II pneumocytes, as well as by endothelial, myocardial, and gut mucosa cells [11]. It has been hypothesized that the high affinity of CoV-2 Spike (S) Receptor Binding Domain (RBD) to ACE2 is due to the presence

Where there is little or no access to molecular testing, **serology tests** provide a means to quickly triage suspected cases of **COVID-19**

[Serological tests confirm the low incidence of COVID-19 in chronic rheumatic inflammatory diseases treated with biological DMARD.](#)

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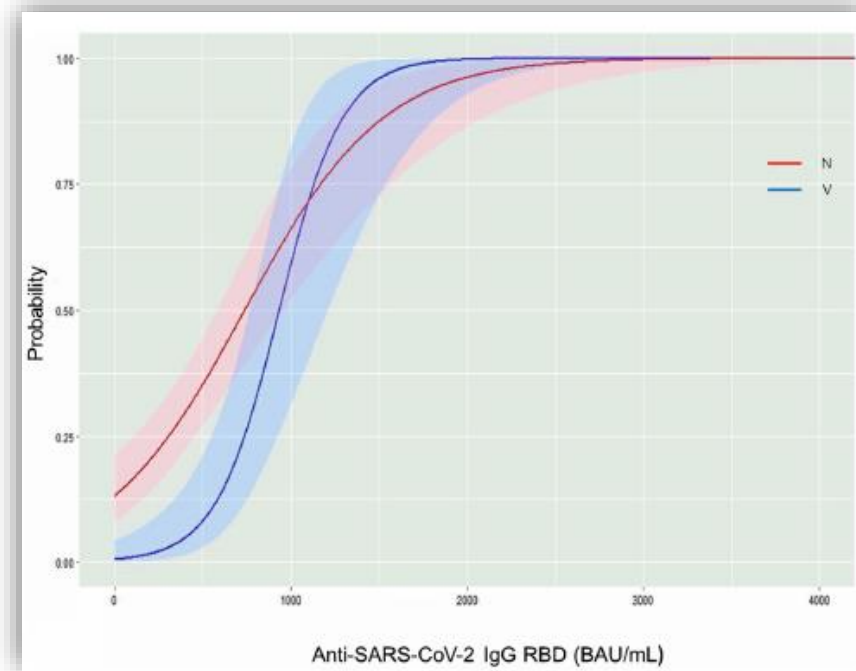
[The role of serological testing combined with RT-PCR to support diagnosis of COVID-19: a real-life report](#)

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SARS-CoV-2 infection serology: a useful tool to overcome lockdown?

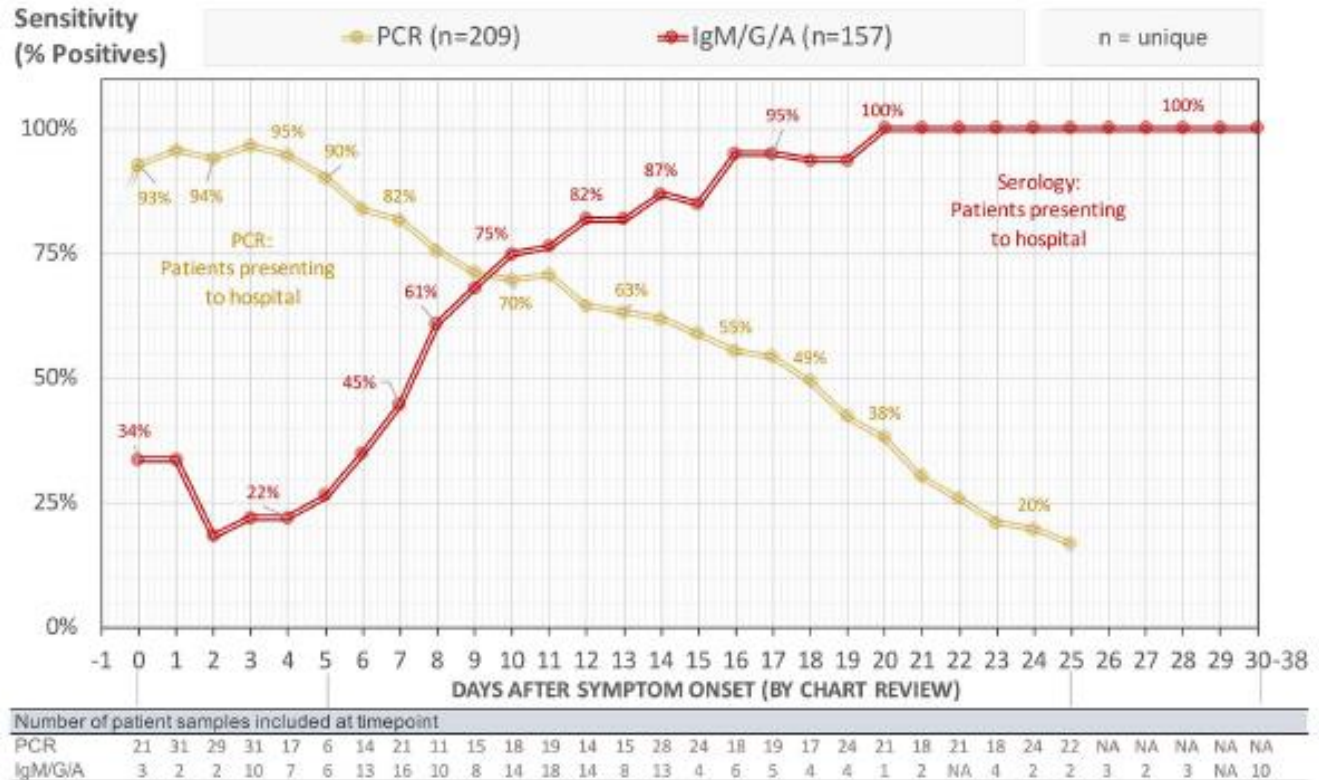
Predicting the protective humoral response to SARS-CoV-2 vaccine

Anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG (RBD) BAU/mL at 99% probability		
MNT(IC90) dilution	N [95% CI]	V [95% CI]
1:20	1,109 [745–4,029]	1,197 [822–2,248]
1:40	1,507 [868–3,279]	833 [562–1,014]
1:80	3,564 [1,970–9,471]	1,814 [939–4,393]
1:160	6,285 [3,272–21,358]	4,987 [3,177–8,735]

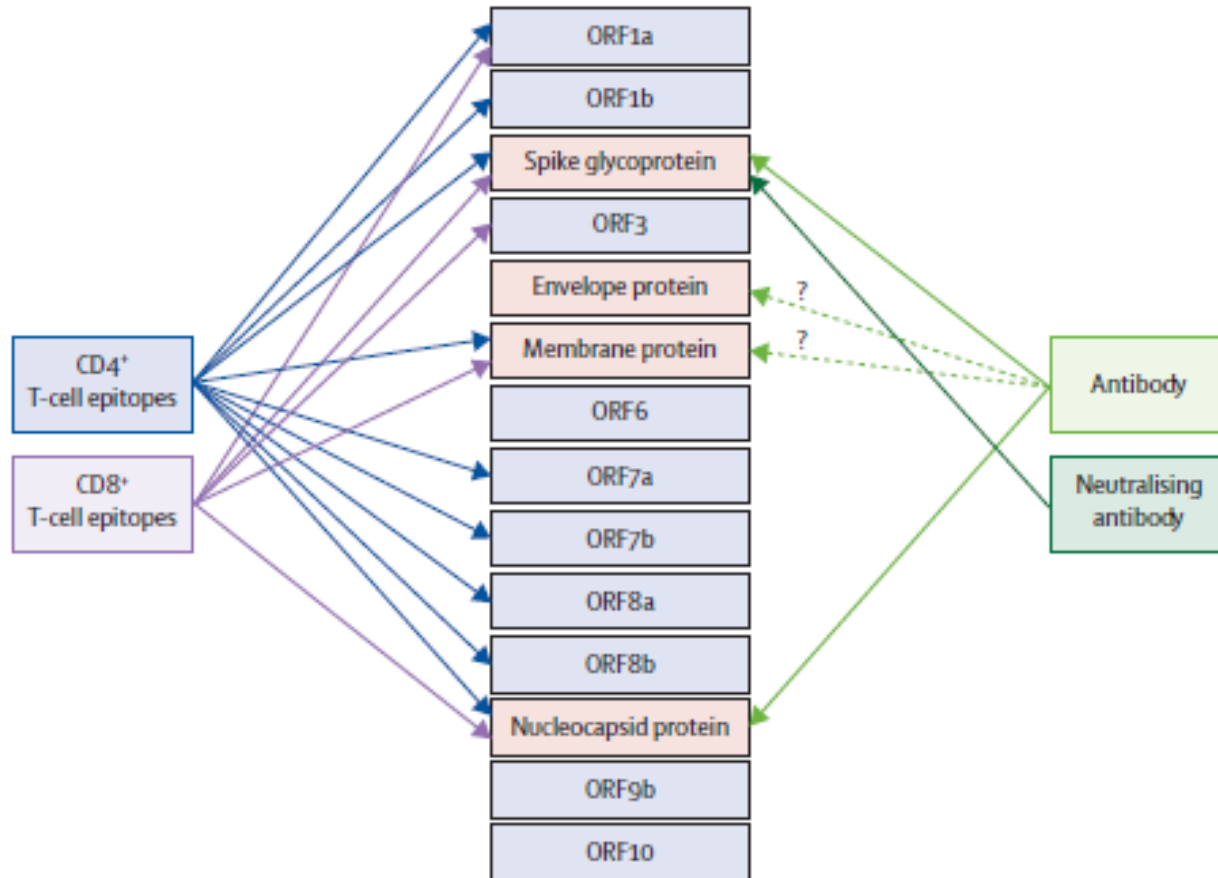


Levels of anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG RBD (BAU/mL) calculated by multivariate logistic regression models corresponding to a 99% probability of being at or above different microneutralization IC90 dilution titers

KINETICS



SEROLOGICAL TESTS- Target Antigens

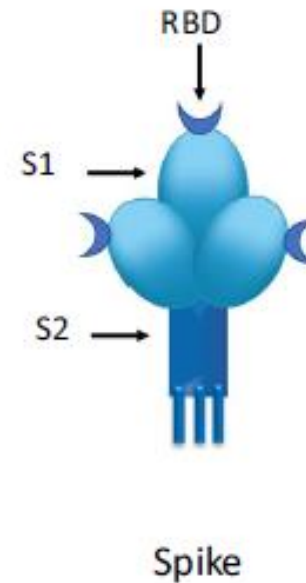
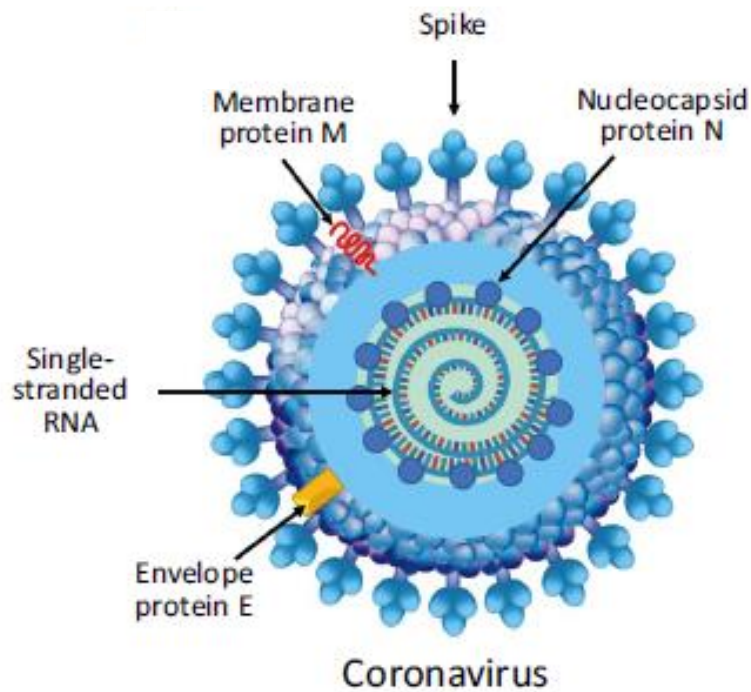


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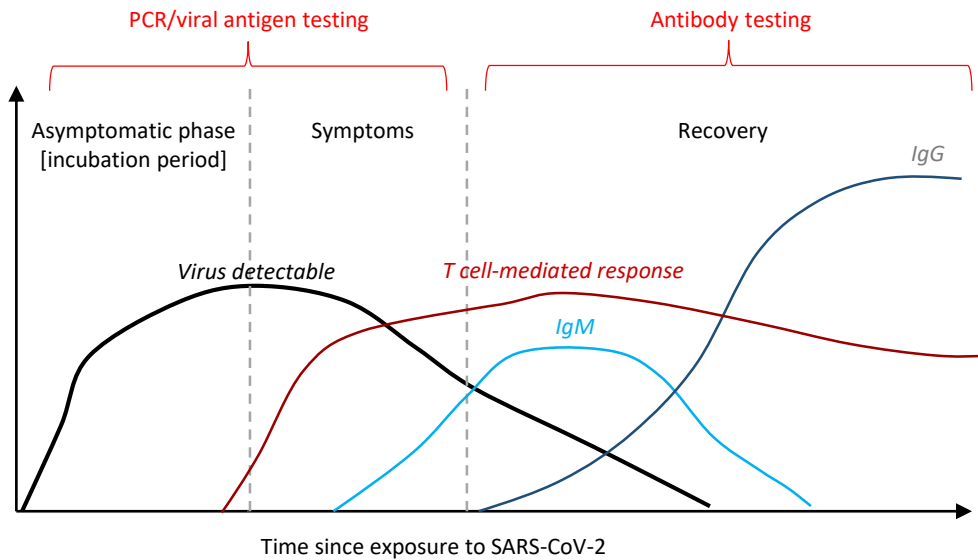
- ☐ Nucleocapsid (N)
- ☐ Spike (S)
- ☐ Receptor Binding Domain(RBD)

Main target antigens:

RBD, S1, full-length spike, nucleocapsid



COVID-19 AND THE PATH TO IMMUNITY



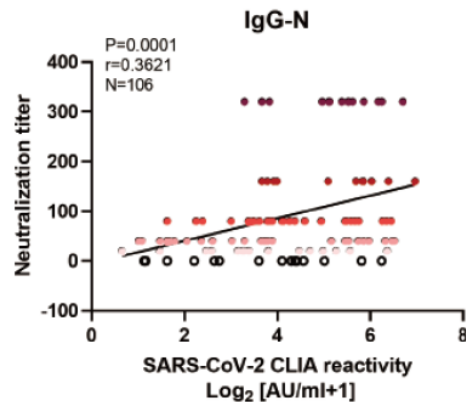
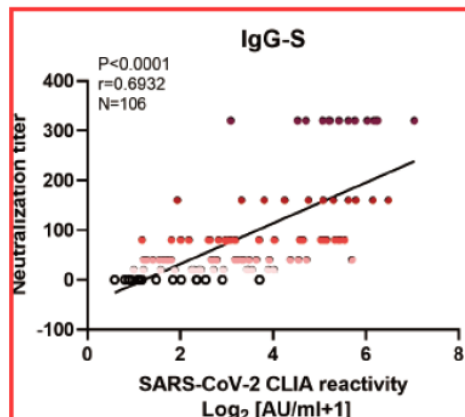
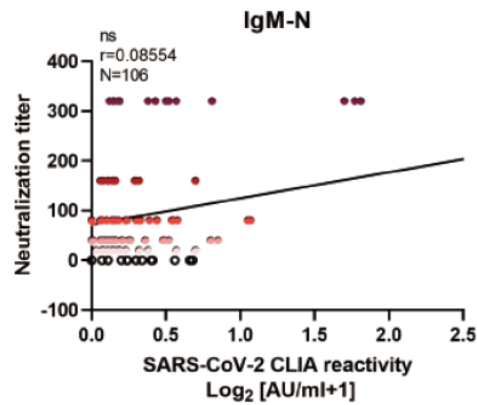
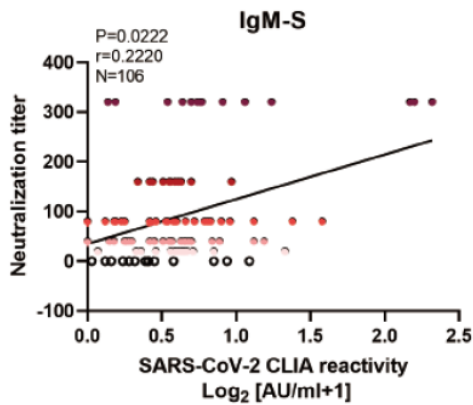
B cell response

- Binding antibodies
- Neutralising antibodies

T cell response

Could T cell-based assays be used for immune monitoring as an alternative to antibody tests?

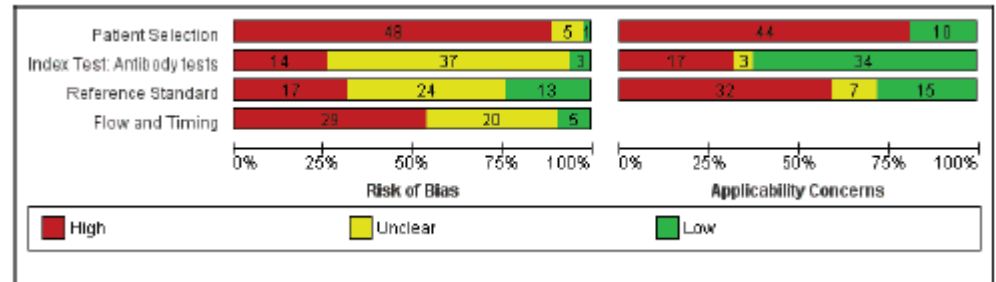
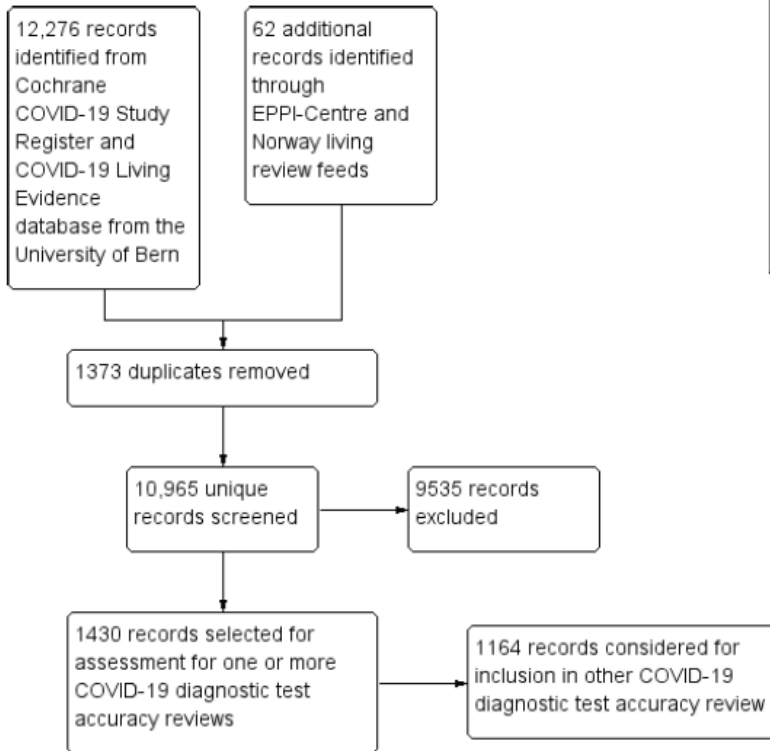
NEUTRALISING ANTIBODIES



- To further determine which antibody subclasses and specificities may exert the neutralizing effect, correlations between the titers of the four antibodies and the neutralizing activity were analyzed.
- The IgG-RBD-S titer demonstrated by far the highest positive correlation with antibody neutralization activity ($r=0.6932$, $p<0.0001$), compared to IgM-S ($r=0.2220$, $p<0.05$) and IgG-N ($r=0.3621$, $p=0.0001$)

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THE LACK OF HARMONIZATION OF TEST RESULTS

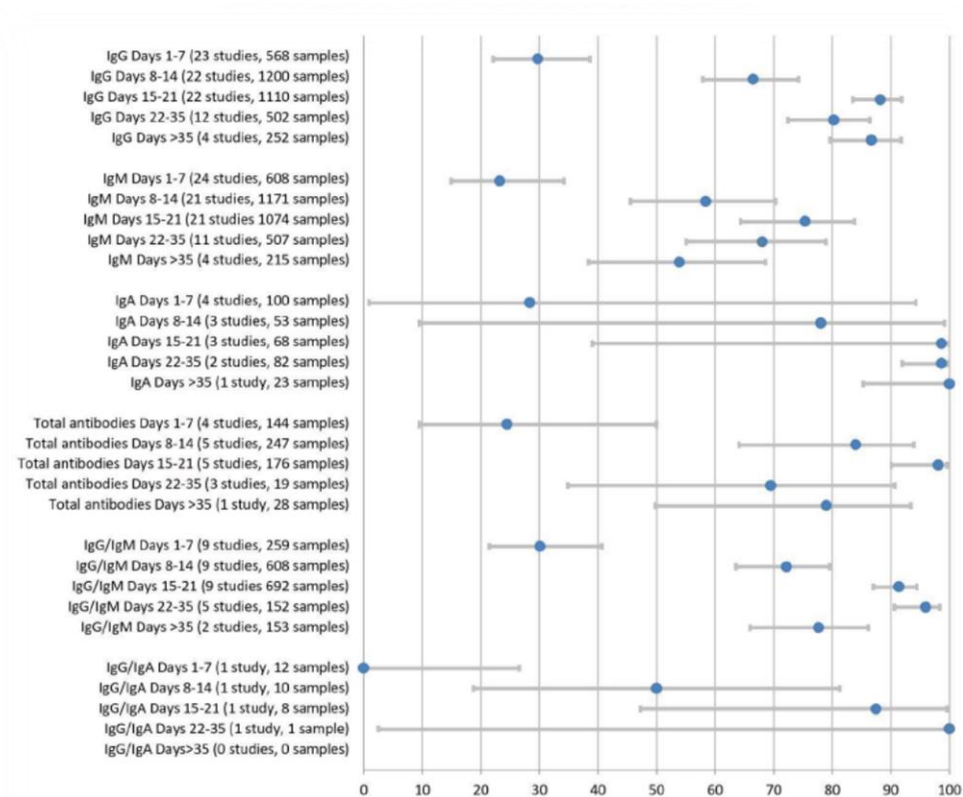


This review has evaluated data from 25 commercial tests and numerous in-house assays



Antibody tests for identification of current and past infection with SARS-CoV-2 (Review)

THE LACK OF HARMONIZATION OF TEST RESULTS



Sensitivity varies with the time since of onset of symptoms

Sensitivity (%)



363
immunoassay

314
commercialized

213 RDT

12 FDA-EUA

61 RUO

FIND is collating an overview of SARS-CoV-2 tests that are commercially available or in development for the diagnosis of COVID-19. We do not guarantee that this is a comprehensive list, since the information below has been submitted voluntarily by test suppliers and is not independently verified. If you have any queries or wish for us to make updates in the pipeline, please [contact us](#).

If you would like your test to be included in the pipeline, please click on this button to download the form. [SUBMISSION FORM](#)

To know more about the FIND evaluations of submitted SARS-CoV-2 tests, click here. [ONGOING TEST EVALUATIONS](#)

EUA: Emergency Use Authorization — **HSA:** Health & Safety/Sciences Authority — **MFDS:** Ministry of Food & Drug Safety — **MoH:** Ministry of Health — **MHRA:** Medicines & Health Care Products Regulatory Agency — **NRA:** National Regulatory Authority — **RUO:** Research Use Only — **TGA:** Therapeutic Goods Administration — **WHO EUL:** World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing

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Status	Test format	Test target	Regulatory	FILTER	EXPORT TO XLS
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914 RESULT(S)

- [1drop Inc.](#) 1copy™ COVID-19 qPCR Multi Kit (Korea MFDS EUA - US FDA EUA - Health Canada - Saudi FDA - Sri Lanka NMRA - CE-IVD) [Contact](#)
- [3B BlackBio Biotech India Ltd](#) TRUPCR@SARS-CoV-2 RT qPCR Kit (India CDSCO - US FDA EUA) [Contact](#)
- [3D Medicines](#) 3DMed 2019-nCoV RT-qPCR Detection Kit (CE-IVD) [Contact](#)
- [3D Medicines](#) ANDiS® SARS-CoV-2 RT-qPCR Detection Kit (US FDA EUA - CE-IVD) [Contact](#)
- [A*ccelerate Technology](#) A*STAR Fortitude Kit 2.0 (Singapore HSA) [Contact](#)
- [AAZ-LMB](#) COVID-PRESTO® (CE-IVD) [Contact](#)
- [AB ANALITICA srl](#) REALQUALITY RQ-2019-nCoV (CE-IVD) [Contact](#)
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EUA Authorized Serology Test Performance | FDA

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Test Performance

Test: ...
Techn: ...
Target: ...

Antibody	Performance Measure	Estimate of Performance	95% Confidence Interval
IgG	Sensitivity (PPA)	100% (34/34)	(89.9%; 100%)
IgG	Specificity (NPA)	99.0% (99/100)	(94.6%; 99.8%)
IgG	PPV at prevalence = 5%	84.0%	(46.5%; 96.8%)
IgG	NPV at prevalence = 5%	100%	(99.4%; 100%)

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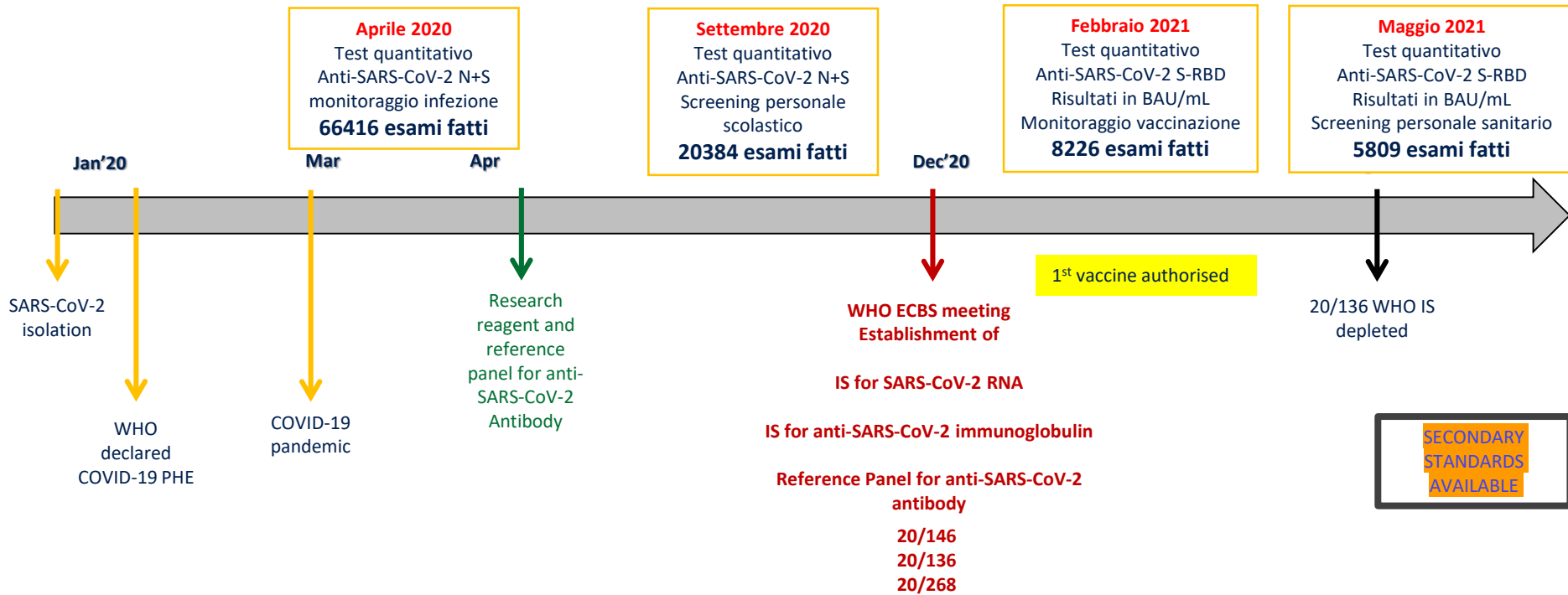
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- [Information for Recipients](#)
- [Instructions for Use](#)

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Developer:

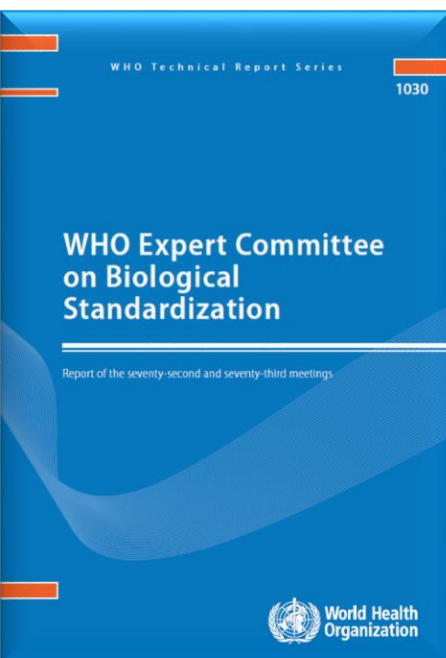
Test: ...
Techn: ...
Target: ...

Timelines of COVID-19 serology



The establishment of WHO international reference standards for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies would facilitate the standardization of such assays thus strengthening the comparability and harmonization of datasets obtained by different laboratories worldwide.

In turn, this would help to establish the protective antibody levels needed to develop efficacious vaccines and therapeutics, while also improving the comparability of data collected during epidemiological and immunological surveillance studies.



Establishment of the WHO International Standard and Reference Panel for anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibody

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- Primary calibrant – no a validation tool nor a positive control for routine use
- Sets a common language does not standardised assays
- Use of the standard WON'T make a bad assay good

Methods: 125 data sets

NEUTRALISATION ASSAY (27)

LIVE SARS-CoV-2* (15)

PRNT/FRNT

CPE

MN

PSEUDOTYPED VIRUS(12)

VSV(Luc)

HIV(Luc)

ELISA (78)

IgG:

In house (44)

Commercial kit * (18)

IgM (7), IgA (9)

RBD, S1, Spike, N, M, E and S2

OTHERS (20)

Flow cytometry-based binding

Ab assay

Lateral flow immunoassay

Fusion inhibitory assay

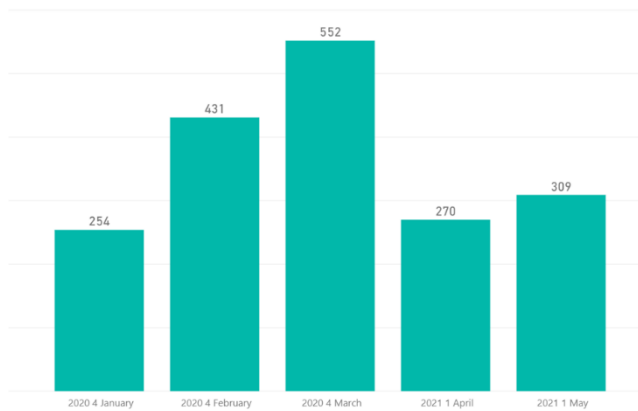
ACE2 binding inhibitory assay

* 9 different isolates

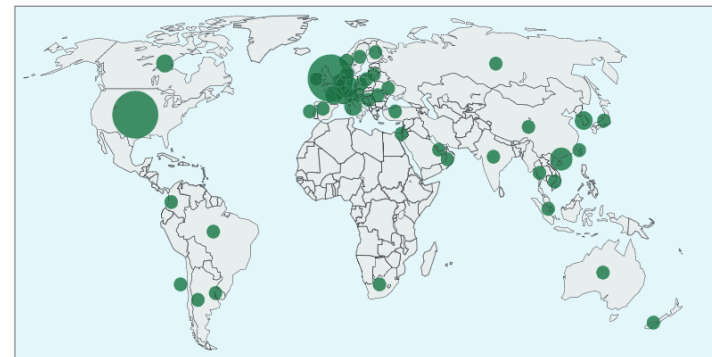
* 13 different kits

Uptake WHO IS for anti-SARS-CoV-2 immunoglobulin

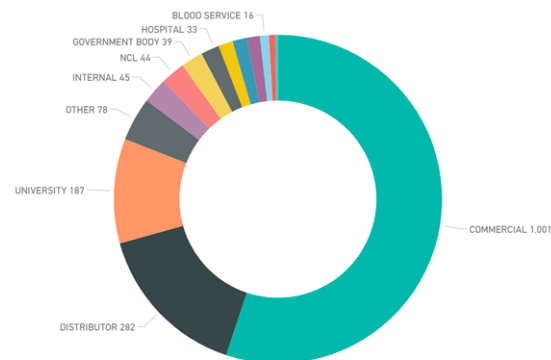
Over 2400 units 20/136 were shipped to 581 individual customers



Data/graphs kindly provided by Hanvir Klair and Assam Rassol



Knezevic et al. *Lancet Microbe* 2021



Courtesy of Giada Mattiuzzo

March 11th, 2021

Correlation of the EliA SARS-CoV-2-Sp1 IgG test units (EliA U/mL) to the *binding antibody units* (BAU) of the first WHO International Standard for anti-SARS-CoV-2 immunoglobulins NIBSC code: 20/136

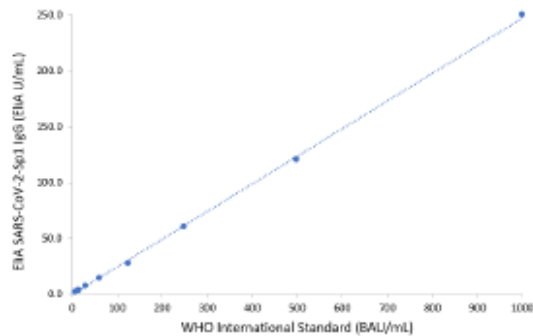
Dear valued customers,

Thank you for using EliA™ SARS-CoV-2-Sp1 IgG test (Art. No. 14-6663-01) to measure IgG antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 spike 1 in human serum and plasma as an aid in identifying individuals with an adaptive immune response to SARS-CoV-2, indicating recent or prior infection.

The EliA SARS-CoV-2-Sp1 IgG test was developed before an International Standard for anti-SARS-CoV-2 immunoglobulins was available. As a result, manufacturer specific arbitrary EliA U/mL were assigned to the concentrations obtained, making it difficult to compare numerical results from different assays.

Recently, the NIBSC (National Institute for Biological Standards and Control, UK) launched the first WHO International Standard for anti-SARS-CoV-2 immunoglobulins NIBSC code: 20/136^{1,2}. A total of 1000 binding antibody units/mL (BAU/mL) were assigned to the pure sample.

We correlated EliA units (EliA U/mL) of the EliA SARS-CoV-2-Sp1 IgG assay to the BAUs of the WHO International Standard (results are shown below).



Linear regression

Best fit values

Slope CI (95%): 0.2448 to 0.2545

Equation: $y = 0.2467 * x$

Pearson correlation

r : 1.000

r CI (95%): 0.999 to 1.000

r^2 : 0.9992

$p < 0.0001$

$n = 8$ values

1:2 dilution series ranging from pure

sample (1000 BAU/mL) to

0.781% (7.81 BAU/mL)

Conclusions

The first WHO International Standard for anti-SARS-CoV-2 immunoglobulins correlates very well with the EliA SARS-CoV-2-Sp1 IgG test (Pearson $r = 1.0000$, Fisher 95% CI 0,999-1,000). The standard shows a linear dilution from the pure sample (1000 BAU/mL) down to 7,81 BAU/mL.

A mathematical transposition from EliA U/mL to the BAU/mL of the WHO International Standard would follow this equation:

1 EliA U/mL = 4 BAU/mL

We expect that the excellent correlation initially observed with the WHO International Standard will be confirmed by additional data in an extended study.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Raimund Fiedler, Director R&D AI
Speciality Diagnostics group



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The WHO International Standard for COVID-19 serological tests: towards harmonization of anti-spike assays



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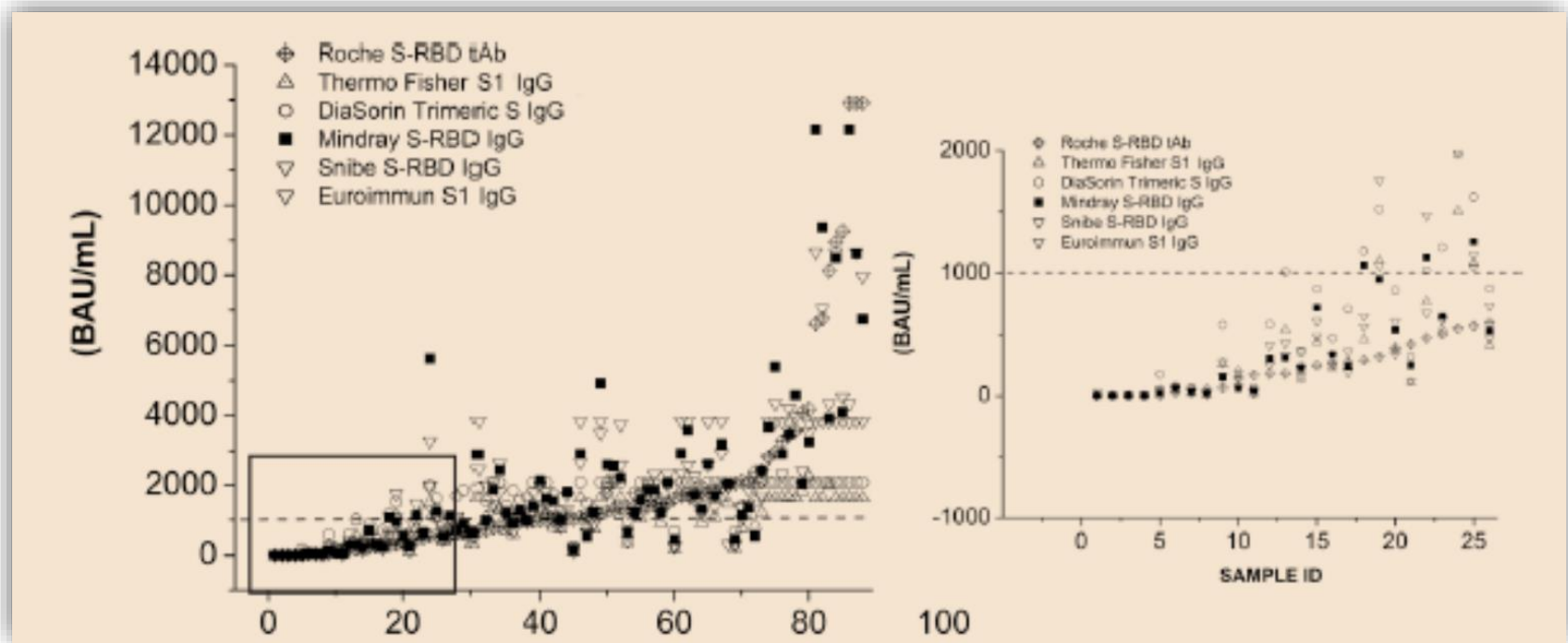
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CV 0,68 AU/ mL a CV 0,38 BAU/mL

RESULTS

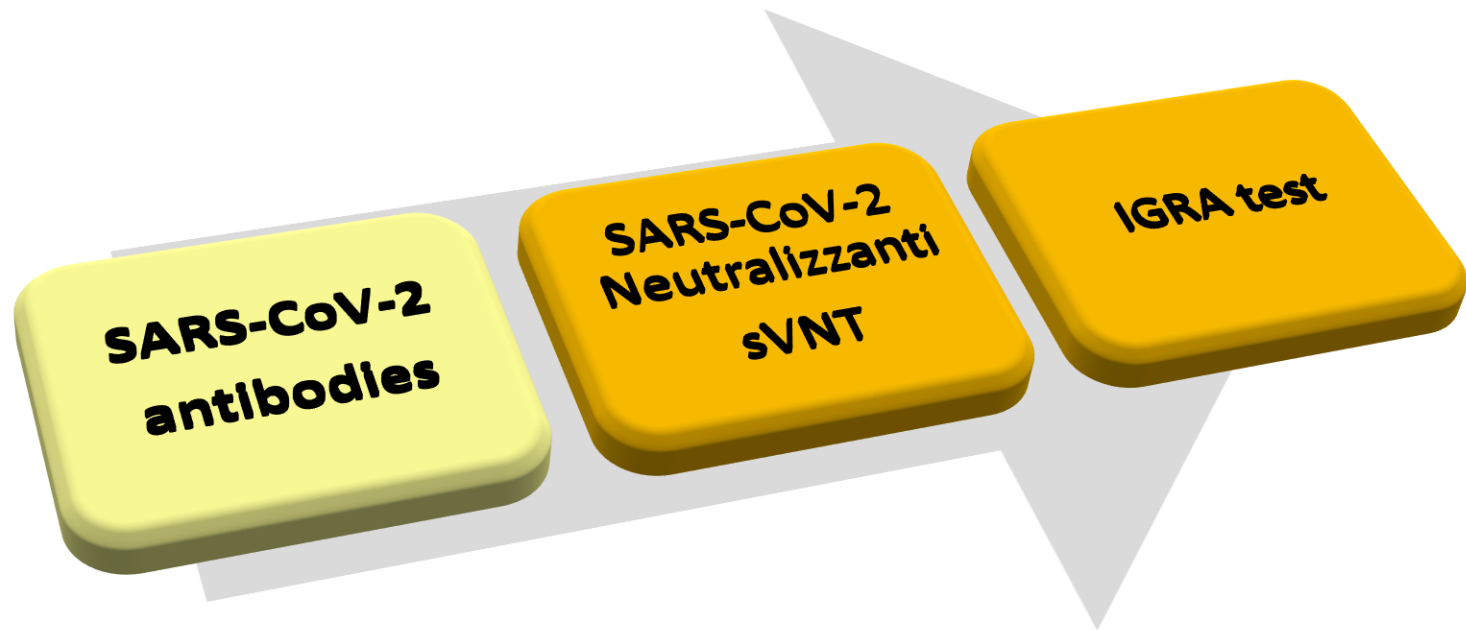


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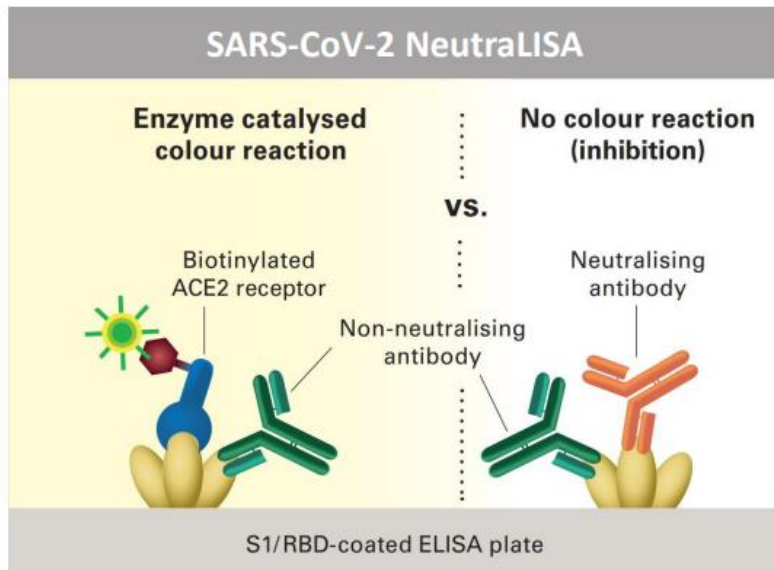
			Thermo Fisher S1 IgG				
Mindray S RBD IgG	(r)	0.847		Mindray S RBD IgG			
	(n)	63					
Roche S RBD tAb	(r)	0.634	0.729	Roche S RBD tAb			
	(n)	66	82				
Snibe S RBD IgG	(r)	0.867	0.940	0.771	Snibe S RBD IgG		
	(n)	65	80	81			
DiaSorin Trimeric S IgG	(r)	0.910	0.687	0.513	0.813	DiaSorin Trimeric S IgG	
	(n)	46	48	48	48		
Euroimmun S1 IgG	(r)	0.942	0.796	0.689	0.893		0.762
	(n)	63	66	66	66		46

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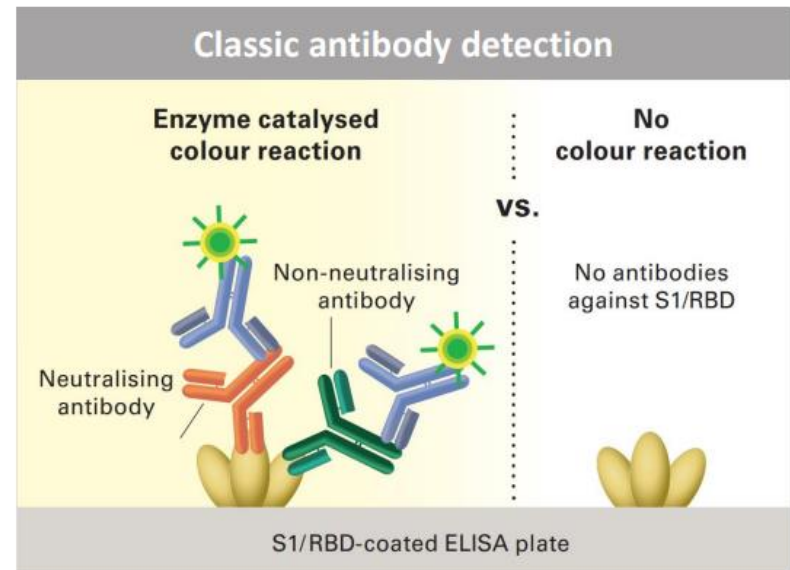
L'evoluzione dei test



Neutralizing antibodies (Nabs)



vs.



Neutralisation Test (NT)

- Detects functional antibodies that inhibit the binding between S1/RBD and ACE2 and thus virus entry
- All immunoglobulin classes are detected – functional antibodies are mainly of type IgG
- Antibodies of high avidity are detected

ELISA

- Detects all antibodies against a specific antigen that is coated on the plate (e.g. anti-S1/RBD)
- Differentiation of IgG, IgA, IgM depending on enzyme conjugate possible
- Antibodies with low and high avidity are detected (IgG)

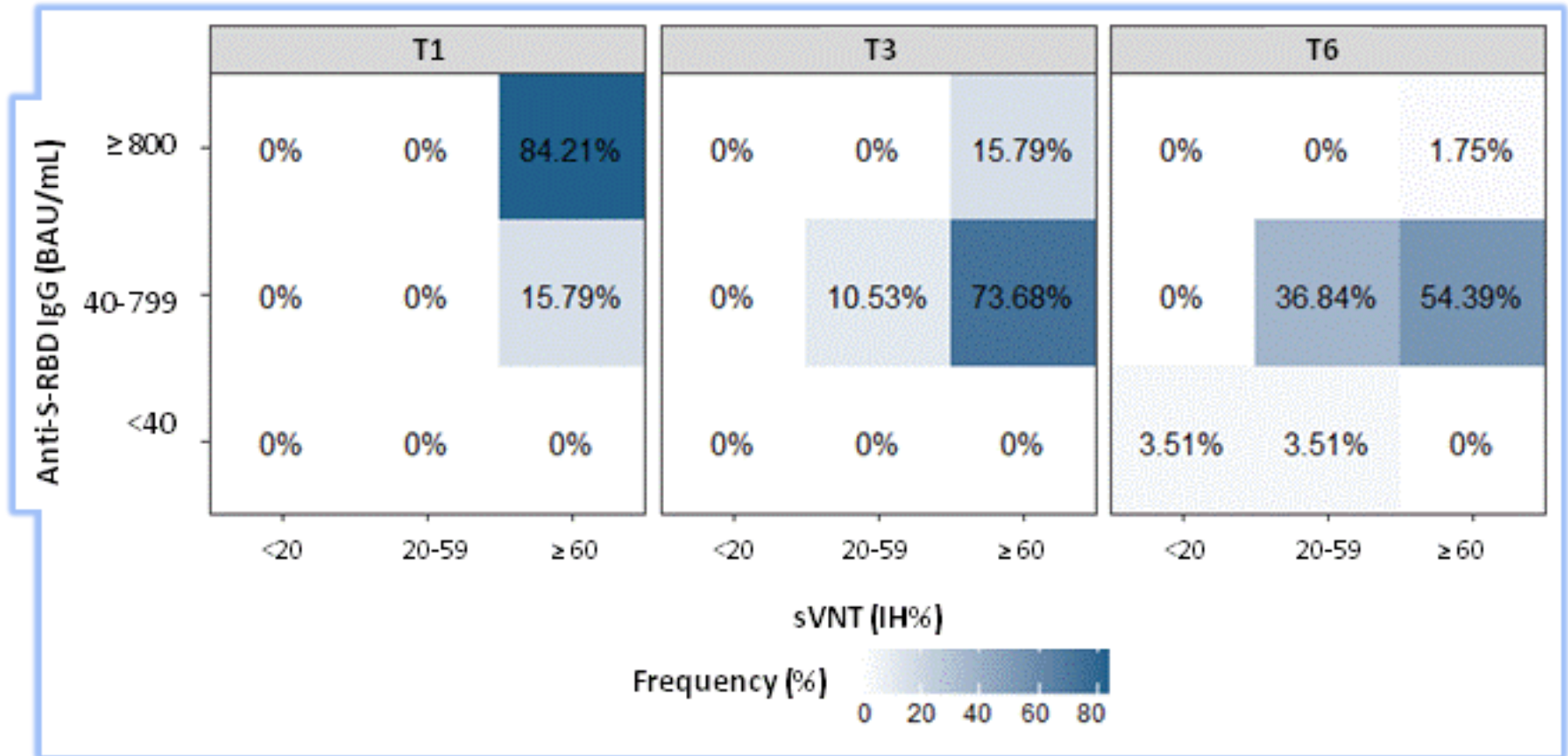


Test surrogati di neutralizzazione: quale supporto nelle indagini sierologiche?

Manufacturer	Kit assay	Method	Cut-off	Conversion factor	Dynamic range	Assay principle
Mindray	<i>SARS-CoV-2 Neutralizing Antibodies</i>	CLIA	10 AU/mL	1 AU = 3.6547 IU/mL	2 AU/mL to 400 AU/mL	Neutralizing antibody in the sample competes with ACE2-ALP conjugate for binding sites of SARS-CoV-2 S-RBD immobilized in the paramagnetic microparticles
Snibe	<i>Maglumi SARS-CoV-2 Neutralizing Antibody</i>	CLIA	0.05 µg/mL	1 µg/mL = 405 IU/mL	0.050–30 µg/mL	Neutralizing antibody in the sample competes with recombinant SARS-CoV-2 S-RBD antigen labeled with ABEI for binding ACE2 antigen immobilized on magnetic microbeads
Euroimmun	<i>SARS-CoV-2 NeutraLISA</i>	ELISA	% IH <20: negative ≥20% IH <35: borderline % IH ≥35: positive	n.a.	% IH 0–100	Neutralizing antibody in the sample competes with the receptor biotinylated ACE2 (sample buffer) for the binding sites of the SARS-CoV-2 S1/RBD proteins immobilized on the plate
Diesse	<i>Chorus SARS-CoV-2 "Neutralizing" Ab</i>	ELISA	<20 BAU/mL	n.a.	20–1500 BAU/mL	Neutralizing antibody in the sample competes with the peroxidase-conjugated SARS-CoV-2 anti-S1 therapeutic monoclonal antibodies to bind S1 subunit fixed on the solid phase support

ABEI, N-(aminoburyl)-N-(ethylisoluminol); ALP, alkaline phosphatase; CLIA, chemiluminescence immunoassay; ELISA, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; IH, percentage of inhibition; n.a., not available.

The role of neutralizing antibodies following the BNT162b2 mRNA vaccine in a cohort of Italian healthcare workers



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Valutazione esterna di qualità



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- **Laboratori partecipanti:** 132
(di cui 68 centri Regione Toscana)

- **18 Regioni**

- **Valutazione dei risultati:**
 - ✓ qualitativa
 - ✓ quantitativa

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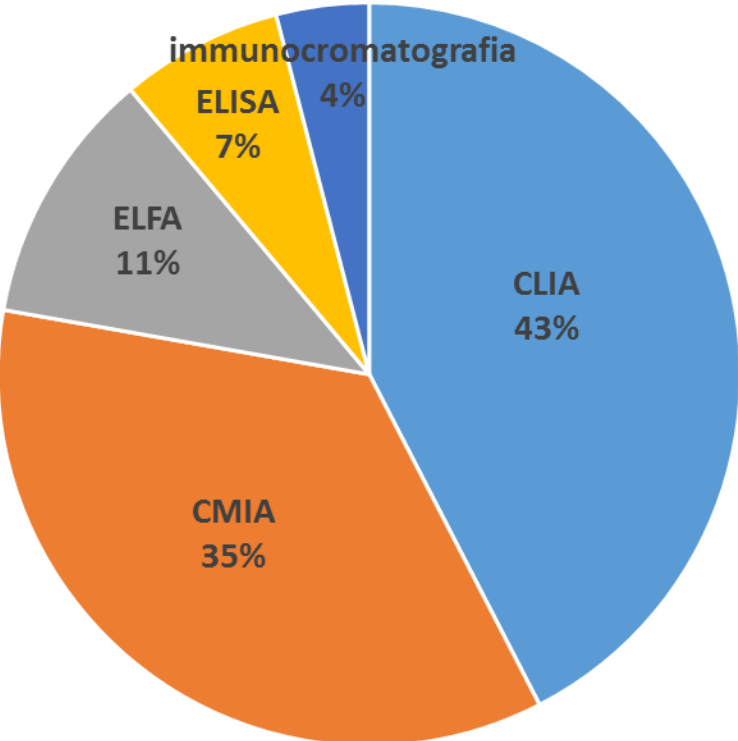
DISTRIBUZIONE DEI METODI

anti-SARS-CoV-2	
Ig TOTALI	4 CLIA (n=36)
IgG	7 CLIA (n=42), 1 CMIA (n=35), 1 ELFA (=11), 1 ELISA (=7), 1 IMMUNOCROMATOGRAFIA (=4)
IgM	5 CLIA (n=33), 1 CMIA (n=28), 1 ELFA (=12), 1 ELISA (=6), 1 IMMUNOCROMATOGRAFIA (=4)

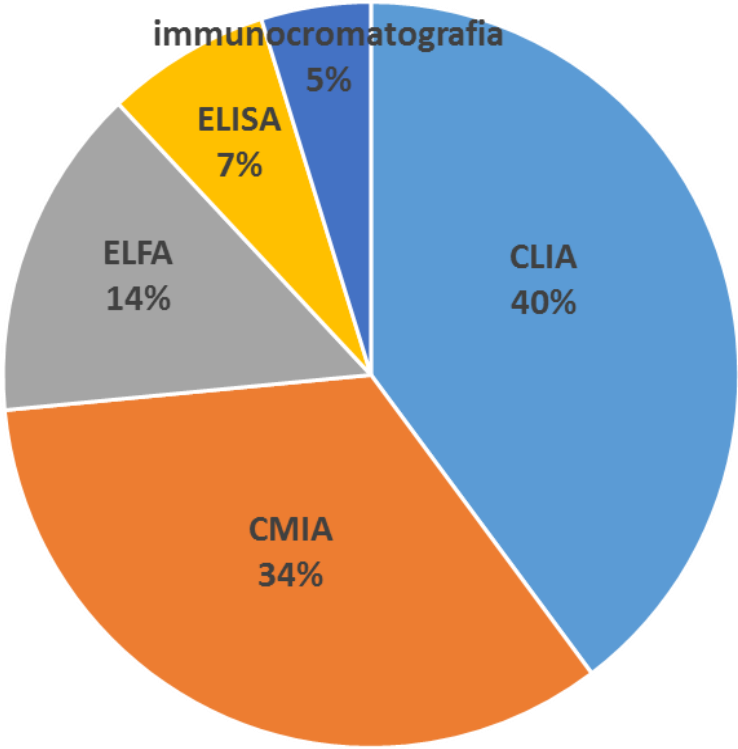
- ✓ Alcuni partecipanti hanno inviato sia i dati delle totali che IgG e IgM
- ✓ Alcuni partecipanti hanno espresso i risultati in BAU/mL e altri in UA/mL

DISTRIBUZIONE DEI METODI

Anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG



Anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgM



ANALISI QUALITATIVA

Campione N°6

A.C. Anti SARS Cov2 IgG

Valore Atteso:

Positivo

Risultato inviato: **POSITIVO**

Risultato	Numero	%	Score
POSITIVO	38	99.0	2
DUBBIO	0	0.0	
NON ESEGUITO	0		
NEGATIVO	1	1.0	-1

n.a. = non assegnato

ANALISI QUANTITATIVA



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SIEROIMMUNOLOGIA SARS-CoV-2 - Ciclo 2021

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Analita: **A.C. Anti SARS Cov2 IgG**
Risultato atteso: **Positivo**

N° Risposte totali: 99

Sottogruppo: **A.C. Anti SARS Cov2 IgG
(DIASORIN-prot S e/o RBD-
BAU)**

BAU

	N.	Out	Media	C.V.	S.D.	Med.na
Tutti	11	0	98.291	8.68	8.24	98.70
Tuo Metodo	11	0	98.291	8.68	8.24	98.70

Campione	g (Scad. 15/10/2021)	
Valore Atteso	Positivo	
Tuo risultato	81.80 - POSITIVO	

	Diff. S	Diff. %
Tutti	-0.63	-4.68
Tuo Metodo	-0.63	-4.68

N. risultati numerici	11
N. risultati semiquantitativi/qualitativi	1

Riepilogo x Metodo risultati numerici (n° 7 Centri)							
Metodo	N.	Out	M.	C.V.	Pos.	Neg.	Dub.
CLIA DIASORIN-prot S e/o RBD-BAU	11	0	98.291	8.68	11		
CMA-prot S e/o RBD-IA	18	1	498.70	3.88	18		
CMA-prot N-IA	8	0	8.427	24.71	8		

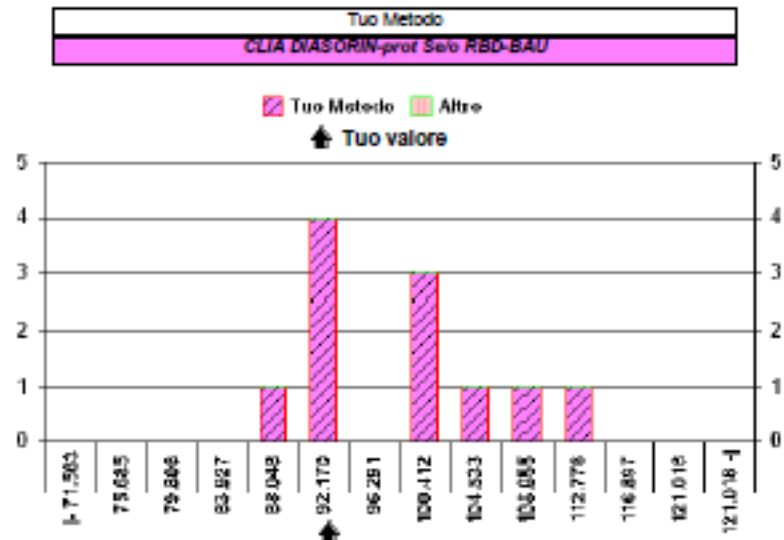


Grafico dati semiquantitativi/qualitativi	Tuo Metodo
POSITIVO	1/1

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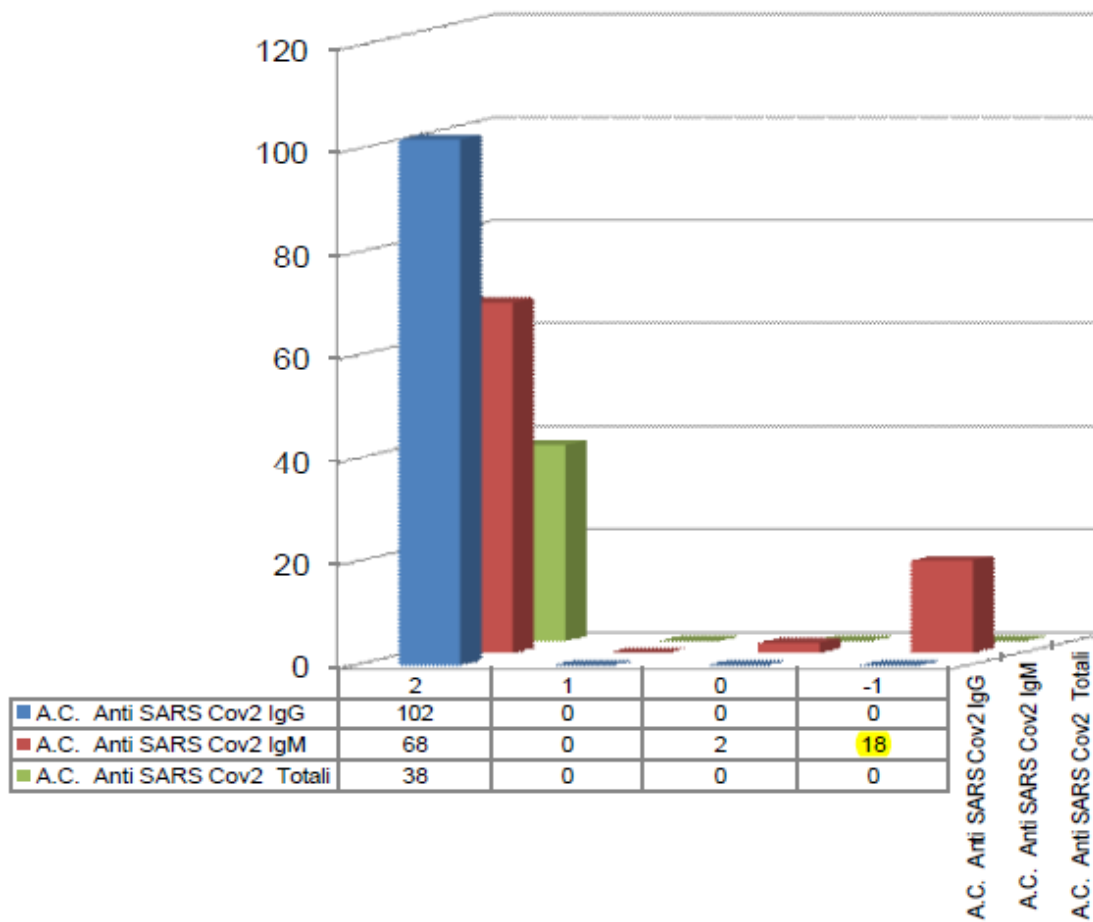
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Risultato atteso

- 1** Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG
- 2** Negativo
- 3** Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG +IgM
- 4** Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG+IgM
- 5** Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG
- 6** Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG +IgM
- 7** Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG +IgM
- 8** Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG

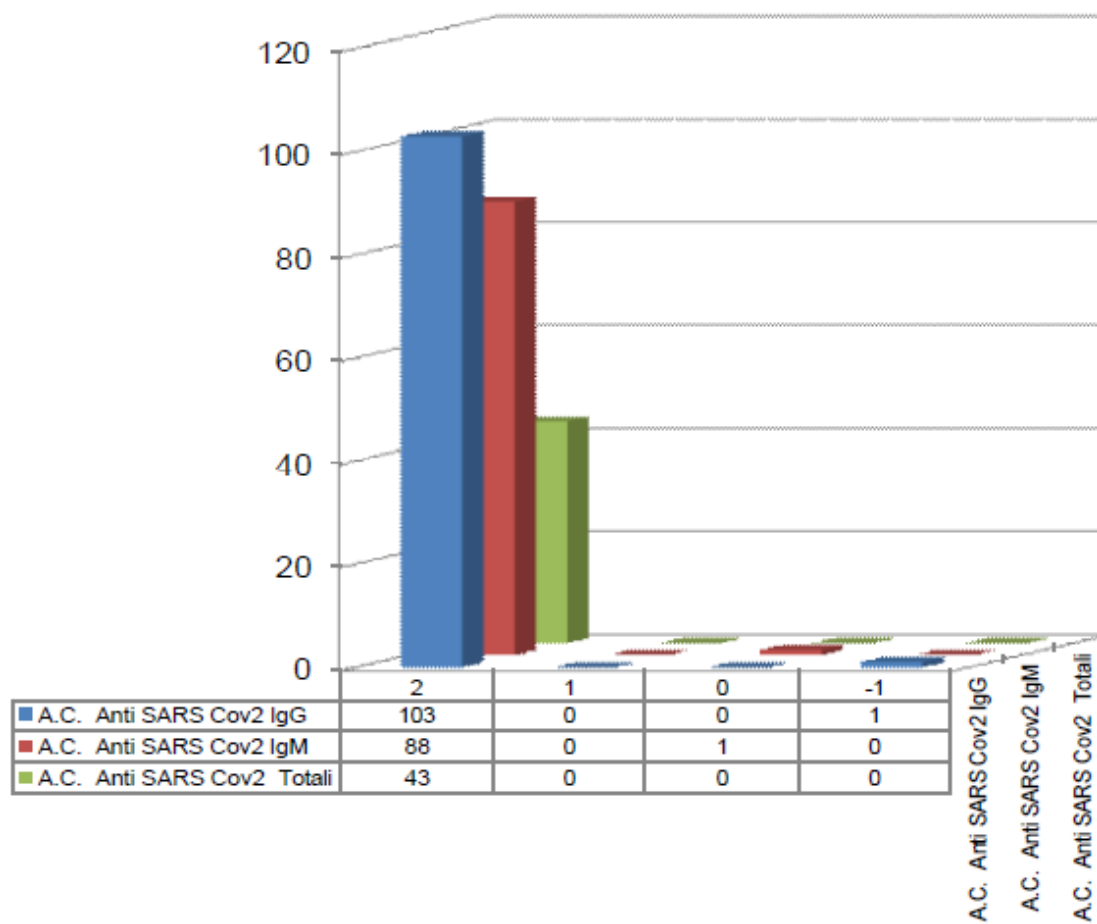
Campione n° 1

Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG



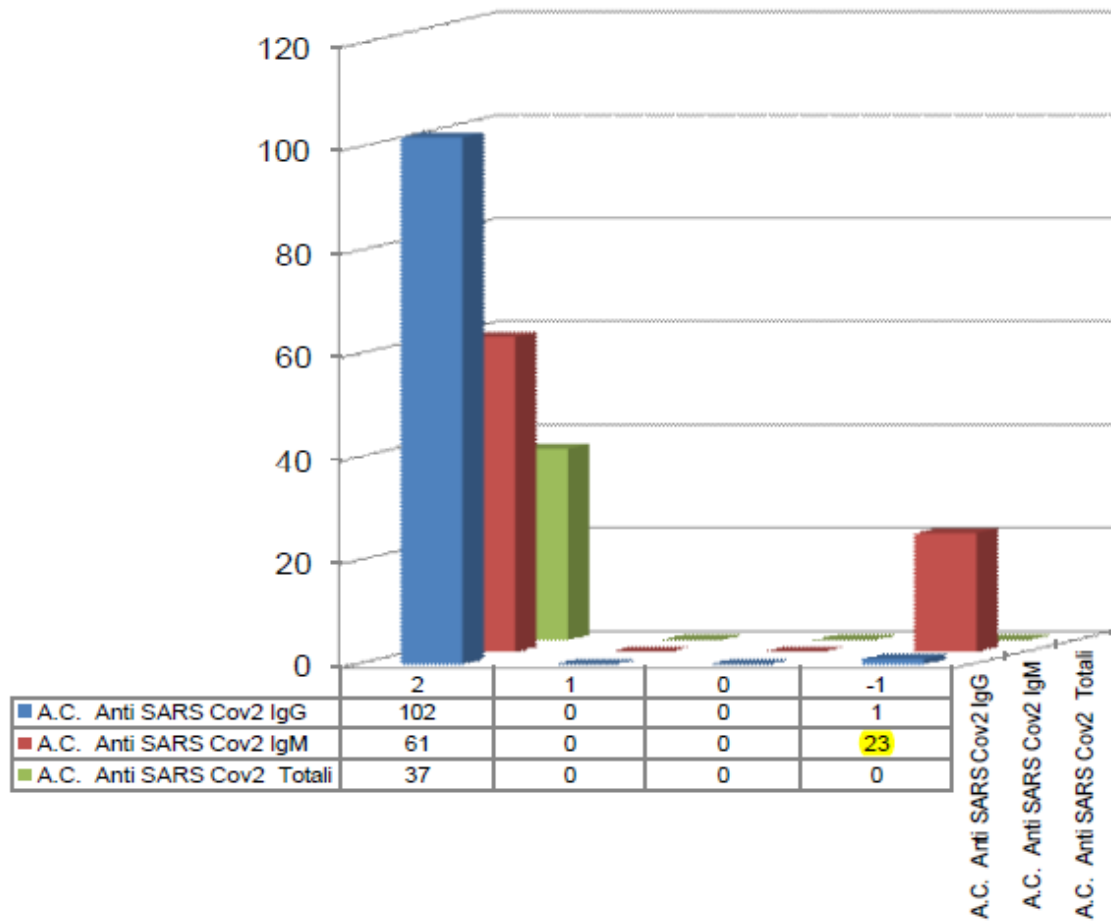
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Negativo



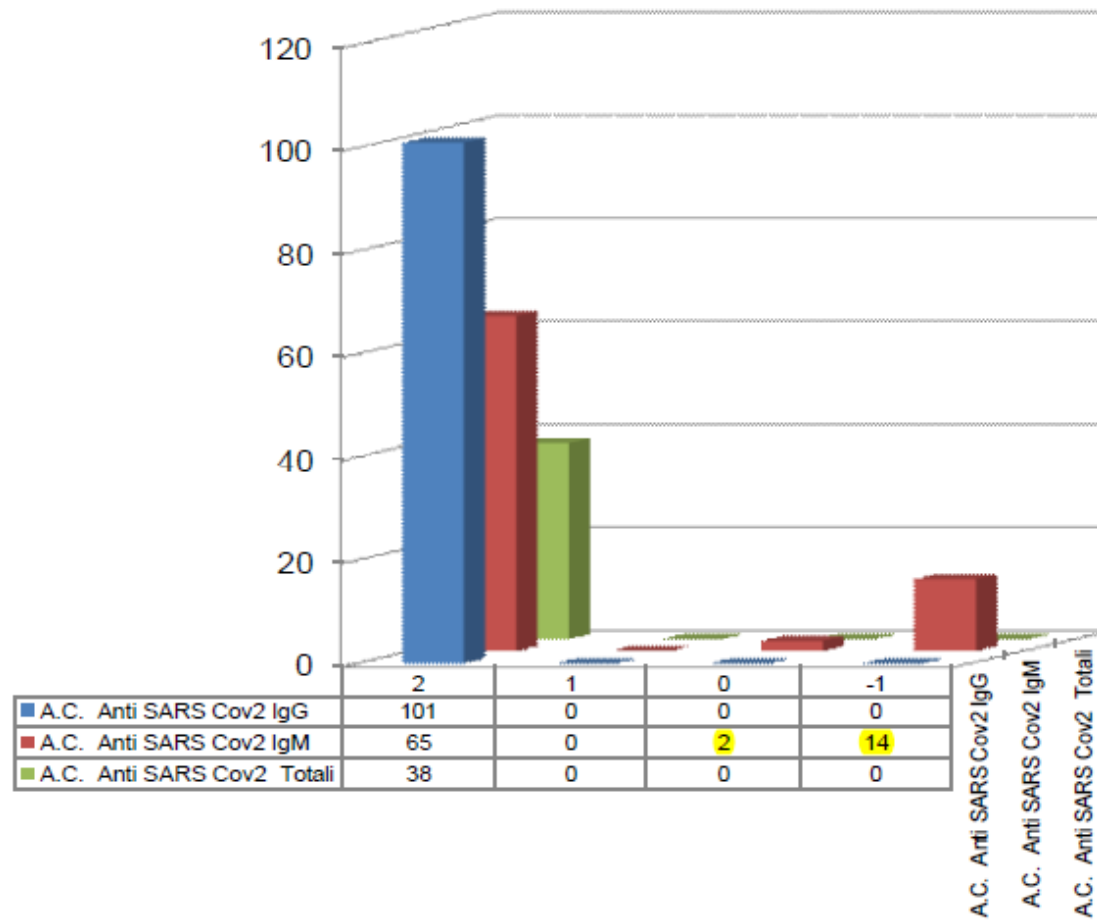
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Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG +IgM



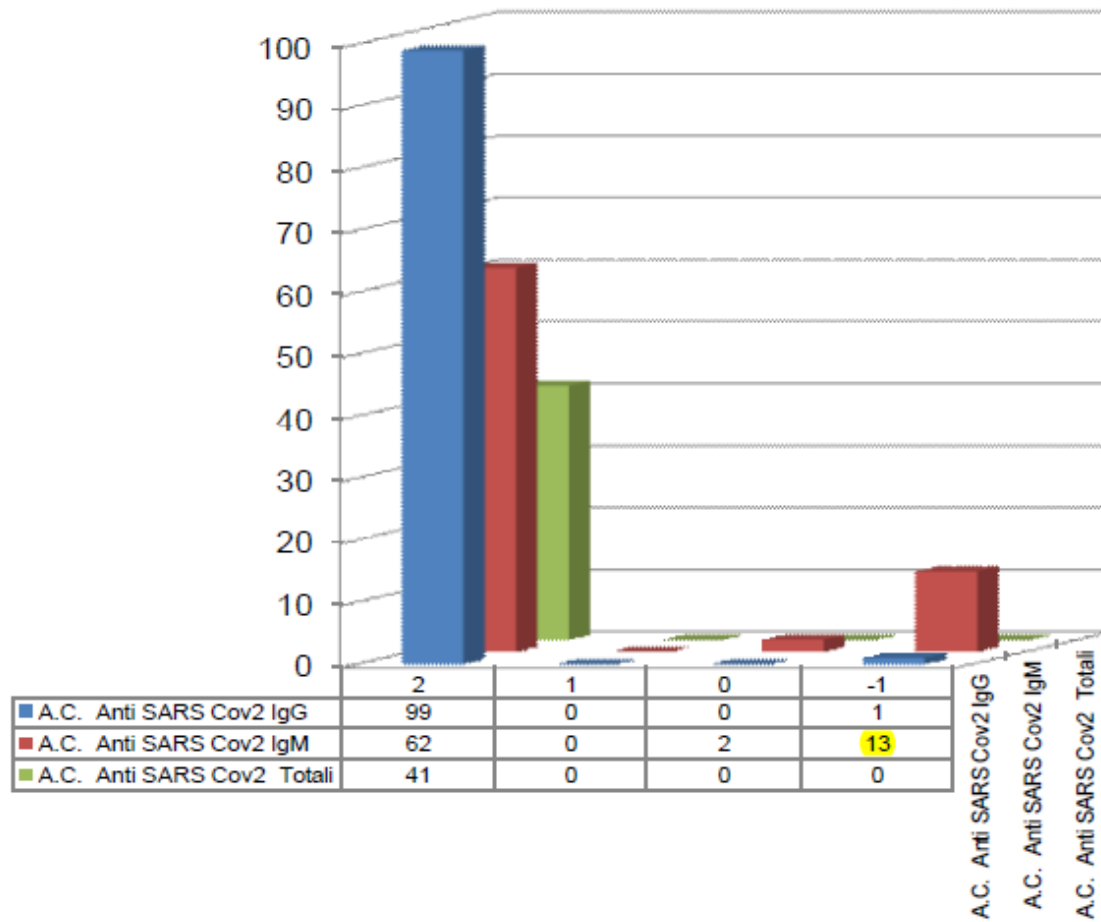
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Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG+IgM



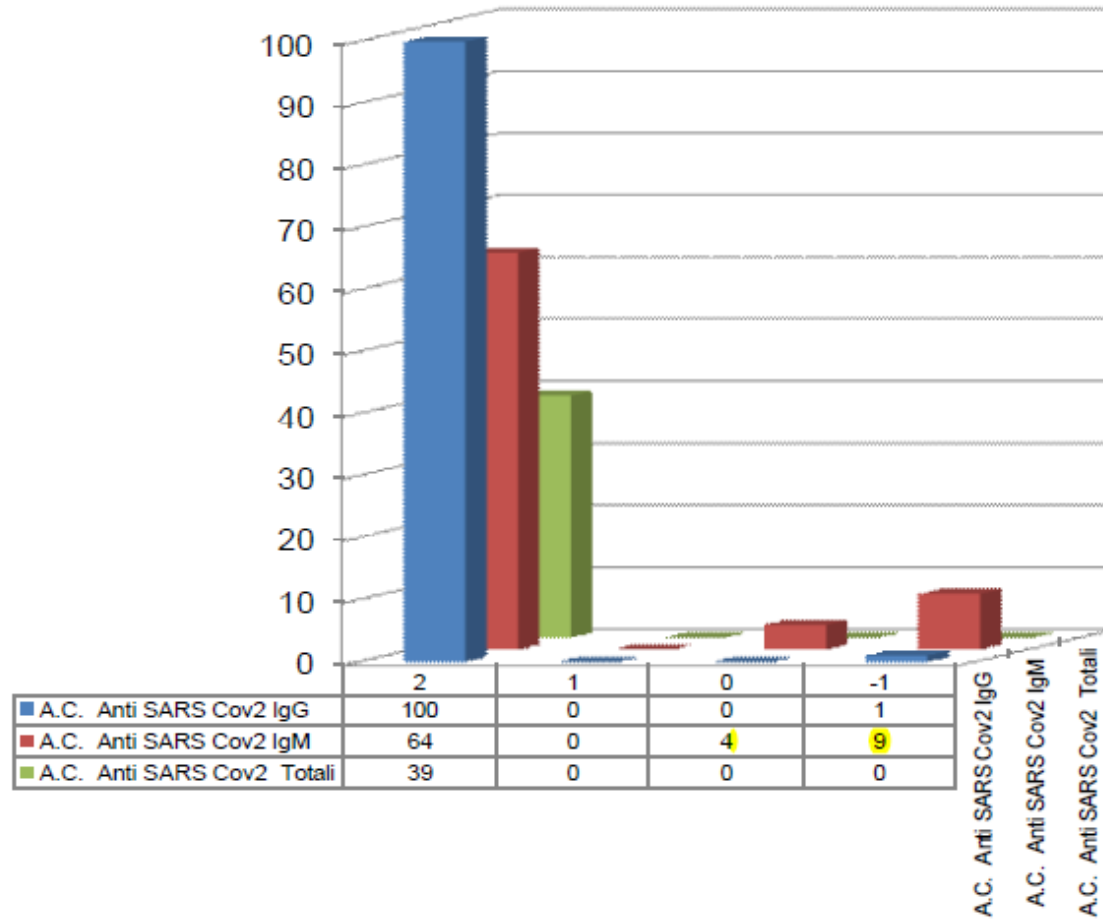
Campione n° 5

Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG



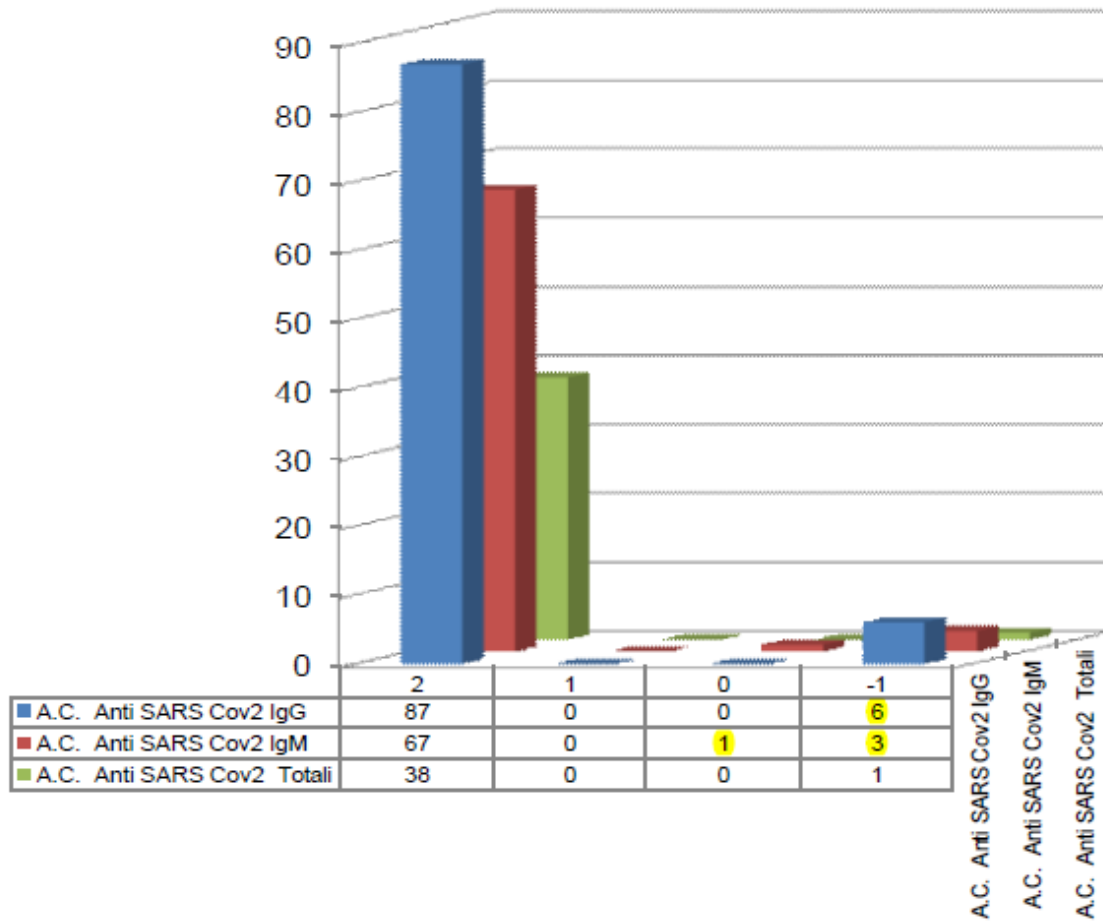
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Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG +IgM



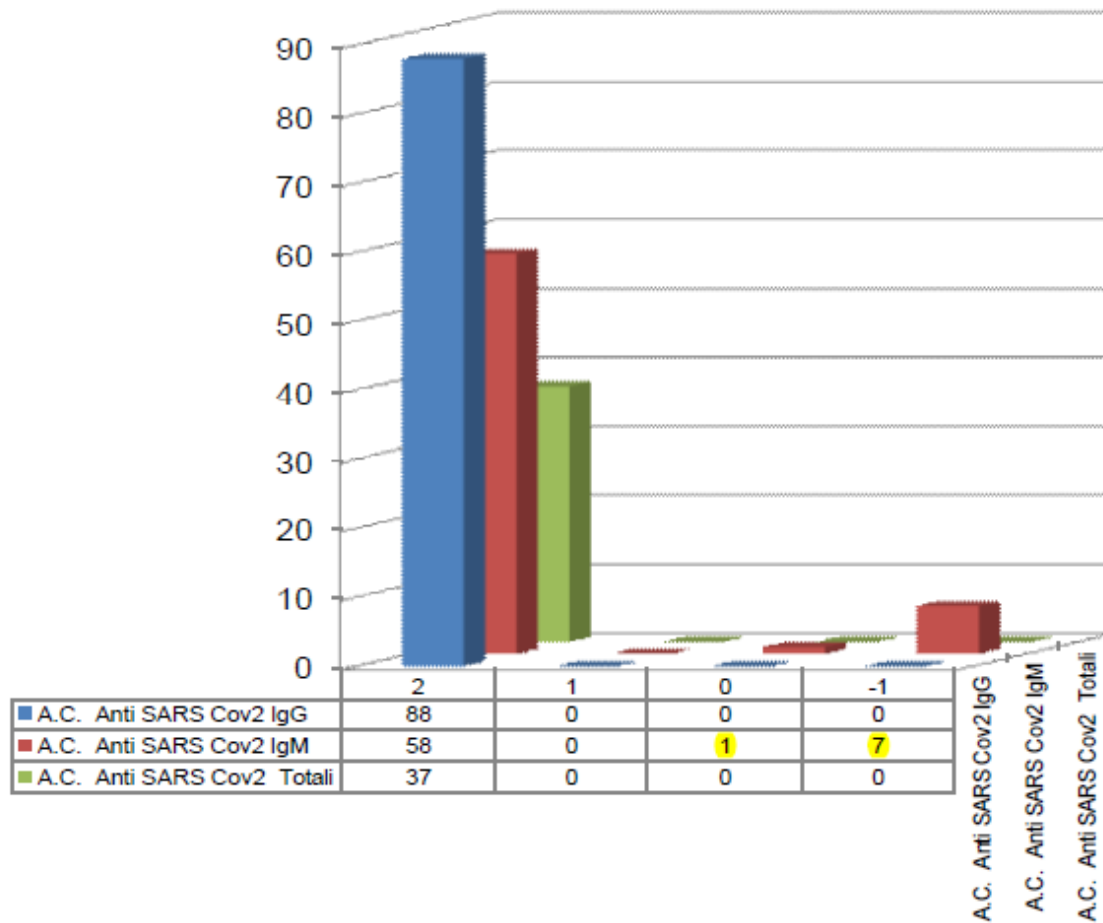
Campione n° 7

Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG +IgM



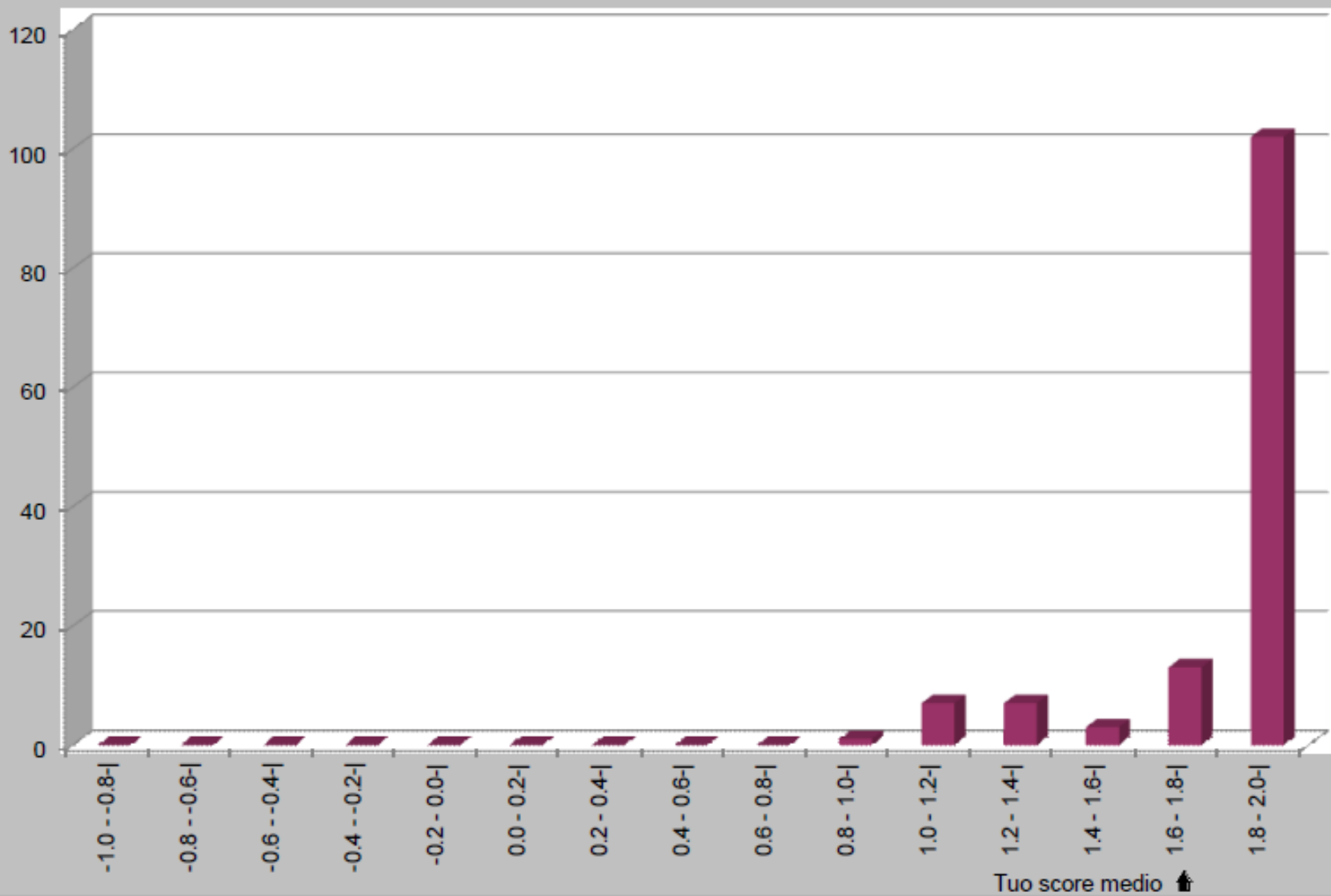
Campione n° 8

Positivo anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG



V.E.Q. in SIEROIMMUNOLOGIA SARS-CoV-2 Ciclo 2021 Riepilogo Score

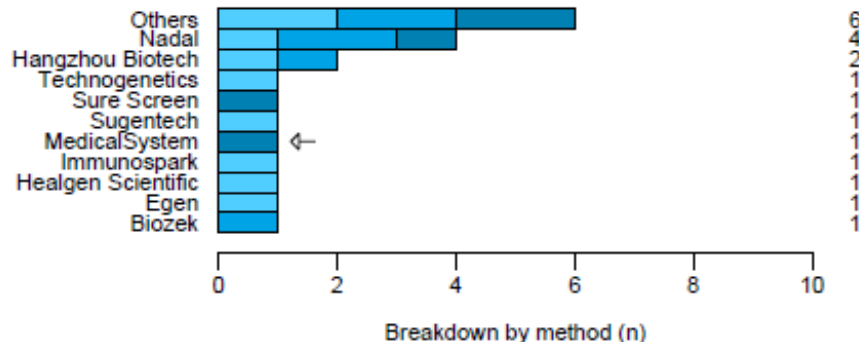
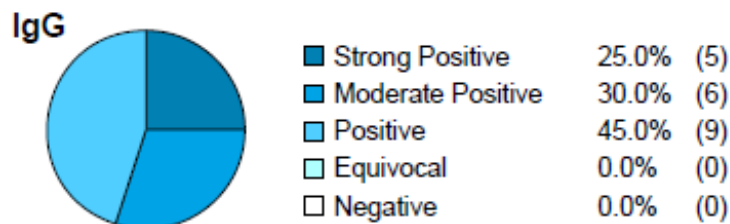
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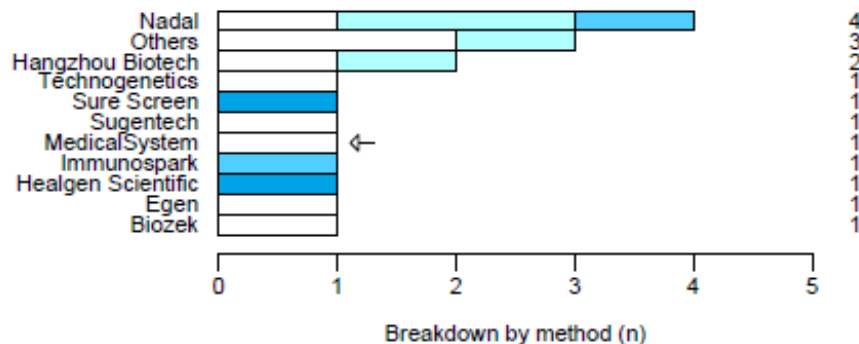
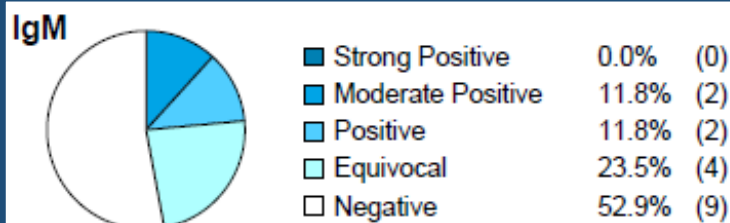
Specimen 203-2 - Qualitative

259 / 338 (77%) laboratories returned results for this distribution.

Sample 203-2 produced IgG positive results within all lateral flow devices utilised by participants. Results submitted for the IgM antibody did not however produce a clear consensus. Sample 203-2 will not be subject to MI scoring for the lateral flow section of this report.



Your result: Strong Positive



Your result: Negative

47.1% Positive
52.9% Negative



IgM anti-SARS-CoV-2-specific determination: useful or confusing? Big Data analysis of a real-life scenario

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N° of subjects analyzed for Abs anti SARS-CoV-2 detection

IgG/IgM
42911

Initial serological result

IgG-/IgM+
271

IgG-/IgM dub
231

IgG+/IgM+
640

IgG+/IgM-
1644

IgG+/IgM dub
152

IgG-/IgM-
40559

Subsequent positive swab

4/270
(1.5%)

3/208
(1.4%)

85/533
(15.9%)

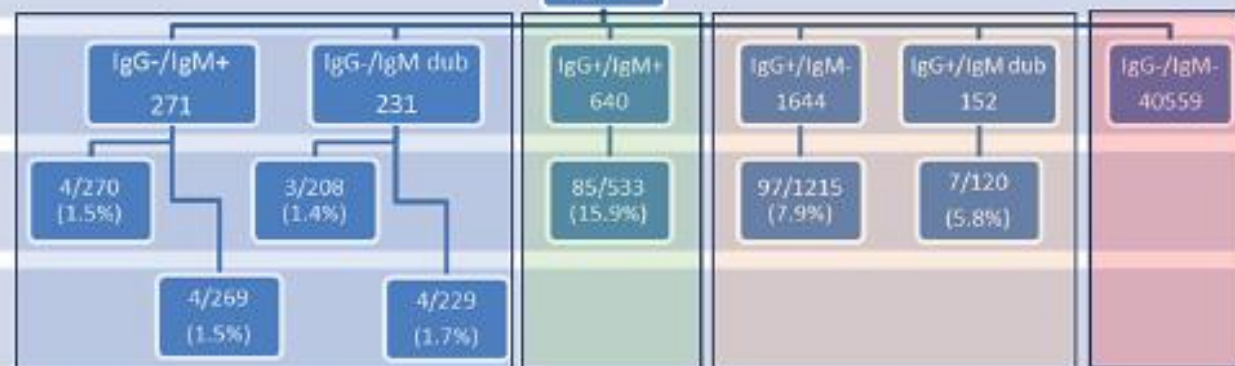
97/1215
(7.9%)

7/120
(5.8%)

Subsequent IgG positive serological result

4/269
(1.5%)

4/229
(1.7%)



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Brief Paper

Lack of cross-reactivity between rheumatoid factor IgM and anti-S1 receptor binding domain of SARS-CoV-2 IgM: a case-control study

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This study confirmed the lack of cross-reactivity between RF and anti-S1 RBD IgM, offering to clinicians a valuable tool for a better management of RA patients undergoing SARSCoV-2 serological tests

Main concepts

- Important to acknowledge differences between Ab response (interassays variability) against the different viral antigens.
- Anti-Spike Ab correlate better than anti-N Ab with neutralising activity
- Reliable serological assays are needed to understand the real impact of COVID-19 through sero-epidemiological studies.
- Development and harmonisation of serological assays for COVID-19 antibodies are important to evaluate the vaccine and treatment responses and to compare the multiple candidates.



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