

# Approval of exsig™ COVID-19 Direct test in the UK

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Paris, France and Camberley, UK - 15 July 2022 - Novacyt (EURONEXT GROWTH: ALNOV; AIM: NCYT), an international specialist in clinical diagnostics, announces that the Company's exsig™ COVID-19 Direct Real-Time PCR test has been approved in the UK under the UK Health Security Agency's Medical Devices (Coronavirus Test Device Approvals) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 ("CTDA").

The exsig™ COVID-19 Direct Real-Time PCR test is designed to detect a SARS-CoV-2 gene target within ORF1ab and, as with all the Company's direct-to-PCR products, removes the need for manual or automated extraction solutions to significantly improve laboratory workflow and reduce costs. In addition, the test is designed for use on an open platform, meaning it can be used with the Company's q16 and q32 instruments, as well as other validated systems. The test is the Company's fifth PCR product to be added to the CTDA register of approved products.

David Allmond, Group CEO of Novacyt, commented:

"To ensure Novacyt is well positioned for any future COVID-19 outbreaks, the Company continues to consolidate its portfolio. The approval of exsig™ COVID-19 Direct supports this aim, complementing the Company's existing PCR portfolio for COVID-19 testing in the UK and further reinforcing Novacyt's position as a first responder in infectious diseases."

The status of current CTDA submissions is as follows:

#	Product name	Current CTDA status
1	genesig® COVID-19 Real-Time PCR	Approved November 2021

2	PROmate® COVID-19 2G (q32)	Approved February 2022
3	PROmate® COVID-19 1G (q32)	Approved April 2022
4	PROmate® COVID-19 1G (q16)	Approved May 2022
5	exsig™ COVID-19 Direct	Approved July 2022
6	genesig® COVID-19 3G Real-Time PCR	Pending evaluation
7	genesig® Real-time PCR SARS-CoV-2 Winterplex	
8	PathFlow® COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Pro	
9	PathFlow® COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Self-Test	

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For more information, please refer to the website: [www.novacyt.com](http://www.novacyt.com)

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