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Device: *Status* COVID-19/Flu

EUA Number: EUA210015

Company: Princeton BioMeditech Corp.

Indication: Simultaneous qualitative detection and differentiation of nucleocapsid antigen from SARS-CoV-2, influenza A and influenza B directly from nasopharyngeal swab specimens obtained from individuals, who are suspected of respiratory viral infection consistent with COVID-19 by their healthcare provider, within the first five days of onset of symptoms. Emergency use of this test is limited to authorized laboratories.

Authorized Laboratories: Laboratories certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA), 42 U.S.C. §263a, that meet the requirements to perform moderate, high, or waived complexity tests. This test is authorized for use at the Point of Care (POC), i.e., i.e., in patient care settings operating under a CLIA Certificate of Waiver, Certificate of Compliance, or Certificate of Accreditation.

Dear Dr. Kim:

This letter is in response to your<sup>1</sup> request that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issue an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for emergency use of your product,<sup>2</sup> pursuant to Section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act) (21 U.S.C. §360bbb-3).

On February 4, 2020, pursuant to Section 564(b)(1)(C) of the Act, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) determined that there is a public health emergency that has a significant potential to affect national security or the health and security of United States citizens living abroad, and that involves the virus that causes COVID-19.

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<sup>1</sup> For ease of reference, this letter will use the term “you” and related terms to refer to Princeton BioMeditech Corp.

<sup>2</sup> For ease of reference, this letter will use the term “your product” to refer to the *Status* COVID-19/Flu.

Pursuant to Section 564 of the Act, and on the basis of such determination, the Secretary of HHS then declared that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of the virus that causes COVID-19 subject to the terms of any authorization issued under Section 564(a) of the Act.<sup>3</sup>

FDA considered the totality of scientific information available in authorizing the emergency use of your product for the indication above. A summary of the performance information FDA relied upon is included in the Instructions for Use (identified below). There are FDA-approved/cleared tests for influenza A virus and influenza B virus, but there are no FDA-approved/cleared multiplexed tests for simultaneous qualitative detection and differentiation of SARS-CoV-2, influenza A virus and/or influenza B virus nucleocapsid antigens. Respiratory viral infections caused by the influenza A and B viruses and SARS-CoV-2 can have similar clinical presentation and diagnostic considerations. Thus, to differentially detect SARS-CoV-2, information from a test that detects and differentiates the virus that causes COVID-19 and the common influenza viruses that cause seasonal epidemics of flu, influenza A and B (not influenza C) is needed during the flu season that coincides with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Having concluded that the criteria for issuance of this authorization under Section 564(c) of the Act are met, I am authorizing the emergency use of your product, described in the Scope of Authorization of this letter (Section II), subject to the terms of this authorization.

## **I. Criteria for Issuance of Authorization**

I have concluded that the emergency use of your product meets the criteria for issuance of an authorization under Section 564(c) of the Act, because I have concluded that:

1. The SARS-CoV-2 can cause a serious or life-threatening disease or condition, including severe respiratory illness, to humans infected by this virus;
2. Based on the totality of scientific evidence available to FDA, it is reasonable to believe that your product may be effective in diagnosing COVID-19, and that the known and potential benefits of your product when used for diagnosing COVID-19, outweigh the known and potential risks of your product; and
3. There is no adequate, approved, and available alternative to the emergency use of your product.<sup>4</sup>

## **II. Scope of Authorization**

I have concluded, pursuant to Section 564(d)(1) of the Act, that the scope of this authorization is limited to the indication above.

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<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Determination of a Public Health Emergency and Declaration that Circumstances Exist Justifying Authorizations Pursuant to Section 564(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act*, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3. 85 FR 7316 (February 7, 2020).

<sup>4</sup> No other criteria of issuance have been prescribed by regulation under Section 564(c)(4) of the Act.

## **Authorized Product Details**

Your product is a lateral flow immunoassay intended for the in vitro rapid, simultaneous qualitative detection and differentiation of nucleocapsid antigen from SARS-CoV-2, influenza A and influenza B directly from nasopharyngeal swab specimens obtained from individuals, who are suspected of respiratory viral infection consistent with COVID-19 by their healthcare provider, within the first five days of onset of symptoms. Clinical signs and symptoms of respiratory viral infection due to SARS-CoV-2 and influenza can be similar. Your product does not differentiate between SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 and is not intended to detect influenza C antigens. These viral antigens are generally detectable in nasopharyngeal swab samples during the acute phase of infection. Positive results indicate the presence of viral antigens, but the clinical correlation with patient history and other diagnostic information is necessary to determine infection status. Positive results do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other viruses. Negative SARS-CoV-2 results should be treated as presumptive and confirmed with a molecular assay, if necessary, for patient management. Negative results do not rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or patient management decisions, including infection control decisions. Negative results should be considered in the context of a patient's recent exposures, history, and the presence of clinical signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Negative influenza A and B test results should be treated as presumptive. It is recommended these results be confirmed by viral culture or an FDA-cleared influenza A and B molecular assay. Negative results do not preclude influenza virus infection and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or other management decisions. The clinical performance has not been established in all circulating variants but is anticipated to be reflective of the prevalent variants in circulation at the time and location of the clinical evaluation. Performance at the time of testing may vary depending on the variants circulating, including newly emerging strains of SARS-CoV-2 and/or influenza A and B viruses and their prevalence, which change over time.

Testing is limited to laboratories certified under CLIA that meet the requirements to perform moderate, high, or waived complexity tests. This test is authorized for use at the POC, i.e., in patient care settings operating under a CLIA Certificate of Waiver, Certificate of Compliance, or Certificate of Accreditation.

To use your product, a nasopharyngeal swab specimen is collected and placed into extraction reagent in the Extraction Well of the test device for one minute. During this time the antigen is extracted from disrupted virus particles. The test device is then raised, tapped and laid back down onto a level surface. The solution of extracted specimen then flows onto the test strip and migrates through the pads and membrane of the test strip. The pads contain detector antibodies, anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibody and/or anti-influenza antibody, conjugated to gold dye particles while membrane contains immobilized capture antibodies in three Test lines, one each for SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, and influenza B. If SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, and/or influenza B antigens are present in the specimen, they will react with antibody functionalized gold dye particles, migrate through the membrane as antigen-antibody-dye complexes, bind to the immobilized capture antibody line(s) on the membrane, and generate a colored line in the specific Test line position. The rest of the sample and unbound/bound dye complexes continue to migrate to the Control line position (C), where immobilized antibodies to the anti-SARS-CoV-2

and anti-influenza antibodies capture the dye complexes and form the Control line. Formation of the Control line serves as an internal control to demonstrate that test reagents are functional, antibody-dye conjugates in the dye pad have been hydrated and released and that sufficient sample has been applied to allow for migration through the Test and Control lines.

The *Status* COVID-19/Flu includes the following materials or other authorized materials: *Status* COVID-19/Flu test devices, Extraction Reagent in capsules, Sterile Swabs, Positive Control Swab, and Negative Control Swab.

In addition to the internal quality control line described above, you require use of the external quality controls, or other authorized controls (as may be requested under Condition N. below), that are run as outlined in the Instructions for Use:

- Positive Control Swab - Influenza A, B, and SARS-CoV-2 antigen (non-infective recombinant nucleocapsid protein)
- Negative Control Swab - Inactivated Group B Streptococcus antigen (non-infective)

Your product also requires the use of additional authorized materials that are not included with your product and are described in the Instructions for Use.

The labeling entitled “Status COVID-19/Flu” Instructions for Use and “Quick Reference Instructions *Status* COVID-19/Flu Nasopharyngeal Swab” (available at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/vitro-diagnostics-euas>), and the following fact sheets pertaining to the emergency use, are required to be made available as set forth in the Conditions of Authorization (Section IV), and are collectively referred to as “authorized labeling”:

- Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Princeton BioMeditech Corp. - *Status* COVID-19/Flu
- Fact Sheet for Patients: Princeton BioMeditech Corp. - *Status* COVID-19/Flu

The above described product, with the authorized labeling provided as set forth in the Conditions of Authorization (Section IV), is authorized to be distributed to and used by authorized laboratories under this EUA, despite the fact that it does not meet certain requirements otherwise required by applicable federal law.

I have concluded, pursuant to Section 564(d)(2) of the Act, that it is reasonable to believe that the known and potential benefits of your product, when used consistent with the Scope of Authorization of this letter (Section II), outweigh the known and potential risks of your product.

I have concluded, pursuant to Section 564(d)(3) of the Act, based on the totality of scientific evidence available to FDA, that it is reasonable to believe that your product may be effective in diagnosing COVID-19, when used consistent with the Scope of Authorization of this letter (Section II), pursuant to Section 564(c)(2)(A) of the Act.

FDA has reviewed the scientific information available to FDA, including the information

supporting the conclusions described in Section I above, and concludes that your product (as described in the Scope of Authorization of this letter (Section II)) meets the criteria set forth in Section 564(c) of the Act concerning safety and potential effectiveness.

The emergency use of your product under this EUA must be consistent with, and may not exceed, the terms of this letter, including the Scope of Authorization (Section II) and the Conditions of Authorization (Section IV). Subject to the terms of this EUA and under the circumstances set forth in the Secretary of HHS's determination under Section 564(b)(1)(C) of the Act described above and the Secretary of HHS's corresponding declaration under Section 564(b)(1) of the Act, your product is authorized for the indication above.

### **III. Waiver of Certain Requirements**

I am waiving the following requirements for your product during the duration of this EUA:

- Current good manufacturing practice requirements, including the quality system requirements under 21 CFR Part 820 with respect to the design, manufacture, packaging, labeling, storage, and distribution of your product, but excluding Subpart H (Acceptance Activities, 21 CFR 820.80 and 21 CFR 820.86), Subpart I (Nonconforming Product, 21 CFR 820.90), and Subpart O (Statistical Techniques, 21 CFR 820.250).

### **IV. Conditions of Authorization**

Pursuant to Section 564(e) of the Act, I am establishing the following conditions on this authorization:

#### **Princeton BioMeditech Corp. (You) and Authorized Distributor(s)<sup>5</sup>**

- A. Your product must comply with the following labeling requirements under FDA regulations: the intended use statement (21 CFR 809.10(a)(2), (b)(2)); adequate directions for use (21 CFR 809.10(b)(5), (7), and (8)); appropriate limitations on the use of the device including information required under 21 CFR 809.10(a)(4); and any available information regarding performance of the device, including requirements under 21 CFR 809.10(b)(12).
- B. You and authorized distributor(s) must make your product available with the authorized labeling to authorized laboratories.
- C. You and authorized distributor(s) must make available on your website(s) the authorized labeling.
- D. You and authorized distributors must include a physical copy of the authorized "Status

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<sup>5</sup> "Authorized Distributor(s)" are identified by you, Princeton BioMeditech Corp., in your EUA submission as an entity allowed to distribute your product.

COVID-19/Flu” Instructions for Use and “Quick Reference Instructions Status COVID-19/Flu Nasopharyngeal Swab” with each shipped product to authorized laboratories.

- E. You and authorized distributor(s) must inform authorized laboratories and relevant public health authorities of this EUA, including the terms and conditions herein, and any updates made to your product and authorized labeling.
- F. Through a process of inventory control, you and authorized distributor(s) must maintain records of the authorized laboratories to which they distribute your product and number they distribute.
- G. You and authorized distributor(s) must collect information on the performance of your product. You will report to FDA any suspected occurrence of false positive or false negative results and significant deviations from the established performance characteristics of the product of which you become aware.
- H. You and authorized distributor(s) are authorized to make available additional information relating to the emergency use of your product that is consistent with, and does not exceed, the terms of this letter of authorization.

**Princeton BioMeditech Corp. (You)**

- I. You must notify FDA of any authorized distributor(s) of your product, including the name, address, and phone number of any authorized distributor(s).
- J. You must provide authorized distributor(s) with a copy of this EUA and communicate to authorized distributor(s) any subsequent revisions that might be made to this EUA and its authorized accompanying materials (e.g., Fact Sheets).
- K. You must comply with the following requirements pursuant to FDA regulations: Subpart H (Acceptance Activities, 21 CFR 820.80 and 21 CFR 820.86), Subpart I (Nonconforming Product, 21 CFR 820.90), and Subpart O (Statistical Techniques, 21 CFR 820.250).
- L. You must have lot release procedures and the lot release procedures, including the study design and statistical power, must ensure that the tests released for distribution have the clinical and analytical performance claimed in the authorized labeling.
- M. If requested by FDA, you must submit lot release procedures to FDA, including sampling protocols, testing protocols, and acceptance criteria, that you use to release lots of your product for distribution in the U.S. If such lot release procedures are requested by FDA, you must provide it within 48 hours of the request.
- N. You may request changes to this EUA for your product, including to the Scope of Authorization (Section II in this letter) or to the authorized labeling, including requests to

make available additional authorized labeling specific to an authorized distributor. Such additional labeling may use another name for the product but otherwise must be consistent with the authorized labeling, and shall not exceed the terms of authorization of this letter. Any request for changes to this EUA should be submitted to the Division of Microbiology (DMD)/Office of Health Technology 7 (OHT7)-Office of In Vitro Diagnostics and Radiological Health (OIR)/Office of Product Evaluation and Quality (OPEQ)/Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) and require appropriate authorization from FDA prior to implementation.

- O. You must evaluate the analytical limit of detection and assess traceability<sup>6</sup> of your product with any FDA-recommended reference material(s). After submission to and review and concurrence with the data by FDA, you must update labeling to reflect the additional testing. Such labeling updates must be made in consultation with, and require concurrence of, DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH.
- P. You must further evaluate the clinical performance of your product by completing your on-going prospective clinical evaluation study within 4 months of the date of this letter (unless otherwise agreed to with DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH). After submission to and concurrence with the data by FDA, you must update authorized labeling to reflect the additional testing. Such labeling updates will be made in consultation with, and require concurrence of, DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH.
- Q. You must have a process in place to track adverse events, including any occurrence of false results and report to FDA pursuant to 21 CFR Part 803.

#### **Authorized Laboratories**

- R. Authorized laboratories using your product must include with test result reports, all authorized Fact Sheets. Under exigent circumstances, other appropriate methods for disseminating this labeling may be used, which may include mass media.
- S. Authorized laboratories using your product must use your product as outlined in the authorized labeling. Deviations from the authorized procedures, including authorized instruments, authorized clinical specimen types, authorized control materials, authorized ancillary reagents and authorized materials required to use your product are not permitted.
- T. Authorized laboratories that receive your product must notify the relevant public health authorities of their intent to run your product prior to initiating testing.
- U. Authorized laboratories using your product must have a process in place for reporting test results to healthcare providers and relevant public health authorities, as appropriate.
- V. Authorized laboratories must collect information on the performance of your product and

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<sup>6</sup> Traceability refers to tracing analytical sensitivity/reactivity back to an FDA-recommended reference material.

report to DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH (via email: [CDRH-EUA-Reporting@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:CDRH-EUA-Reporting@fda.hhs.gov)) and you (via email: [technical@lifesignmed.com](mailto:technical@lifesignmed.com), or via phone by contacting LifeSign Customer Support Services at 800-526-2125 or 732-246-3366) any suspected occurrence of false positive or false negative results and significant deviations from the established performance characteristics of your product of which they become aware.

- W. All operators using your product must be appropriately trained in performing and interpreting the results of your product, use appropriate personal protective equipment when handling this kit, and use your product in accordance with the authorized labeling.

**Princeton BioMeditech Corp. (You), Authorized Distributor(s) and Authorized Laboratories**

- X. You, authorized distributors, and authorized laboratories using your product must ensure that any records associated with this EUA are maintained until otherwise notified by FDA. Such records will be made available to FDA for inspection upon request.

**Conditions Related to Printed Materials, Advertising and Promotion**

- Y. All descriptive printed matter, advertising, and promotional materials relating to the use of your product shall be consistent with the authorized labeling, as well as the terms set forth in this EUA and meet the requirements set forth in section 502(a), (q)(1), and (r) of the Act and FDA implementing regulations.

- Z. No descriptive printed matter, advertising, or promotional materials relating to the use of your product may represent or suggest that this test is safe or effective for the detection of SARS-CoV-2.

- AA. All descriptive printed matter, advertising, and promotional materials relating to the use of your product shall clearly and conspicuously state that:

- This test has not been FDA cleared or approved, but has been authorized by FDA under an EUA for use by authorized laboratories;
- This test has been authorized only for the detection of proteins from SARS-CoV-2, influenza A and influenza B, not for any other viruses or pathogens; and,
- The emergency use of this test is only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 under Section 564(b)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the declaration is terminated or authorization is revoked sooner.

The emergency use of your product as described in this letter of authorization must comply with the conditions and all other terms of this authorization.

**V. Duration of Authorization**

This EUA will be effective until the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of the emergency use of in vitro diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 is terminated under Section 564(b)(2) of the Act or the EUA is revoked under Section 564(g) of the Act.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure