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Device: Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 assay

EUA Number: EUA200014

Company: Hologic Inc.

Indication: This test is authorized for the following indications for use:  
Qualitative detection of RNA from SARS-CoV-2 isolated and purified from nasopharyngeal (NP) and oropharyngeal (OP) swab specimens, nasopharyngeal washes/aspirates or nasal aspirates, and bronchoalveolar lavage specimens (collected by a healthcare provider) and anterior nasal (nasal) and mid-turbinate nasal swab specimens (collected under observation of or by a healthcare provider) from individuals who meet COVID-19 clinical and/or epidemiological criteria.

Qualitative detection of RNA from SARS-CoV-2 isolated and purified from NP and OP swab specimens (collected by a healthcare provider) and nasal and mid-turbinate nasal swab specimens (collected under observation of or by a healthcare provider) from any individual, including from individuals without symptoms or other reasons to suspect COVID-19.

Qualitative detection of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2 in pooled samples containing up to 5 individual NP or OP swabs (collected by a healthcare provider), or nasal or mid-turbinate nasal swabs (collected under observation of or by a healthcare provider), where each specimen is collected using individual vials containing transport media.

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 requirements to perform high complexity tests.

Dear Dr. Capkova:

On March 16, 2020, based on your<sup>1</sup> request, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a letter authorizing the emergency use of the Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 assay pursuant to Section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act) (21 U.S.C. §360bbb-3) for the indication stated in the letter.<sup>2</sup> Based on your requests, FDA granted updates to the authorized labeling on April 24, 2020<sup>3</sup> and January 22, 2021,<sup>4</sup> and reissued the letter on September 24, 2020<sup>5</sup> and July 23, 2021.<sup>6</sup>

On December 20, 2021, FDA received a request from you to amend your Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). In response to that request, and having concluded that revising the July 23, 2021, EUA is appropriate to protect the public health or safety under section 564(g)(2)(C) of the Act (21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(g)(2)(C)), FDA is reissuing the July 23, 2021, letter in its entirety with the revisions incorporated.<sup>7</sup> Accordingly, your product<sup>8</sup> is hereby authorized

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

<sup>2</sup> The March 16, 2020, letter authorized the Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 assay for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2 isolated and purified from nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swab specimens obtained from individuals who meet COVID-19 clinical and/or epidemiological criteria. Emergency use of the test was limited to laboratories certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA), 42 U.S.C. §263a, to perform high complexity tests.

<sup>3</sup> On April 24, 2020, your request was granted to update the Instructions for Use (IFU) of your product to: (1) add the Aptima MultiTest Collection Kit, (2) add nasal swab and lower respiratory tract specimens and the associated limitation, (3) add UTM, Saline, Liquid Amies, and Hologic specimen transport media as acceptable media for nasopharyngeal, nasal, and oropharyngeal specimens, (4) minor edits to the Instructions for Use, and (5) associated updates to the Healthcare Provider and Patient Fact Sheets.

<sup>4</sup> On January 22, 2021, your request was granted to update the Panther Fusion System Software Version 7.2 authorized for use with the Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 Assay to include pooling features.

<sup>5</sup> On September 24, 2020, the revisions to the March 16, 2020, letter and authorized labeling included: (1) revisions to the intended use and authorized labeling documents to include testing of upper respiratory specimens (such as nasopharyngeal, nasal, mid-turbinate, and oropharyngeal swab specimens, nasopharyngeal wash/aspirates or nasal wash), and lower respiratory tract specimens (such as bronchoalveolar lavage) obtained from individuals who meet COVID-19 clinical and/or epidemiological criteria, and (2) revisions to the intended use and authorized labeling documents to include testing of upper respiratory specimens (such as nasopharyngeal, nasal, mid-turbinate, and oropharyngeal swab specimens) collected from an individual, including from individuals without symptoms or other reasons to suspect COVID-19 infection, (3) revisions to the intended use and authorized labeling documents to include testing of pooling individual upper respiratory swab specimens (nasopharyngeal, nasal, mid-turbinate, or oropharyngeal swabs), where each specimen is collected under observation or by a healthcare provider using individual vials containing transport media, and (4) revisions to the Healthcare Provider and Patient Fact Sheets to reflect the intended use updates and language more consistent with recent authorizations.

<sup>6</sup> On July 23, 2021, the revisions to the September 24, 2020, letter and authorized labeling included: (1) updates to the IFU to include results of a post-authorization clinical study in an asymptomatic cohort to satisfy Condition O. of the September 24, 2020, letter, (2) revisions to the intended use to be consistent with recent authorizations, (3) revisions to the Healthcare Provider and Patient Fact Sheets to reflect the intended use updates, (4) removal of Condition O. of the September 24, 2020, letter which was fulfilled, (5) addition of the Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 product label to the authorized labeling and updates to the label to include the regulatory warnings and a link to the full-length electronic IFU, (6) addition of Condition D. to indicate that the product label must be included with each shipped product to authorized laboratories, and (7) addition of Conditions Q. and R. to evaluate the impact of SARS-CoV-2 viral mutations on product performance.

<sup>7</sup> The revisions to the July 23, 2021, letter and authorized labeling include: (1) updates to the limitation section of the IFU, (2) addition of authorized instructions for use with the Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit when used to collect oropharyngeal and anterior nasal (nasal) swab specimens and patient collection of nasal swab specimens in a health care setting for testing with the Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2, titled “Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit - Instructions for SARS-CoV-2 Specimen Collection,” and addition of a new Condition of

pursuant to section 564 of the Act when used pursuant to the Scope of Authorization (Section II) and Conditions of Authorization (Section IV) of this reissued letter.

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. 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>9</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 contained in the Instructions for Use (identified below).

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 (as described in the Scope of Authorization of this letter (Section II)) in individuals who meet COVID-19 clinical and/or epidemiological criteria for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 by authorized laboratories, 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 such product; and
3. There is no adequate, approved, and available alternative to the emergency use of your product for diagnosing COVID-19.<sup>10</sup>

## **II. Scope of Authorization**

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Authorization E. (below) outlining distribution of the authorized labeling, and (3) updates to the letter and the Fact Sheet for Patients and Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers to reflect language used in more recent authorizations.

<sup>8</sup> For ease of reference, this letter will use the term “your product” to refer to the Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 assay used for the indication identified above.

<sup>9</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>10</sup> No other criteria of issuance have been prescribed by regulation under Section 564(c)(4) of the Act.

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

### **The Authorized Product**

Your product is authorized for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2 isolated and purified from NP and OP swab specimens, nasopharyngeal washes/aspirates or nasal aspirates, and bronchoalveolar lavage specimens (collected by a healthcare provider) and nasal and mid-turbinate nasal swab specimens (collected under observation of or by a healthcare provider) from individuals who meet COVID-19 clinical and/or epidemiological criteria, as well as NP and OP swab specimens (collected by a healthcare provider) and nasal and mid-turbinate nasal swab specimens (collected under observation of or by a healthcare provider) from any individual, including from individuals without symptoms or other reasons to suspect COVID-19.

This test is also for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid from the SARS-CoV-2 in pooled samples containing up to 5 individual NP or OP swabs (collected by a healthcare provider), or nasal or mid-turbinate nasal swabs (collected under observation of or by a healthcare provider) where each specimen is collected using individual vials containing transport media. Negative results from pooled testing should not be treated as definitive. If a patient's clinical signs and symptoms are inconsistent with a negative result or if results are necessary for patient management, then the patient should be considered for individual testing. Specimens included in pools with a positive or invalid result must be tested individually prior to reporting a result. Specimens with low viral loads may not be detected in sample pools due to the decreased sensitivity of pooled testing. For specific patients, whose specimen(s) were the subject of pooling, a notice that pooling was used during testing must be included when reporting the result to the healthcare provider, e.g., clinician.

Testing is limited to laboratories certified under CLIA that meet requirements to perform high complexity tests.

The SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid is generally detectable in upper and lower respiratory specimens during the acute phase of infection. Positive results are indicative of the presence of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid, clinical correlation with patient history and other diagnostic information is necessary to determine patient infection status. Positive results do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other viruses. Negative results do not preclude SARS-CoV-2 infection and should not be used as the sole basis for patient management decisions. Negative results must be combined with clinical observations, patient history, and epidemiological information.

The Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 assay is performed on the Panther Fusion System, or other authorized instrument (as maybe requested under Condition L. below), which is an integrated nucleic acid testing system that fully automates all steps necessary to perform various Panther Fusion assays from sample processing through amplification, detection, and data reduction. The assay incorporates an internal control, or other authorized control materials (as maybe requested under Condition L. below), that are described in the Instructions for Use.

Your product includes the materials (or other authorized materials as maybe requested under Condition L. below) described in the Instructions for Use. The Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 test also requires the use of additional authorized materials and authorized ancillary reagents that are

not included with the test and are described in the Instructions for Use.

The labeling entitled “Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 Assay (Panther Fusion System)” Instructions for Use (available at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/in-vitro-diagnostics-euas>), the “Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 Primer Probe Reagent Mix” product label, and the following fact sheets pertaining to the emergency use is 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: Hologic, Inc. - Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2
- Fact Sheet for Patients: Hologic, Inc. Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2

The above described product, when accompanied by 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.

The Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit, which you recommend be used with the Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 assay and is available separately, is authorized to be distributed and used as set forth in the Conditions of Authorization (Section IV).

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 such 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 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, when used consistent with 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)(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:

##### **Hologic Inc. (You) and Its Authorized Distributor(s)<sup>11</sup>**

- A. Your product must comply with the following labeling requirements pursuant to FDA regulations: the intended use statement (21 CFR 809.10(a)(2), (b)(2)); adequate directions for use (21 U.S.C. 352(f)), (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 available the authorized labeling to authorized laboratories.
- C. You and authorized distributor(s) must make available on your website(s) the Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers and the Fact Sheet for Patients.
- D. You and authorized distributor(s) must include the “Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 Primer Probe Reagent Mix” product label with each shipped product to authorized laboratories and will make the authorized “Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 Assay (Panther Fusion System)” Instructions for Use electronically available with the opportunity to request a copy in paper form, and after such request, you must promptly provide the requested information without additional cost.
- E. You and authorized distributor(s) must include the business card within the “Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit” box with each shipped product to authorized laboratories and will make the authorized “Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit - Instructions for SARS-CoV-2 Specimen Collection” electronically available with the opportunity to request a copy in paper form, and after such request, you must promptly provide the requested information without additional cost.

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<sup>11</sup> “Authorized Distributor(s)” are identified by you, Hologic, Inc., in your EUA submission as an entity allowed to distribute your product.

- F. 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.
- G. Through a process of inventory control, you and authorized distributor(s) must maintain records of the authorized laboratories to which they distribute the test and number of tests they distribute.
- H. You and authorized distributor(s) must collect information on the performance of the test. You will report to 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) any suspected occurrence of false positive and false negative results and significant deviations from the established performance characteristics of the test of which you become aware.
- I. 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.

**Hologic, Inc. (You)**

- J. You must notify FDA of any authorized distributor(s) of your product, including the name, address, and phone number of any authorized distributor(s).
- K. You must provide its authorized distributor(s) with a copy of this EUA and communicate to its authorized distributor(s) any subsequent amendments that might be made to this EUA and its authorized accompanying materials (e.g., Fact Sheets).
- L. 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 not exceed the terms of authorization of this letter. Any request for changes to this EUA should be submitted to the DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH and require appropriate authorization from FDA prior to implementation.
- M. You must comply with the following requirements under FDA regulations: 21 CFR 820 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).
- N. You must have lot release procedures and the lot release procedures, including the study design and statistical power, must ensure that your product released for distribution has the clinical and analytical performance claimed in the authorized labeling.

- O. 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.
- P. You must evaluate the analytical limit of detection and assess traceability<sup>12</sup> of your product with any FDA-recommended reference material(s). After submission to and concurrence with the data by FDA, you will update your 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 in accordance with 21 CFR Part 803.
- R. You must evaluate the impact of SARS-CoV-2 viral mutations on your product's performance. Such evaluations must occur on an ongoing basis and must include any additional data analysis that is requested by FDA in response to any performance concerns you or FDA identify during routine evaluation. Additionally, if requested by FDA, you must submit records of these evaluations for FDA review within 48 hours of the request. If your evaluation identifies viral mutations that affect the stated expected performance of your device, you must notify FDA immediately.
- S. If requested by FDA, you must update your labeling within 7 calendar days to include any additional labeling risk mitigations identified by FDA, such as those related to the impact of viral mutations on test performance. Such updates will be made in consultation with, and require concurrence of, DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH.

### **Authorized Laboratories**

- T. Authorized laboratories using your product must include with test result reports, all authorized Fact Sheets. Under exigent circumstances, other appropriate methods for disseminating these Fact Sheets may be used, which may include mass media.
- U. Authorized laboratories using your product must use your product as outlined in the authorized labeling. Deviations from the authorized procedures, including the authorized instruments, authorized extraction methods, authorized clinical specimen types, authorized control materials, authorized other ancillary reagents and authorized materials required to use your product are not permitted.
- V. Authorized laboratories that receive your product must notify the relevant public health authorities of their intent to run your product to initiating testing.
- W. 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.

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<sup>12</sup> Traceability refers to tracing analytical sensitivity/reactivity back to an FDA-recommended reference material.



- X. Authorized laboratories must collect information on the performance of your product and report to DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH (via email: [CDRH-EUA-Reporting@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:CDRH-EUA-Reporting@fda.hhs.gov)) and you ([customersupport@hologic.com](mailto:customersupport@hologic.com)) any suspected occurrence of false positive or false negative results and significant deviations from the established performance characteristics of the test of which they become aware.
- Y. Authorized laboratories using specimen pooling strategies when testing patient specimens with your product must include with test result reports for specific patients whose specimen(s) were the subject of pooling, a notice that pooling was used during testing and that *“Patient specimens with low viral loads may not be detected in sample pools due to the decreased sensitivity of pooled testing.”*
- Z. Authorized laboratories implementing pooling strategies for testing patient specimens must use the “Specimen Pooling Implementation and Monitoring Guidelines” available in the authorized labeling to evaluate the appropriateness of continuing to use such strategies based on the recommendations in the protocol.
- AA. Authorized laboratories must keep records of specimen pooling strategies implemented including type of strategy, date implemented, and quantities tested, and test result data generated as part of the Protocol for Monitoring of Specimen Pooling Testing Strategies. For the first 12 months from the date of their creation, such records will be made available to FDA within 48 business hours for inspection upon request and will be made available within a reasonable time after 12 months from the date of their creation.
- BB. All laboratory personnel using the test must be appropriately trained in RT-PCR techniques and use appropriate laboratory and personal protective equipment when handling this kit and use the test in accordance with the authorized labeling.

#### **Hologic Inc. (You), Authorized Distributor(s), and Authorized Laboratories**

- CC. You, authorized distributor(s) 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**

- DD. 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, as applicable, and FDA implementing regulations.
- EE. 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.
- FF. All descriptive printed matter, advertising and promotional materials, relating to the use

of your product shall clearly and conspicuously state that:

- This product has not been FDA cleared or approved, but has been authorized for emergency use by FDA under an EUA for use by authorized laboratories;
- This product has been authorized only for the detection of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens; and
- The emergency use of this product 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