## WHO Prequalification of In Vitro Diagnostics PUBLIC REPORT

Product: cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 6800/8800 and cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 5800/6800/8800 Systems

WHO reference number: PQDx 0528-046-00

cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 6800/8800 and cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 5800/6800/8800 Systems with product codes 07862113190 and 09040528190, manufactured by Roche Molecular Systems, Inc., CE-marked regulatory version, was accepted for the WHO list of prequalified in vitro diagnostics and was listed on 10 November 2023.

# Summary of WHO Prequalification Assessment for cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 6800/8800 and cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 5800/6800/8800 Systems

	Date	Outcome
Prequalification listing	10 November 2023	Listed
Dossier review	Abridged assessment	NA
Site inspection(s) of the	13 November 2020	MR
quality management system		
Product performance	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> quarters of 2022	MR
evaluation		

MR: Meet Requirements, NA: Not Applicable.

#### Intended use:

According to the claim of intended use from Roche Molecular Systems, Inc., "cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 6800/8800 and cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 5800/6800/8800 Systems is an in vitro nucleic acid amplification test for the qualitative detection and differentiation of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) type 1 (HIV-1) and type 2 (HIV-2) in human serum, plasma, and dried blood spots (DBS).

The test is intended to be used as an aid in diagnosis of HIV-1/HIV-2. Detection of HIV-1 or HIV-2 nucleic acid is indicative of HIV-1 or HIV-2 infection, respectively. The presence of HIV-1 or HIV-2 nucleic acid in the plasma or serum of individuals without antibodies to HIV-1 or HIV-2 is indicative of acute or primary infection. In infants born to HIV-infected mothers and who have maternal antibodies to HIV-1 or HIV-2, the presence of HIV nucleic acid is indicative

of active infection. cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative may also be used to confirm HIV-1 or HIV-2 infection in an individual with specimens reactive for HIV-1 or HIV-2 antibodies or antigens."

#### **Assay description:**

According to the claim of assay description from Roche Molecular Systems, Inc, "cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative is based on fully automated sample preparation (nucleic acid extraction and purification) followed by PCR amplification and detection. The cobas 5800 System is designed as one integrated instrument. The cobas 6800/8800 Systems consist of the sample supply module, the transfer module, the processing module, and the analytic module. Automated data management is performed by the cobas 5800 or cobas 6800/8800 Systems software which assigns test results for all tests as non-reactive, reactive, or invalid. Results can be reviewed directly on the system screen, exported, or printed as a PDF report.

Nucleic acid from patient samples and added armored RNA internal control (IC) molecules (which serve as the sample preparation and amplification/detection process control) is simultaneously extracted. In addition, the test utilizes three external controls: two positive and a negative control. In summary, viral nucleic acid is released by addition of proteinase and lysis reagent to the sample. The released nucleic acid binds to the silica surface of the added magnetic glass particles. Unbound substances and impurities, such as denatured protein, cellular debris and potential PCR inhibitors are removed with subsequent wash steps and purified nucleic acid is eluted from the magnetic glass particles with elution buffer at elevated temperature.

Selective amplification of target nucleic acid from the sample is achieved by the use of target virus-specific forward and reverse primers which are selected from highly conserved regions of the HIV-1 and HIV-2 genomes. The HIV-1 gag gene, the HIV-1 LTR region (dual target for HIV-1) and the HIV-2 LTR region are amplified by cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative.

Selective amplification of IC is achieved by the use of sequence-specific forward and reverse primers which are selected to have no homology with the HIV-1 or HIV-2 genomes. A thermostable DNA polymerase enzyme is used for both reverse-transcription and PCR amplification. The target and IC sequences are amplified simultaneously utilizing a universal PCR amplification profile with predefined temperature steps and number of cycles. The master mix includes deoxyuridine triphosphate (dUTP), instead of deoxythimidine triphosphate (dTTP), which is incorporated into the newly synthesized DNA (amplicon). Any contaminating amplicons from previous PCR runs are eliminated by the AmpErase enzyme, which is included in the PCR master mix, during the first thermal cycling step. However, newly formed amplicons are not eliminated since the AmpErase enzyme is inactivated once exposed to temperatures above 55°C.

cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative master mix contains two detection probes specific for the HIV-1 target sequences, one for HIV-2 target sequences and one for the IC. The probes are labeled with target specific fluorescent reporter dyes allowing simultaneous detection of HIV-1 target, HIV-2 target and IC in three different target channels. When not bound to the target sequence, the fluorescent signal of the intact probes is suppressed by a quencher dye. During the PCR amplification step, hybridization of the probes to the specific single-stranded DNA template results in cleavage of the probe by the 5' to 3' exonuclease activity of the DNA polymerase resulting in separation of the reporter and quencher dyes and the generation of

a fluorescent signal. With each PCR cycle, increasing amounts of cleaved probes are generated and the cumulative signal of the reporter dye increases concomitantly. Real-time detection and discrimination of PCR products is accomplished by measuring the fluorescence of the released reporter dyes for the viral targets and IC, respectively."

#### Test kit contents:

Component	Product code and number of tests/kit (T/k)
cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative	07862113190 (96 T/kit) (for use on the cobas 6800/8800 Systems)
cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative	09040528190 (192 T/kit) (for use on the cobas 5800/6800/8800 Systems)

#### Items required but not provided:

Item	Description (product code and number of tests/kit (T/kit)
cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit	07862091190 (for use on the cobas 6800/8800 Systems)
cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit	09040536190 (for use on the cobas 5800/6800/8800 Systems)
cobas NHP Negative Control Kit	07002220190(for use on the cobas 6800/8800 Systems)
cobas NHP Negative Control Kit	09051554190 (for use on the cobas 5800/6800/8800 Systems)
cobas Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent	08064695190
cobas omni reagents for sample preparation	
cobas omni MGP Reagent (MGP)	06997546190, 480 T/kit
cobas omni Specimen Diluent (SPEC DIL)	06997511190, 4 x 875 mL
cobas omni Lysis Reagent (LYS)	06997538190, 4 x 875 mL
cobas omni Wash Reagent (WASH)	Product code 06997503190, 4.2 L

#### Material and consumables for use on cobas 5800 System

Material	P/N
	22442275224
cobas omni Processing Plate 24	08413975001
cobas omni Amplification Plate 24	08499853001
cobas omni Liquid Waste Plate 24	08413983001
Tip CORE TIPS with Filter, 1mL	04639642001
Tip CORE TIPS with Filter, 300uL	07345607001
cobas omni Liquid Waste	07094388001
Container	
cobas omni Lysis Reagent	06997538190
cobas omni MGP Reagent	06997546190
cobas omni Specimen Diluent	06997511190
cobas omni Wash Reagent	06997503190
Solid Waste Bag	07435967001
or	or
Solid Waste Bag With Insert	08030073001

#### Materials and consumables for use on cobas 6800/8800 Systems

Material	P/N
cobas omni Processing Plate	05534917001
cobas omni Amplification Plate	05534941001
cobas omni Pipette Tips	05534925001
cobas omni Liquid Waste Container	07094388001
cobas omni Lysis Reagent	06997538190
cobas omni MGP Reagent	06997546190
cobas omni Specimen Diluent	06997511190
cobas omni Wash Reagent	06997503190
Solid Waste Bag and Solid Waste	07435967001 and
Container	07094361001
or	or
Solid Waste Bag With Insert and Kit	08030073001 and
Drawer	08387281001

#### Other materials and consumables required for DBS application only

Materials
Whatman 903 filter card, Munktell Specimen Collection card TFN or equivalent (12-13 mm
spot diameter)
Tubes, 5 mL, internal thread, 12.5 mm diameter, polypropylene (i.e., Cryo.s) with caps
Eppendorf Thermomixer (e.g., model R 5355 or equivalent) with Thermoblock for 24
cryotubes.
Sterile or disposable forceps or tweezers
Resealable bags and desiccant sachets (for DBS storage)

#### Instrumentation and software required:

The cobas 5800 software and cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative analysis package for the cobas 5800 System, SW cobas 5800 HIV-1/2 Qual-Serum/Plasma ASAP and/or SW cobas 5800 HIV-1/2 Qual-DBS ASAP, shall be installed on the cobas 5800 instrument. The Data Manager software and PC for the cobas 5800 System will be provided with the system.

The cobas 6800/8800 software and cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative analysis package(s) for the cobas 6800/8800 Systems, SW cobas HIV-1/2 Qual-Serum/Plasma ASAP and/or SW cobas HIV-1/2 Qual-DBS ASAP, shall be installed on the instrument(s). The Instrument Gateway (IG) server will be provided with the system.

Equipment	P/N
cobas 5800 System	08707464001
cobas 6800 System (Option Moveable)	05524245001 and 06379672001
cobas 6800 System (Fix)	05524245001 and 06379664001
Cobas 8800 System	05412722001
Sample Supply Module	06301037001

#### Storage (when a reagent is not on the system):

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Reagent	Storage temperature
cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative	2–8°C
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Control Kit	
cobas NHP Negative Control Kit	2–8°C
cobas omni Lysis Reagent	2–8°C
cobas omni MGP Reagent	2–8°C

cobas omni Specimen Diluent	2–8°C
cobas omni Wash Reagent	15–30°

#### Shelf-life upon manufacture:

24 months.

#### Warnings/limitations:

Please refer to the instructions for use attached to this public report.

#### **Prioritization for prequalification**

Based on the established eligibility criteria, the cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 6800/8800 and cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 5800/6800/8800 Systems was given priority for the WHO prequalification assessment.

#### **Product dossier assessment**

In accordance with the WHO procedure for abridged prequalification assessment, Roche Molecular Systems, Inc. was not required to submit a product dossier for cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative as per the "Instructions for compilation of a product dossier" (PQDx\_018 version 3). Notwithstanding, certain aspects of the product dossier previously submitted for stringent regulatory review were reviewed by an assessor during the site inspection.

#### Manufacturing site inspection

A desk assessment of Roche Molecular Systems, Inc., located at 1080 US Hwy 202 South Branchburg Township, 8879, United States of America, was completed on 13 November 2020. At the time of considering the product application for Prequalification, the Manufacturer of the product had a well-established quality management system and manufacturing practices in place that would support the manufacture of a product of consistent quality.

Routine inspections of the Manufacturing site will be conducted with copies of the WHO Public Inspection Report (WHOPIR) published on the WHO Prequalification web page as per Resolution WHA57.14 of the World Health Assembly. Note that a WHOPIR reflects the information on the most current inspection performed at a manufacturing site for *in vitro* diagnostic products and gives a summary of the inspection findings.

Information on the most current inspection can be found at: <a href="https://extranet.who.int/pqweb/inspection-services/prequalification-reports/whopirs-vitro-diagnostics">https://extranet.who.int/pqweb/inspection-services/prequalification-reports/whopirs-vitro-diagnostics</a>

All published WHOPIRs are with the agreement of the manufacturer.

#### **Product performance evaluation**

cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 6800/8800 and cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 5800/6800/8800 Systems (Roche Molecular Systems, Inc.) was evaluated at NHLS (South Africa) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2022, at RETRO CI (Côte d'Ivoire) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022, and the CDC (United States) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of 2021, on behalf of WHO in the according to protocol PQDx 199, version 3.0.

cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative is intended for use in serum, plasma and dried blood spots. However, serum and plasma were not evaluated because WHO indicates the preferred use of whole blood for infant diagnosis due to high rates of maternal treatment and/or infant prophylaxis that can lead to false negative infant test results when only serum or plasma is used (only detecting circulating RNA). Whole blood allows for the additional detection of intracellular RNA and DNA to increase the sensitivity (or likelihood of detection).

#### Clinical performance evaluation

In this limited laboratory-based evaluation of clinical performance characteristics, a panel of 276 dried blood spot (DBS) specimens were used at the NHLS site, and 344 DBS were used at the CDC RETRO-CI site. The specimens were characterized using the following reference assay: COBAS AmpliPrep/COBAS TaqMan HIV-1 Qualitative Test, version 2.0 (Roche Diagnostics).

Clinical performance characteristics for the detection of HIV-1		
	Infants < 18 months	Adults
Sensitivity, % (95% CI)	100.0% (97.4-100)	97.1% (91.9-99.4)
	(N=141)	(N=105)
Specificity, % (95% CI)	100.0% (98.2-100)	100% (97.0-100)
	(N=204)	(N=123)
Invalid/error rate	1.3%	
	(N=	620)

In the absence of an adequate reference nucleic acid test for the detection of HIV-2, the performance of cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for the detection of HIV-2 was not assessed. However, a descriptive analysis was conducted on a panel of 47 HIV-2-positive specimens characterized using an ELISA-based algorithm followed by INNO-LIA (Fujirebio) for the differentiation of HIV-1 and HIV-2. Of 38 specimens classified as HIV-2 only by serology, 20 were detected as HIV-2 by cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and 18 were not detected. Of the 9 specimens classified as HIV-1/HIV-2 by serology, 4 were detected as HIV-1/2, 3 as HIV-1, 1 as HIV-2 and 1 was not detected by cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative.

#### **Analytical performance evaluation**

Analytical performance characteristi	ics
Limit of detection (LoD) using the 4 <sup>th</sup> WHO International Standard for HIV-1 RNA –DBS specimens	The LoD for HIV-1 was estimated at 805.8 IU/mL (95% CI: 75-4335) or 474 cp/mL (95% CI: 162-2550) using the conversion factor provided by the manufacturer.  The LoD claimed by the manufacturer (255 cp/mL) was verified.
Limit of detection (LoD) using the 2 <sup>nd</sup> WHO International Standard for HIV-2 RNA – DBS specimens	The LoD for HIV-2 was estimated at 227 IU/mL (95% CI: 137-612) or 1136 cp/mL (95% CI: 683-3062) using the conversion factor provided by the manufacturer.  The LoD claimed by the manufacturer (984 cp/mL) was verified.
Within-laboratory precision (reproducibility)	The hit rate for HIV-1 subtype B, at 765 cp/mL, was 100% (40/40).  The hit rate for HIV-1 subtype C, at 765 cp/mL, was 100% (39/39).  The hit rate for HIV-2, at 3112 cp/mL, was 100% (40/40).
Subtype detection	HIV-1 subtypes D, A and AG were detected at 5000 cp/mL.
Cross-contamination/carry-over	No cross-contamination was observed when high positive and negative specimens were tested alternatively.

#### Operational characteristics and ease of use

This assay requires laboratory equipment and cannot be performed in laboratories with limited facilities or non-laboratory settings. The instrument requires a stable source of electricity and significant physical space. Furthermore, training and implementation of good laboratory practice are essential to obtaining accurate results. Adequate technical support from the manufacturer or representative is critical.

The assay was found easy to use by the operators performing the evaluation, who had received a 5-day training by the manufacturer prior to the evaluation.

Key operational characteristics	
Number of steps for one specimen*	9 steps in total for DBS
	1 step with precision pipetting
	Note: The number of steps may change depending on the
	workflow of the testing laboratory.
Number of steps for instrument	3 steps per day
management**	
The transfer of the same of	240
Time to result for one run	210 minutes

Operator hands-on time for one run	65 minutes		
Level of automation	Fully automated		
Quality controls	The manufacturer provides QC, and should be purchased separately. Three controls (negative, HIV-1M/HIV-2 (+)C and HIV-1O (+)C) are processed with each batch.		
Operating temperature	15- 28°C		
Result display and connectivity	Results are displayed on the instrument. They may be printed using a standard printer. The results can be exported to the laboratory information system and other health information systems.		
Power sources	Main power The use of a UPS is strongly recommended, as stable electricity is required.		
Biosafety (outside of infectious specimen handling)	Reagents and waste need to be handled according to the manufacturer's instructions. If not, they may cause irritations and corrosion or may be carcinogenic. Sodium azide, sensitizers, guanidine, and other hazardous chemicals should be handled according to the manufacturer's instructions.		
Waste	The volume of liquid waste is approx. 2.2 L per run of 96 tests.  The weight of solid waste is approx. 2 kg per run of 96 tests.  Waste disposal requires specific measures in addition to usual laboratory biohazard waste disposal procedures. Liquid waste contains guanidinium thiocyanate (GTC), an environmentally hazardous chemical that cannot be mixed with bleach and must be disposed of according to local guidance.		
Calibration	No calibration is needed.		
Maintenance	Daily and weekly maintenance is required.		
Other specific requirements	Floor stability must be formally assessed before Installation.		

Based on these results, the performance evaluation for cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 6800/8800 and cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Nucleic acid test for use on the cobas 5800/6800/8800 Systems meets the WHO prequalification requirements.

## Labelling

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#### 1. Labels

1.1 Labels for cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for use on the cobas 6800/8800 Systems (product code 07862113190 (96 T/kit))



Nucleic acid test for use on the cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

**BEF** P/N: 07862113190

cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative

HIV-1/HIV-2 Cassette x 1 MMX-R1 5.5 mL HIV-1/HIV-2 MMX-R2 6 mL PASE 13 mL EB 13 mL 13 mL

For USA\*

HIV-1/HIV-2 Cassette 5.5 mL

Manganese acetate, Potassium hydroxide, < 0.1% Sodium azide HIV-1/HIV-2 MMX-R2 6 mL

Tricine buffer, Potassium acetate, 18% Dimethyl sulfoxide, Glycerol, Tricine buffer, Potassium acetate, 18% Dimethyl sulfoxide, Glycerol, Tween 20, EDTA, < 0.06% dATP, dCTP, dGTP, < 0.14% dUTP, < 0.01% Upstream and downstream HIV-1, HIV-2 and internal control primers, < 0.01% Fluorescent-labeled HIV-1, HIV-2 probes, < 0.01% Fluorescent-labeled internal control probe, < 0.01% Gligonucleotide aptamer, < 0.01% Z05D DNA polymerase, < 0.01% AmpErase (uracil-N- glycosylase) enzyme (microbial), < 0.1% Sodium azide

Tris buffer, < 0.05% EDTA, Calcium chloride, Calcium acetate, 8% (w/v) Proteinase, Glycerol

Tris buffer, 0.2% Methyl-4 hydroxybenzoate

Tris buffer, < 0.05% EDTA < 0.001% Internal control armored RNA construct (non-infectious RNA encapsulated in MS2 bacteriophage), < 0.002% Poly rA RNA (synthetic), < 0.1% Sodium azide

\*Composition information required for US only.

For USA:

cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative nucleic acid test for use on the cobas® 6800/8800 Systems is an *in vitro* nucleic acid amplification test for the qualitative detection and differentiation of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) type 1 (HIV-1) and type 2 (HIV-2) in human serum and plasma. cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 is not intended for use as a screening test for the presence of HIV-1 or HIV-2 in donated blood or plasma.

Refer to the product specific Instructions For Use for detailed information regarding hazards.

HIV-1/HIV-2



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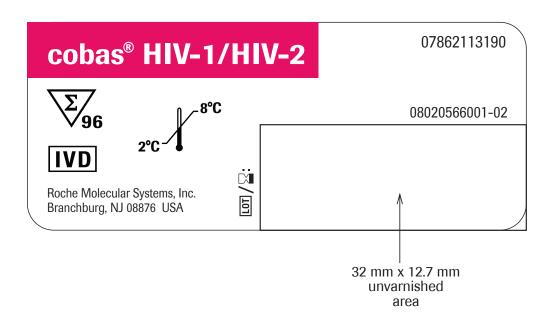
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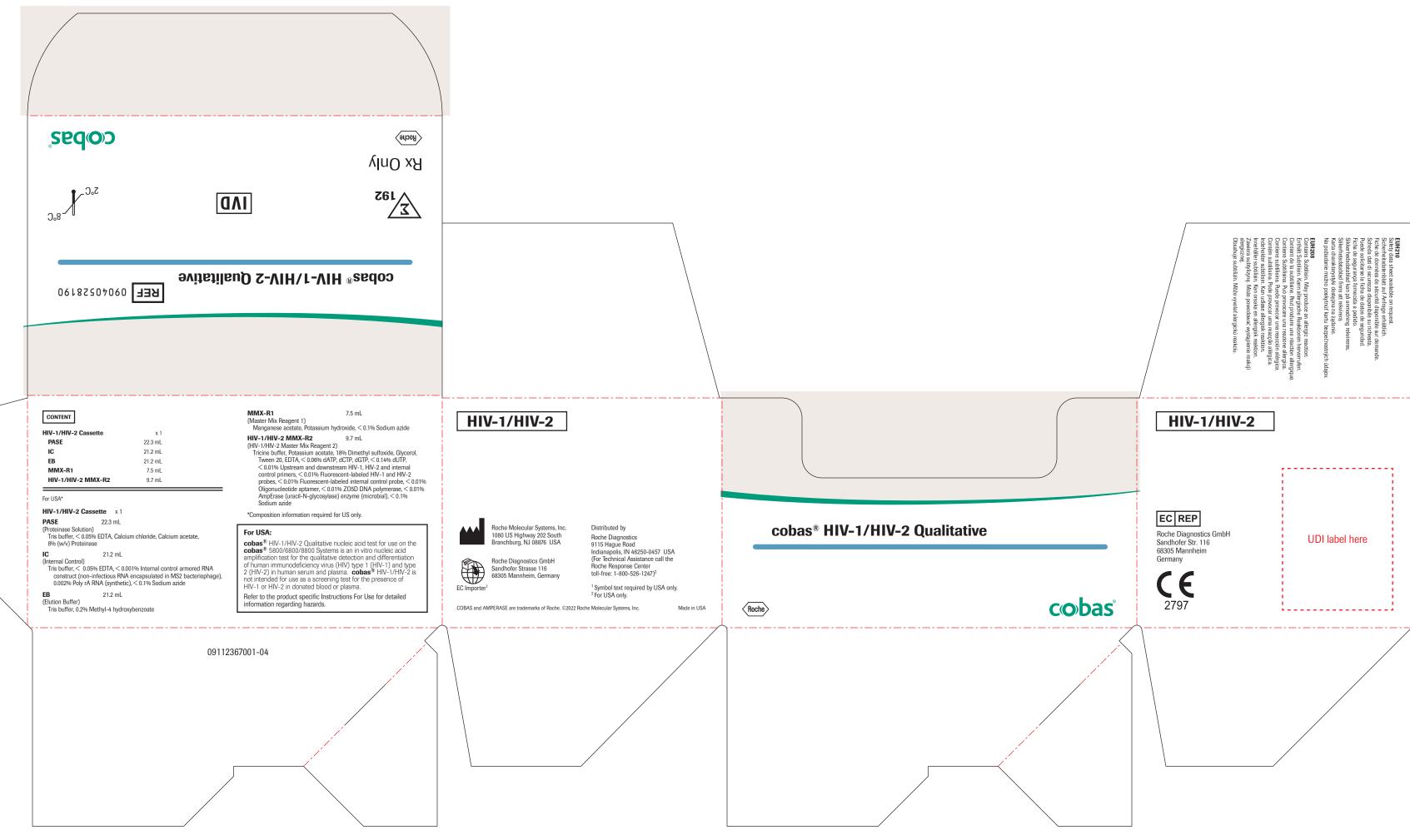
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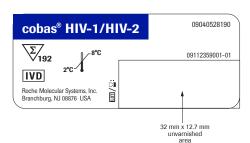
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## 2. Instructions for use<sup>1</sup>

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  English version of the IFU was the one that was assessed by WHO. It is the responsibility of the manufacturer to ensure correct translation into other languages.

2.1 IFU for cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for use on the cobas 6800/8800 Systems (product code 07862113190 (96 T/kit))



## cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative

## $\label{eq:Nucleic acid test} \mbox{ Nucleic acid test} \\ \mbox{ for use on the cobas}^{\mbox{\tiny (B)}} \mbox{ 6800/8800 Systems} \\ \mbox{ }$

For in vitro diagnostic use

cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative P/N: 07862113190

cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit P/N: 07862091190

**cobas<sup>®</sup> NHP Negative Control Kit** P/N: 07002220190

**cobas<sup>®</sup> Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent** P/N: 08064695190

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## Intended use

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## Summary and explanation of the test

#### **Background**

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is the etiologic agent of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). HIV-1 is the predominant cause of AIDS worldwide, with over 35 million people infected. After infection, infected individuals typically enter a clinically stable, relatively asymptomatic phase that can last for years. Without antiretroviral treatment, individuals typically progress to AIDS, which is marked by immune system depletion of CD4+ cells, susceptibility to opportunity infections, and eventual death. HIV-2, mainly found in West Africa, can also cause AIDS. Between 1 and 2 million people are thought to be infected with HIV-2 worldwide.

The distinction between HIV-1 and HIV-2 is important for several reasons: (1) HIV-2 appears less virulent than HIV-1, with lower viral loads, a slower rate of CD4+ cell loss, and a slower progression to opportunistic infections; (2) HIV-2 viral loads may be incorrectly quantified by HIV-1 viral load tests; and (3) some HIV-1 medications, particularly non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, are not effective against HIV-2.<sup>4</sup> Co-infection with both HIV-1 and HIV-2 is also possible. Co-infection has no obvious effect on the rate of individuals' progression to AIDS, but does complicate viral load monitoring and antiretroviral treatment.<sup>4</sup> Due to the importance of distinguishing between HIV-1 and HIV-2 infection, national and international guidelines have included the diagnosis and differentiation of HIV-1 and HIV-2 as a requirement for the proper diagnosis of HIV infection.<sup>5,6</sup>

#### **Rationale for PCR testing**

Historically, HIV testing has been based on the antibody response that patients make to the virus. Although these antibodies are ineffective at combating the virus, they are found in almost all chronically infected patients. The major limitation of antibody testing is the several week "window period" during acute infection before the onset of a detectable antibody response. This window period has been decreased by "fourth generation" HIV immunoassay tests, which detect HIV p24 antigen as well as antibody. However, nucleic acid amplification tests have the potential to reduce the window period of fourth generation immunoassay tests even further, because of the sensitivity of PCR methods over protein methods.

Depending on the risk of HIV infection in the population being tested, the reduction in window period from nucleic acid testing can be important for both the individual and the community. For an individual, diagnosis of HIV during acute infection offers the opportunity for immediate treatment, which may potentially delay disease progression by preventing immune system damage and by preserving anti-HIV cellular immune responses. Early treatment may also limit the size and

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genetic diversity of the viral reservoir which is established, making it easier to achieve a functional cure in patients treated during acute infection. For the community, acutely infected patients play a major role in HIV transmission, because these patients typically have very high viral loads and are unaware of their infected status. Identifying and treating these patients may play a critical role in stopping the spread of HIV epidemics. PCR is already the standard of care for the diagnosis of HIV in infants, and the high sensitivity and specificity of PCR would not only allow for the detection of acute infection in individuals of all ages, but also the confirmation of HIV diagnosis in seropositive or serology-indeterminate individuals. 11,12

#### **Explanation of the test**

cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative is a qualitative test performed on the cobas® 6800 System and cobas® 8800 System. cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative enables the simultaneous detection and discrimination of HIV-1 and HIV-2 nucleic acid in EDTA plasma, serum and DBS of infected patients. Two probes are used to detect HIV-1, but not to discriminate group M subtypes of HIV-1 and of HIV-1 group O and group N. A third probe is used to detect HIV-2, but not to discriminate HIV-2 group A and group B.

#### Principles of the procedure

cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative is based on fully automated sample preparation (nucleic acid extraction and purification) followed by PCR amplification and detection. The cobas® 6800/8800 Systems consist of the sample supply module, the transfer module, the processing module, and the analytic module. Automated data management is performed by the cobas® 6800/8800 software which assigns test results for all tests as non-reactive, reactive, or invalid. Results can be reviewed directly on the system screen, exported, or printed as a report.

Nucleic acid from patient samples and added armored RNA internal control (IC) molecules (which serve as the sample preparation and amplification/detection process control) is simultaneously extracted. In addition the test utilizes three external controls: two positive and a negative control. In summary, viral nucleic acid is released by addition of proteinase and lysis reagent to the sample. The released nucleic acid binds to the silica surface of the added magnetic glass particles. Unbound substances and impurities, such as denatured protein, cellular debris and potential PCR inhibitors are removed with subsequent wash reagent steps and purified nucleic acid is eluted from the magnetic glass particles with elution buffer at elevated temperature.

Selective amplification of target nucleic acid from the sample is achieved by the use of target virus-specific forward and reverse primers which are selected from highly conserved regions of the HIV-1 and HIV-2 genomes. The HIV-1 gag gene, the HIV-1 LTR region (dual target for HIV-1) and the HIV-2 LTR region are amplified by **cobas**\* HIV-1/HIV-2. Selective amplification of IC is achieved by the use of sequence-specific forward and reverse primers which are selected to have no homology with the HIV-1 or HIV-2 genomes. A thermostable DNA polymerase enzyme is used for both reverse-transcription and PCR amplification. The target and IC sequences are amplified simultaneously utilizing a universal PCR amplification profile with predefined temperature steps and number of cycles. The master mix includes deoxyuridine triphosphate (dUTP), instead of deoxythimidine triphosphate (dTTP), which is incorporated into the newly synthesized DNA (amplicon). Any contaminating amplicons from previous PCR runs are eliminated by the AmpErase enzyme, which is included in the PCR master mix, during the first thermal cycling step. However, newly formed amplicons are not eliminated since the AmpErase enzyme is inactivated once exposed to temperatures above 55°C.

**cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative master mix contains two detection probes specific for the HIV-1 target sequences, one for HIV-2 target sequences and one for the IC. The probes are labeled with target specific fluorescent reporter dyes allowing simultaneous detection of HIV-1 target, HIV-2 target and IC in three different target channels. 16,17

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When not bound to the target sequence, the fluorescent signal of the intact probes is suppressed by a quencher dye. During the PCR amplification step, hybridization of the probes to the specific single-stranded DNA template results in cleavage of the probe by the 5' to 3' exonuclease activity of the DNA polymerase resulting in separation of the reporter and quencher dyes and the generation of a fluorescent signal. With each PCR cycle, increasing amounts of cleaved probes are generated and the cumulative signal of the reporter dye increases concomitantly. Real-time detection and discrimination of PCR products is accomplished by measuring the fluorescence of the released reporter dyes for the viral targets and IC, respectively.

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## **Reagents and materials**

## cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagents and controls

All unopened reagents and controls shall be stored as recommended in Table 1 to Table 5.

Table 1 cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative

#### **cobas<sup>®</sup> HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative** Store at 2-8°C 96 test cassette (P/N 07862113190)

Kit components	Reagent ingredients	Quantity per kit 96 tests
Proteinase Solution (PASE)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
	EUH210: Safety data sheet available on request. EUH208: Contains Subtilisin. May produce an allergic reaction.	
Internal Control (IC)	Tris buffer, < 0.05% EDTA, < 0.001% internal control armored RNA construct (non-infectious RNA encapsulated in MS2 bacteriophage), < 0.002% Poly rA RNA (synthetic), < 0.1% sodium azide	13 mL
Elution Buffer (EB)	Tris buffer, 0.2% methyl-4 hydroxybenzoate	13 mL
Master Mix Reagent 1 (MMX-R1)	Manganese acetate, potassium hydroxide, < 0.1% sodium azide	5.5 mL
HIV-1/HIV-2 Master Mix Reagent 2 (HIV-1/HIV-2 MMX-R2)	Tricine buffer, potassium acetate, 18% dimethyl sulfoxide, glycerol, Tween 20, EDTA, < 0.06% dATP, dCTP, dGTP, < 0.14% dUTP, < 0.01% upstream and downstream HIV-1, HIV-2 and internal control primers, < 0.01% fluorescent-labeled HIV-1 and HIV-2 probes, < 0.01% fluorescent-labeled internal control probe, < 0.01% oligonucleotide aptamer, < 0.01% Z05D DNA polymerase, < 0.01% AmpErase (uracil-N-glycosylase) enzyme (microbial), < 0.1% sodium azide	6 mL

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#### Table 2 cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit

#### cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit

Store at 2–8°C (P/N 07862091190)

Kit components	Reagent ingredients	Quantity per kit	Safety symbol and warning*
HIV-1M/HIV-2 Positive Control (HIV-1M/HIV-2 (+)C)	< 0.001% Synthetic (armored) HIV-1 Group M RNA encapsulated in MS2 bacteriophage coat protein, < 0.001% Synthetic (armored) HIV-2 RNA encapsulated in MS2 bacteriophage coat protein, Normal human plasma, non-reactive by licensed tests for antibody to HIV-1/2; HIV-1 RNA and HIV-2 RNA not detectable by PCR methods.  0.1% ProClin <sup>®</sup> 300 preservative**	5.2 mL (8 x 0.65 mL)	WARNING  H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction. P261: Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/ mist/vapours/spray.  P272: Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. P280: Wear protective gloves. P333 + P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. P362 + P364: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. P501: Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant. 55965-84-9 reaction mass of: 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one [EC no. 247-500-7] and 2-methyl-2H -isothiazol-3-one [EC no. 220-239-6] (3:1)
HIV-10 Positive Control (HIV-10 (+)C)	< 0.001% Synthetic (armored) HIV-1 Group O RNA encapsulated in MS2 bacteriophage coat protein, Normal human plasma, non-reactive by licensed tests for antibody to HIV-1/2; HIV-1 RNA and HIV-2 RNA not detectable by PCR methods.  0.1% ProClin® 300 preservative**	5.2 mL (8 x 0.65 mL)	WARNING H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction. P261: Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/ mist/vapours/spray. P272: Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. P280: Wear protective gloves. P333 + P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. P362 + P364: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. P501: Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant. 55965-84-9 reaction mass of: 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one [EC no. 247-500-7] and 2-methyl-2H -isothiazol-3-one [EC no. 220-239-6] (3:1)

<sup>\*</sup> Product safety labeling primarily follows EU GHS guidance

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#### Table 3 cobas® NHP Negative Control Kit

#### cobas® NHP Negative Control Kit

Store at 2-8°C (P/N 07002220190)

Kit components	Reagent ingredients	Quantity per kit	Safety symbol and warning*
Normal Human Plasma Negative Control (NHP-NC)	Normal human plasma, non-reactive by licensed tests for antibody to HIV-1/2; HIV-1 RNA and HIV-2 RNA not detectable by PCR methods.	16 mL (16 x 1 mL)	<b>♦</b>
	< 0.1% ProClin <sup>®</sup> 300 preservative**		WARNING
			H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.
			P261: Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
			P272: Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
			P280: Wear protective gloves.
			P333 + P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
			P362 + P364: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
			P501: Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.
			55965-84-9 Mixture of: 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one [EC no. 247-500-7] and 2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one [EC no. 220-239-6] (3:1)

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## cobas omni reagents for sample preparation

Table 4 cobas omni reagents for sample preparation\*

Reagents	Reagent ingredients	Quantity per kit	Safety symbol and warning**
cobas omni MGP Reagent (MGP) Store at 2–8°C (P/N 06997546190)	Magnetic glass particles, Tris buffer, 0.1% methyl-4 hydroxybenzoate, < 0.1% sodium azide	480 tests	Not applicable
cobas omni Specimen Diluent (SPEC DIL) Store at 2–8°C (P/N 06997511190)	Tris buffer, 0.1% methyl-4 hydroxybenzoate, < 0.1% sodium azide	4 x 875 mL	Not applicable
Cobas omni Lysis Reagent (LYS) Store at 2–8°C (P/N 06997538190)	43% (w/w) guanidine thiocyanate***, 5% (w/v) polydocanol***, 2% (w/v) dithiothreitol***, dihydro sodium citrate	4 x 875 mL	DANGER  H302 + H332: Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled. H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. H412: Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects. EUH032: Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas. P261: Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray. P273: Avoid release to the environment. P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. P303 + P361 + P353: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. P304 + P340 + P310: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. P305 + P351 + P338 + P310: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.  593-84-0 Guanidinium thiocyanate 9002-92-0 Polidocanol 3483-12-3 (R*,R*)-1,4-dimercaptobutane-2,3-diol
cobas omni Wash Reagent (WASH) Store at 15-30°C (P/N 06997503190)	Sodium citrate dihydrate, 0.1% methyl-4 hydroxybenzoate	4.2 L	Not applicable

<sup>\*</sup> These reagents are not included in the **cobas**\* HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative kit. See listing of additional materials required (Table 10 and Table 11).

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## cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent

#### Table 5 cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent\*

cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent

Store at 2-8°C (P/N 08064695190)

Reagent	Reagent ingredients	Quantity per kit	Safety symbol and warning**
cobas <sup>®</sup> Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (SPER)	28% (w/w) guanidine thiocyanate***, 6% (w/v) polydocanol***, 1% (w/v) dithiothreitol, dihydro sodium citrate	600 mL (15 x 40 mL)	DANGER
			H302: Harmful if swallowed. H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
			H412: Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
			EUH032: Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
			P273: Avoid release to the environment.
			P280: Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection. P301 + P330 + P331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. P303 + P361 + P353: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
			P305 + P351 + P338 + P310: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. 593-84-0 guanidinium thiocyanate 9002-92-0 Polidocanol

<sup>\*</sup> This reagent is not included in the cobas\* HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative kit. See listing of additional materials required (Table 10 and Table 11).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Product safety labeling primarily follows EU GHS guidance

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Hazardous substance

#### Reagent storage and handling requirements

Reagents shall be stored and will be handled as specified in Table 6 and Table 7. **cobas**° Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (SPER), used in DBS workflow, shall be stored and handled as specified in Table 8 and Table 9.

When reagents are not loaded on the **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems, store them at the corresponding temperature specified in Table 6.

**Table 6** Reagent storage (when reagent is not on the system)

Reagent	Storage temperature
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative	2-8°C
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit	2-8°C
cobas® NHP Negative Control Kit	2-8°C
cobas omni Lysis Reagent	2-8°C
cobas omni MGP Reagent	2-8°C
cobas omni Specimen Diluent	2-8°C
cobas omni Wash Reagent	15-30°C

Reagents loaded onto the **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems are stored at appropriate temperatures and their expiration is monitored by the system. The **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems allow reagents to be used only if all of the conditions shown in Table 7 are met. The system automatically prevents use of expired reagents. Table 7 allows the user to understand the reagent handling conditions enforced by the **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems.

**Table 7** Reagent expiry conditions enforced by the **cobas**® 6800/8800 Systems

Reagent	Kit expiration date	Open-kit stability	Number of runs for which this kit can be used	On-board stability (cumulative time on board outside refrigerator)
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative	Date not passed	30 days from first usage	Max 10 runs	Max 8 hours
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit	Date not passed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Max 8 hours
cobas® NHP Negative Control Kit	Date not passed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Max 10 hours
cobas omni Lysis Reagent	Date not passed	30 days from loading*	Not applicable	Not applicable
cobas omni MGP Reagent	Date not passed	30 days from loading*	Not applicable	Not applicable
cobas omni Specimen Diluent	Date not passed	30 days from loading*	Not applicable	Not applicable
cobas omni Wash Reagent	Date not passed	30 days from loading*	Not applicable	Not applicable

<sup>\*</sup> Time is measured from the first time that reagent is loaded onto the **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems.

Store cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (used in DBS workflow) at the corresponding temperature specified in Table 8.

 Table 8
 cobas®
 Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent storage

Reagent	Storage temperature
cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent	2-8°C

cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent is stable until the expiration date indicated. Once opened, this reagent is stable for 30 days when stored at 2-8°C including cumulative 13 hours at 30°C or until expiration date, whichever comes first as specified in Table 9.

 Table 9 cobas®
 Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent expiry conditions

Reagent	Kit expiration date	Open-kit stability	Number of runs for which this kit can be used	Stability at 30°C outside refrigerator (cumulative time)
cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent	Date not passed	30 days from first usage	Not applicable	Max 13 hours

#### **Additional materials required**

Table 10 Materials and consumables for use on cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

Material	P/N
cobas omni Processing Plate	05534917001
cobas omni Amplification Plate	05534941001
cobas omni Pipette Tips	05534925001
cobas omni Liquid Waste Container	07094388001
cobas omni Lysis Reagent	06997538190
cobas omni MGP Reagent	06997546190
cobas omni Specimen Diluent	06997511190
cobas omni Wash Reagent	06997503190
Solid Waste Bag	07435967001
Solid Waste Container	07094361001

Table 11 Other materials and consumables required for DBS application only

Materials
Whatman 903® filter card, Munktell Specimen Collection card TFN or equivalent (12-13 mm spot diameter)
Tubes, 5 mL, internal thread, 12.5 mm diameter, polypropylene (i.e., Cryo.s™) with caps
Eppendorf Thermomixer (e.g., model R 5355 or equivalent) with Thermoblock for 24 cryo tubes
Sterile or disposable forceps or tweezers
Resealable bags and desiccant sachets (for DBS storage)

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#### Instrumentation and software required

The cobas® 6800/8800 software and cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative analysis package(s), cobas® HIV-1/2 Qual-Serum/Plasma ASAP and/or cobas® HIV-1/2 Qual-DBS ASAP, shall be installed on the instrument(s). The Instrument Gateway (IG) server will be provided with the system.

Table 12 Instrumentation

Equipment	P/N
cobas® 6800 System (Option Moveable)	05524245001 and 06379672001
cobas® 6800 System (Fix)	05524245001 and 06379664001
cobas® 8800 System	05412722001
Sample Supply Module	06301037001

Refer to the **cobas**\* 6800/8800 Systems Operator's Manual for additional information for primary and secondary sample tubes accepted on the instruments.

Note: Contact your local Roche representative for a detailed order list for sample racks, racks for clotted tips and rack trays accepted on the instruments.

## **Precautions and handling requirements**

#### Warnings and precautions

As with any test procedure, good laboratory practice is essential to the proper performance of this assay. Due to the high sensitivity of this test, care should be taken to keep reagents and amplification mixtures free of contamination.

- For *in vitro* diagnostic use only.
- **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative has not been evaluated for use as a screening test for the presence of HIV-1/HIV-2 in blood or blood products.
- All patient samples should be handled as if infectious, using good laboratory procedures as outlined in Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories and in the CLSI Document M29-A4.<sup>18,19</sup> Only personnel proficient in handling infectious materials and the use of cobas\* HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and cobas\* 6800/8800 Systems should perform this procedure.
- All human-sourced materials should be considered potentially infectious and should be handled with universal precautions. If spillage occurs, immediately disinfect following appropriate site procedures.
  - o If spillage of DBS samples in **cobas**° Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (which contain guanidine thiocyanate) occurs, do not allow it to come in contact with sodium hypochlorite containing disinfectants such as bleach. This mixture can produce a highly toxic gas.
- cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit and cobas® NHP Negative Control Kit contain plasma derived from human blood. The source material has been tested by licensed antibody tests and found non-reactive for the presence of antibody to HIV-1/2. Testing of normal human plasma by PCR methods also showed no detectable HIV-1 (Groups M and O) RNA and HIV-2 RNA. No known test method can offer complete assurance that products derived from human blood will not transmit infectious agents.
- Do not freeze whole blood or any samples stored in primary tubes.
- **cobas**\* Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent is light sensitive and shipped in light protective bottles.
- Use only supplied or specified required consumables to ensure optimal test performance.

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- Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available on request from your local Roche representative.
- Closely follow procedures and guidelines provided to ensure that the test is performed correctly. Any deviation from the procedures and guidelines may affect optimal test performance.
- False positive results may occur if carryover of samples is not adequately controlled during sample handling and processing.

#### Reagent handling

- Handle all reagents, controls, and samples according to good laboratory practice in order to prevent carryover of samples or controls.
- Before use, visually inspect each reagent cassette, diluent, lysis reagent, wash reagent, and **cobas**\* Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (required for DBS application only) to ensure that there are no signs of leakage. If there is any evidence of leakage, do not use that material for testing.
- **cobas omni** Lysis Reagent and **cobas**\* Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent contain guanidine thiocyanate, a potentially hazardous chemical. Avoid contact of reagents with the skin, eyes, or mucous membranes. If contact does occur, immediately wash with generous amounts of water; otherwise, burns can occur.
- **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative kits, **cobas omni** MGP Reagent, and **cobas omni** Specimen Diluent contain sodium azide as a preservative. Avoid contact of reagents with the skin, eyes, or mucous membranes. If contact does occur, immediately wash with generous amounts of water; otherwise, burns can occur. If these reagents are spilled, dilute with water before wiping dry.
- Do not allow **cobas omni** Lysis Reagent or **cobas**® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent, which contain guanidine thiocyanate, to contact sodium hypochlorite (bleach) solution. This mixture can produce a highly toxic gas.
- Dispose of all materials that have come in contact with samples and reagents in accordance with country, state, and local regulations.

#### **Good laboratory practice**

- Do not pipette by mouth.
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke in designated work areas.
- Wear laboratory gloves, laboratory coats, and eye protection when handling samples and reagents. Gloves must be changed between handling samples and **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative kits and **cobas omni** reagents to prevent contamination. Avoid contaminating gloves when handling samples and controls.
- Wash hands thoroughly after handling samples and kit reagents, and after removing the gloves.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect all laboratory work surfaces with a freshly prepared solution of 0.5% sodium hypochlorite in distilled or deionized water (dilute household bleach 1:10). Follow by wiping the surface with 70% ethanol.
- If spills occur on the **cobas**\* 6800/8800 instrument, follow the instructions in the **cobas**\* 6800/8800 Systems Operator's Manual to properly clean and decontaminate the surface of the instrument(s).

## Sample collection, transport, and storage

Note: Handle all samples and controls as if they are capable of transmitting infectious agents.

Store all samples at specified temperatures.

Sample stability is affected by elevated temperatures.

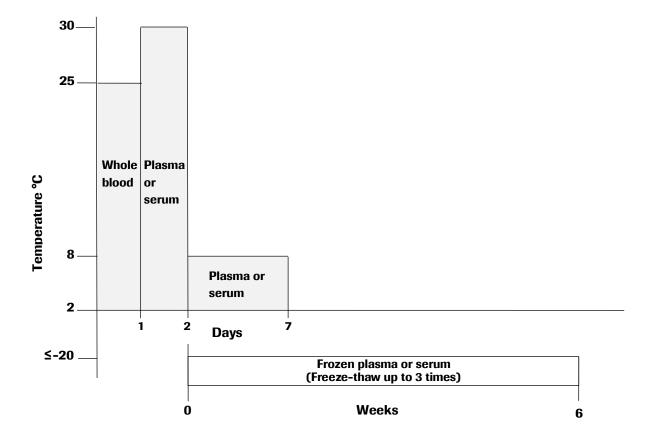
If using frozen samples in secondary tubes, place the samples at room temperature (15-30°C) until completely thawed and then briefly mix (e.g. vortex for 3-5 seconds) and centrifuge to collect all sample volume at the bottom of the tube.

#### **Samples**

#### **EDTA** plasma and serum samples

- Whole blood should be collected in SST™ Serum Separation Tubes, BD Vacutainer® PPT™ Plasma Preparation Tubes for Molecular Diagnostic Test Methods or in sterile tubes using EDTA as the anticoagulant. Follow the sample collection tube manufacturer instructions.
- Whole blood collected in SST<sup>™</sup> Serum Separation Tubes, BD Vacutainer<sup>®</sup> PPT<sup>™</sup> Plasma Preparation Tubes for Molecular Diagnostic Test Methods or in sterile tubes using EDTA as the anticoagulant may be stored and/or transported for up to 24 hours at 2°C to 25°C prior to plasma or serum preparation. Centrifugation should be performed according to manufacturer instructions.
- Upon separation EDTA plasma or serum samples may be stored in secondary tubes for up to 24 hours at 30°C followed by up to 5 days at 2°C to 8°C or up to 6 weeks at ≤ -20°C. For long-term storage, temperatures at < -60°C are recommended.</li>
- Plasma samples are stable for up to three freeze/thaw cycles when frozen at  $\leq$  -20°C.
- Refer to Figure 1 for sample storage conditions.

Figure 1 Whole blood, plasma and serum sample storage conditions



• If samples are to be shipped, they should be packaged and labeled in compliance with applicable country and/or international regulations covering the transport of samples and etiologic agents.

#### **Dried blood spots**

- Collect DBS samples using appropriate clinical procedures.
- It is recommended to apply a minimum of 70 µL of capillary blood inside each delineated circle on the DBS card.
- Ensure that BOTH sides of the paper are saturated and completely fill the delineated circle.
- Allow DBS to dry at room temperature (18-25°C) for at least 3 hours, protecting the DBS card from direct sunlight.
- For further details consult package insert of filter cards used.
- It is recommended to prepare at least 3 paper disks per patient sample.
- Store DBS in individual resealable bags with a desiccant sachet in each bag.
- DBS may be transported or stored at 15-30°C for up to three months.
- If samples are to be shipped, they should be packaged and labeled in compliance with applicable country and/or international regulations covering the transport of samples and etiologic agents.

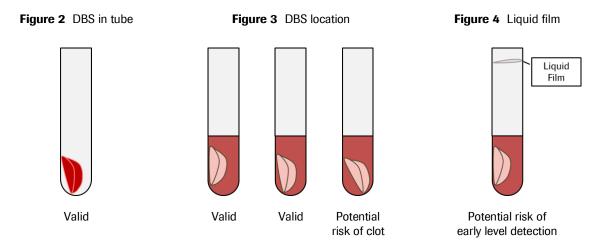
#### Instructions for use

#### **Procedural notes**

- Do not use **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagents, **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit, **cobas**° NHP Negative Control Kit, **cobas** omni reagents, or **cobas**° Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent after their expiry dates.
- Do not reuse consumables. They are for one-time use only.
- Refer to the cobas® 6800/8800 Systems Operator's Manual for proper maintenance of instruments.

#### **Dried blood spot sample preparation**

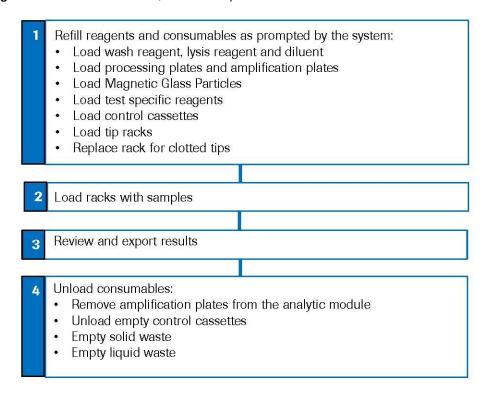
- Allow cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (SPER) to equilibrate to ambient temperature before use.
- Excise one DBS from the DBS card.
- Transfer the spot into a tube (5 mL, internal thread, 12.5 mm diameter, polypropylene [i.e., Cryo.s<sup>™</sup>]) using sterile or disposable forceps or tweezers.
- Ensure the DBS is located at the bottom of the tube as shown in Figure 2.
- Pipette 1150 μL of SPER into the tube containing the DBS and cap the tube.
- Ensure the DBS is completely covered with SPER.
- Place tubes in each of the positions 1 24 on a preheated Eppendorf Thermomixer (e.g., model R 5355 or equivalent) with Thermoblock for 24 cryo tubes and incubate for 10 minutes, at 56°C and 1000 rpm to extract the virus from the dried whole blood.
- Uncap the tubes and ensure the DBS is attached to the tube wall (Figure 3) to avoid sample clots.
- Eliminate any potential liquid film located above the liquid level (Figure 4) using a sterile pipette tip (to avoid early level detection).
- Transfer the tubes to the **cobas**® 6800/8800 Systems.



## Running cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative

cobas° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative can be run with a minimum required sample volume of 650  $\mu$ L (for the 500  $\mu$ L plasma or serum sample workflow) or 1150  $\mu$ L cobas° Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (for the 850  $\mu$ L DBS sample workflow). Please note, DBS samples cannot be run in mixed batch mode with plasma or serum samples. The test procedure is described in detail in the cobas° 6800/8800 Systems Operator's Manual. Figure 5 below summarizes the procedure.

Figure 5 cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative test procedure



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## **Results**

The **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems automatically detect and discriminate HIV-1 and HIV-2 simultaneously for the samples and controls, displaying test validity, overall results, as well as individual target results.

## Quality control and validity of results

- One Normal Human Plasma Negative Control [(-) C] and two positive controls [HIV-1M/HIV-2 (+)C and HIV-1O (+)C] are processed with each batch.
- In the **cobas**° 6800/8800 software and/or report, check for flags and their associated results to ensure the batch validity.
- The batch is valid if no flags appear for all three controls.

Invalidation of results is performed automatically by the **cobas**° 6800/8800 software based on negative and positive control failures.

#### **Control flags**

Table 13 Control flags for negative and positive controls

Negative Control	Flag	Result	Interpretation
(-) C	Q02	Invalid	The entire batch is assigned invalid if the result for the (-) C is
	(Control batch failed)		invalid.
Positive Control	Flag	Result	Interpretation
HIV-1M/HIV-2 (+)C	Q02	Invalid	The entire batch is assigned invalid if the result for the
	(Control batch failed)		HIV-1M/HIV-2 (+)C is invalid.
HIV-10 (+)C	Q02	Invalid	The entire batch is assigned invalid if the result for the
	(Control batch failed)		HIV-10 (+)C is invalid.

If the batch is invalid, repeat testing of the entire batch including samples and controls.

HIV-1M/HIV-2 (+) C stands for **cobas**° HIV-1M/HIV-2 positive control and HIV-1O (+) C stands for **cobas**° HIV-1O positive control in the **cobas**° 6800/8800 software.

## Interpretation of results

For a valid batch, check each individual sample for flags in the **cobas**° 6800/8800 software and/or report. The result interpretation should be as follows:

- A valid batch may include both valid and invalid sample results.
- Samples are marked with "Yes" in the column 'Valid' if all requested Target Results reported valid results. Samples marked with "No" in the column 'Valid' may require additional interpretation and action.
- The values in "Overall Result" column for individual samples should be interpreted as follows:
  - Reactive All requested results are reactive or one of the requested results is reactive and the other non-reactive
  - o Non-Reactive All requested results are non-reactive
  - o Invalid At least one requested result is invalid
- Reported target results for individual samples are valid unless indicated otherwise.

Results and their corresponding interpretation for detecting HIV-1 and HIV-2 are shown below in Table 14.

Table 14 Target results for individual target result interpretation

Valid	Overall Result	Target 1	Target 2	Interpretation	
Yes	Reactive	HIV-1 Reactive	HIV-2 Reactive	All requested results were valid.  Target signal detected for HIV-1 and HIV-2.	
Yes	Reactive	HIV-1 Reactive	HIV-2 Non- Reactive	All requested results were valid.  Target signal detected for HIV-1. No target signal detected for HIV-2.	
Yes	Reactive	HIV-1 Non- Reactive	HIV-2 Reactive	All requested results were valid.  No target signal detected for HIV-1. Target signal detected for HIV-2.	
Yes	Non-Reactive	HIV-1 Non- Reactive	HIV-2 Non- Reactive	All requested results were valid.  No target signal detected for HIV-1 or HIV-2.	
No			Invalid	Both HIV-1 and HIV-2 results are invalid. Original specimen should be re-tested to obtain valid HIV-1 and HIV-2 results. If the results are still invalid, a new specime should be obtained.	

#### **Procedural limitations**

- cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative has been evaluated only for use in combination with the cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit, cobas® NHP Negative Control Kit, cobas omni MGP Reagent, cobas omni Lysis Reagent, cobas omni Specimen Diluent, cobas omni Wash Reagent, and cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (used in dried blood spot workflow) for use on the cobas® 6800/8800 Systems.
- Reliable results depend on proper sample collection, storage and handling procedures.
- Detection of HIV-1 and HIV-2 nucleic acid is dependent on the number of virus particles present in the sample and may be affected by sample collection, storage and handling, patient factors (i.e., age, presence of symptoms), and/or stage of infection.
- Though rare, mutations within the highly conserved regions of a viral genome covered by **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative may affect primers and/or probe binding resulting in the failure to detect the presence of virus.
- Due to inherent differences between technologies, it is recommended that, prior to switching from one technology to the next, users perform method correlation studies in their laboratory to qualify technology differences. Users should follow their own specific policies/procedures.
- **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative is not intended for use as a screening test for the presence of HIV-1/HIV-2 in blood or blood products.

# Non-clinical performance evaluation

## **Key performance characteristics**

#### **Limit of Detection (LoD)**

#### **WHO International Standards/Roche Primary Standards**

The limit of detection of the **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was determined by using the following standards:

- WHO 3rd International Standard for HIV-1 group M RNA (NIBSC code 10/152) for EDTA plasma, serum and DBS samples
- WHO International Standard for HIV-2 RNA (NIBSC code 08/150) for plasma and serum samples
- Roche Primary Standards for HIV-2 RNA for DBS samples
- Roche Primary Standards for HIV-1 group O RNA for EDTA plasma and serum samples

No international standard is currently available for HIV-1 group O RNA. The Roche HIV-1 group O RNA Standard is traceable to the CBER HIV-1 Subtype RNA Reference Panel #1 Lot 01. The Roche Primary Standards for HIV-1 group O RNA are derived from commercially available cultured virus stocks, P/N 2420 (Cat. No. 500493, SeraCare Life Sciences). The Roche HIV-2 RNA Standard is traceable to the WHO International Standard for HIV-2 RNA (NIBSC code 08/150). The Roche Primary Standards for HIV-2 RNA are derived from commercially available cultured virus stocks, P/N HIV-2 NIH-Z (Cat. No. 10-27-000, Applied Biotechnologies, Inc.). One copy of HIV-1 RNA is equivalent to 1.7 International Unit (IU) and one copy of HIV-2 RNA is equivalent to 0.2 IU.

Serial dilutions of the standards in HIV-negative human EDTA plasma, serum or whole blood for DBS were prepared. Panels of five or six concentration levels plus a negative were tested over three lots of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagents, multiple runs, days, operators, and instruments.

For each virus, 95% PROBIT analysis on the data combined across dilution series and reagent lots was used to estimate the LoD, along with the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval (Table 15). The reactivity rates observed in the LoD studies for each virus are summarized in Table 16 to Table 18.

Table 15 Results of 95% PROBIT analysis on LoD data collected with viral standards in EDTA plasma, serum and DBS

Matrices	Analyte	Measuring units	LoD	Lower 95% confidence limit	Upper 95% confidence limit
	HIV-1 group M	copies/mL	12.6	10.9	15.2
EDTA plasma	HIV-1 group O	copies/mL	14.8	12.8	17.7
	HIV-2	copies/mL	27.9	22.9	36.6
	HIV-1 group M	copies/mL	12.1	10.5	14.5
Serum	HIV-1 group O	copies/mL	12.6	10.9	15.2
	HIV-2	copies/mL	23.4	19.6	29.7
DBS	HIV-1 group M	copies/mL	255	224	299
ראס	HIV-2	copies/mL	984	856	1169

Table 16 Reactivity rates summary for HIV-1 group M in EDTA plasma, serum and DBS

Matrices	HIV-1 group M RNA concentration (cp/mL)	Number of reactive	Number of valid replicates	% Reactive
	40	189	189	100%
	30	189	189	100%
	20	187	189	99%
EDTA plasma	10	174	189	92%
	5	124	189	66%
	2.5	91	189	48%
	0	0	189	0%
	40	189	189	100%
	30	189	189	100%
	20	187	189	99%
Serum	10	176	189	93%
	5	126	189	67%
	2.5	86	189	46%
	0	0	189	0%
	750	252	252	100%
	600	252	252	100%
	360	246	250	98%
DBS	180	220	249	88%
	90	163	252	65%
	45	109	250	44%
	0	0	107	0%

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Table 17 Reactivity rates summary for HIV-1 group O in EDTA plasma and serum

Matrices	HIV-1 group O RNA concentration (cp/mL)	Number of reactive	Number of valid replicates	% Reactive
	40	189	189	100%
	30	189	189	100%
	20	185	188	98%
EDTA plasma	10	163	189	86%
	5	117	189	62%
	2.5	78	189	41%
	0	0	189	0%
	40	189	189	100%
	30	189	189	100%
	20	186	189	98%
Serum	10	173	189	92%
	5	132	189	70%
	2.5	91	189	48%
	0	0	189	0%

Table 18 Reactivity rates summary for HIV-2 in EDTA plasma, serum and DBS

Matrices	HIV-2 RNA concentration (cp/mL)	Number of reactive	Number of valid replicates	% Reactive
	80	126	126	100%
	40	124	126	98%
EDTA plaama	20	115	126	91%
EDTA plasma	10	81	126	64%
	5	61	126	48%
	0	0	189	0%
	80	126	126	100%
	40	125	126	99%
Serum	20	114	126	90%
Serum	10	96	126	76%
	5	49	126	39%
	0	0	189	0%
	3000	252	252	100%
	1450	241	247	98%
DBS	725	226	246	92%
ספט	362	167	248	67%
	181	103	250	41%
	0	0	108	0%

### **Precision – within laboratory**

The precision of cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was determined using the following standards:

- Roche Secondary Standard for HIV-1 group M
- Roche Primary Standard for HIV-2

Two panels of individually formulated HIV-1 group M and HIV-2 target, each comprising 3 panel members at concentrations of approximately 0.6 x, 1 x and 3 x of the LoD of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative were tested in this study. Testing was performed for the following variability components:

- day-to-day variability over 4 days
- lot-to-lot variability using 3 different reagent lots of cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative
- instrument-to-instrument variability using 3 different cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

Approximately 84 replicates were tested with each of the 3 panel members for each reagent lot for a total of 252 replicates over all reagent lots per target. Precision results were evaluated by calculating the percentage of reactive test results at each concentration level for each of the variability components analyzed.

The limits of two-sided 95% confidence intervals for each reactive rate were calculated for each of the three levels of HIV-1 group M and HIV-2 tested across 4 days, 3 reagent lots, and 3 **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems. **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative is reproducible over multiple days, reagent lots and multiple instruments. The results from reagent lot-to-lot variability are summarized in Table 19 and Table 20.

Table 19 cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagent lot-to-lot precision summary (EDTA plasma)

Analyte	Concentration	Reagent lot	% Reactive (reactive/valid replicates)	Lower limit of 95% confidence interval	Upper limit of 95% confidence interval
		1	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
	~3 x LoD	2	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
		3	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
		1	98.8% (83/84)	93.5%	100%
HIV-1 group M	~1 x LoD	2	98.8% (83/84)	93.5%	100%
		3	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
	~0.6 x LoD	1	77.4% (65/84)	67.0%	85.8%
		2	76.2% (64/84)	65.7%	84.8%
		3	82.1% (69/84)	72.3%	89.6%
		1	98.8% (83/84)	93.5%	100%
	~3 x LoD	2	96.4% (81/84)	89.9%	99.3%
		3	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
		1	98.8% (83/84)	93.5%	100%
HIV-2	~1 x LoD	2	98.8% (83/84)	93.5%	100%
		3	97.6% (82/84)	91.7%	99.7%
		1	66.7% (56/84)	55.5%	76.6%
	~0.6 x LoD	2	69.0% (58/84)	58.0%	78.7%
		3	69.0% (58/84)	58.0%	78.7%

Table 20 cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagent lot-to-lot precision summary (DBS)

Analyte	Concentration	Reagent lot	% Reactive (reactive/valid replicates)	Lower limit of 95% confidence interval	Upper limit of 95% confidence interval
		1	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
	~3 x LoD	2	100% (83/83)	95.7%	100%
		3	97.6% (82/84)	91.7%	99.7%
		1	96.4% (81/84)	89.9%	99.3%
HIV-1 group M	~1 x LoD	2	96.4% (81/84)	89.9%	99.3%
		3	95.2% (80/84)	88.3%	98.7%
	~0.6 x LoD	1	88.0% (73/83)	79.0%	94.1%
		2	83.3% (70/84)	73.6%	90.6%
		3	88.1% (74/84)	79.2%	94.1%
		1	100% (83/83)	95.7%	100%
	~3 x LoD	2	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
		3	100% (83/83)	95.7%	100%
		1	97.6% (82/84)	91.7%	99.7%
HIV-2	~1 x LoD	2	97.6% (82/84)	91.7%	99.7%
		3	98.8% (83/84)	93.5%	100%
		1	88.1% (74/84)	79.2%	94.1%
	~0.6 x LoD	2	91.7% (77/84)	83.6%	96.6%
		3	85.7% (72/84)	76.4%	92.4%

## Group/subtype verification and inclusivity

The performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative on HIV-1 group M subtypes, group O, group N and HIV-2 group B was evaluated by:

- Verification of the limit of detection for HIV-1 group M subtypes, group O (verified by dilution in whole blood for DBS), group N and HIV-2 group B
- Verification of the inclusivity for HIV-1 group M subtypes, group O, group N and HIV-2 group A and group B

#### Verification of limit of detection for HIV-1 group M subtypes, group O, group N and HIV-2 group B

Clinical or cultured HIV samples for HIV-1 group M (A, C, D, F, G, H) and circulating recombinant forms (CRF01\_AE, CRF02\_AG), HIV-1 group N and HIV-2 group B were diluted in EDTA plasma, serum or whole blood for DBS, and additionally HIV-1 group O in whole blood for DBS, to the LoD concentration of the predominant group/subtype (HIV-1 group M subtype B or HIV-2 group A) based on the LoD determined with 95% PROBIT analysis over all lots combined. The reactive rate determination was performed with 42 replicates. Testing was conducted with 1 lot of **cobas**\* HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagents. The results from HIV-1 are shown in Table 21 and the results from HIV-2 are shown in Table 22. These results verify that **cobas**\* HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative detected HIV for HIV-1 group M (A, C, D, F, G, H, CRF01\_AE,

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CRF02\_AG), HIV-1 group O, HIV-1 group N and HIV-2 group B at the claimed concentration for each matrix or below with an upper 95% confidence interval being equal to or greater to the expected reactivity rate of 95%.

Table 21 LoD verification of HIV-1 group M subtypes, group O, and group N in EDTA plasma, serum or whole blood for DBS

Plasma: 12.6 cp/mL			Serum: 12.1 cp/mL				255 cp/mL			
Group	Subtype	Number of valid replicates	Number of reactive	% Reactive (95% CI*)	Number of valid replicates	Number of reactive	% Reactive (95% CI*)	Number of valid replicates	Number of reactive	% Reactive (95% CI*)
M	A	42	40	95% (99%)	42	40	95% (99%)	41	37	90% (97%)
	С	42	41	98% (100%)	42	42	100% (99.4%)	42	42	100% (100%)
	D	42	37	88% (96%)	42	37	88% (96%)	42	39	93% (99%)
	F	42	38	90% (97%)	42	38	90% (97%)	42	40	95% (99%)
	G	42	40	95% (99%)	42	39	93% (99%)	42	42	100% (100%)
	Н	42	38	90% (97%)	42	41	98% (100%)	42	41	98% (100%)
	CRF01_AE	42	38	90% (97%)	42	38	90% (97%)	42	41	98% (100%)
	CRF02_AG	42	36	86% (95%)	42	39	93% (99%)	42	42	100% (100%)
0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41	39	95% (99%)
N		42	39	93% (99%)	42	37	88% (96%)	41	40	98% (100%)

<sup>\*</sup> Upper 95% confidence interval

Table 22 LoD verification of HIV-2 group B in EDTA plasma, serum or whole blood for DBS

	Plasma: 2	27.9 cp/mL		Serum: 2	23.4 cp/mL		DBS:	984 cp/mL	
Group	Number of valid replicates	Number of positives	% Reactive (95% CI*)	Number of valid replicates	Number of positives	% Reactive (95% CI*)	Number of valid replicates	Number of positives	% Reactive (95% CI*)
В	42	42	100% (100%)	42	42	100% (100%)	42	42	100% (100%)

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Upper 95% confidence interval

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#### Verification of inclusivity for HIV-1 group M subtypes, group O, group N and HIV-2 group B

The performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative to detect subtypes of HIV-1 group M (A, C, D, F, G, H, J, K) and circulating recombinant forms (CRF01\_AE, CRF02\_AG, CRF12\_BF, CRF14\_BG), HIV-1 group O, HIV-1 group N, HIV-2 group A and HIV-2 group B was determined by testing unique clinical samples and/or culture isolated for each group or subtype in EDTA plasma or serum.

#### HIV-1 group M

A total of 105 unique HIV-1 group M clinical samples with known HIV-1 subtype were tested neat (undiluted) and after dilution to  $\sim$ 5 x LoD of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative. All 105 clinical samples with known subtypes were detected neat and at  $\sim$ 5 x LoD (Table 23).

In addition, four HIV-1 group M subtype CRF12\_BF and one HIV-1 group M subtype CRF14\_BG clinical sample was tested after dilution series were prepared. One replicate of each of the neat samples and one of each dilution from 1:1.0E+01 to 1:5.0E+02 (2-4 dilutions per sample) for HIV-1 group M subtype CRF12\_BF and from 1:2.0E+01 to 1:1.2E+02 (4 dilutions) for HIV-1 group M subtype CRF14\_BG was tested, all yielding in reactive results. All of the tested clinical samples were detected at  $\leq 5$  x LoD.

Table 23 HIV-1 group M clinical samples

Subtype / circulating recombinant forms	% Reactive (reactive/samples tested) neat	% Reactive (reactive/samples tested) diluted to ~5 x LoD	
A	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)	
С	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)	
D	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)	
F	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)	
G	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)	
Н	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)	
J	100% (5/5)	100% (5/5)	
К	100% (9/9)	100% (9/9)	
CRF01_ AE	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)	
CRF02_AG	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)	
CRF12_BF	100% (2/2)	100% (2/2)	
CRF14_BG	100% (9/9)	100% (9/9)	

#### HIV-1 group O and HIV-1 group N

A total of 10 HIV-1 group O and one HIV-1 group N clinical or cultured sample was tested after dilution series were prepared. Two replicates of each of the neat samples and four of each dilution from 1:1.0E+01 to 1:4.8E+05 (3-5 dilutions per sample) for HIV-1 group O were tested, all yielding in reactive results. Two replicates of neat sample and four of each dilution from 1:1.0E+04 to 1:1.4E+05 (5 dilutions) for HIV-1 group N were tested. The neat sample and the dilutions from 1:1.0E+04 to 1:4.5E+04 yielded in 100% reactive results, while dilution 1:1.4E+05 yielded in a 50% reactive result. All of the tested samples were detected at  $\leq$  3 x LoD.

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#### HIV-2

A total of 16 unique HIV-2 group A and group B clinical or cultured samples were tested neat (undiluted) and after dilution to ~5 x LoD of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative. All 16 HIV-2 samples were detected neat and at ~5 x LoD (Table 24).

In addition, six HIV-2 group A and four HIV-2 group B clinical samples were tested after dilution series were prepared. One replicate of each of the neat samples and one of each dilution from 1:1.0E+01 to 1:9.0E+02 (2-5 dilutions per sample) for HIV-2 group A and from 1:2.0E+01 to 1:6.0E+01 (2-4 dilutions) for HIV-2 group B was tested, all yielding in reactive results. All of the tested clinical samples were detected at  $\leq$  3 x LoD.

Table 24 HIV-2 clinical or cultured samples

Subtype	% Reactive (reactive/samples tested) neat	% Reactive (reactive/samples tested) diluted to ~5 x LoD
А	100% (4/4)	100% (4/4)
В	100% (6/6)	100% (6/6)

## **Specificity**

The specificity of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was determined by analyzing HIV negative EDTA plasma, HIV negative serum and HIV negative DBS samples from individual blood donors. A total of 613 individual EDTA plasma and 607 individual serum samples were tested with two lots of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagents. In addition, 604 individual DBS samples were tested with three lots of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagents. All samples tested were found non-reactive for HIV-1 and HIV-2. In each of the EDTA plasma, serum and DBS samples, the specificity of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was 100% (95% confidence limit: ≥ 99.5%).

## **Seroconversion panels**

The performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was evaluated using commercially available seroconversion panels for HIV-1 group M.

#### **HIV-1** group M Seroconversion panels

Twenty five commercially available seroconversion panels were used. Each panel member was tested neat with **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and the results were compared to the results obtained with an FDA licensed 4<sup>th</sup> generation HIV Ag/Ab serology test and an FDA licensed comparator nucleic acid test tested neat. The overall performance results are shown in Table 25.

Table 25 Performance of cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative on HIV Seroconversion panels

HIV Sero- conversion panel	Number			Days to first reactive result			Days earlier detection with cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative		
	of Panel Member s tested	cobas® HIV-1/HIV- 2 Qualitative	Compara- tor NAT	HIV Ag/Ab Assay	cobas <sup>®</sup> HIV-1/HIV- 2 Qualitative	Compara- tor NAT	HIV Ag/Ab Assay	Compara- tor NAT	HIV Ag/Ab Assay
HIV6243	10	6	6	4	18	18	25	0	7
HIV9011	11	3	3	2	30	30	38	0	8
HIV9012	8	5	5	3	9	7	16	-2	7
HIV9013	7	3	2	2	18	23	23	5	5
HIV9018	10	5	5	3	21	21	28	0	7
HIV9020	21	5	5	3	83	83	90	0	7
HIV9022	9	3	4	2	23	17	25	-6	2
HIV9030	16	6	5	3	40	40	47	0	7
HIV9031	19	8	6	4	120	131	146	11	26
HIV9034	13	4	4	3	41	41	46	0	5
HIV9076	9	3	3	3	66	66	66	0	0
HIV9089	6	5	5	3	7	7	16	0	9
HIV12008	13	7	7	5	21	21	28	0	7
PRB954	7	5	5	2	7	7	17	0	10
PRB956	5	4	4	2	40	40	47	0	7
PRB958	6	6	6	4	0	0	7	0	7
PRB961	9	4	4	2	19	19	27	0	8
PRB962	6	4	4	2	7	7	14	0	7
PRB963	7	4	5	2	9	7	17	-2	8
PRB967	6	5	5	3	3	3	17	0	14
PRB968	10	6	6	4	15	15	26	0	11
PRB969	10	7	6	3	53	53	70	0	17
PRB973	4	4	4	2	0	0	7	0	7
PRB976	4	4	4	2	0	0	7	0	7
PRB977	4	4	2	2	0	_*	13	_*	13
Total	230	120	115	70	ı	<u> </u>	ı	ı	1

<sup>\*</sup> Invalid result for the comparator NAT for the first panel member of panel PRB977, where a reactive NAT result was expected. The panel (PRB977) was therefore not included in the evaluation of the comparator NAT results.

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## **Analytical specificity**

The analytical specificity of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was evaluated for cross-reactivity with a panel of microorganisms at 10<sup>5</sup> or 10<sup>6</sup> particles, copies, or PFU/mL, for viral isolates and bacterial strains/yeast isolates, respectively (Table 26). The microorganisms were added to HIV negative human EDTA plasma and tested with and without HIV-1 and HIV-2 virus added to a concentration of approximately 3 x LoD of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for each virus. Non-reactive results were obtained with **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for all microorganism samples without HIV-1 and HIV-2 target and reactive results were obtained for all of the microorganism samples with HIV-1 and HIV-2 targets. The tested microorganisms do not cross-react or interfere with **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative.

Table 26 Microorganisms tested for cross-reactivity

Viru	Bacteria	Yeast	
Adenovirus type 5	Varicella-Zoster Virus	Propionibacterium acnes	Candida albicans
Cytomegalovirus	West Nile Virus	Staphylococcus aureus	
Epstein-Barr Virus	St. Louis encephalitis Virus		
Hepatitis A Virus	Murray Valley encephalitis Virus		
Hepatitis B Virus	Dengue virus types 1, 2, 3, and 4		
Hepatitis C Virus	TBE Virus (strain HYPR)		
Hepatitis D Virus	Influenza A Virus		
Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus types 1 and 2	Zika Virus		
Human Herpes Virus Type-6	Human Papillomavirus		
Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 and 2	Yellow Fever Virus		

EDTA plasma samples from each of the disease states (one from Adenovirus type 5 and ten from each of the other disease states) listed in Table 27 were tested with and without HIV-1 and HIV-2 added to a concentration of approximately 3 x LoD of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for each virus. These disease states do not cross-react or interfere with **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative.

Table 27 Disease states samples tested for analytical specificity

Disease state			
Adenovirus type 5	Hepatitis B Virus	Herpes Simplex Virus type 2	
Cytomegalovirus	Hepatitis C Virus	Human T-cell lymphotropic Virus type I	
Dengue Virus	Hepatitis E Virus	Human T-cell lymphotropic Virus type II	
Epstein-Barr Virus	Herpes Simplex Virus type1	West Nile Virus	

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## Analytical specificity - interfering substances

Elevated levels of triglycerides (33 g/L), conjugated bilirubin (0.2 g/L), unconjugated bilirubin (0.2 g/L), albumin (60 g/L), hemoglobin (2 g/L) and human DNA (2 mg/L) in samples as well as the presence of autoimmune diseases such as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), and antinuclear antibody (ANA) have been tested in the presence and absence of HIV-1 and HIV-2 RNA.

In addition, drug compounds listed in Table 28 were tested at three times the  $C_{max}$  in the presence and absence of HIV-1 and HIV-2 RNA.

All potentially interfering substances show no interference with the test performance with the exception of triglycerides and human DNA. At concentrations higher than 25 g/L triglycerides and 1.5 mg/L human DNA invalid results could occur due to interference. Non-reactive results were obtained with **cobas**\* HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for all samples without HIV target and reactive results were obtained on all of the samples with HIV-1 and HIV-2 targets.

Table 28 Drug compounds tested for interference with the cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative

Class of drug	Generic drug name		
Immune Modulators	Peginterferon a-2a	Ribavirin	
	Peginterferon a-2b		
HCV Inhibitors	Simeprevir	Sofosbuvir	
Reverse Transcriptase or DNA	Emtricitabine	Tenofovir	
Polymerase Inhibitors	Entecavir	Adefovir dipivoxil	
	Foscarnet	Telbivudine	
	Cidofovir	Aciclovir	
	Lamivudine	Valganciclovir	
	Ganciclovir		
Compounds for Treatment of	Azithromycin	Pyrazinamide	
Opportunistic Infections	Clarithromycin	Rifabutin	
	Ethambutol	Rifampicin	
	Fluconazole	Sulfamethoxazole	
	Isoniazid	Trimethoprim	
Statin	Atorvastatin		
Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor	Fluoxetine	Paroxetine	
	Sertraline		
Antihistamine	Loratadine		
Beta-blocker	Nadolol		
Decongestant	Phenylephrine HCI		
Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory drug	Naproxen	Ibuprofen	
Pain reliever	Acetaminophen	Acetylsalicylic Acid	
Vitamins	Ascorbic Acid		

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#### Correlation

#### **EDTA plasma and serum**

The performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was compared to the COBAS° AmpliPrep/COBAS° TaqMan° HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0 (HIV-1 EDTA plasma samples) and to a CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test (HIV-1 and HIV-2 EDTA plasma and serum samples).

For the correlation to COBAS® AmpliPrep/COBAS® TaqMan® HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0, clinical EDTA plasma samples were analyzed at one external site. For HIV-1 positive and HIV-1 negative clinical EDTA plasma samples, a total percent agreement of 100% between the two tests was shown, demonstrating that the performance of **cobas®** HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and COBAS® AmpliPrep/COBAS® TaqMan® HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0 is equivalent (Table 29).

Table 29 Summary of results for method correlation for HIV-1 EDTA plasma samples

	Method Correlation HIV-1 EDTA plasma samples		COBAS® AmpliPrep/COBAS® TaqMan® HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0		
niv-i EDIA pias			Non-reactive		
cobas <sup>®</sup> HIV-1/HIV-2	Reactive	68	0		
Qualitative	Non-reactive	0	80		

For the comparison to a CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test, clinical EDTA plasma or serum samples were analyzed at one external site. For HIV-1 positive and HIV-1 negative EDTA plasma or serum samples, a total percent agreement of 100% between the two tests was shown. For HIV-2 positive and HIV-2 negative EDTA plasma or serum samples, a total percent agreement of 99.7% between the two tests was shown. This demonstrates that the performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and a CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test is equivalent (Table 30 and Table 31).

Table 30 Summary of results for method correlation for HIV-1 EDTA plasma and serum samples

Method Correlation HIV-1 EDTA plasma and serum samples		CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test			
		Reactive	Non-reactive	Indeterminate	
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2	Reactive	138	0	0	
Qualitative	Non-reactive	0	164	1*	

<sup>\*</sup> The sample which showed a non-reactive result with **cobas**\* HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and an indeterminate result with the CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test was confirmed to be negative with an alternative CE-marked 4<sup>th</sup> generation HIV Ag/Ab serological test.

Table 31 Summary of results for Method Correlation for HIV-2 EDTA plasma and serum samples

Method Correlation HIV-2 EDTA plasma and serum samples		CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test			
		Reactive	Non-reactive	Indeterminate	
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2	Reactive	14	0	0	
Qualitative	Non-reactive	1	287	1*	

<sup>\*</sup> The sample which showed a non-reactive result with **cobas**\* HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and an indeterminate result with the CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test was confirmed to be negative with an alternative CE-marked 4<sup>th</sup> generation HIV Ag/Ab serological test.

#### **DBS**

The performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was compared to the COBAS° AmpliPrep/COBAS° TaqMan° HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0 by analysis of clinical early infant DBS samples at one external site. For HIV-1 positive and HIV-1 negative DBS samples, a total percent agreement of 99.6% between the two tests was shown, demonstrating that the performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and COBAS° AmpliPrep/COBAS° TaqMan° HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0 is equivalent (Table 32).

Table 32 Summary of results for Method Correlation for HIV-1 DBS samples

Method Correlation HIV-1 DBS samples		COBAS® AmpliPrep/COBAS® TaqMan® HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0	
		Reactive	Non-reactive
cobas <sup>®</sup> HIV-1/HIV-2	Reactive	127	1*
Qualitative	Non-reactive	0	151

<sup>\*</sup> The sample which showed a reactive result with **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and a non-reactive result with the COBAS° AmpliPrep/COBAS° TaqMan° HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0 was confirmed to be HIV-1 positive with nested PCR.

## Whole system failure

The Whole System Failure rate for **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was determined by testing 100 replicates of EDTA plasma and 100 replicates of whole blood for DBS spiked with both HIV-1 group M subtype B and HIV-2. These samples were tested at a target concentration of approximately 3 x LoD.

The results of this study determined that all replicates were valid and positive for the HIV-1 and HIV-2 targets, resulting in a Whole System Failure rate of 0% for EDTA plasma and DBS. The two-sided 95% exact confidence interval was 0% for the lower bound and 3.6% for the upper bound for each target and matrix.

#### **Cross contamination**

The cross-contamination rate for **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was determined by testing 240 replicates of an HIV negative DBS sample and 225 replicates of a high titer HIV-1 DBS sample at 2.0E+07 cp/mL. The study was performed following the DBS sample preparation workflow. In total, five runs were performed with positive and negative samples in a checkerboard configuration.

All 240 replicates of the negative sample were non-reactive, resulting in a cross-contamination rate of 0%. The 95% confidence interval was 0% for the lower bound and 1.5% for the upper bound.

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# **Additional information**

## **Key test features**

Sample type EDTA plasma, serum and dried blood spot (DBS)

Minimum amount of sample required 650 μL for EDTA plasma and serum samples or one DBS sample (70 μL dried blood per

spot) in 1150 µL **cobas**® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (SPER)

Sample process volume 500 μL for EDTA plasma and serum samples or 850 μL for DBS samples

Analytical sensitivity <u>HIV-1M</u> <u>HIV-2</u>

 EDTA plasma
 12.6 cp/mL
 27.9 cp/mL

 Serum
 12.1 cp/mL
 23.4 cp/mL

 DBS
 255 cp/mL
 984 cp/mL

Specificity 100% (one-sided 95% confidence interval: 99.5%) (EDTA plasma/serum)

100% (one-sided 95% confidence interval: 99.5%) (DBS)

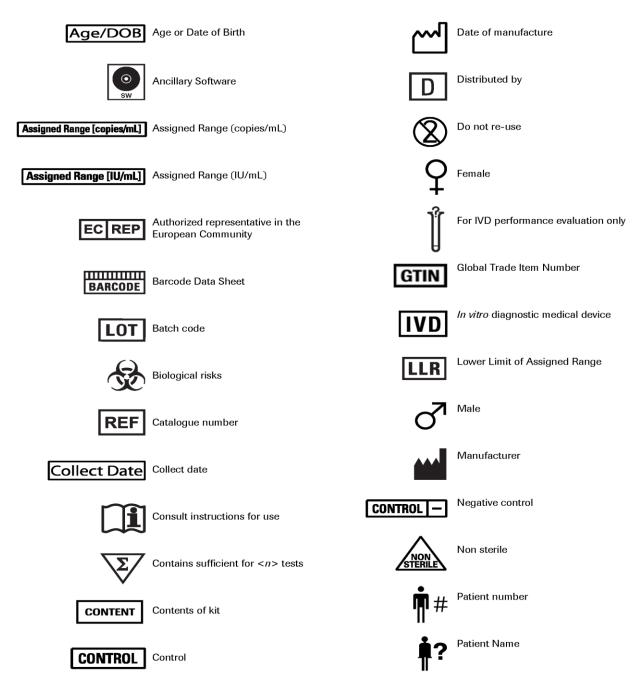
**Groups/subtypes – inclusivity** HIV-1M (A–D, F–H, J, K, CRF01\_AE, CRF02\_AG, CRF12\_BF, CRF14\_BG), HIV-1O, HIV-1N,

HIV-2 (A and B)

## **Symbols**

The following symbols are used in labeling for Roche PCR diagnostic products.

Table 33 Symbols used in labeling for Roche PCR diagnostics products



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Peel here



Positive control



QS copies per PCR reaction, use the QS copies per PCR reaction in calculation of the results.



QS IU per PCR reaction, use the QS International Units (IU) per PCR reaction in calculation of the results.



Serial number



Site

Procedure Standard Standard Procedure



STERILE EO Sterilized using ethylene oxide



Store in the dark



Temperature limit



Test Definition File



CE marking of conformity; this device is in conformity with the applicable requirements for CE marking of an in vitro diagnostic medical device



This way up



Unique Device Identification

Procedure UltraSensitive

Ultrasensitive Procedure



Upper Limit of Assigned Range

Urine Fill Line

Urine Fill Line



US Only: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.



✓ Use-by date



Device for near-patient testing



Device Not for Near Patient Testing



Device for self-testing



Device not for self-testing

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# cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative

# Nucleic acid test for use on the cobas<sup>®</sup> 5800/6800/8800 Systems

For in vitro diagnostic use

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For use on the cobas® 5800 System

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## Intended use

cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative nucleic acid test for use on the cobas® 5800/6800/8800 Systems is an in vitro nucleic acid amplification test for the qualitative detection and differentiation of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) type 1 (HIV-1) and type 2 (HIV-2) in human serum, plasma, and dried blood spots (DBS).

The test is intended to be used as an aid in diagnosis of HIV-1/HIV-2. Detection of HIV-1 or HIV-2 nucleic acid is indicative of HIV-1 or HIV-2 infection, respectively. The presence of HIV-1 or HIV-2 nucleic acid in the plasma or serum of individuals without antibodies to HIV-1 or HIV-2 is indicative of acute or primary infection. In infants born to HIV-infected mothers and who have maternal antibodies to HIV-1 or HIV-2, the presence of HIV nucleic acid is indicative of active infection. **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative may also be used to confirm HIV-1 or HIV-2 infection in an individual with specimens reactive for HIV-1 or HIV-2 antibodies or antigens.

## Summary and explanation of the test

#### **Background**

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is the etiologic agent of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). HIV-1 is the predominant cause of AIDS worldwide, with over 35 million people infected. After infection, infected individuals typically enter a clinically stable, relatively asymptomatic phase that can last for years. Without antiretroviral treatment, individuals typically progress to AIDS, which is marked by immune system depletion of CD4+ cells, susceptibility to opportunity infections, and eventual death. HIV-2, mainly found in West Africa, can also cause AIDS. Between 1 and 2 million people are thought to be infected with HIV-2 worldwide.

The distinction between HIV-1 and HIV-2 is important for several reasons: (1) HIV-2 appears less virulent than HIV-1, with lower viral loads, a slower rate of CD4+ cell loss, and a slower progression to opportunistic infections; (2) HIV-2 viral loads may be incorrectly quantified by HIV-1 viral load tests; and (3) some HIV-1 medications, particularly non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, are not effective against HIV-2. Co-infection with both HIV-1 and HIV-2 is also possible. Co-infection has no obvious effect on the rate of individuals' progression to AIDS, but does complicate viral load monitoring and antiretroviral treatment. Due to the importance of distinguishing between HIV-1 and HIV-2 infection, national and international guidelines have included the diagnosis and differentiation of HIV-1 and HIV-2 as a requirement for the proper diagnosis of HIV infection. Section 1.5.6

#### **Rationale for PCR testing**

Historically, HIV testing has been based on the antibody response that patients make to the virus. Although these antibodies are ineffective at combating the virus, they are found in almost all chronically infected patients. The major limitation of antibody testing is the several week "window period" during acute infection before the onset of a detectable antibody response. This window period has been decreased by "fourth generation" HIV immunoassay tests, which detect HIV p24 antigen as well as antibody. However, nucleic acid amplification tests have the potential to reduce the window period of fourth generation immunoassay tests, in detecting HIV-infection even further, because of the sensitivity of PCR methods over protein methods. 7

Depending on the risk of HIV infection in the population being tested, the reduction in window period from nucleic acid testing can be important for both the individual and the community.<sup>8</sup> For an individual, diagnosis of HIV during acute infection offers the opportunity for immediate treatment, which may potentially delay disease progression by preventing

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immune system damage and by preserving anti-HIV cellular immune responses. Early treatment may also limit the size and genetic diversity of the viral reservoir which is established, making it easier to achieve a functional cure in patients treated during acute infection. For the community, acutely infected patients play a major role in HIV transmission, because these patients typically have very high viral loads and are unaware of their infection status. Identifying and treating these patients may play a critical role in stopping the spread of HIV epidemics. PCR is already the standard of care for the diagnosis of HIV in infants, and the high sensitivity and specificity of PCR would not only allow for the detection of acute infection in individuals of all ages, but also the confirmation of HIV diagnosis in seropositive or serology-indeterminate individuals. 11,12

#### **Explanation of the test**

cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative is a qualitative test performed on the cobas® 5800 System, cobas® 6800 System or cobas® 8800 System. cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative enables the simultaneous detection and differentiation of HIV-1 and HIV-2 nucleic acid in ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) plasma, serum and DBS of infected patients. Two probes are used to detect HIV-1, but not to discriminate HIV-1 group M subtypes and HIV-1 group O and group N. A third probe is used to detect HIV-2, but not to discriminate HIV-2 group A and group B.

#### Principles of the procedure

cobas° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative is based on fully automated sample preparation (nucleic acid extraction and purification) followed by PCR amplification and detection. The cobas° 5800 System is designed as one integrated instrument. The cobas° 6800/8800 Systems consist of the sample supply module, the transfer module, the processing module, and the analytic module. Automated data management is performed by the cobas° 5800 or cobas° 6800/8800 Systems software which assigns test results for all tests as non-reactive, reactive, or invalid. Results can be reviewed directly on the system screen, exported, or printed as a PDF report.

Nucleic acid from patient samples and added armored RNA internal control (IC) molecules (which serve as the sample preparation and amplification/detection process control) is simultaneously extracted. In addition, the test utilizes three external controls: two positive and a negative control. In summary, viral nucleic acid is released by addition of proteinase and lysis reagent to the sample. The released nucleic acid binds to the silica surface of the added magnetic glass particles. Unbound substances and impurities, such as denatured protein, cellular debris and potential PCR inhibitors are removed with subsequent wash steps and purified nucleic acid is eluted from the magnetic glass particles with elution buffer at elevated temperature.

Selective amplification of target nucleic acid from the sample is achieved by the use of target virus-specific forward and reverse primers which are selected from highly conserved regions of the HIV-1 and HIV-2 genomes. The HIV-1 gag gene, the HIV-1 LTR region (dual target for HIV-1) and the HIV-2 LTR region are amplified by **cobas**\* HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative.

Selective amplification of IC is achieved by the use of sequence-specific forward and reverse primers which are selected to have no homology with the HIV-1 or HIV-2 genomes. A thermostable DNA polymerase enzyme is used for both reverse-transcription and PCR amplification. The target and IC sequences are amplified simultaneously utilizing a universal PCR amplification profile with predefined temperature steps and number of cycles. The master mix includes deoxyuridine triphosphate (dUTP), instead of deoxythimidine triphosphate (dTTP), which is incorporated into the newly synthesized DNA (amplicon). Any contaminating amplicons from previous PCR runs are eliminated by the AmpErase enzyme, which is included in the PCR master mix, during the first thermal cycling step. However, newly formed amplicons are not eliminated since the AmpErase enzyme is inactivated once exposed to temperatures above 55°C.

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cobas° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative master mix contains two detection probes specific for the HIV-1 target sequences, one for HIV-2 target sequences and one for the IC. The probes are labeled with target specific fluorescent reporter dyes allowing simultaneous detection of HIV-1 target, HIV-2 target and IC in three different target channels. HIV-2 target and IC in three different target channels. Under the probes is suppressed by a quencher dye. During the PCR amplification step, hybridization of the probes to the specific single-stranded DNA template results in cleavage of the probe by the 5' to 3' exonuclease activity of the DNA polymerase resulting in separation of the reporter and quencher dyes and the generation of a fluorescent signal. With each PCR cycle, increasing amounts of cleaved probes are generated and the cumulative signal of the reporter dye increases concomitantly. Real-time detection and discrimination of PCR products is accomplished by measuring the fluorescence of the released reporter dyes for the viral targets and IC, respectively.

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# **Reagents and materials**

# cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagents and controls

All unopened reagents and controls shall be stored as recommended in Table 1 to Table 5.

Table 1 cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative

cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Store at 2-8°C 192 test cassette (P/N 09040528190)				
Kit components	Reagent ingredients	Quantity per kit 192 tests		
Proteinase Solution (PASE)	Tris buffer, < 0.05% EDTA, calcium chloride, calcium acetate, 8% (w/v) proteinase, Glycerol	22.3 mL		
	EUH210: Safety data sheet available on request. EUH208: Contains Subtilisin. May produce an allergic reaction.			
Internal Control (IC)	Tris buffer, < 0.05% EDTA, < 0.001% internal control armored RNA construct (non-infectious RNA encapsulated in MS2 bacteriophage), < 0.002% Poly rA RNA (synthetic), < 0.1% sodium azide			
Elution Buffer (EB)	Tris buffer, 0.2% methyl-4 hydroxybenzoate	21.2 mL		
Master Mix Reagent 1 (MMX-R1)	Manganese acetate, potassium hydroxide, < 0.1% sodium azide	7.5 mL		
HIV-1/HIV-2 Master Mix Reagent 2 (HIV-1/HIV-2 MMX-R2)	glycerol, Tween 20, EDTA, < 0.06% dATP, dCTP, dGTP,			

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Table 2 cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit

## cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit

Store at 2-8°C

For use on the **cobas**® 5800 System (P/N: 09040536190)

For use on the **cobas**® 6800/8800 Systems (P/N 07862091190 and P/N: 09040536190)

Kit components	Reagent ingredients	Quantity per kit	Safety symbol and warning*
HIV-1M/HIV-2 Positive Control (HIV-1M/HIV-2 (+)C)	< 0.001% Synthetic (armored) HIV-1 Group M RNA encapsulated in MS2 bacteriophage coat protein, < 0.001% Synthetic (armored) HIV-2 RNA encapsulated in MS2 bacteriophage coat protein, Normal human plasma, non-reactive by licensed tests for antibody to HIV-1/2; HIV-1 RNA and HIV-2 RNA not detectable by PCR methods. 0.1% ProClin <sup>®</sup> 300 preservative**	5.2 mL (8 x 0.65 mL)	WARNING H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction. H412: Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects. P261: Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. P273: Avoid release to the environment. P280: Wear protective gloves. P333 + P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. P362 + P364: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. P501: Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant. 55965-84-9 reaction mass of: 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one [EC no. 247-500-7]and 2-methyl-2H -isothiazol-3- one [EC no. 220-239-6] (3:1)
HIV-10 Positive Control (HIV-10 (+)C)	< 0.001% Synthetic (armored) HIV-1 Group O RNA encapsulated in MS2 bacteriophage coat protein, Normal human plasma, non-reactive by licensed tests for antibody to HIV-1/2; HIV-1 RNA and HIV-2 RNA not detectable by PCR methods. 0.1% ProClin <sup>®</sup> 300 preservative**	5.2 mL (8 x 0.65 mL)	WARNING H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction. H412: Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects. P261: Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray. P273: Avoid release to the environment. P280: Wear protective gloves. P333 + P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. P362 + P364: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. P501: Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant. 55965-84-9 reaction mass of: 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one [EC no. 247-500-7]and 2-methyl-2H -isothiazol-3- one [EC no. 220-239-6] (3:1)

<sup>\*</sup> Product safety labeling primarily follows EU GHS guidance

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Table 3 cobas® NHP Negative Control Kit

#### cobas® NHP Negative Control Kit

Store at 2-8°C

For use on **cobas**® 5800 System (P/N 09051554190)

For use on **cobas**® 6800/8800 Systems (P/N 07002220190 and P/N 09051554190)

Kit components	Reagent ingredients	Quantity per kit	Safety symbol and warning*
Normal Human Plasma Negative Control (NHP-NC)	Normal human plasma, non-reactive by licensed tests for antibody to HIV-1/2; HIV-1 RNA and HIV-2 RNA not detectable by PCR methods.	16 mL (16 x 1 mL)	
	< 0.1% ProClin <sup>®</sup> 300 preservative**		WARNING
			H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.
			P261: Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
			P272: Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
			P280: Wear protective gloves.
			P333 + P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
			P362 + P364: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
			P501: Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.
			55965-84-9 reaction mass of: 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one [EC no. 247-500-7]and 2-methyl-2H -isothiazol-3- one [EC no. 220-239-6] (3:1)

<sup>\*</sup> Product safety labeling primarily follows EU GHS guidance

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Hazardous substance

# cobas omni reagents for sample preparation

Table 4 cobas omni reagents for sample preparation\*

Reagents	Reagent ingredients	Quantity per kit	Safety symbol and warning**
cobas omni MGP Reagent (MGP) Store at 2-8°C (P/N 06997546190)	Magnetic glass particles, Tris buffer, 0.1% methyl-4 hydroxybenzoate, < 0.1% sodium azide	480 tests	Not applicable
cobas omni Specimen Diluent (SPEC DIL) Store at 2–8°C (P/N 06997511190)	Tris buffer, 0.1% methyl-4 hydroxybenzoate, < 0.1% sodium azide	4 x 875 mL	Not applicable
cobas omni Lysis Reagent (LYS) Store at 2–8°C (P/N 06997538190)	43% (w/w) guanidine thiocyanate***, 5% (w/v) polydocanol***, 2% (w/v) dithiothreitol, dihydro sodium citrate	4 x 875 mL	DANGER  H302 + H332: Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled. H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. H412: Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects. EUH032: Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas. P261: Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray. P273: Avoid release to the environment. P280: Wear eye protection/ face protection. P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell. P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. 593-84-0 Guanidinium thiocyanate 9002-92-0 Polidocanol 3483-12-3 (R*,R*)-1,4-dimercaptobutane-2,3-diol
cobas omni Wash Reagent (WASH) Store at 15–30°C	Sodium citrate dihydrate, 0.1% methyl-4 hydroxybenzoate	4.2 L	Not applicable
(P/N 06997503190)			

<sup>\*</sup> These reagents are not included in the **cobas** HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative kit. See listing of additional materials required (Table 11 and Table 12).

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Hazardous substance

# cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent

Table 5 cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent\*

**cobas<sup>®</sup> Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent** Store at 2-8°C (P/N 08064695190)

(P/N 08064695190)	T	F	T
Reagent	Reagent ingredients	Quantity per kit	Safety symbol and warning**
cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (SPER)	28% (w/w) guanidine thiocyanate, 6% (w/v) polydocanol, 1% (w/v) dithiothreitol, dihydro sodium citrate	600 mL (15 x 40 mL)	<u>(!)</u>
			DANGER
			H302: Harmful if swallowed.
			H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
			H412: Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
			EUH032: Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
			P273: Avoid release to the environment.
			P280: Wear eye protection/face protection.
			P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth.  Do NOT induce vomiting.
			P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.
			P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
			P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
			593-84-0 Guanidinium thiocyanate
			9002-92-0 Polidocanol

<sup>\*</sup> This reagent is not included in the cobas HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative kit. See listing of additional materials required (Table 11 and Table 12).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Product safety labeling primarily follows EU GHS guidance

## Reagent storage requirements

Reagents shall be stored and will be handled as specified in Table 6, Table 7, and Table 8. **cobas**° Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (SPER), used in DBS workflow, shall be stored and handled as specified in Table 9 and Table 10.

When reagents are not loaded on the **cobas**° 5800 System or **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems, store them at the corresponding temperature specified in Table 6.

**Table 6** Reagent storage (when reagent is not on the system)

Reagent	Storage temperature
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative	2-8°C
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control	2-8°C
cobas® NHP Negative Control Kit	2-8°C
cobas omni Lysis Reagent	2-8°C
cobas omni MGP Reagent	2-8°C
cobas omni Specimen Diluent	2-8°C
cobas omni Wash Reagent	15-30°C

## Reagent handling requirements for cobas® 5800 System

Reagents loaded onto the **cobas**° 5800 System are stored at appropriate temperatures and their expiration is monitored by the system. The system allows reagents to be used only if all of the conditions shown in Table 7 are met. The system automatically prevents use of expired reagents. Table 7 allows the user to understand the reagent handling conditions enforced by the **cobas**° 5800 System.

**Table 7** Reagent expiry conditions enforced by the **cobas**<sup>®</sup> 5800 System

Reagent	Kit expiration date	Open-kit stability	Number of runs for which this kit can be used	On-board stability
<b>cobas</b> ® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative	Date not passed	90 days from first usage	Max 40 runs	Max 36 days*
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit	Date not passed	Not applicable**	Not applicable	Max 36 days*
<b>cobas</b> ® NHP Negative Control Kit	Date not passed	Not applicable**	Not applicable	Max 36 days*
cobas omni Lysis Reagent	Date not passed	30 days from loading*	Not applicable	Not applicable
cobas omni MGP Reagent	Date not passed	30 days from loading*	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>cobas omni</b> Specimen Diluent	Date not passed	30 days from loading*	Not applicable	Not applicable
cobas omni Wash Reagent	Date not passed	30 days from loading*	Not applicable	Not applicable

<sup>\*</sup> Time is measured from the first time that reagent is loaded onto the cobas\* 5800 System.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Single use reagent

## Reagent handling requirements for cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

Reagents loaded onto the **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems are stored at appropriate temperatures and their expiration is monitored by the system. The **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems allow reagents to be used only if all of the conditions shown in Table 8 are met. The system automatically prevents use of expired reagents. Table 8 allows the user to understand the reagent handling conditions enforced by the **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems.

Table 8 Reagent expiry conditions enforced by the cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

Reagent Kit expirat date		Open-kit stability	Number of runs for which this kit can be used	On-board stability (cumulative time on board outside refrigerator)
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative	Date not passed	90 days from first usage	Max 40 runs	Max 40 hours
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit	Date not passed	Not applicable <sup>a</sup>	Not applicable	Max 8 hours
cobas® NHP Negative Control Kit	Date not passed	Not applicable <sup>a</sup>	Not applicable	Max 10 hours
cobas omni Lysis Reagent	Date not passed	30 days from loading*	Not applicable	Not applicable
cobas omni MGP Reagent	Date not passed	30 days from loading*	Not applicable	Not applicable
cobas omni Specimen Diluent	Date not passed	30 days from loading*	Not applicable	Not applicable
cobas omni Wash Reagent	Date not passed	30 days from loading*	Not applicable	Not applicable

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Single use reagent

Store cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (used in DBS workflow) at the corresponding temperature specified in Table 9.

Table 9 cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent storage

Reagent	Storage temperature
cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent	2-8°C

cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent is stable until the expiration date indicated. Once opened, this reagent is stable for 30 days when stored at 2-8°C including cumulative 13 hours at 30°C or until expiration date, whichever comes first as specified in Table 10.

Table 10 cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent expiry conditions

Reagent	Kit expiration date	Open-kit stability	Number of runs for which this kit can be used	Stability at 30°C outside refrigerator (cumulative time)
cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent	Date not passed	30 days from first usage	Not applicable	Max 13 hours

<sup>\*</sup> Time is measured from the first time that reagent is loaded onto the cobas\* 6800/8800 Systems.

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# Additional materials required for cobas® 5800 System

Table 11 Material and consumables for use on cobas® 5800 System

Material	P/N
cobas omni Processing Plate 24	08413975001
cobas omni Amplification Plate 24	08499853001
cobas omni Liquid Waste Plate 24	08413983001
Tip CORE TIPS with Filter, 1mL	04639642001
Tip CORE TIPS with Filter, 300uL	07345607001
cobas omni Liquid Waste Container	07094388001
cobas omni Lysis Reagent	06997538190
cobas omni MGP Reagent	06997546190
cobas omni Specimen Diluent	06997511190
cobas omni Wash Reagent	06997503190
Solid Waste Bag	07435967001
or	or
Solid Waste Bag With Insert	08030073001

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# Additional materials required for cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

Table 12 Materials and consumables for use on cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

Material	P/N
cobas omni Processing Plate	05534917001
cobas omni Amplification Plate	05534941001
cobas omni Pipette Tips	05534925001
cobas omni Liquid Waste Container	07094388001
cobas omni Lysis Reagent	06997538190
cobas omni MGP Reagent	06997546190
cobas omni Specimen Diluent	06997511190
cobas omni Wash Reagent	06997503190
Solid Waste Bag and Solid Waste Container	07435967001 and 07094361001
or	or
Solid Waste Bag With Insert and Kit Drawer	08030073001 and 08387281001

Table 13 Other materials and consumables required for DBS application only

Materials	
Whatman 903® filter card, Munktell Specimen Collection card TFN or equivalent (12-13 mm spot diameter)	
Tubes, 5 mL, internal thread, 12.5 mm diameter, polypropylene (i.e., Cryo.s™) with caps	
Eppendorf Thermomixer (e.g., model R 5355 or equivalent) with Thermoblock for 24 cryo tubes	
Sterile or disposable forceps or tweezers	
Resealable bags and desiccant sachets (for DBS storage)	

## Instrumentation and software required

The cobas° 5800 software and cobas° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative analysis package for the cobas° 5800 System, SW cobas° 5800 HIV-1/2 Qual-Serum/Plasma ASAP and/or SW cobas° 5800 HIV-1/2 Qual-DBS ASAP, shall be installed on the cobas° 5800 instrument. The Data Manager software and PC for the cobas° 5800 System will be provided with the system.

The **cobas**° 6800/8800 software and **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative analysis package(s) for the **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems, SW **cobas**° HIV-1/2 Qual-Serum/Plasma ASAP and/or SW **cobas**° HIV-1/2 Qual-DBS ASAP, shall be installed on the instrument(s). The Instrument Gateway (IG) server will be provided with the system.

Table 14 Instrumentation

Equipment	P/N	
cobas® 5800 System	08707464001	
cobas® 6800 System (Option Moveable)	05524245001 and 06379672001	
cobas® 6800 System (Fix)	05524245001 and 06379664001	
cobas® 8800 System	05412722001	
Sample Supply Module	06301037001	

Refer to the cobas® 5800 System or cobas® 6800/8800 Systems User Assistance and/or User Guides for additional information

Note: Contact your local Roche representative for a detailed order list for sample racks, racks for clotted tips and rack trays accepted on the instruments.

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# **Precautions and handling requirements**

## **Warnings and precautions**

As with any test procedure, good laboratory practice is essential to the proper performance of this assay. Due to the high sensitivity of this test, care should be taken to keep reagents and amplification mixtures free of contamination.

- For in vitro diagnostic use only.
- This test is not intended for use in screening blood or plasma donors.
- All patient samples should be handled as if infectious, using good laboratory procedures as outlined in Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories and in the CLSI Document M29-A4.<sup>18,19</sup> Only personnel proficient in handling infectious materials and the use of cobas\* HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and cobas\* 5800/6800/8800 Systems should perform this procedure.
- All human-sourced materials should be considered potentially infectious and should be handled with universal precautions. If spillage occurs, immediately disinfect following appropriate site procedures.
  - If spillage of DBS samples in cobas\* Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (which contain guanidine thiocyanate) occurs, do not allow it to come in contact with sodium hypochlorite containing disinfectants such as bleach. This mixture can produce a highly toxic gas.
- cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit and cobas® NHP Negative Control Kit contain plasma derived from human blood. The source material has been tested by licensed antibody tests and found non-reactive for the presence of antibody to HIV-1/2. Testing of normal human plasma by PCR methods also showed no detectable HIV-1 (Groups M and O) RNA and HIV-2 RNA. No known test method can offer complete assurance that products derived from human blood will not transmit infectious agents.
- Do not freeze whole blood or any samples stored in primary tubes.
- cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent is light sensitive and shipped in light protective bottles.
- Use only supplied or specified required consumables to ensure optimal test performance.
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available on request from your local Roche representative.
- Closely follow procedures and guidelines provided to ensure that the test is performed correctly. Any deviation from the procedures and guidelines may affect optimal test performance.
- False positive results may occur if carryover of samples is not adequately controlled during sample handling and processing.
- Inform your local competent authority about any serious incidents which may occur when using this assay.

## Reagent handling

- Handle all reagents, controls, and samples according to good laboratory practice in order to prevent carryover of samples or controls.
- Before use, visually inspect each reagent cassette, diluent, lysis reagent, wash reagent, and **cobas**° Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (required for DBS application only) to ensure that there are no signs of leakage. If there is any evidence of leakage, do not use that material for testing.
- **cobas omni** Lysis Reagent and **cobas**® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent contain guanidine thiocyanate, a potentially hazardous chemical. Avoid contact of reagents with the skin, eyes, or mucous membranes. If contact does occur, immediately wash with generous amounts of water; otherwise, burns can occur.

- **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative kits, **cobas omni** MGP Reagent, and **cobas omni** Specimen Diluent contain sodium azide as a preservative. Avoid contact of these reagents with the skin, eyes, or mucous membranes. If contact does occur, immediately wash with generous amounts of water; otherwise, burns can occur. If these reagents are spilled, dilute with water before wiping dry.
- Do not allow **cobas omni** Lysis Reagent or **cobas**\* Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent, which contain guanidine thiocyanate, to contact sodium hypochlorite (bleach) solution. This mixture can produce a highly toxic gas.
- Dispose of all materials that have come in contact with samples and reagents in accordance with country, state, and local regulations.

## **Good laboratory practice**

- Do not pipette by mouth.
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke in designated work areas.
- Wear laboratory gloves, laboratory coats, and eye protection when handling samples and reagents. Gloves must be changed between handling samples and **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative kits and **cobas omni** reagents to prevent contamination. Avoid contaminating gloves when handling samples and controls.
- Wash hands thoroughly after handling samples and kit reagents, and after removing the gloves.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect all laboratory work surfaces with a freshly prepared solution of 0.5% sodium hypochlorite in distilled or deionized water (dilute household bleach 1:10). Follow by wiping the surface with 70% ethanol.
- If spills occur on the **cobas**° 5800 instrument, follow the instructions in the **cobas**° 5800 Systems User Assistance and/or User Guide to properly clean and decontaminate the surface of instrument(s).
- If spills occur on the **cobas**° 6800/8800 instrument, follow the instructions in the **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems User Assistance and/or User Guide to properly clean and decontaminate the surface of the instrument(s).

# Sample collection, transport, and storage

Note: Handle all samples and controls as if they are capable of transmitting infectious agents.

Store all samples at specified temperatures.

Sample stability is affected by elevated temperatures.

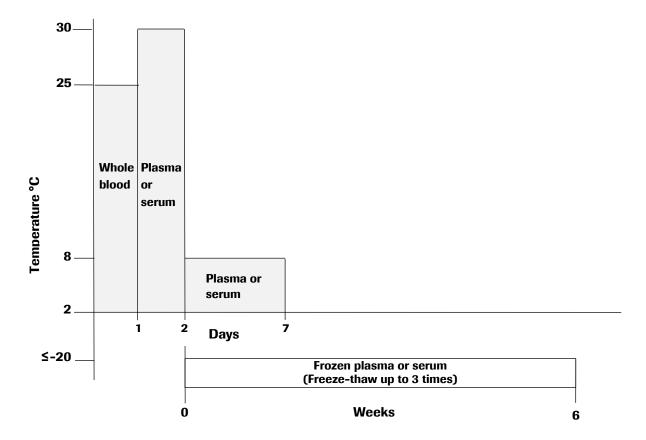
If using frozen samples in secondary tubes, place the samples at room temperature (15-30°C) until completely thawed and then briefly mix (e.g. vortex for 3-5 seconds) and centrifuge to collect all sample volume at the bottom of the tube.

#### **Samples**

#### **EDTA** plasma and serum samples

- Whole blood should be collected in SST™ Serum Separation Tubes, BD Vacutainer® PPT™ Plasma Preparation Tubes for Molecular Diagnostic Test Methods or in sterile tubes using EDTA as the anticoagulant. Follow the sample collection tube manufacturer instructions.
- Whole blood collected in SST™ Serum Separation Tubes, BD Vacutainer® PPT™ Plasma Preparation Tubes for Molecular Diagnostic Test Methods or in sterile tubes using EDTA as the anticoagulant may be stored and/or transported for up to 24 hours at 2°C to 25°C prior to plasma or serum preparation. Centrifugation should be performed according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Upon separation EDTA plasma or serum samples may be stored in secondary tubes for up to 24 hours at 30°C followed by up to 5 days at 2°C to 8°C or up to 6 weeks at ≤ -20°C. For long-term storage, temperatures at < -60°C are recommended.
- Plasma and serum samples are stable for up to three freeze/thaw cycles when frozen at  $\leq$  -20°C.
- Refer to Figure 1 for sample storage conditions.

Figure 1 Whole blood, plasma and serum sample storage conditions



• If samples are to be shipped, they should be packaged and labeled in compliance with applicable country and/or international regulations covering the transport of samples and etiologic agents.

## **Dried blood spots**

- Collect DBS samples using appropriate clinical procedures.
- It is recommended to apply a minimum of 70 µL of capillary blood inside each delineated circle on the DBS card.
- Ensure that BOTH sides of the paper are saturated and completely fill the delineated circle.
- Allow DBS to dry at room temperature (18-25°C) for at least 3 hours, protecting the DBS card from direct sunlight.
- For further details consult package insert of filter cards used.
- It is recommended to prepare at least 3 paper disks per patient sample.
- Store DBS in individual resealable bags with a desiccant sachet in each bag.
- DBS may be transported or stored at 15-30°C for up to three months.
- If samples are to be shipped, they should be packaged and labeled in compliance with applicable country and/or international regulations covering the transport of samples and etiologic agents.

## Instructions for use

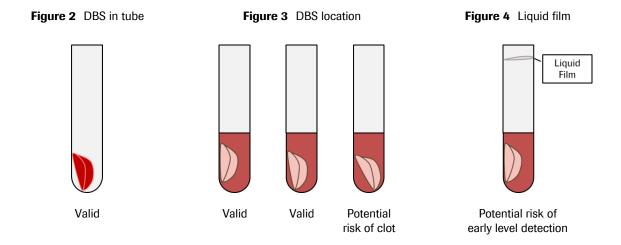
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- Do not use cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagents, cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit, cobas® NHP
  Negative Control Kit, cobas omni reagents, or cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent after their expiry dates.
- Do not reuse consumables. They are for one-time use only.
- Refer to the cobas® 5800 System or cobas® 6800/8800 Systems User Assistance and/or User Guide for proper maintenance of instruments.

#### **Dried blood spot sample preparation**

- Allow cobas® Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (SPER) to equilibrate to ambient temperature before use.
- Excise one DBS from the DBS card.
- Transfer the spot into a tube (5 mL, internal thread, 12.5 mm diameter, polypropylene [i.e., Cryo.s<sup>™</sup>]) using sterile or disposable forceps or tweezers.
- Ensure the DBS is located at the bottom of the tube as shown in Figure 2.
- Pipette 1150 μL of SPER into the tube containing the DBS and cap the tube.
- Ensure the DBS is completely covered with SPER.
- Place tubes in each of the positions 1 24 on a preheated Eppendorf Thermomixer (e.g., model R 5355 or equivalent) with Thermoblock for 24 cryo tubes and incubate for 10 minutes, at 56°C and 1000 rpm to extract the virus from the dried whole blood.
- Uncap the tubes and ensure the DBS is attached to the tube wall (Figure 3) to avoid sample clots.
- Eliminate any potential liquid film located above the liquid level (Figure 4) using a sterile pipette tip (to avoid early level detection).
- Transfer the tubes to the **cobas**° 5800 System or **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems.



## Running cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative on cobas® 5800 System

cobas° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative can be run with required sample volumes of 650  $\mu$ L (the 500  $\mu$ L plasma/serum sample workflow) or 1150  $\mu$ L cobas° Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (for the 850  $\mu$ L DBS sample workflow). Please note, DBS samples can be run in mixed batch mode with plasma, serum, or the cobas° HIV-1 PSC workflows. The test procedure is described in detail in the cobas° 5800 System User Assistance and/or User Guide. Figure 5 below summarizes the procedure.

Figure 5 cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative test procedure on cobas® 5800 System

- Log onto the system Loading samples onto the system Load sample racks onto the system The system prepares automatically Order tests Refill reagents and consumables as prompted by the system Load test specific reagent cassette(s) Load control mini racks Load processing tips Load elution tips Load processing plates Load liquid waste plates Load amplification plates Load MGP cassette Refill specimen diluent Refill lysis reagent Refill wash reagent Start the run by choosing the Start processing button on the user interface, all subsequent runs will start automatically if not manually postponed
  - Review and export results
  - Remove and cap any sample tubes meeting the minimum volume requirements if needed for future use

Clean up the instrument

- Unload empty control mini racks
- Unload empty test specific reagent cassette(s)
- Empty amplification plate drawer
- Empty liquid waste
- Empty solid waste

## Running cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative on cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

cobas° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative can be run with a minimum required sample volume of 650  $\mu$ L (for the 500  $\mu$ L plasma or serum sample workflow) or 1150  $\mu$ L cobas° Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (for the 850  $\mu$ L DBS sample workflow). Please note, cobas° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Dried Blood Spot workflow has been evaluated in mixed batch functionality only with the cobas° HIV-1 PSC workflow. The test procedure is described in detail in the cobas° 6800/8800 Systems User Assistance and/or User Guide. Figure 6 below summarizes the procedure.

Figure 6 cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative test procedure on cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

- Log onto the system
  Press Start to prepare the system
  Order tests
- Refill reagents and consumables as prompted by the system
  - Load test specific reagent cassette
  - Load control cassettes
  - Load pipette tips
  - Load processing plates
  - Load MGP reagent
  - Load amplification plates
  - Refill specimen diluent
  - Refill lysis reagent
  - Refill wash reagent
- 3 Loading samples onto the system
  - Load sample racks and clotted tip racks onto the sample supply module
  - · Confirm samples have been accepted into the transfer module
- Start the run by choosing the Start manually button on the user interface or have it start automatically after 120 minutes or if the batch is full
- 5 Review and export results
- Remove and cap any sample tubes meeting the minimum volume requirements if needed for future use

Clean up the instrument

- · Unload empty control cassettes
- Empty amplification plate drawer
- Empty liquid waste
- Empty solid waste

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## **Results**

The **cobas**° 5800 System and **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems automatically detect and discriminate HIV-1 and HIV-2 simultaneously in samples and controls, displaying test validity, overall results, as well as individual target results.

## Quality control and validity of results on the cobas® 5800 System

- One Normal Human Plasma Negative Control [(-) C] and two positive controls [HIV-1 M/HIV-2 (+)C and HIV-1 O (+)C] are processed at least every 72 hours or with every new kit lot. Positive and/or negative controls can be scheduled more frequently based on laboratory procedures and/or local regulations.
- In the **cobas**° 5800 System software and/or report, check for flags and their associated results to ensure the batch validity.

Invalidation of results is performed automatically by the **cobas**° 5800 software based on negative or positive control failures.

**NOTE:** The **cobas**° 5800 System will be delivered with the standard setting of running a set of controls (positive and negative) with every run, but can be configured to a less frequent scheduling up to every 72 hours based on laboratory procedures and/or local regulations. Please contact your Roche service engineer and/or Roche customer technical support for more information.

## Control results on cobas® 5800 System

The results of the controls are shown in the **cobas**° 5800 software in the "Controls" app.

- Controls are marked with "Valid" in the column "Control result" if all Targets of the control are reported valid. Controls are marked with 'Invalid' in the column "Control result" if all or one Target of the control are reported invalid.
- Controls marked with 'Invalid' show a flag in the "Flags" column. More information on why the control is reported invalid including flag information is shown in the detail view.
- If one of the positive controls is invalid, repeat testing of the all positive controls and all associated samples. If the negative control is invalid, repeat testing of all controls and all associated samples.

# Quality control and validity of results on the cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

- One Normal Human Plasma Negative Control [(-) C] and two positive controls [HIV-1 M/HIV-2 (+)C and HIV-1 O (+)C] are processed with each batch
- In the **cobas**® 6800/8800 software and/or report, check for flags and their associated results to ensure the batch validity.
- The batch is valid if no flags appear for all three controls.

Invalidation of results is performed automatically by the **cobas**° 6800/8800 software based on negative and positive control failures.

# Control flags on cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

Table 15 Control flags for negative and positive controls

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Negative Control	Flag	Result	Interpretation
(-) C	Q02 (Control batch failed)	Invalid	The entire batch is assigned invalid if the result for the (-) C is invalid.
Positive Control	Flag	Result	Interpretation
HIV-1 M/HIV-2 (+)C	Q02 (Control batch failed)	Invalid	The entire batch is assigned invalid if the result for the HIV-1 M/HIV-2 (+)C is invalid.
HIV-1 O (+)C	Q02 (Control batch failed)	Invalid	The entire batch is assigned invalid if the result for the HIV-1 O (+)C is invalid.

If the batch is invalid, repeat testing of the entire batch including samples and controls.

<sup>(-)</sup> C stands for NHP negative control, HIV-1 M/HIV-2 (+) C stands for **cobas** HIV-1 M/HIV-2 positive control and HIV-1 O (+) C stands for **cobas** HIV-1 O positive control in the **cobas** 6800/8800 software.

## Interpretation of results on the cobas® 5800 System

The results of the samples are shown in the **cobas**° 5800 software in the "Results" app.

For a valid control batch, check each individual sample for flags in the **cobas**° 5800 System softwares and/or report. The result interpretation should be as follows:

- A valid control batch may include both valid and invalid sample results.
- Samples associated with a valid control batch are shown as 'Valid' in the "Control result" column if all Control Target Results reported valid. Samples associated with a failed control batch are shown as 'Invalid' in the "Control result" column if all Control Target Results reported invalid.
- If the associated controls of a sample result are invalid, a specific flag will be added to the sample result as follows:
  - o Q05D: Result validation failure because of an invalid positive control
  - o Q06D : Result validation failure because of an invalid negative control
- The values in "Results" column for individual sample target result should be interpreted as shown in Table 16.
- If one or more sample targets are marked with "Invalid" the **cobas** 5800 software shows a flag in the "Flags" column. More information on why the sample target(s) is reported invalid including flag information is shown in the detail view.

Results and their corresponding interpretation for detecting HIV-1 and HIV-2 are shown below in Table 16.

Table 16 Results for individual target result interpretation on the cobas® 5800 System

Result		Interpretation
HIV-1 Reactive	HIV-2 Reactive	All requested results were valid.  Target signal detected for HIV-1 and HIV-2.
HIV-1 Reactive	HIV-2 Non-Reactive	All requested results were valid.  Target signal detected for HIV-1. No target signal detected for HIV-2.
HIV-1 Non-Reactive	HIV-2 Reactive	All requested results were valid.  No target signal detected for HIV-1. Target signal detected for HIV-2.
HIV-1 Non-Reactive	HIV-2 Non-Reactive	All requested results were valid.  No target signal detected for HIV-1 or HIV-2.
Invalid Invalid		Both HIV-1 and HIV-2 results are invalid. Original specimen should be re-tested to obtain valid HIV-1 and HIV-2 results. If the results are still invalid, a new specimen should be obtained.

## Interpretation of results on the cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

For a valid batch, check each individual sample for flags in the **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems software and/or report. The result interpretation should be as follows:

- A valid batch may include both valid and invalid sample results.
- Samples are marked with "Yes" in the column 'Valid' if all requested Target Results reported valid results. Samples marked with "No" in the column 'Valid' may require additional interpretation and action.
- The values in "Overall Result" column for individual samples should be interpreted as follows:
  - o Reactive All requested results are reactive or one of the requested results is reactive and the other non-reactive
  - o Non-Reactive All requested results are non-reactive
  - o Invalid At least one requested result is invalid
- Reported target results for individual samples are valid unless indicated otherwise.

Results and their corresponding interpretation for detecting HIV-1 and HIV-2 are shown in Table 17.

Table 17 Target results for individual target result interpretation on the cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

Valid	Overall Result	Target 1	Target 2	Interpretation	
Yes	Reactive	HIV-1 Reactive	HIV-2 Reactive	All requested results were valid.  Target signal detected for HIV-1 and HIV-2.	
Yes	Reactive	HIV-1 Reactive	HIV-2 Non- Reactive	All requested results were valid.  Target signal detected for HIV-1. No target signal detected for HIV-2.	
Yes	Reactive	HIV-1 Non- Reactive	HIV-2 Reactive	All requested results were valid.  No target signal detected for HIV-1. Target signal detected for HIV-2.	
Yes	Non-Reactive	-Reactive HIV-1 Non- HIV-2 Non- All requested re		All requested results were valid.  No target signal detected for HIV-1 or HIV-2.	
No	<b>Invalid</b> Invalid Invalid o		Invalid	Both HIV-1 and HIV-2 results are invalid. Original specimen should be re-tested to obtain valid HIV-1 and HIV-2 results. If the results are still invalid, a new specimen should be obtained.	

## **Procedural limitations**

- cobas° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative has been evaluated only for use in combination with the cobas° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Control Kit, cobas° NHP Negative Control Kit, cobas omni MGP Reagent, cobas omni Lysis Reagent, cobas omni Specimen Diluent, cobas omni Wash Reagent, and cobas° Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (used in dried blood spot workflow) for use on the cobas° 5800/6800/8800 Systems.
- Reliable results depend on proper sample type (EDTA plasma or serum) and sample collection, as well as storage and handling procedures. Use of the assay with other types of specimens may not yield accurate results.
- Detection of HIV-1 and HIV-2 nucleic acid is dependent on the number of virus particles present in the sample and may be affected by sample collection, storage and handling, patient factors (i.e., age, presence of symptoms), and/or stage of infection.
- Though rare, mutations within the highly conserved regions of a viral genome covered by **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative may affect primers and/or probe binding resulting in the failure to detect the presence of virus.
- Due to inherent differences between technologies, it is recommended that, prior to switching from one technology to the next, users perform method correlation studies in their laboratory to qualify technology differences. Users should follow their own specific policies/procedures.
- **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative is not intended for use as a screening test for the presence of HIV-1/HIV-2 in donated blood or blood products.

# Non-clinical performance evaluation

# Key performance characteristics performed on the cobas® 6800/8800 Systems Limit of Detection (LoD)

#### WHO International Standards/Roche Primary Standards

The limit of detection of the **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was determined by using the following standards:

- WHO 3rd International Standard for HIV-1 group M RNA (NIBSC code 10/152) for EDTA plasma, serum and DBS samples
- WHO International Standard for HIV-2 RNA (NIBSC code 08/150) for plasma and serum samples
- Roche Primary Standards for HIV-2 RNA for DBS samples
- Roche Primary Standards for HIV-1 group O RNA for EDTA plasma and serum samples

No international standard is currently available for HIV-1 group O RNA. The Roche HIV-1 group O RNA Standard is traceable to the CBER HIV-1 Subtype RNA Reference Panel #1 Lot 01. The Roche Primary Standards for HIV-1 group O RNA are derived from commercially available cultured virus stocks, P/N 2420 (Cat. No. 500493, SeraCare Life Sciences). The Roche HIV-2 RNA Standard is traceable to the WHO International Standard for HIV-2 RNA (NIBSC code 08/150). The Roche Primary Standards for HIV-2 RNA are derived from commercially available cultured virus stocks, P/N HIV-2 NIH-Z (Cat. No. 10-27-000, Applied Biotechnologies, Inc.). One copy of HIV-1 RNA is equivalent to 1.7 International Unit (IU) and one copy of HIV-2 RNA is equivalent to 0.2 IU.

Serial dilutions of the standards in HIV-negative human EDTA plasma, serum or whole blood for DBS were prepared. Panels of five or six concentration levels plus a negative were tested over three lots of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagents, multiple runs, days, operators, and instruments.

For each virus, 95% PROBIT analysis on the data combined across dilution series and reagent lots was used to estimate the LoD, along with the lower and upper limit of the 95% confidence interval (Table 18). The reactivity rates observed in the LoD studies for each virus are summarized in Table 19 to Table 21.

Table 18 Results of 95% PROBIT analysis on LoD data collected with viral standards in EDTA plasma, serum and DBS

Matrices	Analyte	Measuring units	LoD	Lower 95% confidence limit	Upper 95% confidence limit
	HIV-1 group M	copies/mL	12.6	10.9	15.2
EDTA plasma	HIV-1 group O	copies/mL	14.8	12.8	17.7
	HIV-2	copies/mL	27.9	22.9	36.6
	HIV-1 group M	copies/mL	12.1	10.5	14.5
Serum	HIV-1 group O	copies/mL	12.6	10.9	15.2
	HIV-2	copies/mL	23.4	19.6	29.7
DBS	HIV-1 group M	copies/mL	255	224	299
DB3	HIV-2	copies/mL	984	856	1169

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Table 19 Reactivity rates summary for HIV-1 group M in EDTA plasma, serum and DBS

Matrices	HIV-1 group M RNA concentration (cp/mL)	Number of reactive	Number of valid replicates	% Reactive
	40	189	189	100%
	30	189	189	100%
	20	187	189	99%
EDTA plasma	10	174	189	92%
	5	124	189	66%
	2.5	91	189	48%
	0	0	189	0%
	40	189	189	100%
	30	189	189	100%
	20	187	189	99%
Serum	10	176	189	93%
	5	126	189	67%
	2.5	86	189	46%
	0	0	189	0%
	750	252	252	100%
	600	252	252	100%
	360	246	250	98%
DBS	180	220	249	88%
	90	163	252	65%
	45	109	250	44%
	0	0	107	0%

Table 20 Reactivity rates summary for HIV-1 group O in EDTA plasma and serum

Matrices	HIV-1 group O RNA concentration (cp/mL)	Number of reactive	Number of valid replicates	% Reactive
	40	189	189	100%
	30	189	189	100%
	20	185	188	98%
EDTA plasma	10	163	189	86%
	5	117	189	62%
	2.5	78	189	41%
	0	0	189	0%
	40	189	189	100%
	30	189	189	100%
	20	186	189	98%
Serum	10	173	189	92%
	5	132	189	70%
	2.5	91	189	48%
	0	0	189	0%

Table 21 Reactivity rates summary for HIV-2 in EDTA plasma, serum and DBS

Matrices	HIV-2 RNA concentration (cp/mL)	Number of reactive	Number of valid replicates	% Reactive
	80	126	126	100%
	40	124	126	98%
CDTA plaama	20	115	126	91%
EDTA plasma	10	81	126	64%
	5	61	126	48%
	0	0	189	0%
	80	126	126	100%
	40	125	126	99%
Comme	20	114	126	90%
Serum	10	96	126	76%
	5	49	126	39%
	0	0	189	0%
	3000	252	252	100%
	1450	241	247	98%
DBS	725	226	246	92%
ססט	362	167	248	67%
	181	103	250	41%
	0	0	108	0%

#### **Precision – within laboratory**

The precision of cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was determined using the following standards:

- Roche Secondary Standard for HIV-1 group M
- Roche Primary Standard for HIV-2

Two panels of individually formulated HIV-1 group M and HIV-2 target, each comprising 3 panel members at concentrations of approximately 0.6 x, 1 x and 3 x of the LoD of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative were tested in this study. Testing was performed for the following variability components:

- day-to-day variability over 4 days
- lot-to-lot variability using 3 different reagent lots of cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative
- instrument-to-instrument variability using 3 different cobas® 6800/8800 Systems

Approximately 84 replicates were tested with each of the 3 panel members for each reagent lot for a total of 252 replicates over all reagent lots per target. Precision results were evaluated by calculating the percentage of reactive test results at each concentration level for each of the variability components analyzed.

The limits of two-sided 95% confidence intervals for each reactive rate were calculated for each of the three levels of HIV-1 group M and HIV-2 tested across 4 days, 3 reagent lots, and 3 **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems. **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative is reproducible over multiple days, reagent lots and multiple instruments. The results from reagent lot-to-lot variability are summarized in Table 22 and Table 23.

**Table 22 cobas**® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagent lot-to-lot precision summary (EDTA plasma)

Analyte	Concentration	Reagent lot	% Reactive (reactive/valid replicates)	Lower limit of 95% confidence interval	Upper limit of 95% confidence interval
		1	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
	~3 x LoD	2	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
		3	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
		1	98.8% (83/84)	93.5%	100%
HIV-1 group M	~1 x LoD	2	98.8% (83/84)	93.5%	100%
		3	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
		1	77.4% (65/84)	67.0%	85.8%
	~0.6 x LoD	2	76.2% (64/84)	65.7%	84.8%
		3	82.1% (69/84)	72.3%	89.6%
		1	98.8% (83/84)	93.5%	100%
	~3 x LoD	2	96.4% (81/84)	89.9%	99.3%
		3	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
		1	98.8% (83/84)	93.5%	100%
HIV-2	~1 x LoD	2	98.8% (83/84)	93.5%	100%
		3	97.6% (82/84)	91.7%	99.7%
		1	66.7% (56/84)	55.5%	76.6%
	~0.6 x LoD	2	69.0% (58/84)	58.0%	78.7%
		3	69.0% (58/84)	58.0%	78.7%

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Table 23 cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagent lot-to-lot precision summary (DBS)

Analyte	Concentration	Reagent lot	% Reactive (reactive/valid replicates)	Lower limit of 95% confidence interval	Upper limit of 95% confidence interval
		1	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
	~3 x LoD	2	100% (83/83)	95.7%	100%
		3	97.6% (82/84)	91.7%	99.7%
		1	96.4% (81/84)	89.9%	99.3%
HIV-1 group M	~1 x LoD	2	96.4% (81/84)	89.9%	99.3%
		3	95.2% (80/84)	88.3%	98.7%
	~0.6 x LoD	1	88.0% (73/83)	79.0%	94.1%
		2	83.3% (70/84)	73.6%	90.6%
		3	88.1% (74/84)	79.2%	94.1%
		1	100% (83/83)	95.7%	100%
	~3 x LoD	2	100% (84/84)	95.7%	100%
		3	100% (83/83)	95.7%	100%
		1	97.6% (82/84)	91.7%	99.7%
HIV-2	~1 x LoD	2	97.6% (82/84)	91.7%	99.7%
		3	98.8% (83/84)	93.5%	100%
		1	88.1% (74/84)	79.2%	94.1%
	~0.6 x LoD	2	91.7% (77/84)	83.6%	96.6%
		3	85.7% (72/84)	76.4%	92.4%

## Group/subtype verification and inclusivity

The performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative on HIV-1 group M subtypes, group O, group N and HIV-2 group B was evaluated by:

- Verification of the limit of detection for HIV-1 group M subtypes, group O (verified by dilution in whole blood for DBS), group N and HIV-2 group B
- Verification of the inclusivity for HIV-1 group M subtypes, group O, group N and HIV-2 group A and group B

#### Verification of limit of detection for HIV-1 group M subtypes, group O, group N and HIV-2 group B

Clinical or cultured HIV samples for HIV-1 group M (A, C, D, F, G, H) and circulating recombinant forms (CRF01\_AE, CRF02\_AG), HIV-1 group N and HIV-2 group B were diluted in EDTA plasma, serum or whole blood for DBS, and additionally HIV-1 group O in whole blood for DBS, to the LoD concentration of the predominant group/subtype (HIV-1 group M subtype B or HIV-2 group A) based on the LoD determined with 95% PROBIT analysis over all lots combined. The reactive rate determination was performed with 42 replicates. Testing was conducted with 1 lot of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagents. The results from HIV-1 are shown in Table 24 and the results from HIV-2 are shown in Table 25. These results verify that **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative detected HIV for HIV-1 group M (A, C, D, F, G, H, CRF01\_AE,

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CRF02\_AG), HIV-1 group O, HIV-1 group N and HIV-2 group B at the claimed concentration for each matrix or below with an upper 95% confidence interval being equal to or greater to the expected reactivity rate of 95%.

Table 24 LoD verification of HIV-1 group M subtypes, group O, and group N in EDTA plasma, serum or whole blood for DBS

		Plasma: 1	2.6 cp/mL		Serum: 1	2.1 cp/mL		DBS:	255 cp/mL	
Group	Subtype	Number of valid replicates	Number of reactive	% Reactive (95% CI*)	Number of valid replicates	Number of reactive	% Reactive (95% CI*)	Number of valid replicates	Number of reactive	% Reactive (95% CI*)
M	A	42	40	95% (99%)	42	40	95% (99%)	41	37	90% (97%)
	С	42	41	98% (100%)	42	42	100% (99.4%)	42	42	100% (100%)
	D	42	37	88% (96%)	42	37	88% (96%)	42	39	93% (99%)
	F	42	38	90% (97%)	42	38	90% (97%)	42	40	95% (99%)
	G	42	40	95% (99%)	42	39	93% (99%)	42	42	100% (100%)
	Н	42	38	90% (97%)	42	41	98% (100%)	42	41	98% (100%)
	CRF01_AE	42	38	90% (97%)	42	38	90% (97%)	42	41	98% (100%)
	CRF02_AG	42	36	86% (95%)	42	39	93% (99%)	42	42	100% (100%)
0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41	39	95% (99%)
N		42	39	93% (99%)	42	37	88% (96%)	41	40	98% (100%)

<sup>\*</sup> Upper 95% confidence interval

Table 25 LoD verification of HIV-2 group B in EDTA plasma, serum or whole blood for DBS

	Plasma: 2	27.9 cp/mL		Serum: 2	23.4 cp/mL		DBS	984 cp/mL	
Group	Number of valid replicates	Number of positives	% Reactive (95% CI*)	Number of valid replicates	Number of positives	% Reactive (95% CI*)	Number of valid replicates	Number of positives	% Reactive (95% CI*)
В	42	42	100% (100%)	42	42	100% (100%)	42	42	100% (100%)

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Upper 95% confidence interval

#### Verification of inclusivity for HIV-1 group M subtypes, group O, group N and HIV-2 group A and group B

The performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative to detect subtypes of HIV-1 group M (A, C, D, F, G, H, J, K) and circulating recombinant forms (CRF01\_AE, CRF02\_AG, CRF12\_BF, CRF14\_BG), HIV-1 group O, HIV-1 group N, HIV-2 group A and HIV-2 group B was determined by testing unique clinical samples and/or culture isolated for each group or subtype in EDTA plasma or serum.

#### HIV-1 group M

A total of 105 unique HIV-1 group M clinical samples with known HIV-1 subtype were tested neat (undiluted) and after dilution to  $\sim$ 5 x LoD of **cobas** $^{\circ}$  HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative. All 105 clinical samples with known subtypes were detected neat and at  $\sim$ 5 x LoD (Table 26).

In addition, four HIV-1 group M subtype CRF12\_BF and one HIV-1 group M subtype CRF14\_BG clinical sample was tested after dilution series were prepared. One replicate of each of the neat samples and one of each dilution from 1:1.0E+01 to 1:5.0E+02 (2-4 dilutions per sample) for HIV-1 group M subtype CRF12\_BF and from 1:2.0E+01 to 1:1.2E+02 (4 dilutions) for HIV-1 group M subtype CRF14\_BG was tested, all yielding in reactive results. All of the tested clinical samples were detected at  $\leq 5$  x LoD.

Table 26 HIV-1 group M clinical samples

Subtype / circulating recombinant forms	% Reactive (reactive/samples tested) neat	% Reactive (reactive/samples tested) diluted to ~5 x LoD
A	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)
С	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)
D	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)
F	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)
G	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)
Н	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)
J	100% (5/5)	100% (5/5)
K	100% (9/9)	100% (9/9)
CRF01_ AE	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)
CRF02_AG	100% (10/10)	100% (10/10)
CRF12_BF	100% (2/2)	100% (2/2)
CRF14_BG	100% (9/9)	100% (9/9)

#### HIV-1 group O and HIV-1 group N

A total of 10 HIV-1 group O and one HIV-1 group N clinical or cultured sample was tested after dilution series were prepared. Two replicates of each of the neat samples and four of each dilution from 1:1.0E+01 to 1:4.8E+05 (3-5 dilutions per sample) for HIV-1 group O were tested, all yielding in reactive results. Two replicates of neat sample and four of each dilution from 1:1.0E+04 to 1:1.4E+05 (5 dilutions) for HIV-1 group N were tested. The neat sample and the dilutions from 1:1.0E+04 to 1:4.5E+04 yielded in 100% reactive results, while dilution 1:1.4E+05 yielded in a 50% reactive result. All of the tested samples were detected at  $\leq$  3 x LoD.

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#### HIV-2

A total of 16 unique HIV-2 group A and group B clinical or cultured samples were tested neat (undiluted) and after dilution to ~5 x LoD of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative. All 16 HIV-2 samples were detected neat and at ~5 x LoD (Table 27).

In addition, six HIV-2 group A and four HIV-2 group B clinical samples were tested after dilution series were prepared. One replicate of each of the neat samples and one of each dilution from 1:1.0E+01 to 1:9.0E+02 (2-5 dilutions per sample) for HIV-2 group A and from 1:2.0E+01 to 1:6.0E+01 (2-4 dilutions) for HIV-2 group B was tested, all yielding in reactive results. All of the tested clinical samples were detected at  $\leq$  3 x LoD.

Table 27 HIV-2 clinical or cultured samples

Subtype	% Reactive (reactive/samples tested) neat	% Reactive (reactive/samples tested) diluted to ~5 x LoD
А	100% (4/4)	100% (4/4)
В	100% (6/6)	100% (6/6)

## **Specificity**

The specificity of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was determined by analyzing HIV negative EDTA plasma, HIV negative serum and HIV negative DBS samples from individual blood donors. A total of 613 individual EDTA plasma and 607 individual serum samples were tested with two lots of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagents. In addition, 604 individual DBS samples were tested with three lots of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative reagents. All samples tested were found non-reactive for HIV-1 and HIV-2. In each of the EDTA plasma, serum and DBS samples, the specificity of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was 100% (95% confidence limit: ≥ 99.5%).

## **Seroconversion panels**

The performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was evaluated using commercially available seroconversion panels for HIV-1 group M.

#### **HIV-1** group M Seroconversion panels

Twenty five commercially available seroconversion panels were used. Each panel member was tested neat with **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and the results were compared to the results obtained with an FDA licensed 4<sup>th</sup> generation HIV Ag/Ab serology test and an FDA licensed comparator nucleic acid test tested neat. The overall performance results are shown in Table 28.

 Table 28 Performance of cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative on HIV Seroconversion panels

HIV Sero-	Number of Panel Members	Number of Panel Members with reactive result			Days to first reactive result			Days earlier detection with cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative	
panel	tested	cobas <sup>®</sup> HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative	Comparator NAT	HIV Ag/Ab Assay	cobas <sup>®</sup> HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative	Comparator NAT	HIV Ag/Ab Assay	Comparator NAT	HIV Ag/Ab Assay
HIV6243	10	6	6	4	18	18	25	0	7
HIV9011	11	3	3	2	30	30	38	0	8
HIV9012	8	5	5	3	9	7	16	-2	7
HIV9013	7	3	2	2	18	23	23	5	5
HIV9018	10	5	5	3	21	21	28	0	7
HIV9020	21	5	5	3	83	83	90	0	7
HIV9022	9	3	4	2	23	17	25	-6	2
HIV9030	16	6	5	3	40	40	47	0	7
HIV9031	19	8	6	4	120	131	146	11	26
HIV9034	13	4	4	3	41	41	46	0	5
HIV9076	9	3	3	3	66	66	66	0	0
HIV9089	6	5	5	3	7	7	16	0	9
HIV12008	13	7	7	5	21	21	28	0	7
PRB954	7	5	5	2	7	7	17	0	10
PRB956	5	4	4	2	40	40	47	0	7
PRB958	6	6	6	4	0	0	7	0	7
PRB961	9	4	4	2	19	19	27	0	8
PRB962	6	4	4	2	7	7	14	0	7
PRB963	7	4	5	2	9	7	17	-2	8
PRB967	6	5	5	3	3	3	17	0	14
PRB968	10	6	6	4	15	15	26	0	11
PRB969	10	7	6	3	53	53	70	0	17
PRB973	4	4	4	2	0	0	7	0	7
PRB976	4	4	4	2	0	0	7	0	7
PRB977	4	4	2	2	0	_*	13	_*	13
Total	230	120	115	70		NIAT			

<sup>\*</sup> Invalid result for the comparator NAT for the first panel member of panel PRB977, where a reactive NAT result was expected. The panel (PRB977) was therefore not included in the evaluation of the comparator NAT results.

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#### **Analytical specificity**

The analytical specificity of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was evaluated for cross-reactivity with a panel of microorganisms at 10<sup>5</sup> or 10<sup>6</sup> particles, copies, or PFU/mL, for viral isolates and bacterial strains/yeast isolates, respectively (Table 29). The microorganisms were added to HIV negative human EDTA plasma and tested with and without HIV-1 and HIV-2 virus added to a concentration of approximately 3 x LoD of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for each virus. Non-reactive results were obtained with **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for all microorganism samples without HIV-1 and HIV-2 target and reactive results were obtained for all of the microorganism samples with HIV-1 and HIV-2 targets. The tested microorganisms do not cross-react or interfere with **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative.

Table 29 Microorganisms tested for cross-reactivity

Virus	Bacteria	Yeast	
Adenovirus type 5	Varicella-Zoster Virus	Propionibacterium acnes	Candida albicans
Cytomegalovirus	West Nile Virus	Staphylococcus aureus	
Epstein-Barr Virus	St. Louis encephalitis Virus		
Hepatitis A Virus	Murray Valley encephalitis Virus		
Hepatitis B Virus	Dengue virus types 1, 2, 3, and 4		
Hepatitis C Virus	TBE Virus (strain HYPR)		
Hepatitis D Virus	Influenza A Virus		
Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus types 1 and 2	Zika Virus		
Human Herpes Virus Type-6	Human Papillomavirus		
Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 and 2	Yellow Fever Virus		

EDTA plasma samples from each of the disease states (one from Adenovirus type 5 and ten from each of the other disease states) listed in Table 30 were tested with and without HIV-1 and HIV-2 added to a concentration of approximately 3 x LoD of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for each virus. These disease states do not cross-react or interfere with **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative.

Table 30 Disease states samples tested for analytical specificity

Disease state						
Adenovirus type 5	Hepatitis B Virus	Herpes Simplex Virus type 2				
Cytomegalovirus	Hepatitis C Virus	Human T-cell lymphotropic Virus type I				
Dengue Virus	Hepatitis E Virus	Human T-cell lymphotropic Virus type II				
Epstein-Barr Virus	Herpes Simplex Virus type 1	West Nile Virus				

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#### Analytical specificity - interfering substances

Elevated levels of triglycerides (33 g/L), conjugated bilirubin (0.2 g/L), unconjugated bilirubin (0.2 g/L), albumin (60 g/L), hemoglobin (2 g/L) and human DNA (2 mg/L) in samples as well as the presence of autoimmune diseases such as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), and antinuclear antibody (ANA) have been tested in the presence and absence of HIV-1 and HIV-2 RNA.

In addition, drug compounds listed in Table 31 were tested at three times the  $C_{max}$  in the presence and absence of HIV-1 and HIV-2 RNA.

All potentially interfering substances show no interference with the test performance with the exception of triglycerides and human DNA. At concentrations higher than 25 g/L triglycerides and 1.5 mg/L human DNA invalid results could occur due to interference. Non-reactive results were obtained with **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for all samples without HIV target and reactive results were obtained on all of the samples with HIV-1 and HIV-2 targets.

Table 31 Drug compounds tested for interference with the cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative

Class of drug	Generic drug name				
Immune Modulators	Peginterferon α-2a	Ribavirin			
	Peginterferon a-2b				
HCV Inhibitors	Simeprevir	Sofosbuvir			
Reverse Transcriptase or DNA	Emtricitabine	Tenofovir			
Polymerase Inhibitors	Entecavir	Adefovir dipivoxil			
	Foscarnet	Telbivudine			
	Cidofovir	Aciclovir			
	Lamivudine	Valganciclovir			
	Ganciclovir				
Compounds for Treatment of	Azithromycin	Pyrazinamide			
Opportunistic Infections	Clarithromycin	Rifabutin			
	Ethambutol	Rifampicin			
	Fluconazole	Sulfamethoxazole			
	Isoniazid	Trimethoprim			
Statin	Atorvastatin				
Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor	Fluoxetine	Paroxetine			
	Sertraline				
Antihistamine	Loratadine				
Beta-blocker	Nadolol				
Decongestant	Phenylephrine HCl				
Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory drug	Naproxen	Ibuprofen			
Pain reliever	Acetaminophen	Acetylsalicylic Acid			
Vitamins	Ascorbic Acid				

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#### **Method Correlation**

#### **EDTA plasma and serum**

The performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was compared to the COBAS° AmpliPrep/COBAS° TaqMan° HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0 (HIV-1 EDTA plasma samples) and to a CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test (HIV-1 and HIV-2 EDTA plasma and serum samples).

For the correlation to COBAS° AmpliPrep/COBAS° TaqMan° HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0, clinical EDTA plasma samples were analyzed at one external site. For HIV-1 positive and HIV-1 negative clinical EDTA plasma samples, a total percent agreement of 100% between the two tests was shown, demonstrating that the performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and COBAS° AmpliPrep/COBAS° TaqMan° HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0 is equivalent (Table 32).

Table 32 Summary of results for method correlation for HIV-1 EDTA plasma samples

Method Cori HIV-1 EDTA plasi		COBAS® AmpliPrep/COBAS® TaqMan® HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0		
niv-i EDIA piasi	nia sampies	Reactive	Non-reactive	
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2	Reactive	68	0	
Qualitative	Non-reactive	0	80	

For the comparison to a CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test, clinical EDTA plasma or serum samples were analyzed at one external site. For HIV-1 positive and HIV-1 negative EDTA plasma or serum samples, a total percent agreement of 100% between the two tests was shown. For HIV-2 positive and HIV-2 negative EDTA plasma or serum samples, a total percent agreement of 99.7% between the two tests was shown. This demonstrates that the performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and a CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test is equivalent (Table 33 and Table 34).

Table 33 Summary of results for method correlation for HIV-1 EDTA plasma and serum samples

Method Cor	rrelation	CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test			
HIV-1 EDTA plasma a	nd serum samples	Reactive	Non-reactive	Indeterminate	
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2	Reactive	138	0	0	
Qualitative	Non-reactive	0	164	1*	

<sup>\*</sup> The sample which showed a non-reactive result with **cobas** HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and an indeterminate result with the CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test was confirmed to be negative with an alternative CE-marked 4th generation HIV Ag/Ab serological test.

Table 34 Summary of results for Method Correlation for HIV-2 EDTA plasma and serum samples

Method Cor	rrelation	CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test				
HIV-2 EDTA plasma a	nd serum samples	Reactive	Non-reactive	Indeterminate		
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2	Reactive	14	0	0		
Qualitative	Non-reactive	1	287	1*		

<sup>\*</sup> The sample which showed a non-reactive result with **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and an indeterminate result with the CE-marked HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation test was confirmed to be negative with an alternative CE-marked 4th generation HIV Ag/Ab serological test.

#### **DBS**

The performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was compared to the COBAS° AmpliPrep/COBAS° TaqMan° HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0 by analysis of clinical early infant DBS samples at one external site. For HIV-1 positive and HIV-1 negative DBS samples, a total percent agreement of 99.6% between the two tests was shown, demonstrating that the performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and COBAS° AmpliPrep/COBAS° TaqMan° HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0 is equivalent (Table 35).

Table 35 Summary of results for Method Correlation for HIV-1 DBS samples

Method Cor		COBAS® AmpliPrep/COBAS® TaqMan® HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0		
HIV-1 DBS :	samples	Reactive	Non-reactive	
cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2	Reactive	127	1*	
Qualitative	Non-reactive	0	151	

<sup>\*</sup> The sample which showed a reactive result with **cobas** HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative and a non-reactive result with the COBAS AmpliPrep/COBAS TaqMan HIV-1 Qualitative Test, v2.0 was confirmed to be HIV-1 positive with nested PCR.

## Whole system failure

The Whole System Failure rate for **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was determined by testing 100 replicates of EDTA plasma and 100 replicates of whole blood for DBS spiked with both HIV-1 group M subtype B and HIV-2. These samples were tested at a target concentration of approximately 3 x LoD.

The results of this study determined that all replicates were valid and positive for the HIV-1 and HIV-2 targets, resulting in a Whole System Failure rate of 0% for EDTA plasma and DBS. The two-sided 95% exact confidence interval was 0% for the lower bound and 3.6% for the upper bound for each target and matrix.

#### **Cross contamination**

The cross-contamination rate for **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was determined by testing 240 replicates of an HIV negative DBS sample and 225 replicates of a high titer HIV-1 DBS sample at 2.0E+07 cp/mL. The study was performed following the DBS sample preparation workflow. In total, five runs were performed with positive and negative samples in a checkerboard configuration.

All 240 replicates of the negative sample were non-reactive, resulting in a cross-contamination rate of 0%. The 95% confidence interval was 0% for the lower bound and 1.5% for the upper bound.

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## **Clinical performance evaluation**

## Reproducibility

Reproducibility of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was evaluated in EDTA plasma across reagent lot, test site/instrument system, operator, days, batch, and within batch. Reproducibility testing was performed in three sites using three reagent lots, two **cobas**° 6800 Systems and one **cobas**° 8800 System, two operators over 6 days; three replicates of each panel member were performed for each batch. Each panel consisted of one negative panel member and six positive panel members. The negative percent agreement was estimated as 100%, with a corresponding 95% exact CI of (98.9%, 100.0%) and the positive percent agreement was 100% for each panel member for both HIV-1 and HIV-2.

For HIV-1 positive panel members, the coefficient of variation (CV(%)) for all panel members was  $\leq$  1.9%, demonstrating very low variability of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative results across reagent lots, sites/instruments, days, operators, and batches.

**Table 36** Attributable percentage of total variance, total precision Standard Deviation and CV(%) of cycle threshold Values from HIV-1 Reactive results with the **cobas**® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative by positive HIV-1 panel member

Panel Member	N <sup>a</sup>	Lot <sup>b</sup>	Site <sup>b</sup>	Operator <sup>b</sup>	Day <sup>b</sup>	Batch <sup>b</sup>	Within- Batch <sup>b</sup>	Total Precision Standard Deviation <sup>c</sup>	Total Precision CV(%) <sup>d</sup>
~3 × LoD (3.78E1) HIV-1, Negative HIV-2	324	0.0% (0.0%)	0.0% (0.0%)	2.2% (0.3%)	6.6% (0.5%)	0.0% (0.0%)	91.1% (1.8%)	0.69	1.9%
>3 × LoD (1.00E5) HIV-1, Negative HIV-2	322	0.0% (0.0%)	15.5% (0.4%)	0.0% (0.0%)	33.1% (0.5%)	4.5% (0.2%)	46.9% (0.6%)	0.24	0.9%
>3 × LoD (1.00E5) HIV-1, ~3 × LoD (8.37E1) HIV-2	323	0.0% (0.0%)	7.8% (0.3%)	0.0% (0.0%)	45.0% (0.6%)	10.9% (0.3%)	36.3% (0.6%)	0.25	1.0%
~3 × LoD (3.78E1) HIV-1, >3 × LoD (1.00E5) HIV-2	323	1.5% (0.2%)	0.0% (0.0%)	0.0% (0.0%)	0.0% (0.0%)	0.0% (0.0%)	98.5% (1.8%)	0.67	1.8%

Note: The table only includes results with detectable analyte.

For HIV-2 positive panel members, the coefficient of variation (CV(%)) for all panel members was  $\leq$  1.7%, demonstrating very low variability of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative results across reagent lots, sites/instruments, days, operators, and batches.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Number of valid tests with detectable analyte.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Cells within the columns for the lot, site, operator, day, batch, and within-batch components display the percentage of total variance (%) and within parentheses the percent coefficient of variation (CV%) of the component.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Calculated using the total variability from the SAS MIXED procedure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> CV(%) = (standard deviation / mean) \* 100%.

**Table 37** Attributable percentage of total variance, total precision Standard Deviation, and CV(%) of cycle threshold values from HIV-2 reactive results with the **cobas**<sup>®</sup> HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative by positive HIV-2 panel member

Panel Member	Nª	Lot <sup>b</sup>	Site <sup>b</sup>	Operator <sup>b</sup>	Day <sup>b</sup>	Batch <sup>b</sup>	Within- Batch <sup>b</sup>	Total Precision Standard Deviation <sup>c</sup>	Total Precision CV(%) <sup>d</sup>
Negative HIV-1, ~3 × LoD (8.37E1) HIV-2	324	60.0% (1.3%)	3.3% (0.3%)	0.0% (0.0%)	14.6% (0.7%)	4.5% (0.%4)	17.6% (0.7%)	0.59	1.7%
Negative HIV-1, >3 × LoD (1.00E5) HIV-2	324	31.9% (0.9%)	10.0% (0.5%)	0.0% (0.0%)	32.9% (1.0%)	0.0% (0.0%)	25.1% (0.8%)	0.42	1.7%
>3 × LoD (1.00E5) HIV-1, ~3 × LoD (8.37E1) HIV-2	323	26.0% (0.7%)	4.0% (0.3%)	0.0% (0.0%)	9.9% (0.4%)	4.2% (0.3%)	55.9% (1.0%)	0.46	1.3%
~3 × LoD (3.78E1) HIV-1, >3 × LoD (1.00E5) HIV-2	323	38.2% (0.9%)	8.2% (0.4%)	0.0% (0.0%)	24.7% (0.8%)	0.0% (0.0%)	28.9% (0.8%)	0.39	1.5%

Note: The table only includes results with detectable analyte.

## **Clinical method comparison**

#### HIV-1 and HIV-2 clinical sensitivity

The performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative on the **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems was compared to an alternative HIV-1 qualitative NAT or HIV-2 NAT in subjects known to be infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus type 1 (HIV-1) or Human Immunodeficiency Virus type 2 (HIV-2).

## Testing of specimens from HIV-1 infected individuals

Overall 1030 specimens were tested from subjects known to be HIV-1 positive with HIV-1 viral loads ≥ 100 copies/mL. Of 1030 specimens evaluable for statistical analysis, 537 (52.1%) were from female subjects, 752 (73.0%) were from African/African American subjects, and the median age of subjects was 37 years (range: 18-81 years). There were 736 HIV-1 B subtype specimens and 294 HIV-1 Non-B subtype specimens.

The HIV-1 sensitivity of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was 100% (1030/1030, 95% CI: 99.6% to 100%). The sensitivity is for samples with viral RNA concentrations equal to or greater than 100 copies/mL (Table 38). Similar performance was observed between plasma and serum specimens.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Number of valid tests with detectable analyte.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Cells within the columns for the lot, site, operator, day, batch, and within-batch components display the percentage of total variance (%) and within parentheses the percent coefficient of variation (CV& of the component.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Calculated using the total variability from the SAS MIXED procedure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup>CV(%) = (standard deviation / mean) \* 100%.

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Table 38 HIV-1 Sensitivity of cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for the HIV-1 known positive population

Population, Specimen Type	Total Known Positive Specimens	Number Reactive by Test	HIV-1 Sensitivity Estimate	95% Exact CI
HIV-1, Overall	1030	1030	100%	(99.6%, 100%)
HIV-1, Plasma	712	712	100%	(99.5%, 100%)
HIV-1, Serum	318	318	100%	(98.8%, 100%)

#### Testing of specimens from HIV-2 infected individuals

Overall, 183 specimens from subjects known to be HIV-2 positive with HIV-2 viral loads  $\geq$  100 copies/mL by HIV-2 Plasma RNA Quantitative Assay were tested. Of the 183 evaluable specimens, 92 (50.3%) were from male subjects, all were African subjects, and the median age of subjects was 50 years (range: 23-77 years).

The HIV-2 sensitivity of **cobas**\* HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was 99.5% (182/183, 95% CI: 97.0% to 99.99%) (Table 39). The sensitivity is for samples with viral RNA concentrations equal to or greater than 100 copies/mL. Similar performance was observed between plasma and serum specimens.

Table 39 HIV-2 Sensitivity of cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for the HIV-2 known positive population

Population, Specimen Type	Total Known Positive Specimens	Number Reactive by Test	HIV-2 Sensitivity Estimate	95% Exact CI
HIV-2, Overall	183	182	99.5%	(97.0%, 99.99%)
HIV-2, Plasma	115	115	100.0%	(96.8%, 100%)
HIV-2, Serum	68	67	98.5%	(92.1%, 99.96%)

#### **Clinical specificity**

The clinical specificity of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative on the **cobas**° 6800/8800 Systems was determined in comparison to a clinical algorithm using two immunoassays followed by NAT testing to resolve indeterminate results in an HIV low-risk population (US Centers For Disease Control and Prevention HIV Laboratory Testing Algorithm). The HIV low-risk population consisted of 1988 healthy blood donors and 3929 low-risk subjects from an area with less than 1% HIV prevalence. Of 5917 specimens evaluable for statistical analysis, 3301 (55.8%) were from female subjects, 3942 (66.6%) were from white/Caucasian subjects, and the median age of subjects was 36 (range: 17-92 years).

The overall HIV-1 specificity and HIV-2 specificity of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was 100%, with no difference between plasma and serum specimens (Table 40).

Table 40 Specificity of cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative by target analyte in the HIV low-risk population

Target Analyte, Specimen Type	Total cobas® HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative Nonreactive Subjects	Status-Negative Subjects by CDC HIV Testing Algorithm	Specificity Estimate	95% Exact CI
HIV-1, Overall <sup>a</sup>	5902	5902	100%	(99.94%, 100%)
HIV-1, Plasma <sup>a</sup>	3608	3608	100%	(99.90%, 100%)
HIV-1, Serum <sup>a</sup>	2294	2294	100%	(99.84%, 100%)
HIV-2, Overall <sup>b</sup>	5914	5914	100%	(99.94%, 100%)
HIV-2, Plasma <sup>b</sup>	3618	3618	100%	(99.90%, 100%)
HIV-2, Serum <sup>b</sup>	2296	2296	100%	(99.84%, 100%)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Fifteen specimens that were HIV-1 positive by the CDC HIV testing algorithm were not included in the specificity analysis for the HIV-1 target (10 were plasma and 5 were serum specimens).

#### Prospective study of individuals at high risk for HIV-1 infection

The performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was compared to an alternative HIV-1 qualitative NAT in subjects at high risk for HIV-1 infection. All 519 specimens from subjects at high risk for HIV-1 infection were from subjects with at least 1 risk factor for HIV infection (injection drug user (current or ever), unprotected sex with an HIV-infected person (current or ever), diagnosed with sexually transmitted disease within the last year, multiple sex partners (more than 1 partner in the last 12 months), MSM (current or ever), unprotected sex with a person diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease within the last year). Of the 519 evaluable specimens, 345 (66.5%) were from male subjects, 289 (55.7%) were from African/African American subjects, and the median age of subjects was 39 years (range: 18-80 years).

The HIV-1 PPA of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was 100% (5/5), and the HIV-1 NPA was 100% (514/514, 95% CI: 99.3% to 100%). Similar performance was observed for plasma and serum specimens.

#### Prospective study of individuals at high risk for HIV-2 infection

The performance of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative was compared to a clinical algorithm using two immunoassays followed by NAT testing to resolve indeterminate results in subjects at high risk for HIV-2 infection (U.S. Centers For Disease Control and Prevention HIV Laboratory Testing Algorithm).

All specimens from subjects at high risk for HIV-2 infection were from an HIV-2 endemic area of West Africa (i.e., Guinea-Bissau, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire). Of 499 evaluable specimens, 366 (73.3%) were from male subjects, all subjects were African, and the median age of subjects was 28 years (range: 19-66 years).

The PPA of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for HIV-1 in the HIV-2 High-risk population was 79.0% (79/100; 95% CI: 69.7%-86.5%), and the NPA was 99.5% (395/397; 95% CI: 98.2%-99.9%). The PPA of **cobas**° HIV-1/HIV-2 Qualitative for HIV-2 in the HIV-2 High-risk population was 44.4% (4/9; 95% CI: 13.7%-78.8%), and the NPA was 100% (490/490; 95% CI: 99.2%-100%). Similar performance was observed for plasma and serum specimens.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Three serum specimens were not included because the CDC HIV testing algorithm result was not obtained due to insufficient specimen volume for HIV-2 NAT testing.

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## System equivalency / system comparison

System equivalency of the cobas\* 5800, cobas\* 6800 and cobas\* 8800 Systems was demonstrated via performance studies.

The results presented in the Instructions for Use support equivalent performance for all systems.

# **Additional information**

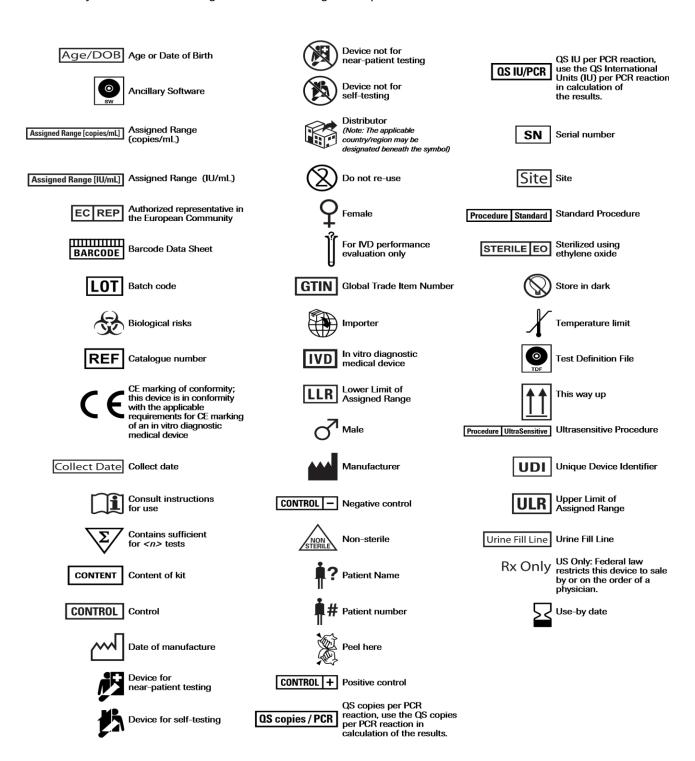
## **Key test features**

Sample type	EDTA plasma, serum and dried blood spot (DBS)			
Minimum amount of sample required	650 μL for EDTA plasma and serum samples or one DBS sample (70 μL dried blood per spot) in 1150 μL <b>cobas</b> <sup>®</sup> Specimen Pre-Extraction Reagent (SPER)			
Sample process volume	500 μL for EDTA plasma and serum samples or 850 μL for DBS samples			
Analytical sensitivity		HIV-1M	HIV-2	
	EDTA plasma	12.6 cp/mL	27.9 cp/mL	
	Serum	12.1 cp/mL	23.4 cp/mL	
	DBS	255 cp/mL	984 cp/mL	
Specificity	100% (one-sided 95% confidence interval: 99.5%) (EDTA plasma/serum) 100% (one-sided 95% confidence interval: 99.5%) (DBS)			
Groups/subtypes – inclusivity	HIV-1 M (A-D, F-H, J, K, CRF01_AE, CRF02_AG, CRF12_BF, CRF14_BG), HIV-1 O, HIV-1 N, HIV-2 (A and B)			

## **Symbols**

The following symbols are used in labeling for Roche PCR diagnostic products.

Table 41 Symbols used in labeling for Roche PCR diagnostics products



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