



**Method Validation Plan Addendum 3**

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**PPD Project Code: RPPF2**

**Addendum to the Validation of An ELISA Method for the Detection of IgG Specific to SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid Protein in Human Serum**

**Version 1.00**

**VSDVAC 66, v1.00, An ELISA Method for the Detection of IgG Specific to SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid Protein in Human Serum**

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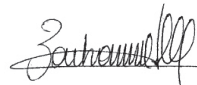
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### Method Validation Plan Addendum 3

#### Addendum to the Validation of An ELISA Method for the Detection of IgG Specific to SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid Protein in Human Serum

##### Introduction

A proprietary serological method, “An ELISA Method for the Detection of IgG Specific to SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid Protein in Human Serum” was developed and qualified by PPD<sup>®</sup> Laboratories, in Richmond, Virginia, USA. The qualification of this new method was conducted under PPD Project Code “ROZD2”. The new method, VSDVAC 64<sup>[1]</sup> was finalized to Version 1.00 post qualification experiments<sup>[2]</sup>.

At the request of Moderna, the PPD proprietary serological method, “An ELISA Method for the Detection of IgG Specific to SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid Protein in Human Serum” was validated by PPD<sup>®</sup> Laboratories, in Richmond, Virginia, USA. The validation of this new method was conducted under PPD Project Code “RPPF2”. The new method, VSDVAC 66<sup>[3]</sup> was finalized to Version 1.00 post validation experiments<sup>[4]</sup>.

This method describes the procedure for the analysis of the SARS-CoV-2 total IgG in human serum. This quantitative ELISA assay was designed to detect IgG antibody to the SARS-CoV-2 virus in human serum.

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Assay runs that are rejected or aborted due to a documented technical error will be repeated within the confines of this plan. Clear documentation of the need for a repeat run will be made on the assay bench sheet.

If additional evaluations not covered by the original plan are required, an addendum to the plan can be written. A plan amendment documents an intended change to the plan after the evaluation was initiated. Amendments and addenda to plans must be approved at the same levels as the original plan or higher. Any exceptions to this plan will be evaluated to determine if an Event is required per SOP-GQC-42, *Quality Event Management*.

Following the validation addendum, the method, VSDVAC 66 will be finalized to Version 2.00 and may be used in support of Phase I through Phase III (and higher) sample analysis.

## **Responsibilities**

1. PPD Richmond Vaccine Sciences Department (VSD) scientists will oversee the design of the validation plan, including performance of the analysis, collection of the data, transmission of the data to Biostatistics and Quality Assurance, and scientific contributions to the statistical report. The instrument raw data files for each run will be provided to the Biostatistical team for statistical analysis.
2. PPD Biostatistics personnel will assist in the design of the validation plan with regard to the statistical requirements and analysis of the assay data. PPD Biostatistics will provide a statistical report documenting the operating characteristics of the assay to PPD VSD scientists. The validation report will be issued in standard PPD format. The report will contain a project summary and data tables (where applicable).

## **Scope**

The scope of this validation is limited to documenting the operating characteristics of the method for the detection of IgG specific to SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid protein in human serum. All sample test results will be used for assay validation purposes only and will not be included in the analysis of any clinical trial or epidemiology study. The assay and data are not designed for medical or diagnostic purposes.

## Reference Standard and Critical Reagents

The following reference standard and critical reagents will be used during this validation:

Compound	Purpose	Source	Lot	Conc.	Exp. Date	Storage Conditions
SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid Protein			(b) (4)	(4)		

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## Definitions and Formulas

ADHS Antibody-depleted Human Serum

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BB Blocking Buffer (assay diluent)

CoV Coronavirus

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ELISA Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay

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IgG Immunoglobulin-G

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NIH National Institute of Health

OD Optical Density

QA Quality Assurance

QC(s) Quality Control Samples

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Run A group of analytical samples consisting of standard curve, QCs, and test samples processed across a minimum of one plate

SARS Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome

SOP Standard Operating Procedure

SPAR See Periodic Analysis Results (trending)

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## Validation Plan Specifications

<b>Analyte Name(s)</b>	IgG specific to SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid protein
<b>Matrix, Species, and Additive</b>	Human Serum
<b>Sample dilution</b>	(b) (4)
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<b>Quality Controls</b>	(b) (4)
<b>Blank</b>	Blocking Buffer
<b>Reference Standard</b>	(b) (4) Human Serum, (b) (4)
<b>Run Acceptance</b>	All system suitability criteria as defined in VSDVAC 66, V1.00 (current version or higher) will be followed. Exceptions to the method are provided in the experimental design section for each of the experiments. When reanalysis runs due to system suitability failure, the same analyst will be used to perform the repeat runs if available. Experimental plate layouts and schedules detailed below are tentative and may be subject to change to accommodate repeats or additional testing as needed.

*Note: All Critical Reagents and sample panels for (b) (4) (b) (4) experiments were prepared and confirmed during pre-work experimentation for use in validation.*

## Validation Experiments

The ELISA assay validation addendum will be

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As shown in the generic plate map in [Figure 1](#), at a minimum the following sample types will be analyzed in each validation run:

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**Figure 1. Suggested Plate Map for VSDVAC 66**

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**Table 1: Expected Concentrations of Standard Curve Levels**

Solution	Dilution	Concentration (AU/mL)
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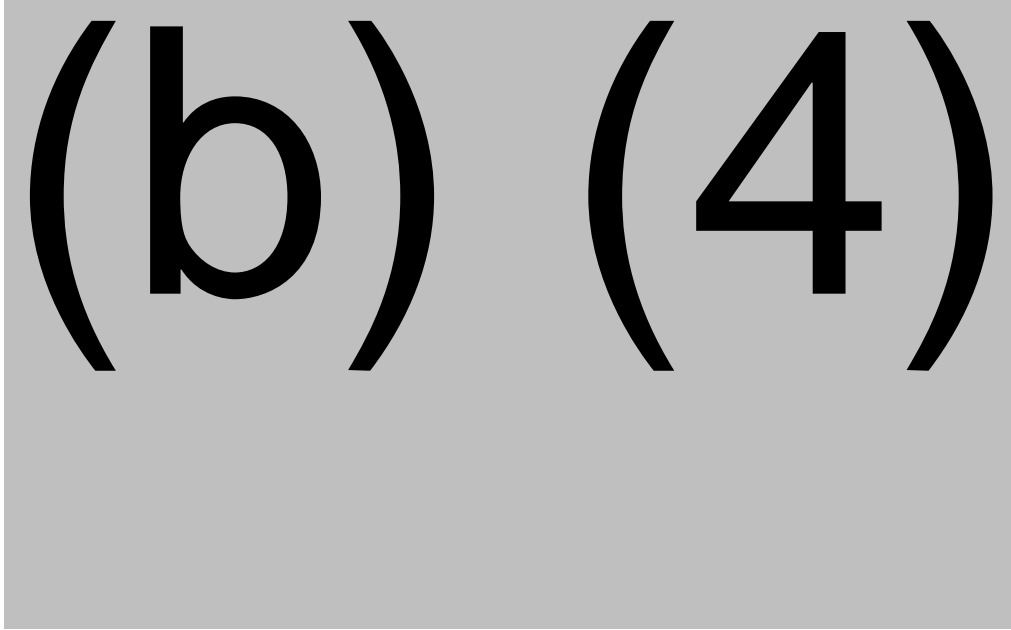
**Table 2: Proposed Experimental Design for (b) (4)**

Run #	Day	Analyst	Samples	Dilution
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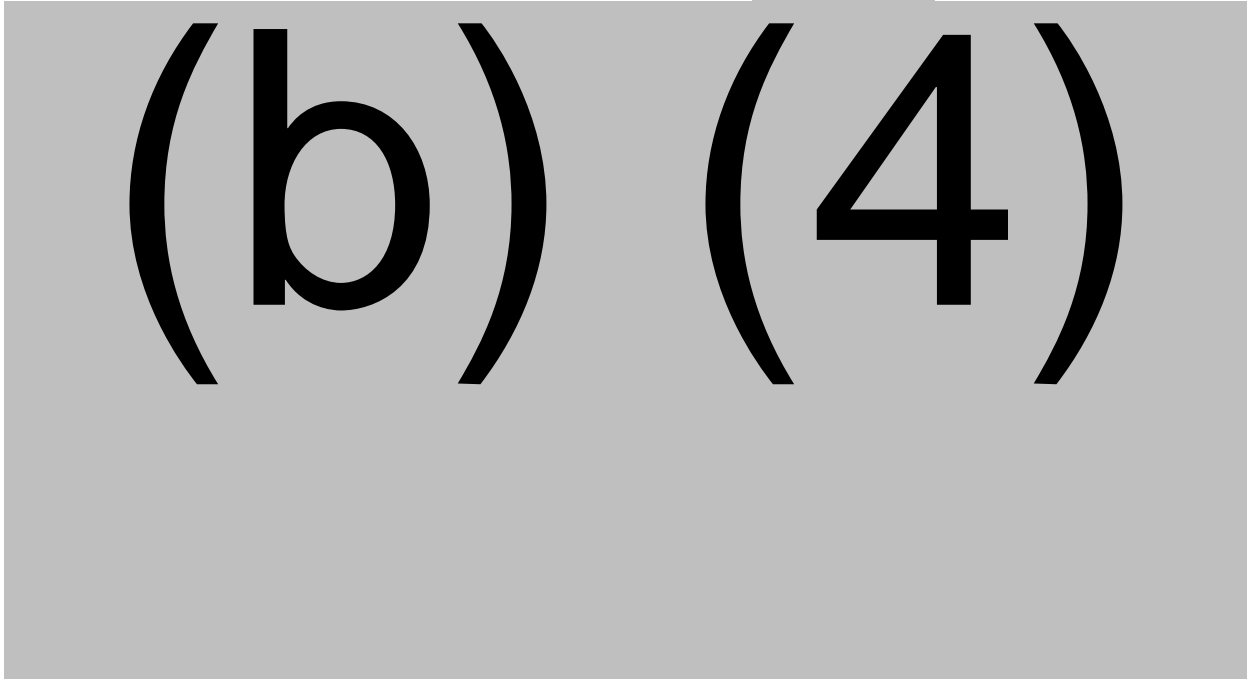
**Table 3: Proposed (b) (4) Panel Samples and Barcodes for (b) (4)**

Sample ID	Barcode	Sample ID	Barcode
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**Table 4:** (b) (4)



**Figure 2: Proposed Plate Map for** (b) (4)



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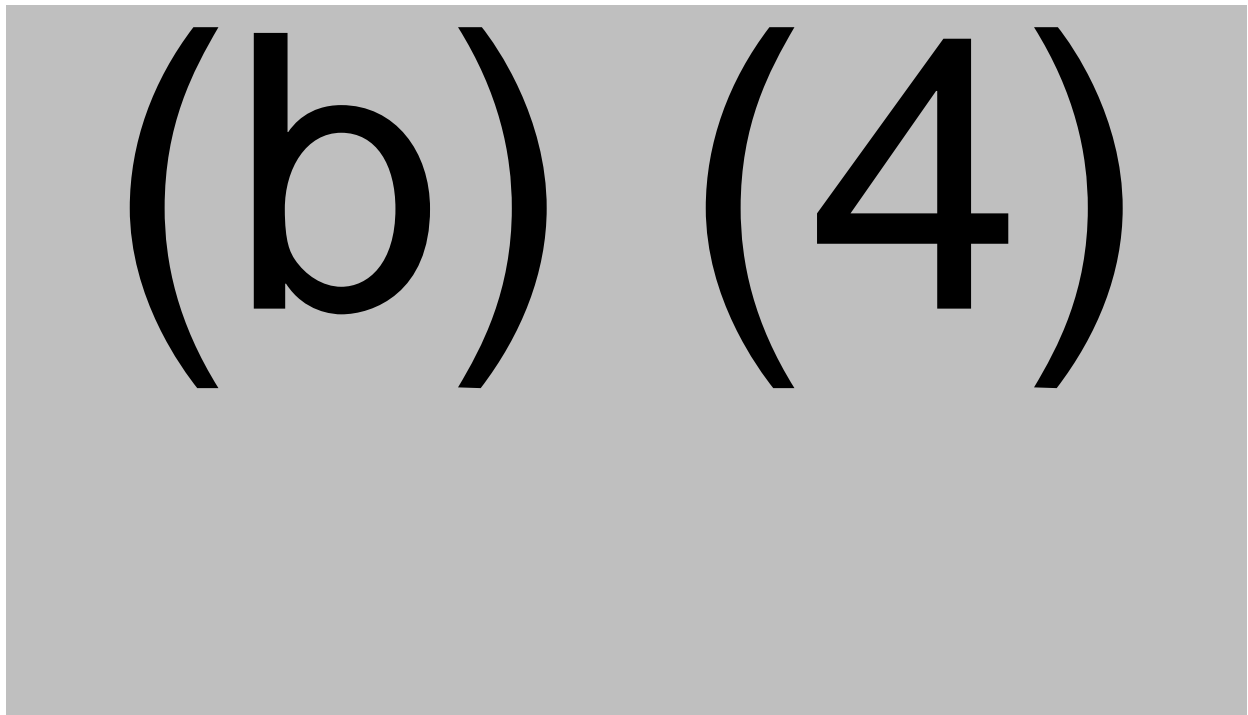
**Table 5: Proposed Experimental Design for** (b) (4)

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**Table 6: Proposed (b) (4) Panel Samples for (b) (4)**

Sample ID	Barcode (b) (4)	Barcode (b) (4)	Barcode (b) (4)
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**Figure 3: Proposed Plate Map for (b) (4)**





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**Table 7: Proposed Experimental Design for** (b) (4)

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**Figure 4: Proposed Plate Map for**

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**Method Validation Data Analysis Plan**

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## References

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