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Statement

SARS-COV-2 Antigen Rapid Test manufactured by **Qingdao Hightop Biotech Co., Ltd.** detects the nucleocapsid protein (N protein). It does not target the spike protein (S protein) of genetic SARS-CoV-2 variants (found in England (B.1.1.7 strain), South Africa (B.1.351 strain, **Omicron variant B.1.1529 strain**), Brazil (P.1 strain) and India (B.1.617 strain, Delta variant B.1.617.2 strain)). Therefore, theoretically, mutations in the spike protein do not affect the product performance, and our test can detect the mutant SARS-CoV-2 strains.

We will be actively monitoring information regarding mutant SARS-CoV-2 strains, and will follow up with evaluation of our test kits in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

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