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## **IDvet begins shipping of its high performance SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Antibody Test**

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**MONTPELLIER, France, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020** – IDvet, specialized in the development and production of diagnostic tests, has announced the commercial launch of its SARS-CoV-2 serological assay for humans.

This diagnostic kit, based on the ELISA technique, is used to determine if an individual has developed antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the virus associated with COVID-19 disease. Designed for high volume testing in laboratories, the test will be used for population screening studies to better understand infection rates.

This product is CE marked and available for immediate shipping.

IDvet's new test shows high diagnostic sensitivity and specificity, and does not cross-react with other pathogens, including non-CoV-2 coronaviruses. "We are proud of the test's capacity to offer reliable and robust results," commented Loic Comtet, R&D Manager at IDvet.

In addition, the test does not require any specific nor costly equipment: the assay may be performed on any open automated immunoassay platform, or even manually.

IDvet has been acting for "One Health" since its creation in 2004. This "One Health" concept reflects the fact that the health of people is intimately connected to the health of animals and the environment, especially in this age of globalization.

IDvet has provided laboratories around the world with millions of tests to control zoonotic diseases such as Avian Influenza and Bovine Tuberculosis.

IDvet also supplies tests to help eradicate devastating diseases for the livestock industry, such as Foot and Mouth Disease and Peste des Petits Ruminants, which have the potential to drastically reduce food supply if left uncontrolled.

IDvet is 100% independently owned, and R&D projects are self-financed, allowing IDvet to quickly respond to new outbreaks and launch new projects. All products are developed and manufactured at IDvet's 4000 m<sup>2</sup> facilities near Montpellier, France, where the company employs over 100 people.

"IDvet has invested its scientific know-how and passion to develop and produce this test," said Philippe Pourquier, CEO of IDvet. "Thanks to our automated production line and modern infrastructure, we are able to produce the test on an industrial scale, and we can ship millions of tests to meet worldwide demand."

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The logo for ID.vet, with 'ID' in red and '.vet' in black.

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