

HiMedia-Syngene's Elisa test kit for Covid-19 gets ICMR'S nod

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HiMedia Laboratories, a bioscience company, has collaborated with Syngene International, an integrated R&D services company, to manufacture ELISafe 19, an IgG-based Elisa test kit for Covid-19 now approved by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

The ELISafe 19 antibody test kit has a sensitivity of 100 per cent and specificity of 99 per cent.

Vishal G Warke, Director R&D, Cell Culture and Immunology, HiMedia Laboratories, said, "The kit is a result of a combination of skills: Syngene's expertise in viral research and HiMedia's ability to manufacture and commercialise the product. The kit is 'made in India' and it will play a significant role in testing for SARS-CoV-2



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antibodies facilitating tracking of the progression of infection and immunity to future infection."

Mahesh Bhalgat, COO, Syngene International, added, "Since the declaration of the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been an urgent need for simple and specific testing tools that not only detect the presence of the coronavirus but also con-

tribute to the surveillance of the immune response to the virus. The ELISafe 19 testing kit fills this gap. This type of serological detection of SARS-CoV2 antibodies will generate invaluable data and provide the basis for epidemiological studies of immunity in the community: a significant advance in the management of this highly infectious disease in India."