



PRESS RELEASE

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## Biocartis' Idylla™ SARS-CoV-2 testing Successfully Detects Omicron Variant

**Mechelen, Belgium, 9 December 2021** – Biocartis Group NV (the 'Company' or 'Biocartis'), an innovative molecular diagnostics company (Euronext Brussels: BCART), today announces that the Company performed an in-silico analysis which concluded that the Idylla™ SARS-CoV-2 Test (CE-IVD) and the Idylla™ SARS-CoV-2/Flu/RSV<sup>1</sup> Panel (CE-IVD) detect the currently available B.1.1.529/Omicron sequences, the new variant of concern causing COVID-19 disease.

The Idylla™ SARS-CoV-2 Test and Idylla™ SARS-CoV-2/Flu/RSV Panel have a dual target technology built in the assay, which increases resilience against mutations like those found in Omicron.

The [Idylla™ SARS-CoV-2 Test](#) is an automated rRT-PCR<sup>2</sup> test intended for the qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in nasopharyngeal swab specimens from individuals suspected of COVID-19 by their healthcare provider. The [Idylla™ SARS-CoV-2/Flu/RSV Panel](#) is a fully automated rRT-PCR test intended for the detection of SARS-CoV-2, Flu A, Flu B and RSV nucleic acids in nasopharyngeal swab specimens from individuals suspected of respiratory infections by their healthcare provider. Both tests have results available in 90 minutes with less than 2 minutes hands-on time<sup>3</sup>.

Biocartis is performing regular in-silico analysis for current and emerging strains. More info on the Idylla™ SARS-CoV-2 testing solutions can be found on the Biocartis website [here](#).

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### About Biocartis

Biocartis (Euronext Brussels: BCART) is an innovative molecular diagnostics (MDx) company providing next generation diagnostic solutions aimed at improving clinical practice for the benefit of patients, clinicians, payers and industry. Biocartis' proprietary MDx Idylla™ platform is a fully automated sample-to-result, real-time PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) system that offers accurate, highly reliable molecular information from virtually any biological sample in virtually any setting. Biocartis is developing and marketing a continuously expanding test menu addressing key unmet clinical needs, with a focus in oncology, which represents the fastest growing segment of the MDx market worldwide. Today, Biocartis offers tests supporting melanoma, colorectal and lung cancer, as well as for COVID-19, flu, RSV and sepsis. More information: [www.biocartis.com](http://www.biocartis.com). Follow us on [Twitter](#): @Biocartis\_.

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1 Respiratory Syncytial Virus

2 Real-Time Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction

3 For the Idylla™ SARS-CoV-2 Test, results are obtained using 200 µl of viral transport media (VTM). For the Idylla™ SARS-CoV-2/Flu/RSV Panel, results are obtained using 400 µl of viral transport media (VTM) pipetted directly into the cartridge. Both tests are performed on the Idylla™ platform capable of fully automated nucleic acid testing including extraction, amplification, and detection in a single-use cartridge. For additional performance characteristics, please refer to the Instructions for Use or the Biocartis website [here](#) and [here](#)

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