



Eurofins companies across the world develop new solutions to support health authorities monitoring the hantavirus outbreak

14 May 2026: Eurofins companies are actively monitoring the hantavirus outbreak, and developments related to the Andes strain. As of 12 May, a total of 11 hantavirus cases, including 3 deaths, associated with a cruise ship outbreak had been reported. While the World Health Organization has stated that more cases of the virus are expected it has also indicated that *"there is no sign that we are seeing the start of a larger outbreak"*.¹

Eurofins companies already have a well-established testing offering for the detection of Hantavirus in many countries. Eurofins laboratories around the world have the capabilities to respond to testing needs with the development of new tests and methods, which are subject to regulation and requirements dependent on the country in which a Eurofins laboratory operates in.

In the U.S, Eurofins Viracor can rapidly develop and validate both quantitative real-time PCR and next generation sequencing (NGS) based molecular detection assays for hantavirus. An NGS assay is currently under development in which known respiratory pathogens, including all hantavirus strains. While no Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) has yet been issued for a molecular test for hantavirus detection by the US Food and Drug Administration, Eurofins Viracor is closely monitoring the situation, and would look to use in vitro transcribed RNA for test validation purposes, Eurofins Viracor applied this approach for SARS-CoV-2 testing in 2020 prior to the availability of known positive samples.

Eurofins Clinical Diagnostic Spain currently has the diagnostic capability to study Hantavirus, including the detection of the Andes strain, using both serological and molecular techniques. Appropriate clinical samples are analysed using a molecular biology technique based on molecular hybridisation with PCR amplification, allowing for the direct detection of Hantavirus.

Eurofins Biomnis, located in France, has significant experience in facilitating testing to detect 6 common strains of Hantavirus (5 from Europe and Asia, and 1 from America), and partner with the French reference centre (CNR) as a screening laboratory for Hantavirus testing. These tests have not been developed to specifically detect the Andes strain. In France, establishing a test to detect the Hantavirus Andes strain would require sample possession and would be subject to authorisation by ANSM (French National Agency for Medicines and Health Products Safety).

Gold Standard Diagnostics Frankfurt GmbH offers the NovaLisa Hantavirus IgG and IgM ELISA assays to detect antibodies against Hantavirus in human serum or plasma, returning results in 2 hours. These tests have been developed with the German reference centre for Hantavirus, Konsiliarlabor für Hantaviren, part of the Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin. For veterinary, diagnostics Gold Standard Diagnostics offers assays, including VetBlot Hantavirus, a LineBlot for the qualitative determination of IgG antibodies against Hantavirus in veterinary serum.

Eurofins companies have a proven track record and expertise in responding to global or acute health epidemics and crises and will actively monitor the development of the outbreak.

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¹ <https://x.com/WHO/status/2054207705452020119>

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