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# LIAISON<sup>®</sup> SARS-CoV-2 Antigen

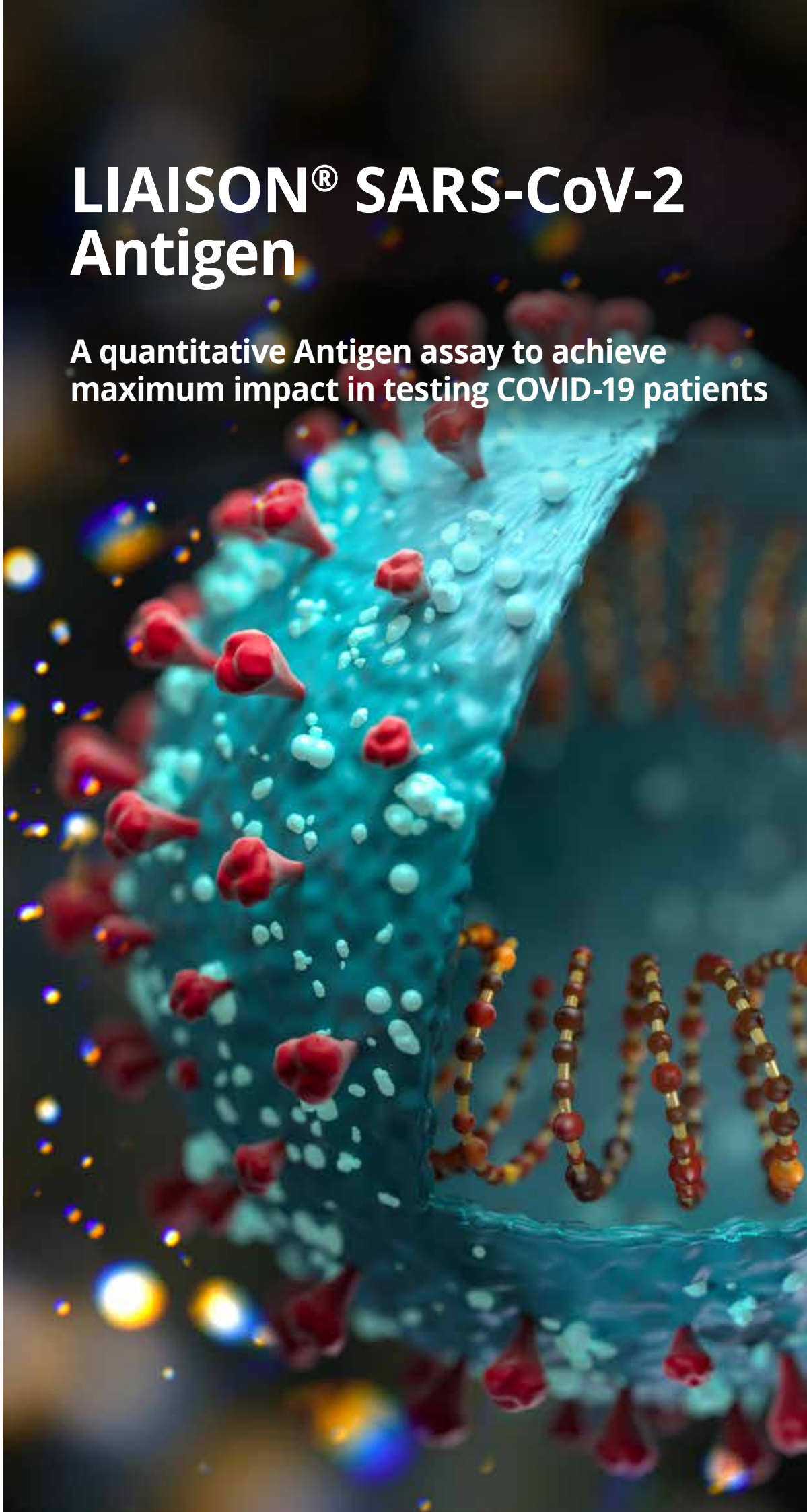
A quantitative Antigen assay to achieve  
maximum impact in testing COVID-19 patients

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# The value of Diasorin's LIAISON® SARS-CoV-2 Antigen

LIAISON® SARS-CoV-2 Ag assay is a unique quantitative solution to detect suspected COVID-19 patients, do contact tracing and rapidly implement isolation procedures for those patients who have been infected and might be able to spread SARS-CoV-2.

LIAISON® SARS-CoV-2 Ag assay could help to keep the COVID-19 pandemic at bay, because specimens can be tested out rapidly in a great numbers.

The assay is a solution when:

- NAATs is unavailable allowing to meet your testing needs
- Long TAT of molecular testing can preclude clinical utility of the test
- To offer a cost-effective solution alternative to RT-PCR
- Allow to process a high volume of samples and to improve traceability at time to result during outbreak
- To screen asymptomatic people and to identify the hidden sources of COVID-19 transmission <sup>(1)</sup>

According WHO guidelines <sup>(2)</sup>, SARS-CoV-2 Ag assay that meets the minimum performance requirements of  $\geq 80\%$  sensitivity and  $\geq 97\%$  specificity compared to a NAAT reference assay <sup>(3)</sup> can be used to diagnose SARS-CoV-2 infection in a range of settings where NAAT is unavailable or where prolonged turnaround time preclude clinical utility.

Referring to WHO recommendations LIAISON® SARS-CoV-2 Ag assay reports on NS collection a clinical sensitivity and a clinical specificity of 98,6% and 99,5% respectively on samples positive for Real time PCR within 10 days of the onset symptoms.

## Intended Use LIAISON® SARS-CoV-2 Ag assay

The LIAISON® SARS-CoV-2 Ag assay is a chemiluminescence sandwich-immunoassay (CLIA) based technology for the quantitative determination of Nucleocapsid antigen protein from SARS-CoV-2 samples - in nasal swab (NS), nasopharyngeal swab (NPS) eluted in UTM/VTM directly from individuals who are suspected of COVID-19 by their healthcare provider within the first ten days of the onset of symptoms.

Results from the LIAISON® SARS-CoV-2 Ag test should not be used as the sole basis to diagnose or exclude SARS-CoV-2 infection.

The LIAISON® SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Ag delivers 136 tests per hour, early diagnosis combined with high throughput platform. The assay runs on the LIAISON® XL platform.

## Technical Specification

<b>Name</b>	<b>LIAISON® SARS-CoV-2 Ag assay</b>
<b>Intended Use CE</b>	<b>Quantitative determination of SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid protein antigen in NS, NPS eluted in Viral Transport Media (UTM/VTM)</b>
<b>Intended Use USA</b>	<b>Qualitative determination of SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid protein antigen in NS, NPS eluted in Viral Transport Media (UTM/VTM)</b>
<b>Assay Type</b>	Sandwich-immunoassay 100 test/kit
<b>Platforms</b>	LIAISON® XL
<b>Time to first result</b>	42 min
<b>Throughput</b>	136 tests/h – approx. 700 test/working shift
<b>Clinical Sensitivity (NS)</b>	98.6% (95% CI: 92.5 - 99.7%) on samples positive for Real time PCR (within 10 days onset symptoms)
<b>Clinical Specificity (NS)</b>	99.5% (95% CI: 97.4 - 99.9%)
<b>Analytical Sensitivity</b>	LOD = 22.0 TCID50/mL
<b>Clinical Sensitivity (NPS)</b>	95.4%, (95% CI: 90.3 - 98.8%) on samples positive for Real time PCR (within 10 days onset symptoms)
<b>Clinical Specificity (NPS)</b>	98.7% (95% CI: 96.6 - 99.4%).

**Principle of the method**

- The assay is a direct two-step sandwich chemiluminescence immunoassay (CLIA).
- Specific rabbit polyclonal antibodies to nucleocapsid antigen are used for coating magnetic particles (solid phase) and linked to an isoluminol derivative (isoluminol-antibody conjugate)
- **During the first incubation, SARS-CoV-2 viral antigen** present in calibrators, samples or controls binds to the conjugate
- **During the second incubation, the solid phase** reacts with SARS-CoV-2 viral antigen already bound to the conjugate
- After second incubation, the unbound material is removed with a wash cycle. Subsequently, the starter reagents are added and a flash chemiluminescence reaction is thus induced

**STEP. 1**

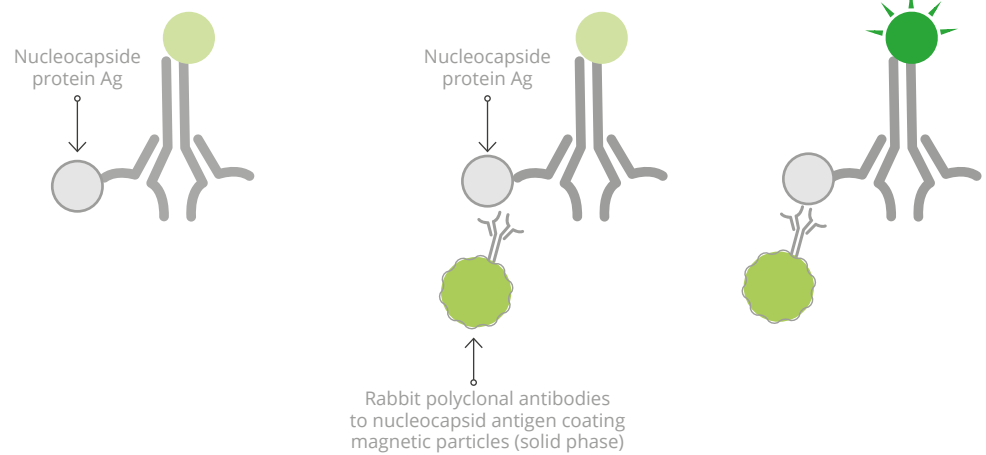
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**STEP. 2**

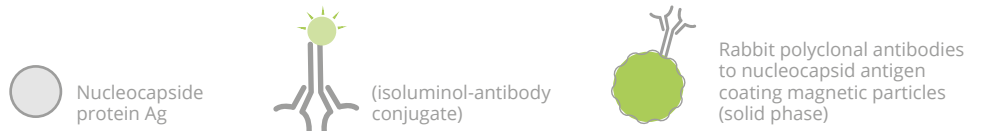
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**STEP. 3**

The unbound material is removed by washing cycle and the starter reagents added to the reaction are able to develop a flash chemiluminescence.

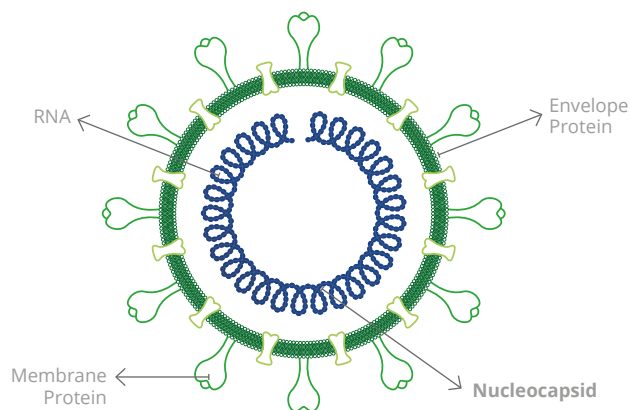


**LEGEND**

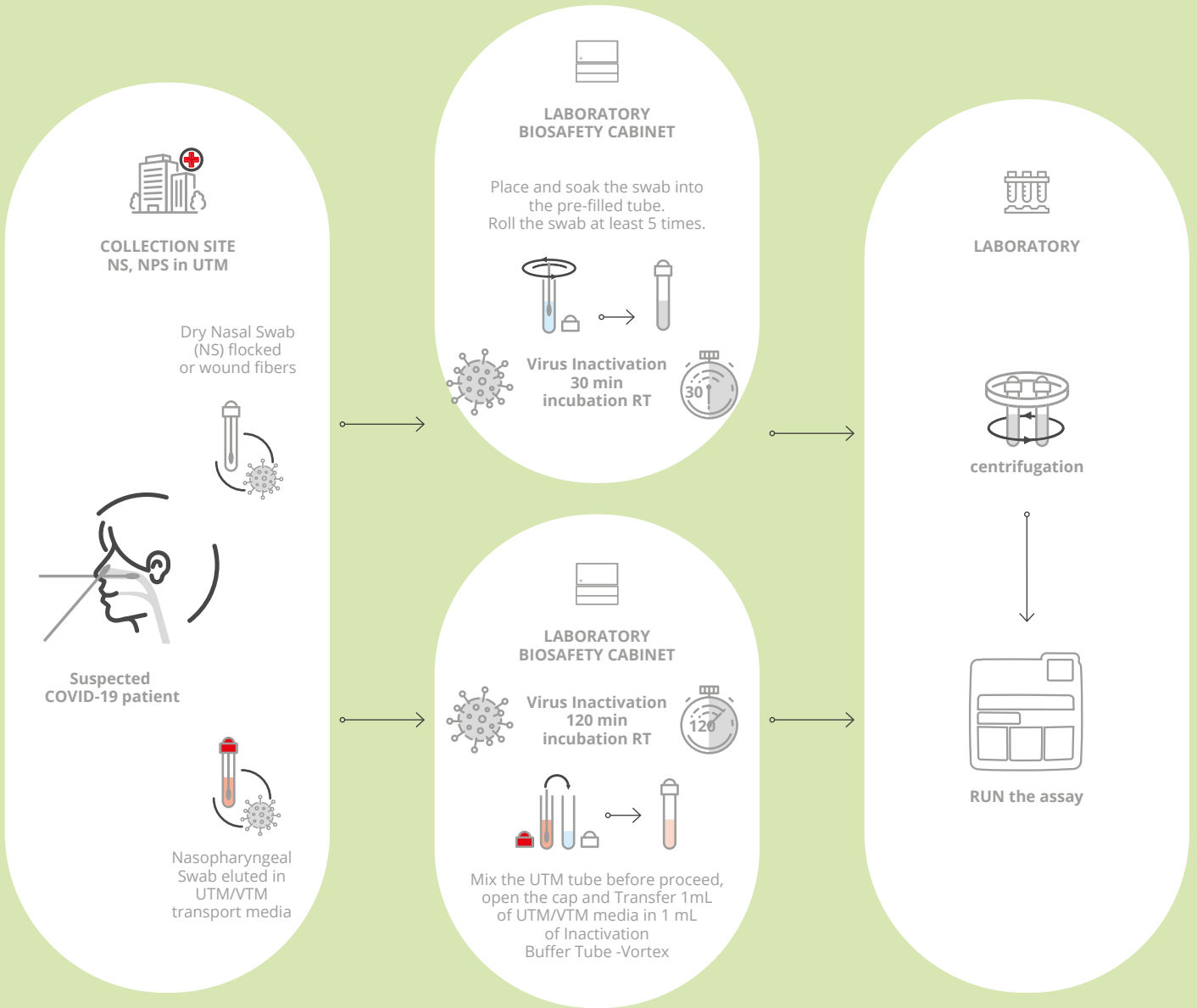


**The selection of the antigen for the assay**

The SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid protein is an important structural protein for the coronaviruses. It is highly abundant in the viruses. Its function involves entering the host cell, binding to the viral RNA genome, and forms the ribonucleoprotein core.

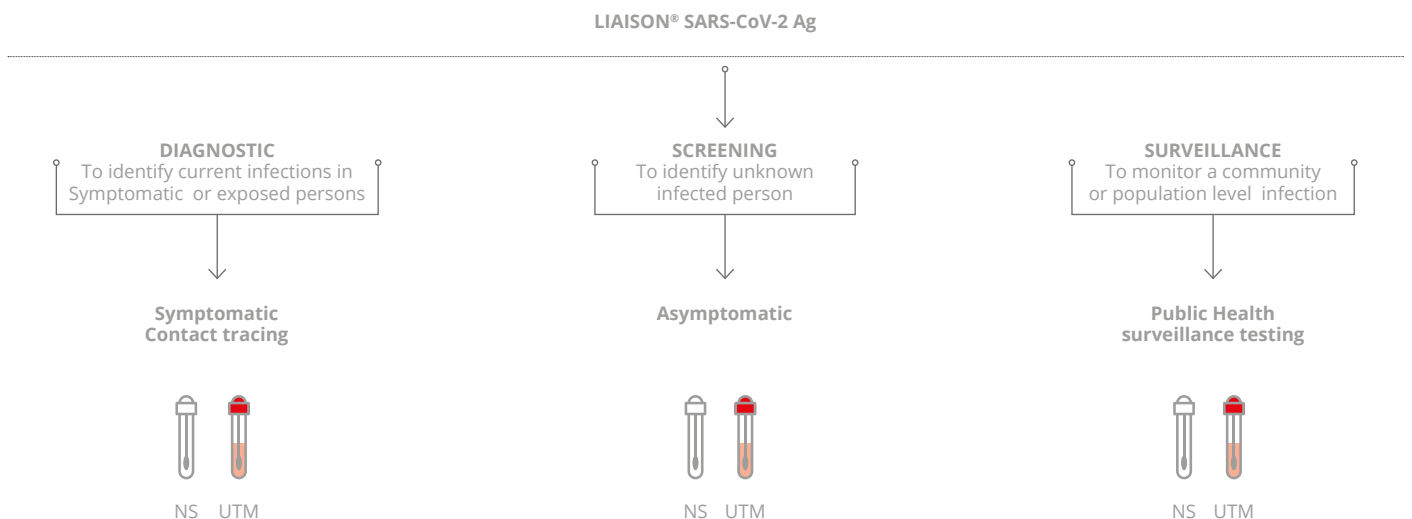


## Sample Workflow



## Where does Ag test fit?

Antigen tests can be used in a variety of testing strategies to respond to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.



## Ordering Information


USA	CE	Description	Configuration
Ref. 311500	Ref. 311490	LIAISON® SARS-CoV-2 Ag	100 tests
Ref. 311501	Ref. 311491	LIAISON® Control SARS-CoV-2 Ag 2 vials SARS-CoV-2 Ag reactive controls 2 vials SARS-CoV-2 Ag controls	>15 determinations
Ref. 311502	Ref. 311492	LIAISON® SARS-CoV-2 Sample Inactivation Buffer	100 tubes/box
		Swab provided upon request as accessories	100 swabs/box

### References:

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