

Table 13. Proposed options for a diagnostic reference standard

CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19	
OPTION 1	Nucleic acid sequencing matches SARS-CoV-2 reference sequences
OPTION 2	Positive results from at least two different NAATs (one of the two may be the index test)
OPTION 3	Dual positive results from a single NAAT targeting two different genes (cannot be the index test)
OPTION 4	Compatible clinical signs and symptoms in a setting with known community transmission, negative reference NAAT and documented SARS-CoV-2 seroconversion.
OPTION 5	Compatible clinical signs and symptoms in a setting with known community transmission, negative reference NAAT and positive index test from two different anatomic sites.
PROBABLE CASE OF COVID-19	
OPTION 1	Compatible clinical signs and symptoms in a setting with known community transmission, negative reference NAAT and positive SARS-CoV-2-specific serology.