

ABSTRACT**METHOD OF SAMPLE COLLECTION**

5 Disclosed is a method of collecting naso-oropharyngeal (NOP) sample from a subject, comprising collecting a bio-mixture comprising expectorated biofluids from two regions: a. the posterior oropharyngeal region of the throat of the subject by way of hawking, secretions of which are expectorated and spat out through the mouth; and b. the nasal and nasopharyngeal regions of the subject by way of nasal hawking, secretions of which are expectorated and spat out through the mouth. Also disclosed is a kit for collecting NOP
10 sample from a subject according to the method of any one of the preceding claims, comprising: a sterile container for collecting the NOP sample; and a stabilizing fluid.

Figure 1

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