ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a method for detecting a virulent strain of influenza virus in a specific, rapid and simple manner, and an assay device therefor. A method for detecting a virulent strain of influenza A virus is provided, which comprises providing a first antibody that is reactive with all influenza A virus subtypes and a second antibody that is not reactive with a virulent strain of influenza A virus but is reactive with all influenza A virus subtypes other than the virulent strain, and conducting an immunoassay to detect an antigen that shows a positive response in a reaction with the first antibody and shows a negative response in a reaction with the second antibody.