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New Improved Test for CWD

VMRD and CWD Evolution Partner to Commercialize RT-QuIC Test Technology Similar to PCR

PULLMAN, WA, AUGUST 1, 2022—RT-QuIC (Real-time quaking-induced conversion) testing for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a new testing technology with a long and successful track record in research studies. The key advantage for RT-QuIC over past CWD testing technologies is dramatically improved sensitivity through PCR-like amplification of the CWD agent.

Benefits RT-QuIC technology can bring hunters include better control of CWD, reduced introduction of CWD to new regions, easier and simpler sample collection for testing of harvested game, timelier CWD test results, and the possibility of live animal testing for wildlife management agencies and game farms.

CWD Evolution founder Davin Henderson offered, “RT-QuIC offers new testing technology that will give wildlife managers badly needed new tools in their tool chest to combat CWD.” He also added “The addition of a predictive live animal test for CWD is a game changer. Many states are poised to use this test as soon as it becomes available.” VMRD CSO, Don Knowles, added, “Providing quality-controlled RT-QuIC reagents to the diagnostic community is an important first step in reducing CWD and preserving wildlife.”

CWD Evolution has a decade of RT-QuIC testing experience and VMRD is a USDA-licensed manufacturing facility that has commercialized over twenty USDA-licensed diagnostics over the last four decades. Together the companies are partnering to commercialize a USDA-licensed RT-QuIC laboratory test. Pending the license process, the companies began offering RT-QuIC reagents for research purposes June 15th. These reagents can be used by state agencies in pilot studies before the USDA-licensed test is available commercially.

ABOUT CWD EVOLUTION – CWD Evolution offers the first commercial RT-QuIC test and has been a leader in advancing RT-QuIC testing in the diagnostic world.

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ABOUT VMRD, INC. – VMRD was founded in 1981 by D. Scott Adams, DVM, Ph.D., and currently employs over 50 researchers, lab technicians and support personnel. From its site in Pullman, Washington VMRD develops and manufactures veterinary diagnostic test kits and related reagents for distribution in more than 77 countries. As a rapidly growing company, VMRD strives to preserve its family-focused culture and core values of integrity and quality.

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