



**Memorandum: Micro #205**

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**Subject: Changes in Collection Method for Parvovirus PCR, Blood**

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Effective Wednesday, April 27, 2022, the specimen type tested for Parvovirus PCR, Blood (LAB6046) is changing from whole blood to plasma. The preferred collection is a plasma preparation tube (i.e., pearl top). The collection volume, turnaround time and test performance characteristics are not affected by this change.

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