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Fraudulent ATILA COVID tests sold in Guatemala

Atila Biosciences is shocked to have learned about the fraud perpetrated against the people of Guatemala by a former business partner who allegedly counterfeited Atila's iAMP tests.

Atila Biosciences has been proud to work with a number of laboratory and diagnostic distributors globally to mount a robust response to the pandemic at a time when many countries, including Guatemala, had difficulty accessing accurate testing.

To ensure the highest quality standard was kept, Atila worked with its partners to validate its iAMP COVID-19 test with the national lab of Guatemala. We then set upon working with a number of local laboratories and distributors to make our iAMP test available to the people of Guatemala.

Kron Cientifica E Industrial was one of the partners Atila worked with to make COVID19 tests available in Guatemala. We began our relationship with them on June 1, 2020, and they placed the first order with lot number COVID20200610 for 12 kits of 1200 tests available through them to the people of Guatemala.

On January 18, 2021, we were contacted by the Government of Guatemala as part of an investigation into suspected defective tests with the lot number COVID20200423 which were provided to the government under our company's label.

Atila engaged in a rapid internal investigation. In Atila's manufacture system, Atila has fixed suppliers of reagent tubes, and each kit component packed in reagent tube in iAMP kit is coded with a particular color. According to the image provided by Guatemala government, neither the brand nor the color of the reagent tubes in the lot number COVID20200423 matches with what Atila used for the authentic iAMP kit. We confirm that none of Atila's employees provided Kron with any shipments outside of the recorded orders, and we queried our local distribution partners, and confirmed that none of the lot COVID20200423 tests were sold to Kron for use for the people of Guatemala.

This leads us to conclude that the alleged fraud perpetrated was a local fabrication, and Atila Biosystems will work actively to support the Government of Guatemala to ensure justice is done.

To ensure we have clear oversight of any further delivery and distribution of our iAMP tests in Guatemala, we will appoint an exclusive representative and point of contact to work with the local authorities in future.

Counterfeiting of diagnostic tests is a heinous crime that can lead to tragic deaths that Atila cannot countenance. Atila will work closely with the authorities in Guatemala to ensure that the people of Guatemala will once again have faith that they have access to high quality

molecular diagnostic tests and to ensure we, together, will be able to control the spread of the pandemic.

Respectfully,

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