

**EVALUATION OF AUTOMATIC CLASS III DESIGNATION FOR  
NOVA View® Automated Fluorescence Microscope  
DECISION SUMMARY**

**A. DEN Number:**

DEN140039

**B. Purpose for Submission:**

De novo request for evaluation of automatic class III designation for the Inova NOVA View® Automated Fluorescence Microscope

**C. Measurands:**

Not applicable. Measurands are dependent on the assay indicated for use with the device.

**D. Type of Test or Tests Performed:**

Qualitative and/or semi-quantitative indirect immunofluorescence (IIF) assays

**E. Applicant and Instrument Name:**

Inova Diagnostics, Inc.

NOVA View® Automated Fluorescence Microscope

**F. Proprietary and Established Names:**

NOVA View® Automated Fluorescence Microscope

**G. Regulatory Information:**

1. Regulation section:

21 CFR 866.4750

2. Classification:

Class II (special controls)

3. Product code:

PIV, Automated indirect immunofluorescence microscope and software-assisted system for clinical use

4. Panel:

Immunology (82)

**H. Intended Use:**

1. Intended use(s):

NOVA View® Automated Fluorescence Microscope is an automated system consisting of a fluorescence microscope and software that acquires, analyzes, stores and displays digital images of stained indirect immunofluorescent slides. It is intended as an aid in the detection and classification of certain antibodies by indirect immunofluorescence technology. The device can only be used with cleared or approved in vitro diagnostic assays that are indicated for use with the device. A trained operator must confirm results generated with the device.

2. Indication(s) for use:

Same as intended use.

3. Special Conditions for Use Statement(s):

1. For prescription use only.
2. This device is only for use with reagents that are indicated for use with the device.
3. The device is for use by a trained operator in a clinical laboratory setting.
4. All software-aided results must be confirmed by the trained operator.

**I. System Descriptions:**

1. Device Description:

NOVA View® is an automated fluorescence microscope. The instrument does not process samples. The instrument acquires digital images of representative areas of indirect immunofluorescent slides.

Hardware components:

- PC and monitor
- Keyboard and mouse
- Microscope
- Microscope control unit
- Slide stage
- LED illumination units
- Handheld LED display unit
- Camera
- Two fans

- Printer (optional)
- UPS (optional) or surge protector
- Handheld barcode scanner (optional)

## 2. Principles of Operation:

NOVA View® Automated Fluorescence Microscope (NOVA View®) is an automated system consisting of a fluorescence microscope and software that acquires, analyzes, stores and displays digital images of stained indirect immunofluorescent (IIF) slides. The NOVA View® device consists of an inverted fluorescence microscope with LED light source, motorized microscope stage, a CCD camera, computer, keyboard and mouse, monitor and assay specific software. The device's capabilities include acquiring and digitizing high resolution images from IIF microscope slides, storing and managing the resulting digital images, retrieving and displaying the digital images (including enlarging and overlaying), and providing facilities for annotating digital images (i.e., entering comments). Image analysis capabilities include the ability to detect and quantify fluorescent light intensity of certain cellular structures. The digital image viewing capabilities of the system support reading digital images on a computer monitor, enabling the trained operator to make clinically relevant decisions analogous to those they would make using a conventional microscope.

All images are taken through a DAPI and a FITC filter. FITC (fluorescein isothiocyanate) is a green fluorescent dye that is chemically bound to the anti-human IgG conjugate. DAPI (4', 6-diamidino-2-phenylindole) is a blue fluorescent dye added to the conjugate solution. DAPI strongly binds to DNA; therefore, it stains cell nuclei, regardless of antibody and conjugate binding. NOVA View® reads the slides through the two filters consecutively, enabling the detection of both DAPI and FITC fluorescence. DAPI fluorescence is used by the instrument to identify nuclei within the cell to take nuclear light intensity measurements. At the same time digital images are taken, NOVA View® measures the FITC light intensity of the cells that are included in the region. NOVA View® reports the measured average nuclear fluorescence intensity in units of Light Intensity Units (LIU).

The Single Well Titer (SWT) is a software application that estimates the endpoint titer (e.g., the highest dilution that would give positive result) for wells with a positive reaction, based on the LIU and pattern. The Single Well Titer function is not automatic; the Single Well Titer button has to be selected by the trained operator to display the calculated endpoint titer. SWT can only be generated on un-confirmed results. The result will appear in the Endpoint field in the Results tab.

The software requires competent human intervention for the analysis and results reporting process. To facilitate the interpretation, the NOVA View® provides the trained operator with the acquired digital images and the following supportive information:

- Average nuclear LIU value
- Negative/positive classification based on predetermined LIU cut-off

- Pattern information (homogeneous, speckled, centromere, nucleolar, nuclear dots, or unrecognized for positive results only)

The trained operator reviews the images taken by the NOVA View®. During the review process, the trained operator has the option to:

- Switch between images
- Overlay DAPI and FITC images to help identify nuclei and other cellular structures
- Enlarge images to examine details
- Review “Standard” and “Optimal” images to identify patterns

The trained operator will confirm the results by any combination of the following procedures, and then clicking the “Confirm” button on the screen:

- Accepting the classification suggested by NOVA View® (negative/positive and pattern), and then clicking the “Confirm” button on the screen
- Revising the suggested NOVA View® classification (negative to positive and vice versa pattern), and then clicking the “Confirm” button on the screen
- Adding comments and then clicking the “Confirm” button on the screen

All results must be reviewed and confirmed (or revised and confirmed) by the trained operator. The trained operator confirmed result is the final result. No patient report can be created if the trained operator does not confirm the result.

The instrument cover encloses the microscope, camera, computer, microscope control unit, LED illumination unit (consisting of an LED unit and a collimator attachment to the microscope). NOVA View® includes an Olympus IX83 inverted fluorescence microscope with 4X, 10X, and 40X objectives, and dual band DAPI FITC/HC filters. The microscope is housed under the NOVA View® cover while the slide stage is fixed above the microscope objectives, atop the cover. The microscope is powered by an Olympus Control Unit 1X83-CBH. NOVA View® includes an industrial computer with Windows 7 operating system. The stage includes a slide stage cover that is closed during scanning. The stage is fitted with a slide carrier that can hold up to five standard microscope slides. Digital images are captured by a Kappa Zelos 285M GigE digital camera. The camera is connected to the microscope by an adapter. NOVA View®’s light source is provided by a CoolLed PreciseExcite LED with excitation wavelengths of 400nm (DAPI) and 490nm (FITC). A handheld LED display unit displays activity of the LED unit and is externally accessible.

### 3. Modes of Operation:

Does the applicant’s device contain the ability to transmit data to a computer, webserver, or mobile device?

Yes \_\_\_X\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_

Does the applicant's device transmit data to a computer, webserver, or mobile device using wireless transmission?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No  \_\_\_\_\_

4. Specimen Identification:

Sample identification (ID) is manually entered through the user interface when a new project is created. Sample information is linked to slide ID and well location in the NOVA View® software. Alternatively, slide and sample information can be transferred through middleware when the slides are processed with the automated slide processing instrument that is integrated into the laboratory information system (LIS), and sample ID and position is already linked to the slide through slide barcode.

5. Specimen Sampling and Handling:

Not applicable. The device does not process samples.

6. Calibration:

The purpose of instrument calibration is to regulate the light intensity of the LED, as the intensity of the excitation light directly influences the intensity of the emitted light. The instrument measures and uses the light intensity information for analyzing results, and light intensity also influences the appearance of the digital images. In order to have consistent light intensity production between instruments, a calibration procedure was established. Calibration is performed at installation, and as part of the yearly preventative maintenance. The procedure uses green fluorescent beads fixed on glass microscope slides. The calibration slides' target fluorescent light intensity value is established by Inova. During the calibration procedure, the calibration slide is scanned by the instrument, and the fluorescent light intensity is measured. The obtained value is compared to the target value, and the LED is adjusted according to a formula that was established by Inova between LED intensity and emitted fluorescent light intensity.

7. Quality Control:

Quality Control material is included in the assay reagent kit and must to be included in every run according to the procedure described in the Direction Insert.

8. Software:

FDA has reviewed applicant's Hazard Analysis and Software Development processes for this line of product types:

Yes  \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_

**J. Substantial Equivalence Information:**

1. Predicate Device Name(s) and 510(k) numbers:

Not applicable

2. Comparison with Predicate Device:

Not applicable

**K. Special Control/Guidance Document Referenced (if applicable):**

*Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff: Recommendations for Anti-Nuclear Antibody (ANA) Test System Premarket (510(k)) Submissions (January 22, 2009).*

*C28-A3, Defining, Establishing, and Verifying Reference Intervals in the Clinical Laboratory; Approved Guideline, Third Addition.*

*EP07-A2, Interference Testing in Clinical Chemistry; Approved Guideline, Second Edition.*

*EP09-A2IR, Method Comparison and Bias Estimation Using Patient Samples; Approved Guideline, Second Edition (Interim Revision) (used for matrix comparison).*

**L. Test Principles:**

Not applicable. Test principles are assay specific and dependent on the assay indicated for use with the NOVA View® device.

**M. Performance Characteristics:**

1. Analytical Performance:

Nomenclature used in studies:

- Throughout the submission, results obtained by manual reading of the same slides are used as reference method
- “Manual” and “Manual reading” refer to results obtained by the operator reading and interpreting the slides with a traditional fluorescence microscope
- “Digital”, “Digital reading” and “Digital image” refers to results obtained by the trained operator reading the NOVA View® generated images on the computer monitor blinded to the suggested interpretation
- “NOVA View” refers to results obtained with the NOVA View® Automated Fluorescence Microscope, such as Light Intensity Units (LIU), positive/negative classification and pattern information without operator interpretation

a. *Accuracy:*

Accuracy for the NOVA View® is assay dependent. Accuracy for each assay run on this device will be assessed at the time of assay clearance.

The Accuracy study design was determined using the NOVA Lite® DAPI ANA Kit, k150155. Accuracy was based on a three-way method comparison of NOVA View® automated software-driven result (NOVA View®) compared to the Digital image reading of the software generated output by a trained operator who was blinded to the automated result (Digital) and compared to the reference standard of conventional IIF manual microscopy (Manual). The results from all three outcome methods (NOVA View®, Digital, and Manual) were compared to clinical truth to determine clinical sensitivity and specificity.

A cohort of 463 clinically characterized samples tested the accuracy and clinical sensitivity and specificity of the NOVA Lite® DAPI ANA kit as scanned and interpreted by the NOVA View®. Digital images were independently interpreted and confirmed by trained human operators. Additionally, each slide was read with a traditional manual fluorescence microscope by the same operator. The same slides were read at three different locations, one internal (site 1) and two external (sites 2 and 3).

The number and distribution of the samples are shown below:

Sample type	Number of samples
Healthy control	75
HBV	20
HCV	5
HIV	5
Syphilis	5
Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)	75
Systemic Sclerosis (SSc)	20
Sjögren's syndrome (SS)	20
Autoimmune Liver Disease (AIL)	20
Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)	20
Mixed Connective Tissue Disease (MCTD)	21
Autoimmune myositis	26
Fibromyalgia	25
Anti-MPO/anti-PR3	26
Crohn's/Inflammatory bowel disease	20
Autoimmune thyroiditis	24
Celiac disease	24
Drug induced lupus (DIL)	25
Other	7
Total	463

Number Positive and Percent Positivity rates in the various disease cohorts by method (NOVA View®, Manual read or Digital read) at the three locations are listed below:

		Number of positive samples								
		Manual			Digital			NOVA View		
Sample type	N	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
Healthy control	75	4	7	13	5	2	8	4	2	19
HBV	20	5	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	4
HCV	5	0	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2
HIV	5	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	5
Syphilis	5	0	0	3	3	0	3	3	1	3
SLE	75	54	53	62	60	55	61	60	54	62
SSc	20	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
SS	20	9	11	14	13	9	14	12	9	15
AIL	20	16	18	17	20	17	18	20	17	20
RA	20	11	15	15	14	14	13	15	13	13
MCTD	21	10	10	8	10	8	8	10	8	8
Autoimmune myositis	26	7	9	10	6	7	7	6	8	8
Fibromyalgia	25	9	11	9	6	6	10	6	5	8
Anti-MPO/ anti-PR3	26	3	5	4	4	4	4	1	5	5
Crohn's/ Inflammatory bowel disease	20	9	8	8	8	7	7	8	6	7
Autoimmune thyroiditis	24	4	6	5	3	2	4	2	3	5
Celiac disease	24	4	7	7	3	5	4	3	3	2
Drug induced Lupus (DIL)	25	5	5	7	5	5	5	4	5	4
Other	7	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Total	463	171	190	209	187	166	191	179	163	211



		Percent Positive Samples								
		Manual			Digital			NOVA View		
Sample type	N	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
Healthy control	75	5.3%	9.3%	17.3%	6.7%	2.7%	10.7%	5.3%	2.7%	25.3%
HBV	20	25.0%	20.0%	10.0%	15.0%	15.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.0%
HCV	5	0.0%	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%
HIV	5	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Syphilis	5	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%	60.0%	0.0%	60.0%	60.0%	20.0%	60.0%
SLE	75	72.0%	70.7%	82.7%	80.0%	73.3%	81.3%	80.0%	72.0%	82.7%
SSc	20	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%
SS	20	45.0%	55.0%	70.0%	65.0%	45.0%	70.0%	60.0%	45.0%	75.0%
AIL	20	80.0%	90.0%	85.0%	100.0%	85.0%	90.0%	100.0%	85.0%	100.0%
RA	20	55.0%	75.0%	75.0%	70.0%	70.0%	65.0%	75.0%	65.0%	65.0%
MCTD	21	47.6%	47.6%	38.1%	47.6%	38.1%	38.1%	47.6%	38.1%	38.1%
Autoimmune myositis	26	26.9%	34.6%	38.5%	23.1%	26.9%	26.9%	23.1%	30.8%	30.8%
Fibromyalgia	25	36.0%	44.0%	36.0%	24.0%	24.0%	40.0%	24.0%	20.0%	32.0%
Anti-MPO/ anti-PR3	26	11.5%	19.2%	15.4%	15.4%	15.4%	15.4%	3.8%	19.2%	19.2%
Crohn's/ Inflammatory bowel disease	20	45.0%	40.0%	40.0%	40.0%	35.0%	35.0%	40.0%	30.0%	35.0%
Autoimmune thyroiditis	24	16.7%	25.0%	20.8%	12.5%	8.3%	16.7%	8.3%	12.5%	20.8%
Celiac disease	24	16.7%	29.2%	29.2%	12.5%	20.8%	16.7%	12.5%	12.5%	8.3%
Drug induced Lupus (DIL)	25	20.0%	20.0%	28.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	16.0%	20.0%	16.0%
Other	7	28.6%	14.3%	28.6%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	28.6%
Total	463									

Because of concerns about sample quality, 21 of the 25 drug induced lupus (DIL) samples have not been included in the sensitivity calculations, but were included in the agreement calculations. The remaining four DIL samples were included in the sensitivity calculations.

Sensitivity was calculated at each site on SLE separately, and on the combination of the connective tissue diseases (CTD; SLE + systemic sclerosis + Sjögren’s + MCTD + autoimmune myositis + DIL) plus autoimmune liver disease (AIL) population. Specificity was calculated on the total control population (excluding healthy subjects).

Site 1:

Site 1	Sensitivity % (95% CI)		Specificity% (95% CI) no healthy N=174
	SLE N=75	CTD+AIL N=186	
Manual Read	72.0 (60.4 to 81.8)	62.9 (55.5 to 69.9)	74.1 (67.0 to 80.5)
Digital Read	80.0 (69.2 to 88.4)	69.9 (62.8 to 76.4)	72.4 (65.1 to 78.9)
NOVA View	80.0 (69.2 to 88.4)	69.4 (62.2 to 75.9)	75.3 (68.2 to 81.5)

Site 2:

Site 2	Sensitivity % (95% CI)		Specificity% (95% CI) no healthy N=174
	SLE N=75	CTD+AIL N=186	
Manual Read	70.7 (59.0 to 80.6)	65.6 (58.3 to 72.4)	67.2 (59.7 to 74.2)
Digital Read	73.3 (61.9 to 82.9)	62.9 (55.5 to 69.9)	75.3 (68.2 to 81.5)
NOVA View	72.0 (60.4 to 81.8)	62.9 (55.5 to 69.9)	77.0 (70.0 to 83.0)

Site 3:

Site 3	Sensitivity % (95% CI)		Specificity % (95% CI) no healthy N=174
	SLE N=75	CTD+AIL N=186	
Manual Read	82.7 (72.2 to 90.4)	71.0 (63.9 to 77.4)	67.2 (59.7 to 74.2)
Digital Read	81.3 (70.7 to 89.4)	69.4 (62.2 to 75.9)	71.3 (63.9 to 77.9)
NOVA View	82.7 (72.2 to 90.4)	72.0 (65.0 to 78.4)	69.0 (61.5 to 75.7)

Agreement results between NOVA View® classification, digital image reading and manual reading were calculated within each testing location and between locations:

Within-Site Agreement:

N=463		Positive Agreement % (95% CI)	Negative Agreement % (95% CI)	Total Agreement % (95% CI)
Site#1	NOVA View vs. Manual	88.3 (82.5–92.7)	90.4 (86.4–93.5)	89.6 (86.5–92.3)
	Digital vs. Manual	93.0 (88.1–96.3)	90.4 (86.4–93.5)	91.4 (88.4–93.8)
	Digital vs. NOVA View	94.1 (89.7–97.0)	98.9 (96.9–99.8)	97.0 (95.0–98.3)
Site#2	NOVA View vs. Manual	80.5 (74.2–85.9)	96.3 (93.4–98.2)	89.8 (86.7–92.4)
	Digital vs. Manual	84.2 (78.2–89.1)	97.8 (95.3–99.2)	92.2 (89.4–94.5)
	Digital vs. NOVA View	94.0 (89.2–97.1)	97.6 (95.2–99.0)	96.3 (94.2–97.8)
Site#3	NOVA View vs. Manual	86.1 (80.7–90.5)	87.8 (83.1–91.6)	87.0 (83.6–90.0)
	Digital vs. Manual	87.1 (81.8–91.3)	96.5 (93.4–98.4)	92.2 (89.4–94.5)
	Digital vs. NOVA View	95.8 (91.9–98.2)	89.7 (85.5–93.0)	92.2 (89.4–94.5)

Between Site Overall Agreement by interpretation method:

Between Site Overall Agreement N = 463		
Manual	Site#1 Manual	Site#2 Manual
Site#2 Manual	90.7 (87.7–93.2)	
Site#3 Manual	85.7 (82.2–88.8)	87.3 (83.9–90.2)
Digital	Site#1 Digital	Site#2 Digital
Site#2 Digital	92.0 (89.2–94.3)	
Site#3 Digital	93.1 (90.4–95.2)	92.0 (89.2–94.3)
NOVA View	Site#1 NOVA View	Site#2 NOVA View
Site#2 NOVA View	92.7 (89.9–94.9)	
Site#3 NOVA View	89.6 (86.5–92.3)	87.9 (84.6–90.7)

Within-Site Pattern Agreement:

Pattern agreement was assessed in a pair-wise comparison between manual reading,

NOVA View® results, and digital image reading. Only definitive patterns (homogeneous, speckled, centromere, nucleolar, nuclear dots) were considered pattern agreement. NOVA View® reported “Unrecognized” patterns and user reported “Other” patterns were not considered as an agreement.

Out of the 463 clinical samples, there were 171 positive samples at Site #1, 190 at Site #2, and 209 at Site #3 by manual reading (reference method). Agreement between digital image reading and manual reading was above 90% at all three testing sites.

Summary table of pattern percent agreement is shown below:

N=463	% of samples with pattern agreement*		
	Site#1	Site#2	Site#3
Digital vs Manual	94.7%	94.7%	94.7%
NOVA View vs Manual	76.0%	86.3%	72.7%
Digital vs NOVA View	69.6%	69.6%	69.6%

\*As percentage of samples that were positive with manual interpretation.

*b. Precision/Reproducibility:*

NOVA View® precision is assay-dependent and should be performed with each IVD assay intended for use with the device.

To assess variability within the NOVA View® performance, repeatability and reproducibility studies were conducted using the NOVA Lite® DAPI ANA kit. Results were also generated and compared to the Digital image reading of the software generated output by a trained operator who was blinded to the automated result (Digital) and compared to the reference standard of conventional IIF manual microscopy (Manual).

*Repeatability:*

To assess repeatability of the NOVA Lite® DAPI ANA kit using both the NOVA View® and a manual microscope, three different studies were performed. For each study, samples were diluted for each run separately; therefore, if 10 runs were performed, 10 dilutions were prepared at the beginning of the slide processing. Within one run, the same dilution was tested in triplicates. The three repeatability studies used the same reagent lot.

In the first study, three negative and 10 positive samples with various patterns and intensities were stained with NOVA Lite® DAPI ANA kit, and tested in triplicate, in 10 runs (two runs per day), resulting in 30 data points for each sample. The slides were scanned by the NOVA View®, and the resulting digital images were interpreted by the operator. The slides in this study were not read with a manual microscope; i.e., only two set of results were generated: NOVA View® output and digital image reading results. The percentage of positive/negative calls are presented below:

		NOVA View output			Digital Reading	
Sample ID	N	Mean LIU	% Negative	% Positive	% Negative	% Positive
NVB012	30	4.7	100%	0%	100%	0%
NVB007	30	7.6	100%	0%	100%	0%
NVB063	30	7.9	100%	0%	100%	0%
NVB111	30	38.5	63.3%	36.7%	3.3%	96.7%
NVB079	30	91.6	13.3%	86.7%	3.3%	96.7%
NVB009	30	229.1	0%	100%	0%	100%
NVB029	30	233.8	0%	100%	0%	100%
NVB017	30	310.5	0%	100%	0%	100%
NVB087	30	310.6	0%	100%	0%	100%
NVB023	30	715.5	0%	100%	0%	100%
NVB004	30	933.3	0%	100%	0%	100%
NVB118	30	1300.1	0%	100%	0%	100%
NVB037	30	2217.7	0%	100%	0%	100%

A second study cohort of samples was selected to challenge the cut-off LIU of the NOVA View® System. Twenty-two samples covering all patterns identified by the NOVA View® which included 20 samples considered borderline/LIU values around cut-off, and 2 samples with 3+ average grade intensity level. Samples were tested in three replicates, in 10 runs (2 runs per day), resulting in 30 data points for each sample. Samples were diluted to target low-positive samples and challenge the NOVA View® LIU and then diluted a second time at 1:80 per the kit instructions for use. The slides were scanned with the NOVA View®, and digital images were interpreted. The same slides were then read with a manual microscope. In total, three set of results were generated: NOVA View® output, digital image reading results and manual reading results.

		NOVA View output			Manual Reading		Digital Reading	
Sample ID	N	Mean LIU	% Negative	% Positive	% Negative	% Positive	% Negative	% Positive
NV20	30	3.5	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%
NV16	30	10.2	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%
NV2	30	11.4	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%
NV8	30	13.5	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%
NV15	30	16.6	100%	0%	13.3%	86.7%	16.7%	83.3%
NV9	30	19.1	100%	0%	46.7%	53.3%	100%	0%
SB24216	30	31.4	86.7%	13.3%	0%	100%	0%	100%
NV22	30	33.6	76.7%	23.3%	96.7%	3.3%	76.7%	23.3%
NV26	30	38.4	90.0%	10.0%	60.0%	40.0%	53.3%	46.7%
NV14	30	38.8	43.3%	56.7%	6.7%	93.3%	0%	100%
NV13	30	40.5	66.7%	33.3%	0%	100%	6.7%	93.3%

		NOVA View output			Manual Reading		Digital Reading	
Sample ID	N	Mean LIU	% Negative	% Positive	% Negative	% Positive	% Negative	% Positive
NV5	30	40.7	66.7%	33.3%	0%	100%	16.7%	83.3%
NVB440	30	43.8	73.3%	26.7%	33.3%	66.7%	46.7%	53.3%
NV4	30	57.5	43.3%	56.7%	0%	100%	0%	100%
NVB201	30	62.8	26.7%	73.3%	0%	100%	0%	100%
NVB074	30	63.8	16.7%	83.3%	0%	100%	0%	100%
NV12	30	64.8	36.7%	63.3%	0%	100%	0%	100%
NVB369	30	72.4	23.3%	76.7%	3.3%	96.7%	13.3%	86.7%
NV7	30	74.1	10.0%	90.0%	0%	100%	0%	100%
NV10	30	128.5	30.0%	70.0%	0%	100%	0%	100%
NV23	30	822.4	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%
NV6	30	903.9	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%

A third, separate study was also performed with samples tested in triplicates or duplicates, in five runs, resulting in 15 or 10 data points for each sample. The slides were scanned with the NOVA View®, and digital images were interpreted. Slides were also read with a manual microscope. Three set of results were generated: NOVA View® output, digital image reading results and manual reading results.

		NOVA View output			Manual Reading		Digital Reading	
Sample ID	N	Mean LIU	% Negative	% Positive	% Negative	% Positive	% Negative	% Positive
PMDx 5087	15	24.6	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%
SS-A Monospecific 08203	15	103.6	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%
AMA 930328	15	882.6	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%
Centromere 120571	10	1052.9	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%
Nucleolar 120559	10	1339.8	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%
DNA PS0007 520847	15	1375.6	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%
ANA DNA 420530	10	1607.8	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%
SmRNP 220951	10	2811.2	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%

For NOVA View®, positive/negative classification was consistent (except for samples around the cut-off). Pattern (for positive samples only) was correct for >80% of the cases (excluding unrecognized patterns).

For both digital image reading and manual reading for study one and study two, intensity grades were within  $\pm 1$  reactivity grade within one run (within triplicates), and the average grade was no more than one reactivity grade different between runs. Pattern determination was consistent for 100% of the replicates (for positive samples only).

*Reproducibility:*

To assess between-operator and between-instrument variability, a reproducibility study was performed at Inova Diagnostics (internal; Site#1) and at two external sites (Sites #2 and #3) using the same sample cohort.

A cohort of 120 samples at each location was processed with NOVA Lite® DAPI ANA kit, and scanned with NOVA View®. Digital images were interpreted and confirmed. Additionally, a second operator read and interpreted the same digital images at each location. Altogether, six digital image datasets were generated (three locations, two operators at each site). The same digital images were read by the two operators at each site, but different slides were read at all three locations.

The 120 samples were selected to represent approximately 50% negative and 50% positive samples with various patterns. All major patterns were represented, and reactivity grades ranged from 0 to +4.

*Within Site Reproducibility:*

*Within-Site Agreement:*

N=120		Positive Agreement % (95% CI)	Negative Agreement % (95% CI)	Total Agreement % (95% CI)
Site#1	NOVA View vs Manual	100.0 (93.7–100.0)	98.4 (91.5–100.0)	99.2 (95.4–100.0)
	Digital vs Manual	100.0 (93.7–100.0)	98.4 (91.5–100.0)	99.2 (95.4–100.0)
	Digital vs NOVA View	100.0 (93.8–100.0)	100.0 (94.2–100.0)	100.0 (97.0–100.0)
Site#2	NOVA View vs Manual	95.0 (81.6–99.0)	98.3 (91.1–100.0)	96.7 (91.7–99.1)
	Digital vs Manual	96.7 (88.5–99.6)	95.0 (86.1–99.0)	95.8 (90.5–98.6)
	Digital vs NOVA View	93.4 (84.1–98.2)	98.3 (90.9–100.0)	95.8 (90.5–98.6)
Site#3	NOVA View vs Manual	94.6 (85.1–96.8)	98.4 (91.6–100.0)	96.7 (91.7–99.1)
	Digital vs Manual	92.9 (82.7–98.0)	100.0 (94.4–100.0)	96.7 (91.7–99.1)
	Digital vs NOVA View	100.0 (93.2–100.0)	97.1 (89.9–99.6)	98.3 (94.1–99.8)

Within-Site Pattern Agreement across method:

Pattern agreement was assessed in pair-wise comparison between manual reading, NOVA View® results, and digital image reading at each site. Only definitive patterns (Homogeneous, Speckled, Centromere, Nucleolar, Nuclear dots) were considered as pattern agreement. NOVA View® reported “Unrecognized” patterns and user reported “Other” patterns were not considered as an agreement.

Out of the 120 samples in the reproducibility cohort, there were 57 positive samples at Site #1, 60 at Site #2 and 56 at Site #3 by manual reading (reference method). A summary table of the pattern agreement is shown below:

N=120	Percent of samples with pattern agreement*		
	Site#1	Site#2	Site#3
Digital vs Manual	96.5%	95.0%	96.4%
NOVA View vs Manual	78.9%	83.3%	80.4%
Digital vs NOVA View	77.2%	80.0%	80.4%

\*As percentage of samples that were positive with manual interpretation.

Fluorescent intensity (grade) agreement:

Fluorescence intensity grades were within  $\pm$  one grade from each other between manual reading and digital image reading, as shown below:

N=120	Percent of samples within $\pm$ one grade		
	Site#1	Site#2	Site#3
Digital vs Manual	98.3%	99.2%	99.2%

Between-Site Reproducibility:

Between-site reproducibility was assessed by calculating average positive, average negative and total agreement between NOVA View® generated results, digital image reading result and manual (traditional) reading results between the three sites. Confidence intervals were determined using bootstrap analysis. Results are shown below:

Manual Reading Between-Site:

Manual Reading N=120	Site #1 vs. Site #2	Site #1 vs. Site #3	Site #2 vs. Site #3
Average Positive Agreement % (95% CI)	97.4 (94.0–100.0)	99.1 (97.0–100.0)	96.6 (92.7–99.2)
Average Negative Agreement % (95% CI)	97.6 (94.3–100.0)	99.2 (97.4–100.0)	96.8 (93.1–99.3)
Overall Agreement % (95% CI)	97.5 (92.9–99.5)	99.2 (95.4–100.0)	96.9 (91.7–99.1)



Digital Reading Between-Site:

Digital Reading* N=120	Site #1 vs. Site #2	Site #1 vs. Site #3	Site #2 vs. Site #3
Average Positive Agreement % (95% CI)	95.8 (91.6–99.2)	94.5 (89.6–98.3)	92.0 (86.2–96.7)
Average Negative Agreement % (95% CI)	95.9 (97.1–99.2)	95.4 (91.2–98.6)	92.9 (87.7–97.1)
Overall Agreement % (95% CI)	95.8 (90.5–98.6)	95.0 (89.4–98.1)	92.5 (86.2–96.5)

\*Considering only Operator #1 results. Operator #2 had similar results (see between-operator agreement below).

NOVA View® Interpretation Between-Site:

NOVA View N=120	Site #1 vs. Site #2	Site #1 vs. Site #3	Site #2 vs. Site #3
Average Positive Agreement % (95% CI)	100.0 (100.0–100.0)	96.4 (92.4–99.2)	96.4 (92.4–99.2)
Average Negative Agreement % (95% CI)	100.0 (100.0–100.0)	96.6 (93.3–99.3)	96.6 (93.3–99.3)
Overall Agreement % (95% CI)	100.0 (97.0–100.0)	96.7 (91.7–99.1)	96.7 (91.7–99.1)

Between Operator Agreement:

Between operators, total agreement was > 90% in each of the 15 pair-wise comparisons, as shown in the matrix below:

% Overall Agreement (Positive/Negative) for digital image reading across all operators						
	Site #1 Op #1	Site #1 Op #2	Site #2 Op #1	Site #2 Op #2	Site #3 Op #1	Site #3 Op #2
Site #1 Op #1	N/A	99.2	95.8	100.0	95.0	94.2
Site #1 Op #2		N/A	95.0	99.2	94.2	93.3
Site #2 Op #1			N/A	95.8	92.5	91.7
Site #2 Op #2				N/A	95.0	94.2
Site #3 Op #1					N/A	99.2

c. *Linearity:*

NOVA View® based on LIU is assay-dependent and should be performed with each IVD assay intended for use with the device, if applicable.

The NOVA Lite® DAPI ANA Kit using the NOVA View® is run only at a 1:80 dilution and does not have a formal analytical measuring range and there is no upper

LIU limit. The reported LIU values range from 0 to approximately 3000 LIU for highly positive samples.

d. *Carryover:*

Not applicable. Sample processing is not a function of the device.

e. *Interfering Substances:*

Not applicable. Interference for each assay run on this system is assessed during the clearance of the assay.

2. Other Supportive Instrument Performance Data Not Covered Above:

a. *Single Well Titer (SWT):*

The Single Well Titer (SWT) is a proprietary application of the NOVA View® that estimates the endpoint titer (the highest dilution that produces a positive result) of a sample containing ANA. The SWT application uses two pieces of information: the measured LIU value of the sample, and the user confirmed pattern information.

Single Well Titer Establishment:

The NOVA View® SWT function was established 38 ANA positive samples representing the five major patterns. The software application automatically performs the calculations based on the predetermined dilution curve, the LIU produced by the sample, and the pattern of the ANA. If the LIU value is above the highest value of the dilution curve, the titer will be described as greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) the highest titer that can be calculated from that curve.

The maximum SWT values are listed below:

Pattern	Maximum titer calculated by the dilution curve
Homogeneous	$\geq 2560$
Speckled	$\geq 2560$
Nucleolar	$\geq 5120$
Centromere	$\geq 5120$
Nuclear Dots	$\geq 5120$

Single Well Titer Validation:

Two sets of validation studies were performed.

The SWT application was originally validated at Inova. Fifty (50) samples, representing all five major patterns were titered with the traditional method (i.e., using two fold dilution series) starting at 1:80 and diluted to 1:40,960. All dilutions

were tested with the NOVA Lite® DAPI ANA kit, and read with NOVA View®. Digital images were interpreted and confirmed by the operator. Additionally, slides were read with traditional manual microscope by the same operator. Endpoint titer was determined by both manual and digital reading. The SWT application was initiated from the well that contained the 1:80 serum dilutions.

SWT results were compared to the endpoints obtained with manual microscopy, and to the endpoint obtained with the digital reading of NOVA View® images at each testing site as shown below. The endpoint titer obtained with the SWT application was within  $\pm 2$  dilution steps from the manual endpoint and the digital endpoint for 48 (96%) and 49 (98%) out of 50 samples, respectively. Moreover, 86% and 90% of the samples (compared to manual and digital endpoint) we were within the  $\pm 1$  dilution step endpoint difference.

Dilution Steps	Number of samples	
	SWT vs manual endpoint	SWT vs digital endpoint
$\pm 0$	26	35
$\pm 1$	17	10
$\pm 2$	5	4
$> \pm 2$	2	1
Total	50	50

The SWT application was also validated during the clinical study at the two external sites as well as at Inova Diagnostics. Altogether, 20 ANA positive samples (the same 20 samples at each location) with various intensities and patterns were titered with the traditional method (i.e., using two-fold dilution series) up to 1:5120. All dilutions were processed with the NOVA Lite® DAPI ANA kit, and scanned with NOVA View®. Digital images were interpreted and confirmed by the operator. Additionally, slides were read with traditional manual microscope by the same operator. Endpoint titer was determined by both manual and digital reading. The SWT application was initiated from the well that contained the 1:80 serum dilution.

Endpoint titer obtained with the SWT application was within  $\pm 2$  dilution steps from the manual and the digital endpoint for all 20 samples at all three locations. SWT results at the three sites were within  $\pm 1$  dilution steps from each other for 19 out of the 20 samples.

- b. Refer to the k150155 for additional NOVA View® performance parameters that are specific for the NOVA Lite® DAPI ANA Kit.

**N. Proposed Labeling:**

The labeling is sufficient and it satisfies the requirements of 21 CFR Parts 801 and 809 and the special controls.

**O. Identified Risks to Health and Required Mitigations:**

The device (instrument and software system) might be used with a variety of disease indications and associated analytes that must be cleared for use with the device. Risks may vary depending on the indications for use of the specific assay used with the device. The primary risks of this device are related to the consequences of clinical decisions based on false negative and false positive results for a patient due to inaccurate test results or failure to correctly interpret test results. For a false positive result, the risks could include unnecessary testing or inappropriate treatment related to an inaccurate result. For a false negative result, the risk could include a missed or delayed diagnosis. Assay specific performance studies outlined in the special controls will further mitigate risk associated with the device. The identified risks and required mitigations associated with the device type are summarized in the Table below.

<b>Identified Risks to Health</b>	<b>Required Mitigations</b>
Inaccurate test results that provide false positive or false negative results.	Special controls (1), (2), and (3)
Failure to correctly interpret test results can lead to false positive or false negative results	Special controls (1), (2)(i), (2)(ii)(A), (2)(ii)(B), (2)(iii), and (3)

**P. Benefit/Risk Analysis:**

<b>Summary</b>	
<b>Summary of the Benefit(s)</b>	<p>This is the first automated IIF system to be commercially available in the US, providing an unmet medical need.</p> <p>The benefit of an automated IIF system is the reduction of intra- and inter-laboratory variability and higher throughput in laboratory workflow.</p> <p>This is of benefit to patients by providing potentially greater accuracy and more timely test results, which could ultimately lead to earlier diagnosis and initiation of appropriate therapy.</p>

<p><b>Summary of the Risk(s)</b></p>	<p>The primary risks are related to the consequences of clinical decisions based on false negative and false positive results for a patient due to inaccurate test results or failure to correctly interpret test results. For a false positive result, the risks could include unnecessary testing or inappropriate treatment related to an inaccurate result. For a false negative result, the risk could include a missed or delayed diagnosis. The results from this test would be used with results from other diagnostic tests, other autoantibodies, and clinical signs and symptoms, which would mitigate these risks.</p> <p>The risk of false negative and false positive results are also mitigated by statements in the Intended Use for the automated instrument which state that the device can only be used with reagents that are indicated for use on the system, and that the results generated by the automated instrument must be confirmed by a trained operator. The risks are further mitigated by the special controls.</p> <p>The test requires that a blood sample be obtained during routine phlebotomy. This is standard procedure in clinical care, and the risk is minimal.</p>
<p><b>Summary of Other Factors</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Conclusions</b> Do the probable benefits outweigh the probable risks?</p>	<p>Given the well characterized performance characteristics, statements in the Intended Use for the device and special controls, including performance data, references to the legally marketed assays intended for use with the device, and warnings required in the labeling, the probable benefits outweigh the probable risks for this device.</p>

**Q. Conclusion:**

The information provided in this *de novo* submission is sufficient to classify this device into class II under regulation 21 CFR 866.4750. FDA believes that special controls, along with the applicable general controls, provide reasonable assurance of the safety and effectiveness of the device type. The device is classified under the following:

Product Code: PIV

Device Type: Automated indirect immunofluorescence microscope and software-assisted system.

Class: II (special controls).

Regulation: 21 CFR 866.4750

(a) *Identification.* The automated indirect immunofluorescence (IIF) microscope and software-assisted system is a device that acquires, analyzes, stores, and displays digital images of indirect immunofluorescent slides. It is intended to be used as an aid in the determination of antibody status in clinical samples. The device may include a fluorescence microscope with light source, a motorized microscope stage, dedicated instrument controls, a camera, a computer, a sample processor, or other hardware components. The software may include fluorescent signal acquisition and processing software, data storage and transferring mechanisms, or assay specific algorithms to suggest results. A trained operator must confirm results generated with the device.

(b) *Classification.* Class II (special controls). Automated indirect immunofluorescence (IIF) microscope and software-assisted system must comply with the following special controls:

(1) The labeling for the device must reference legally marketed assays intended for use with the device.

(2) Premarket notification submissions must include the following information:

(i) A detailed description of the device that includes:

- (A) A detailed description of instrumentation and equipment, and illustrations or photographs of non-standard equipment or methods, if applicable.
- (B) Detailed documentation of the software, including, but not limited to, standalone software applications and hardware-based devices that incorporate software, if applicable.
- (C) A detailed description of appropriate internal and external quality controls that are recommended or provided. The description must identify those control elements that are incorporated into the recommended testing procedures.
- (D) Detailed description and specifications for sample preparation, processing and storage, if applicable.
- (E) Methodology and protocols for detecting fluorescence and visualizing results.
- (F) Detailed specification of the criteria for test results interpretation and reporting.

(ii) Data demonstrating the performance characteristics of the device, which must include:

- (A) A comparison study of the results obtained with the conventional manual method (i.e., reference standard), the device, and the reading of the digital image without aid of the software, using the same set of patient samples for each. The study must use a legally marketed assay intended for use with the device. Patient samples must be from the assay-specific intended use population and differential diagnosis population. Samples must also cover the assay measuring range, if applicable.
- (B) Device clinical performance established by comparing device results at

multiple U.S. sites to the clinical diagnostic standard used in the U.S., using patient samples from the assay-specific intended use population and the differential diagnosis population. For all samples, the diagnostic clinical criteria and the demographic information must be collected and provided. Clinical validation must be based on the determination of clinical sensitivity and clinical specificity using the test results (e.g., antibody status based on fluorescence to include pattern and titer, if applicable) compared to the clinical diagnosis of the subject from whom the clinical sample was obtained. The data must be summarized in tabular format comparing the result generated by automated, manual, and digital only interpretation to the disease status.

- (C) Device precision/reproducibility data generated from within-run, between-run, between-day, between-lot, between-operator, between-instruments, between-site, and total precision for multiple nonconsecutive days (as applicable) using multiple operators, multiple instruments and at multiple sites. A well-characterized panel of patient samples or pools from the associated assay specific intended use population must be used.
  - (D) Device linearity data generated from patient samples covering the assay measuring range, if applicable.
  - (E) Device analytical sensitivity data, including limit of blank, limit of detection and limit of quantitation, if applicable.
  - (F) Device assay specific cut-off, if applicable.
  - (G) Device analytical specificity data, including interference by endogenous and exogenous substances, if applicable.
  - (H) Device instrument carryover data, if applicable.
  - (I) Device stability data including real-time stability under various storage times and temperatures, if applicable.
  - (J) Information on traceability to a reference material and description of value assignment of calibrators and controls, if applicable.
- (iii) Identification of risk mitigation elements used by the device, including description of all additional procedures, methods, and practices incorporated into the directions for use that mitigate risks associated with testing.
- (3) Your 21 CFR 809.10 compliant labeling must include:
- (i) A warning statement that reads “The device is for use by a trained operator in a clinical laboratory setting.”
  - (ii) A warning statement that reads “All software-aided results must be confirmed by the trained operator.”
  - (iii) A warning statement that reads “This device is only for use with reagents that are indicated for use with the device.”
  - (iv) A description of the protocol and performance studies performed in accordance with special control (2)(ii) and a summary of the results, if applicable.