

Syndromic approach for microbiology testing in critical care

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Laboratory of Toulouse University Hospital

3,000 beds
820,000 outpatients

24h a day & 7 days a week

122 Medical Biologists
450 Engineers & Technicians
7 millions exams per year
Accreditations ISO 15189, ISO 17025, ISO 22870

1 Preanalytical Platform

3 Multidisciplinary Analytical Platforms

- ✓ **Automated**
- ✓ **Specialized**
- ✓ **Infectiology**
 - **Serology**
 - **Molecular diagnosis**
 - **Morphology & Culture**

Connexion with research centers

- **Immunology & infectious diseases**
- **Cardiovascular & metabolic diseases**
- **Oncology**



The local environment

Rangueil/Larrey



Purpan

Children



Women



Neurosciences



Emergency & Medicine



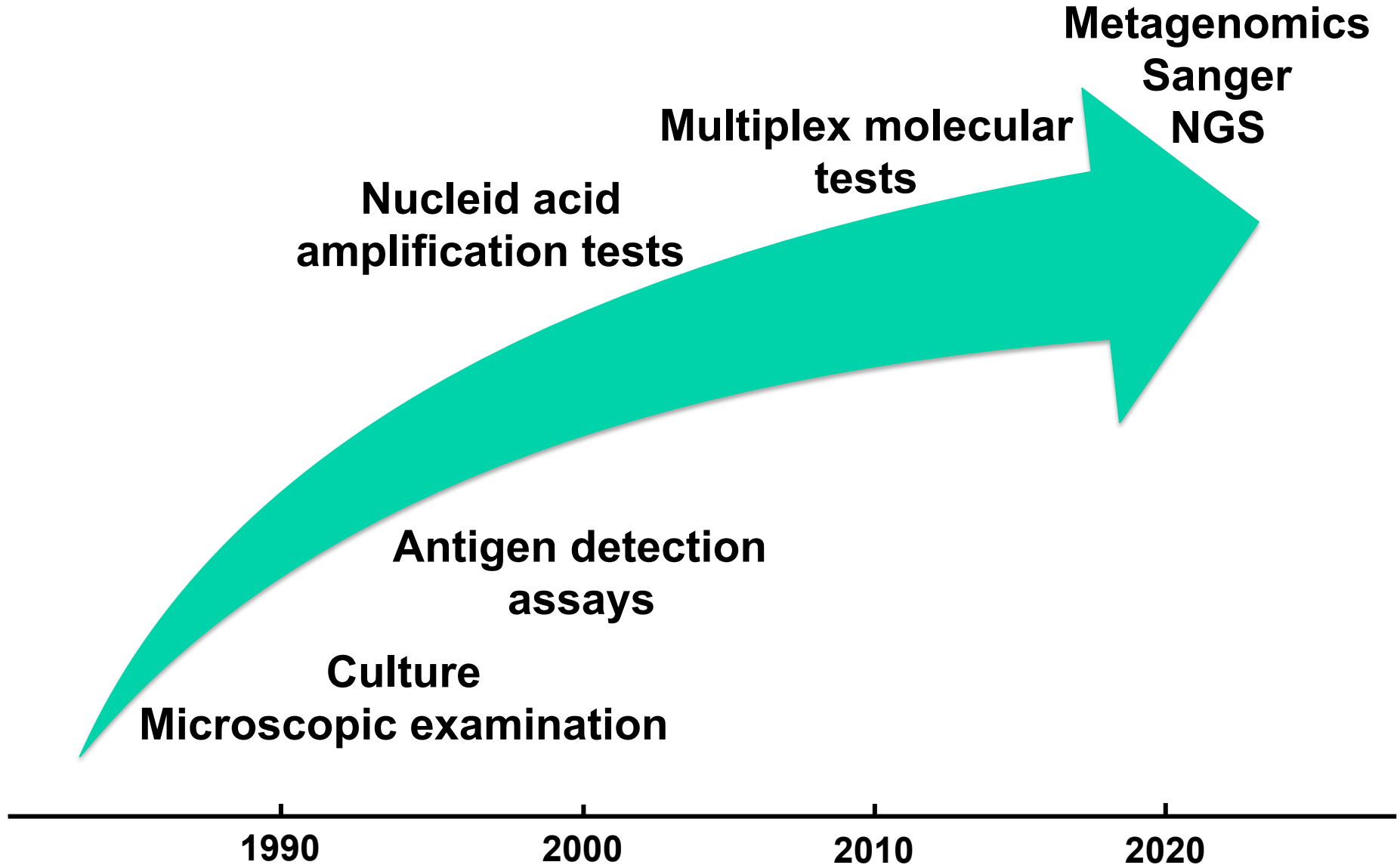
Cardiology/Pneumology
Gastroenterology
Urology/Nephrology

Langlade



Oncology

Major technological evolutions in microbiology



Major advances in molecular diagnostics

- ✓ Core lab with high level of automation → combined nucleic acid extraction / amplification / detection-quantification



- ✓ Miniaturization → microfluidics & nanotechnology
- ✓ Connected objects → cloud-connected technologies & smartphone-integrated electronic readers

POC diagnostic tools

Rapid diagnoses of infectious diseases

- ✓ **Medical diagnostic testing at or near the point of care**
 - **rapid clinical decisions**
- ✓ **POC laboratories set up in remote regions**
 - **facilitate access to testing**
 - **low-income area**
 - **high-income area due to logistics limitations, particularly transport time**

Workflow analysis

Core lab testing

Blood or other
body fluid collection



Pneumatic system
at the clinic unit



Preanalytic sector
& registration



Analytical sector



Automate

ISO 15189

POC testing

Direct testing

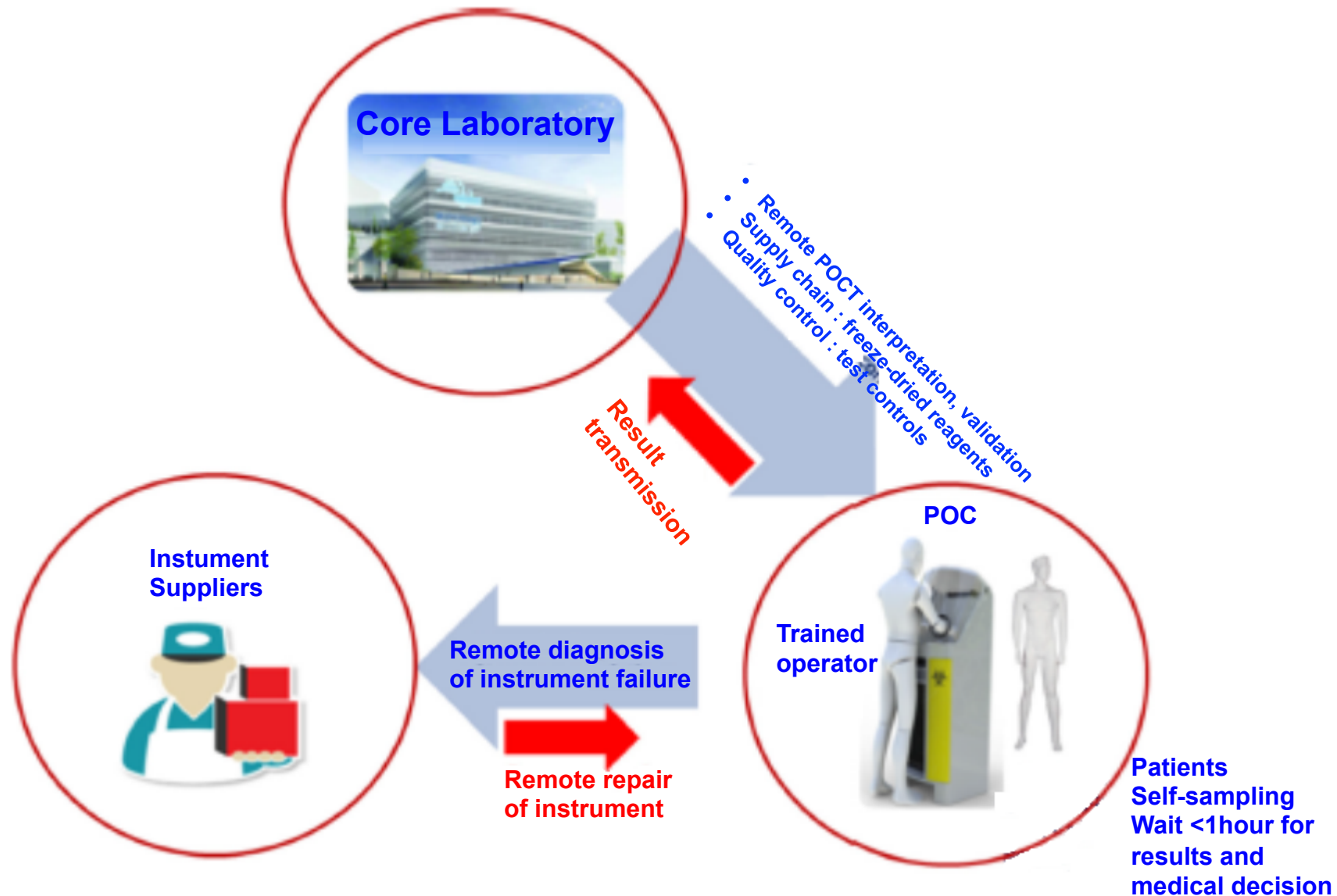
Need of physicians
or nurses for testing



Trained
Habiltated
Available +++

ISO 22870

POC testing



Syndromic approach

- ✓ **Meaning : simultaneous testing for the presence of different pathogens that may cause a **group of signs and symptoms****
 - digestive tract infection
 - respiratory tract infection
 - meningitis / encephalitis
 - sepsis, fever with eruption,...
- ✓ **Main advantages : **rapidity & simplicity vs conventional methods****

Syndromic approach

Signs and symptoms

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Clinical and epidemiological context

Simultaneous testing

Multiplex panel

**Core lab
or POC**

Sequential testing

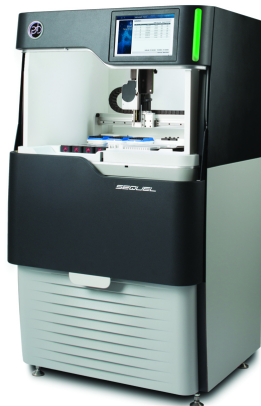
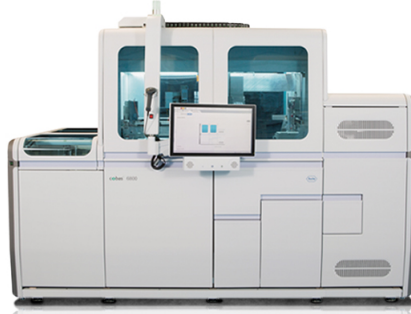
Single or double testing

Multiplex panel if needed

Key questions

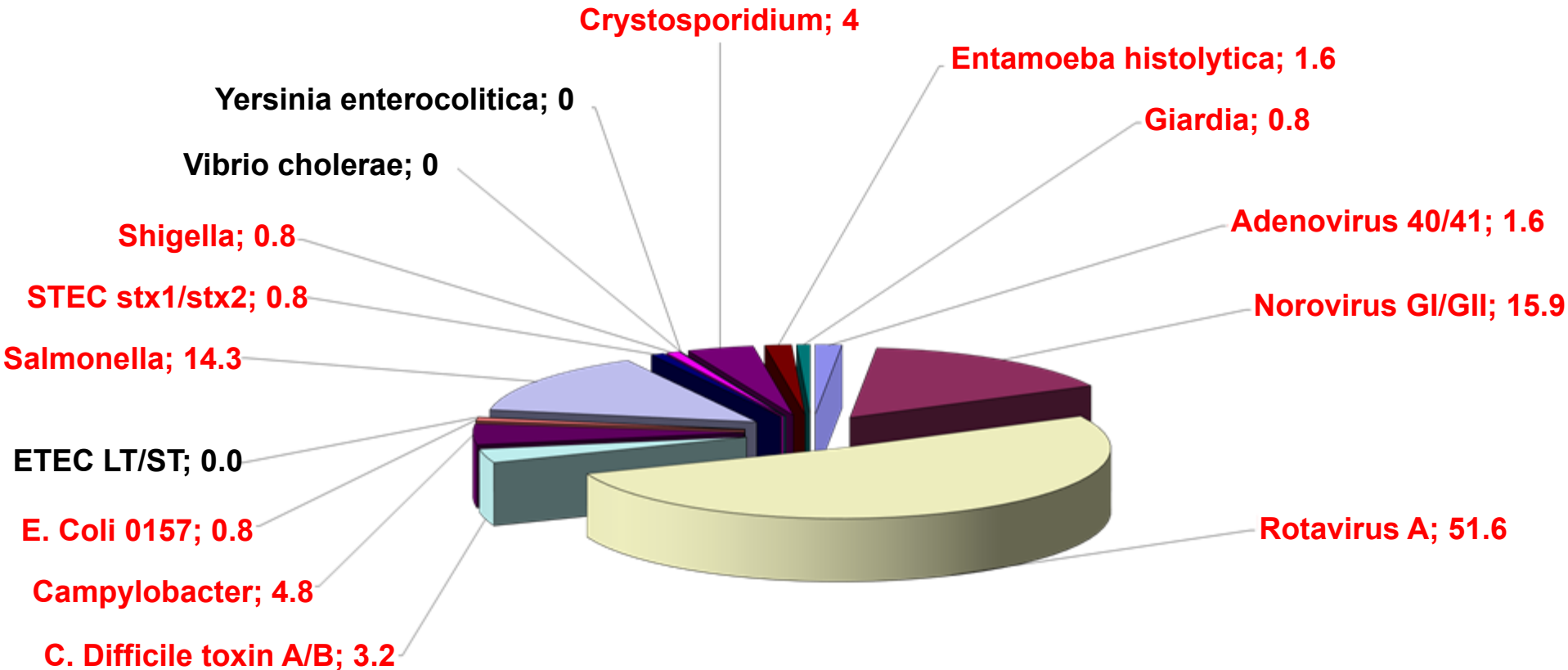
- 1/ Is it a rapid, deadly infection requiring particular medical support, including hospitalization?**
- 2/ Is it a contagious infection requiring patient isolation?**
- 3/ Is it an infection requiring any specific antiinfectious treatment?**

Multiple molecular instruments



Gastrointestinal pathogens

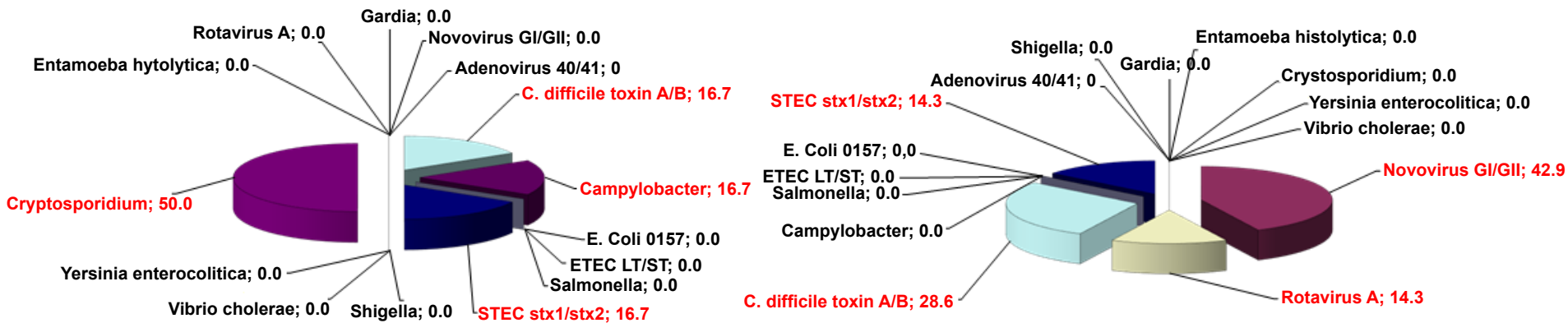
Luminex-based molecular assay – Core lab 4h



Diarrheic children – Emergency unit
Detected pathogens 93/119 (78 %)
Co-infections (34 %)

Gastrointestinal pathogens

Luminex-based molecular assay – Core lab 4h



Diarrheic children – Neonatology unit
Detected pathogens 8/60 (13 %)
Co-infections (0 %)

Diarrheic children – Hematology unit
Detected pathogens 9/53 (17 %)
Co-infections (0 %)

Gastrointestinal pathogens



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Low Yield of FilmArray GI Panel in Hospitalized Patients with Diarrhea: an Opportunity for Diagnostic Stewardship Intervention

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Hospitalization adult patients with diarrhea

Film Array 22 pathogens: 13 bacteria/5 viruses/4 parasites – Core lab 1h

Pathogens detected 29/481 (6 %)

Gastrointestinal pathogens

Seegene vs Mobidiag – Core lab 4h

	Seegene	Mobidiag	Concordance (%)
	Allplex GI panel	Amplidiag Viral GE	
Rotavirus	42	42	100
Norovirus 1	3	3	100
Norovirus 2	17	19	89.5
Sapovirus	3	2	66.7
Astrovirus	4	4	100
Adenovirus 40/41	5	5	100

Gastrointestinal pathogens

	Luminex GPP	Verigene	BioFire GIP	Seegene	Mobidiag
Platform	Magpix or Luminex 100/200	Verigene System	FilmArray or Torch	Allplex Gi panel	Cfx
Specimen type	Fresh stool or Cary-Blair	Cary-Blair	Cary-Blair	Fresh stool or Cary-Blair	Fresh stool or Cary-Blair
No of targets	14	9 (no parasites)	22	26	19
No of samples	24	1-32	1-12	24	12
Time to results (h)	~5	< 2	~1	~3	6

Gastrointestinal pathogens

Assay performance

- ✓ **More positive results than conventional testing methods**
Mengelle, Clin Microbiol Infect 2013
- ✓ **Detection of co-infections, sometimes of unknown clinical significance (EAEC, EPEC, C diff)**
- ✓ **High sensitivity and specificity, with a few exceptions**
*Huang, Diagn Microbiol Infect Dis 2016 ; Buss, J Clin Microbiol 2015 ;
Khone, J Clin Microbiol 2014 ; Wessels, Clin Microbiol Infect 2014 ;
Spina, Clin Microbiol Infect 2015 ; Patel, J Clin Microbiol 2014 ;
Ramanan, Diagn Microbiol Infect Dis 2017*

Gastrointestinal pathogens

Clinical and economic impacts

- ✓ **Increased costs to the lab (£ 22, 283) but compensation by decreasing the number of days that patients were under isolation protocols (£ 66,765 saved)**

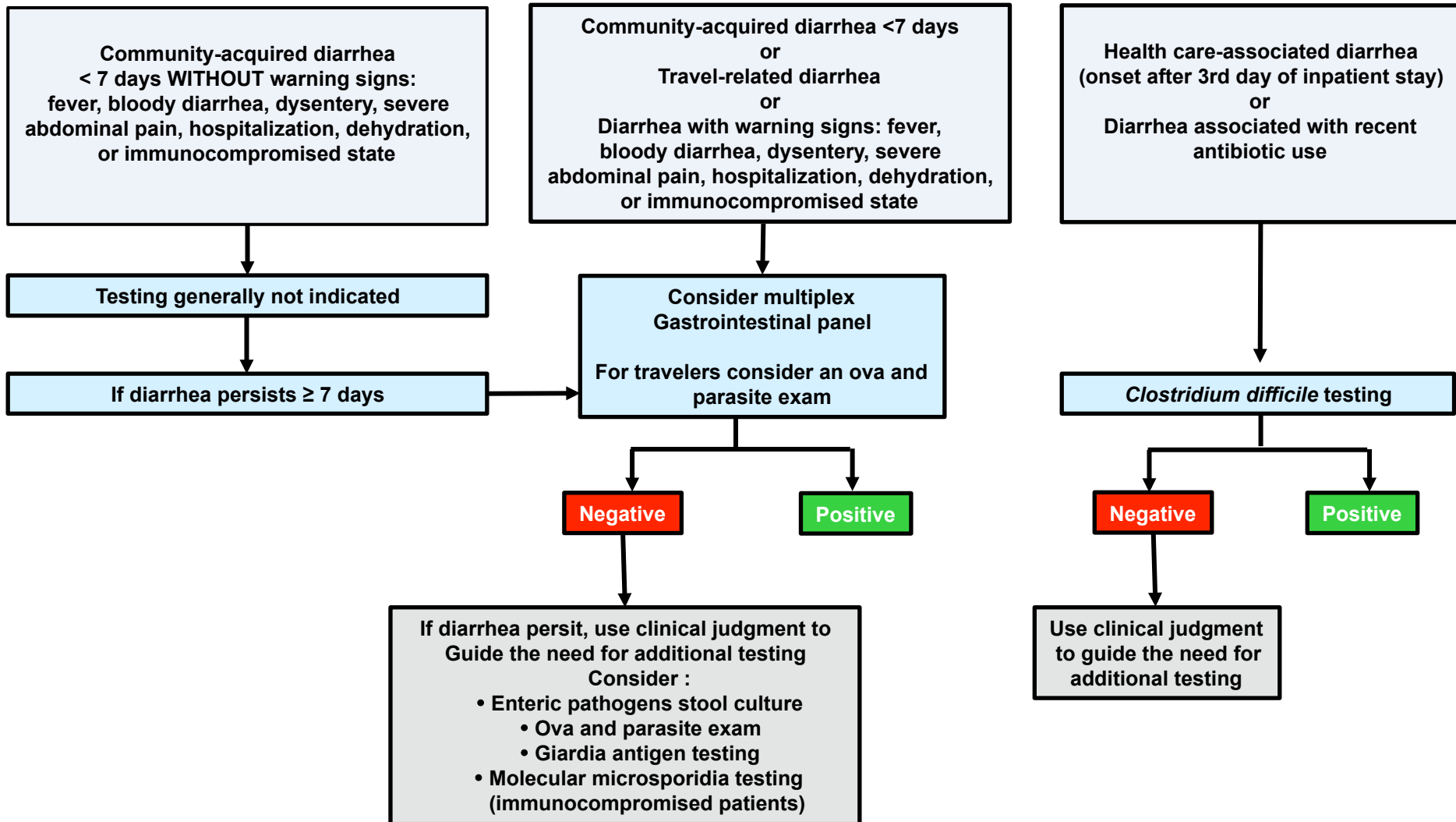
Goldenberg, *J Infect* 2015

- ✓ **Increased number of patients with appropriate isolation precautions and decreased number of patients under contact precautions unnecessarily**

Rand, *Diagn Microbiol Infect Dis* 2015

Gastrointestinal pathogens

Potential testing algorithm



Gastrointestinal pathogens

Advantages and limitations

- ✓ **Broad coverage and identification of coinfections**
- ✓ **Reduced TAT**
- ✓ **Simplified workflow**
- ✓ **Conventional methods still needed:**
 - pathogens that are not covered by the panels (eg *Aeromonas*, parasites,...)
 - antibiotic susceptibility testing... although not recommended

Riddle, Am J Gastroenterol 2016

Respiratory pathogens

Assay	FilmArray	ePlex	Verigene	Panther-Fusion	Allplex	Nx TAG
Platform	FA or TORCH	ePlex	Verigene	Hologic	Allplex	Luminex or Magpix
No of targets	22	17	16	10	22	20
No of samples	1-12	-	1-32	Random-access	-	96
Time to results	~1	~1.5	~2	~2	~4	~4

Respiratory pathogens

Viruses	Film Array 45 min	E Plex 1h40 min	Allplex 4h15 min	Luminex Nx TAG 5h	Verigene	Panther-Fusion
Adenovirus	•	•	•	•	•	•
Coronavirus HKU1	•	•		•		
Coronavirus NL63	•	•	•	•		
Coronavirus 229E	•	•	•	•		
Coronavirus OC43	•	•	•	•		
Coronavirus MERS	•	•				
Human Bocavirus		•	•	•		
Human Metapneumovirus	•	•	•	•	•	•
Influenza A Subtype H1 Subtype H3 Subtype 2009 H1N1	• • • •	• • • •	•	• • •	• • •	•
Influenza B	•	•	•	•	•	•
Parainfluenza 1	•	•	•	•	•	•
Parainfluenza 2	•	•	•	•	•	•
Parainfluenza 3	•	•	•	•	•	•
Parainfluenza 4	•	•	•	•		•
Respiratory Syncytial Virus	•			•		•
Respiratory Syncytial Virus A		•	•	•	•	
Respiratory Syncytial Virus B		•	•	•	•	
Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	•	•	•	•	•	•

Respiratory pathogens

Bacteria	Film Array 45 min	E Plex 1h40 min	Allplex 4h 15 min	Nx TAG 5h	Verigene	Panther- Fusion
Chlamydophila pneumoniae	•	•	•	•		
Mycoplasma pneumoniae	•	•	•	•		
Bordetella pertussis	•	•	•		•	
B parapertusis	•		•		•	
Bordetella holmesii					•	
Legionella		•	•	•		
Streptococcus pneumoniae			•			
Haemophilus influenzae			•			

Respiratory pathogens

Assay performance

- ✓ **FilmAssay vs NxTAG**
 - 284 nasopharyngeal Kappa = 0.92
 - Higher positivity rates for hMPV and PIV3 in favour of NxTAG

Chen, J Clin Microbiol 2016

- ✓ **ePlex vs LDT-PCR**
 - 323 positive clinical specimens
 - Level of agreement Kappa = 0.97

Nijhuis, J Clin Microbiol 2017

Respiratory pathogens

Clinical and economic impacts

Pre/Post intervention studies with FilmArray

Study	Population	Impact
Rogers, <i>Arch Pathol Lab Med</i> 2015	Children with uncomplicated acute respiratory illness	↓ duration of antibiotics ↓ length of stay* ↓ time in isolation*
Rappo, <i>J Clin Microbiol</i> 2016	Adult with acute respiratory illness	↓ time to diagnosis 1.7 vs 7.7 for Flu 1.5 vs 13.5 for other V ↓ length of stay ↓ duration of antibiotics ↓ n° of chest radiographs
Subramony, <i>J Pediatr</i> 2016	Pediatric in patients	↓ duration of antibiotics ↓ n° of chest radiographs

Respiratory pathogens

Clinical and economic impacts

Prospective study RESPOC - UK

720 adult patients with acute respiratory illness

POCT group (n=362)
FilmArray

Control group (n=358)
Standard care

Respiratory pathogens

Clinical and economic impacts

RESPOC study - UK

Parameter	POCT group	Control group	P
% of pts treated with antibiotics	84	83	ns
Mean duration of antibiotics	7.2	7.7	ns
% of pts with single doses or brief courses (<48h) of antibiotics	17	9	0.005
Length of stay (d)	5.7	6.8	0.04
Adequate antiviral use for Flu (%)	91	65	0.003

Respiratory pathogens

Clinical and economic impacts

Cost-effectiveness of multiplex testing

- ✓ **Versus culture and Antigen tests : favorable index if the prevalence of a respiratory viral illness was >11 %**
Mahony, J Clin Microbiol 2009
- ✓ **Versus PCR and antigen tests : favorable index in an emergency department for children**
Nelson, Pediatr Infect Dis 2015

Respiratory pathogens

Advantages and limitations

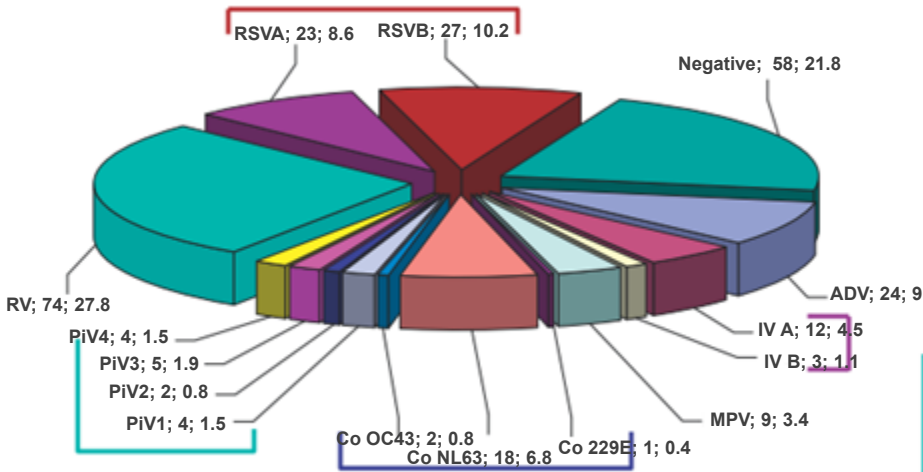
Cost-effectiveness of multiplex testing

- ✓ Simplified workflow and reduced TAT
- ✓ Broad coverage including unexpected pathogens (eg *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*) but not exhaustive testing (TB, CMV, SARS, CoV, Hantavirus,...)
- ✓ Lack of flexibility except for Luminex tests (Verigene)
- ✓ Positive results may not distinguish between colonization and active infection and may miss coinfection with bacteria or fungi
- ✓ Better knowledge of epidemiology in different populations

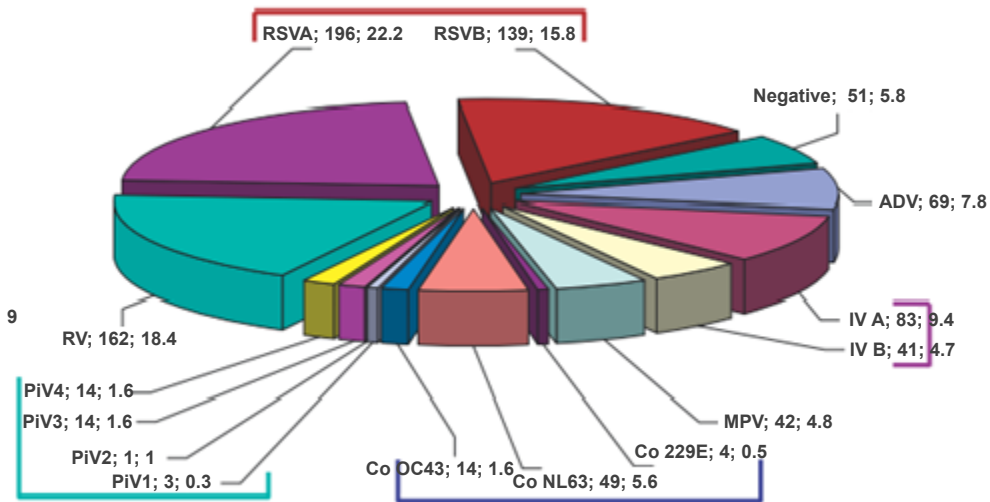
Epidemiological monitoring CHU Toulouse

Lower respiratory tract infection

Upper respiratory tract infection



Detected virus 76 %
Co-infections 10 %



Detected virus 93 %
Co-infections 20 %

Epidemiological monitoring in children

- ✓ Paris-Bichat, May 2011 – April 2014, 344 children
 - Detected viruses 51 %, co-infections 9 %
Visseaux, Plos One 2017
- ✓ CHU St Etienne, Nov 2012 – April 2013, 85 CAP
 - Detected viruses 62 %, bacteria 5 %, mixtures 28 %
Cantaix, J Clin Virol 2014

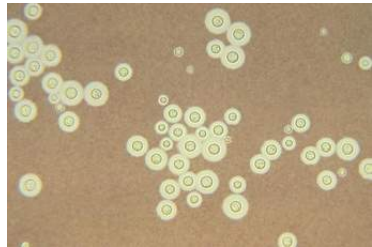
Epidemiological monitoring in adults

- ✓ Paris-Bichat, May 2011 – April 2016, 4958 adults
 - Detected viruses 29 %, co-infections 2 %
Visseaux, Plos One 2017
- ✓ Paris-Bichat, Intensive Care, Oct 2011 – June 2015, 174 CAP
 - Detected viruses 31 %, bacteria 26 %, mixtures 26 %
(more severe outcome)
Voiriot, Critical Care

CNS pathogens

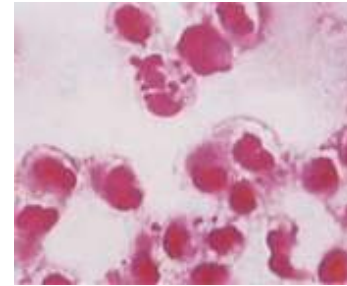
Meningitis & encephalitis

Fungi



Cryptococcus

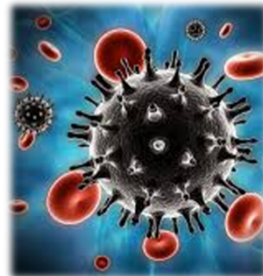
Bacteria



Neisseria meningitidis
S pneumoniae
Listeria m
Haemophilus
S agalactiae
E coli KI



Virus



HSV-1, HSV-2
Enterovirus, VZV, CMV, HHV6,
Parechovirus

CNS pathogens

✓ Conventional parameters

- CSF appearance
- CSF biochemical parameters (Protein, Glucose, Cl)
- CSF cytology (cells/ μ l, neutrophils, lymphocytes)

- Gram staining
- Culture of CSF
- Targeted molecular assays : mostly Enterovirus, HSV-1 & HSV-2

✓ Multiplex molecular testing

- more rapid diagnosis vs culture
- cultures may be negative for pts receiving antibiotics

CNS pathogens

Prospective study, 11 US sites, n=1560 CSF samples

	Sensitivity compared to conventional testing, before discrepant analysis	Specificity compared to conventional testing before discrepant analysis	Results after discrepant analysis Concordant +/- discordant false +/- Discordant False -	Number identified by: conventional testing/ multiplex panel	Percent positive agreement, n=138
Cytomegalovirus	3/3 (100%)	1,554/1,557 (99.8%)	4/2/0		
Enterovirus	44/46 (95.7%)	1,507/1,514 (99.5%)	49/2/2	33/36	96%
Herpes simplex virus 1	2/2 (100 %)	1,556/1,558 (99.9%)	2/2/0	4/5	99%
Herpes simplex virus 2	10/10 (100%)	1,548/1,550 (99,9%)	11/1/0		
Human herpes virus 6	18/21 (85.7%)	1,532/1,536 (99.7%)	19/3/2		
Human parechovirus	9/9 (100%)	1,548/1,551 (99.8%)	12/0/0		
Varicelle zoster virus	4/4 (100%)	1,553/1,556 (99.8%)	6/1/0		
<i>Escherichia coli K I</i>	2/2 (100%)	1,557/1,558 (99.9%)	2/1/0	1/1	100%
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	1/1 (100%)	1,558/1,559 (99/9%)	2/0/0	1/1	100%
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	0/0	1,560/1,560 (100%)	0/0/0		
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	0/0	1,560/1,560 (100%)	0/0/0		
<i>Spretococcus agalactiae</i>	0/1 (0%)	1,544/1,559 (99.9%)	0/1/1	3/3	100%
<i>Spretococcus pneumoniae</i>	4/4 (100%)	1,544/1,556 (99.2%)	9/7/0		
<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>	1/1 (100%)	1,555/1,559 (99.7%)	3/2/0		

Positive agreement rate 84.4 %
Negative agreement rate > 99.9 %

CNS pathogens

Preclinical study, US site, n=342 CSF samples

Organism identification	Conventional detection, no.	FA ME panel detection, no.	Baseline agreement, no.	Resolution result, no.			Sensitivity, % (95%CI)	Specificity, % (95 % CI)
				FA+/R+	FA+/R-	FA-/R+		
Bacteria								
H. Influenza	4	5	4	1	0	0	100 (47.8-100)	100 (97.4-100)
S. Pneumoniae	3	6	3	2	1	0	100 (47.8-100)	99.3 (96.1-100)
S. Agalactiae	1	5	1	2	2	1	66.7 (9.4-99.2)	98.6 (95.0-99.8)
Escherichia coli	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	100 (2.5-100)	100 (97.5-100)
Listeria monocytogenes	0	0	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	100 (97.5-100)
Neisseria meningitides	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	100 (2.5-100)	100 (97.5-100)
Bacteria not in the FA ME panel	7	0	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Viruses								
EV	37	37	36	1	0	1	97.4 (86.2-100)	100 (69.2-100)
HSV-1	12	13	11	0	2	1	92.9 (66.1-99.8)	98.0 (89.1-99.9)
HSV-2	29	29	29	NA	NA	NA	100 (88.1-100)	100 (82.4-100)
HHV-6	13	18	12	6	0	1	94.7 (74.0-99.9)	100 (92.6-100)
VZV	32	32	32	NA	NA	NA	100 (89.1-100)	100 (79.4-100)
CMV	7	4	4	0	0	3	57.1 (518.4-90.1)	100 (91.4-100)
EBV	13	11	11	5	9	1	94.1 (71.-99.9)	84.2 (72.1-92.5)
PV	0	1	0	1	0	0	100 (2.5-100)	100 (92.5-100)
Yeast								
C. neoformans/gatii	14	9	8	1	0	0	64.3 (35.1-87.2)	NA
Total	174	186	161	19	14	8	92.8 (88.2-96.0)	92.8 (88.2-96.0)

CNS pathogens - FilmArray

- ✓ **Positive evaluations in Spain, Pennsylvania and Uganda**
Launes, J Clin Microbiol 2016 ; Messacar, Diagn Microbiol Infect Dis 2016 ; Rhein, Diagn Microbiol Infect Dis 2016
- ✓ **Delayed diagnosis of tuberculous meningitis misdiagnosed as HSV-1 in California**
Gomez, OFID 2016

CNS pathogens – Advantages and limitations

- ✓ **Reduced TAT but no replacement of conventional testing methods**
- ✓ **Risk of false positive results due to latent infection (HHV-6, EBV) or lab contamination**
 - ➔ **clinical and laboratory measures to mitigate false positive results**
- ✓ **Further studies are needed including cost-effectiveness analyses**

Gomez, OFID 2016

Other syndromic approaches

✓ Sepsis :

- Rapid testing of positive blood culture bottles & resistance gene

→ FilmArray, ePlex, Verigene

Ramanan, Clin Microbiol Reviews 2018

- Direct molecular detection

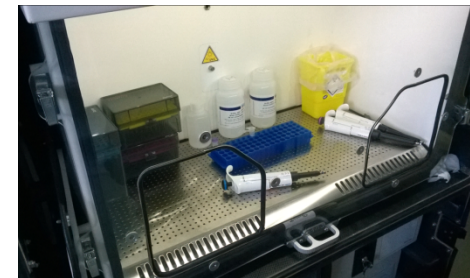
Nieman, BMC Infectious Diseases 2016 ; Mylonakis, Clin Infect Dis 2015

✓ Fever with eruption

→ Multiplex DENV, CHIKV & ZIKV

Mansuy, Diagn Microbiol Infect 2018

Mobile laboratories for Ebola and other pathogens



Combined detection and typing by metagenomics

The Journal of Infectious Diseases

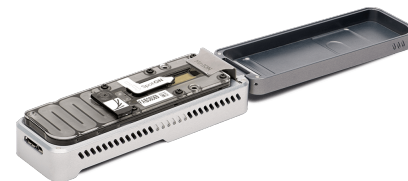
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Viral Pathogen Detection by Metagenomics and Pan-Viral Group Polymerase Chain Reaction in Children With Pneumonia Lacking Identifiable Etiology

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**Still complex: explosion of protocols and tools
sample-dependent
technology-dependent**

SWOT of syndromic approach

Strength	Weakness
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rapid testing• Rapid decisions for patient management : hospitalisation, isolation or treatment• Better access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple instruments : QC, HR, maintenance, reagents• Cost• Optimal strategy for tests ordering largely undefined
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost-effectiveness studies• Guidelines at national or international level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No clear policy regarding tests reimbursement• Insufficient cross-talk between biologists and clinicians• Loss of quality

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