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Immunoengineering

**Immunoengineering—Pathogens
Diagnostics**

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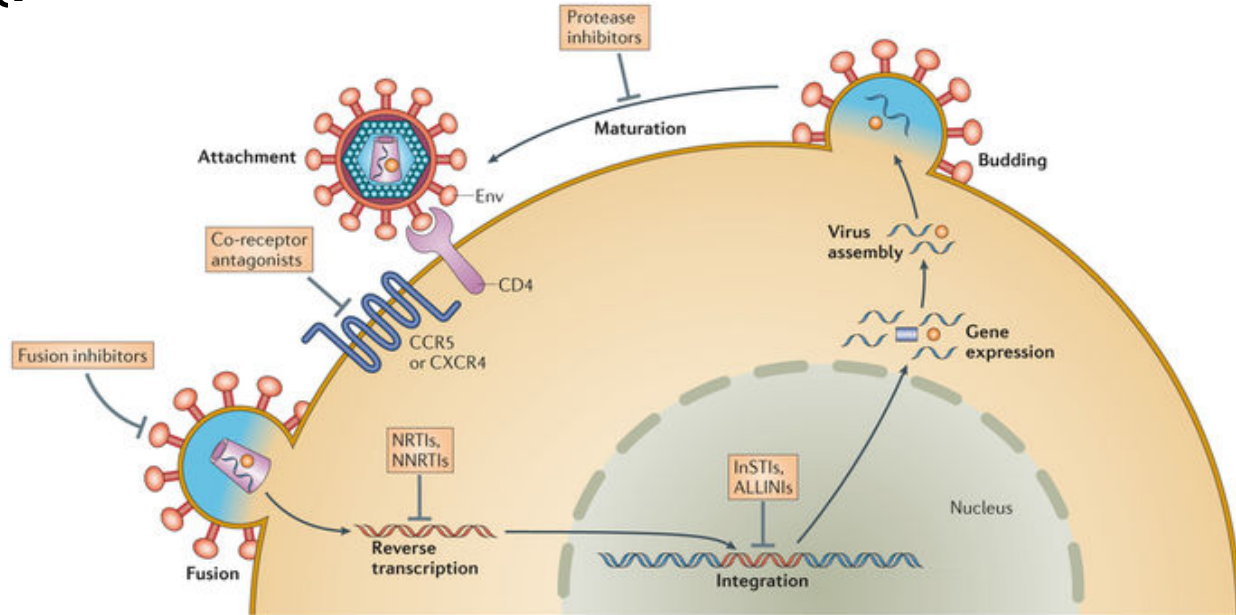
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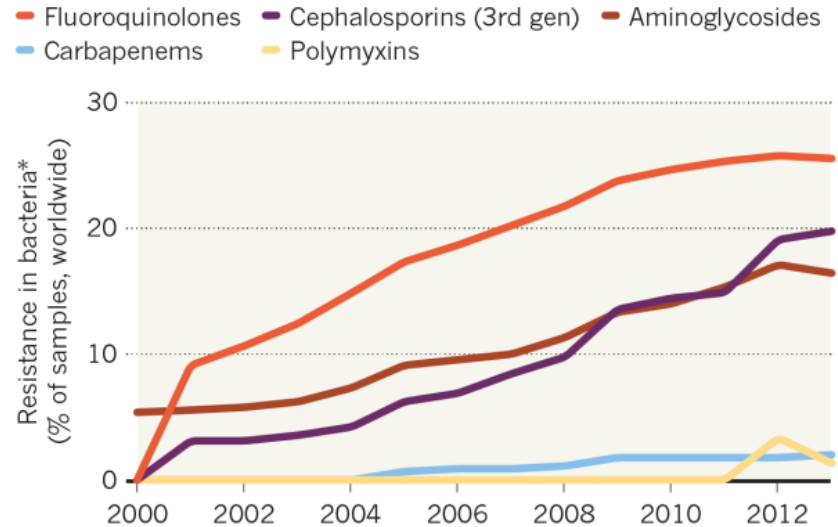
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THE SPREAD OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

An increasing proportion of bacteria display resistance to common antibiotics.

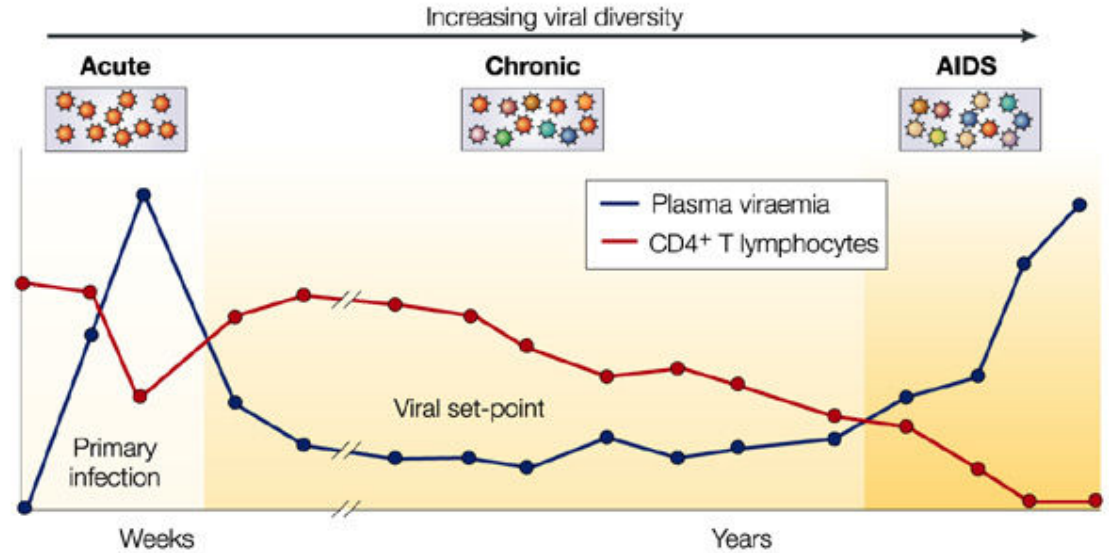


*Enterobacteriae, including *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsellia pneumonia*, *Enterobacter* and *Salmonella*

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The Need for Diagnostics

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- Patient Management



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Case Study

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What should you do?

First Take a History

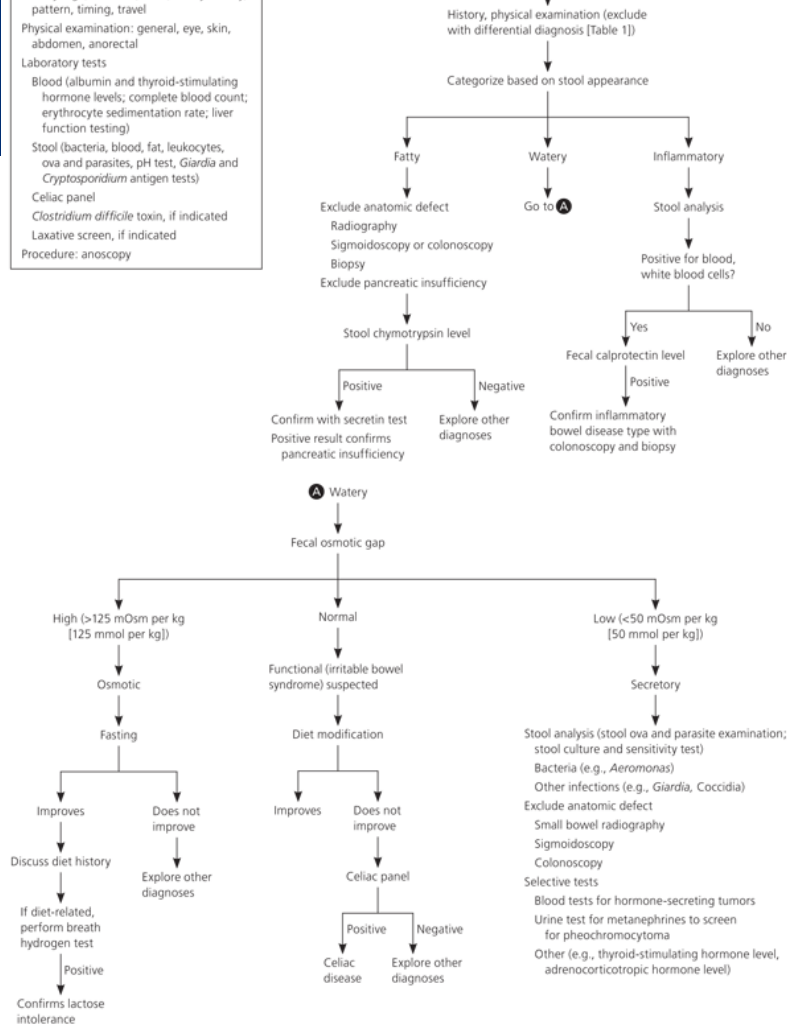
- What is the frequency of your stools?
- How long you have been experiencing diarrhea?
- What are the consistency, color, and approximate volume of the stools?
- Is there blood or mucus in the stool?
- What other symptoms are you having: abdominal pain, nausea, fever, headache, fatigue?
- What and where have you eaten recently?
- Have you been camping? Have you traveled outside of the U.S.? Where?
- Are any of your family members, close acquaintances, or co-workers ill?
- Have you been on antibiotics lately?

How Does this Affect Diagnostics?

Diagnosis

History: age, duration, food, family history, pattern, timing, travel
 Physical examination: general, eye, skin, abdomen, anorectal
 Laboratory tests
 Blood (albumin and thyroid-stimulating hormone levels; complete blood count; erythrocyte sedimentation rate; liver function testing)
 Stool (bacteria, blood, fat, leukocytes, ova and parasites, pH test, *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* antigen tests)
 Celiac panel
Clostridium difficile toxin, if indicated
 Laxative screen, if indicated
 Procedure: anoscopy

Diarrhea lasting longer than one month



Potential Diseases and Diagnostic Tests

- White blood cell count
- Microscopy
- Stool Culture
- Antigen tests – ELISA
- GI panel – PCR detects DNA/RNA
- Blood samples
- Imaging – Colonoscopy, CT scan, MRI scan

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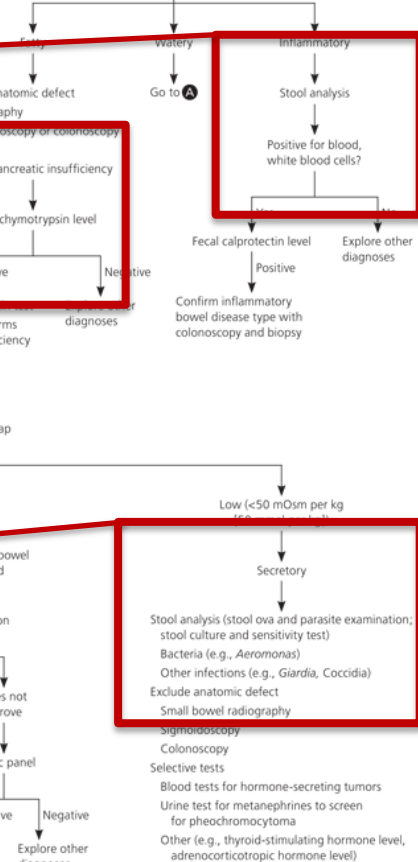
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History, physical examination (exclude with differential diagnosis [Table 1])

Categorize based on stool appearance



Inflammatory

Stool analysis

Positive for blood, white blood cells?

Secretory

Stool analysis (stool ova and parasite examination; stool culture and sensitivity test)
Bacteria (e.g., *Aeromonas*)
Other infections (e.g., *Giardia*, *Coccidia*)
Exclude anatomic defect
Small bowel radiography
Sigmoidoscopy
Colonoscopy

Exclude anatomic defect

Radiography
Sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy
Biopsy
Exclude pancreatic insufficiency

Stool chymotrypsin level

Positive

Negative

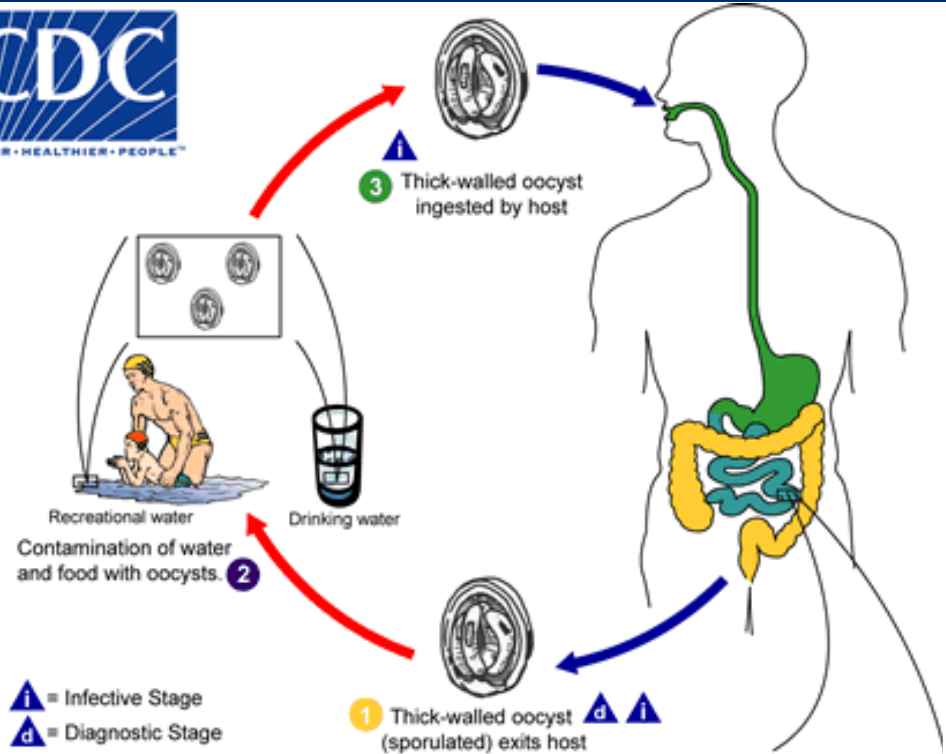
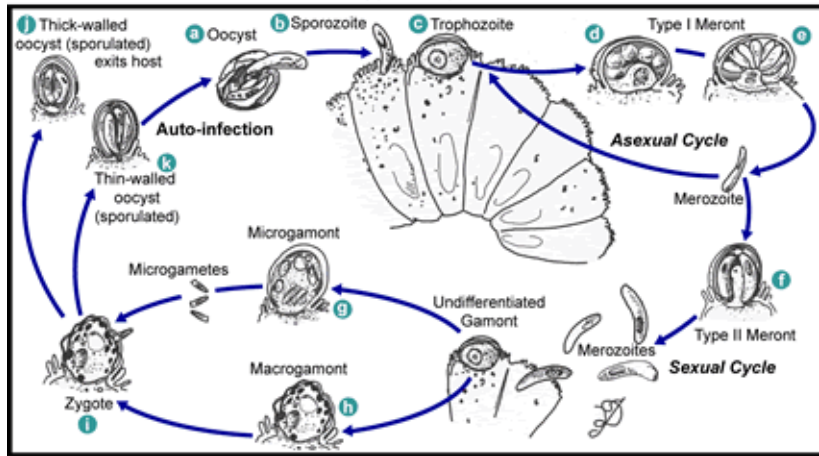
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You follow up with a quick history and learn she has been on summer break and has been swimming a lot in the local lake.

Based on this you do a microscopy test for parasites

Cryptosporidium



Design Criteria of Diagnostics

- What design principles of diagnostics development should be considered?

Design Criteria of Diagnostics

- Accurate
 - Specificity
 - Sensitivity
- Simple
- Affordable
- Timely
- Broadly applicable
 - Diverse population
 - Disease states
- Reproducibility
- Diagnosis impacts therapy and improves outcomes
- Funding

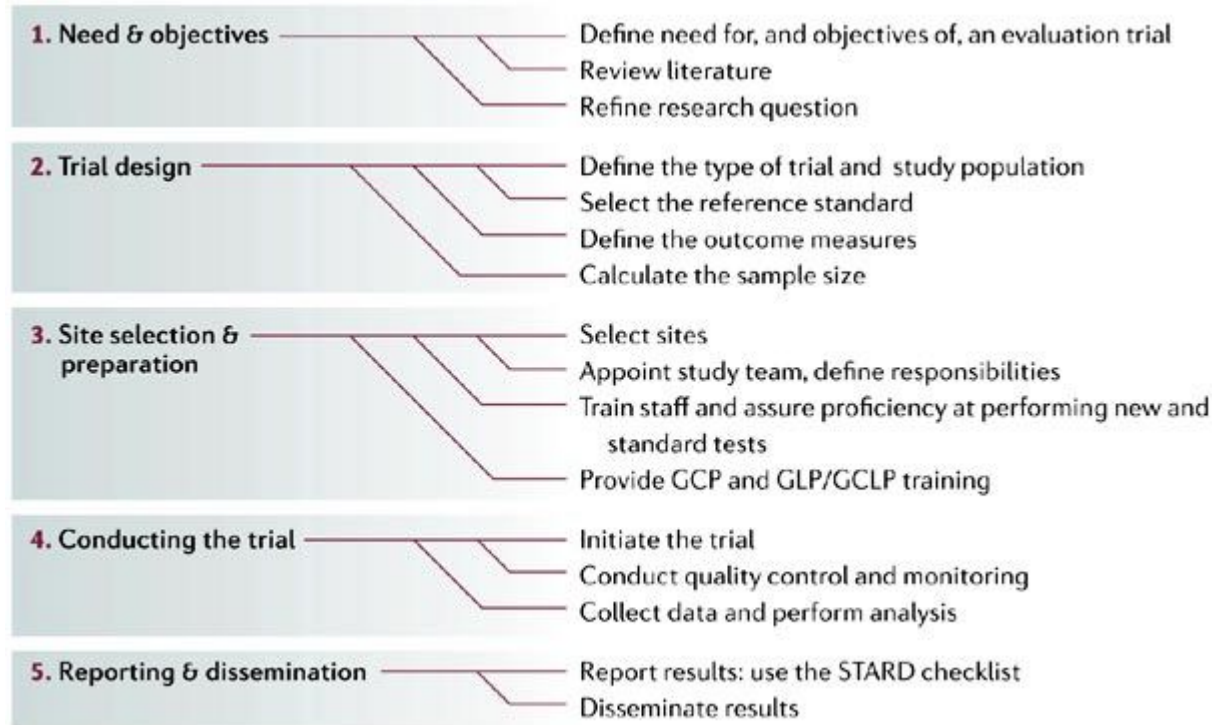
Sensitivity and Specificity

- Sensitivity: Probability that infected person will test positive
- Specificity: Probability that health person will test negative
- Need gold standard

	Disorder	No Disorder
Positive Test Result	True Positive (TP)	False Positive (FP)
Negative Test Result	False Negative (FN)	True Negative (TN)

Sensitivity = $TP / (TP + FN)$
Specificity = $TN / (TN + FP)$
PPV = $TP / (TP + FP)$
NPV = $TN / (FN + TN)$

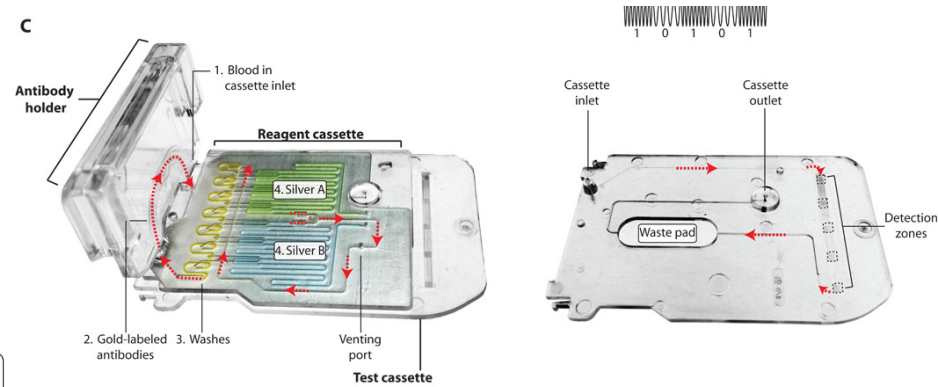
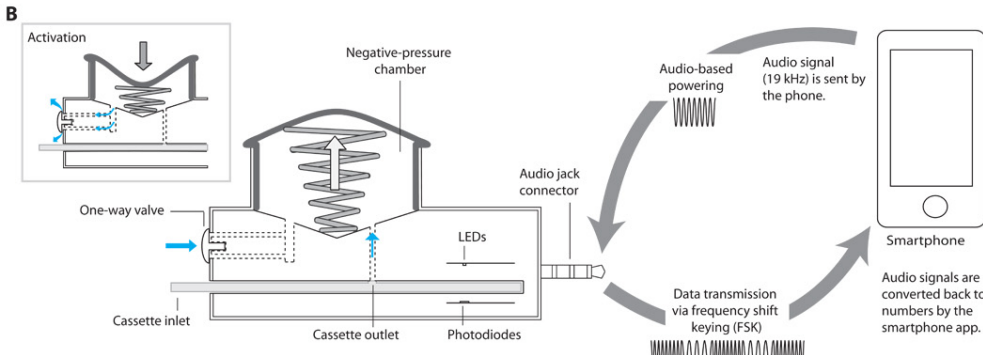
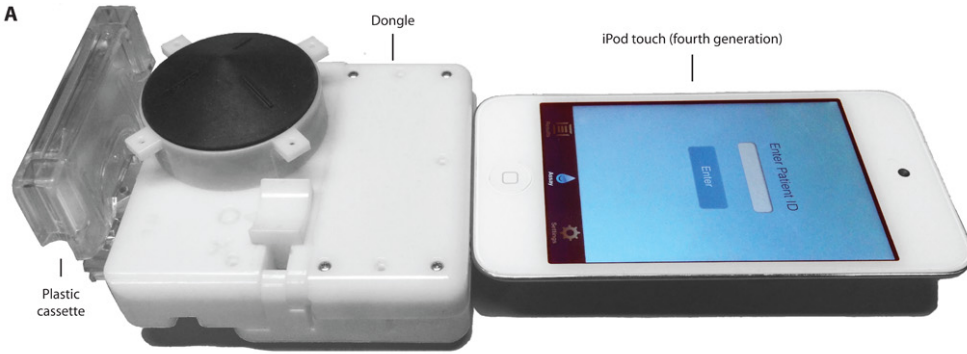
Diagnostic Trial Design



Diagnostic Examples

- Point-of-care diagnostics – Identifying HIV and syphilis
- Treatment Decisions – Antibiotic susceptibility
- Disease management – HIV patients with tuberculosis

Point-of-Care Diagnostics – HIV + Syphilis



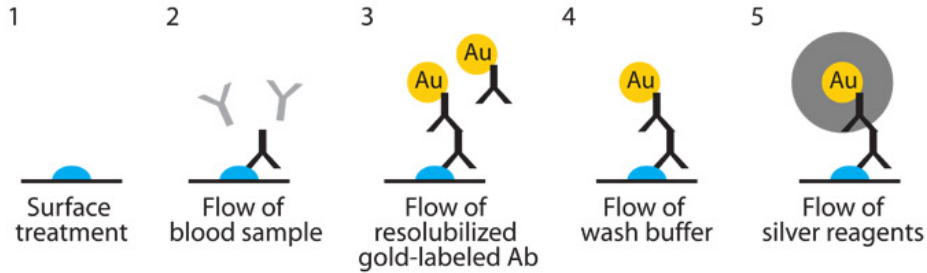
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	ELISA		Smartphone dongle	
	Method	Cost (USD)	Method	Cost (USD)
Electronics	Plate reader	\$8,850	Custom PCB (outsourced manufacturing in China)	\$31
Communication	Data acquisition cable	—	FSK via audio jack	—
Mechanical	Plate washer	\$9,600	Power-free vacuum pump (injection moldable case)	\$3
Total		\$18,450 + computer		\$34 + smartphone

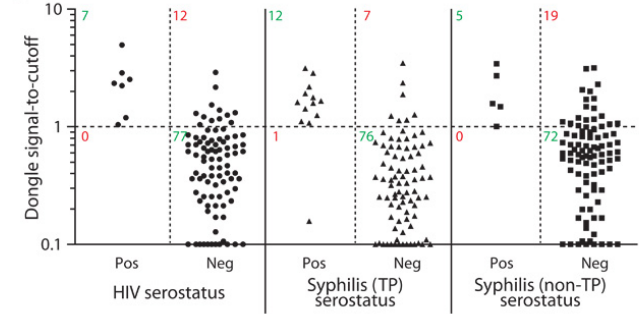
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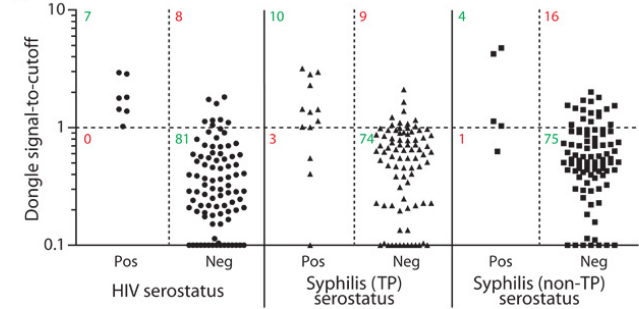
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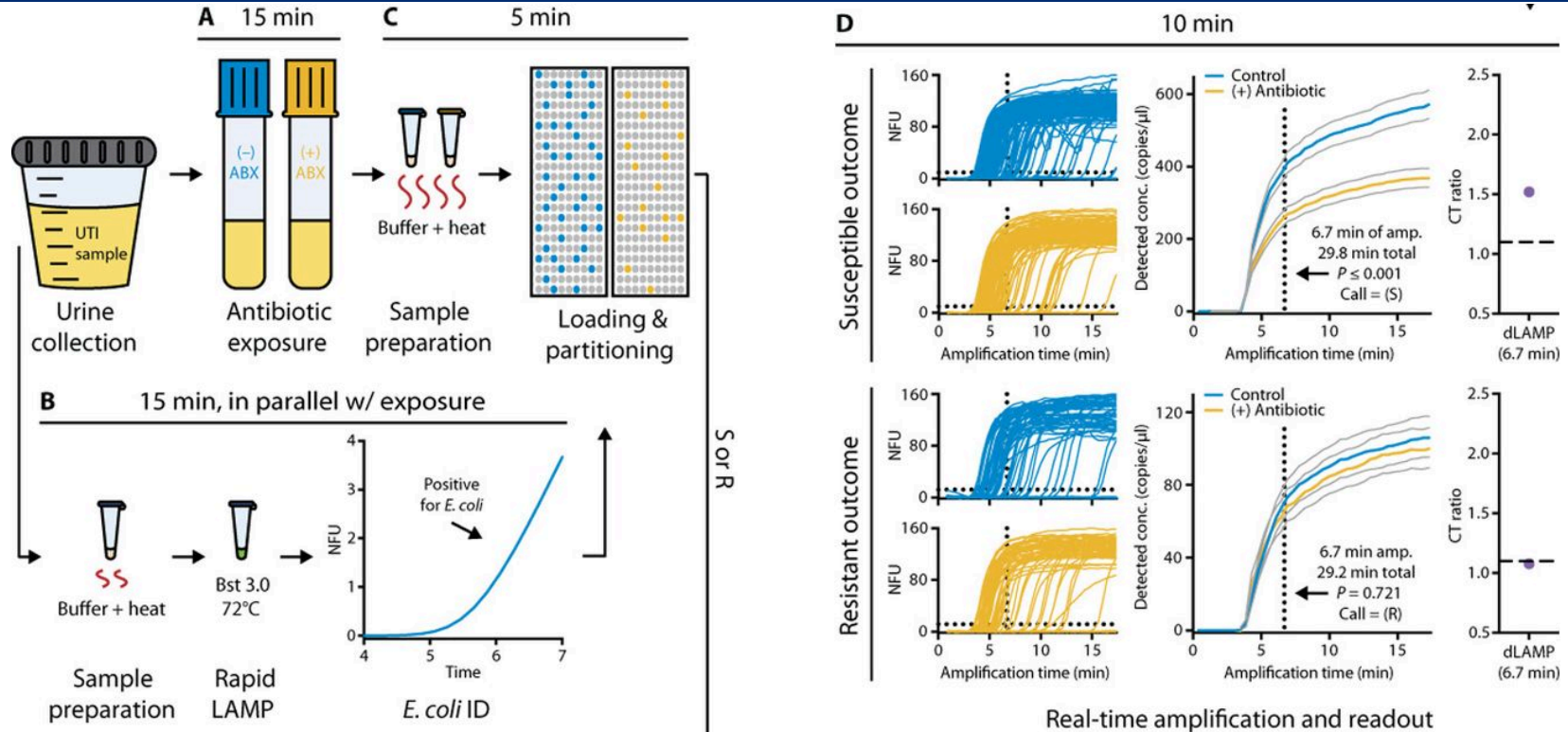
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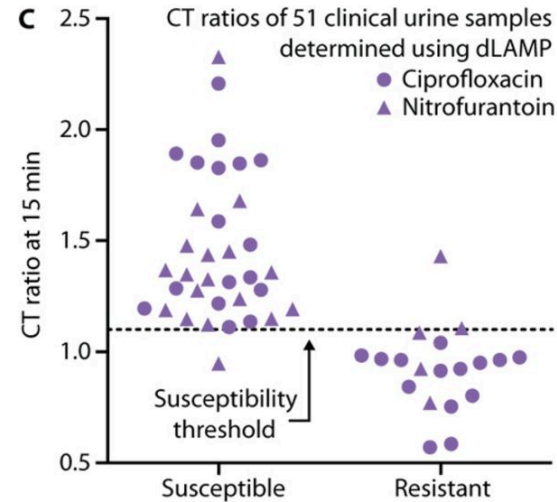
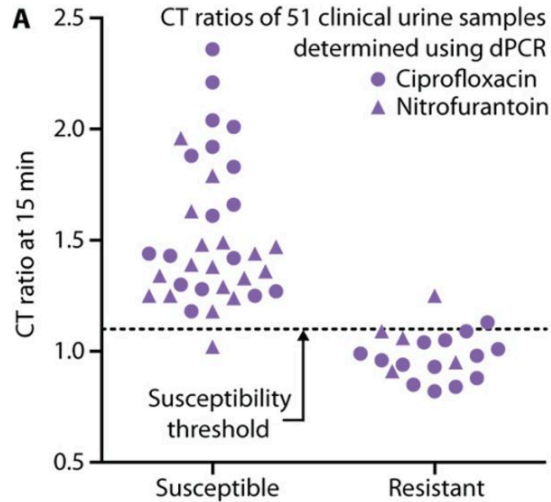


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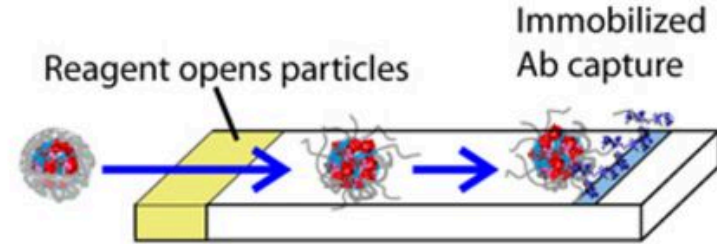
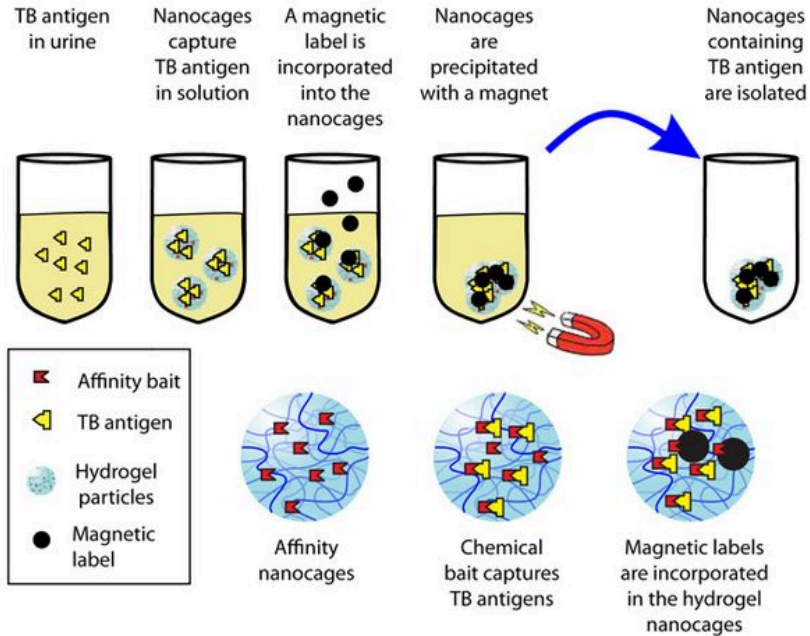
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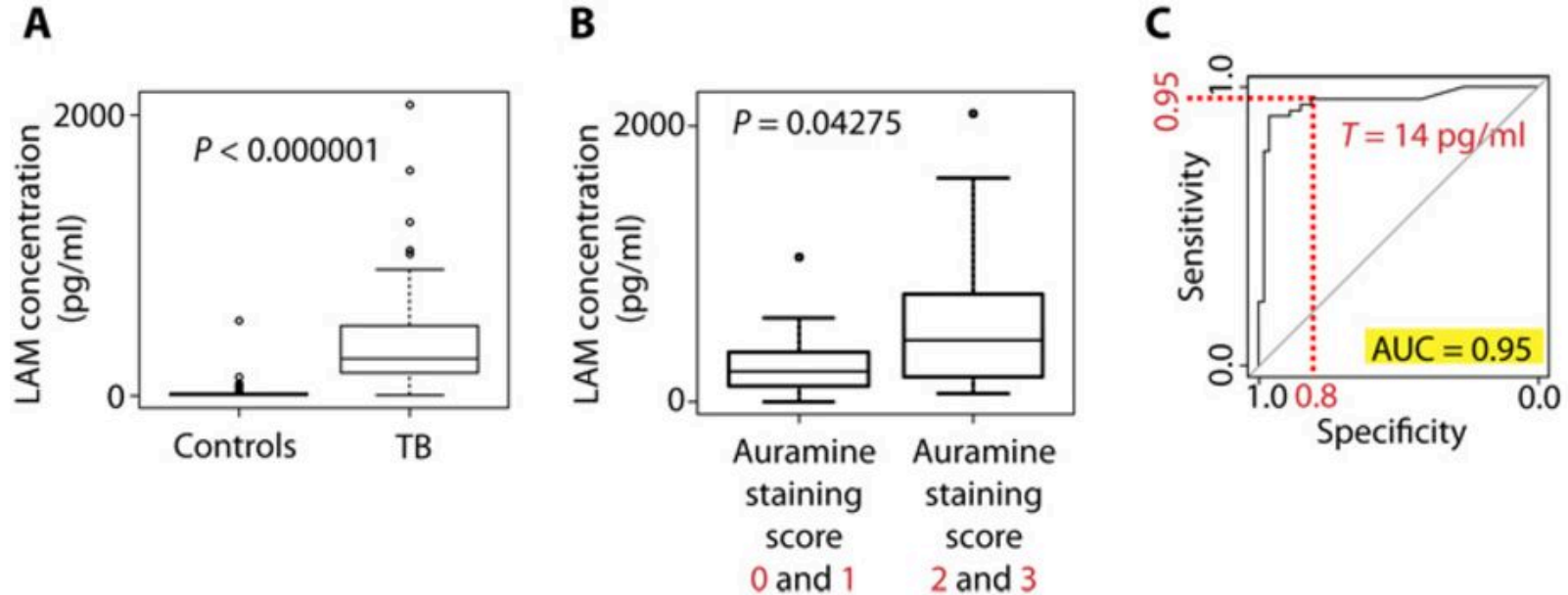
HIV- Patients with Tuberculosis

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HIV- Patients with Tuberculosis



To Consider...

Research

Original Investigation

Overdiagnosis of *Clostridium difficile* Infection in the Molecular Test Era

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IMPORTANCE *Clostridium difficile* is a major cause of health care–associated infection, but disagreement between diagnostic tests is an ongoing barrier to clinical decision making and public health reporting. Molecular tests are increasingly used to diagnose *C difficile* infection (CDI), but many molecular test-positive patients lack toxins that historically defined disease, making it unclear if they need treatment.

OBJECTIVE To determine the natural history and need for treatment of patients who are toxin immunoassay negative and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) positive (Tox–/PCR+) for CDI.

DESIGN SETTING AND PARTICIPANTS Prospective observational cohort study at a single

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