



(we are not curing lab results)

Management of Diagnostic Tests

XX TÜRK KLİNİK MİKROBİYOLOJİ VE
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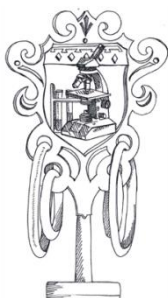
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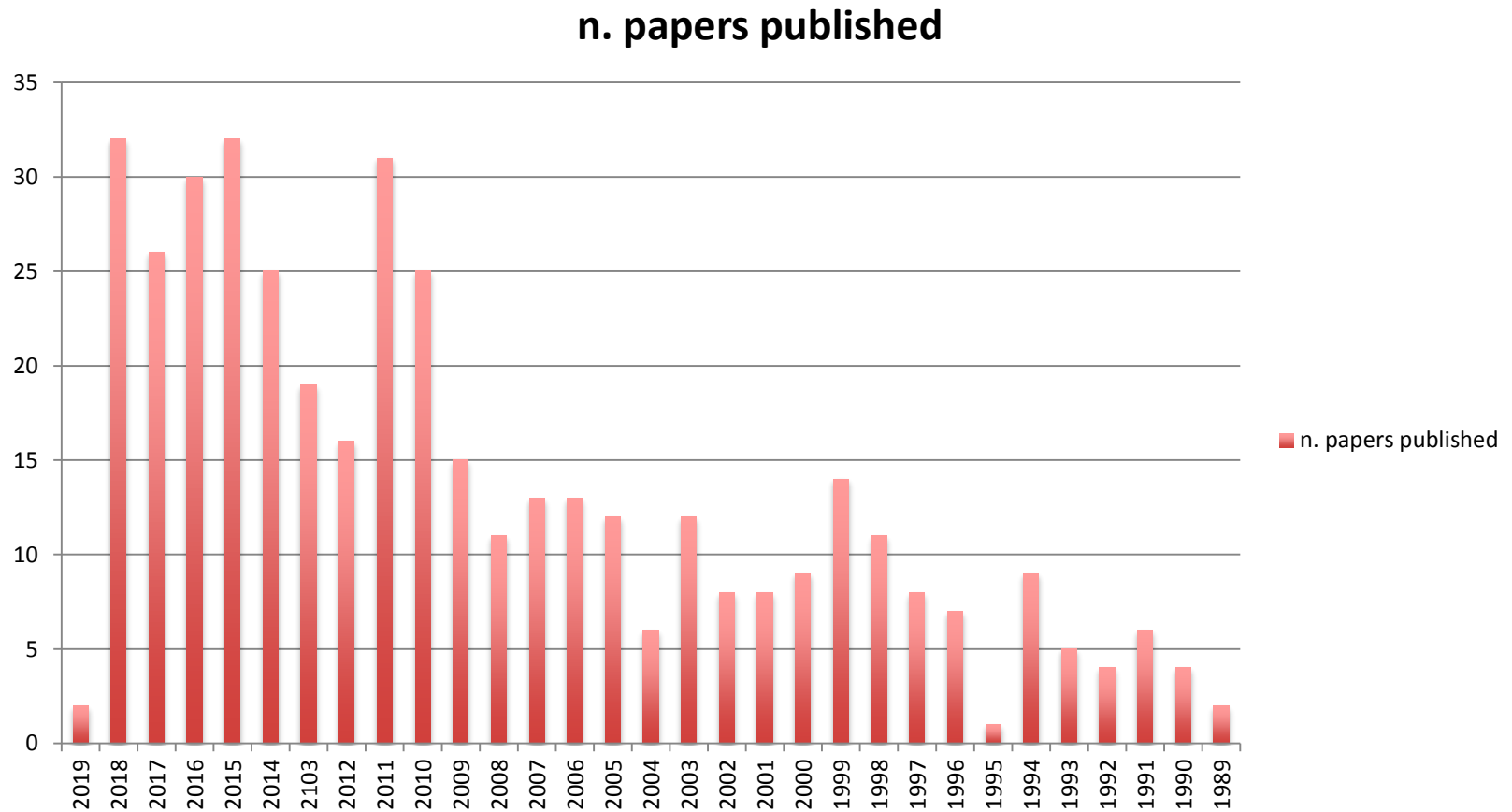
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Agenda

- A large portfolio of diagnostic tests: do we really need them?
- **If yes** how to choose among the various technologies? Syndromic or not?
- Blood stream Infections (a paradigm)
 - Blood Culture
 - Pheno
 - Molecular
 - Primary whole blood sample

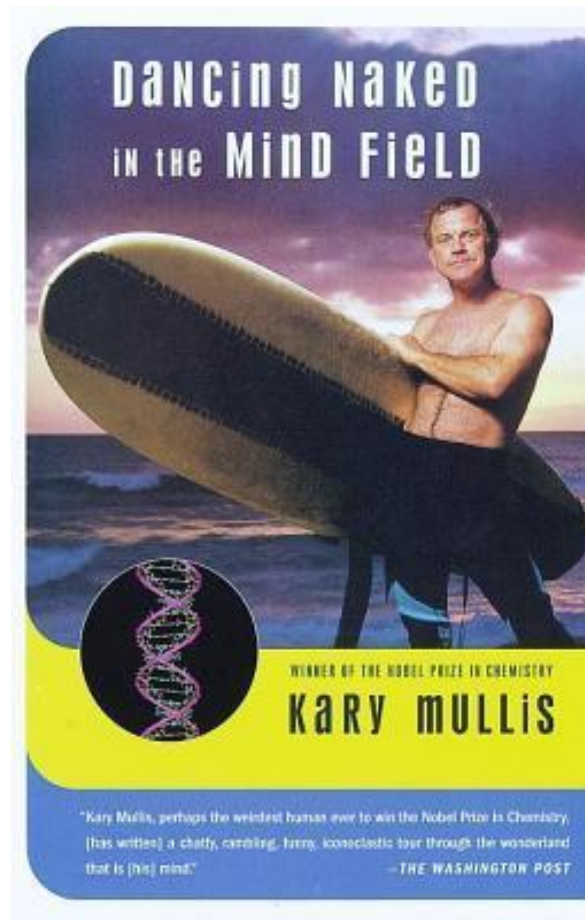
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What is now available

- Reduced TAT
- Fast Microbiology Techniques
 - Pheno (Fast MALDI-ToF, Accelerate, Q-linea....)
 - Geno (FISH, RT-PCR panels, T2.....)
- Primary specimens (many available for LRTI/URTI/UTI but a few methods presently available for bacteriemia)
- ***DIAGNOSTIC STEWARDSHIP***

Everything started from here



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Microbial Detection, Identification, and Drug-Susceptibility Testing

- MOLECULAR PROBES
- PCR
- RT-PCR
- SEQUENCING (SANGER AND/OR NGS)
- ISOTHERMAL AMPLIFICATION
- MALDI ToF

Germ/Disease

One by One

- Anthrax (*Bacillus anthracis*)
- TB (*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*)
- Poliomyelitis (Poliovirus)
- Syphilis (*Treponema pallidum*)
- Rubella (Rubeovirus)
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One by MORE than one

- Meningitis
 - *N.meningitidis*
 - *S.pneumoniae*
 - Enteroviruses
 - TosV
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- Pneumonia
 - *S.pneumoniae*
 - *M.pneumoniae*
 - *L.pneumophila*
 - Influenza virus
 -

Pros/Cons

Classic Microbiology

- Growth is an ISSUE
 - Sample transport & conservation
 - Media
 - Antibiotic therapy
 - TAT (24 hours)
 - Minimal germ load required
- Monimicrobial infections
- AST delivers MIC
- Living (pathogenic) germs

Molecular Microbiology

- Growth IS NOT an ISSUE
 - Inhibition
 - Internal Control
 - NA extraction efficiency
 - Short TAT (minute/hours)
 - Very low LOD
- Multiplexing/Polymicrobial Infections
- Limited pattern of genes
- Portions of DNA/RNA detected
(who cares about antibiotics?)
- Microbioma/Virusoma/...omas

A “syndromic” approach

- **Classic Microbiology**

- Culture based
- Phenotypic ID
- Phenotypic AST
- Immunocomplex ID
- Immune response detection
- **Time is an issue**
- **First come First got**

- **Molecular Microbiology**

- Specific gene(s) ID
- Growth is not necessary (***sometime!***)
- Multiple techniques
- Very low LOD
- **Fast and quick**
- **More germs “who is the bad guy”**

Open issues...

- Fast Microbiology techniques are labor and cost intensive
- Who are the “right patients”
- Clinical Selection (Ward or clinical scores)
- Legal issues

FilmArray® Blood Culture Identification Panel (BioFire)

The FilmArray BCID Panel

Simultaneous detection of 27 targets:



Gram + Bacteria

- *Staphylococcus*
- *Staphylococcus aureus*
- *Streptococcus*
- *Streptococcus agalactiae*
- *Streptococcus pyogenes*
- *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
- *Enterococcus*
- *Listeria monocytogenes*



Gram - Bacteria

- *Klebsiella oxytoca*
- *Klebsiella pneumoniae*
- *Serratia*
- *Proteus*
- *Acinetobacter baumannii*
- *Haemophilus influenzae*
- *Neisseria meningitidis*
- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- *Enterobacteriaceae*
- *Escherichia coli*
- *Enterobacter cloacae* complex



Fungi

- *Candida albicans*
- *Candida glabrata*
- *Candida krusei*
- *Candida parapsilosis*
- *Candida tropicalis*



Antibiotic Resistance

- *mecA*
- *vanA* / *vanB*
- *KPC*

GeneXpert Carba-R (Cepheid)

GROUP	PATHOGEN	GENE	RESISTANCE AGAINST
Gram-positive bacteria	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>ermB</i>	Macrolide/Lincosamide
	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	<i>mecA</i>	Oxacillin
	<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	<i>mecC</i> (LGA251)	Oxacillin
Enterobacteriaceae	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	<i>tem</i>	Penicillin
	<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> complex	<i>shv</i>	Penicillin
	<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	<i>ctx-M</i>	3rd generation Cephalosporins
	<i>Proteus</i> spp.	<i>kpc</i>	Carbapenem
	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	<i>imp</i>	Carbapenem
	<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	<i>ndm</i>	Carbapenem
	<i>Klebsiella varicola</i>	<i>oxa-23</i>	Carbapenem
	<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	<i>oxa-24/40</i>	Carbapenem
	<i>Morganella morganii</i>	<i>oxa-48</i>	Carbapenem
	<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	<i>oxa-58</i>	Carbapenem
	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	<i>vim</i>	Carbapenem
	<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> complex	<i>suf1</i>	Sulfonamide
	<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	<i>gyrA83</i>	Fluoroquinolone
	<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	<i>gyrA87</i>	Fluoroquinolone
	<i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i>		
Non-fermenting bacteria	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>		
	<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>		
Others / Fungi	<i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i>		

Xpert Carba-R Assay to Detect Carbapenem-Resistant Bacteria



Cartridge detects five classes of carbapenem resistance genes:

- *bla_{KPC}*
- *bla_{NDM}*
- *bla_{VIM}*
- *bla_{oxa-48}*
- *bla_{IMP-1}*

• Sample: Rectal Swabs
Time to result: 48 minutes

Unyvero P55 (Curetis AG)

TABLE 1 FDA-approved/cleared panel-based molecular assays for detection of select microorganisms and select resistance genes in positive blood culture bottles

Parameter	FilmArray BCID	Verigene	
		Gram-positive blood culture	Gram-negative blood culture
Total no. of targets	27	15	14
Ability to detect pathogen			
Gram-positive bacteria			
<i>Staphylococcus</i> species	✓	✓	
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	✓	✓	
<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>		✓	
<i>Staphylococcus lugdunensis</i>		✓	
<i>Streptococcus</i> species	✓	✓	
<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>	✓	✓	
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	✓	✓	
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	✓	✓	
<i>Streptococcus anginosus</i> group		✓	
<i>Enterococcus</i> species	✓		
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>		✓	
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>		✓	
<i>Listeria</i> species		✓	
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	✓		
Gram-negative bacteria			
<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	✓		✓
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	✓		✓
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	✓		
<i>Proteus</i> species	✓		✓
<i>Acinetobacter</i> species			✓
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	✓		
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	✓		
<i>Neisseria meningitis</i>	✓		
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	✓		✓
Enterobacteriaceae	✓		
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	✓		✓
Enterobacter species			✓
Enterobacter cloacae complex	✓		
Citrobacter species			✓
Yeasts			
<i>Candida albicans</i>	✓		
<i>Candida glabrata</i>	✓		
<i>Candida krusei</i>	✓		
<i>Candida parapsilosis</i>	✓		
<i>Candida tropicalis</i>	✓		
Ability to detect presence of resistance gene			
<i>mecA</i>	✓	✓	
<i>vanA</i>	✓	✓	
<i>vanB</i>	✓	✓	
<i>bla</i> _{KPC}	✓		✓
<i>bla</i> _{NDM}			✓
<i>bla</i> _{OXA}			✓
<i>bla</i> _{VM}			✓
<i>bla</i> _{IMP}			✓
<i>bla</i> _{CTX-M}			✓
Time to result (h)	~1	~2.5	~2

Syndromic Panel-Based Testing in Clinical Microbiology

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Assessment of Rapid-Blood-Culture-Identification Result Interpretation and Antibiotic Prescribing Practices

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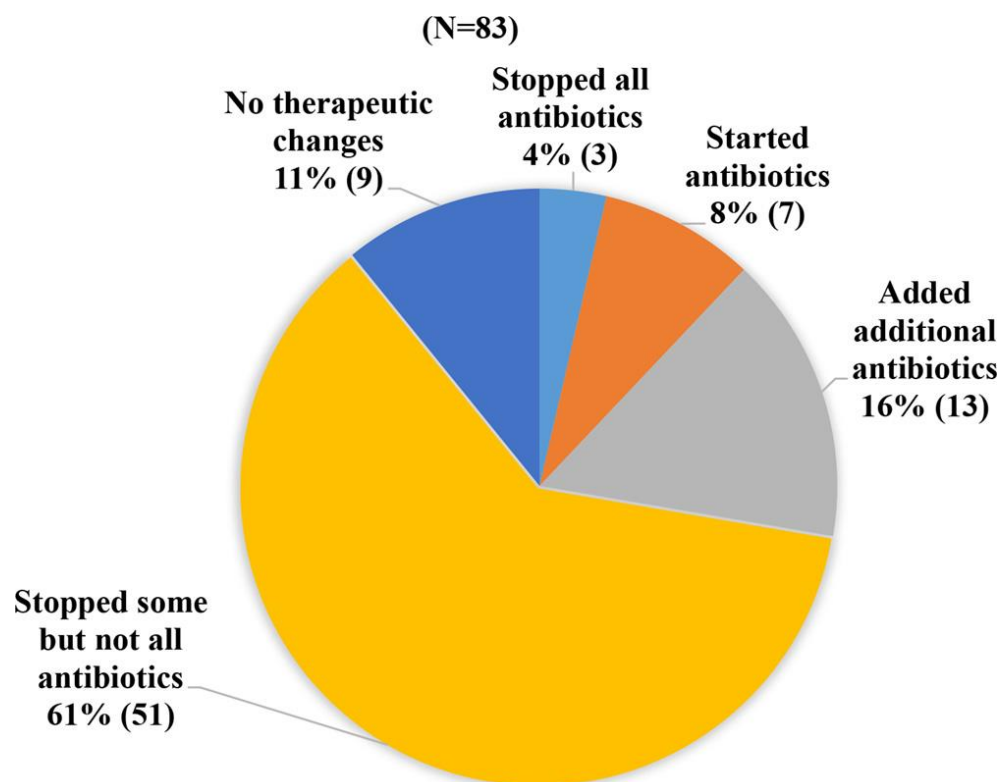
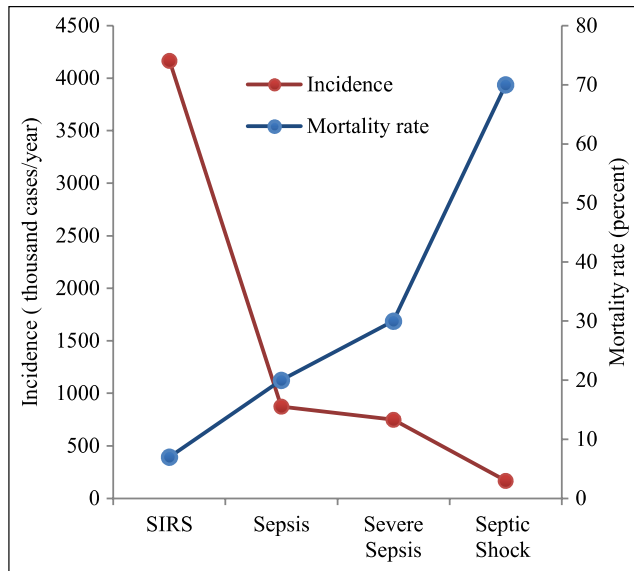


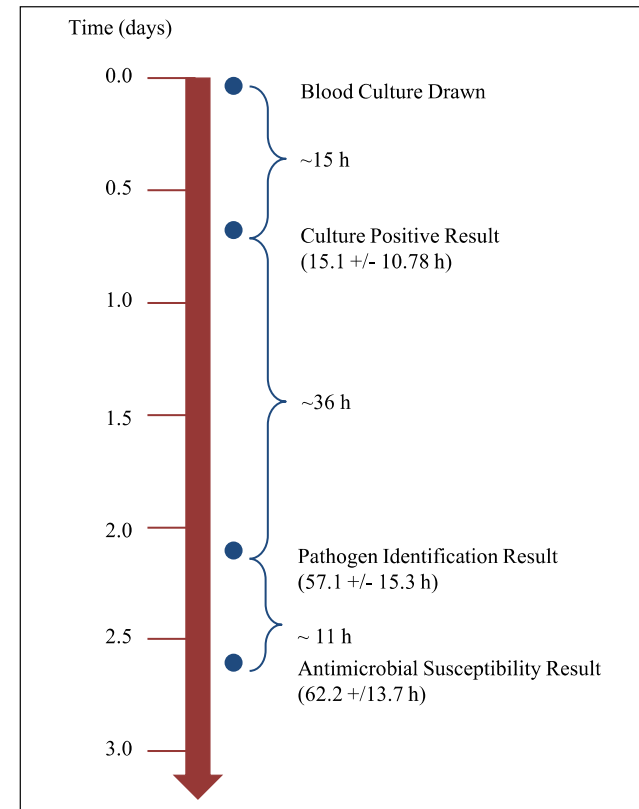
FIG 1 Self-reported changes in antibiotic therapy frequently made based on BCID results.

Sepsis Pathogen Identification

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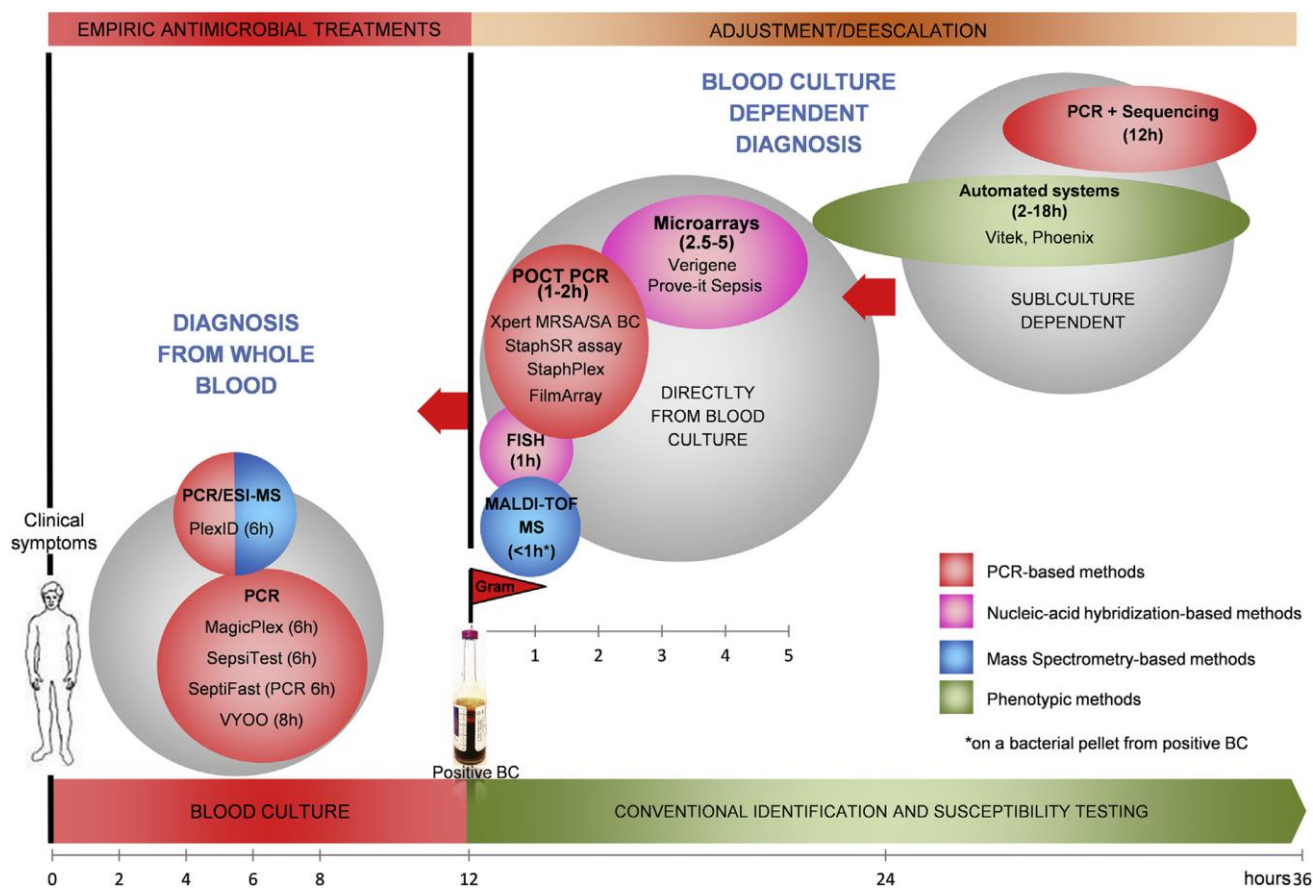


FIG. 2. Nucleic acid methods for the microbial diagnosis of BSI, BC-independent and BC-dependent methods. Nucleic acid–based methods have shortened the time to result BSI diagnosis. In the absence of microbial documentation of the etiologic agent of the BSI, anti-infectious treatments are initiated on the basis of clinical and epidemiologic information. Diagnosis directly from blood samples could shorten the length of empiric treatment.

Opota et al. Diagnosis of bacteremia directly from blood

Current concepts in the diagnosis of blood stream infections. Are novel molecular methods useful in clinical practice?

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Table 2

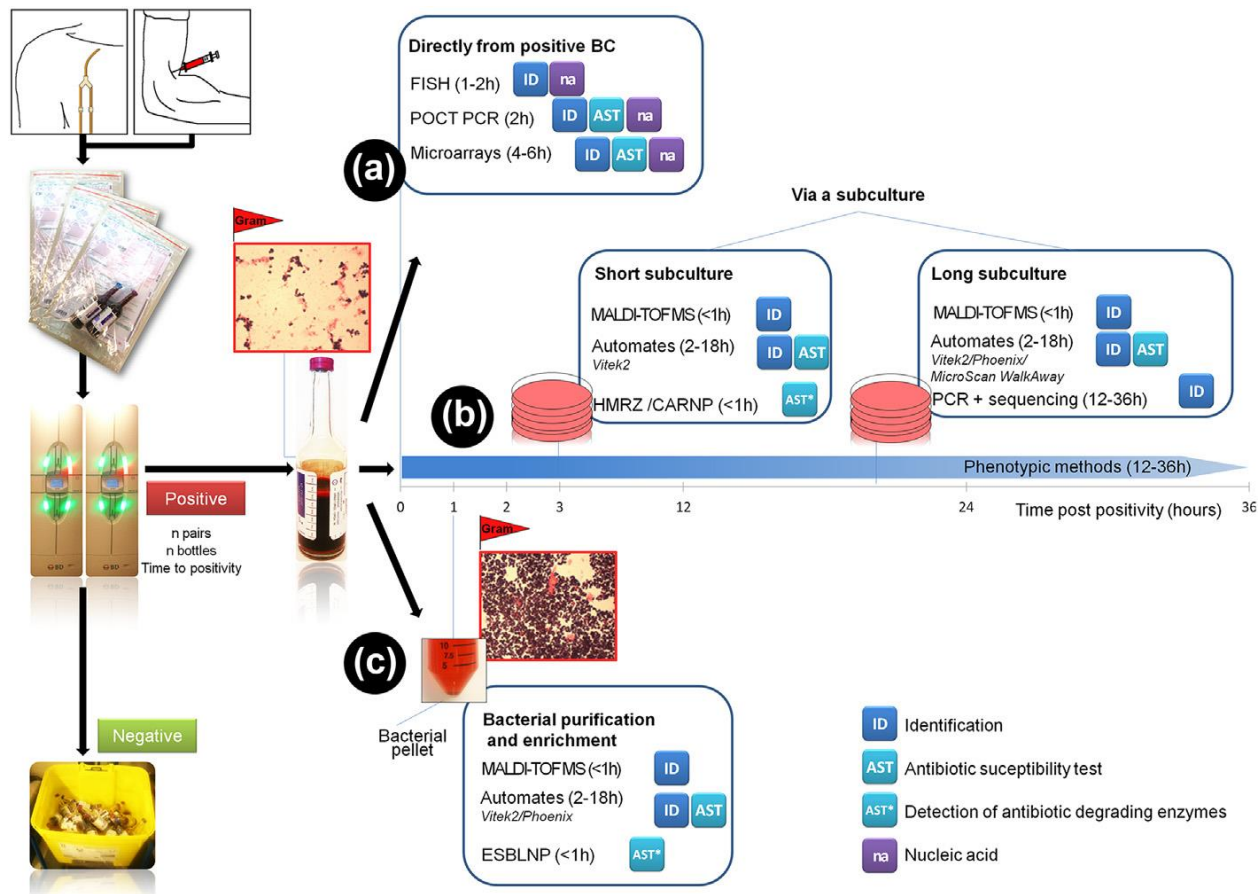
Schematic turnaround times of novel molecular methods in the detection of bacteremia

Method	 Turnaround time after positive blood culture	Turnaround time after whole blood sample 
Culture growth needed		
Hybridization techniques	1.5–3 h	12–24+ (1.5–3 h)
Amplification techniques	1–8 h	12–24+ (1–8 h)
Mass spectrometry methods	4–6 h	12–24+ (4 h)
Directly from blood sample		
Whole blood amplification methods	-	6 h

Blood culture-based diagnosis of bacteraemia: state of the art

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Emerging methodologies for pathogen identification in positive blood culture testing

Grégory Dubourg & Didier Raoult

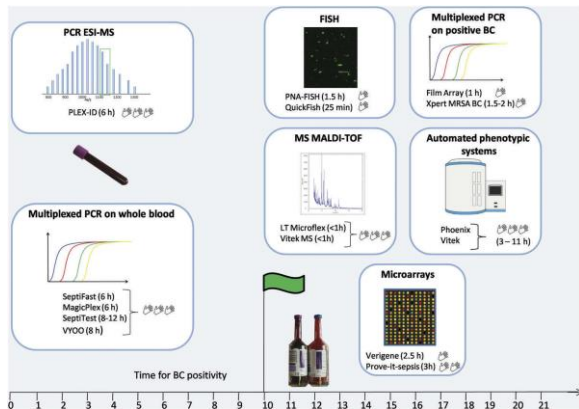
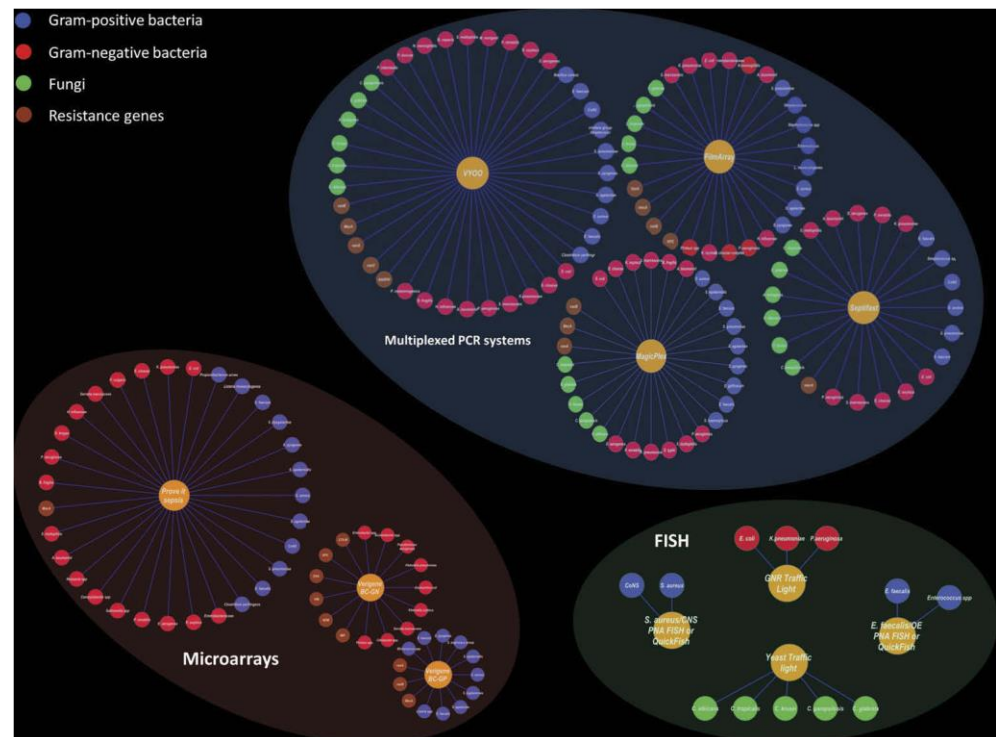
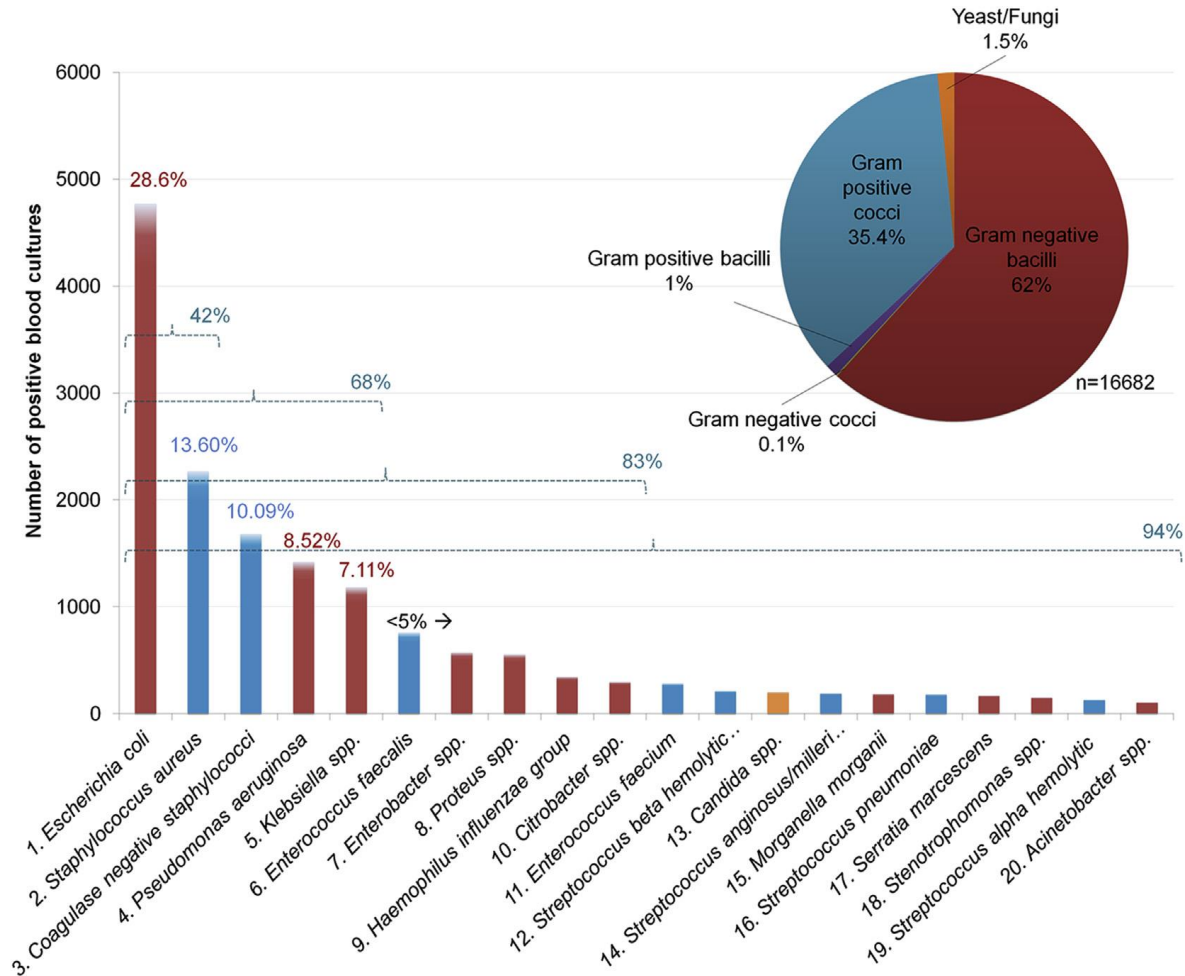


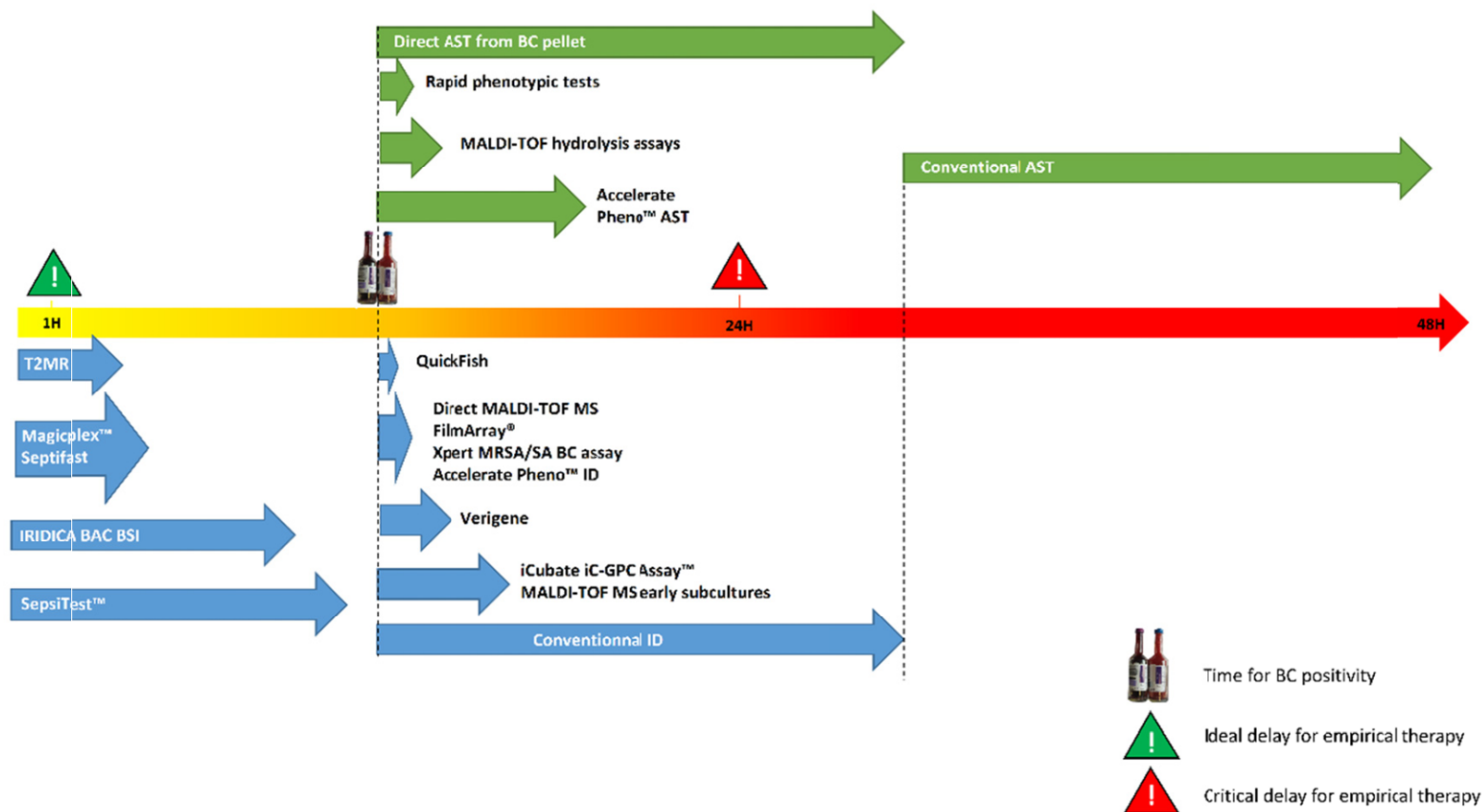
Figure 1. Detection methods for the early diagnosis of bloodstream infections, performed on whole blood or positive blood culture. Number of hands represent the hands-on time (one : <10 minutes; two: 10-30 minutes; three: >30 minutes).

Expert Review of Molecular Diagnostics





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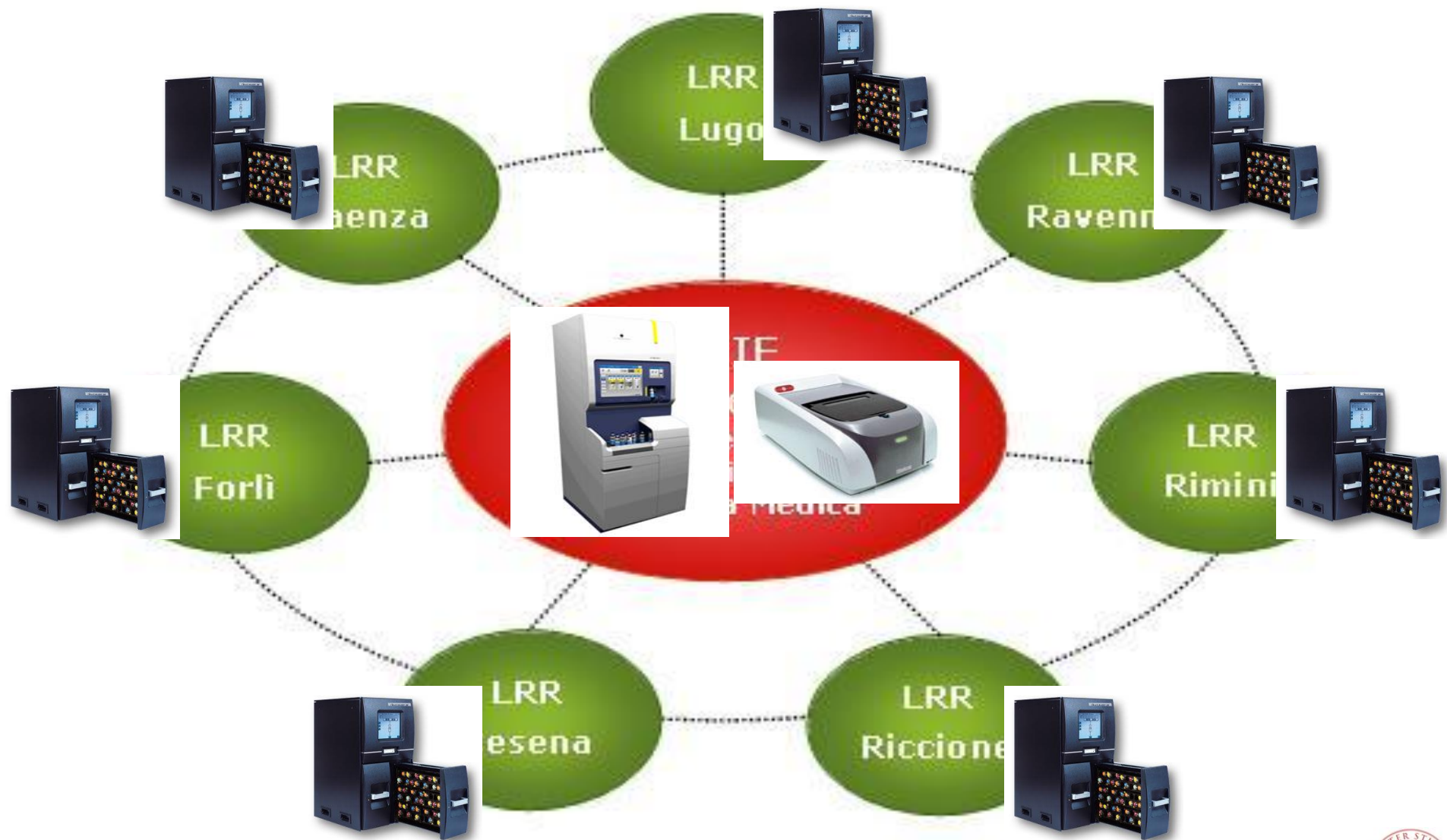
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The Great Romagna Area: organization of Hub Laboratory

- Central Service Laboratory was born in March 2009. This service is responsible for all diagnostics tests of Romagna Area.
- The "hub and spoke" model is as follows:
 - **7 Quick-response laboratories located in 7 Decentralized Hospitals** (open 24h/7 days)
 - **1 PVS Central Laboratory HUB** organized in 3 operating units:
 - Clinical Pathology, **Microbiology** and Medical Genetics
 - 21 million tests/year (1.000.000 Microbiology)
 - Monday - Friday (8:00 to 18:30) Saturday – Sunday (8:00 to 16:00)



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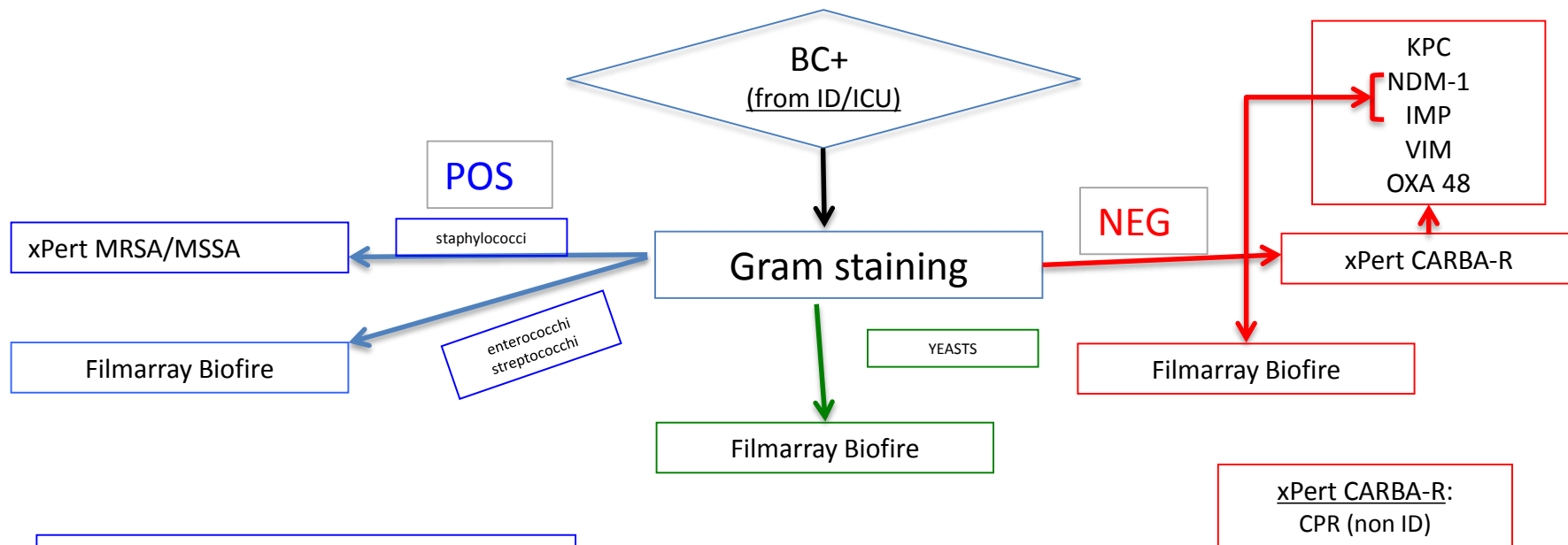
Still OPEN ISSUES

- **BLOOD CULTURES**

- Incubation h 24/7 (spokes)
- Only the POSITIVE are transferred to the HUB
- Opening HOURS differ from HUB to SPOKE
- **New regulatory rule for the accreditation of Microbiology Labs states that “evidence must be given that the BC workflow is not interrupted....”**

Still OPEN ISSUES..... Answers...

- BLOOD CULTURES
 - Implement more BC incubation slots in SPOKES
 - MALDI TOF
 - The “emo-FAST” algorithm
 - Hub open 7/7 – 12/24
 - Molecular (easy to use Film Array...) techniques in SPOKES



xPert MRSA/MSSA: MRSA/MSSA e CoNS

Filmarray Biofire:

- *S.aureus*
- CoNS
- *Enterococcus* spp.
- *Streptococcus* spp.
- *S.pneumoniae*
- *S.pyogenes*
- *S.agalactiae*
- *L. monocytogenes*
- *mecA*
- *vanA/vanB*

Filmarray Biofire:

- *C.albicans*
- *C.glabrata*
- *C.krusei*
- *C.parapsilosis*
- *C.tropicalis*

Filmarray Biofire:

- *Acinetobacter baumannii*
- Enterobacteriaceae
- *Enterobacter cloacae*
- *Proteus* spp.
- *E.coli*
- *K.pneumoniae*
- *K.oxytoca*
- *P.aeruginosa*
- *Serratia* spp.
- *N.meningitidis*
- *H.influenzae*
- KPC

EMO FAST 1.0

(01.01.2016 – 30.04.2017)

- 140 patients (total BC 22932: 0.6%)
 - 47 positive
 - 93 negative (66%)
 - All the “FAST RESULTS” were in agreement with those of the standard procedure
 - Average TAT: 2 hours & 13 minutes (from the BC bottle positivity detection)

Comparison of 'time to detection' values between BacT/ALERT VIRTUO and BacT/ALERT 3D instruments for clinical blood culture samples

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- 3063 Positive BCs (routine)
 - 1601 from 01.01.15 to 31.03.15: 3D
 - 1462 from 01.12.15 to 31.03.16: VIRTUO
 - NO polymicrobial growth



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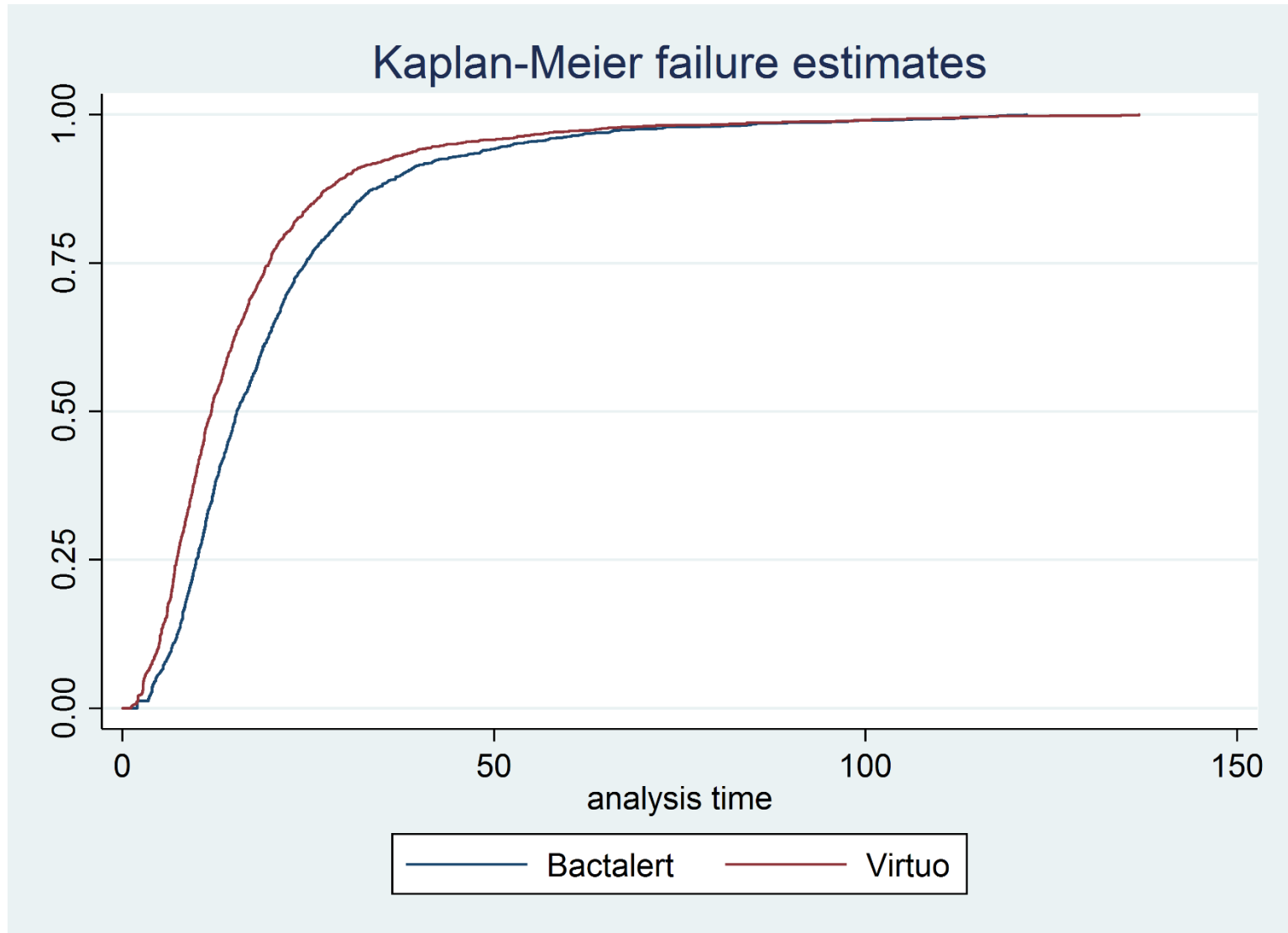
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VIRTUO vs BacT/ALERT 3D: TTD

GROUP	MICROORGANISMS INCLUDED IN EACH GROUP	VIRTUO		BTA 3D	
		N° of isolates	% of frequency	N° of isolates	% of frequency
CoNS	<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>	266	59%	378	64%
	<i>Staphylococcus hominis</i>	86	19%	87	15%
	<i>Staphylococcus capitis</i>	51	11%	52	9%
	<i>Staphylococcus haemolyticus</i>	21	5%	33	6%
	<i>Staphylococcus warneri</i>	8	2%	13	2%
	other CoNS species	19	4 %	27	4%
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	376	100%	423	100%
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> (other than <i>E. coli</i>)	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	116	46%	64	52%
	<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	34	13%	1	1%
	<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	25	10%	7	6%
	<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	25	10%	14	11%
	<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	22	9%	16	13%
	<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	6	2%	1	1%
	<i>Raoultella planticola</i>	10	4%	2	2%
	<i>Providencia stuartii</i>	2	1%	4	3%
	<i>Morganella morganii</i>	2	1%	8	6%
	<i>Proteus vulgaris</i>	1	0%	5	4%
	other species	9	4%	2	2%
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	139	100%	163	100%
Viridans group streptococci	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	36	37%	40	45%
	<i>Streptococcus anginosus</i>	23	24%	4	4%
	<i>Streptococcus mitis</i>	20	21%	10	11%
	<i>Streptococcus gallolyticus</i>	5	5%	13	15%
	<i>Streptococcus parasanguinis</i>	4	4%	5	6%
	<i>Streptococcus sanguinis</i>	3	3%	5	6%
	<i>Aerococcus viridans</i>	3	3%	-	-
	<i>Streptococcus salivarius</i>	1	1%	5	6%
	<i>Streptococcus infantarius</i>	-	-	4	4%
	<i>Streptococcus thermophilus</i>	-	-	2	2%
	other species	2	2%	1	1%
<i>Enterococcus spp.</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	39	60%	78	76%
	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	24	37%	23	22%
	<i>Enterococcus avium</i>	2	3%	0	0%
	<i>Enterococcus casseliflavus</i>	-	-	2	2%
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	46	100%	42	100%
<i>Candida species</i>	<i>Candida albicans</i>	24	65%	35	54%
	<i>Candida glabrata</i>	8	21%	19	29%
	<i>Candida parapsilosis</i>	5	14%	11	17%

Table 1 Frequency of isolation of microorganisms for each of two systems.

VIRTUO vs BacT/ALERT 3D: TTD



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VIRTUO vs BacT/ALERT 3D: TTD

Microorganisms categories	BTA 3D			VIRTUO			Median TTD difference (hours and minutes between VIRTUO and BTA 3D)	Variation (%)	P-value
	N° positive bottles	Frequency of isolation over the total number of bottles evaluated	Median TTD	N° positive bottles	Frequency of isolation over the total number of bottles evaluated	Median TTD			
CoNS	590	36.9%	22h42m	451	30.8%	18h35m	4hours 7 min*	-18,1%	< 0.0001
Escherichia coli	423	26.4%	10h36m	376	25.7%	8h35	2hours 1 min*	-20,8%	< 0.0001
Enterobacteriaceae (other than E. coli)	124	7.7%	11h02m	252	17.4%	8h	3hours 2 min*	-29,8%	< 0.0001
Staphylococcus aureus	163	10.2%	13h54m	139	9.5%	12h50m	1hour 4 min*	-12,2%	0.035
Viridans group streptococci	89	5.6%	13h	97	6.6%	11h	2 hours*	-16%	0.0303
Enterococcus species	103	6.6%	10h42m	65	4.4%	11h54m	-1 hour 12 min	11,2%	0.96
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	42	2.5%	16h30m	46	3.1%	14h10	2hours 20 min	-13.9%	0.14
Candida species	65	4.1%	22h48m	37	2.5%	20h47m	2hours 1 min	-9,2%	0.431

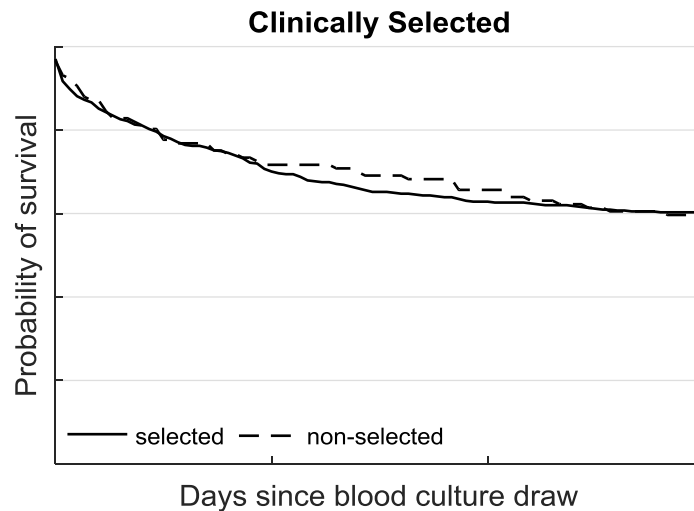
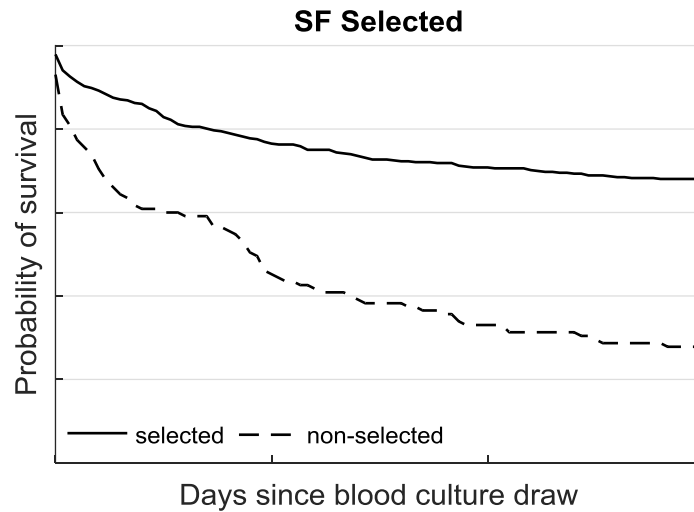
Table 2 Median TTD difference and Variation expressed as percentage between the two system

Risk-assessment may improve selection of patients with suspected sepsis for rapid diagnostics

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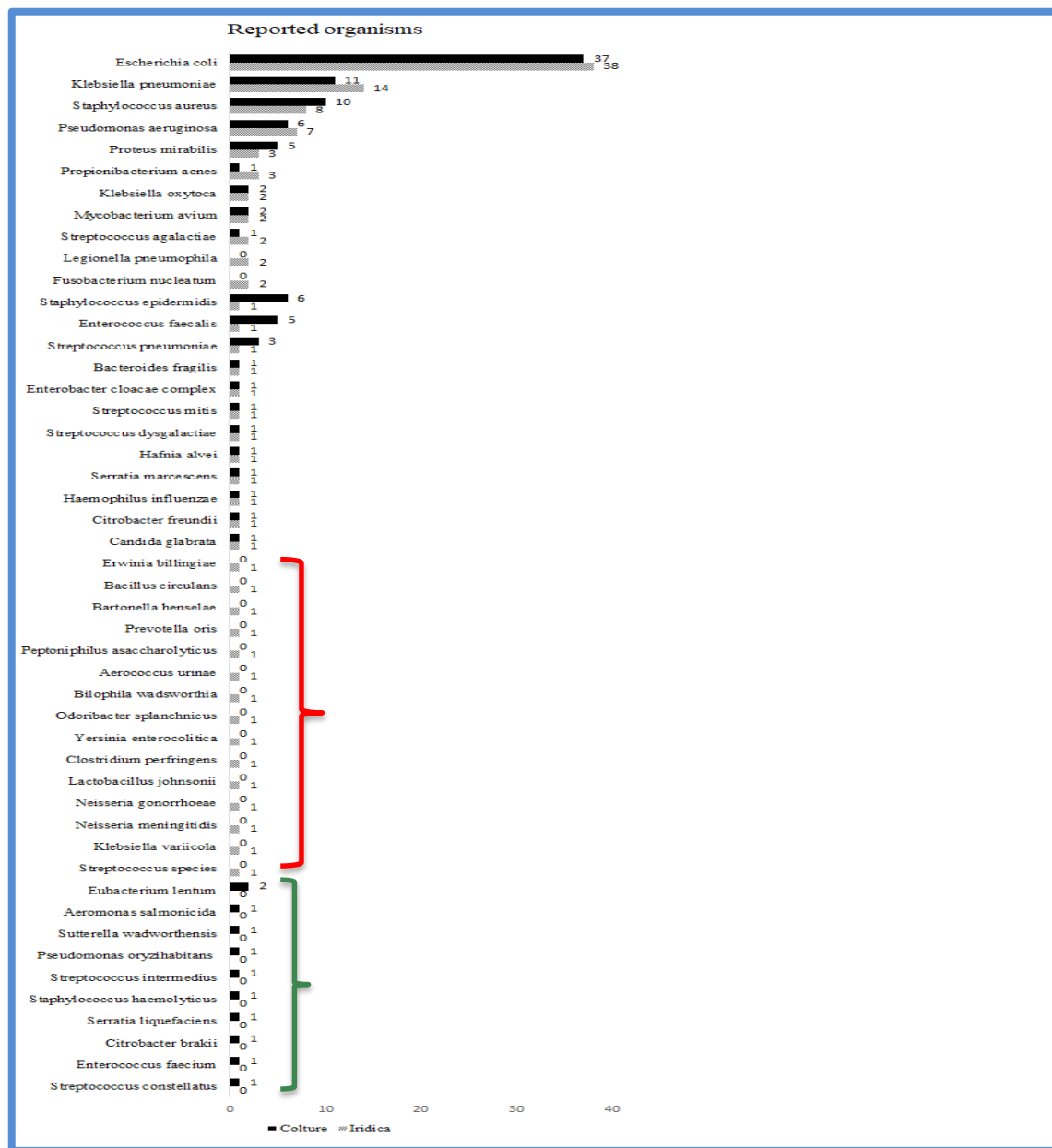


Upper panel shows SF selected and non-selected. Lower panel shows Clinically selected and non-selected.

Rapid Diagnosis of Bloodstream Infections in the Critically Ill: Evaluation of the Broad-Range PCR/ESI-MS Technology

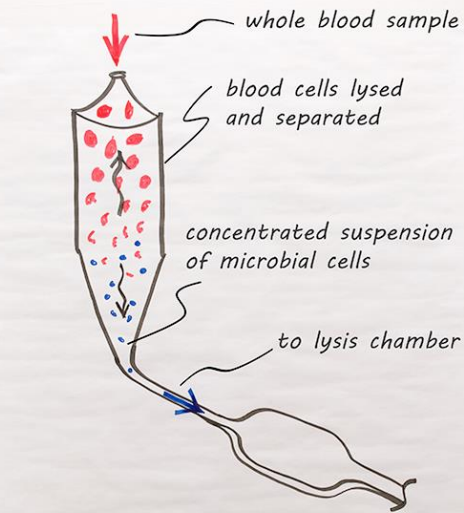
- 300 whole blood samples were prospectively collected between May 1st 2016 and December 31st 2016 from consenting patients who presented to one of the ER units participating in the study
- The chief selection criterion was a clinical suspicion of sepsis
- PCR/ESI-MS and the microbiology testing, including incubation, were performed. The IRIDICA BAC BSI Assay and standard-of-care testing were performed blindly to one another's results. The reports from the microbiology testing were used in this study as the comparative method to evaluate the IRIDICA System.

Tassinari M. et al.
PLoS One. 2018 May 15;13(5):e0197436.



PROs & CONs

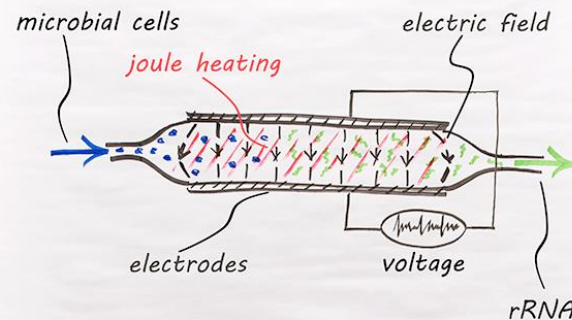
- High sensitivity (800 spp.)
- High specificity
- Clinical Interpretation
- Complex instrumentation
- Need to be laboratory based (logistic)
- Limited number of specimens/run
- Cost/efficacy



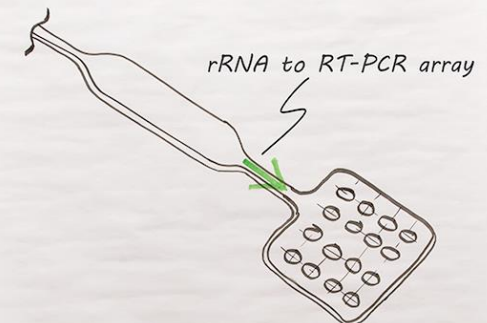
Microbial Cell Isolation and Concentration

preparation method that combines centrifugal separation and electrical lysis of pathogen cells. This provides a PCR-ready lysate while avoiding the complexities encountered with conventional nucleic acid extraction and purification

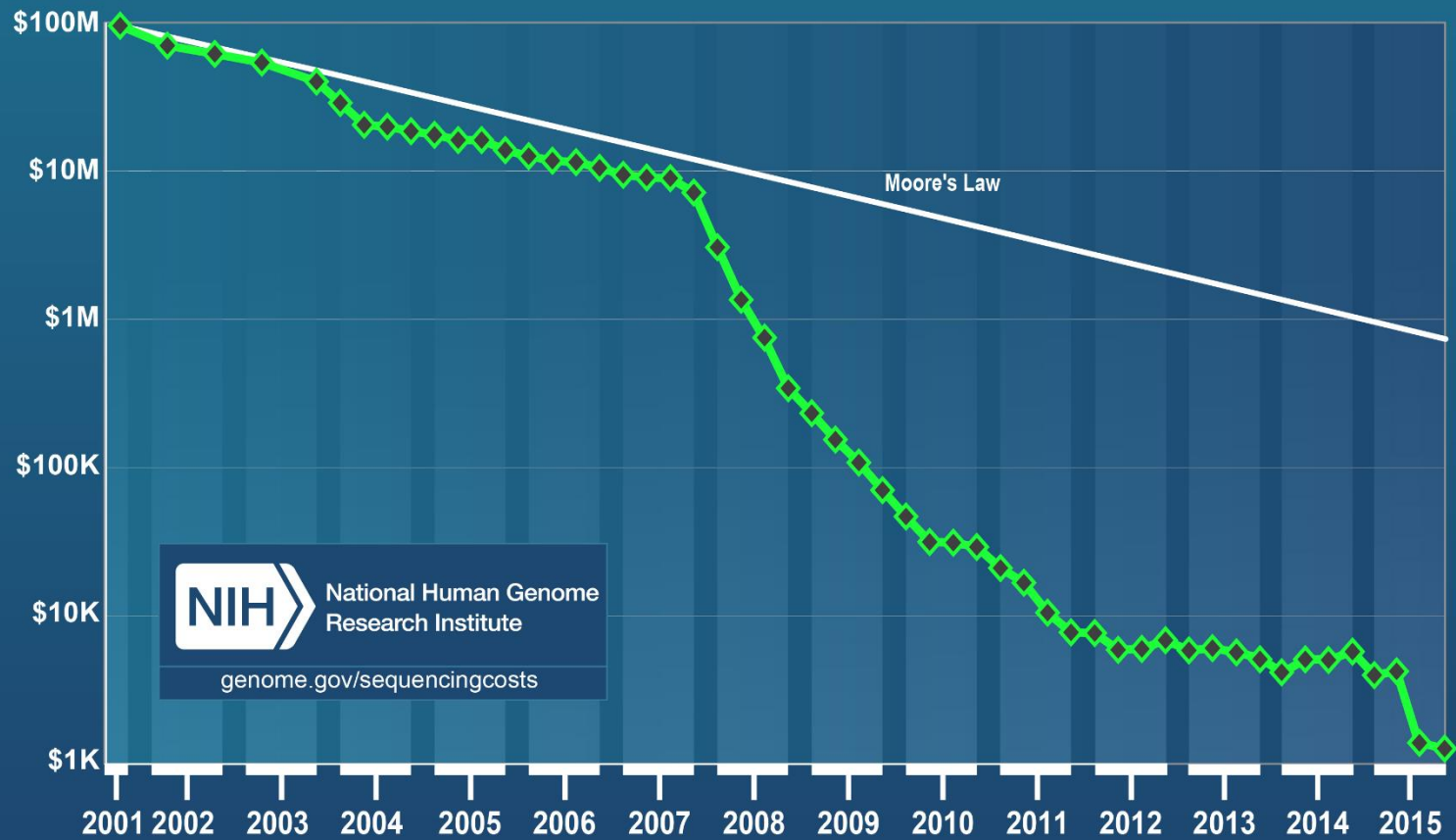
Electrical Cell Lysis and Treatment



Amplification and Detection



Cost per Genome



NIH National Human Genome Research Institute
genome.gov/sequencingcosts

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Whole genome sequencing, abbattimento dei costi ...

History

- 1970s: DNA sequencing starts
- 1990: The “Human Genome Project” starts
- 2003: First human genome fully sequenced
- 2012: UK announces sequencing of 100K genomes
- 2015: USA announces sequencing of 1M genomes

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- \$3B: Human Genome Project
- \$250K: Illumina (2008)
- \$5K: Complete Genomics (2009), Illumina (2011)
- \$1K: Illumina (2014)

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WGS for bacterial genomes

1990, 3.000.0000 US \$

1995, 500.000 US \$

2017, 30-100 US \$

Whole-Genome Sequencing of Bacterial Pathogens: the Future of Nosocomial Outbreak Analysis

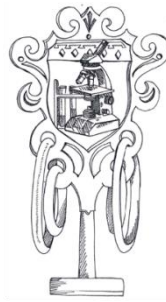
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Recently, whole-genome sequencing (WGS) of pathogens has become more accessible and affordable as a tool for genotyping.

Analysis of the entire pathogen genome via WGS could provide unprecedented resolution in discriminating even highly related lineages of bacteria and revolutionize outbreak analysis in hospitals.

Nevertheless, clinicians have long been hesitant to implement WGS in outbreak analyses due to the expensive and cumbersome nature of early sequencing platforms. Recent improvements in sequencing technologies and analysis tools have rapidly increased the output and analysis speed as well as reduced the overall costs of WGS.

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