

# PIPELINE OF NEW DIAGNOSTIC METHODS



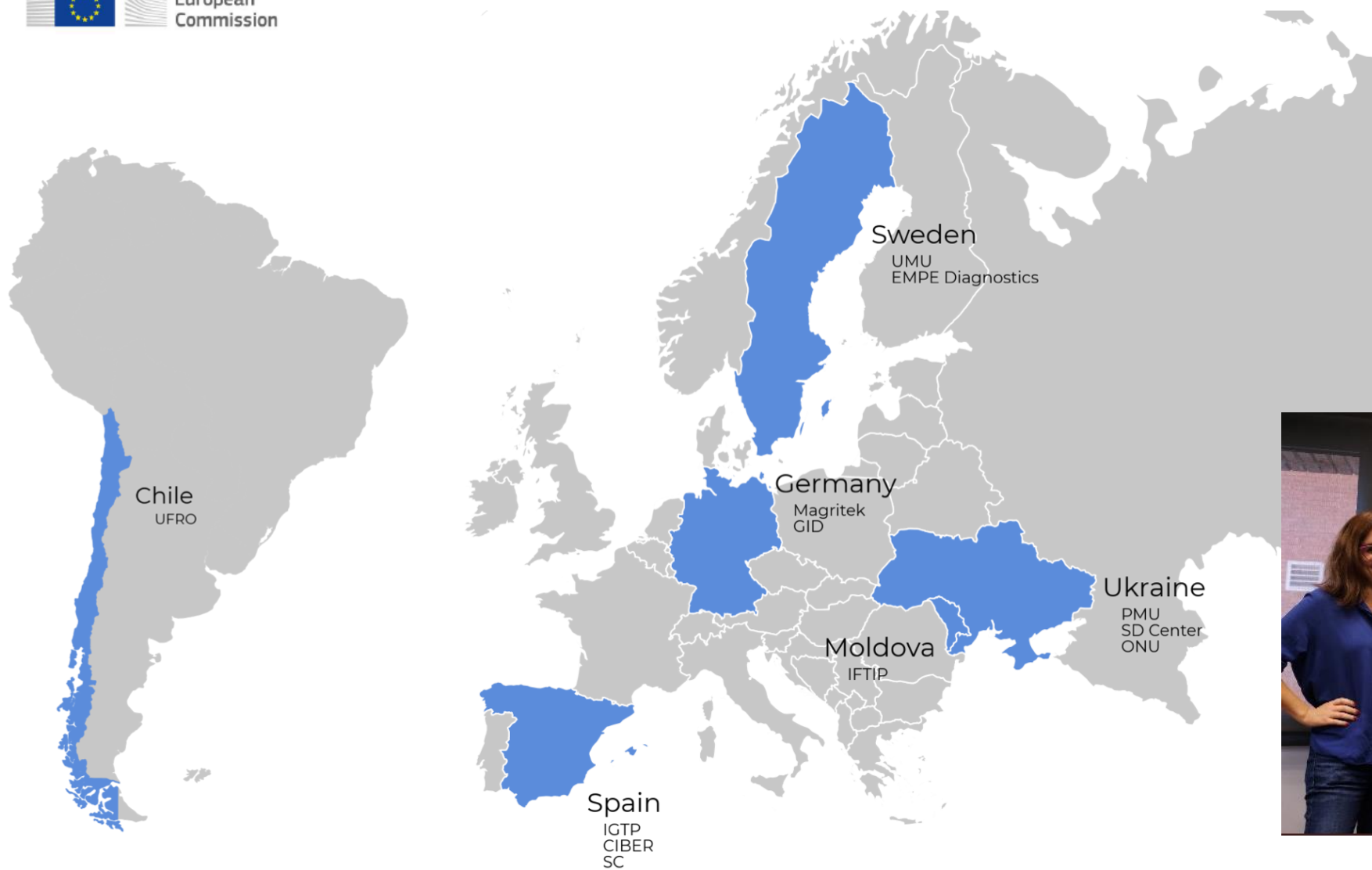
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# SUMMARY

1. INNOVA4TB Consortium: Who we are?
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4. Final conclusions
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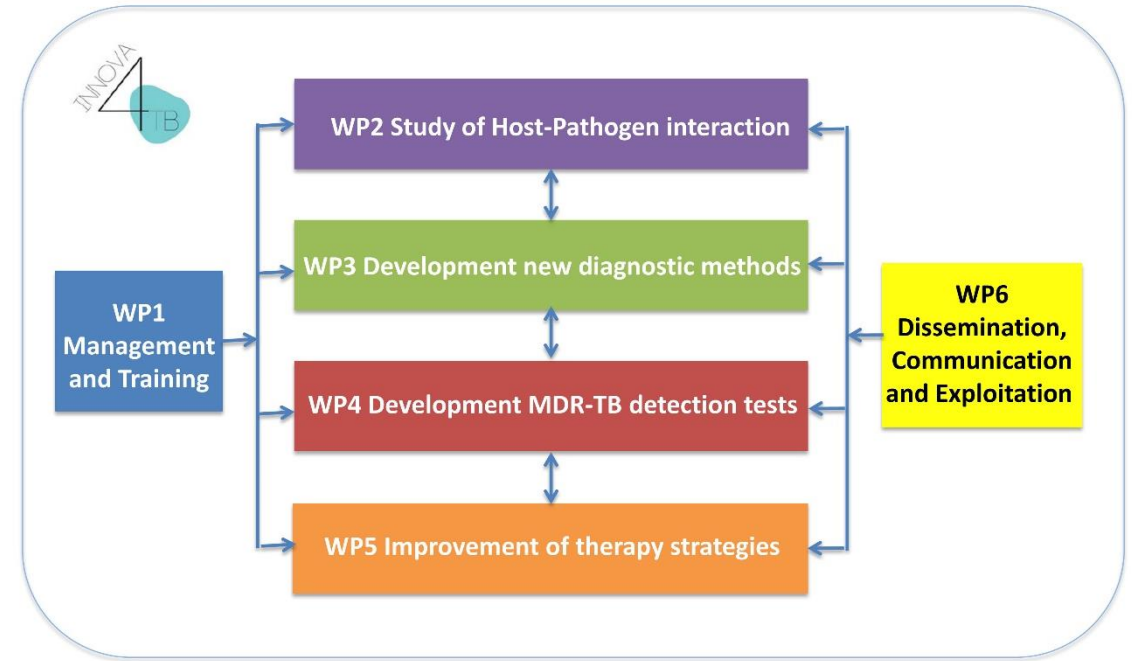
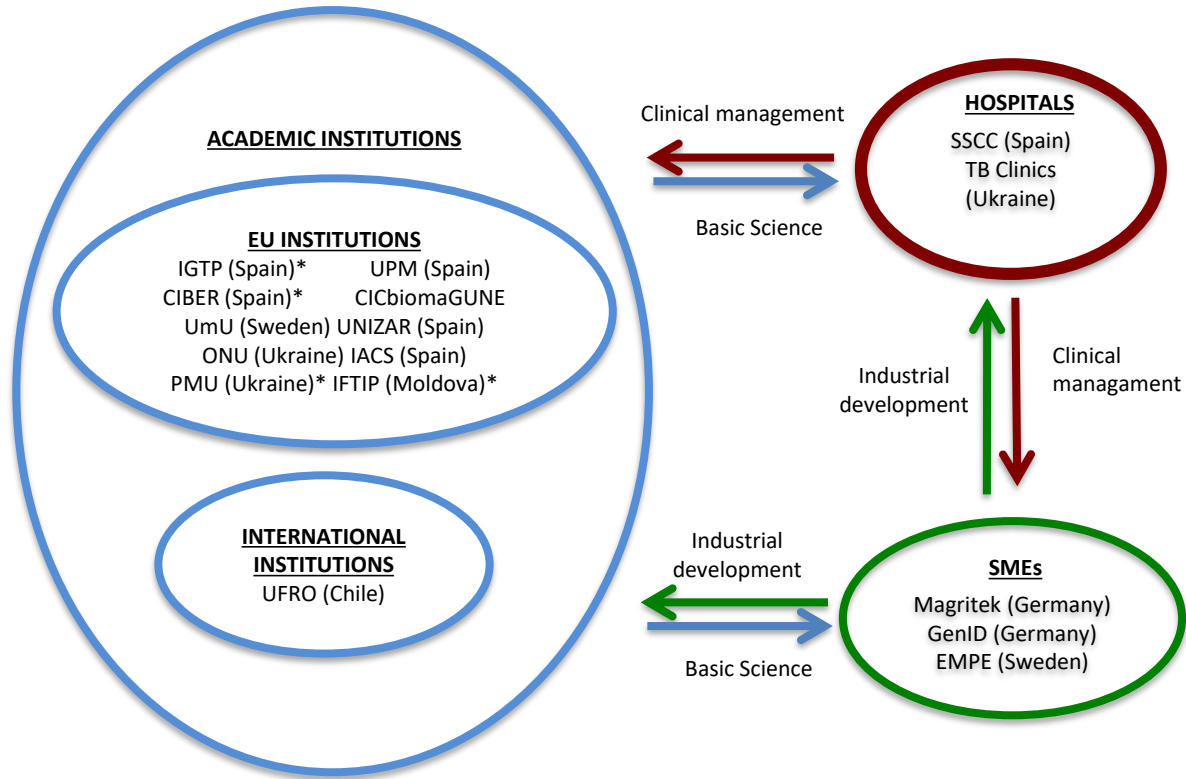




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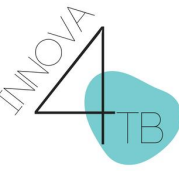


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# INNOVA4TB: Training programme



Early-Stage Researcher

Experienced Researcher

1-12 months

International

Intersectoral

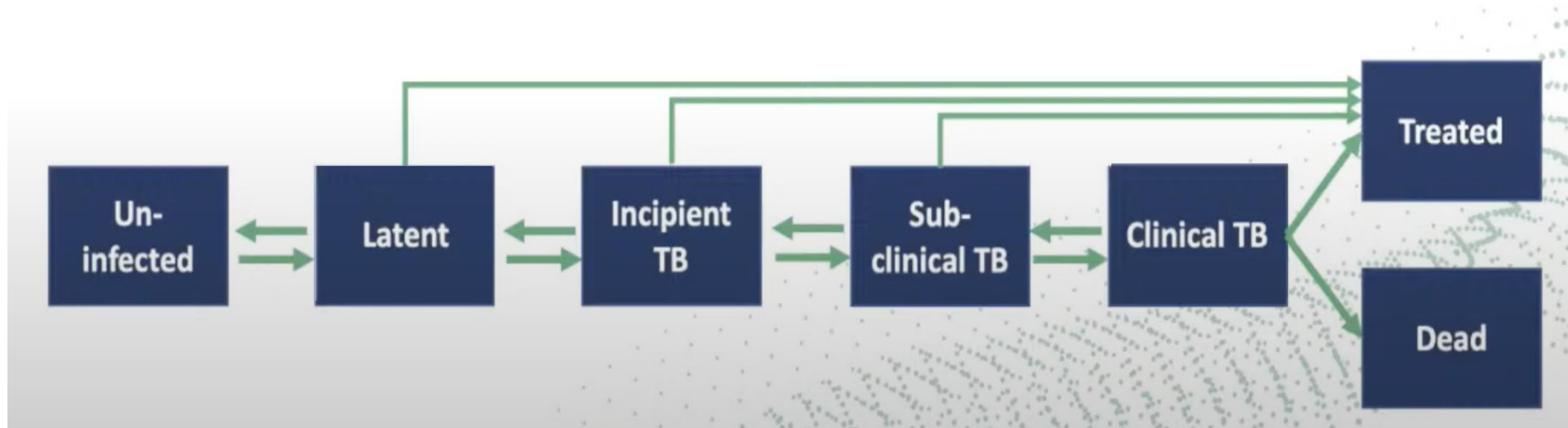
International Mentor

International Supervisor

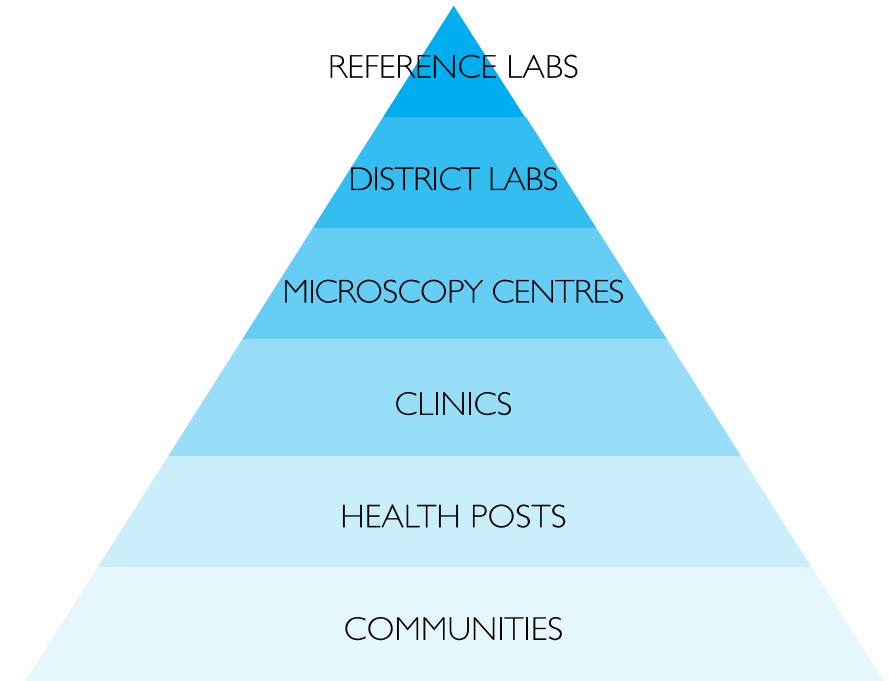
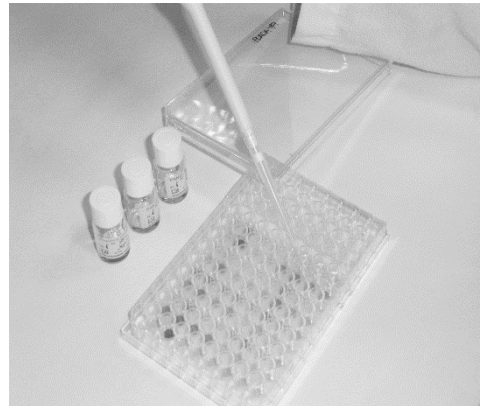
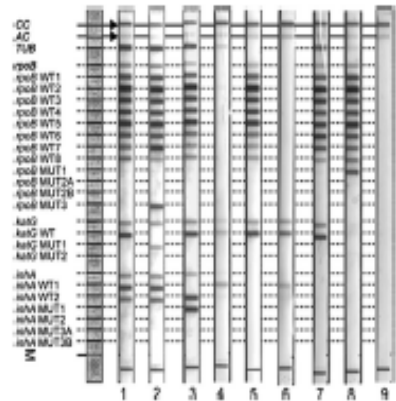
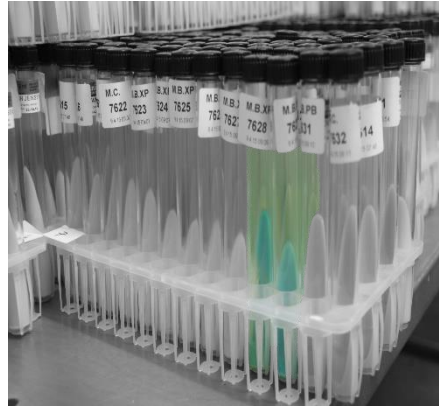
Scientific and Transversal skills



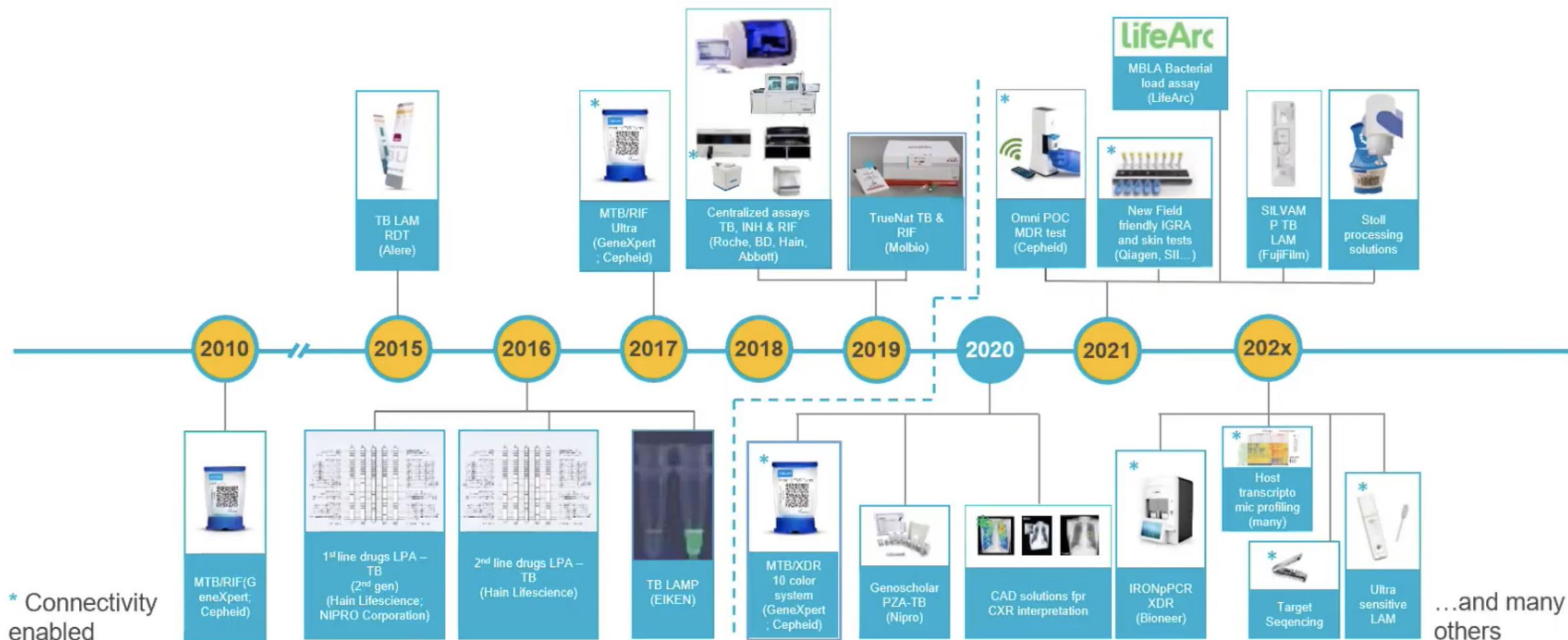
# TB AS A SPECTRUM



# CURRENT TB DIAGNOSTIC METHODS



# A RICH PIPELINE OF CONNECTED TB DIAGNOSTICS





# LATENT TB INFECTION



# NEW SKIN TESTS

Newer skin tests may improve test specificity and scalability; the evidence has not been systematically reviewed

## CTb (Serum Institute of India)

- Recombinant proteins produced in *Lactococcus lactis*



## Diaskintest (Generium)

- Recombinant proteins produced in *E Coli*



## ESAT6-CFP10 (Anhui Zhifei Longcom)

- Recombinant fusion proteins produced in *E Coli*

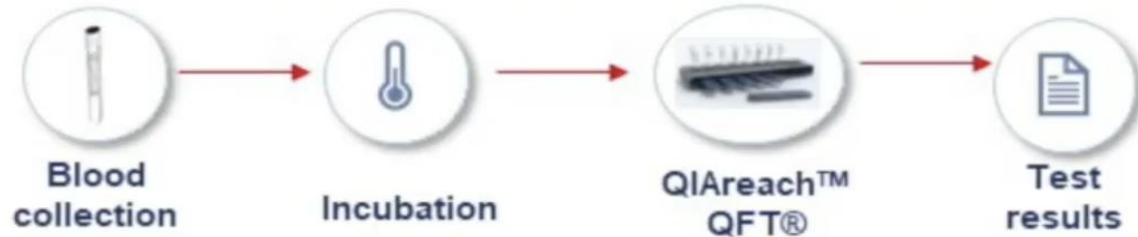


# NOVELTIES IN IGRAS



QuantiFERON-  
TB\*

- CE Planned



 Oxford  
Immunotec

T-SPOT® TB

The most **sensitive** and **specific** test for  
TB infection is now **automated**<sup>1,2</sup>



# PROGRESSION TO TB

## INCIPIENT / SUBCLINICAL TB





# Discovery and validation of a personalized risk predictor for incident tuberculosis in low transmission settings

Rishi K. Gupta<sup>1</sup>, Claire J. Calderwood<sup>1</sup>, Alexei Yavlinsky<sup>2</sup>, Maria Krutikov<sup>1</sup>, Matteo Quartagno<sup>3</sup>, Maximilian C. Aichelburg<sup>4</sup>, Neus Altet<sup>5,6</sup>, Roland Diel<sup>7,8</sup>, Claudia C. Dobler<sup>9,10</sup>, Jose Dominguez<sup>11,12,13</sup>, Joseph S. Doyle<sup>14,15</sup>, Connie Erkens<sup>16</sup>, Steffen Geis<sup>17</sup>, Pranabashis Haldar<sup>18</sup>, Anja M. Hauri<sup>19</sup>, Thomas Hermansen<sup>20</sup>, James C. Johnston<sup>21</sup>, Christoph Lange<sup>22,23,24,25</sup>, Berit Lange<sup>26</sup>, Frank van Leth<sup>24,27,28</sup>, Laura Muñoz<sup>29</sup>, Christine Roder<sup>14,15</sup>, Kamila Romanowski<sup>21</sup>, David Roth<sup>21</sup>, Martina Sester<sup>24,30</sup>, Rosa Sloot<sup>31</sup>, Giovanni Sotgiu<sup>24,32</sup>, Gerrit Woltmann<sup>18</sup>, Takashi Yoshiyama<sup>33</sup>, Jean-Pierre Zellweger<sup>24,34</sup>, Dominik Zenner<sup>1</sup>, Robert W. Aldridge<sup>2</sup>, Andrew Copas<sup>1,3</sup>, Molebogeng X. Rangaka<sup>1,3,35,36</sup>, Marc Lipman<sup>37,38,40</sup>, Mahdad Noursadeghi<sup>39,40</sup> and Ibrahim Abubakar<sup>1,40</sup> ✉

## PERISKOPE-TB STUDY

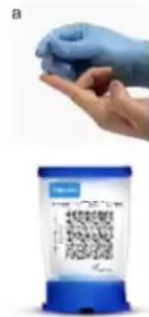
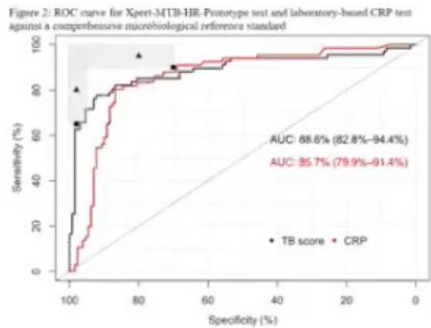
The final prediction model included: **age**, a composite '**TB exposure**' **variable** (modelled with time-varying covariates to account for non-proportional hazards), **time since migration** for migrants from high TB burden settings, **HIV status**, receipt of a solid **organ or haematological transplant**, normalised percentile **LTBI test result** and commencement of **preventative treatment**

# HOST mRNA SIGNATURES

## EXTENSIVE WORK IN BASIC SCIENCE STARTING TO YIELD FIRST PRODUCTS

### Cepheid Host Response cartridge

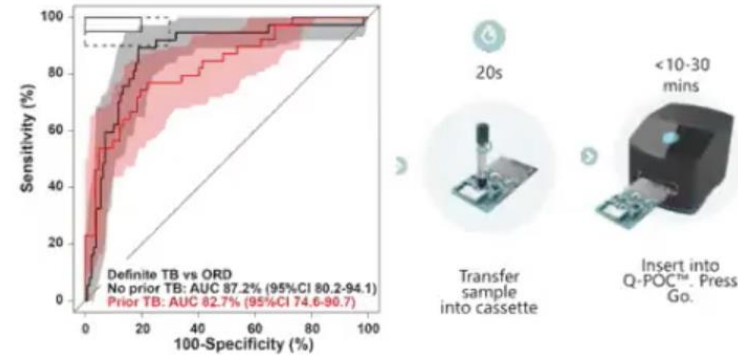
- Using the Sweeny3 signature
- Finger-stick blood, 30min run time
- Explored for
  - Screening test for subclinical and clinical TB (AUC 0.89)
  - Treatment monitoring tool
  - Risk of developing TB



Sweeney et al, Lancet Respiratory Medicine 2016  
Södersten et al JCM in press  
Zimmer A, Khatri P, Denzinger C *et al* in prep.

### QuantuMDx – RISK6 signature

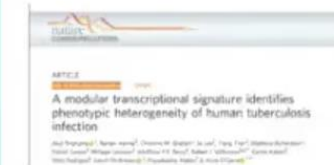
- Based on SATVI RISK6
- Finger-stick blood, 30 min run time
- Explored for
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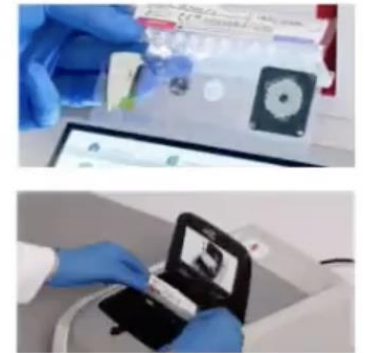
Penn-Nicholson A et al, Scientific Reports 2020  
[www.quantumdx.com](http://www.quantumdx.com)

### Biomérieux FilmArray® transcriptomic assay

- 30 marker panel, based on O'Garra
- Filmarray pouch assay on the Biofire platform
- Explored for
  - Screening/triage test for TB
  - Treatment response marker



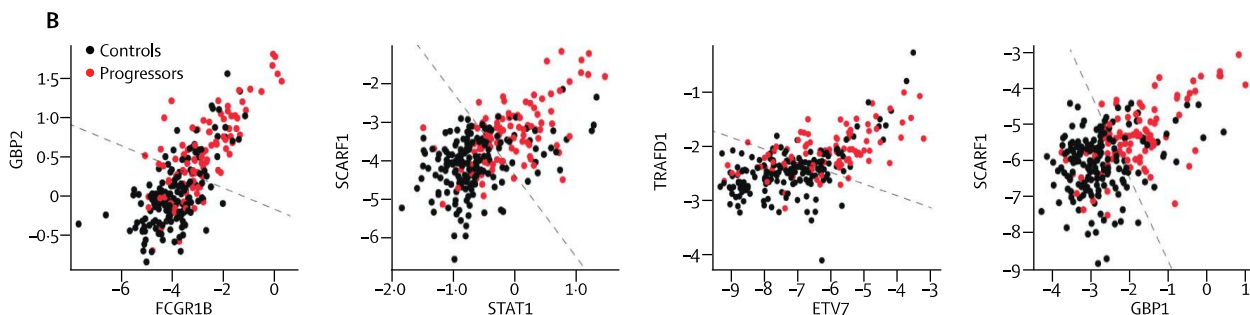
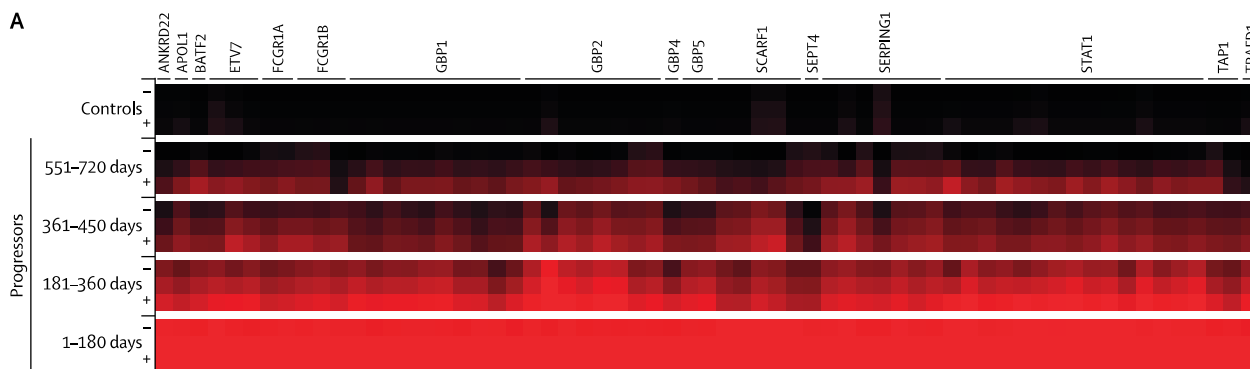
Sensitivity ~93%  
Specificity ~94%



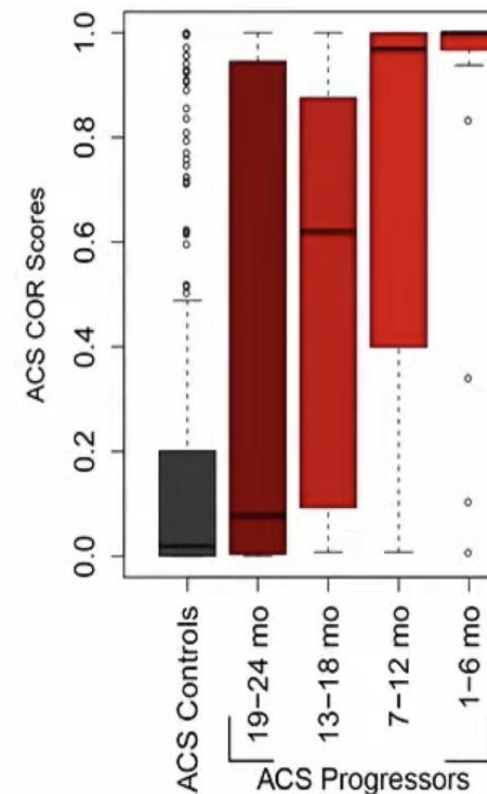
Berry M et al Nature 2010, Bloom CI et al Plos One 2012,  
Singhania A et al Nature Comms 2018, Singhania A et al Nat. Immunol  
2018, [www.biomerieux.com](http://www.biomerieux.com)

# A blood RNA signature for tuberculosis disease risk: a prospective cohort study

Daniel E Zak\*, Adam Penn-Nicholson\*, Thomas J Scriba\*, Ethan Thompson†, Sara Suliman†, Lynn M Amon, Hassan Mahomed, Mzwandile Erasmus, Wendy Whatney, Gregory D Hussey, Deborah Abrahams, Fazlin Kafaar, Tony Hawkrigide, Suzanne Verver, E Jane Hughes, Martin Ota, Jayne Sutherland, Rawleigh Howe, Hazel M Dockrell, W Henry Boom, Bonnie Thiel, Tom H M Ottenhoff, Harriet Mayanja-Kizza, Amelia C Crampin, Katrina Downing, Mark Hatherill, Joe Valvo, Smitha Shankar, Shreemanta K Parida, Stefan H E Kaufmann, Gerhard Walzl, Alan Aderem, Willem A Hanekom, for the ACS and GC6-74 cohort study groups‡



Lancet 2016; 387: 2312-22



## RISK11 Prognostic Performance

- 15 months (AUC 0.63):
- 12 months (AUC 0.80):
- 6 months (AUC 0.95):

Poor  
Moderate  
Excellent



# ACTIVE TB





# DIGITAL X-RAY



JLK inspection



Delft Light



FujiFilm CalneoXair

# POC MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTIC METHODS

## MOLBIO Trueprep + Truelab + Truenat



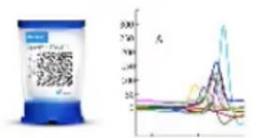
- First POC molecular diagnostic on the market
- MTB, MTB+, RIF chips already in use in India
- Work on additional assays / validation ongoing



WHO policy: Truenat MTB or MTB Plus may be used as an initial diagnostic test for TB

## OMNI & Ultra cartridge

- Integrated processing from sample to result
- Small, portable, in-built connectivity
- Proven cartridge technology
- FIND studies on Omni ongoing



WHO review of Omni and Ultra cartridge planned for 2021



# CENTRALIZED MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS

- **Enable**
  - high-throughput testing
  - upfront INH testing
  - multi-disease testing
- **Comparative analytical study**
  - Sensitivity similar to Xpert
  - Resistance detection similar to LPA

## Abbott



Abbott *m2000sp*



Abbott *m2000rt*

## Hain



GenoXtract®96



FluoroCycler® 96

## BD



BD MAX™

## Roche



Roche: cobas® 8800/6800  
System

## Bioneer

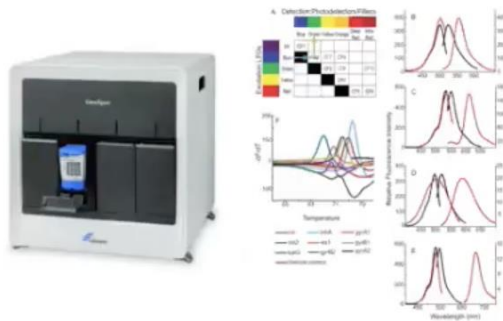


Bioneer: ExiStation™  
Universal MDx System

De Vos et al. Abstract 1027: Comparative analytical evaluation of four centralized platforms for the detection of *M. tuberculosis* complex and detection of resistance to rifampicin and isoniazid

# NEW CARTRIDGE BASED ASSAYS WITH BROADER DST PROFILE

## Cepheid



Cepheid XDR  
10 colour module

## SD Biosensor



Standard M MDR-TB

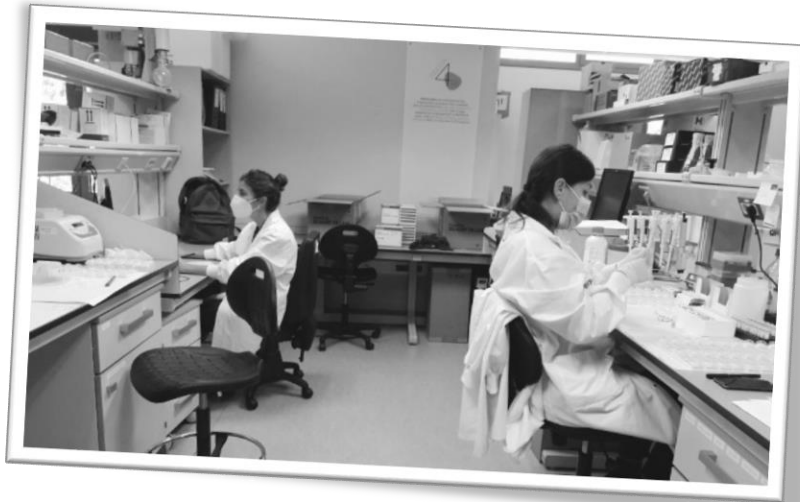
## Bioneer



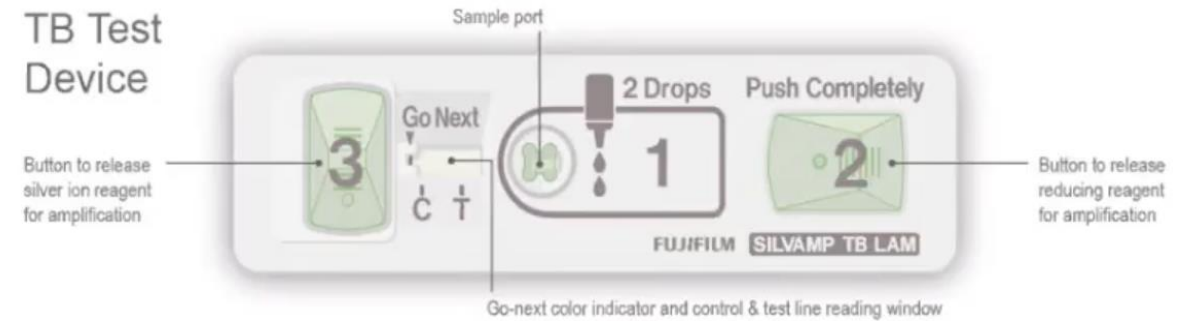
IRON-qPCR



# FUJILAM SILVAMP TB LAM



## TB Test Device



IGTP-Nigeria	FujiLAM		
	All HIV Status	HIV Negative	HIV Positive
<b>Sensitivity</b>	68.2% (30/44)	65.7% (23/35)	77.8% (7/9)
<b>Specificity</b>	96.8% (149/154)	98.0% (96/98)	94.6% (53/56)

IGTP-Haiti	Standardized case definitions for TB			
FujiLAM	Unlikely TB	Unconfirmed TB	TB confirmed	Total
<b>Negative</b>	3	47	2	52
<b>Positive</b>	1	3	3	7
<b>Total</b>	4	50	5	59

# CONCLUSIONS

- Promising methods, biomarkers and signatures are coming to allow accurate diagnosis and prognosis.
- It is critical to validate in different geographic settings and to translate the test to a near-patient platform.
- Mandatory good communication between all the professionals involved in TB control and patient associations and communities.





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