Diagnostics for hepatitis C: what do we have

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In-vitro diagnostics (IVD)

What is an in-vitro diagnostic?

• “In-vitro diagnostics are tests done on samples such as blood or tissue that have been taken from the human body. In-vitro diagnostics can detect diseases or other conditions, and can be used to monitor a person's overall health to help cure, treat, or prevent diseases”

In-vitro means:

• happening outside the body

Sensitivity and Specificity

- **Sensitivity**
  - What percentage of the time a test correctly will diagnose someone **with the disease who has the disease**

- **Specificity**
  - What percentage of the time a test correctly will diagnose the person **as not having the disease who does not have the disease**

Regulatory bodies governing IVD quality
Why are regulatory authorities needed?

- There are several components that go into ensuring that the diagnostic being used is giving correct results.
- For today’s session will focus on one aspect; stringent regulatory authority (SRA)/ WHO Prequalification.
- SRA is a regulatory body that ensures that a diagnostic is quality assured;
  - basically that the diagnostic does what it says it will do; it will correctly identify a specific disease in the sensitivity and specificity ranges as stated by the manufacturer.
  - that the manufacturing facility and process is uniform so as to produce diagnostics of a consistent standard.
Different types of regulatory authorities

Global

• WHO Prequalification (often times called WHO “PQ”)
• Expert Review Panel for Diagnostics (ERPD)

Country/region specific (non-exhaustive)

• Australia, [Therapeutic Goods Administration](https://tgda.gov.au)
• European Union, [European Commission Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs](https://ec.europa.eu)
• Japan, [Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency](https://www.pmda.go.jp) and the [Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare](https://www.mhlw.go.jp)
• United States of America, [US Food and Drug Administration](https://www.fda.gov)
WHO Prequalification and Expert Review Panel

- **WHO Prequalification (often times called WHO “PQ”)**
  
  **Why it is important:** helps ensure quality of a diagnostic and if a diagnostic has WHO PQ then that specific make/model can be procured through UN and Global Fund

  Source: [https://www.who.int/topics/prequalification/en/](https://www.who.int/topics/prequalification/en/)

  Where you can look up what diagnostics are currently WHO PQ:
  [https://www.who.int/diagnostics_laboratory/evaluations/191029_prequalified_product_list.pdf?ua=1](https://www.who.int/diagnostics_laboratory/evaluations/191029_prequalified_product_list.pdf?ua=1)

  Additional information on WHO Prequalification: [https://www.who.int/diagnostics_laboratory/evaluations/en/](https://www.who.int/diagnostics_laboratory/evaluations/en/)

- **Expert Review Panel for diagnostics (ERPD)**
  
  **Why it is important:** Hosted by WHO, the expert review panel consists of independent experts that review diagnostics that have not yet gone through/are in the process of going through WHO PQ or SRA review. Diagnostics that are reviewed to be of a quality standard are eligible to be procured using Global Fund funds.


  Where you can look up what diagnostics are currently have ERPD approval:
  [https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/5878/psm_productshiv-who_list_en.pdf](https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/5878/psm_productshiv-who_list_en.pdf)
Context is important

Each country has its own landscape when it comes to diagnostic regulations.

Some require in-country studies to be done on the tests.

Others accept tests to be registered if already WHO PQ/FDA/CE or equivalent.
WHO HCV testing algorithm
Hepatitis C
Course of illness

- Acute infection: 80%
- Chronic inflammation of the liver: 20%
- Cirrhosis of the liver: 15-20%
- Cancer of the liver: 1-4% per year

Cure: 20%

WHO HCV Testing guidelines; https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/254621/9789241549981-eng.pdf?sequence=1

1. **SEROLOGICAL TESTING**
   - **ANTI-HCV ANTIBODY**
     - Single RDT or laboratory-based immunoassay
     - Anti-HCV = (reactive)
       - Report positive
     - Anti-HCV = (non-reactive)
       - Report negative
     - Compatible with current or past HCV infection
     - No serological evidence of HCV infection

2. **CONFIRMATION OF ACUTE INFECTION**
   - **HCV RNA NUCLEIC ACID TEST (NAT)**
     - (qualitative or quantitative) or HCV core antigen (cAg)
     - HCV RNA test or cAg =
       - Report detected (with viral load if available)
     - No current viremic HCV
     - Compatible with viremic HCV infection

3. **TREATMENT ASSESSMENT**
   - **ASSESSMENT OF STAGE OF LIVER DISEASE**
     - (using clinical criteria and non-invasive tests (NITs), i.e. APRI score >2 or based on TE)
   - **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR TREATMENT**
     - (e.g., comorbidities, HCV genotyping, drug-drug interactions)
   - **SELECT DIRECT-ACTING ANTIVIRAL (DAA) REGIMEN**
     - Duraseq®/sofosbuvir or ledipasvir/sofosbuvir for 12 or 24 weeks (depending on genotype and presence of cirrhosis)

4. **MONITORING**
   - **ASSESSMENT OF CURE** (sustained virological response (SVR) at 12 weeks, i.e. SVR12) after the end of treatment
     - HCV RNA NAT (qualitative or quantitative)
   - **DETECTION OF HCC** in persons with cirrhosis (every 6 months)
     - Ultrasound and AFP

**Summary**

1. Single test for ‘screening’
2. Prompt blood draw for test to see if the person has viremia
3. Determine liver staging using non-invasive tests
4. Treat all with pangenotypic regimens
5. One test of cure at 12 weeks after completion of treatment
Serological testing for HCV
Single assay: laboratory testing (EIA/CIA) or quality-assured RDT
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Serological tests (also called serological assays), tests that screen for HCV

Serological assays:
- Assays that detect the presence of either antigens or antibodies, typically in serum or plasma but also in capillary/venous whole blood and oral fluid. These include rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs), and laboratory-based immunoassays, e.g. enzyme immunoassays (EIAs).

Rapid diagnostic test (RDT)
- Immunoassays that detect antigen or antibodies and can give a result in less than 30 minutes.

Enzyme immunoassay (EIA)
- Immunoassays that detect antigen or antibodies
Screening for HCV

Centralized settings

Settings: well-equipped lab
Operator: qualified lab technician
Specimen type: plasma, serum
Turnaround time: >2 hours

Decentralized settings

Settings: primary facility
Operator: trained healthcare worker
Specimen type: capillary blood, oral fluid
Turnaround time: 5-20 min

Dried Blood Spots

Currently off-label; needs field validation

EIA
CIA
RDT (blood-based)
RDT (oral fluid-based)
# Hepatitis C antibody Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT) that are WHO PQ’d

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<tr>
<th>Product name</th>
<th>Manufacturer</th>
<th>Performance*</th>
<th>Sample type</th>
<th>WHO PQ?</th>
<th>Stringent Regulatory Authority</th>
<th>List (USD)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Rapid Anti-HCV Test</td>
<td>InTec PRODUCTS, INC</td>
<td>Sens: 99.2% Spec: 99.1% in mono-infected</td>
<td>Serum/Plasma/Whole Blood</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>RoW</td>
<td>1.6 to 2.4</td>
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<td>SD BIOLINE HCV</td>
<td>Standard Diagnostics, Inc.</td>
<td>Sens: 99.5% Spec: 99.6% in mono-infected</td>
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<td>1 to 2.4</td>
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<td>OraQuick® HCV Rapid Antibody Test Kit</td>
<td>OraSure Technologies, Inc.</td>
<td>Sens: 99.5% Spec: 99.6% in mono-infected</td>
<td>Serum/Plasma/Whole Blood/Body Fluids</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>CE mark</td>
<td>8 (MSF Access price) 14 (on US market)</td>
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<tr>
<td>First Response® HCV Card Test</td>
<td>Premier Medical Corporation Pvt. Ltd., Nani Daman, India</td>
<td>Sens: 99.5% Spec: 100% in mono-infected</td>
<td>Serum/Plasma/Whole Blood</td>
<td>No-ERPD</td>
<td>CE mark</td>
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* FIND 2019, publication forthcoming
## HCV EIA, WHO PQ’d

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<td>ARCHITECT HCV Ag assay**</td>
<td>Denka Seiken Co., LTD, Kagamida Factory</td>
<td>Serum/Plasma</td>
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<tr>
<td>INNOTEST HCV Ab IV</td>
<td>Fujirebio Europe NV</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>CE mark</td>
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<tr>
<td>INNO-LIA HCV Score</td>
<td>Fujirebio Europe NV</td>
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<tr>
<td>Murex anti-HCV (version 4.0)</td>
<td>DiaSorin South Africa (Pty) Ltd.</td>
<td>Serum/Plasma</td>
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<td>RoW</td>
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<td>*Bioelisa HCV 4.0</td>
<td>Biokit S.A.</td>
<td>Serum/Plasma</td>
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** ARCHITECT HCV Ag assay can be used for confirmation of viraemia, the other tests on this list can be used to determine presence of HCV antibodies
Self-testing (serology)
Currently available data on HCV self-testing is very limited

- One published report investigates acceptability of HCV self-testing among persons who inject drugs in the UK (Guise et al. 2018).
- The study showed potential acceptability but also revealed multiple concerns associated with self-testing, primarily poor access to confirmatory testing and care.

- Another published study by Kimble and colleagues (2019) assessed the performance of OraQuick® HCV Rapid Antibody Test (Orasure Technologies, Inc., Bethlehem, PA) on oral fluid specimens when used by patients for self-testing.
- The study included 95 participants and showed 88.4% sensitivity and 100% specificity of the test when used for self-testing compared to manufacturer-reported 98.1% and 99.6% when used by a professional healthcare provider (http://orc.orasure.com/default.aspx?pageid=1475).
- Participants found testing procedure easy but reported some difficulties in interpreting test results. It is important to note that in this study graphical instructions for use were not provided by a test manufacturer but developed by the study team.
HCV self-testing: pilot feasibility study

- Objectives: determine acceptability and usability of HCV self-testing
- Several countries in different geographic regions:

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Settings</th>
<th>Population</th>
<th>Status</th>
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<td>Egypt</td>
<td>District hospital (ALPC)</td>
<td>General population</td>
<td>Completed</td>
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<td>China</td>
<td>CBO</td>
<td>MSM</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<td>Kenya</td>
<td>CBO</td>
<td>PWID</td>
<td>In preparation</td>
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<td>Georgia</td>
<td>Harm reduction centers, PreP clinics</td>
<td>PWID, MSM</td>
<td>In preparation</td>
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<td>Vietnam</td>
<td>CBO</td>
<td>PWID, MSM</td>
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- 100-200 participants per site
- OraSure HCV Rapid diagnostic test adapted by the manufacturer for self-testing (research use only)
Combo testing (serology)
6.4.2 Integrating the diagnosis of hepatitis with diagnostic platforms and laboratory services used for other infections

Combination integrated multidisease serological tests

The use of combination integrated blood- or oral-based multidisease assays allow for integrated testing of HIV, HBV and HCV. Using a single specimen improves the efficiency of testing programmes, especially in populations with a high prevalence of HIV/HCV or HBV/HCV coinfection. While not yet fully validated, preliminary results of these combination assays appear promising (160).
## Multiplex serology testing (combo tests)

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<th>Test</th>
<th>Manufacturer</th>
<th>Detection</th>
<th>Regulatory status (SRA)</th>
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<td>Detect 3 HIV/HCV/HBV combo kit</td>
<td>Artron Laboratories (Canada)</td>
<td>X X X</td>
<td>CE (plasma, serum)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Triplex HIV, HCV, HBsAg</td>
<td>Biosynex (France)</td>
<td>X X X</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td>Hep B, Hep C, HIV Combination Rapid Test</td>
<td>Maternova (US)</td>
<td>X X X</td>
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<td>Multiplo HBc/HIV/HCV</td>
<td>MedMira (Canada)</td>
<td>X X X</td>
<td>RUO</td>
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<td>HBsAg/HCV Ab Rapid Test</td>
<td>Spectrum Diagnostics (Egypt)</td>
<td>X X</td>
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<td>Rapid HBsAg/HCV/HIV/Syphlis Combo</td>
<td>Euro Genomas (Lithuania)</td>
<td>X X X</td>
<td>CE</td>
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<td>OnSite HBsAg/HCV Ab Rapid Test</td>
<td>CTK Biotech (US)</td>
<td>X X</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td>COMBIQUIC HIV/HCV</td>
<td>Qualpro Diagnostics (India)</td>
<td>X X</td>
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<td>TriQuick HIV/HCV/HCV</td>
<td>Genlantis Diagnostics</td>
<td>X X X</td>
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Field validation is needed to assess diagnostic accuracy of these tests.
Diagnosis of hepatitis C virus: confirmation of active infection
Prompt or reflex HCV RNA or HCV core Ag testing
Confirmation of viremia for HCV

Centralized settings

- **HCV RNA**
- **HCV core antigen test**

**Settings:** well-equipped lab
**Operator:** qualified lab technician
**Specimen type:** plasma, serum
**Turnaround time:** >5 hours

Dried Blood Spots

- **Currently off-label; needs field validation**

Decentralized settings

- **HCV RNA**

**Settings:** district hospitals
**Operator:** trained healthcare worker
**Specimen type:** capillary blood/plasma
**Turnaround time:** 60-90 min

In development:

- **HCV core antigen RDT**

**In development:**

- **HCV RNA**
- **HCV core antigen test**
Each conventional molecular instrument possesses unique features, which need to be considered when defining the optimal device mix within a Lab Network

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<th>Instrument</th>
<th>Cobas 4800-6800-8800</th>
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<td>Supplier</td>
<td>Roche</td>
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<td>Abbott</td>
<td>Hologic</td>
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<td>Assays</td>
<td>HIV (EID;VL); HPV; HCV; HBV; TB</td>
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<td>HIV sample types</td>
<td>DBS; Plasma; PSC (VL)</td>
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<td>HCV sample types</td>
<td>Plasma (PSC and DBS in the pipeline)</td>
<td>Plasma</td>
<td>Serum; Plasma (DBS in the pipeline)</td>
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**Infrastructure Requirements**

| Space requirements | 1.8 m²- 5.5 m², Fixed | 3 m², Fixed | 3.15. m², Fixed | 1 m², Moveable |
| Human resources    | 1-2 FTEs/machine       | 1-2 FTEs/machine | 1-2 FTEs/machine | 1 FTE/<4 machines |

**Workflow Requirements**

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<th>Batch</th>
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<td>Throughput (8hr)</td>
<td>192-960</td>
<td>168</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>320</td>
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<tr>
<td>Time to first result (hr)</td>
<td>&lt; 3.5</td>
<td>~5.5</td>
<td>~5.5</td>
<td>&lt; 3.5</td>
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Dried blood spot (DBS)
Validation of DBS sampling

**DBS sampling for HCV RNA test**

*Aim:* provide HCV diagnostics in the settings with no access to laboratory infrastructure

**Concept:**

![Diagram of DBS sampling process]

**FIND study:** multicenter diagnostics accuracy study to obtain evidence of the performance of HCV RNA tests from DBS/PSC (with the intention of data to be included to companies’ regulatory dossiers)

- real-life conditions: RT transport and storage of DBS and PSC samples
- DBS and PSC processing using manufacturers’ protocols
  - Abbott M2000
  - Roche cobas® 4800 and 6800 (PSC and DBS)
  - Hologic Panther

**Study sites:**

- Georgia
- Cameroon
- Australia (NRL — central testing)
- Greece
- Rwanda

**Sample size:** 415 HCV RNA positives, 415 HCV RNA negatives

**Timeline:** Q1 2019 – Q3 2019
Point of Care (POC) and near POC
## Near-POC HCV RNA assays available on the market

<table>
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<tr>
<th>PLATFORM</th>
<th>Xpert HCV VL assay</th>
<th>Xpert HCV Fingerstick VL assay</th>
<th>GeneDrive HCV ID assay</th>
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<td><strong>SAMPLE TYPE</strong></td>
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<td>Capillary blood</td>
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<td><strong>SENSITIVITY</strong></td>
<td>99%</td>
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<td><strong>SPECIFICITY</strong></td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td><strong>SAMPLE PREPARATION</strong></td>
<td>Integrated</td>
<td>Integrated</td>
<td>Off-board (several pipetting steps)</td>
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<td><strong>TIME TO RESULT</strong></td>
<td>110 min</td>
<td>60 min</td>
<td>~120 min</td>
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<td><strong>REGULATORY STATUS</strong></td>
<td>CE-IVD, WHO PQ</td>
<td>CE-IVD</td>
<td>CE-IVD</td>
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<td><strong>POWER SUPPLY</strong></td>
<td>Need electricity supply</td>
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<td><strong>DATA ANALYSIS</strong></td>
<td>PC</td>
<td></td>
<td>Integrated</td>
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<td><strong>TEST MENU</strong></td>
<td>TB, HIV, HBV and many others</td>
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<td>TB in development</td>
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<td><strong>TEST COST</strong></td>
<td>US$ 14.95 ex works</td>
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<td><strong>INSTRUMENT COST</strong></td>
<td>US$ 17,500</td>
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Molbio Trueprep™/Truelab™

The platform:

- Commercially available and used for TB testing in India
- Internal, rechargeable batteries allow implementation in facilities with no electricity support
- Instrument costs: US$ 12,000

Prototype Truenat™ HCV assay:

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>TPP target</th>
<th>Molbio HCV assay prototype</th>
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<td>Analytical sensitivity</td>
<td>&lt;1000 IU/mL</td>
<td>250 IU/mL EDTA plasma</td>
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<td>1'500 IU/mL whole blood</td>
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<td>Diagnostic sensitivity</td>
<td>&gt;95%</td>
<td>97.9% (94.1-99.6%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specificity</td>
<td>&gt;98%</td>
<td>98.8% (95.8-99.9%)</td>
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<td>Genotype inclusivity</td>
<td>All 6 genotypes detected</td>
<td>All genotypes detected</td>
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<tr>
<td>Analytical specificity</td>
<td>No cross reactivity with endogenous</td>
<td>No cross reactivity with HBV, HIV, HSV, HTLV,</td>
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<td></td>
<td>substance and exogenous factors (e.g. HIV, HSV, HTLV, EBV)</td>
<td>EBV, and others</td>
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<td>Specimen type</td>
<td>Capillary blood</td>
<td>500 µL EDTA plasma</td>
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<td></td>
<td>200 µL capillary blood</td>
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<td>Maximum 2 steps</td>
<td>Separate sample preparation</td>
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<td>Time to result</td>
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FIND is preparing a multicentre prospective diagnostic accuracy study (Q4 2019)
The platform:

- Under development
- Multipurpose platform: can detect DNA, RNA, protein, cells
- Integrated battery, compatible with external batteries
- Instrument costs: US $5,000
- Test costs: projected launch ex works price US $13;
- Continue development of HCV assay: complete product development and validation, target launch in Q1 2021

Prototype HCV assay:

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<td>Specificity</td>
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<td>Analytical specificity</td>
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<td>Time to result</td>
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HCV core Ag RDT concept

Main technical challenge: high analytical sensitivity requirements unlikely to be met in RDT format

HCV core Ag RDT will have 75-85% clinical sensitivity, but impact will likely outweigh suboptimal sensitivity
Liver staging
Assess and triage; Stage liver disease using NITs (APRI, FIB4, TE)
## Existing liver staging options

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<th>Biochem</th>
<th>aspartate aminotransferase to platelet ratio index (APRI)</th>
<th>Uses blood test for a blood test to measure your aspartate aminotransferase (AST) and a platelet count</th>
<th>Machines needed to conduct the blood tests can usually be found at level 1 health centers. Is relatively inexpensive</th>
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| Ultrasound | Can be used to provide liver staging results | While often machines are already in place for other services requires trained technician | Wait times for ultrasound appointment can be long as other patient types may be prioritized (pregnant women) |
One test of cure at 12 weeks after completion of treatment
HCV product pipeline

**2018**
- GeneDrive HCV test

**2019**
- Xpert HCV FS (Cepheid)
- DBS HCV RNA on Roche CAP/CTM Abbott m2000 Hologic Panther

**2020**
- TrueNAT HCV (Molbio Dx)
- HCV self-test
- SAMBA II HCV assay

**2021**
- HCV cAg RDT
- HCV test on BlinkOne (Blink Dx)
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We believe
Our work can spark real progress in the health of lower and middle income countries and their populations.

We believe
With improved health comes greater hope: individuals empowered to support their families, revive businesses, and thrive in school.

Thank you!