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**Accelerating the Development and Uptake of Rapid Diagnostics to
Address Antibiotic Resistance**

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LESSONS LEARNED FROM ABROAD THROUGH THE WHO'S ACCESS TO COVID-19 TOOLS ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

◆ Bill Rodriguez
CEO, FIND



FIND SEEKS TO ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RELIABLE DIAGNOSIS AROUND THE WORLD

We connect countries and communities, funders, decisionmakers, providers, and product developers to spur diagnostic innovation and implementation and make testing an integral part of **sustainable, resilient health systems**

- ◆ Established in 2003 as a product development & delivery partnership
- ◆ Co-convener of the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator Diagnostic Pillar
- ◆ WHO Collaborating Centre for Laboratory Strengthening & Diagnostic Technology Evaluation
- ◆ WHO SAGE-IVD member



2021 STRATEGY: EXPECTED IMPACT



Save 1 million lives
through accessible,
quality diagnosis



Save US\$1 billion
in healthcare costs to
patients and health systems

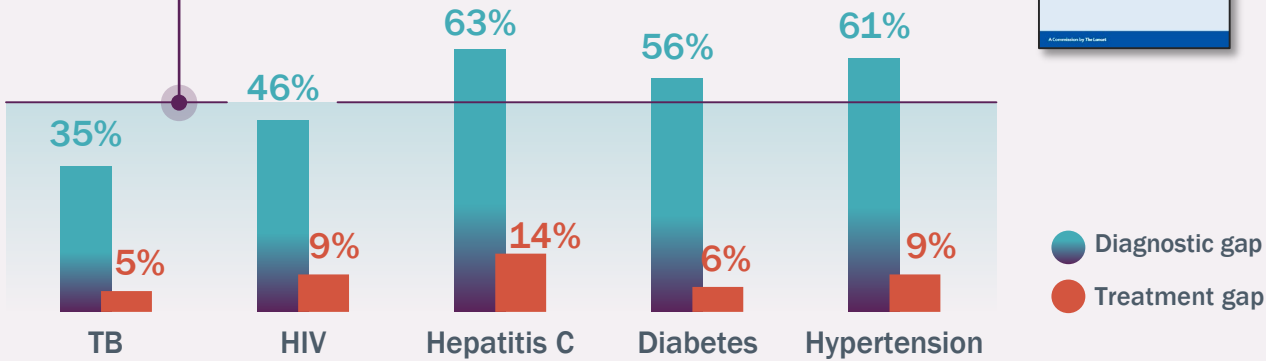
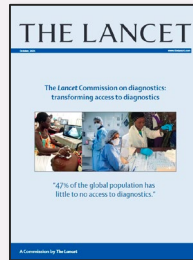


Empower countries
with diagnostic data to inform
policy and care and achieve health
goals

AMR TESTING IN GLOBAL CONTEXT

HALF THE WORLD LACKS ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL DIAGNOSTICS

47% of patients do not get diagnosed



Basic diagnostic capacity is available in only **1%** of primary care clinics and **14%** of hospitals in some LMICs¹

Appropriate tests do not exist for **60%** of infectious agents with outbreak potential² and **50%** of the top 20 diseases responsible for most lives lost³

LABORATORY DEPARTMENT	PATIENT/CENTRE	REQUIREMENT	(KSHS.)
HAEMATOLOGY:	~ FULL HAEMOGRAM		350
	~ HB		200
	~ ESR		200
	~ PBF		350
BONE MARROW ASPIRATE			1200
BIOCHEMISTRY:	~ LFTs		1200
	~ UECs		1200
	~ BILIRUBIN LEVELS		200
	~ PREGNANCY TEST		200
RANDOM BLOOD SUGAR			100
FASTING BLOOD SUGAR	FASTING FOR 8 Hrs.		100
LABORATORY PROFILE	FASTING FOR 8 Hrs.		1200
~ LIVER FUNCTION TESTS			2100
~ HBATC			1000
PSA QUANTITATIVE			1300
TT	FASTING FOR 8 Hrs.		1200

¹ Leslie et al. *Bull World Health Organ* 2017;95:738–748, <http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.17.191916>.

² Kelly-Cirino et al. *BMJ Glob Health* 2019;4:e001179. doi:10.1136/bmjgh-2018-001179

³ Pai et al. Analysis from Global Burden of Disease Report 2020

AMR TESTING IN GLOBAL CONTEXT

MAJOR GAPS IN AVAILABILITY OF ALL DIAGNOSTICS AT PHC LEVEL

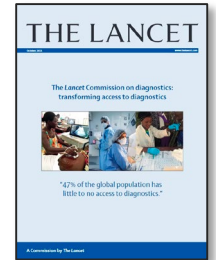
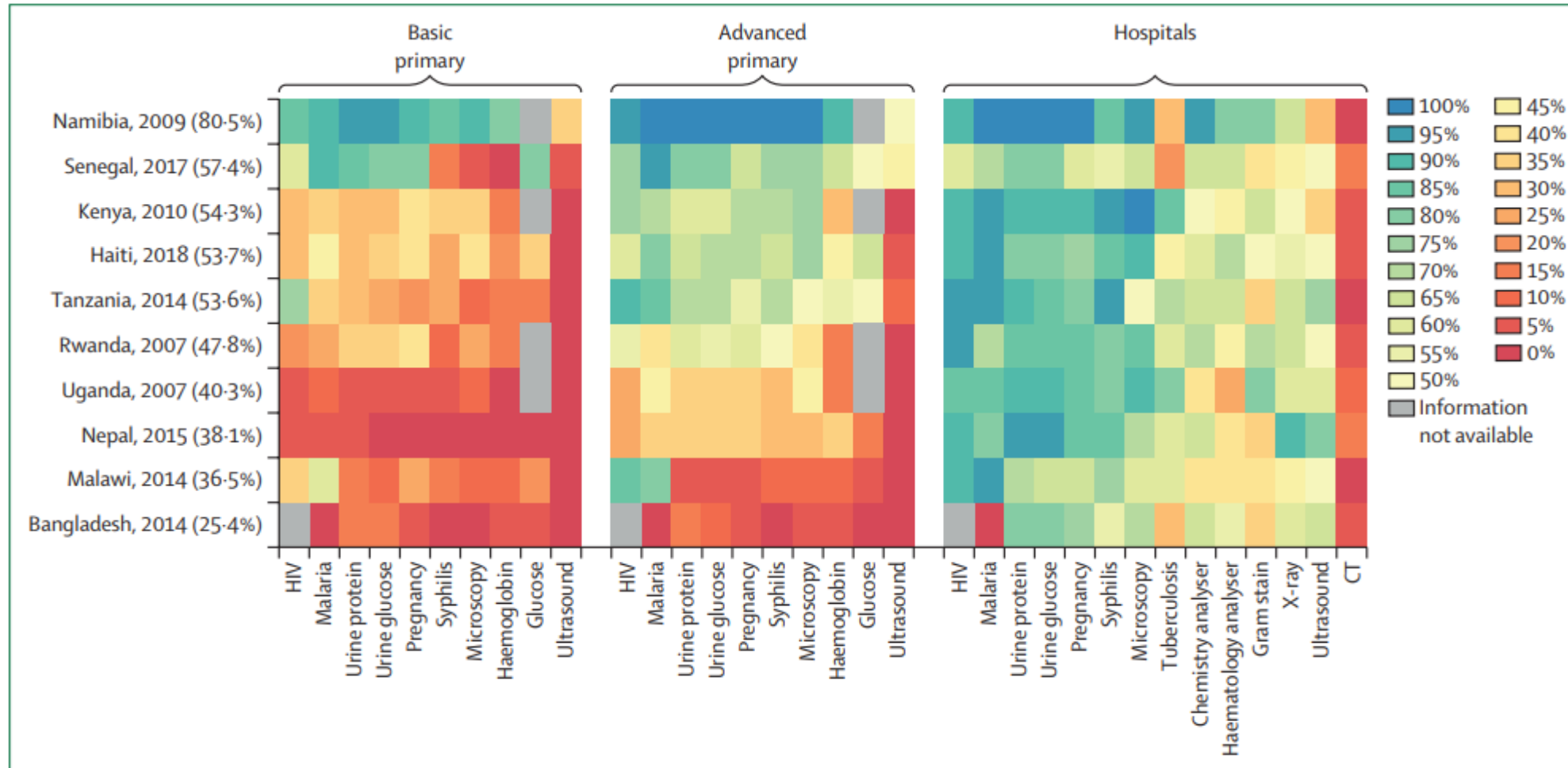


Figure 3: Availability of basic diagnostics by tier in ten low-income and middle-income countries in various years, 2007–18

Source: *The Lancet Commission on Diagnostics*. Fleming et al. *Lancet* 2021;398(10315):1997–2050, [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(21\)00673-5](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(21)00673-5)

FIT-FOR-PURPOSE AMR RAPID TESTS

ADAPTED TO USE CASES AND TO HOW HEALTH CARE IS ACTUALLY DELIVERED



	Level 0 (L0)	Level 1 (L1)	Level 2 (L2)
Use setting	- Community outreach - At home testing	Primary care facility	- Near-patient laboratory - Referral hospital laboratory
Testing infrastructure	- No mains power - No water - No lab equipment - No temperature control	- No mains power (unreliable) - Minimal lab equipment (may not support cold chain) - BSL-1 containment	- Mains power (may be intermittent) - Basic lab equipment (biosafety cabinet, centrifuge, calibrated pipets, fridge) - BSL-2/1 containment
Technologies required	Self Tests	True POC	Near POC

PATIENT CENTERED CARE

DIFFERENT NEEDS AT EACH STEP OF THE PATIENT JOURNEY

In-hospital
prioritization

Community
assessment and
referral

Post-discharge
follow up



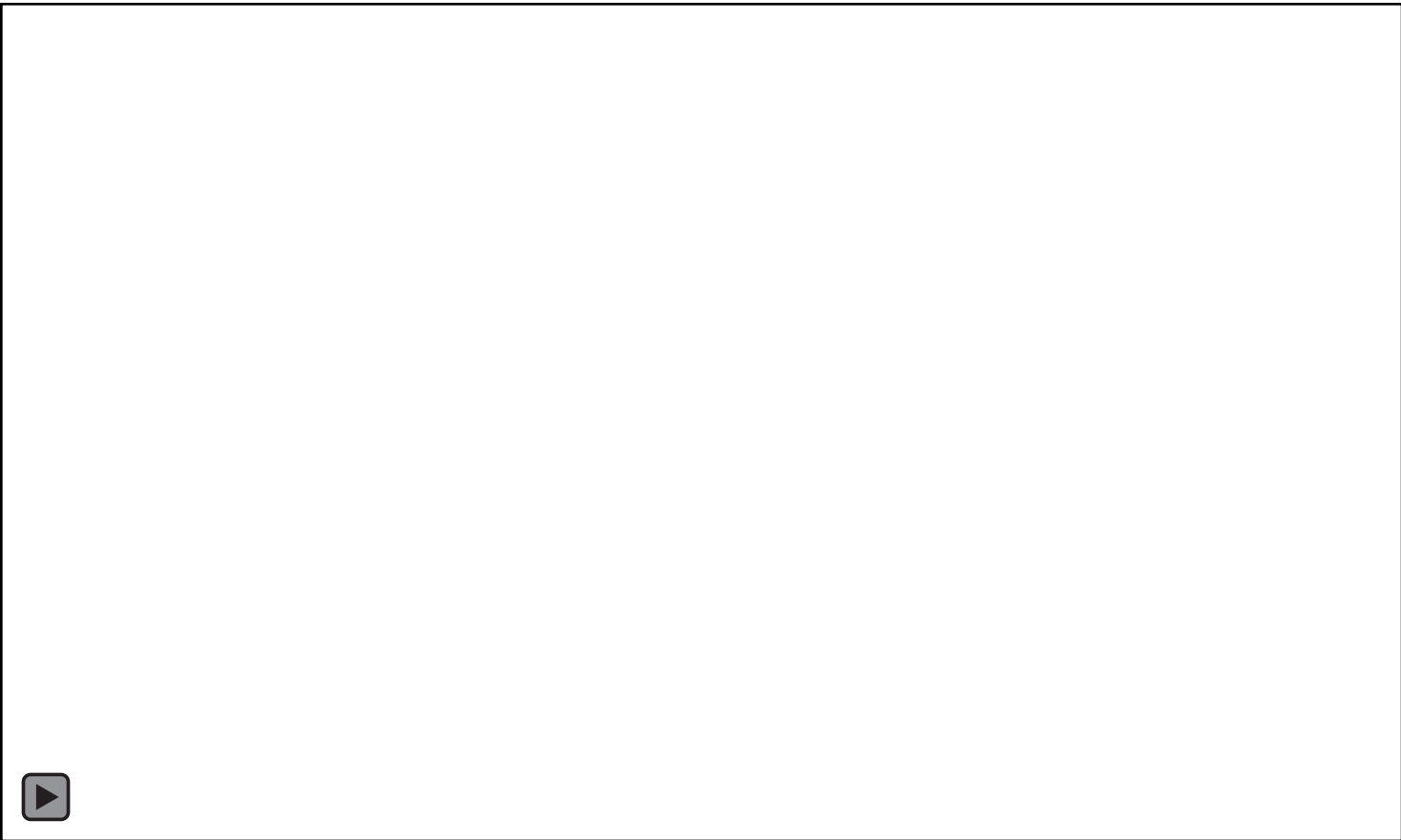
COVID-19 put
testing in the spotlight

“Test, test, test” —◆ Tedros Adhanom
Ghebreyesus, WHO

**“If we ask ourselves
what has benefited us
in this first phase of the
spread of the virus, it is
our high-test capacities,
and the dense
laboratory network”** —◆ Angela Merkel,
Germany

**“If you don't test,
you won't find”** —◆ John Nkengasong,
PEPFAR (then Africa CDC)

THE ACT-ACCELERATOR PARTNERSHIP ENABLED UNPRECEDENTED SPEED FOR BOTH DX SCALE-UP & NEW INNOVATIONS



lab capacity Feb–Jun 2020²

INNOVATION

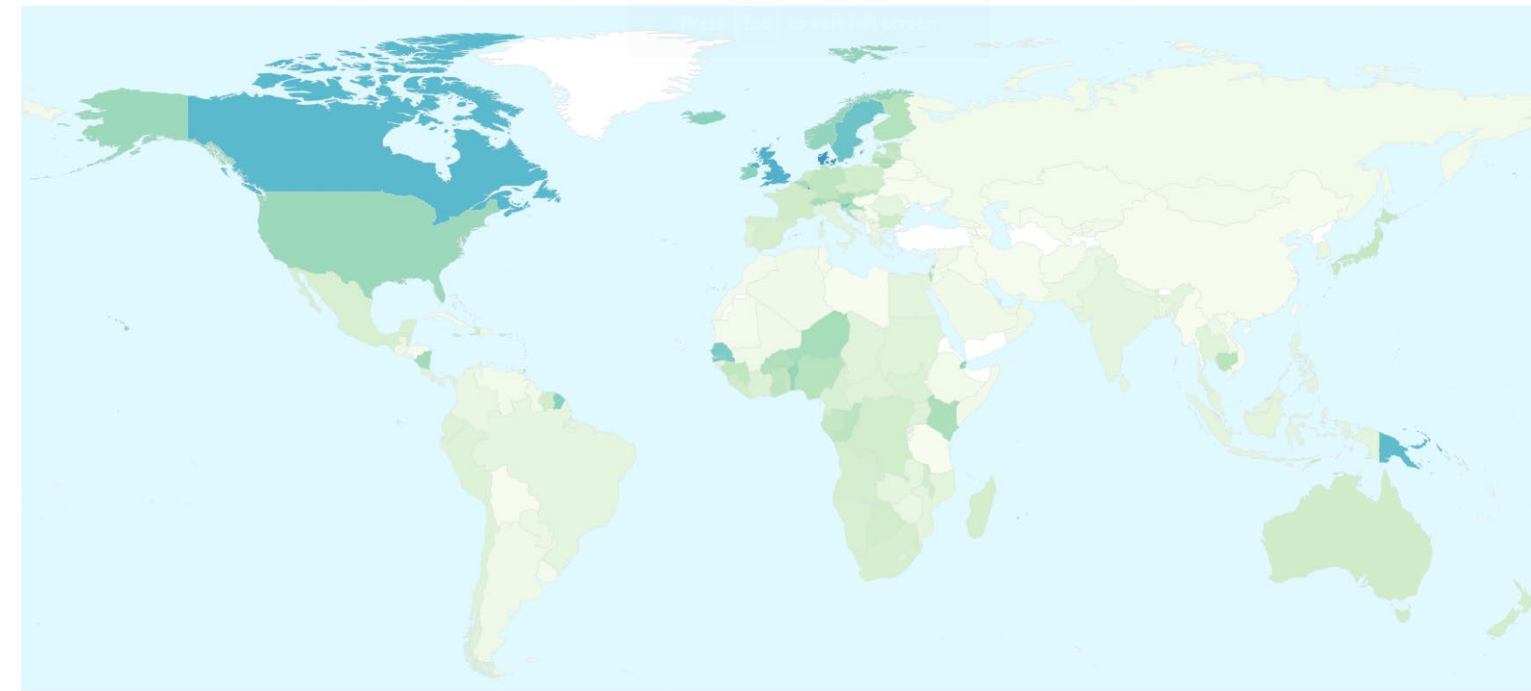


TB	5 years	TB-LAM in development
HCV	2 years	CAG in development
COVID-19	64 days	236 days

1. FIND. COVID-19 test tracker. www.finddx.org/covid-19/test-tracker (accessed 18 Sept 2020)
 2. Rahman F. *The Malaysian Response to COVID-19*. Report prepared for DNDi, 15 June 2020. www.europeanpharmaceuticalreview.com/article/125084/the-malaysian-response-to-covid-19-building-preparedness-for-surge-capacity-testing-efficiency-and-containment/ (accessed 18 Sept 2020)

THE ACT-ACCELERATOR PARTNERSHIP ENABLED GLOBAL GENOMIC SURVEILLANCE

As of Sept 2022, 13+ million viral genome sequences from human cases of COVID-19 shared by 215 countries and territories via GISAID since 10 Jan 2020

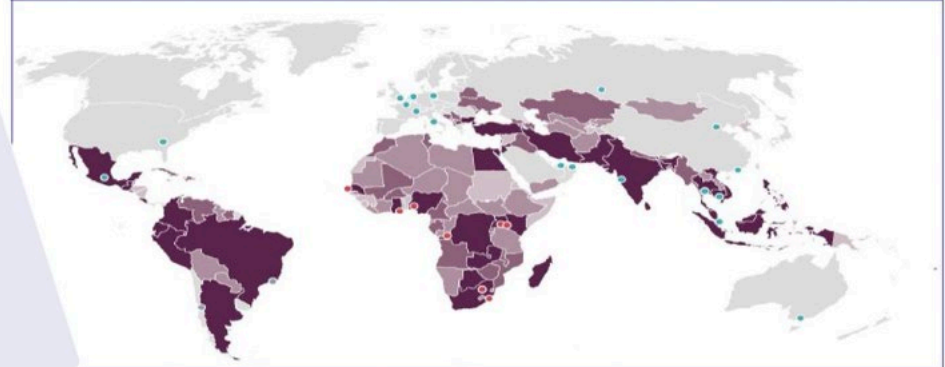


Percentage of COVID-19 cases shared via GISAID



Last updated: 09 October 2022 11:03hrs UTC+2

Next Generation Sequencing capacity mapping*



ACT-A GS related partner support to LMICs (preliminary)



THE ACCESS TO COVID-19 TOOLS (ACT) ACCELERATOR DIAGNOSTICS PILLAR PRESSURE-TESTED THE DIAGNOSTICS ALLIANCE CONCEPT

More than 50 organizations support the Dx Pillar on strategy, product development, policy, and implementation across the Dx value chain

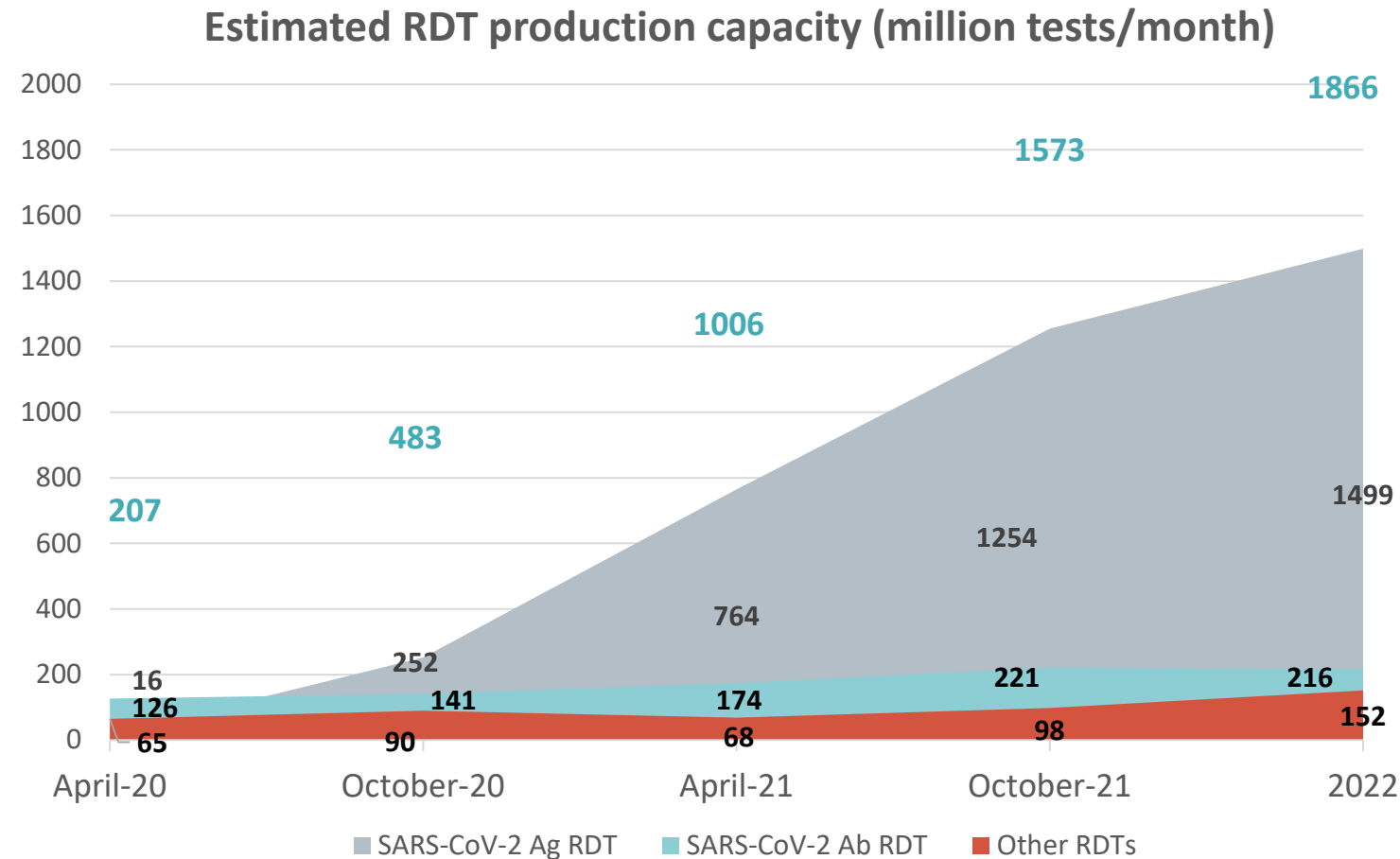


The Diagnostic Pillar has been co-convened by FIND and the Global Fund, with participation from a coalition of 50 standing partners across 3 working groups.

WHO leads on regulatory, policy, product procurement, and allocation

COVID-19'S IMPACT ON RAPID TESTING GLOBALLY - MANUFACTURING CAPACITY

GLOBAL RDT PRODUCTION CAPACITY SKYROCKETED FROM OCTOBER 2020 TO MID-2022, MAINLY DUE TO SARS-COV-2 AG RDTs

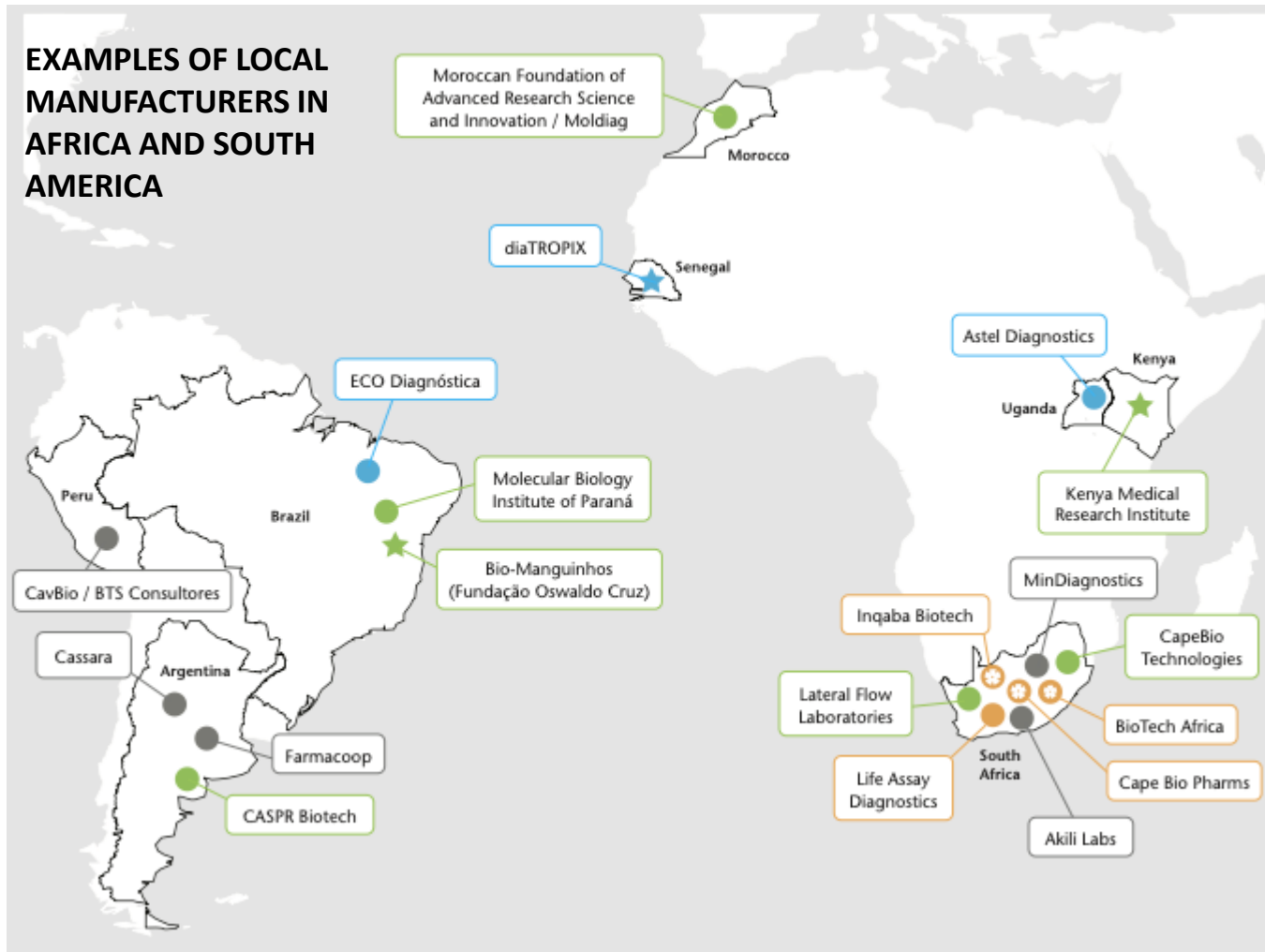


4X growth in total mfg capacity from Oct '20 – Apr '22

Capacity is concentrated in China & ROK

COVID-19'S IMPACT ON RAPID TESTING GLOBALLY – REGIONAL MANUFACTURING EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION OF LOCAL PRODUCTION IS NEEDED TO MEET THE GLOBAL NEEDS

EXAMPLES OF LOCAL MANUFACTURERS IN AFRICA AND SOUTH AMERICA



- ★ Non-profit or public manufacturer
- ✱ The finished product is a test component, not a complete diagnostic test

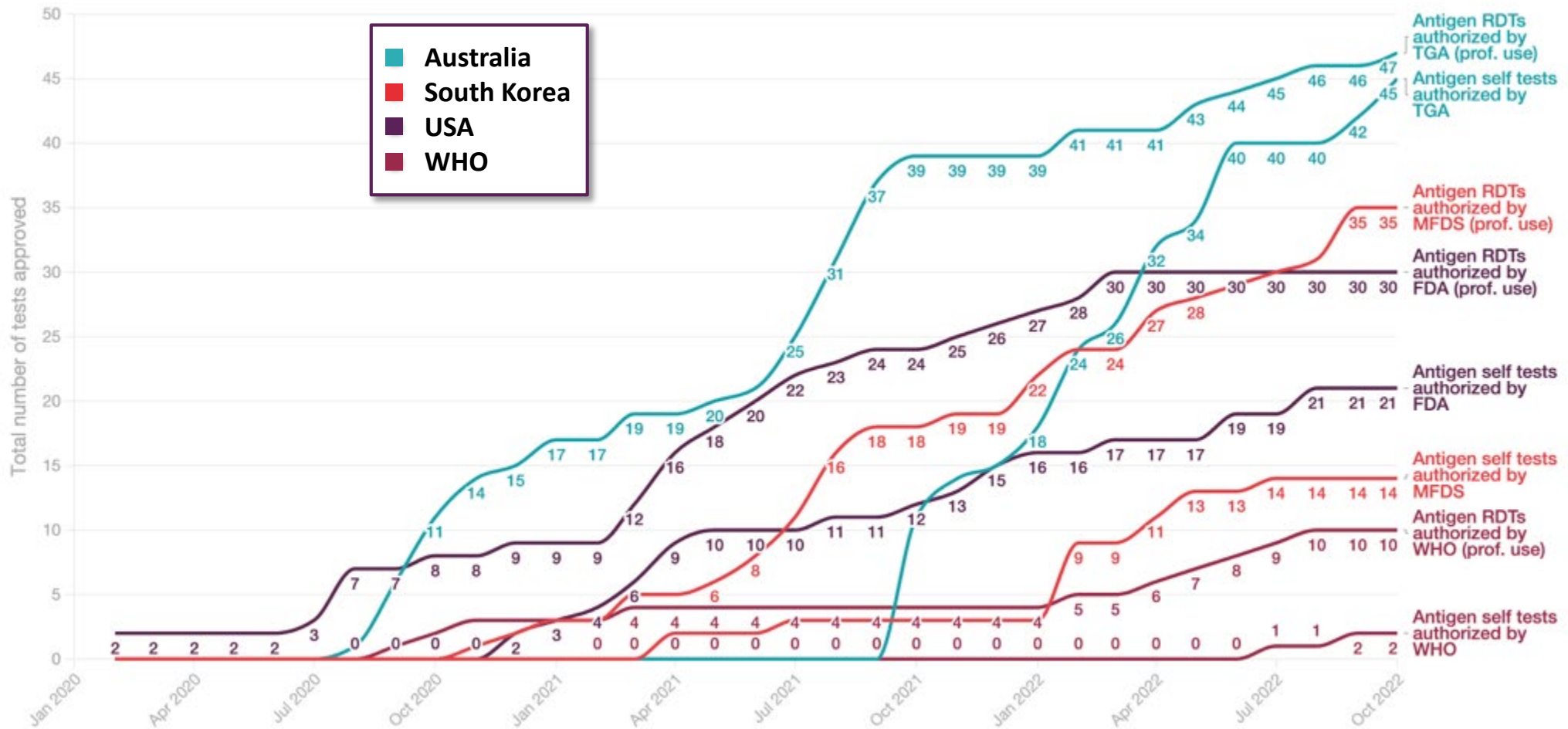
Level of local production

- 1 Local assembly of semi-finished products
- 2 Local production of finished products
- 3 Local production of finished products and some raw materials
- 4 Local production of finished products and some raw materials and/or local innovation
- Level of local production unknown

Source: MSF Access Campaign Issue Brief, Local diagnostics to meet local health needs, 8 July 2021
<https://msfaccess.org/improve-local-production-diagnostics>

BUT COVID-19 ALSO SHOWED THAT GLOBAL REGULATION IS A BARRIER TO TESTING

Regulatory authorizations for COVID-19 tests (Jan 2020 - Oct 2022)



Sources: Australia TGA, South Korea MFDS, US FDA EUA, WHO EUL

BUT COVID-19 ALSO SHOWED THAT GAPS PERSIST IN PROCUREMENT & COUNTRY UPTAKE

ACTaccelerator
ACCESS TO COVID-19 TOOLS

Diagnostic goals

All countries able to deploy **affordable, quality tests**

LMICs supported to establish **effective test, trace, isolate strategies** and **surveillance**

Minimal disruption of **core health services**

Diagnostic priorities



Scaled availability of affordable tests



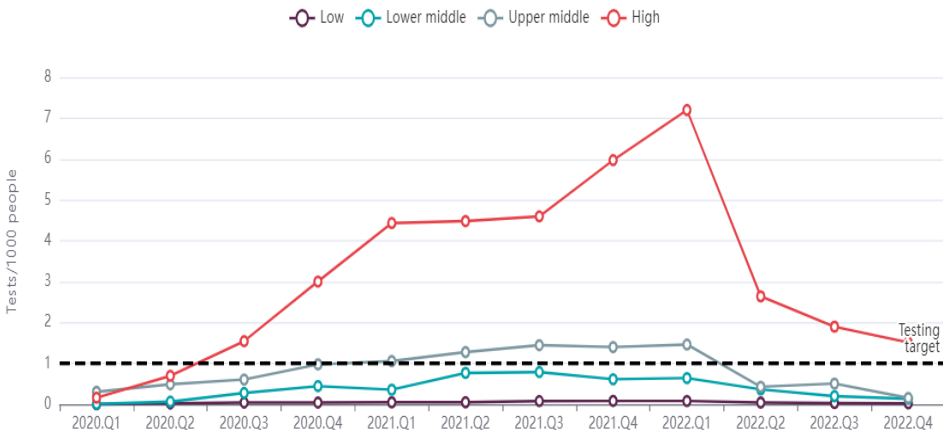
Equitable access to tests



Rapid, effective country uptake

Diagnostic reality

Tests conducted per 1000 individuals



Testing rate per 1000 individuals per day Q1 20' to Oct 22'1

LIC: 0.02 LMIC: 0.14 UMIC: 0.15 HIC: 1.51

BUT COVID-19 ALSO SHOWED THAT
THE PATIENT JOURNEY NEEDS TO BE AT THE CENTER OF DX STRATEGY



APPLYING COVID-19 LESSONS TO AMR

POC PLATFORMS FOR SEPSIS AND 'BACTERIAL VS. VIRAL' TRIAGE



- **NanoEntek**, FREN system
- **Multiplexing capacity:** Low
- **TAT:** <3 min
- **Technology:** Immunoassay
- **Panels:** PCT, hsCRP, others
- **Development status:** FDA platform, CE and FDA tests



- **abionic**, abioSCOPE system
- **Multiplexing capacity:** Med (<13)
- **TAT:** 5-8 min
- **Technology:** Immunoassay
- **Panels:** sepsis (pancreatic stone protein, CRP, hsCRP, PCT)
- **Development status:** Platform is FDA registered and CE marked



- **MeMed**, key FIDELITY
- **Multiplexing capacity:** Low
- **TAT:** 12 min
- **Technology:** Chemiluminescent immunoassay
- **Panels:** TRAIL, IP-10, and CRP signature
- **Development status:** BV test (Bacterial vs. Viral for peds to adults) is CE-IVD, FDA approved



- **Inflammatix** platform
- **29 m-RNA host response markers**
- **TAT:** 5-8 min
- **Technology:** Molecular
- **Panels:** InSep (presence, type, severity), ViraBac test (bacterial vs. viral)
- **In development**

COMMERCIALIZED PLATFORMS WITH BLOOD CULTURE ID/AMR PANELS

HIGH-MULTIPLEXING NEAR-POC MOLECULAR PLATFORMS



BIO FIRE[®]
BY BIOMÉRIEUX

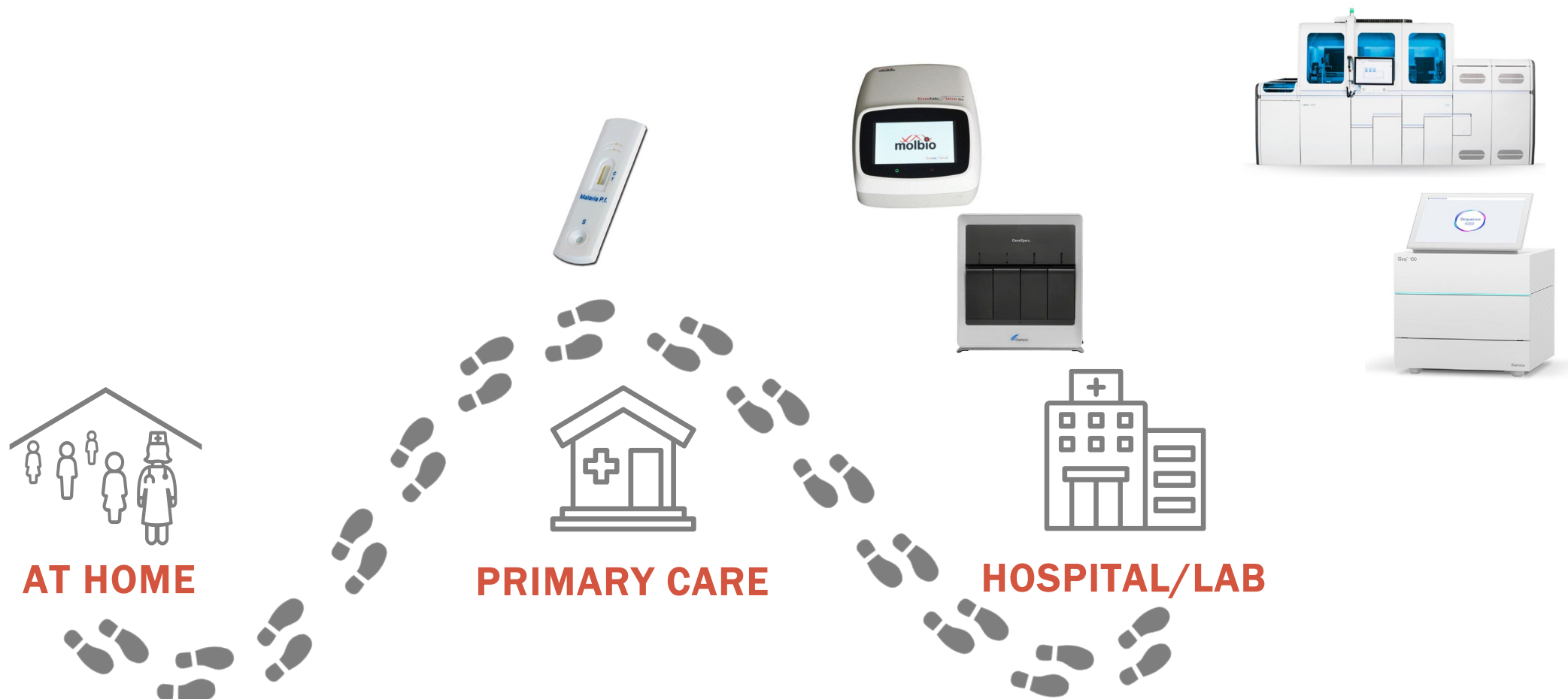
- **Multiplexing capacity:** High (~100)
- **Sample processing:** fully integrated
- **Technology:** PCR
- **Panels:** Commercial BCID panel and other syndromic panels
- **Price:** High



GenMark Dx[®]

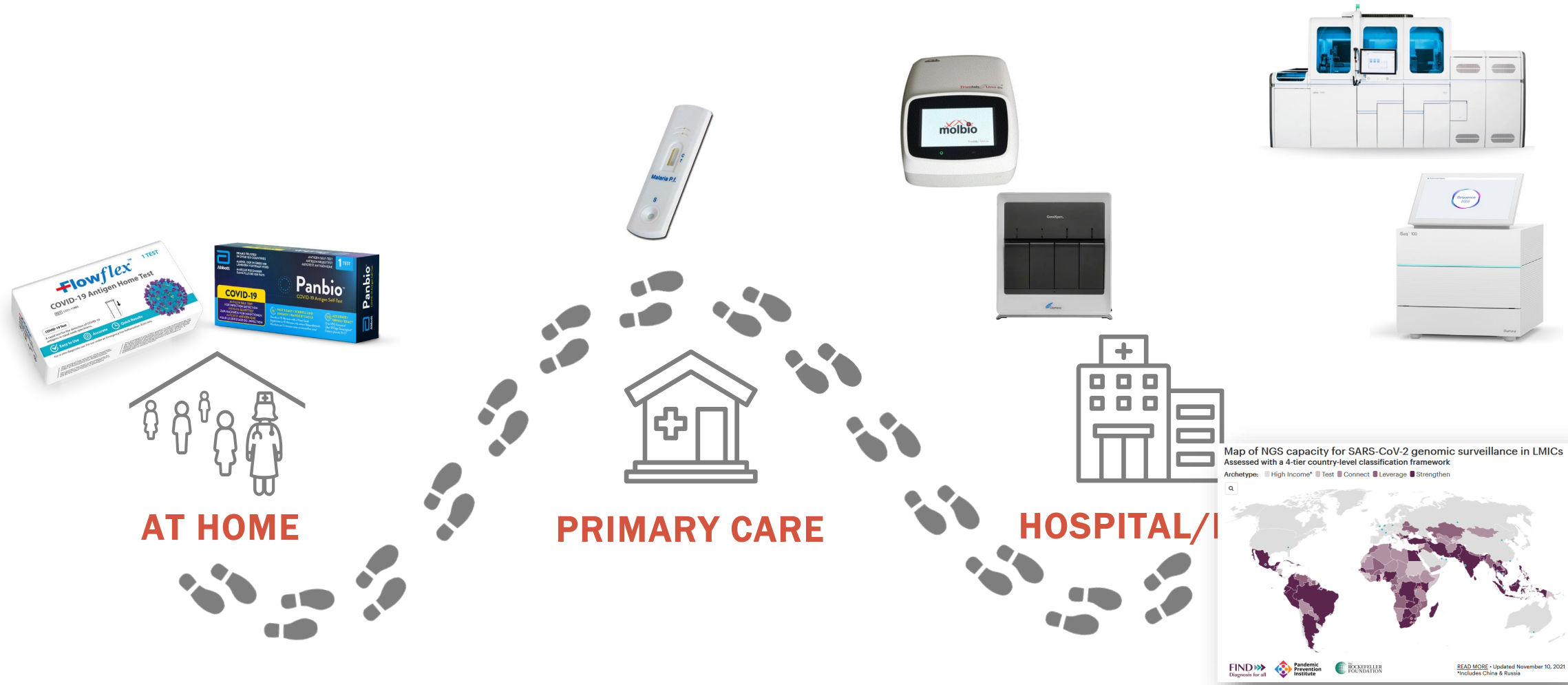
- **Multiplexing capacity:** High (72)
- **Sample processing:** integrated
- **Technology:** DNA hybridization/array
- **Panels:** Commercial BCID panels (Gram+/Gram-) and other syndromic panels
- **Price:** High

THE COMING DELUGE PRE-PANDEMIC



THE COMING DELUGE

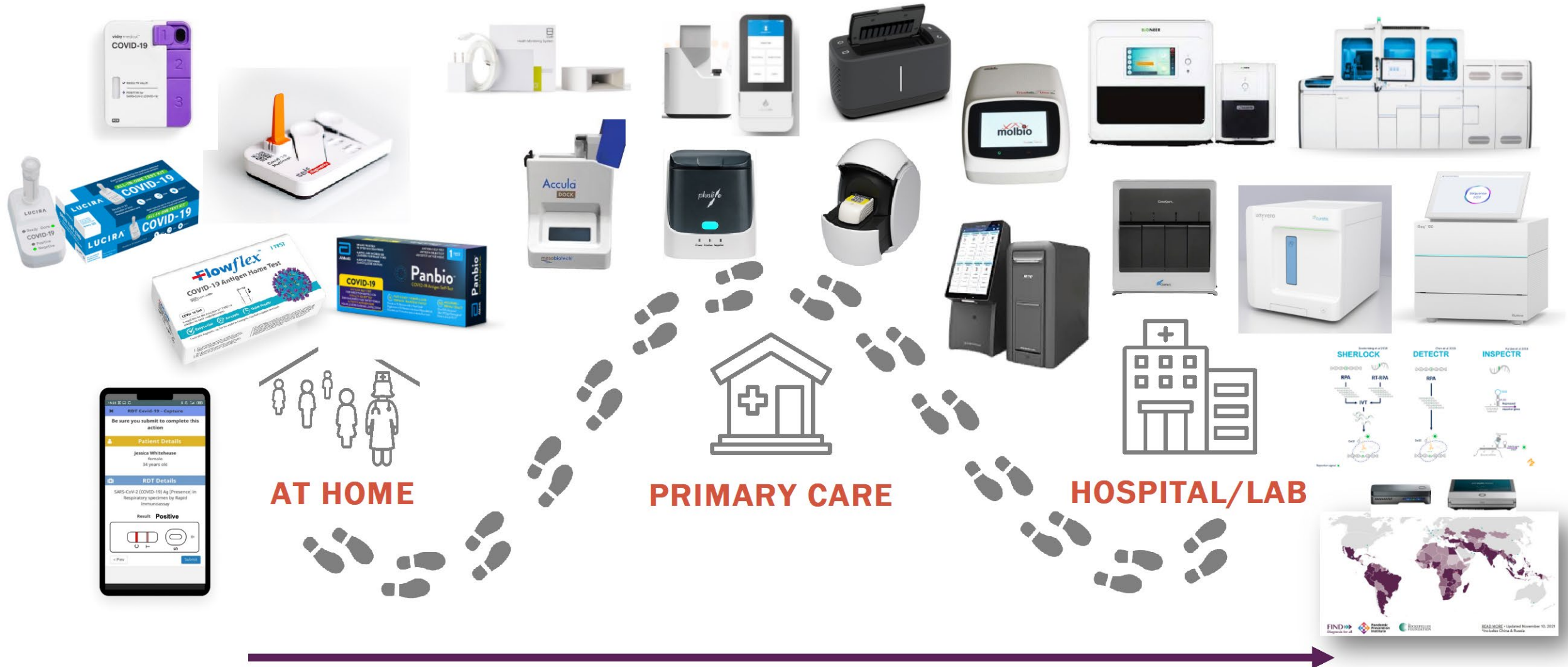
COVID-19 DRIVEN INNOVATION



Connected diagnostics and interoperable systems for data management, data aggregation and data sharing for surveillance

THE COMING DELUGE

THE COMING EXPLOSION IN NEW POC MOLECULAR PLATFORMS



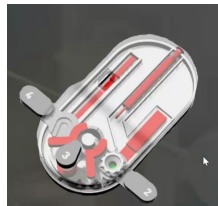
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FIND INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO - MULTIPLEXED PLATFORMS

		LEVEL 1-2 PLATFORMS		LEVEL 2 PLATFORMS	
		Biomeme	Qlife	SD Biosensor	Bioneer
Value to Market		Rugged, molecular platform suited for Level 1 settings	Multi-analyte system suited for Level 1 settings	Late-stage platforms offering competition, multiplexing capacity and expanded test menu (AMR, TB) in near term	
Multiplexing		27	8	12	40
In Market		COVID/Flu	COVID, CRP	COVID	HIV/HCV/HBV VL
Pipeline		STI, bacterial vs viral, food, water	COVID IgG-IgM, ALAT, PKU	TB, Zika/Dengue/ChikV, HIV/HCV/HBV VL	COVID, TB, STI, AMR
Funded activities		Activity 1: COVID/Flu Dev. and V&V Activity 2: System Optimization Activity 3: Manufacturing optimization	Activity 1: COVID/Flu Dev. and V&V Activity 2: System Optimization	Activity 1: COVID validation Activities 2-3: COVID/Flu/RSV development and V&V Activity 4: Manufacturing optimization and COGS reduction (automation)	Activity 1: COVID/Flu/RSV development and V&V Activity 2: Manufacturing optimization and COGS reduction (automation)
Endpoint		Q1'23: SRA submission of COVID/Flu test in ISP platform	Q1'23: SRA submission of COVID/Flu test	Q3'23: SRA submission of COVID/Flu/RSV	Q3'23: SRA submission of COVID/Flu/RSV
Commitment		\$10.96-13.77/test (EXW, COVID/flu)	\$9.98-14.98 ("all-in", COVID/Flu)	\$9.98 (EXW, COVID) \$14.98 (EXW, COVID/Flu/RSV)	\$14.38 ("all-in", COVID/Flu/RSV)
Funding		\$3,800-6,500 (EXW, instrument)	\$500 (COGS, instrument)	\$10,000 (EXW, instrument)	\$10,000 (COGS, instrument)
		\$5.5M	\$3.45M	\$6M	\$6M
					

FIND INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO - TRUE POC (LEVEL 1) PLATFORMS

	INTRUMENT-FREE			INSTRUMENTED		
	Self-Diagnostics	Philmedi	Biocrucible (*)	Pluslife	Co-diagnostics	Sherlock Biosci. (*)
Value to Market	Potential for low-cost and multiplexing in an instrument-free test system	Early stage, but with relevant pipeline and potential for low-cost and multiplexing	Experienced team with approach to lowest-cost disposable	Lowest-cost, proven performance, real potential for multiplexing	Potential for broad sample type and volume & integrated sample prep	Proof-of-concept for CRISPR
Multiplexing	4	In development	None	7	6	5
In Market	COVID-19	None	None	COVID-19	None	None
Pipeline	STI	COVID-19, Malaria, TB, HIV	COVID-19	STI, HIV, HPV	COVID-19	COVID/Flu/RSV, STI (NG/CT)
Funded activities	COGS reduction of multiplexed product	V&V of COVID-19 test, and transfer to manufacturing	Proof-of-concept Gen2 device (lower cost and improved usability)	HPV 16/18/45 cartridge development	V&V of COVID-19 test	Platform development and verification of respiratory panel
Target COGS	<\$5	< \$10	<\$2/test <\$30/instrument	\$2/test (achieved)	TBC	\$5-15/test
Funding	\$350K	\$250K	\$250K	\$350K	No funding	\$200K



* Companies are at early stage and still pursuing both an instrumented and an instrument-free version of their product

COVID-19 EXPERIENCE, CAN THIS BE APPLICABLE TO AMR?

CHALLENGES

Developers:

- Slow access to samples
- Lack of clear product requirements
- Insufficient regulatory harmonization

Demand and uptake:

- Complex global problem requiring collaboration across clinicians, epidemiologists, politicians
- Limited evidence to inform testing policy
- Market underprepared

SUCCESSSES

Collaboration between academia and industry^{3,4}

- Automated PCR tests available in 64 days from PHEIC
- Rapid diagnostic tests approved in 236 days

Increase demand from Governments, increasing manufacturing capacity and capabilities^{5,6}

- Reduced costs for diagnostics
- Routinely updated guidance on test use and efficacy
- Increased access globally, including for LMICs where spread of genomic variants were tracked

LMICs, lower- and middle-income countries.

1. Venkatesan, P. (2020). COVID-19 diagnostics—not at the expense of other diseases. *The Lancet Microbe*, [online] 1(2), p.e64; 2. Ondoa, P., et al. (2021). Transforming access to diagnostics: how to turn good intentions into action? *The Lancet*, [online] 0(0). Available at: [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(21\)02182-6/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(21)02182-6/fulltext); 3. Vandenberg, O., et al. (2020). Considerations for diagnostic COVID-19 tests. *Nature Reviews Microbiology*, 19(171–183); 4. G7 Pandemic Preparedness Partnership (2021). 100 Days Mission to respond to future pandemic threats. [online] gov.uk. Available at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/992762/100_Days_Mission_to_respond_to_future_pandemic_threats_3_.pdf; 5. WHO (n.d.). Global partnership to make available 120 million affordable, quality COVID-19 rapid tests for low- and middle-income countries. [online] www.who.int; 6. ACT now, ACT together 2020-2021 Impact Report", World Health Organization, April 2021.

WILL WE RISE TO THE CHALLENGE OF AMR?

◆ While trillions have been spent to fight **COVID-19** in just 4 months...¹

◆ **US\$12 trillion/year** have been lost in global production in 2020

◆ **US\$10 trillion** have already been spent in stimulus packages and other support measures

◆ **US\$40 billion** is needed to tackle **AMR** over the next 10 years...²

◆ **US\$3 trillion/year** will be lost in global production between 2016 and 2050¹

◆ **US\$40 billion** investment is needed over the next 10 years to tackle AMR

¹ Ziyad Cassim, Borko handhiski. The \$10 trillion rescue: how governments can deliver impact.

<https://www.mckinsey.com/~media/McKinsey/Industries/Public%20Sector/Our%20Insights/The%2010%20trillion%20dollar%20rescue%20How%20government%20can%20deliver%20impact/The-10-trillion-dollar-rescue-How-governments-can-deliver-impact-vF.pdf>

² O'Neill J. Tackling drug-resistant infections globally: final report and recommendations. Review on antimicrobial resistance, 2016



Thank you

Together, we can ensure that
everyone who needs
a test can get one

