

Results. The analytical performance demonstrated the ability to accurately detect multiple pathogens, including Category A biothreat pathogens. Eleven locations around the world tested 1,865 specimens on the GF Panel. The rate of positive detections was 35% (652/1865), with *Plasmodium* spp. accounting for the majority of positives (53.4%, 348/652) and dengue virus the second most (40.5%, 264/652). Other detected pathogens include *Leptospira* spp., West Nile virus, Zika virus, *Leishmania* spp., Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus, and chikungunya virus. Twenty-eight (28) specimens had more than one detected pathogen (4.3% of positive specimens). Comparator testing consisted of in-house developed PCR assays followed by bidirectional sequencing. PPA between GF Panel and comparator testing ranged between 92.7-100%, and the NPA ranged between 99.3-100%. In all cases, discrepancies coincided with analytes that were near the limit of detection of the GF Panel and comparator assays. When the GF Panel result was compared to site-specific malaria testing, the PPA ranged between 94.7-100% and the NPA ranged between 43.3-100%. Analysis of the NPA suggests that the GF Panel is more sensitive than microscopy, producing "discrepancies" for this comparison. The wide range in NPA between sites could be due to variation in microscopy technique; the GF Panel eliminates such variation because it is fully automated.

Conclusion. The results show that the FilmArray GF Panel could aid in rapid and actionable AFI diagnosis caused by multiple, sometimes co-occurring, pathogens.

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1222. Fosfomycin Susceptibility Testing using the new ETEST[®] FO

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Background. Fosfomycin (FO) is a bactericidal antibiotic with a broad spectrum of activity against a wide range of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. Oral FO is mainly used in the treatment of urinary tract infections, particularly those caused by *E. coli* and *E. faecalis*. In order to determine MICs to FO, the ETEST[®] FM is already available but the reading can be difficult especially with *E. coli*. To resolve this issue, a new ETEST[®] with FO, called ETEST[®] FO, has been developed (not FDA cleared, yet). The purpose of this study is to compare this new strip to the agar dilution reference method (AD) on a panel of *E. coli* and *E. faecalis*.

Methods. A total of 39 isolates comprising 20 *E. coli* (ESBL or CPE) and 19 *E. faecalis* (VRE or VSE) were tested by ETEST[®] FO and Agar dilution. The isolates were sub-cultured on Columbia agar plates supplemented with 5% sheep blood before testing. After incubation, suspensions of the isolates were prepared in 0.85% saline. These suspensions were used to inoculate both AD and ETEST[®] plates. Results were read after 16-20 hours incubation at 35°C +2°C in ambient air. Following CLSI QC guideline, 4 QC organisms were tested. Results were analyzed using the FDA/CLSI breakpoints for FO (S < 64µg/mL, I=128 µg/mL, R> 256 µg/mL). Performance was evaluated using FDA performance criteria, essential agreement (EA, ≥ 90%), category agreement (CA, ≥ 90%), major error rate (ME, ≤3.0%) and very major error rate (VME, ≤2.0%).

Results. All the QC strains MICs were within the CLSI ranges. For the panel results, see the table below:

Performance for ETEST[®] FO on *E. coli* and *E. faecalis*

Species	EA	CA	Very Major Error Rate	Major Error Rate	Minor Error Rate
Overall (39)	97.4% (38/39)	97.4% (38/39)	0% (0/2)	0.0% (0/37)	2.6 % (1/39)
<i>E. faecalis</i> (19)	100% (19/19)	94.7% (18/19)	NA (No R)	0.0% (0/19)	5.2% (1/19)
<i>E. coli</i> (20)	95.0% (19/20)	100% (20/20)	0% (0/2)	0.0% (0/18)	0% (0/20)

Conclusion: This first and preliminary study shows that ETEST[®] FO can potentially meet the FDA acceptance criteria and could be a valuable tool for determining FO MIC for *E. coli* harboring various resistance mechanisms and *E. faecalis* including VRE. Moreover, in comparison with the current ETEST FM strip, this new strip brings a real reading improvement and resolve the issue for *E. coli*. The clinical study phase will determine the product's performance.

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1223. Impact of *Helicobacter pylori* Infection on Duodenal Microbial Community Structures and Microbial Metabolic Pathways

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Background. Recent reports suggest that *Helicobacter pylori* infection causes extragastric diseases. However, the onset mechanisms of these diseases have not been fully elucidated, and the factors involved in the onset of these extragastric diseases remain obscure.

Methods. Forty-seven (20 male, 27 female) subjects who underwent gastric cancer screening were enrolled. Aspirated duodenal fluid samples were collected from the descending duodenum. Samples were analyzed by 16S rRNA gene amplicon sequencing to investigate whether the duodenal microbiota and microbial biofunctions were affected by *H. pylori* infection.

Results. Thirteen subjects were *H. pylori* positive while 34 were negative. We observed 1404 bacterial operational taxonomic units from 23 phyla and 253 genera. In the *H. pylori* positive group, we observed higher abundance of *Proteobacteria* and lower abundance of *Actinobacteria* and *TM7* than in the *H. pylori* negative group. The abundance of 10 genera differed significantly between the *H. pylori* positive and negative groups. Aspects of microbiota in the *H. pylori* positive group were significantly influenced by 12 taxa primarily belonging to *Gammaproteobacteria*, compared with those in the *H. pylori* negative group. Microbial functional annotation collated using the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes Orthology database showed that 12 microbial metabolic pathways were significantly affected by *H. pylori* infection.

Conclusion. 1. *pylori* infection disrupted the normal bacterial communities in the duodenum and changed aspects of the commensal microbial functions primarily by upregulating the metabolic pathways. This may be one of the principal factors in the development of extragastric diseases.

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