### In the Name of GOD





#### A General Method for Rapid Determination of Antibiotic Susceptibility and Species in Bacterial Infections

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# INTRODUCTION

Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (AST) – A procedure used to determine which antibiotics a specific organism or group of organisms are susceptible to.

To ensure correct antibiotic treatment and reduce the unnecessary use of antibiotics, there is an urgent need for new rapid methods for species identification and determination of antibiotic susceptibility in infectious pathogenic bacteria.



# INTRODUCTION

The new hybridization/PCR-based methods are generally faster and more sensitive than are the classical phenotypic methods.

phenotypic methods detect the realization of susceptibility (no growth in the presence of antibiotic).



FIGURE 1 Antimicrobial susceptibility tests. Tests can be split into phenotypic or genotypic tests with traditional AST relying on bacterial growth. Phenotypic microfluidics test times based on commercially available Accelerate PhenoTest<sup>TM</sup> BC Kit. Genotypic tests are typically faster than phenotypic tests and are more suited to bacterial identification and the identification of genes or enzymes that confer antibiotic susceptibility. Created with BioRender.com.

# INTRODUCTION

RCA is a linear amplification technique for the replication of DNA circles

Padlock probes are oligonucleotides with target-specific ends, which upon perfect target recognition can be enzymatically joined.

Reacted probes can be amplified by rolling circle amplification (RCA).



(A) growth of a sample in antibiotic-free LB (–AB) and in LB supplemented with different antibiotics.

(B) NaOH was added

(C) Magnetic bead particles

(D) To target the bacterial DNA, padlock probes were added.

(E) Correctly hybridized padlock probes were circularized by a thermostable DNA ligase.

(F) second cycle of RCA and simultaneous fluorescence labeling by hybridizing Cy3-tagged oligonucleotides to the generated RCPs.

(G) The fluorescence-labeled RCPs were analyzed using a high-throughput reader that digitally enumerates



□ This step distinguishes a susceptible strain from a resistant strain, as only bacteria with a resistant phenotype can grow in the presence of the antibiotic and thereby generate more genomes (rRNA genes).

□ To enrich for the target sequences, the cell lysates were mixed with complementary biotinylated capture oligonucleotides and streptavidin-coated magnetic beads



#### Padlock probe

- technique called Padlock probe, invented by Mats Nilsson and Ulf Landegren.
- The padlock probe technique using a 70 to 90 nucleotides (nt) long oligonucleotide with target-complementary ends as primers.



#### Padlock probe phosphorylation

padlock probes was phosphorylated in 1× polynucleotide kinase (PNK) buffer.

Phosphorylation of the probe prior to hybridization is therefore necessary in order for ligation to occur.

Hybridization and ligation of padlock probe

- The padlock probe hybridizes in an end to tail conformation on the target molecule, with 15 to 20 nt on each end segment.
- ligation of padlock probe by T4 DNA Ligase.



#### **Rolling Circle Amplification (RCA) RCA**

RCA was reported for the first time in 1995.

- Rolling circle amplification (RCA) is an efficient enzymatic isothermal reaction that using circular probe as a template to generate long tandem single-stranded DNA or RNA products.
- This circularisation process demands a ligase for the specific circularisation of the PLP (with 3'-hydroxy and 5'-phosphate) using the target sequence of the genomic DNA as a template.



#### > Detection of RCA products.

 visualization using fluorescence based techniques including fluorescence spectroscopy, microscopy, and flowcytometry Similar to fluorescent probe hybridization, nanoparticles including gold nanoparticles (AuNPs), magnetic.

• Magnetic beads functionalized with complementary DNA sequences can be hybridized to the RCA product to produce a diffractometric signal for the detection of the RCA product.



RCA has many advantages

1) because of the strict complementarity required in ligation of a padlock probe, it endows the RCA reaction with high specificity and can even be utilized to distinguish single base mismatches.

2) through the introduction of multiple primers, exponential amplification can be achieved easily and leads to a good sensitivity.

3) RCA products can be customized by manipulating circular templates to generate functional nucleic acids such as aptamer, DNAzymes and restriction enzyme sites.

# **RESULTS**



#### **Detection of growth inhibition**

# Antibiotic susceptibility profile



## DISCUSSION

diagnosing and screening bacteria for ASP based on the combined information from culture in the absence and presence of antibiotics and highly sensitive species-specific detection of 16S rRNA gene sequences.

padlock probes identify only bacterial species and not the resistance genes, the antibiotic susceptibility profiling is independent of genotype and resistance mechanism.

Another major advantage of our assay is the ability to use patient samples directly without the need for any purification.

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