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Independent Testing of Hand Portable Biodetection Equipment

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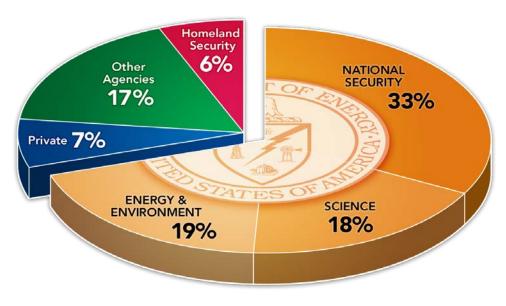


PNNL at a glance





- ► \$936M operating budget
- 4,300 scientists, engineers and nontechnical staff
- Yearly accomplishments include
 - 1,168 peer-reviewed papers
 - 85 U.S. and foreign patents granted; 264 invention disclosures
 - 4 R&D 100 and FLC Awards

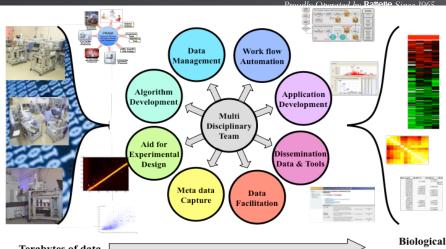


Biology Programs at PNNL



- Total biology programs: ~90M
 - Spans basic science to application
 - Balanced between DOE (BER), NIH, and National Security clients
- People: ~280 scientists conduct biological research as primary focus
 - Many others involved in biological research
- World-leading proteomics foundation









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Field Biodetection: PNNL Support Role

- Field biodetection technology is rapidly advancing and is in widespread use, although the quality of results is largely unknown
- While standards for sampling and CONOPS exist (ASTM E2458-10 & E2770-10), implementation support is limited



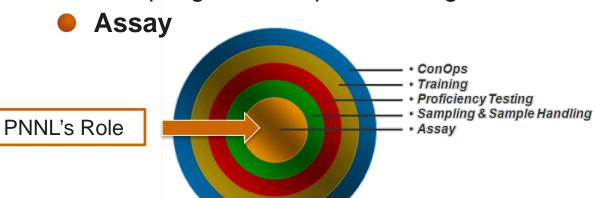
Framework for a Biothreat Field Response Mission Capability

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Framework for Biothreat Field Response Mission Capability

- ConOps
- Training
- Proficiency testing
- Sampling and sample handling



The Suspicious "White Powder" Challenge



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- Thousands of suspicious powder events have been reported since 9-11
 - Events are costly: from local to state and federal level
 - Total estimated yearly cost for suspicious powder events: millions of dollars
 - Does not include impacts due to diverting resources from other needs to bioresponse
 - Can lead to illness and loss of life
- What instrument(s) can be used to rapidly determine if a powder/unknown sample contains a biological threat?
 - Cost for instrument and analyses?
 - Ease of use and time to result?
 - Confidence of the information/data?



Need for independent testing to assess instrument performance and use limitations

Ground-Up Approach: Biodetection Technology ID, Assessment, and Transition



- Define performance requirements with stakeholder and end user input
 - Conduct interviews
 - **Bring together** stakeholders, end users, and key agency reps
- Perform technology foraging
- Establish technology test plans
- Conduct 3rd party testing of biodetection technologies





- Publish and disseminate instrument and assay testing results and summaries for instrument use, limitations, cost/benefit
- Facilitate transition of information to first responder community

Meetings with Stakeholders, End Users, and Key Agency Representatives



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- Working Meeting at Seattle Fire Training Center (May 2012)
 - Conducted interviews of first responders in the Pacific NW region
 - Brought together end users and others in the hazmat community (FBI, LRN, CST, DHS) to understand and define key biodetection needs and gaps
 - Developed recommendations for the near and long term to address gaps and needs
- Session at IAFC (May 2014)
 - Biodetection 101: Instrument Testing, Use and Limitations, and Needs/Gaps Discussions
 - Provided overview of the biodetection test results
 - Facilitated a panel discussion with hazmat experts from across the Nation, highlighting:
 - Specific biodetection-related issues
 - Current limitations with existing equipment
 - Biodetection and sampling information needs/gaps

First Responder Biodetection Capabilities and Needs: Working Meeting Final Report

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Biodetection Technologies Report

- Biodetection Technology Report available FREE on project website: biodetectionresource.pnnl.gov
- Report on smart phone app available soon
- Includes sources of information and lists of peer-reviewed references
- Technologies include:
 - Sampling kits
 - General biological indicator tests:
 - Protein, adenosine tri-phosphate (ATP), and total DNA tests
 - Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR)
 - Specific assays:
 - Protein-based: Immunoassays
 - DNA-based: Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)



Biodetection Technologies for First Responders: 2014 Edition

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March 2014



PROFILE® 1 Kit for Detection of Live Cells General Biological Indicator Test

| Assay | Biological Indicator | LOD* | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| PROFILE® 1 | ATP | See comparable value | | | | | | |
| | | for spores ** | | | | | | |
| * Reported in peer-reviewed reference | | | | | | | | |
| ** Approximately 2000-10,000 spores/mL | | | | | | | | |
| Assay time: ~15 minutes (longer growth times can be used to improve sensitivity) | | | | | | | | |

Basis of Detection: Presence of ATP (requires live. metabolically active biological material); does not distinguish between biothreat and non-threat materials. Required sample preparation? Moderate.

Automatic results display? User interprets numerical

Unit Weight: <1 lb.

Power: 9V battery (1000+ reads) or AC.

Cost: Assay - \$450 (reagents and materials for 100 tests; \$4.50 ea); instrument - \$5000 (includes carrying kit, microluminometer, filtravette, and pipettor).

Additional costs: None.

Assay shelf-life: 12 months from date of manufacture (some reagents require refrigeration).



Biodetection Technologies Under Evaluation



- Goal: Understand instrument performance, limitations, and cost/benefit of detection technologies
- ► **Test samples:** Common hoax powders, *Bacillus anthracis* spores and DNA (including near neighbor DNA), pure and crude ricin preps (~1% toxin)
- General Biological Indicator Tests:
 - Protein
 - BioCheck Powder Screening (20/20)
 - INDIPRO strips (Macherey-Nagel)
 - TASKit BioScreener (Field Forensics)
 - Chemical/Spectroscopic
 - HazMatID 360 FTIR (Smiths Detection)
 - ATP
 - Clean-Trace (3M)
 - PROFILE 1 (New Horizons Diagnostics)
 - DNA
 - Prime Alert (GenPrime)









Biodetection Technologies Under Evaluation



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- Immunoassays and Readers
 - 1-agent BADD assays (AdVnt)
 - 5-agent ProStrips (AdVnt)
 - 5-agent RAID 5 (Alexeter)
 - 8-agent RAID 8 (Alexeter)

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- 1-agent BioDetect Test Strips and Guardian Reader (Alexeter)
- 3-agent and 4-agent NIDS assays and SAR IV Optical Reader (ANP Technologies)
- 8-agent IMASS assay (BBI Detection)
- 1-agent ENVI assays and Bioassay Optical Reader Module (Environics)



- 3-agent Toxin Screen (GenPrime)
- 1-agent SMART II assays (New Horizons)
- 1-agent Zephyr ID System (Path Sensors)
- 1-agent RAMP Test Strips and Optical Reader (Response Biomedical)
- BioThreat Alert Test Strips and Optical Reader (Tetracore)







Biodetection Technologies Under Evaluation

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- Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
 - RAZOR EX (BioFire)
 - FilmArray (BioFire)
 - T-COR 4 (Tetracore)
 - POCKIT (GeneReach USA)







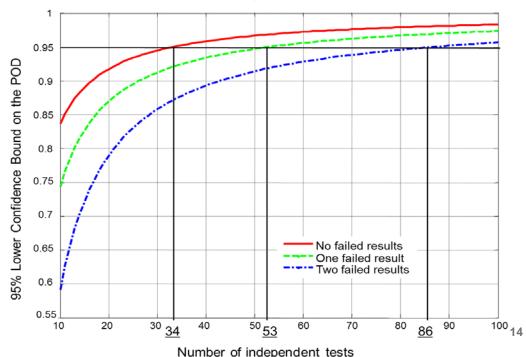




Criteria for Successful Testing

- Criteria
 - Achieve a minimum Probability of Detection (POD) of 0.95 with 95% confidence
- Assumptions
 - DNA testing assumes all inclusivity strains equivalent and all exclusivity strains equivalent
 - White powder testing of high specificity assays assumes all environmental powders are exclusivity samples and provide equivalent information.
 - 34 samples must be tested with no failures
 - 53 samples must be tested with <1 failure
 - 86 samples must be tested with ≤ 2 failures





Hand Portable PCR Platform DNA Test Results



| Instrument | Type of test | # Analyses | Positive | Negative | Overall # of Failed Tests | |
|---------------|----------------------|------------|----------|----------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Inclusivity | 39 | 39 | 0 | 0 | |
| FilmArray | Exclusivity | 36 | 0 | 36 | 0 | Pass |
| | Blank | 18 | 0 | 18 | 0 | |
| | Inclusivity | 39 | 39 | 0 | 0 | |
| RAZOR EX | Exclusivity | 54 | 1 | 53 | 1 | Pass |
| | Blank | 24 | 0 | 24 | 0 | |
| | Inclusivity | 39 | 39 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Exclusivity | 36 | 0 | 36 | 0 | Pass |
| T-COR 4 | Blank | 17 | 0 | 17 | 0 | Pass |
| | Positive Controls | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Inclusivity | 39 | 36 | 3 | 3 | |
| Bio-Seeq PLUS | Exclusivity | 36 | 0 | 36 | 0 | Fail 3 false negative |
| | Blank | 16 | 0 | 15 | 1 | inclusivity samples |
| | Inclusivity | 39 | 39 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2004 | Exclusivity | 60 | 3 | 57 | 3 | Fail |
| POCKIT | Blank | 22 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 3 false positive exclusivity samples |
| | Positive Controls | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 15 |

Immunoassay Test Results with Environmental Powders



| Instrument | # Agents | Type of | # | | # | PASS/ |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------------|-------|--|------------------------|--------------|
| | per Test | Test | Tests | Result/Comments | Positives | FAIL |
| Pro Strips (AdVnt) | 5-agent | Ba and Ricin | 66 | All other signatures negative | 0 | PASS |
| BADD (AdVnt) | 1-agent | Ba and Ricin | 66 | 0 false positives | 0 | PASS |
| RAID 5 (Alexeter) | 5-agent | Ba and Ricin | 66 | All other signatures negative | 0 | PASS |
| RAID 8 (Alexeter) | 5-agent | Ba and Ricin | 66 | All other signatures negative | 0 | PASS |
| BioDetect (Alexeter) | 1-agent | Ва | 66 | 2 false positives each for kaolin with visual and reader | Visual: 2 Reader: 2 | FAIL FAIL |
| BioDetect (Alexeter) | 1-agent | Ricin | 66 | 0 false positives | Visual: 0 Reader: 0 | PASS PASS |
| NIDS (ANP Technologies) | 3-agent | Ba | 66 | All other signatures negative | 0 | PASS |
| NIDS (ANP Technologies) | 4-agent | Ricin | 66 | All other signatures negative | 0 | PASS |
| ENVI (Environics) | 1-agent | Ricin | 66 | All signatures negative | Visual: 0 Reader: 0 | PASS PASS |
| Toxin Screen (GenPrime) | 3-agent | Ricin | 66 | All other signatures negative | 0 | PASS |
| SMART II (New Horizons) | 1-agent | Ba and Ricin | 66 | 0 false positives | 0 | PASS |
| Zephyr (PathSensors) | 1-agent | Ba | 66 | 0 false positives | 0 | PASS |
| RAMP (Response Biomedical) | 1-agent | Ba | 66 | 0 false positives | 0 | PASS |
| RAMP (Response Biomedical) | 1-agent | Ricin | 66 | 0 false positives | 0 | PASS |
| BioThreat Alert (Tetracore) | 1-agent | Ba | 66 | 0 false positives | Visual: 0 Reader: 0 | PASS PASS |
| BioThreat Alert (Tetracore) | 1-agent | Ricin | 66 | Multiple invalid results (no control line) | Visual: 0 Reader: 0 | PASS PASS |

- > Tested 22 environmental powders in triplicate (66 tests).
- > All immunoassays pass evaluation, except the BioDetect for Ba.

Summary of Environmental Powder Results



- Tested 22 environmental powders in triplicate (66 tests)
- ► General biological tests (protein, ATP, DNA, FTIR)
 - As expected, many gave positive results with organic and protein containing powders (frequency of detection: protein > ATP > DNA)
 - Some inorganic powders also tested positive with the general test kits
 - Important for users to understand test limitations for sample screening
- Specific assays test criteria: "Pass" meets minimum probability of no detection of 0.95 with 95% confidence (requires 0 or only 1 false positives for the 66 tests)
- Immunoassay results: Overall low false positive rate
 - Most immunoassays had no false positives and "pass"
 - Only the BioDetect had 2 positives each for the reader and visual assessment and therefore "failed"
 - Need to be careful to follow assay instructions closely
- ► PCR results: Overall low false positive rate
 - Most systems/assays had no false positives and "pass"
 - Only the pXO2 assay on the POCKIT system "failed"
 - One system (T-COR 4) had many control failures



Agent and Toxin Testing of General Tests Protein, ATP, DNA, and FTIR Tests



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Protein Tests ATP Tests DNA Test FTIR INDIPRO Origin/ **Threat** 20/20 **TASKit Strips** Clean-Trace PROFILE-1 **GenPrime HazMatID** Agent Form **BioCheck Bioscreener ATP ATP Prime Alert** 360 Prot. Starch Prot. Hq Native castor NNN +++ +++ +++ +-+ +-+ +++ control mash Native castor NNN +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ Ricin acetone extract Native castor **BBB** acetone protein +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ precipitate **Bacillus** anthracis In-house prep NNN +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ **Sterne spores**

Green: positive test, as desired (all positive tests desired)

- Protein tests and FTIR: all positive for protein, as expected.
- ATP: Clean trace gives all positive; Profile-1 has some negative results for ricin.
- > DNA test: negative results for ricin, and some negative results for Ba.

Agent and Toxin Testing of PCR Systems FilmArray, RAZOR EX, POCKIT, T-COR 4, Bio-Seeq PLUS



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| Threat Agent | Origin/ Form | FilmArray | RAZOR EX 10-Threat and BA-3 | POCKIT | T-COR 4 | Bio-Seeq PLUS |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Native castor control mash | +++ Ricin | +++ Ricin | +++++ Ricin | ++++-^ Ricin | No Ricin Assay Available |
| | Native castor acetone extract | +++ Ricin | ++N^ Ricin | +++++ Ricin | +++**^^ Ricin | No Ricin Assay Available |
| Ricin | Ricin Native castor acetone | +++ Ricin | + Ricin | +++++ Ricin | +++++**^ Ricin | No Ricin Assay Available |
| | Pure Ricin Preparation | Ricin | Ricin | Ricin | Ricin | No Ricin Assay Available |
| Ba Sterne spores | In-house prep | +++ <i>Ba</i> Chrom +++ <i>Ba</i> pX01 | +++ Ba pXO1 (assay 1) +++ Ba pXO1 (assay 2) +^^ Ba pXO2 | +++++ Ba pXO1 | +++++**^ Ba pXO1 | -+- Ba pXO1 |
| Ba Ames spores | Collaborator prep/test | +++++ Ba pXO2 | ++++ Ba pXO2 | +++++ Ba pXO2 | +++++ Ba pXO2 | +++++ Ba pXO2 |

N = No result reported; Inhibition control failure: reaction did not go to completion
**1 or more reactions with low fluorescence

^1 or more control failures ^^Did not appear to be a true amplicon

Green = True Positive

- Positive PCR tests as expected for crude ricin and Ba samples.
- No positive PCR for pure ricin protein (as expected)
- Control/low signal issues with T-COR 4 and some RAZOR EX samples

Summary of Initial Agent and Toxin Data



- Initial tests in at least triplicate with:
 - Bacillus anthracis spores (Ba Sterne or Ba Ames)
 - Ricin
 - 3 crude ricin preps for all tests
 - Pure ricin toxin tested with immunoassays and PCR only
- General screening tests: Results vary with type of test and sample
 - Protein, FTIR, Clean Trace ATP gave all positive results
 - DNA test was negative for most samples, and Profile-1 ATP was negative for most ricin preps
- Immunoassays: All Ba and ricin samples positive as expected
 - Often also have positives for additional signatures for agents not present in the sample
 - Only Pro Strips and RAID 8 tested so far (others in progress)
- PCR: All Ba and crude ricin preps are positive as expected
 - Pure ricin protein is not detected, as expected
- Underway: LOD studies and replicates for evaluating ability to achieve 0.95 POD at 95% confidence

Strategies for Instrument Use for Sample Screening (Potential Examples)



Biodetection Strategy #1

Protein Test → PCR

Biodetection Strategy #2

FTIR → Protein Test → Immunoassay

Biodetection Strategy #3

Protein Test → Immunoassay → PCR

Biodetection Strategy #4

Protein Test → ATP → Immunoassay

Selected strategy depends on both end user needs and constraints and performance of combined detection platforms

PNNL Providing Impact



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- PNNL laboratory testing: cost effective assessment of available commercial technologies
 - Establish LOD, dynamic range, potential for false positive/negative results, and impact of other substances such as common hoax powders
 - Identify technology deficiencies/limitations
 - Evaluate strategies for instrument use
 - Provide objective information and guidance for selection and use of biodetection technology
- Publish and disseminate information
 - Reports, peer-reviewed publications
 - Website, videos, smartphone app, etc.

http://biodetectionresource.pnnl.gov

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Identify & Acquire Technology

Develop Test Plans

Test and Evaluate Technology

Publish Results

Transition to End Users

It Takes A Village!



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Data Set #2: Screening of Environmental Powders



- Goal: understand instrument performance, limitations, and cost/benefit of assays/biodetection platforms
- Test samples:
 - Environmental material and potentially interfering common powders
 - General indicator tests: 10 mg, except
 Profile 1 at 1 mg
 - Immunoassays: 1 mg or 0.1 mg/ml
 - PCR: 0.1 mg/ml in assay buffer

| Environmental Test I | Environmental Test Materials | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Bt powder (Dipel) | Cornstarch | | | | | | |
| Powdered milk | Baking powder | | | | | | |
| Powdered infant formula | Kaolin | | | | | | |
| Powdered coffee creamer | Borax | | | | | | |
| Powdered sugar | Brewer's yeast | | | | | | |
| Talcum powder | MgSO ₄ (Epsom salt) | | | | | | |
| White flour | Powdered toothpaste | | | | | | |
| Baking soda | Popcorn salt | | | | | | |
| Chalk dust (CaCO ₃) | Acetaminophen | | | | | | |
| Chalk dust (MgCO ₃) | Instant pectin | | | | | | |
| Road dust | Miralax | | | | | | |

General Biological Indicator Results Organic Powders



| | | Protein Tests | | | | | ATP T | Tests - | DNA Test | FTIR |
|--------------------|--|---------------|-----|-------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Class of Powder | Powder Type | 20/2 BioCh | | | SKit reener | INDIPRO Strips | Clean-Trace Surface ATP | | Prime Alert | HazMatID 360 |
| | | Prot. | рН | Prot. | Starch | | | | | |
| Organic, | Brewers yeast powder | +++ | NNN | +++ | | +++ | +++ | +++ | +++ | +++ |
| Biological | Dipel dust | | NNN | | | | | +++ | | |
| Organic, | Milk powder | +++ | AAA | +++ | | +++ | +++ | +++ | | +++ |
| Protein- | Infant formula | +++ | AAA | +++ | | +++ | | | | |
| Containing | White flour | +++ | NNN | +++ | ++1 | +++ | +++ | | | +++ |
| | Coffee creamer | | NNN | | | +++ | | + | | |
| | Instant pectin | | NNN | | | ++- | | | | |
| | Acetaminophen | +++ | NNN | +++ | | | | | | |
| Organic, | Powdered sugar | | NNN | | | | | | | |
| No Protein | Corn starch | | NNN | | +++ | | | | | |
| l = Invalid | MiraLAX (Polyethylene glycol 3300) | | NNN | | | | | + | | |

- As expected, many biological indicator tests were positive for organic and protein-containing powder (frequency of detection: protein>ATP>DNA)
- Dipel dust (contains ~1% Bt) was negative for all screening tests except Profile 1 ATP

General Biological Indicator Results Inorganic Powders



| | | Protein Tests | | | | | ATP [*] | Tests | DNA Test | FTIR |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----|-----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Class of Powder | Powder Type | 20/20 BioCheck | | TASKit Bioscreener | | INDIPRO Strips | Clean-Trace ATP | PROFILE 1 ATP | Prime Alert | HazMatID 360 |
| | | Prot. | рН | Prot. | Starch | | | | | |
| | Toothpaste powder | | BBB | | | +++ | | +-+ | | |
| | Baking powder | | BBB | | | +++ | + | | | |
| | Antacid | | NBB | | | +++ | | | | |
| | Baking soda | | BBB | | | +++ | | | | |
| | Epsom salt | ++- | AAN | | | | | -+- | | |
| Inorganic | Gym chalk | + | BBB | | | +++ | | ++- | | |
| | Borax | | BBB | | | | | | | |
| | Talc | | NNN | | | | | + | | |
| | Road dust | | NNN | | | | | -+- | | |
| | Kaolin | | NNN | | | | | | | |
| | Salt | | NNN | | | | | | | |

- > 20/20 and INDIPRO protein tests and the ATP tests gave some positive results
- Bioscreener protein test, GenPrime DNA test, and HazMatID FTIR gave no positives

PCR Test Results with Environmental Powders



| Instrument | Type of Test | # Tests | Result/Comments | # False Positives | PASS/ FAIL |
|--|----------------------------------|---------|---|----------------------|---------------|
| FilmArray (17-agent) | Ba (pXO1, pXO2, chrom) and ricin | 66 | 2 false positives for other signatures | 0 | PASS |
| RAZOR EX BA-3 (Ba only, 3 signatures) | Ba (two pXO1, pXO2) | 66 | 3 "no result" due to control failures | 0 | PASS |
| RAZOR EX 10-Threat (10- threat agents) | Ba (pXO2) and ricin | 66 | All other threat signatures negative | 0 | PASS |
| T-COR 4 | Ba pXO1 | 66 | 6 control failures, but all sample results negative | 0 | PASS |
| T-COR 4 | Ba pXO2 | 66 | 6 control failures, but all sample results negative | 0 | PASS |
| T-COR 4 | Ricin | 66 | 6 control failures, but all sample results negative | 0 | PASS |
| BioSeeq PLUS | Ba pXO1 | 66 | 3 indeterminate sample results | 0 | PASS |
| BioSeeq PLUS | Ba pXO2 | 66 | 1 false positive for Miralax (PEG); 2 indeterminate results | 1 | PASS |
| POCKIT | Ba pXO1 | 66 | No false positives | 0 | PASS |
| POCKIT | Ba pXO2 | 66 | 15 false positives; 1 indeterminate result | 20 | FAIL |
| POCKIT | Ricin | 66 | 1 false positive for coffee creamer | 1 | PASS |

- > FilmArray, RAZOR EX, and Bio-Seeq PLUS: pass exclusivity powder testing
- > T-COR 4: passes exclusivity powder testing, but many system control failures
- > POCKIT: pXO1 and ricin assays pass testing, pXO2 assay fails testing

Agent and Toxin Testing of Immunoassays ProStrips and RAID 8



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| Threat Agent | Origin/ Form | Pro Strips (Ricin) | Pro Strips (<i>Ba</i>) | Pro Strips (Other Signatures) | RAID 8 (Ricin) | RAID 8 (Ba) | RAID 8 (Other Signatures) |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| | Native castor control mash | +++ | +++ | +++ | +++ | | -++ |
| | Native castor acetone extract | +++ | +++ | +++ | +++ | | +++ |
| Ricin | Native castor acetone protein precipitate | +++ | +++ | ++- | +++ | | +++ |
| | Pure Ricin Preparation | +++ | +++ | | +++ | | |
| Bacillus anthracis Sterne spores | In-house prep | | +++ | | | + | + |

Green = True Positive

Red = False Positive

White = True Negative

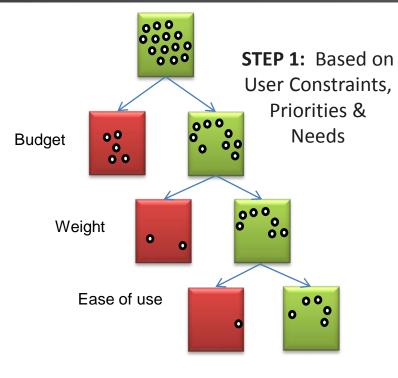
- Pro Strips: Ba positive for Ba sample, as expected; ricin preps (not pure ricin) show positive for ricin and other signatures in addition to ricin
- > RAID 8: Ricin and *Ba* positives as expected; also additional positive for signatures

Strategies for Instrument Selection



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- Assess limitations, ability to achieve probability of detection goal, cost/benefit
- Step 1: Instruments are down-selected from pool based on user-specific needs
- Step 2: Performance comparison/score calculation (per instrument/target) using test results
 - Create a score based on probabilities of 3 incorrect decisions:
 - P(FN)=probability of a false negative
 - P(FP)=probability of a false positive
 - P(NP)=probability of a nuisance alarm
 - Weight these probabilities by:
 - P(TP)=probability of a true positive
 - P(TN)=probability of a true negative=1-P(TP)
 - Score=
 P(FN)*P(TP) + [P(FP) + P(NP)]*P(TN)



STEP 2: Evaluation of Instrument Performance



Score for performance comparison between platforms