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FebriDx®  
AN RPS DIAGNOSTIC SOLUTION

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# FebriDx: Rapid POC test

- Rapid POC test that uses a fingerstick blood sample to aid in the diagnosis and management of patients with Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI)
  1. Diagnose a clinically significant acute respiratory infection
  2. Differentiates viral or bacterial acute respiratory infection
- Detects an elevation of specific blood proteins
  - Myxovirus resistance protein A (MxA) and C-reactive protein (CRP)
- Results in 10 minutes with hands-on procedure in 30 seconds
- FebriDx has the ability to identify a clinically significant immune response with a 99% NPV for bacterial infection
- Differentiates colonization from true systemic infection



# Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI)

- More than 20% of the global population seek care annually for acute respiratory infection (ARI)<sup>1</sup>
- The clinical diagnosis of ARI is challenging
- Diagnostic uncertainty combined with patient pressures influences physicians to prescribe antibiotics for more than **50%** of ARIs,<sup>2-3</sup> despite a common viral etiology
- ***Unnecessary antibiotic prescriptions lead to antibiotic resistance, antibiotic allergies and toxicities, resulting in adverse events and higher costs***
- Lack of early detection and spread of disease
- Rising health care costs

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# Implications of Antibiotic Overuse

- In the EU, antibiotic resistance is responsible for 25,000 deaths per year and 2.5 million extra hospital days<sup>2</sup>
- Adverse drug events (ADEs) caused by antibiotics are responsible for 20% of emergency department visits<sup>1</sup>
- Antibiotic resistance in the EU is estimated to cause an economic loss of €1.5 billion per year<sup>2</sup>
  - ADEs, including anaphylaxis, are estimated to increase hospital costs by €1,521 per patient<sup>3</sup>
  - *C. difficile* infections generate costs of €5-15K per case in the UK and up to €3Billion in Europe per year. Costs expected to double over the next 40 years.<sup>4</sup>



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# Lord O'Neill's Assessment...

- Doctors still **prescribe antibiotics based only on their immediate assessment** of a patient's symptoms, just like they used when antibiotics entered common use in the 1950s
- When a test is used to confirm the diagnosis, it is often **based on a slow technology** that hasn't changed significantly since the 1860's
- There **aren't enough good and rapid tests** to confirm the professional judgement of the doctor
- ...and **the tests** that are available today **are often more expensive than prescribing drugs 'just in case'**

*We need a STEP CHANGE  
in the diagnostic technology available*

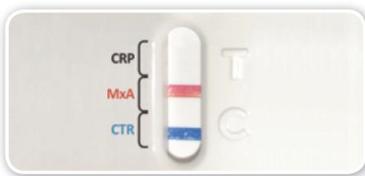
## FEBRIDX TEST PROCEDURE

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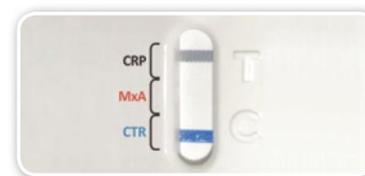
Collect blood sample

Deliver blood sample

Deliver blood solution



Viral infection



Bacterial infection



Viral infection



Negative results

# Technology Utilizing Both MxA and CRP

## MxA<sup>1-4</sup>

- Intracellular blood protein found in lymphocytes which is stimulated by type I interferon
- MxA levels remain low with bacterial infection
- Sensitive and specific marker for viral infection
  - Healthy people have a low concentration [less than 15 ng/ml]<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Fast induction after infection [1-2 hours]<sup>2</sup>
  - Peaks at 16 hours and remains elevated in the presence of elevated interferon<sup>4</sup>
  - Long half-life [2.3 days]<sup>2</sup>

## CRP<sup>5-9</sup>

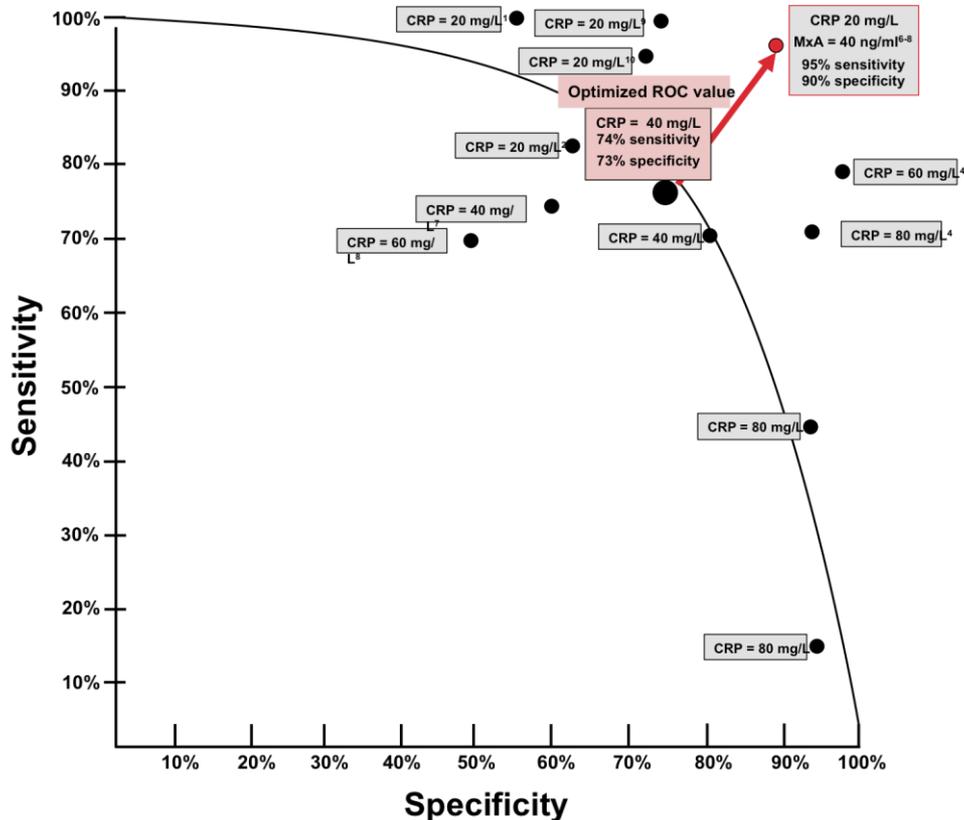
- Acute-phase protein synthesized by the liver
- Nonspecific marker for acute inflammation
- At low levels, CRP is very sensitive but nonspecific at confirming a bacterial infection
- At high levels, CRP becomes very specific for bacterial infection, but has low sensitivity
  - Bacterial infection is a potent stimulus
  - Elevates within 4-6 hours of infection and peaks after 26 hours<sup>6-7</sup>
  - Half-life is 18 hours<sup>6-7</sup>

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**Together, MxA and CRP provide an accurate way to differentiate clinically significant viral from bacterial ARI**

# CRP + MxA Receiver Operator Curve

C-reactive protein (CRP)



■ In isolation, neither MxA nor CRP **independently** is sensitive or specific enough to differentiate viral from bacterial infection

- At low levels, CRP is very sensitive but nonspecific at confirming a bacterial infection
- At high levels, CRP becomes very specific for a bacterial infection but has low sensitivity
- MxA is specific to identify viral infection **only** and is insensitive for the presence of bacterial infection

## A MULTIPLEXED PATTERN OF RESULTS

Combining an MxA value with CRP provides an accurate way to differentiate **clinically significant** viral from bacterial acute respiratory infection.

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# Clinical Performance in Febrile Patients

## A PROSPECTIVE, MULTICENTER CLINICAL EVALUATION OF A RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TEST TO DETECT CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT IMMUNE RESPONSES TO VIRAL AND BACTERIAL ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS

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- Two prospective, multi-center clinical trials
- Major inclusion criteria: age > 1 year, new fever  $\geq 100.5^{\circ}\text{F}$  reported or exhibited within the past 3 days, and new onset of cough or sore throat within the past 7 days
- Major exclusion criteria included use of antibiotics, antiviral agents, interferon therapy, immunosuppressive therapy or a live viral immunization within the past 30 days

Sample size (n)	Fever (hyperthermia)	Clinical diagnosis	Sensitivity [95% CI]	Specificity [95% CI]	PPV [95% CI]	NPV [95% CI]
121 Shapiro et al. <sup>2</sup>	Exhibited on enrollment (100% febrile)	Bacterial	95% [77-100]	94% [88-98]	76% [59-87]	99% [93-100]
		Viral	90% [82-96]	82% [66-92]	91% [84-95]	80% [80-93]
220 Shapiro et al. <sup>2</sup>	Reported within last 3 days (55% febrile)	Bacterial	85% [69-95]	93% [89-96]	69% [56-79]	97% [94-99]
		Viral	90% [83-94]	84% [75-91]	88% [83-92]	86% [78-91]
205 Self et al. <sup>3</sup>	Reported within last 3 days (13% febrile)	Bacterial	80% [61-91]	93% [89-97]	62% [47-79]	97% [94-99]
		Viral	86% [75-94]	88% [76-88]	78% [52-74]	93% [90-97]

Febrile Dx Package Insert. Fever defined as a temperature  $\geq 100.5^{\circ}\text{F}$ ; Inclusion of rhinovirus or coronavirus as a true pathogen and not colonization required confirmation by PCR associated with an elevated WBC, lymphocytosis, bands, or an elevated MxA  $\geq 15$  ng/ml; Sensitivity = Positive Agreement; Specificity = Negative Agreement

Source: Self WH, Rosen J, Sharp SC, Filbin MR, Hou PC et al. Diagnostic Accuracy of Febrile Dx: A Rapid Test to Detect Immune Responses to Viral and Bacterial Upper Respiratory Infections J. Clin. Med. 2017;6: 94. Shapiro N, Self WH, Rosen J, Sharp SC, Filbin MR, Hou PC et al. A Prospective, Multi-Center US Clinical Trial to Determine Accuracy of Febrile Dx Point-of-Care Testing for Acute Upper Respiratory Infections With and Without a Confirmed Fever 2018. Submitted

### Reference Tests

#### Viral testing

- BioFire respiratory PCR panel
  - Influenza A/B, Adenovirus, RSV, Parainfluenza, Metapneumovirus
  - Rhinovirus and Coronavirus associated with elevated MxA ELISA
- Additional PCR testing for HSV and CMV
- Serum Epstein-Barr IgM/IgG

#### Bacterial testing

- BioFire respiratory PCR panel
  - Chlamydia pneumoniae, mycoplasma pneumoniae, Bordetella pertussis
- PCR for Fusobacterium and Neisseria
- Throat culture

#### Laboratory testing

- Procalcitonin
- White blood cell count (WBC)

# UK Outcome Study 2017 Results

## Introduction

- A retrospective chart review was performed on 21 patients that presented to an outpatient general practice with symptoms of an acute respiratory tract infection and were administered the FebriDx test

## Results

- Mean age of 46.3 years, ranging in age from 3 years to 84 years old
- Clinical diagnoses of nonspecific upper respiratory tract infection (URTI) and lower respiratory tract infection (LRTI)
- One patient discharged from a hospital with a presumed viral infection but confirmed bacterial sepsis with FebriDx
- **FebriDx altered clinical management in 48% (10/21) and reduced unnecessary antibiotic prescriptions in 80% (8/10)**
- **All of the patients demonstrated full clinical recovery without additional unscheduled medical consultations or subsequent newly initiated antibiotic prescriptions**

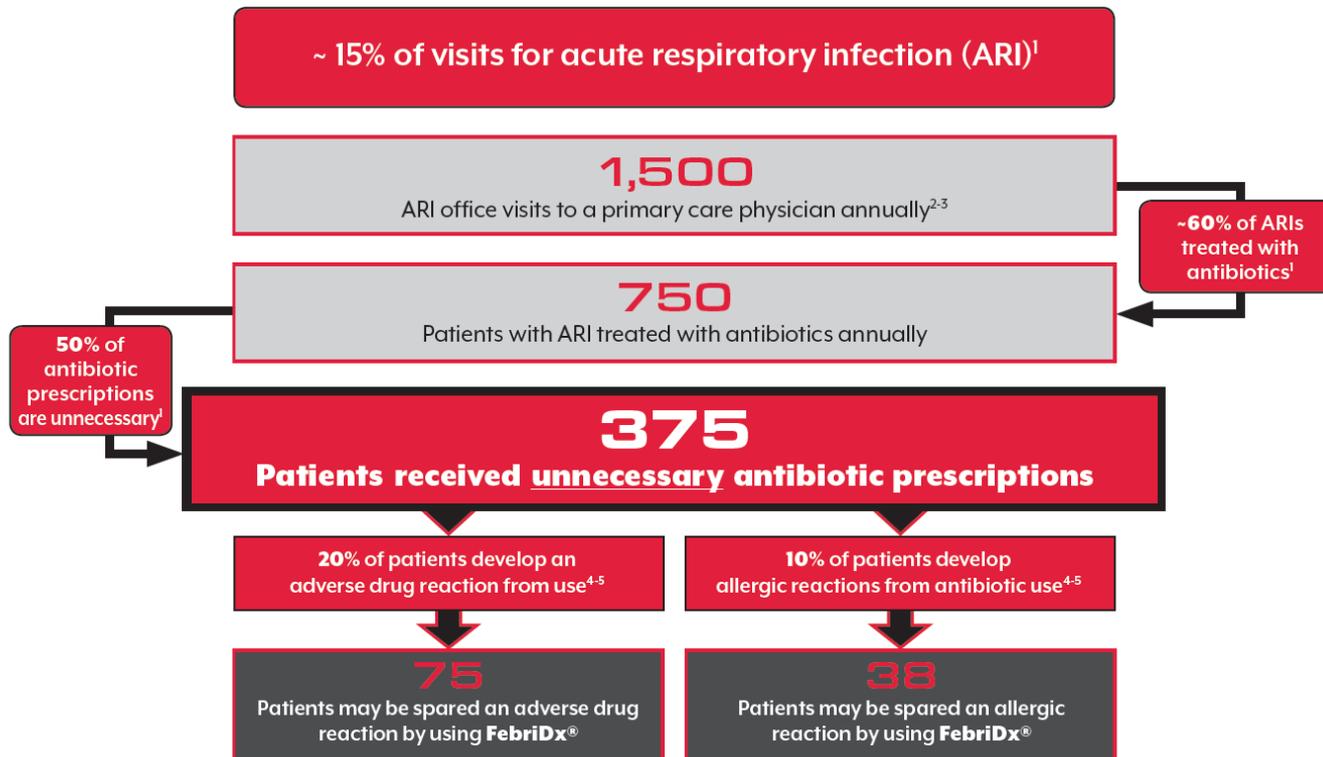
## Conclusion

- Point-of-Care (POC) diagnostic testing may help primary care general practitioners cost-effectively manage patients presenting with clinical evidence of an acute febrile respiratory tract infection
- FebriDx test results improved clinical management decisions and resulted in a reduction in antibiotic therapy without any subsequent adverse events



# Patient Benefit Model

## FEBRIDX PATIENT BENEFIT ASSUMPTION MODEL\*



\*Numbers are estimates and refer to annual prevalence.

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# Out Patient management of ARI

## PATIENT PRESENTS WITH SYMPTOMS AND SIGNS OF ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTION

(Primary care offices, urgent care centers, pharmacies, government [biodefense, border and migration control])

### SYMPTOMS AND SIGNS

Sore throat, cough, runny nose/nasal congestion, ear ache, difficulty breathing, sinus pressure, fatigue, chills, malaise, anorexia; Tonsillar erythema/swelling, lymphadenopathy, sinus tenderness, rhonchi, rales, wheezes, increased respiratory rate, reduction in O<sub>2</sub> saturation

**Fever**

**FebriDx**

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Differential Diagnostic Testing (fingerstick blood sample)

### NEGATIVE



**NO antibiotics required**  
**Supportive care**  
**Over-the-counter medications**  
(cough suppressant, pain relievers, inhaler, nasal decongestant, etc.)

If no improvement in 48 hours, consider re-evaluation

Consider repeating FebriDx if symptoms persist or worsen

### VIRAL INFECTION



**NO antibiotics required**  
**Consider watchful waiting and supportive care**  
**Over-the-counter medications**

### BACTERIAL INFECTION



**Antibiotics recommended**

**If no clinical improvement in 48 hours, consider changing antibiotic therapy**

**Consider additional lab tests**  
Bacterial throat, sputum, or blood cultures

# Rapid Point-of-Care Triage Solution

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- ① Identify clinically significant acute respiratory infection in 10 minutes
- ② Differentiate viral from bacterial etiology  
✓ 99% NPV for bacterial infection\*
- ③ Differentiate systemic infection from colonization/carrier state



**Improving antibiotic stewardship  
in the healthcare setting**

\*NPV – negative predictive value is the probability that subjects with a negative screening test truly don't have the disease