## Improving Point-of-Need Detection with LAMP:

## FROM SNP ANALYSIS TO SENSITIVE PATHOGEN DETECTION



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## Nanodiagnostic platform



Integrated, smart, low-cost, and rapid assays/sensors for on field and pointof-care diagnostics.

Specific areas of applications span from clinical diagnostics (cancer, genetic, and infectious diseases) to food safety and traceability, and environmental control (pathogens, pollutants and contaminants).

This research line is based on hybrid detection strategies:

- green and controlled synthesis of nanomaterials
- surface (bio)chemistry
- plasmon non-linear response
- nanozymes
- biotechnology and molecular biology



LAMP-based GENETIC TESTING



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### Loop-mediated isothermal amplification of DNA

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- Outstanding reaction for DNA and RNA amplification, with broad and multifaceted capabilities
- Robustness and accessibility

Mastering design to maximize the elevated LAMP performances



Pirelli's iconic slogan

## Our Solution:

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## "Lyo-LAMP"

Unleashing LAMP potential with our expertise!

## **Today's Topics**





	Our ans	swer: "Lyo-LAMP"
Section 2	1.	Lyo-LAMP identity card
	2.	Deep dive into Lyo-LAMP
	3.	Applications and perspectives



#### The answer is in the name





### Exploring the LAMP mechanism – things to keep in mind



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#### Exploring the LAMP mechanism – things to keep in mind



- 1. dynamic equilibrium of the dsDNA target at 60-65 °C
- 2. DNA polymerase with high strand-displacement activity
- 3. two priming sites for each stem-loop structure:





**STAGE 1**: production of the starting material

**STAGE 2**: auto-cycling strand-displacement amplification/elongation step





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#### **DUMBELL-LIKE STRUCTURE**



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#### artificial ssDNA target

**STAGE 2**: auto-cycling strand-displacement amplification/elongation step



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3. annealing loop primer/loop



**STAGE 2**: auto-cycling strand-displacement amplification/elongation step



- Multiple amplification sites
- Loop unfolding-refolding
- Strand-displacement activity

Exponential Auto-cycling Amplification

- Alternatively inverted repetitions of the target \_\_\_\_\_ Agarose gel
- Cauliflower-like structures

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Nagamine et al, Molecular and cellular probes, 2002

## What are LAMP's strengths?



	<b>PCR</b> the precision powerhouse for lab- based quantification	LAMP the speedy and hassle for on-the-spot diag	e-free tool (nostics		
Temperature	Thermal cycles	Isotherma	ι		
Equipment	Expensive thermal cycler	Minimal instrume	entation	$\rightarrow$	Cost-effective
Robustness	Sensitive to inhibitor	Highly tolerant to i	nhibitors	$\rightarrow$	Simplified extraction protocols
Amplification efficiency	10^6	10^9–10^1	0		Greater yield
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		High-performing LAMP		
SPEED	> 1 hour	7 - 40 mins		Faster time-to-results
SENSITIVITY	10-100 copies/reaction	1-3 copies/reaction	$\rightarrow$	Greater sensitivity
SPECIFICITY	2 primers x 2 target regions	4-6 primers x 6-8 target regions		Greater specificity

## Which challenges do we face with high-performing LAMP?





Overall assay performance:

- sensitivity (false negative %)
- specificity (false positive %)
- reaction rate
- reliability/reproducibility

2. Mix composition

4. Extraction protocol

Detection of challenging DNA markers (as SNPs)

Chemical and thermodynamic requirements

- Specific detection
- Undetectable background
- Avoid non-specific binding and primer dimers

Overall assay performance

- Efficient warm-start polymerase
- Lyo-compatible

3. Risk for carryover contaminations

The assay must include a system against cross-contaminations

Simple, fast and LAMP-compatible

Need for extensive expertise in primer design



## A **high-performing LAMP** can be particularly suitable for

Genetic	testing
Point-of-care	High-throughput
Rapid testing at the point of need (centralized or decentralized settings)	Continuous and large-scale screenings
<ul> <li>Fast turnaround time</li> <li>User-friendly</li> <li>Affordability</li> <li>Portability</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Scalability</li> <li>High sample capacity</li> <li>Automation</li> <li>Reproducibility</li> </ul>

#### Main requirements for POC and HT testing design:

- **Chemistry**: fast and reliable, no cross-contaminations, inhibitor tolerance
- Workflow: short and easy
- **Supply Chain**: low-cost components with high performance, scalability, room storage
- Instrumentation: wide equipment availability, costeffectiveness





Expertise in LAMP technology



## Medix Biochemica

Expertise in enzyme engineering and lyophilization

# Our Answer: **"Lyo-LAMP"**

High-performing LAMP

in Lyophilized format

for molecular diagnostic solutions



Smart



**User-Friendly** 



**Business-Friendly** 

## "Lyo-LAMP" – Identity card





Smart

All-inclusive solutions -

High-performing LAMP —

Lyophilized format

DNA extraction & amplificationCustomized primer set

- High sensitivity and specificity
- Fast results

RT-shipping and storage, with long-term stability



**User-Friendly** 

Highly tolerable test

Easy-to-use

Minimal instrumentation required



**Business-Friendly** 

**Cost-effective** 

Alternative solutions to the limits of traditional methods

Scalable

Custom on-demand



"Lyo-LAMP" is suitable for the detection of different **DNA markers**, such as:

• Species-specific genes



- SNP-genotyping (Single nucleotide polymorphism)
- InDel-genotyping (insertion-deletion)





## **Targets:**

- Human genome
- Farm-animal and pet genome
- Microorganism genome (bacteria, parasites, virus)
- Food

## Applications

- Infectious diseases
- Genetic predisposition and susceptibility
- Pharmacogenetics and nutrigenetics
- Food safety and traceability
- Environmental monitoring (water, biosolids, waste-water)
- Bio-terrorism

## **Deep dive into "Lyo-LAMP" – 3 simple POC-compliant steps**



## Sampling

Different (target-depending) sample types, non-invasive procedures

#### Human and veterinarian samples



saliva – buccal/nasal swab - fingerprick

#### Food and beverages samples





## Sampling



## Streamlined protocol for DNA extraction

Thermo-chemical (sample-depending) DNA extraction

- Ready-to-use extraction solution with RT storage
- Simple heater required
- A few simple operating steps



No DNA purification!

Total processing time: 5-10 mins!





## Deep dive into "Lyo-LAMP" – Customized lyo-bead technology





- Pre-dispensed LAMP mix in freeze-dried spheres (1 bead = 1 reaction)
- Specific customized primer set design



#### Salmonella enterica



- Ready-to-use
- Customized for our tests (optimized bead composition)
- Long-term stability, room temperature shipping and storage
- Scale-up production



## **Real-Time SNP and InDel-Genotyping**

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#### SNPs (single nucleotide polymorphism)

genetic point mutations, that recur with a frequency of at least 1% in a species population

#### InDels (insertion-deletion polymorphism)

indels can be small, involving just a few base pairs, or larger, spanning several base pairs



#### **Ideal marker**

SNPs are involved in development and progression of different diseases, in the genetic susceptibility and predisposition to specific conditions, in pharmacogenetics, in varietal discrimination, etc.



Challenging marker

- Complex and expensive procedures
- High background signal
- High-quality DNA samples

#### Traditional methods

e.g. microarrays, PCR-RFLP, TaqMan assays, Next-generation sequencing...







## **Real-Time SNP-Genotyping with "Lyo-LAMP": The Detection Strategy**





## **Real-Time SNP-Genotyping with "Lyo-LAMP": Illustrative Workflow**





## Real-Time SNP and InDel-Genotyping with "Lyo-LAMP": Test Panel



Target	Marker type	Sample	Application
MCM6 gene	13910 C>T (SNP)	buccal swab	Lactose intolerance
MTHFR gene	677 C>T (SNP)	buccal swab	Hyperhomocysteinemia and folate level
CYP2C19*2	681 G>A (SNP)	buccal swab	Antiplatelet drug (clopidogrel) metabolism
CYP2C19*3	636 G>A (SNP)	buccal swab	Antiplatelet drug (clopidogrel) metabolism
ACEgene	rs4340 in287 (InDel)	buccal swab	Salt sensitivity
MDR1 gene (dog)	nt230 del4 (InDel)	buccal swab	P-gp dependent drugs toxicity



Genetic Predisposition to Lactose Intolerance

**Opportunity for customizable targets!** 



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## **Food Fraud and Traceability**

## Food Fraud and Traceability with "Lyo-LAMP": Test Panel



Target	DNA marker	Matrix	Sensitivity	Application
Triticum aestivum (common wheat) vs Triricum durum (durum wheat)	species-specific gene	wheat	0.3% adulteration	species discrimination
Durum wheat «aureo» variety vs durum wheat «non aureo» varieties	SNP on Chr7A	wheat	10% adulteration	varietal discrimination



Varietal Discrimination



**Routine Quality Controls** 



## 3 Microorganism Detection

## Microorganism detection with "Lyo-LAMP": Test Panel



Target	Matrix/sample	Application
Escherichia coli	tap water milk	water contamination bovine mastitis
Legionella pneumophila	tap water	water contamination
Aeromonas hydrophila	tap water	water contamination
Salmonella enterica	biosolids	biosolids contamination
Enterococcus faecium	tap/waste water	water contamination
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	milk	bovine mastitis
Streptococcus pneumoniae	nasal swab	sinusitis
Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA vs. MSSA)	nasal swab	sinusitis
Clostridium tyrobutyricum (spores)	milk	cheese spoilage
Mycobacterium tuberculosis	saliva	tuberculosis
Plasmodium spp.	finger prick	malaria



#### Reaction time: 10-20 mins Sensitivity: 2-10 copies/reaction



#### **Opportunity for customizable targets!**









## Conclusions



Lyo-LAMP

### High-performing LAMP in Lyophilized format



С	SAMPLE matrix and volume
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S	Technology FLEXIBILITY
t O	<ul> <li>Challenging targets (SNP)</li> <li>Ultrasensitivity detection (e.g., microorganisms)</li> </ul>
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If you are interested in collaborating, we would be excited to hear from you!

Amplify Diagnostics With Lyo-LAMP, your partner in Point-of-Care Excellence!





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