Laboratory evaluation of immunochromatographic rapid diagnostic tests for cholera in Haiti

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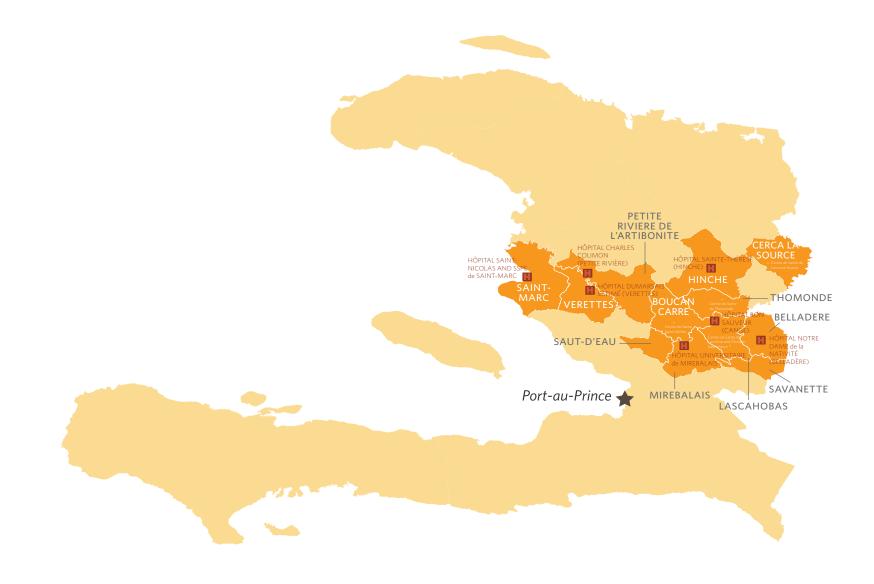
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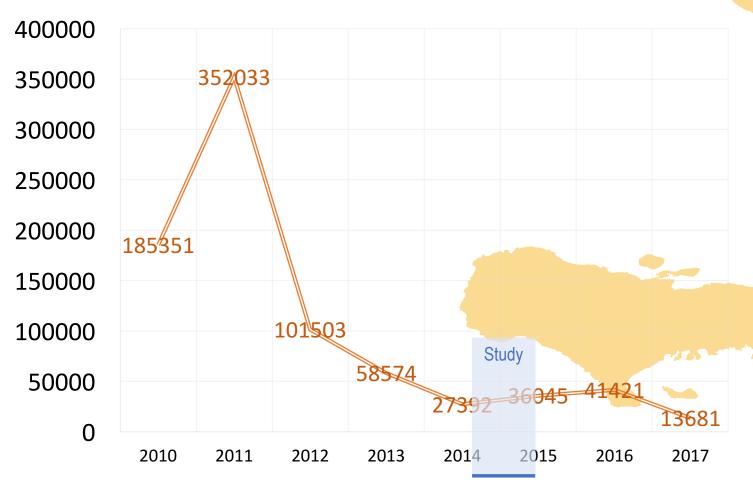


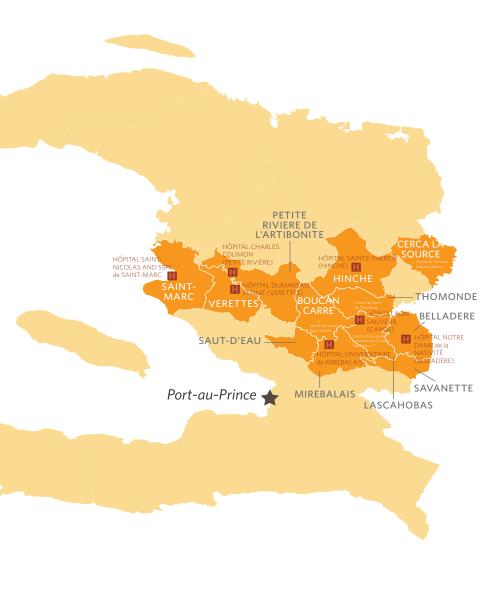
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Crystal VC Dipstick

Span Diagnostics, Ltd., India

Sensitivity: 88 – 100%

Specificity : 61 – 87.3%



Artron *Vibrio Cholerae* O139 and O1 Combo Test

Artron Laboratories. Inc., Canada

Sensitivity: 99%

Specificity: 99%

Never field tested



SD Bioline Cholera Ag O1/O139

RDT Standard Diagnostics Inc., South Korea Sensitivity: 95.4%

Specificity: 94.1%

Never field tested



Study Design

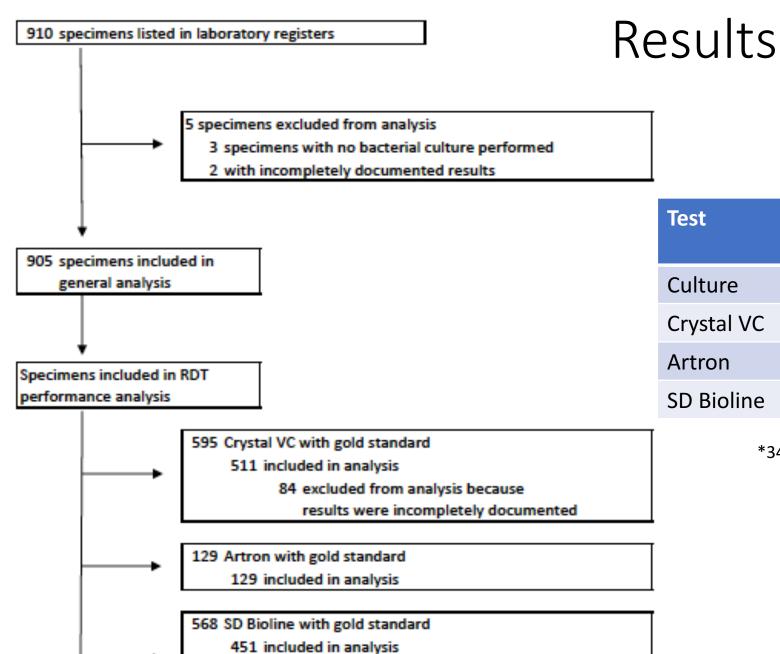
- Retrospective review of ordinarily collected laboratory surveillance records
- May 2014 to October 2015
- Cases acute watery diarrhea
- Rapid diagnostic testing
- Bacterial culture
 - · processed immediately, or
 - stored in Cary Blair (Becton, Dickinson and Co., Maryland, USA) transport medium at 2-8C and processed within a week.
- Trained laboratory technicians

Alkaline Peptone Water (APW) May, 2014 - May, 2015

 plated directly onto TCBS without enrichment in APW.

End May - Oct, 2015

 enriched in APW for 6 hours prior to plating on TCBS



117 excluded from analysis because

tests were used past expiration date

Test	Total	Positive	Negative	Positivity Rate
Culture	905	477*	428	52.7%
Crystal VC	511	347	164	67.9%
Artron	129	90	39	69.8%
SD Bioline	451	212	239	47.0%

*345 Ogawa (72.3%); 132 Inaba (27.7%)

RDT Performance Characteristics for *V. cholerae* O1

Test	Sensitivity	Specificity			
	[95% CI]	[95% CI]			
Crystal VC	98.6% (96.5 –99.6%)	71.1% (64.7 – 76.9%)			
Artron	98.6% (92.7 – 100.0%)	69.1% (55.2 – 80.9%)			
SD Bioline	81.1% (75.6 – 85.8%)	92.8% (88.4 – 95.9%)			

RDT Performance Characteristics for *V. cholerae* O1

Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive Predictive Value	Negative Predictive Value		
	[95% CI]	[95% CI]	[95% CI]	[95% CI]		
Crystal VC	98.6% (96.5 –99.6%)	71.1% (64.7 – 76.9%)	81.3% (76.8 – 85.2%)	97.6% (93.9 – 99.3%)		
Artron	98.6% (92.7 – 100.0%)	69.1% (55.2 – 80.9%)	81.1% (71.5 – 88.6%)	97.4% (86.5 – 99.9%)		
SD Bioline	81.1% (75.6 – 85.8%)	92.8% (88.4 – 95.9%)	92.9% (88.6 – 96.0%)	80.8% (75.2 – 85.6%)		

O139 False Positives Crystal VC and Artron RDTs

- Crystal VC RDT
 - **511** total tests
 - **129** O1, O139 (25.2%)
 - **26** O139 (5.1%)
- Artron RDT
 - **129** total tests
 - **9** O1, O139 (7.0%)
 - **3** O139 (2.3%)
- No O139 Positive bands were detected with SD Bioline RDT
- Only 1 Vibrio cholerae O139 had been isolated in Haiti



Conclusions

- Limitations
 - Retrospective
 - Culture as gold standard
- Performance characteristics of Crystal VC, Artron, and SDBioline RDTs are suboptimal
 - Use in outbreak identification
 - Use in formal surveillance activities
- Frequent false O139 positives with Crystal VC and Artron RDTs

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Supporting Table 1. Positivity Rates for Bacterial Culture and 3 RDTs for detection of *V. cholerae* O1.

	Without APW enrichment				With APW enrichment			Grouped				
Test	Total	Positive	Negative	Positivity	Total	Positive	Negative	Positivity	Total	Positive	Negativ	Positivity
				Rate (%)				Rate (%)			е	Rate (%)
Culture	450	234	216	52.0	455	243	212	53.4	905	477	428	52.7
VC	349	239	110	68.5	162	108	54	66.7	511	347	164	67.9
Art	9	5	4	55.6	120	85	35	70.8	129	90	39	69.8
SD	428	204	224	47.7	23	8	15	34.8	451	212	239	47.0

Supporting Table 2. Number of Specimens tested by different combinations of RDTs.

*VC = Crystal VC; SD = SD Bioline; Art = Artron

VC	VC + SD	VC + Art	VC + SD + Art	SD	SD + Art	Art
19	363	120	9	79	0	0

 Isolation on TCBS, biochemical testing with oxidase and string test, serological confirmation with O1/O139 and Ogawa/Inaba antisera