Implications of quantification in TB molecular diagnosis



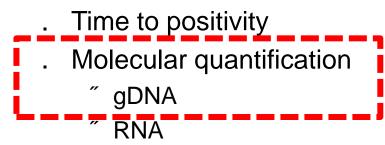




Novel materials and methods for the detection, **trac**eable monitoring and evaluation of antimicrobial resistan<mark>c</mark>e

Quantification of Mtb load in Tuberculosis to guide prognosis and predictive monitoring

- Strong requirement for biomarker(s) to assist treatmentInforming treatment of individual
- Useful in evaluating new therapies/regimensSpeeding up analysis of outcome (smear . ve after 2 months)
- Quantitative assessment of microbial load investigated
 - . Smear positivity grading
 - . Colony forming units





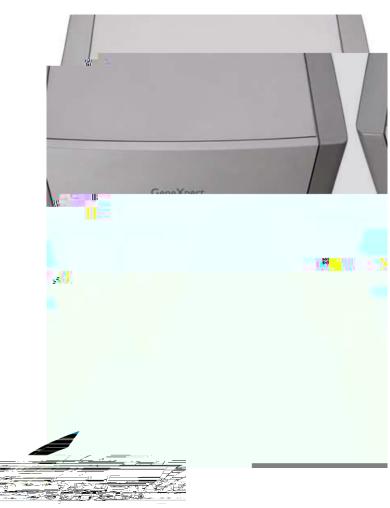


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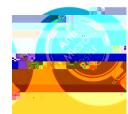




Xpert RIF/MTB







Quantification?

Xpert RIF/MTB







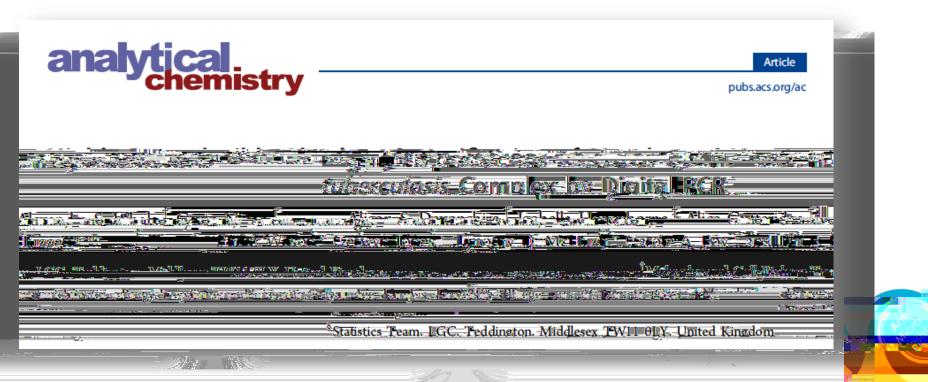
Inter laboratory study to investigate

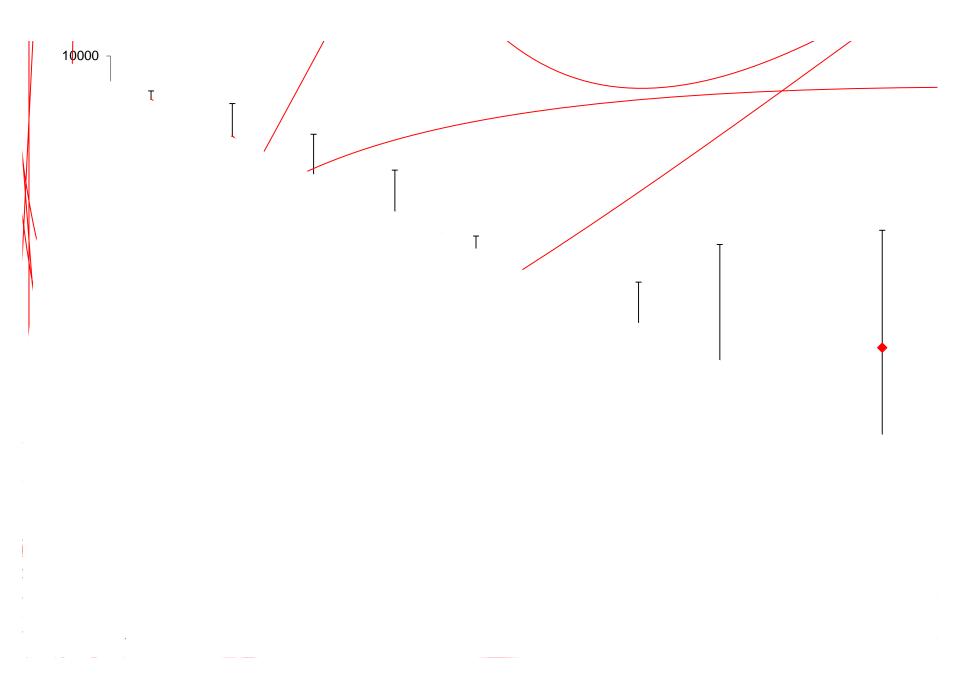
- The technical error of molecular quantification of Mtb (independent of the patient)
- Quantitative reproducibility
 - . Methods (qPCR, Xpert MTB/RIF)
 - . Laboratories
- Potential role of EQA materials for quantification of Mtb using molecular methods

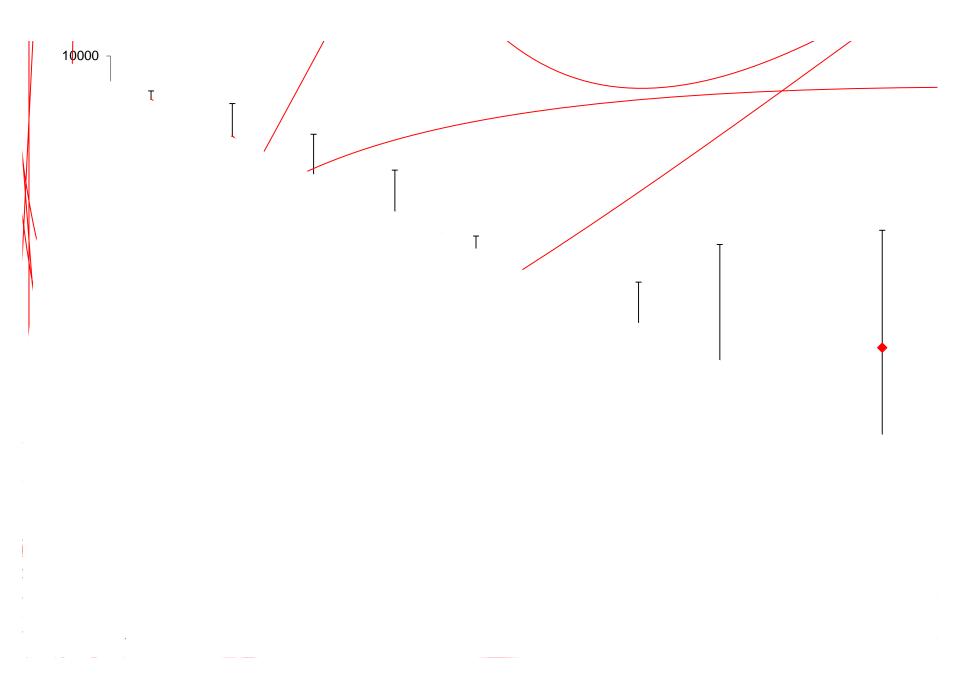


Inter-laboratory comparison

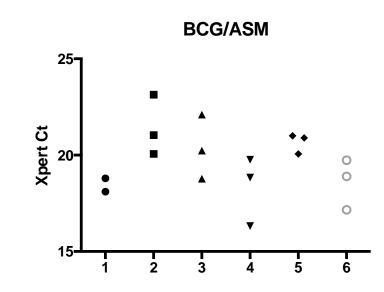
- Materials sent to eight clinical laboratories (3 vials of each)
 - Three perform qPCR
 - . Six perform Xpert RIF/MTB
- 8 Laboratories

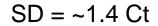






One way anova to estimate within and between laboratory SD. Rough estimate of precision





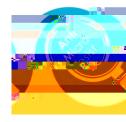


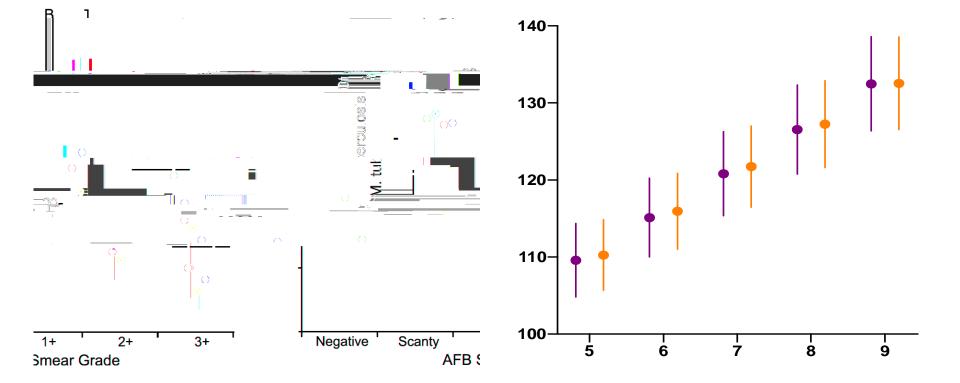


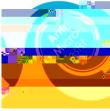
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