

It takes more than just a single target

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THE CHALLENGES YOU FACE EVOLVE. SO STAY ONE STEP AHEAD.

As the challenges you face evolve...

HIV mutates

“No HIV-1 mutation can be considered to be neutral”¹

- Growing evidence indicates all HIV subtypes may be prone to errors; posing enormous challenges to viral load monitoring.²
- HIV-1 diversity is increasing and recombinants of greater complexity are being created.^{1,3}
 - Produces 10^{10} virions / day.⁴
 - Creates a polymorphism every 2,000–5,000 nucleotides.⁴
- Drug pressure and polymorphisms can lead to RT-PCR inefficiency.^{2,3,5-7}
- Mismatches and mutations unseen by single target assays can lead to underquantification.^{3,6}

Underquantification can have major clinical repercussions; delaying the detection of drug resistance^{2,3}



Treatments evolve

Newer classes of medications change treatment regimens

- European, US and International guidelines recommend integrase inhibitors for 1st line therapy.^{8,9, 25}
- In 2012, the use of raltegravir increased 25%.¹⁰
- The integrase gene is an attractive target for drug development.¹¹
 - Raltegravir is approved for global use.
 - Elvitegravir is approved for use in the US and is under review in Europe.
 - Dolutegravir under regulatory review in the US, Europe, and Japan.
 - Additional compounds are in development.

Drug resistance remains a central problem

- Associated with all antiretrovirals, including integrase inhibitors.¹²⁻¹⁵
- Over 42 mutations are associated with resistance to raltegravir.^{16,17}

Selective pressure on a drug target has the potential to compromise treatment efficacy¹¹

So does Roche and the support we provide.

Two targets

“Represents an important step forward”⁵

- Targeting two regions improves genotype inclusivity, detects HIV-1 variants and potentially avoids underquantification.^{5,6,18}
 - 30 samples not quantified by the single target assay were quantified by the Roche dual target HIV-1 assay.⁵
 - The single target comparator assay quantified 19% of samples significantly lower than the Roche dual target HIV-1 assay.³
- Amplification of a less ideal target region might explain discrepancies already observed in the literature.^{3,5,6,18}

Accurately quantifying HIV-1 RNA with a dual target assay contributes to optimal treatment decisions for patient management^{2,5,18,19}



Superior sensitivity

“Evolution of viral resistance can occur in the setting of low-level viremia”^{8,11}

- Two clinical trials and a cohort analysis detected new resistance mutations in 37% and 65% respectively of patients who had developed persistent low-level viremia.^{8,20,21}
- Viremia between 20-49 RNA copies/mL have been associated with higher baseline viral load and less time on ART.^{22,23}
- Quantifying HIV-1 viremia between 20-49 copies/mL may have value.^{19,22}

Sensitive assays provide insight into disease awareness, assist in research eradication efforts, and may lead to improvements in disease management for patients living with the HIV-1 virus^{3,18}

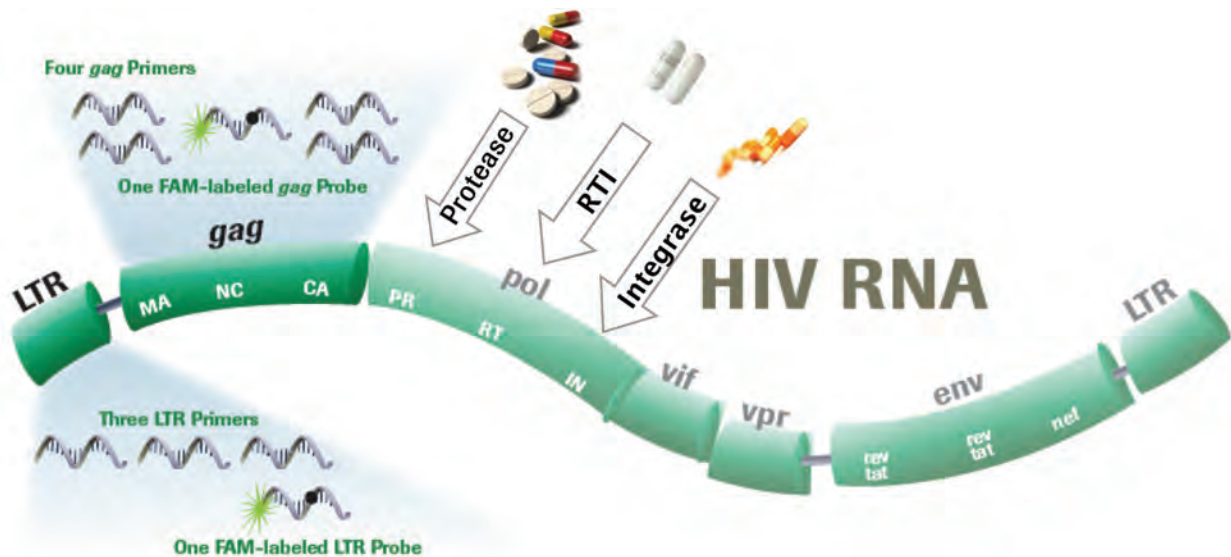


Stay one step ahead

With the COBAS® AmpliPrep/COBAS TaqMan® HIV-1 Test v2.0 and the COBAS TaqMan® HIV-1 Test, v2.0 for use with the High Pure System*

Performance for today; prepared for tomorrow

It takes more than just a single target to stay ahead of HIV-1. A diversified approach includes multiple safeguards, such as a dual target and increased sensitivity, providing confidence in test results for patients living with the HIV-1 virus^{2,5,22-24}



*This test is intended for use in conjunction with clinical presentation and other laboratory markers of disease progress for the clinical management of HIV-1 infected patients. The test can be used to assess patient prognosis by measuring the baseline HIV-1 RNA level or to monitor the effects of antiretroviral therapy by measuring changes in EDTA plasma HIV-1 RNA levels during the course of antiretroviral treatment.



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