

A novel phenotypic assay for rapid antibiotic susceptibility testing direct on patient urine samples with high diagnostic accuracy

KAIROS™: A rapid infection detection and simultaneous antibiotic susceptibility testing platform, comprising a stand-alone device and proprietary test cartridges for use at the point-of-care

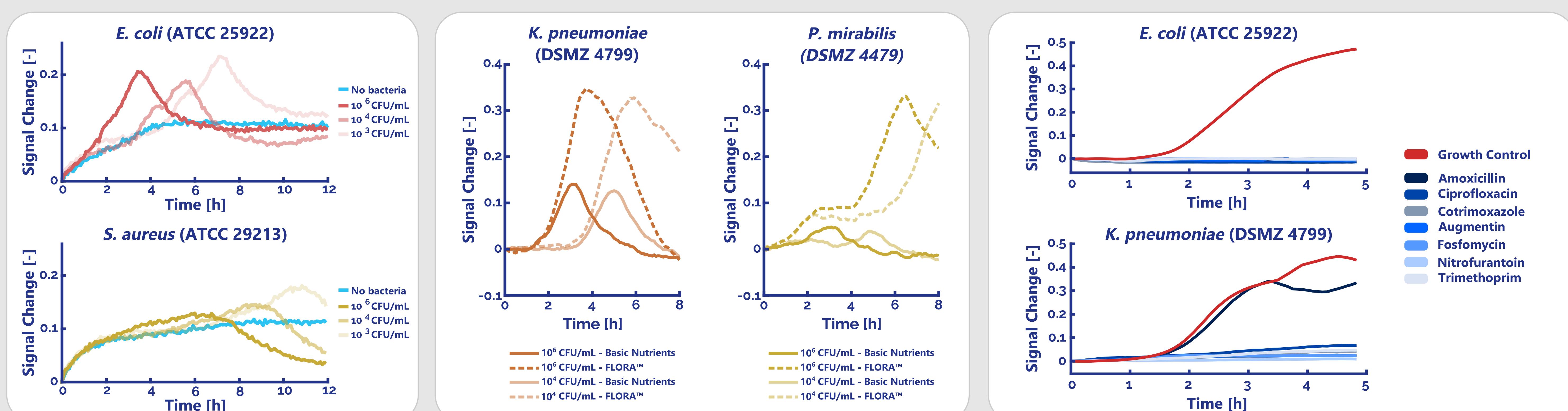


KAIROS™ cartridges comprise multiple chambers, each containing proprietary FLORA™ reagents to expedite bacterial metabolism.

The KAIROS™ platform uses stand-alone analysers and one-time use cartridges, while its modular design provides flexibility for all point-of-care settings.

The KAIROS™ workflow requires seconds of hands-on time, and is direct from sample. Simply transfer the urine sample into the cartridge and place it in the analyser.

Using reference bacterial isolates, the platform was optimised and a proof-of-concept was demonstrated

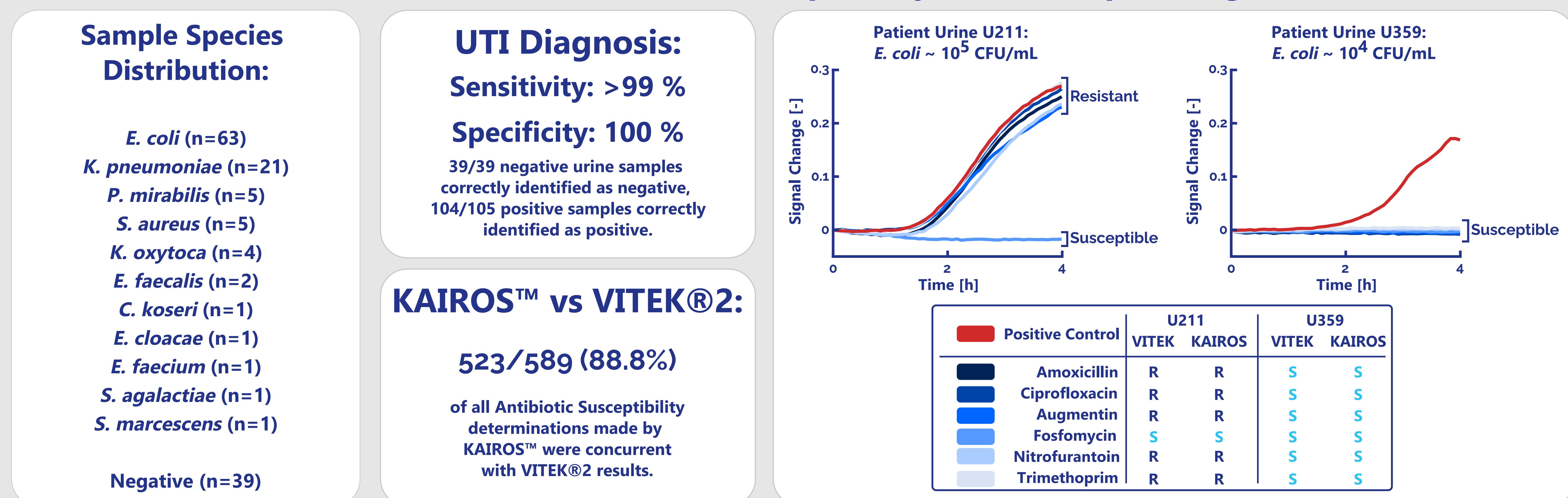


1. Bacterial metabolism of ATCC reference bacteria was monitored in Mueller-Hinton Broth using a common spectrophotometer, as a successful proof-of-concept.

2. To enhance the chemical sensor signal, FLORA™ was developed to stimulate specific metabolic pathways, resulting in a >2-fold increase in signal when measured using a common spectrophotometer.

3. Incorporating FLORA™ reagents into KAIROS™ cartridges, and monitoring the signal with KAIROS™ analysers, the susceptibility or resistance of the reference bacteria to each tested antibiotic was correctly identified.

A clinical study (n=144) of hospital patient urine samples revealed UTI Diagnostic Accuracy >99% with an >88% correlation of Antibiotic Susceptibility when compared against VITEK®2



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