

# HIV Diagnostics and Testing Update

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# US Preventive Services Task Force

- 2005 Recommendation for HIV screening:
  - All pregnant women - Grade A
  - Persons at increased risk for HIV – Grade A
  - Persons not at increased risk – Grade C
  
- 2012 Draft Recommendation statement
  - Adolescents and adults ages 15 to 65 years – Grade A
  - All pregnant women – Grade A

*<http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/draftrec.htm>*

# Why USPSTF Grades Matter

## ■ Health Care Reform:

### *SEC. 2713. COVERAGE OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.*

(a) IN GENERAL.—A group health plan and a health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage shall, at a minimum, provide coverage for and shall not impose any cost sharing requirements for—

- (1) evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of ‘A’ or ‘B’ in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force;



# **HIV Tests Recently Approved by the FDA**

# INSTI

- FDA-approved  
November 29, 2010
- CLIA-waived  
July 23, 2012
- Whole blood, serum, or  
plasma
- Results < 1 minute



**Perform fingerstick**

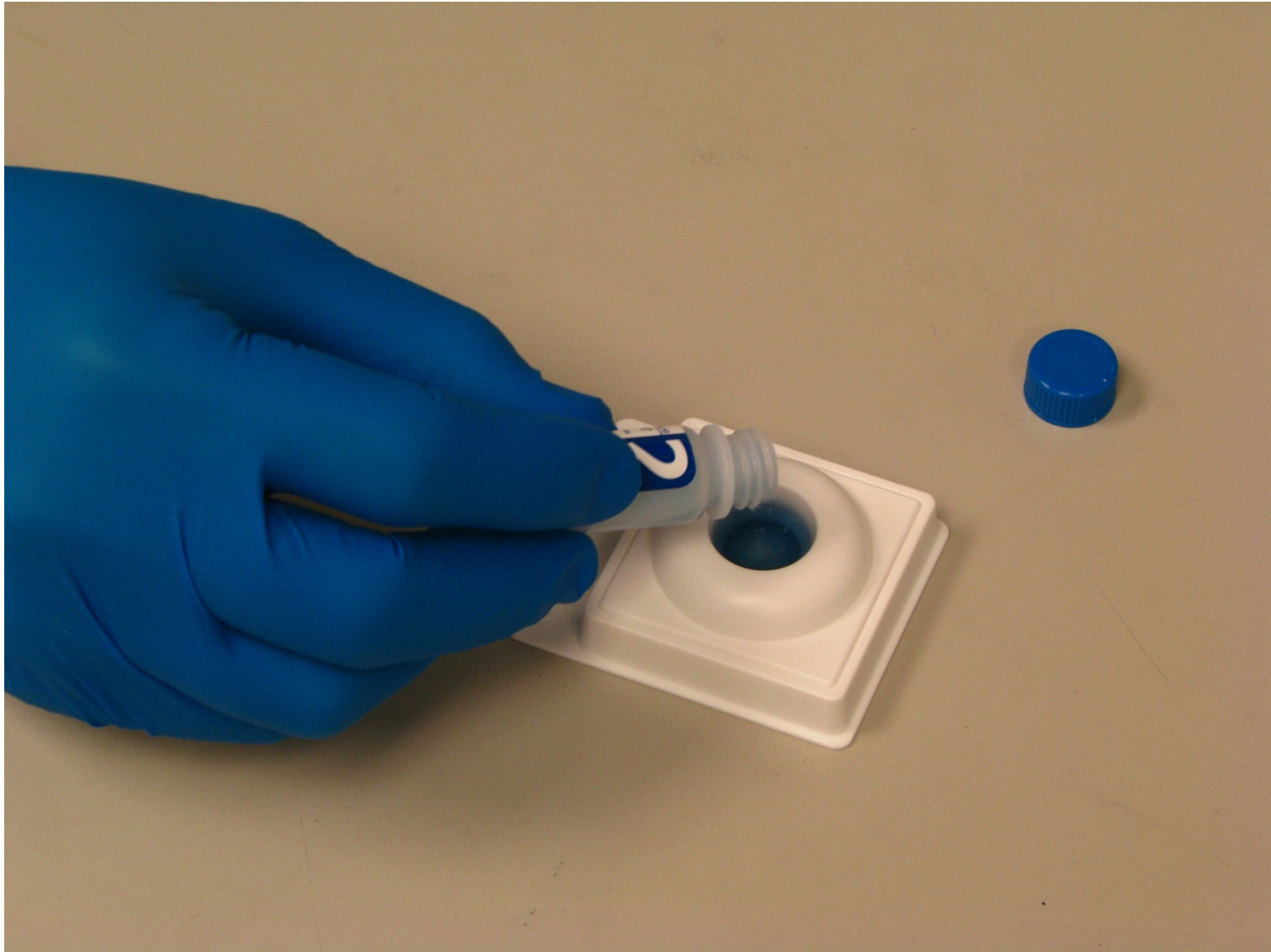


**Add 1 drop (50 ul) whole blood to diluent (vial 1)**



**Add specimen to membrane unit**



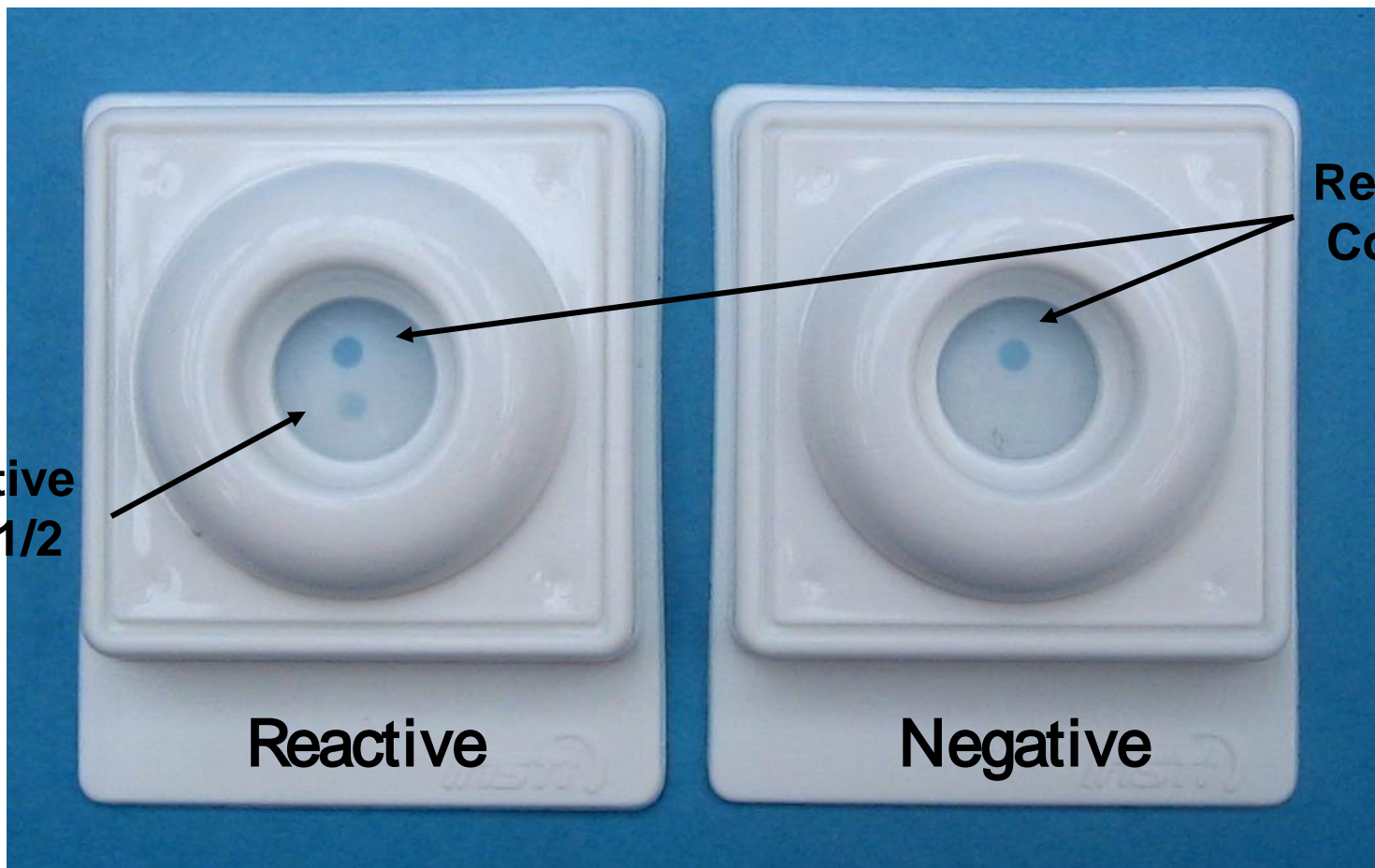


**Add color developer solution**



**Add clarifier solution**

**Positive  
HIV-1/2**



**Reactive**

**Negative**

**Reactive  
Control**

**Read results immediately**

# OraQuick In-Home HIV Test



Sensitivity: 91.7%  
Specificity: 99.9%

**\$39.99**

FDA-approved July 3, 2012

# Abbott Architect 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Ag/Ab

## Combo Assay

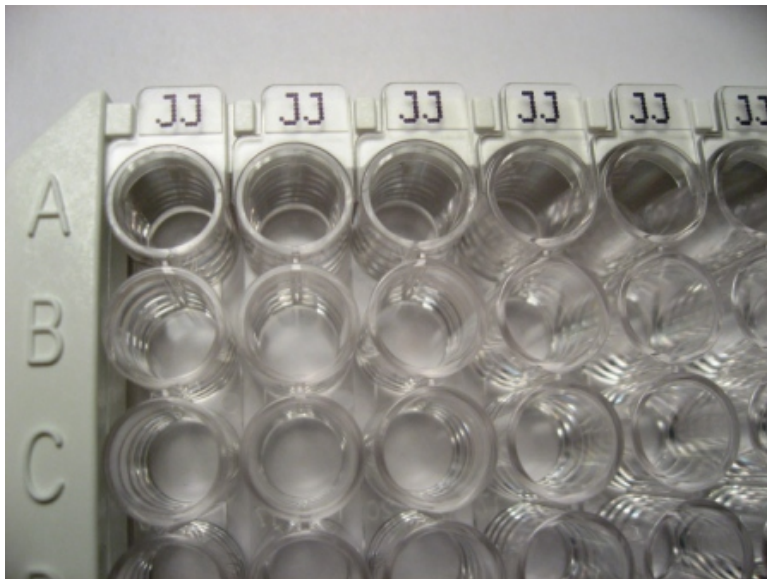
- Chemiluminescent immunoassay
- Detects p24 antigen and HIV antibody
- Time to result: 29 minutes
- FDA-approved June 22, 2010



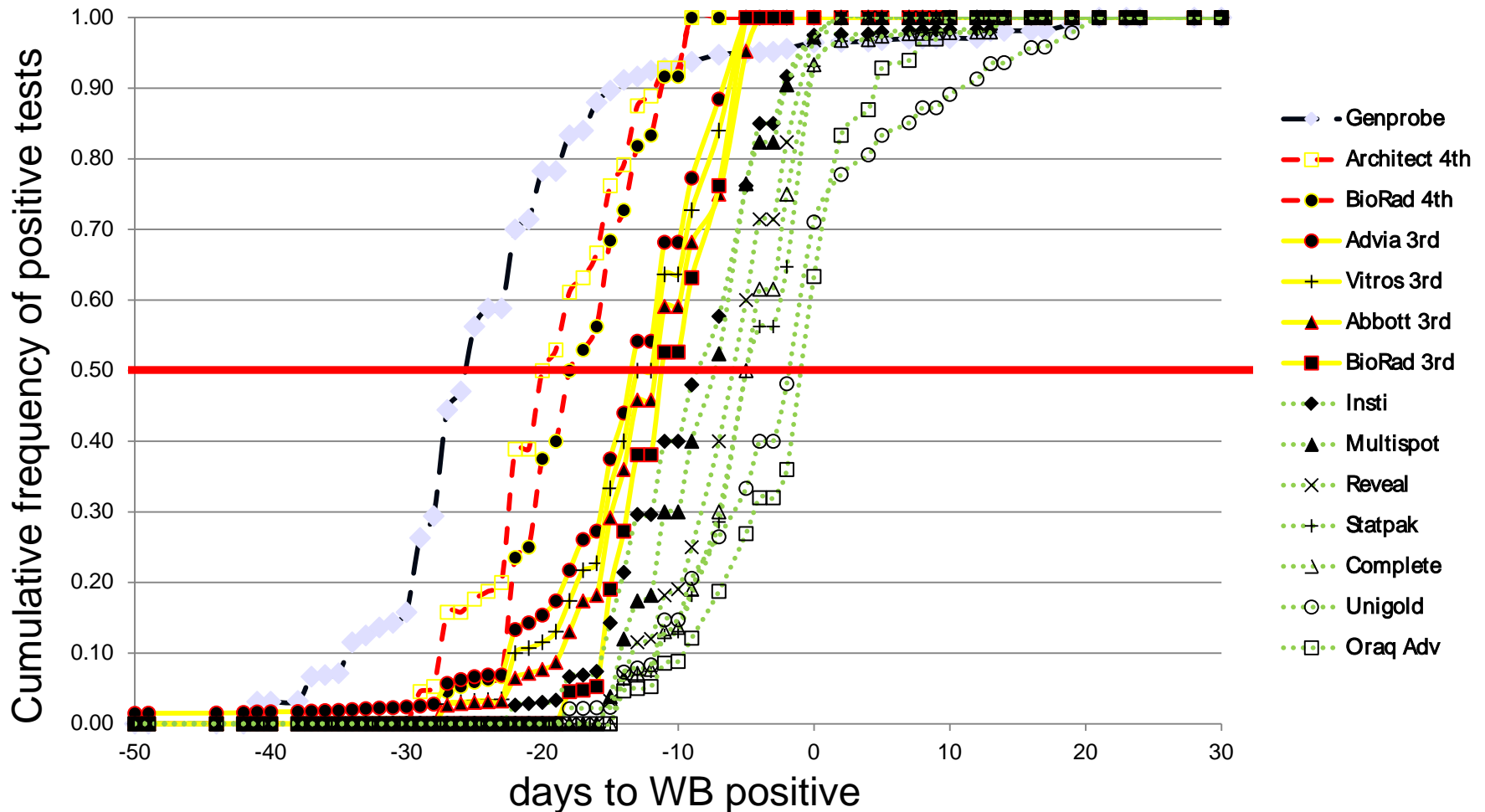
# Bio-Rad GS HIV Combo Ag/Ab EIA



- Microwell plate EIA
- 4th generation:
  - HIV-1: gp160
  - HIV-2: gp36
  - Group O
- p24 antigen
- FDA-approved July 25, 2011



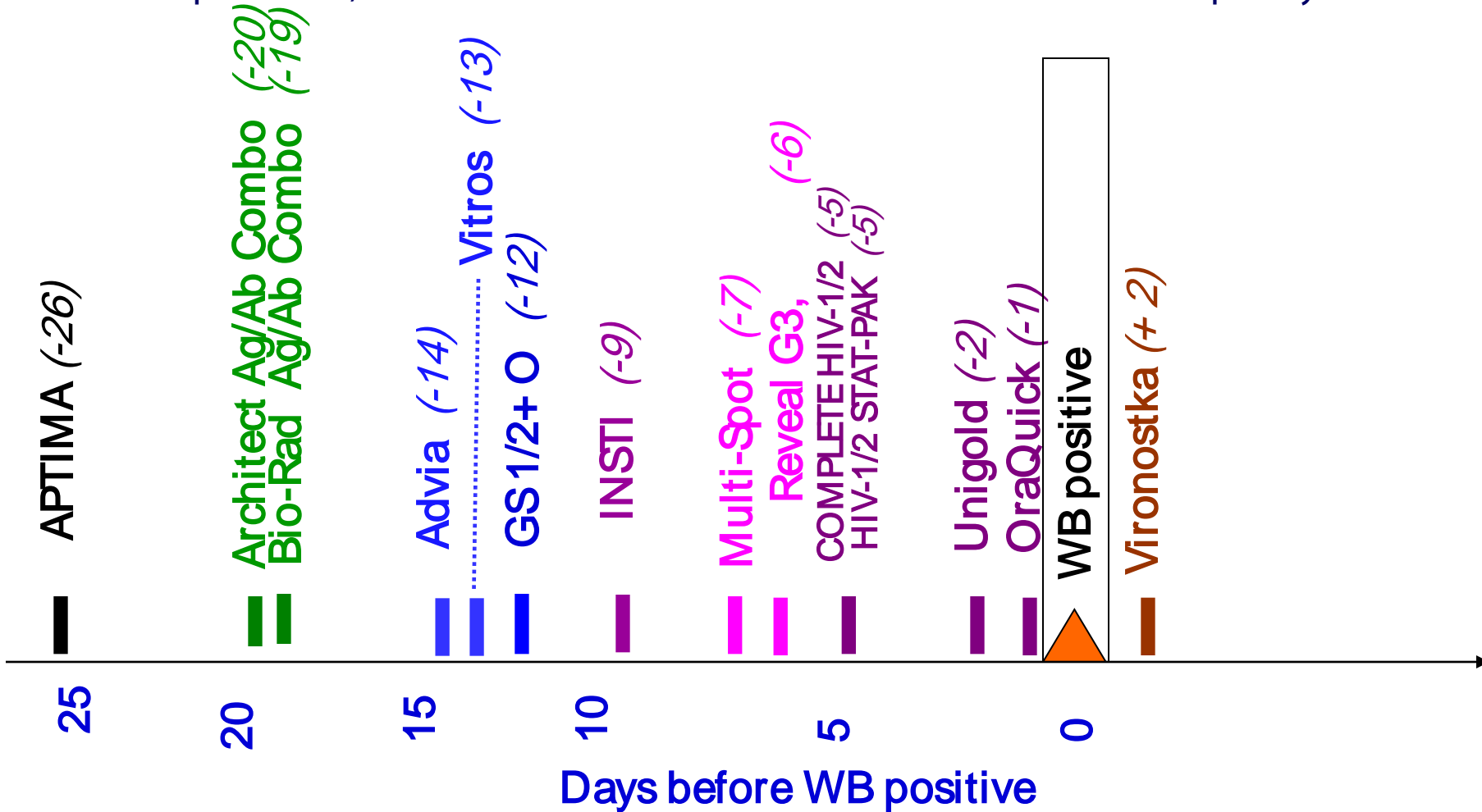
# Relative Seroconversion Sensitivity



- 26 seroconverters were analyzed with 14 tests
- 17 seroconverters with WB positive used for cumulative frequency analysis

# Sequence of Test Positivity Relative to WB

166 specimens, 17 Seroconverters - 50 % Positive Cumulative Frequency



Modified from *Masciotra et al, JClin Virol 2011*  
and *Owen et al, JClin Micro 2008*



# CDC/APHL Proposed New HIV Testing Algorithm



# New HIV Diagnostic Algorithm

## 4<sup>th</sup> generation HIV-1/2 immunoassay

(+)

(-)

Negative for HIV-1 and HIV-2  
antibodies and p24 Ag

## HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation immunoassay

**HIV-1 +**

HIV-1 antibodies  
detected  
Initiate care  
(and viral load)

**HIV-2 +**

HIV-2 antibodies  
detected  
Initiate care

**HIV-1&2 (-)**

**RNA**

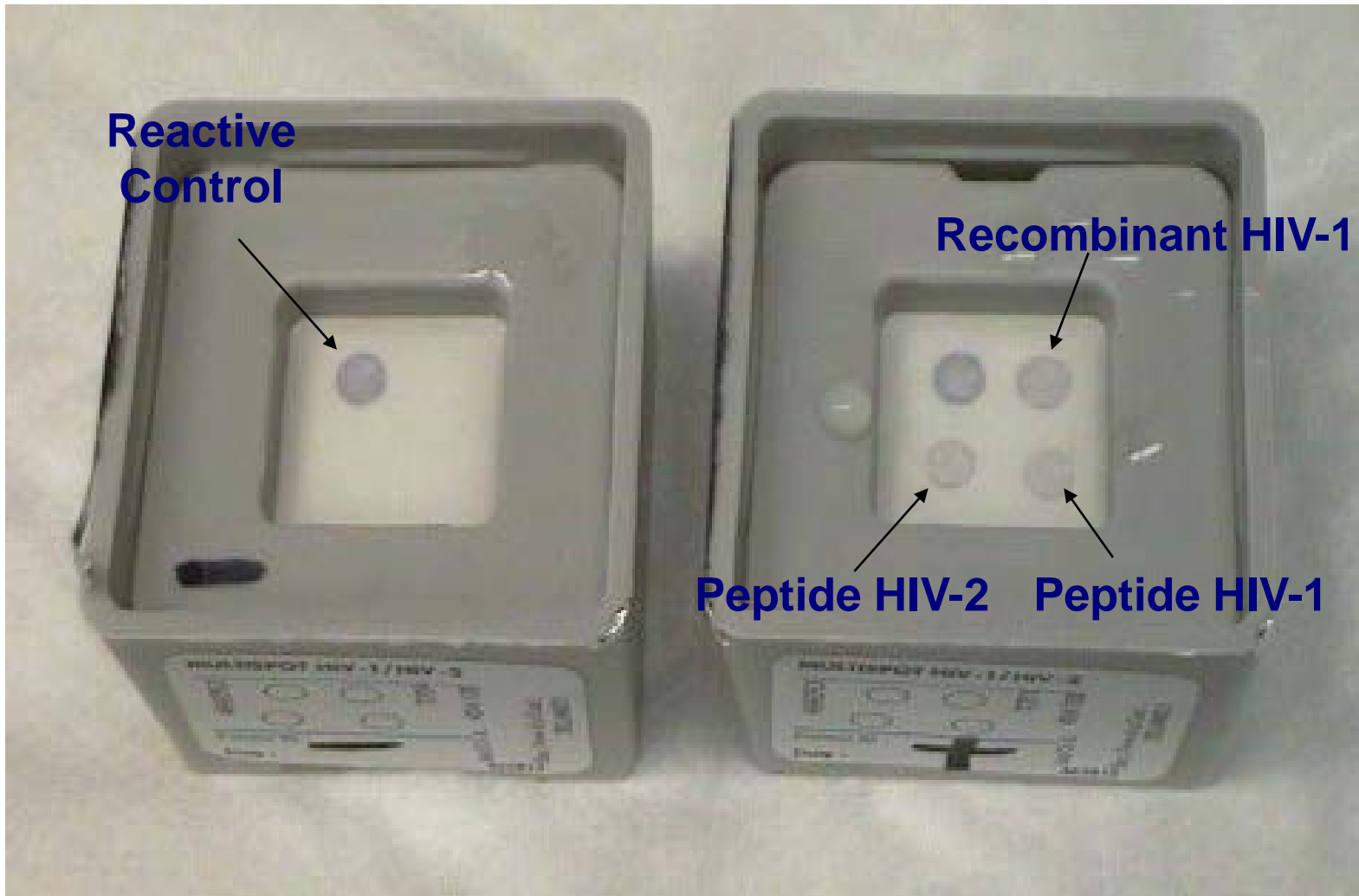
**RNA**

Acute HIV-1 infection  
Initiate care

**RNA**

Negative for HIV-1

# FDA-approved HIV-1/HIV-2 Antibody Differentiation Assay



# Validation Results – NY State

38,257 specimens – 1,659 GS HIV-1/2 Plus O (3<sup>rd</sup> gen) EIA repeatedly reactive

## Current Algorithm

- 1,546 HIV-1 positive
  - *32 discrepant specimens:*
    - *28 indeterminate WB*
    - *4 negative WB*

## New Algorithm

- 1,579 HIV-1 positive (MS)
  - *32 discrepant specimens:*
    - *29 RNA+*
    - *3 follow-up specimens +*

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- 75 required RNA
  - 3 RNA detected
  - 63 RNA-negative

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- 48 indeterminate

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    - *29 RNA+*
    - *3 follow-up specimens +*
- 75 required RNA
  - 3 RNA detected
  - 63 RNA-negative
  
- 9 indeterminate (RNA unsuitable)

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## Current Algorithm

- 5 HIV-2
  - *112 HIV-2 EIA on WB-neg or indeterminate specimens*
  - *5 Multispot supplemental*
  
- 36,649 (99.95%) correctly reported negative

## New Algorithm

- 5 HIV-2 (Multispot)
  
- 36,661 (99.98%) correctly reported negative

# Abbott Architect Ag/Ab Evaluation: Specimens from 4 CDC studies

Result	HIV-1 infected n= 3386	Sensitivity	HIV-1 uninfected n= 7551	Specificity
Repeatedly Reactive	3384	99.94%	38	99.5%
	Acute Infections n= 58			
Positive	48	82.76%		
Negative	10			

*-Chavez et al, J Clin Virol 2011*



# Implications

- Ability to detect acute HIV infection
  - Focus for partner services and intervention efforts
- Ability to detect HIV-2 infections
  - Do not respond to many ARVs, e.g. NNRTI's and several protease inhibitors
- New surveillance case definitions
  - Stage 0, HIV-2