



## **Bacterial Identification and Characterization**

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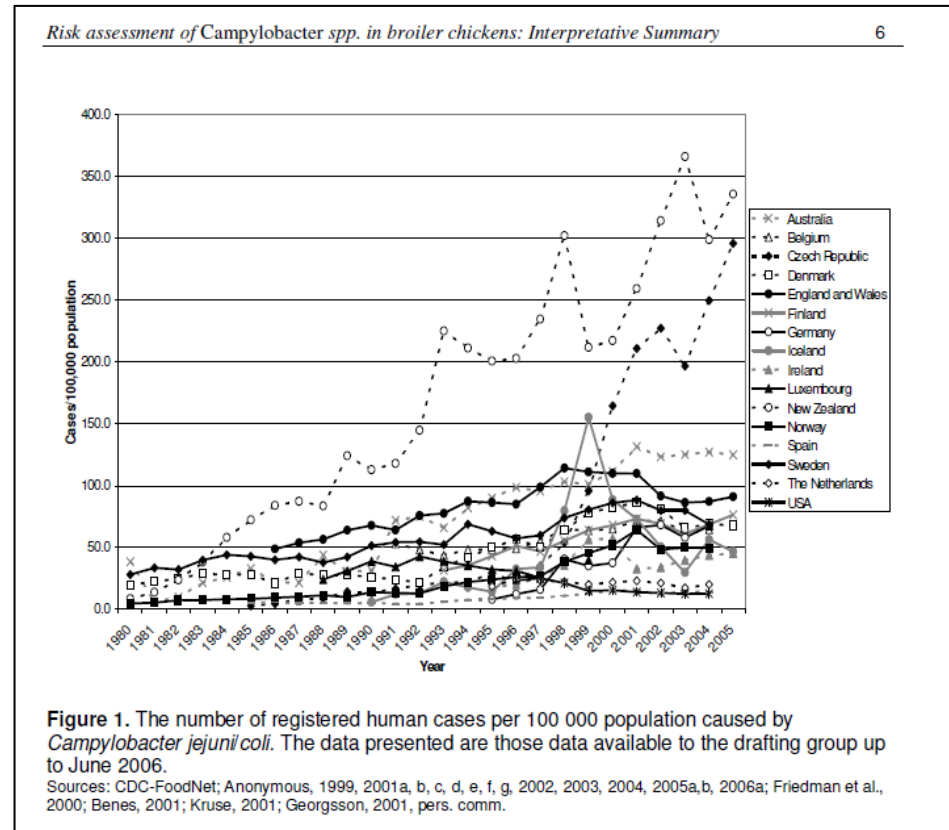
Leading cause world wide of bacterial diarrheal disease

1,300,000 cases annually in the United States\*

Incidence of Campylobacteriosis in the US is increasing while most other foodborne diseases are decreasing.

Sporadic cases associated with consuming or handling raw or undercooked poultry

Outbreaks are typically associated with unpasteurized milk or contaminated water



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## National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases

### How does food or water get contaminated with *Campylobacter*?

Many chicken flocks are infected with *Campylobacter* but show no signs of illness. *Campylobacter* can be easily spread from bird to bird through a common water source or through contact with infected feces. When an infected bird is slaughtered, *Campylobacter* organisms can be transferred from the intestines to the meat.

Unpasteurized milk can become contaminated if the cow has an infection with *Campylobacter* in her udder or if the milk is contaminated with manure. Surface water and mountain streams can become contaminated from infected feces from cows or wild birds.

*Campylobacter* is common in the developing world, and travelers to foreign countries are at risk for becoming infected with *Campylobacter*. Approximately one-fifth (19%) of *Campylobacter* cases identified in FoodNet are associated with international travel.

In 2011, *Campylobacter* was found on 47% of raw chicken samples bought in grocery stores and tested through the National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS). *Campylobacter* can also be present in the giblets, especially the liver.

# DRUG-RESISTANT CAMPYLOBACTER



**310,000**

DRUG-RESISTANT  
CAMPYLOBACTER  
INFECTIONS  
PER YEAR



**1,300,000**  
CAMPYLOBACTER  
INFECTIONS PER YEAR



**13,000**  
HOSPITALIZATIONS



**120**  
DEATHS

**THREAT LEVEL  
SERIOUS**



This bacteria is a serious concern and requires prompt and sustained action to ensure the problem does not grow.

*Campylobacter* usually causes diarrhea (often bloody), fever, and abdominal cramps, and sometimes causes serious complications such as temporary paralysis.

## RESISTANCE OF CONCERN

Physicians rely on drugs like ciprofloxacin and azithromycin for treating patients with severe disease. Resistant infections sometimes last longer. *Campylobacter* is showing resistance to:

- ciprofloxacin
- azithromycin

## PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT

*Campylobacter* is estimated to cause approximately 1.3 million infections, 13,000 hospitalizations, and 120 deaths each year in the United States. CDC is seeing resistance to ciprofloxacin in almost 25% of *Campylobacter* tested and resistance to azithromycin in about 2%. Costs are expected to be higher for resistant infections because antibiotic-resistant *Campylobacter* infections sometimes last longer.

	Percentage of all <i>Campylobacter</i> *	Estimated number of illnesses per year	Estimated illnesses per 100,000 U.S. population	Estimated number of deaths per year
Resistance to ciprofloxacin	23%	310,000	102.3	28
Resistance to azithromycin	2%	22,000	7.4	<5
Resistance to azithromycin or ciprofloxacin	24%	310,000	103.9	28

*Campylobacter* drug resistance increased from 13% in 1997 to almost 25% in 2011.

Increasing Resistance to Ciprofloxacin in *Campylobacter*, 1989–2011



\*3-year average (2009–2011)

\*Data for 1989–1990 were from a sentinel county survey. Annual testing began in 1997.

For more information about data methods and references, please see appendix.

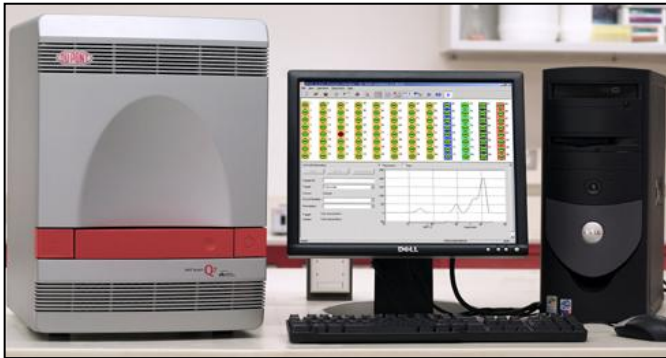


U.S. Department of  
Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease



## **BAX® Screening System**

Pathogen Detection by PCR



Is a specific bacterial pathogen present in a food matrix?

## **RiboPrinter® System**

Automated Southern Blotting for Identification & Characterization



Which species is my unknown?  
Which strain of that species is it?  
Where is it coming from?  
Have we isolated this strain before?

## All the reagents needed for PCR

- Taq polymerase
- Oligonucleotide primers and probes
- Nucleotides
- Internal Positive Control
- Fluorescent dyes

Closed tube system reduces potential for amplicon contamination

Built-in process control

Reduces the risk of operator error



## DuPont N&H (Qualicon) and USDA

- ▶ Since 2002, the BAX system has been used by the United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety Inspection Service (USDA-FSIS) to detect *Listeria monocytogenes* in the nation's meat and poultry supply
- ▶ Since 2003, the BAX system has been used by the USDA-FSIS to detect *Salmonella* in ready-to-eat food, meat, poultry supply and pasteurized eggs.
- ▶ Since 2005, the BAX system has been used by the USDA-FSIS to detect *E. coli O157:H7* in ground beef and trim.
- ▶ In 2008, DuPont Qualicon and USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) agreed to collaborate on the development of a new real-time test for *E. coli O157:H7*
- ▶ In 2010, Qualicon and USDA-ARS collaborate on six non-*E. coli O157 Shiga toxin-producing E. coli* (STEC).

*Countries who have an “equivalent” testing program are subjected to much less testing of their product imported to the US than those who don’t.*

- FSIS Office of International Affairs -

## AOAC International Official Method

*Salmonella* #2003.09; *L. monocytogenes* #2003.12

## AOAC-RI Performance Tested Method

*Real-time E. coli* O157:H7 #031002; *Salmonella* #100201; *L. monocytogenes* #070202; *L. monocytogenes* 24E #090801; *E. coli* O157:H7 #010401; *E. coli* O157:H7 MP #050501; *Genus Listeria* #030502; *Genus Listeria* 24E #050903; *Campylobacter jejuni/coli/lari* #040702; *Staphylococcus aureus* #120701; *Reverse-Transcriptase PCR Listeria species* #030801; *Yeast and Mold* #010902; *Vibrio cholerae/parahaemolyticus/vulnificus* #050902

## USDA-FSIS Adoption

*Salmonella* #MLG 4C.00; *Listeria monocytogenes* #MLG 8A.03; *E. coli* O157:H7 and *E. coli* O157:NM #MLG 5A.00 – MP assay

## USDA-APHIS NPIP Approval

*Salmonella*

## Health Canada Certification

*Salmonella* #MFLP-29; *Listeria monocytogenes* #MFLP-28; *Genus Listeria* #MFLP-15e; *E. coli* O157:H7 #MFLP-30; *E. coli* O157:H7 MP – Supp #2 to MFLP-30; *Enterobacter sakazakii* #MFLP-27

## AFNOR Approval

*Salmonella* #QUA 18/3-11/02; *E. coli* O157:H7 MP #QUA 18/04-03/08; *Listeria monocytogenes* 24E #QUA 18/05-07/08; *Genus Listeria* 24E #QUA 18/06-07/08

## Danish Veterinary and Food Administration

*Salmonella*

## NordVal

*Salmonella* #30

## Brazil MAPA Official Reference Method

*Salmonella* MLG-4C.01; *Listeria* MLG-8A.01

## Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

*Listeria*; *Listeria monocytogenes*

## People's Republic of China AQSIQ

Standard SN/T1869-2007 – includes *Salmonella*; *E. coli* O157:H7 MP; *Listeria monocytogenes*; *Campylobacter jejuni/coli/lari*; *Enterobacter sakazakii*

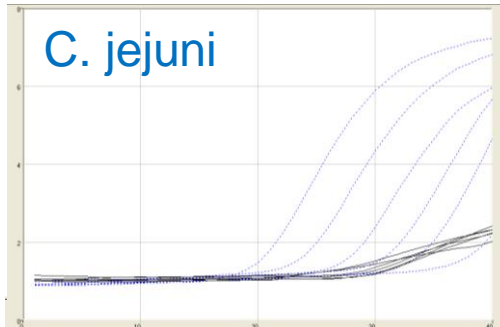
## Russian Federal Consumer Rights and Human Health Control Service (Rospotrebnadzor)

Standard #02.036-208 – includes *Salmonella*; *Campylobacter jejuni/coli/lari*; *Genus Listeria*; *Listeria monocytogenes*; *E. coli* O157:H7

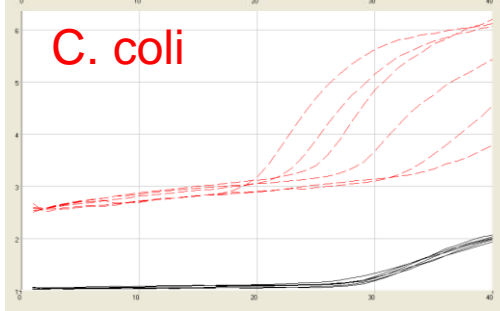


Three pathogenic Campylobacter species independently detected in one assay

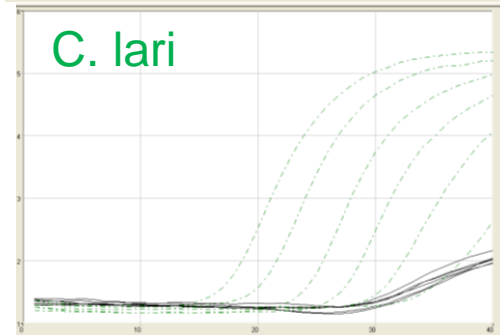
C. jejuni  
gyrB (gyraseB)  
VIC®



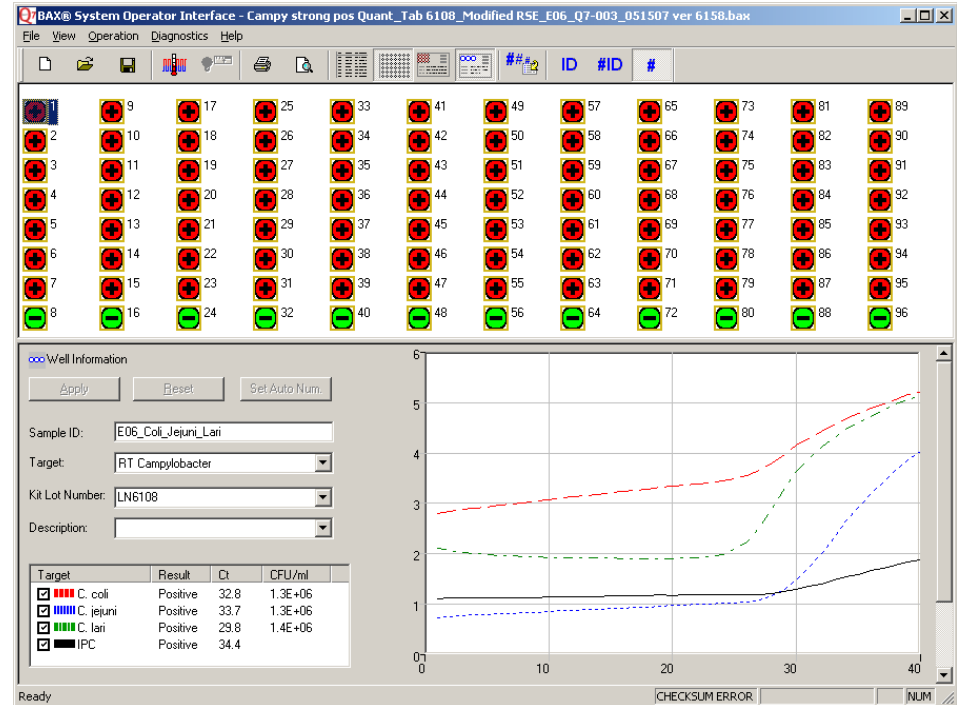
C. coli  
rnpB (RNAse P)  
FAM™



C. lari  
gyrB (gyraseB)  
LIZ®



Internal Control  
NED®



Next-day results for enriched samples - at least 3 days faster than culture methods

Sensitivity : E09 to E04 cfu/ml

Salmonella

Listeria genus

Listeria monocytogenes

E. coli O157:H7

E. coli STEC suite

(O26, O46, O103, O111, O121, O145, O157)

Enterobacter sakazakii (Cronobacter species)

Staphylococcus aureus

Shigella species

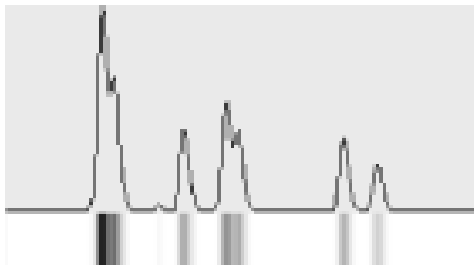
Campylobacter jejuni/coli/lari

Vibrio cholerae/parahaemolyticus/vulnificus

Yeasts/molds



## Automated DNA fingerprinting of bacteria



- Taxonomic Identification of unknowns below Genus level
  - species, subspecies, serotype, strain
  - Reference database of patterns for vetted strains
- Characterization (strain/source tracking)
  - Novel fingerprint
- Fully automated results in 8 hours
- Automated data analysis & data sharing

## Manual ribotyping reagents

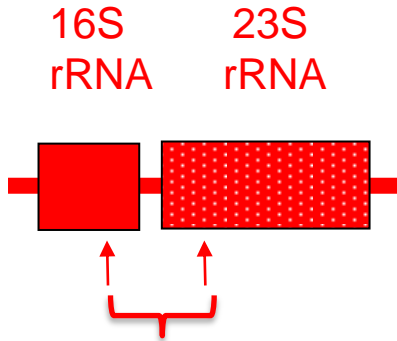


Adapt and develop methods through flexibility of modular design and packaging of reagents.

## RiboPrinter® Reagents



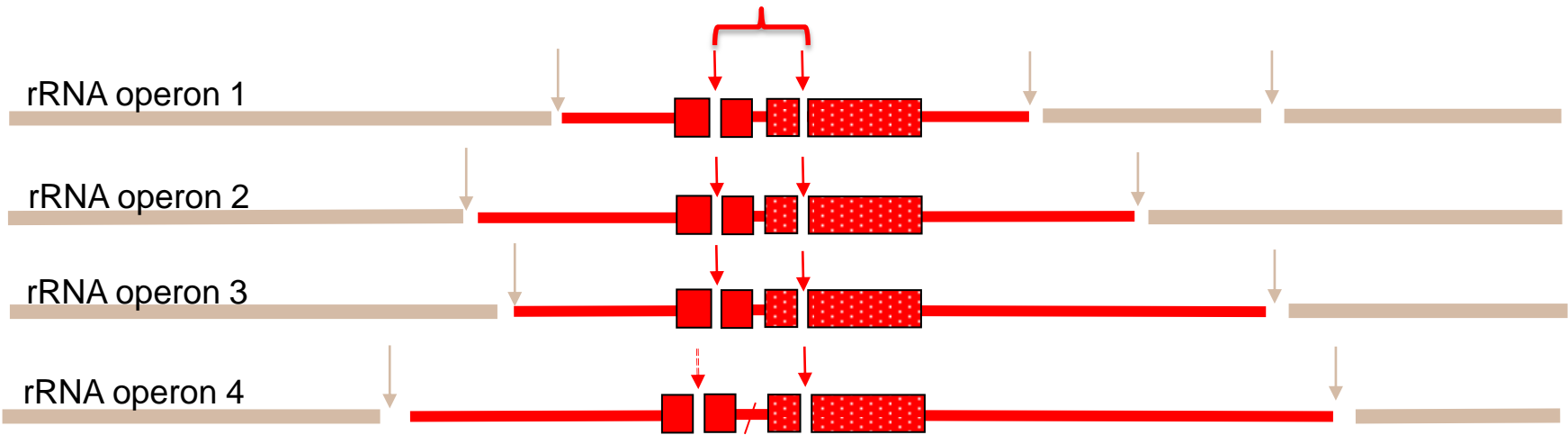
**rRNA Operon (7506 bp)**



~ 2 kb conserved band

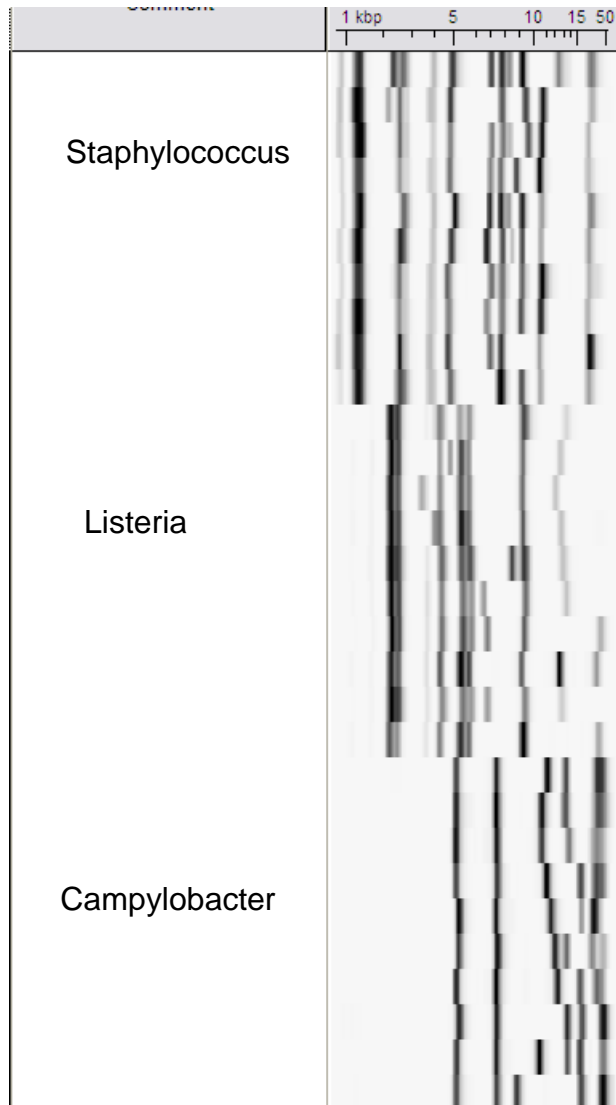
↓ **EcoRI site in rRNA Operon**

↓ **EcoRI site outside Operon**



Label	RiboPrint™ Pattern				
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Salmonella ser. Enteritidis					





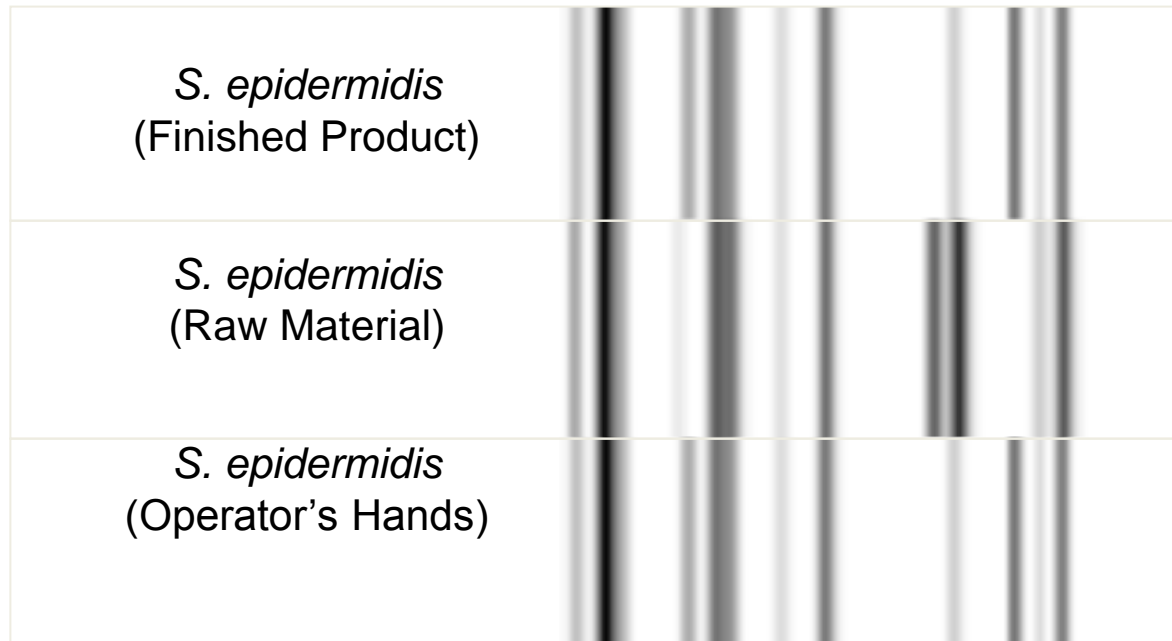
## RiboPrinter Identification Database:

8528 Reference Patterns from  
296 Bacterial genera  
1740 Species & serotypes

(199 patterns for Campylobacter species)

## How the RiboPrinter provides value:

- An unknown bacteria is found in the finished product. RiboPrinter identifies it as *Staphylococcus epidermidis*. But where did the contamination come from?
- By sampling various points along the production process, the RiboPrint® pattern reveals that the *S. epidermidis* found in the finished product came from the hands of a worker, and not from the raw material.



RiboPrinter® System  
16S rRNA sequence  
MALDI-TOF  
Biochemical

RiboPrinter® System

<i>S. epidermidis</i> (Finished Product)	
<i>S. epidermidis</i> (Raw Material)	
<i>S. epidermidis</i> (Operator's Hands)	

# S. epidermidis\_One 16S rRNA Sequence vs. 85 RiboPrint® Patterns



	DuPont ID /	Label	RiboPrint™ Pattern			
			1 kbp	5	10	15 50
1	DUP-4112	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
2	DUP-4113	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
3	DUP-4114	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
4	DUP-4115	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
5	DUP-4116	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
6	DUP-4117	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
7	DUP-4118	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
8	DUP-4119	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
9	DUP-4120	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
10	DUP-4121	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
11	DUP-4122	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
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14	DUP-4125	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
15	DUP-4126	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
16	DUP-14730	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
17	DUP-14740	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
18	DUP-14755	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
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20	DUP-15235	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
21	DUP-15247	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
22	DUP-16031	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
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24	DUP-16035	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
25	DUP-16042	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
26	DUP-16046	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
27	DUP-16047	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
28	DUP-16059	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
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31	DUP-16071	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
32	DUP-16080	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
33	DUP-16083	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
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35	DUP-16086	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
36	DUP-16088	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
37	DUP-16264	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
38	DUP-16298	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
39	DUP-16427	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
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41	DUP-16455	Staphylococcus epidermidis				

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46	DUP-18081	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
47	DUP-18084	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
48	DUP-18093	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
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50	DUP-18527	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
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53	DUP-18746	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
54	DUP-18751	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
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57	DUP-18782	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
58	DUP-19253	Staphylococcus epidermidis				
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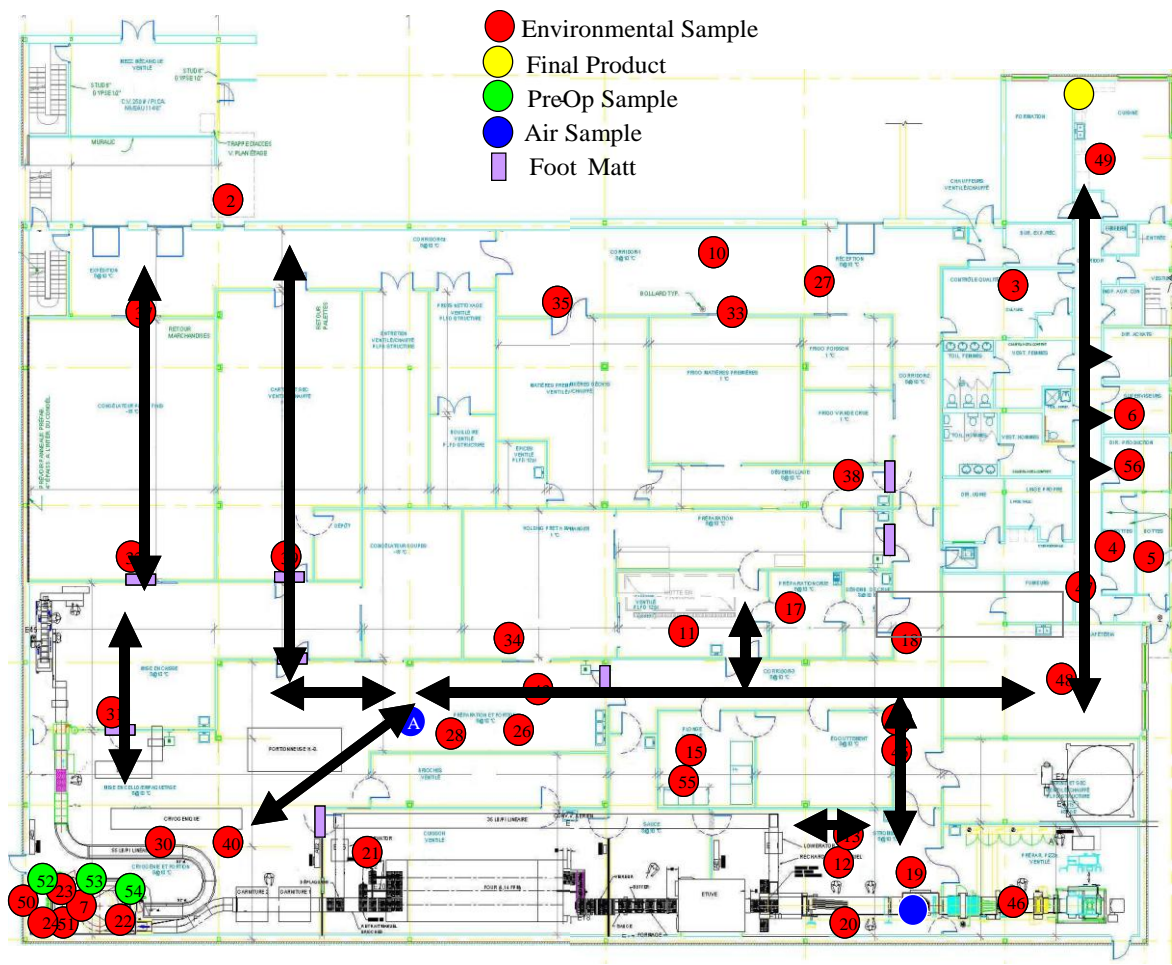
## BAX® System

Detects pathogens and quality indicators on:

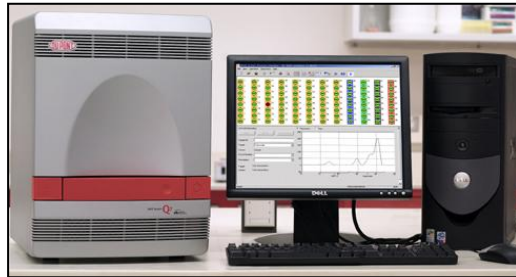
- Raw materials
- Environmental samples
- Final product

## RiboPrinter® System

- Identifies species and strain
- Track same strain throughout plant to identify source of contamination
- Implement corrective action quickly







Food safety technologies & applications to save time, improve detection sensitivity, comply with regulations, identify and solve contamination problems.



*The miracles of science™*