TB-LyoAmp – Freeze dried test kit for the detection of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in tongue swab & sputum



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We have developed a novel dry format loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP)-based test for a rapid triage diagnostic test for TB named TB-LyoAmp. This kit offers several advantages including a rapid turnaround time (<2 hrs), stable at room temperature, easily interpretable results, and the ability to test non-sputum samples: tongue swab, rendering it highly suitable for rural LMIC settings.

Background

Diagnosing tuberculosis (TB) remains the most challenging facet of the TB continuum of care. It is estimated that 41% of the 10 million people who contract TB annually are undiagnosed, and therefore untreated¹. This diagnostic gap is partly driven by the inaccessibility of fast turnaround, high specificity diagnostic testing, particularly in lowand middle-income country (LMIC) rural areas, leading to missed opportunities for the treatment and prevention of onward transmission.

Technology

we develop a freeze-dried LAMP-LFA test housed in a dry-cassette named "TB-LyoAmp" to detect TB in tongue swap and sputum.

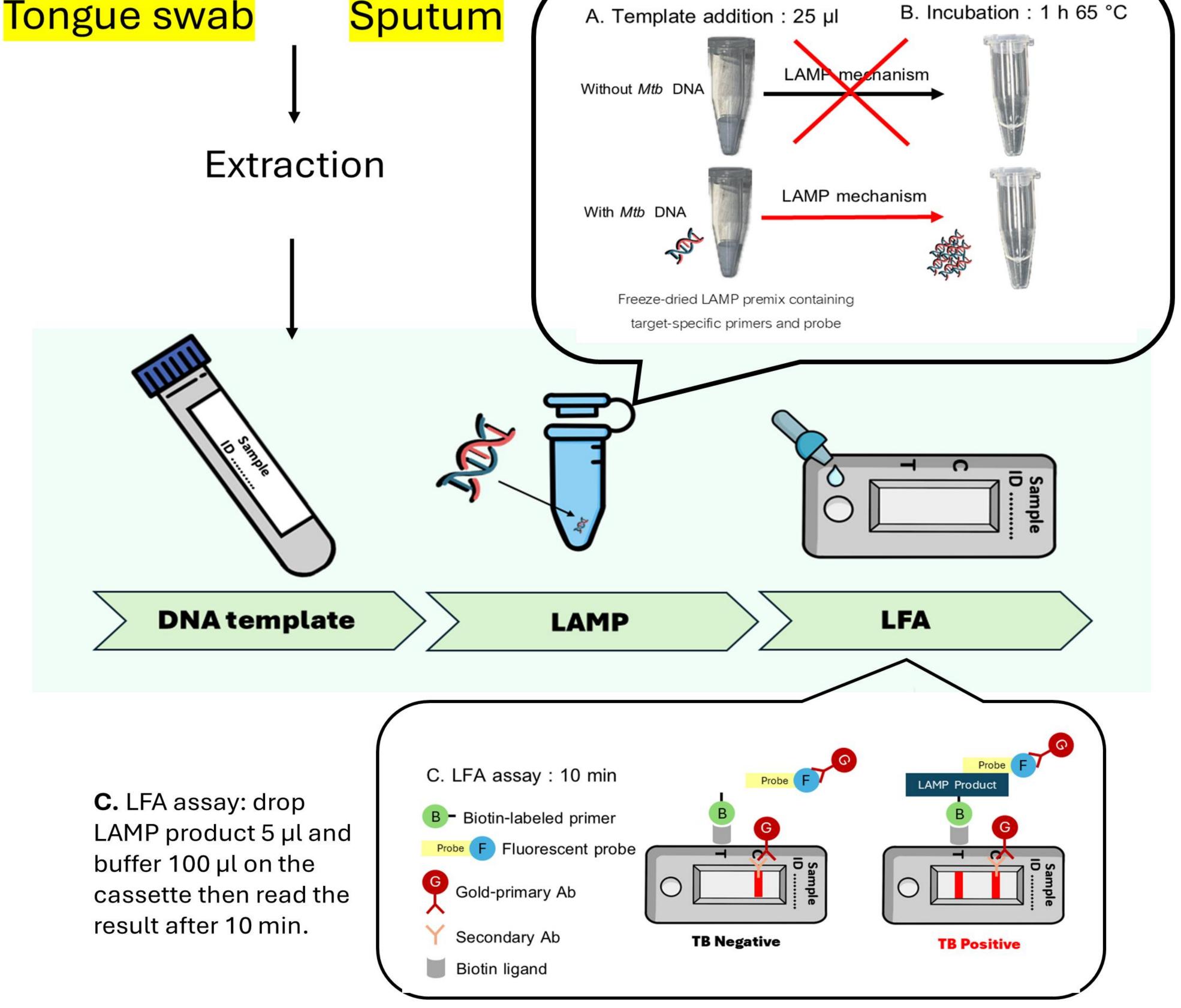
Diagnostic protocol

The assay combines Extraction with LAMP (Steps A & B) and LFA (Step C) into a complete test amenable for decentralized TB screening.

Features

1. Simple Sample Collection: Applicable for tongue swab, making sample collection easy even in children and elder people. 2. Simple Storage Condition: Stable at room Temp.

- **3. High Efficiency:** unmatched specificity and a sensitivity of 1 *Mtb* cell/reaction.
- 4. Easy & Rapid: turnaround time: 2 hrs.
- 5. Affordable equipment used: hundred dollars, over **100x cheaper than GeneXPERT machine.** 6.Cost/test: ~ \$7





- Simple with fast turnaround time (<2 h)
- Easily interpretable results, negating the need for complicated training

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References

 Does not require analysers, a stable electricity supply, or a temperature-stabled environment to perform • Dry test format leading to long shelf-life • Able to use with tongue swab in addition to sputum **IP & Current Status**

1. IP: Petty patent. Application No 2003002242 2. **Commercial aspect:** OEM obtained for LFA manufacturing 3. Paper: Jaroenram W, et al.2020. Sci. Rep 10: 16976

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We are seeking partners for licensing and/ or codevelopment opportunities to bring the technology to market. **Contact:** Wansadaj Jaroenram. Mobile: +6665 9935144 Email: wansadaj.jar@biotec.or.th