

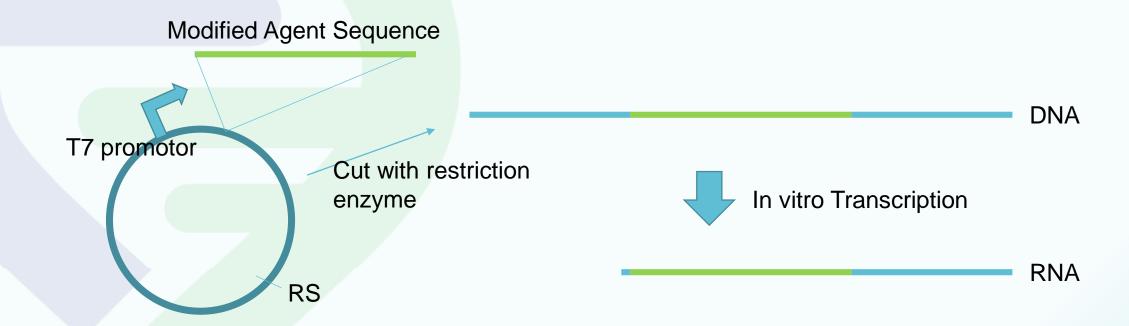


## **Challenges of AA Molecular Testing**

- Molecular based adventitious agents testing is complicated by the complexity of the method.
- Advanced automation and rigorous process controls can reduce procedural errors that lead to inaccurate results
- Reference materials provide process controls but don't ensure adequate per sample QC.
- Internal reference controls or traditional xeno spike-in sequences can provide an indication of yield, but not a per sample LOD
- Received a NIIMBL grant to create a new type of internal control
  - A mixture of controls to measure the LOD test performance of each AA in every sample.



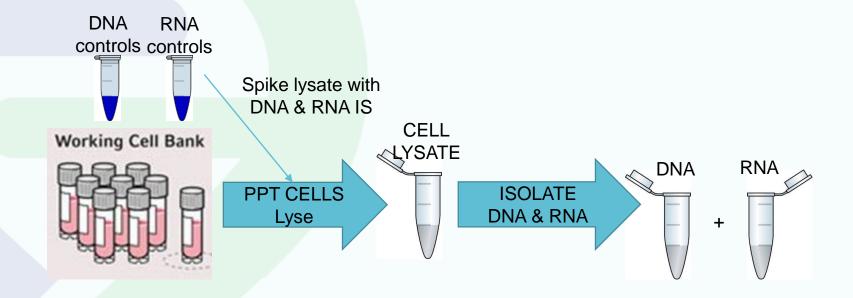
### **Control Manufacture**

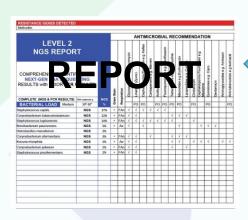


- Create vector with synthetic AA control sequence
- Sequence modified to meet library prep/detection needs
- Produce either dsDNA and ssRNA controls
- Create separate RNA and DNA mixtures at desired copies/ul
- dsDNA stable for >15 years, RNA controls stable 3 years.



### **AA Control Workflow**





Control & Native
Counts

Library Prep

- Adjust control spike-in levels to achieve LOD at library preparation stage
- Good Result: Positive for all agent controls, negative for AA
- A positive control for negative results



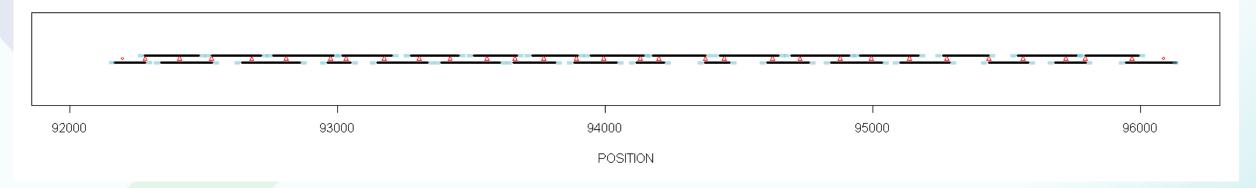
## \*\*AccuGenomics Internal Control Types

#### Control for Different Agents for Amplicon Libraries

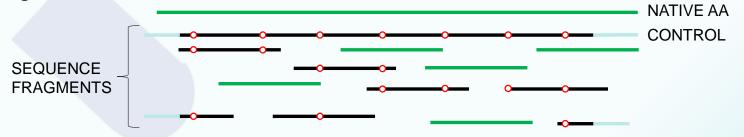
OrgA Gene W OrgB Gene X

OrgC Gene Y OrgD Gene Z

#### Control for Large Contiguous Regions for Tiled Amplicon Libraries

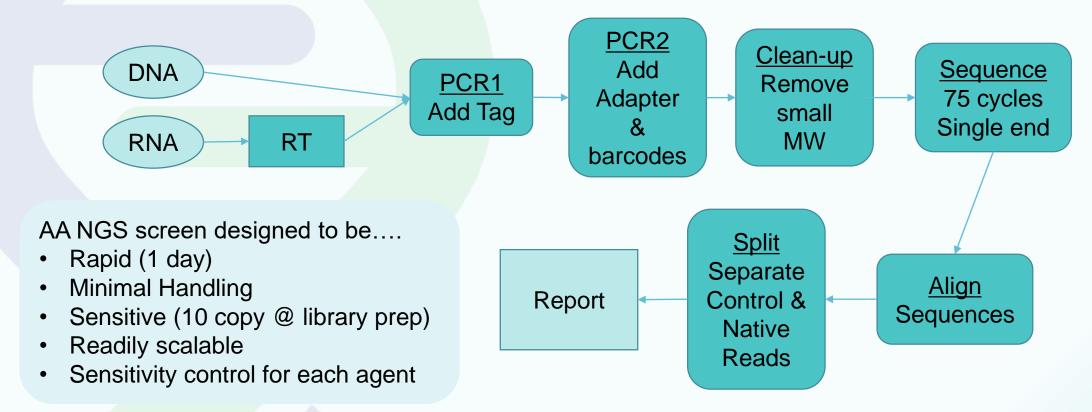


#### Control for Short Fragment Libraries





### NGS Library Preparation



- Simple steps allow sample to answer in 20 hours (including purification)
- Ten copy LOD (internal controls), <5% sequence crosstalk, 5 hours hands-on
- Samples are run in three replicates
  - A positive control result from 1 of 3 replicates has counts above LOB
  - A positive AA result results from 2 of 3 replicates with counts above LOB

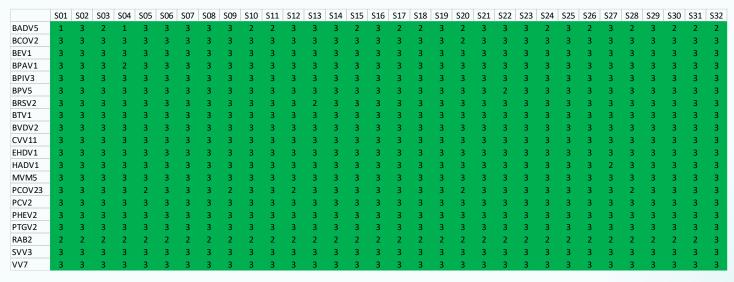
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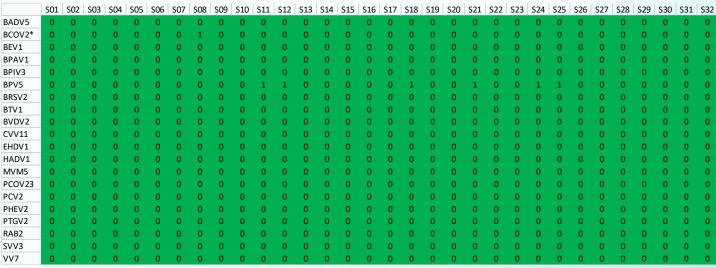
### Results thus far...

- Demo panel designed to detect 8 DNA & 12 RNA agents.
- Panel created by screening literature validated primers for NGS yields at 10 copy input.
- Milestone was to demonstrate 32 of 32 agent negative 1 ug DNA/RNA samples were negative for agent but positive for each agent control.
- Partner validating performance with nucleic acid purification step.
- We've observed failures:
  - Pipetting error
  - New RT lot had lower yield
  - PCR well failure
  - "Negative" cell matrix
  - Gremlins

#### Milestone 2: Internal Standard Detection



#### Milestone 2: Native Template Detection



# Next up...

- Submit grant to...
- Replace HAP, MAP & RAP with targeted NGS
  - In vivo tests that detect specific agents
- Create >1 target per agent for redundancy
- Work with FDA upfront to design testing process that meets regulatory requirements

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Next Generation Standards