

Flexibility of Panther Fusion® Respiratory panels: Flu A/B/RSV, Paraflu 1-4, AdV/hMPV/RV

Introduction

Panther Fusion® Respiratory assays offer a flexible, mini-panel approach to testing. The Panther Fusion® system bridges the gap between small panels (2-3 targets which are typically limited to Flu/RSV) and large panels (15+ targets). A pre-market evaluation was presented by Northwell Health Laboratories at the 2017 American Society for Microbiology Clinical Virology Symposium.

Study Design



Method comparison
The Panther Fusion® system vs
BioFire and Luminex NxTAG



Flu A, Flu B, RSV, Paraflu 1-4, Adenovirus, hMPV, Rhinovirus

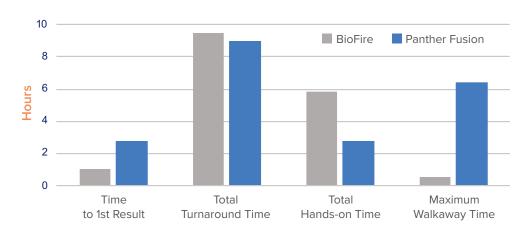
Workflow Evaluation

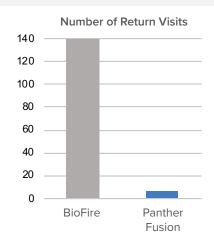
Laboratories balance many variables to maximize efficiencies and process samples quickly and accurately while optimizing labor usage. For the workflow evaluation in this study, 140 nasopharyngeal (NP) swab samples were tested to compare the Panther Fusion® Respiratory panels to BioFire Film Array RP.

16 BioFire FilmArray RP instruments and **2** Full-time Employees

VS

- 1 Panther Fusion® instrument and
- 1 Full-time Employee





In this workflow evaluation, Northwell Health Laboratories found that although the time-to-first result is faster on BioFire, the Panther Fusion system has the benefits of:¹





Significantly less hands-on time







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Performance Results

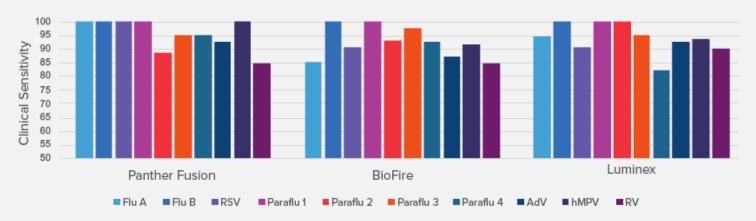
The Panther Fusion Respiratory assays compared equally or better than Luminex and BioFire. The flexible option of smaller panels (Flu A/B/RSV, Paraflu 1-4, AdV/hMPV/RV), rather than large syndromic panels with >15 targets, allows for testing as few as 3 or up to 10 targets from a single patient sample.

Overall sensitivity of the Panther Fusion® assays





Performance by analyte¹



Conclusions

In this pre-market evaluation, the laboratory found that:

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The Panther Fusion Respiratory assays compared equally or better than Luminex and BioFire 2

The individual panels can be adaptably performed, individually or combined

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This flexibility provides a viable option for directed ordering and cost control 4

Panther Fusion assays allow for flexibility of panel testing as few as 3 or up to 10 targets with one patient sample

Reference: 1. Manji RH, et al. Pre-Market Evaluation of Three Real Time PCR Respiratory Virus Assays Compared to Two FDA-Cleared Molecular Panels. Poster presented at: Clinical Virology Symposium; May 7-10, 2017; Savannah, GA (Unpublished).

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