# Evaluation 2012 des dosages des PSA du marché français

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### Problématique en 2011

- Dépistage or not ?
- Surdiagnostic. Surtraitement
- Biopsies "inutiles"

#### et des opposants systématiques ...

Touche pas à ma prostate!

Manifeste pour un moratoire sur le dépistage du cancer de la prostate



Entre dépistage controversé et sur-traitement avéré

### Recommandation sur stratégies de dépistage / EBM

#### • Qui dépister ?

- A partir de 45 ans pour populations à risque
- 50 / 55 65 ans : dépistage recommandé
- 65 75 ans : dépistage individuel
- > 75 ans : dépistage inutile

#### A quel rythme ?

- A définir, fonction PSA initial et cinétique d'évolution
- Plus espacé
- PSA < 1ng/ml : tous les 3 à 4 ans



#### Que faire?

- PAIR
- Programme pilote HAS-AFU
- · Recommandations HAS-INCa-AFU
- · Information (patients et médecins)



Programme d'actions intégrées de recherche

### Utilisation clinique du PSA

- Détection précoce du cancer de la prostate
  - » Seuil unique de décision (aide au diagnostic, biopsie) : variable selon les standardisations des dosages (4 3 2 μg/L)
  - » Performances différentes des techniques : équimolarité, exactitude
- Suivi thérapeutique
  - >> 100 in the latest tenth in the latest tenth in the latest tenth and in the latest tenth and in the latest tenth in the late
  - >> Sensibilité différente des dosages
    - PSA LDA 0,1 μg/L (seuil de « récidive biologique » pour les urologues)
    - PSA sensible : LDA 0,05 μg/L
    - PSA ultrasensible : LDA 0,01 μg/L
    - LDA 10<sup>-5</sup>?

### Seuil de PSA et standardisation

- Avant 90 standard Yang (Pros-Check PSA)
  - » Seuil de décision mal défini (4 ng/mL)
- 90 : standard Hybritech (Tandem-R PSA)
  - » Seuil de décision 4 ng
  - >> 2 ng/mL sur Hybritech = 4 ng/mL sur Yang
- 1994 : 2<sup>ème</sup> conférence de Stanford désigne le standard international pour le PSA total WHO 96/670 (90% de PSA-ACT et 10% de PSA libre) officiellement adopté en 1999
  - » Seuil de décision 2-3-4 ng/mL (2,5 3,1)
  - » Cas de Access Beckman Coulter choix du standard Hybritech ou WHO (4 sur Hybritech = 3 sur WHO)

### Utilisation clinique du PSA

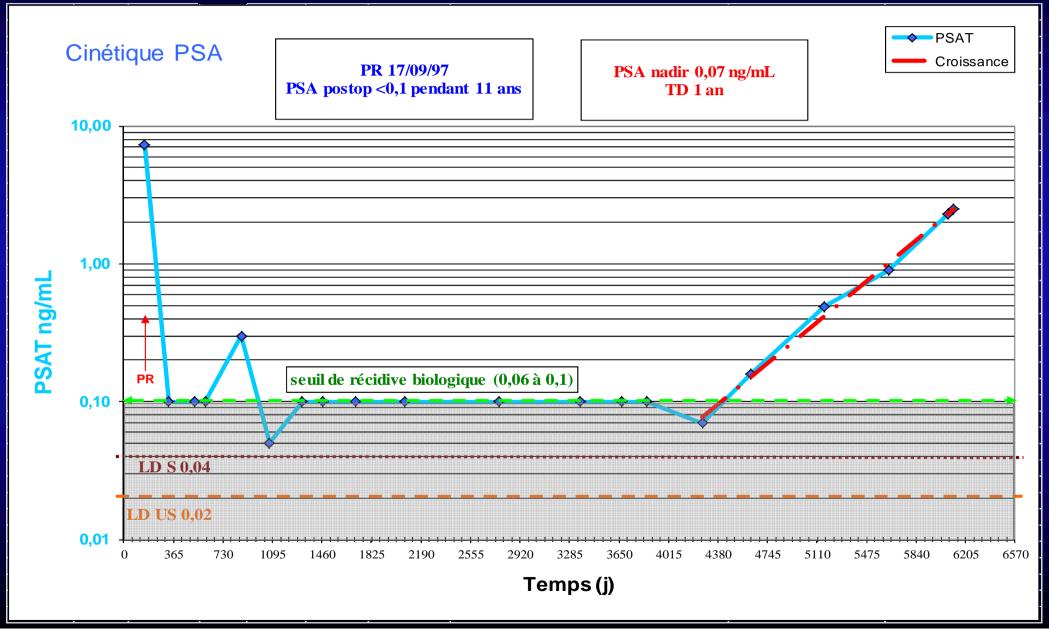
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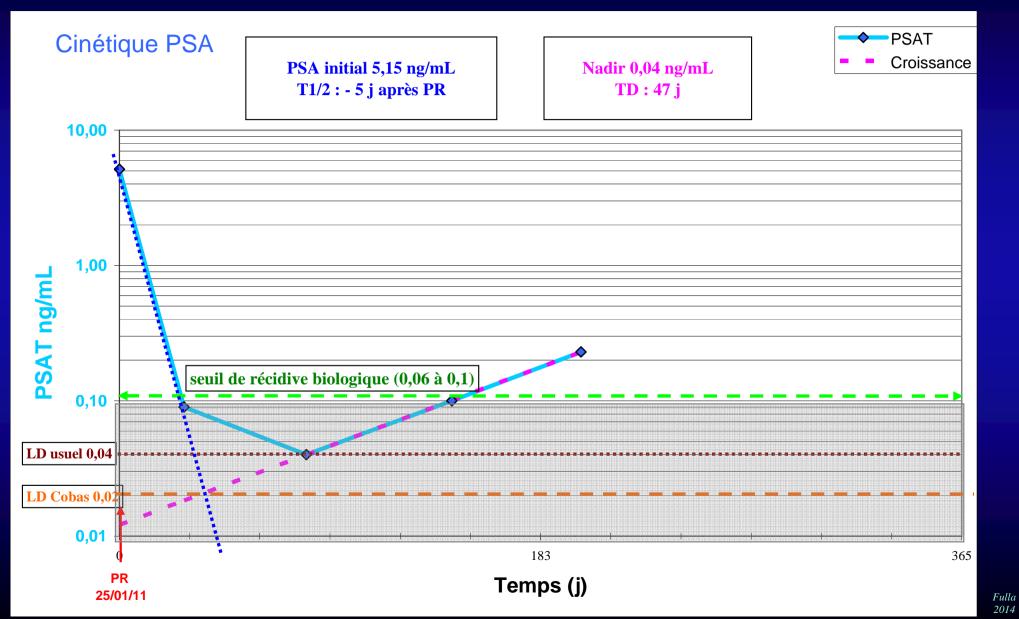
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- Suivi thérapeutique
  - » PSA indétectable après traitement radical
  - » Sensibilité différente des dosages :
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### Récidive biologique: seuil?

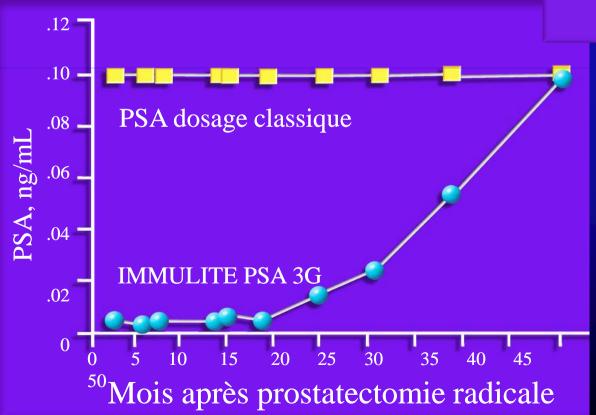


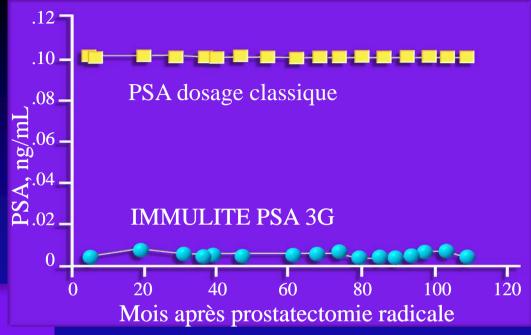
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#### Patient 2 (73 ans)

- Symptômes urinaires, douleurs lombaires, prostate indurée
- PSA: 6,4 ng/mL
- Biopsie positive, scintigraphie osseuse négative
- Prostatectomie radicale
- Cancer étendu lobe G sans invasion capsulaire
- Pas d'envahissement/ ganglion, vésicules séminales, marge
- PSA post-opératoire : 0,004 ng/mL
- Monitorage pendant 4,2 ans avec PSA atteignant 0,10 ng/mL





Patient 1 en rémission

### PSA ultra-sensible

### Performances cliniques

| PSA Valeur seuil | Sensibilité | Spécificité |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2 ng/mL          | 94%         | 44%         |
| 4 ng/mL          | 70-80%      | 60-80%      |
| 10 ng/mL         | 40-50%      | 80-90%      |

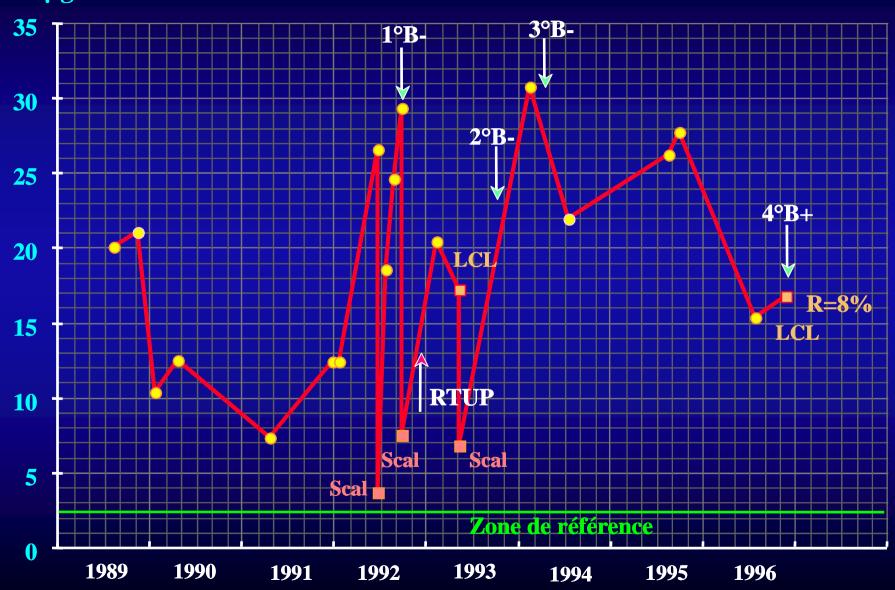
- Objectifs : améliorer la sensibilité et la spécificité des moyens de dépistage du cancer de prostate et diminuer le nombre de biopsies "inutiles" Oualité
- Améliorations techniques des dosages utilisés
- Optimisation conceptuelle : 1 seuil unique de décision ou évolution dynamique, analyse probabiliste données clinicobiologique combinées

### Causes de variabilité du PSA

- Individu : variation physiologique (10-30 %)
- Circonstances : manipulations prostatiques (médicales, sports) ; traitements (finastéride)
- Techniques : reconnaissance épitopique des formes circulantes, standardisations

### Suivi de PSA total (W..., 1927)

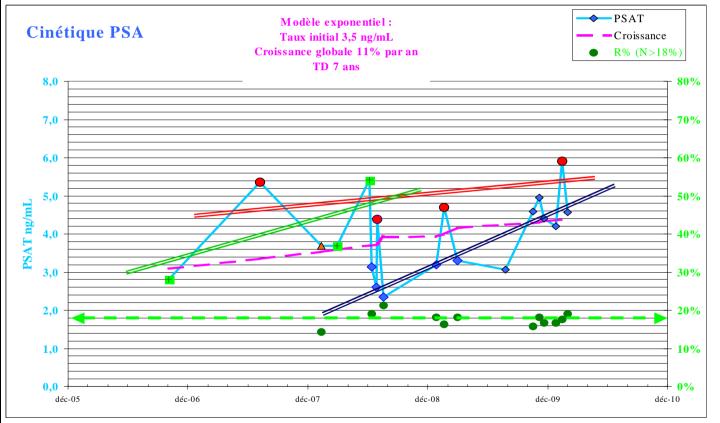




### Variations techniques

| PSAT | <b>PSAL</b> | Labo        | R% (N>18%) |
|------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 2,8  |             | Axsym       |            |
| 5,35 |             | Vidas       |            |
| 3,69 | 0,53        | Modular     | 14%        |
| 3,68 |             | Axsym       |            |
| 5,42 |             | Architect   |            |
| 3,13 | 0,6         | Centaur/Cis | 19%        |
| 2,61 | 0,6         | Centaur/Cis |            |
| 4,38 |             | Vidas       |            |
| 2,35 | 0,5         | Centaur/Cis | 21%        |
| 3,2  | 0,58        | Centaur/Cis | 18%        |
| 4,7  | 0,77        | Vidas       | 16%        |
| 3,3  | 0,60        | Centaur/Cis | 18%        |
| 3,07 |             | Centaur/Cis |            |
| 4,58 | 0,72        | Centaur/Cis | 16%        |
| 4,95 | 0,9         | Centaur/Cis | 18%        |
| 4,41 | 0,74        | Centaur/Cis | 17%        |
| 4,2  | 0,7         | Centaur/Cis | 17%        |
| 5,9  | 1,04        | Vidas       | 18%        |
| 4,57 | 0,87        | Centaur/Cis | 19%        |

### Dosages différents



### Différences entre méthodes

#### Causes techniques de variabilité

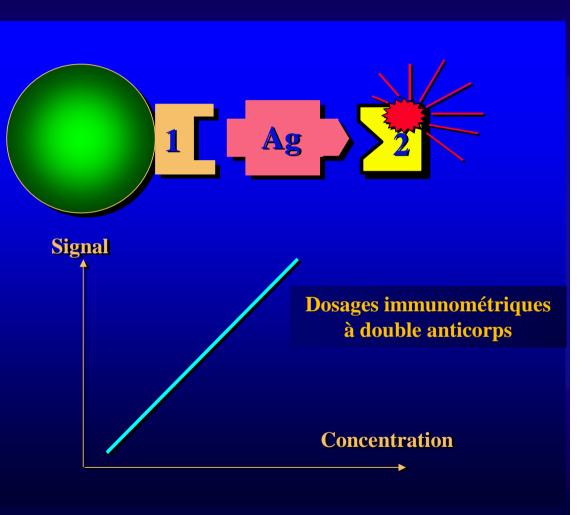
- Standardisation : Yang, Hybritech, WHO
- Origine du PSA étalon : liq. Séminal, tumeur, PSA humain recombinant (WHO)
- Composition du standard : PSAL 100 % ou x %
- Matrices de dilution : tampon PBS, sérum animal
- Spécificité des AC (poly, mono) : EQM
- Standardisation

2°IC on PSA Stanford (Sept 1994) Standard International (WHO)

PSA total: standard WHO 96/670

PSA libre: standard WHO 96/668

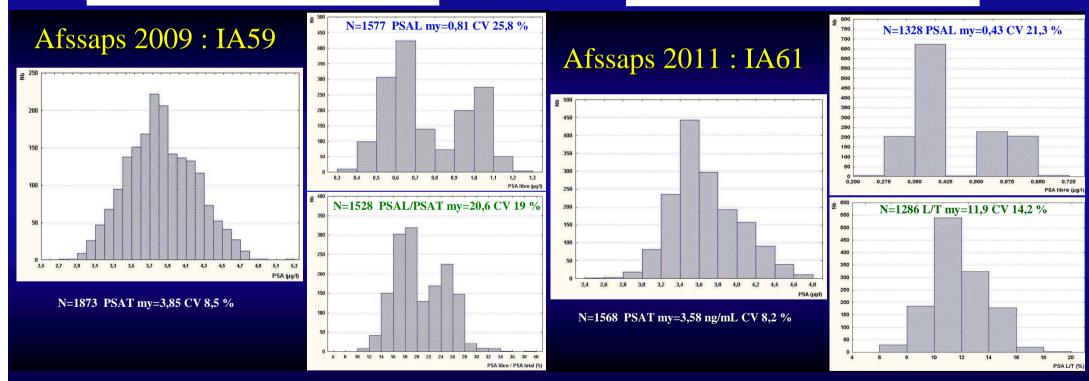
Composition des standards90% PSA-ACT + 10% PSA libre



### Contrôle National de Qualité ANSM

PSAT 3,85 µg/L et R 20,6 %

PSAT 3,58 μg/L et R 11,9 %



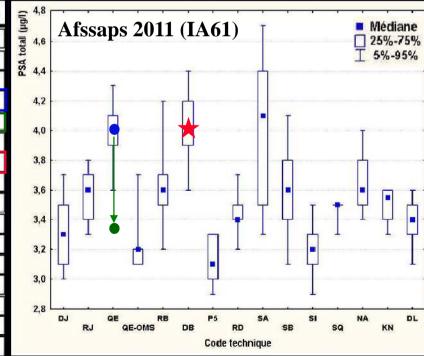
ANSM 2012 : IA65 rapport 12MTU1 consultable sur le site de l'ANSM <u>www.ansm.sante.fr</u> (M. Noël)

### \* 224 Access standardisation Hybritech médiane 4,15 ng/mL 5 Access standardisation WHO médiane 3,3 ng/mL).

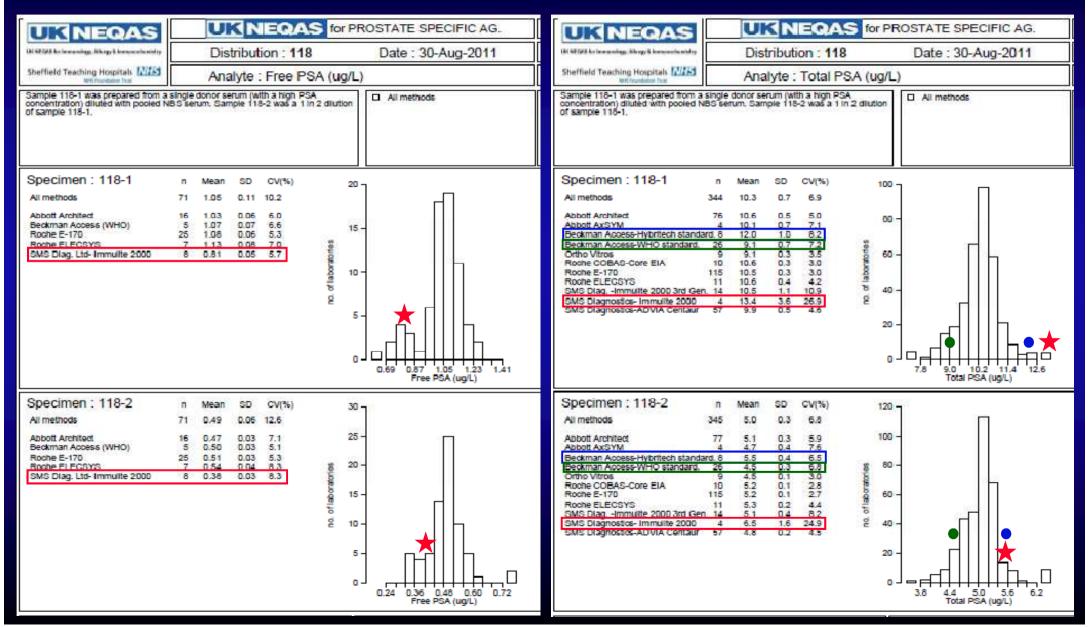
| Code | Distributeur               | Nom                                | НЬ   | Mtr  | CVtr % |
|------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------|------|--------|
|      |                            | Moyenne toutes techniques          | 1873 | 3,85 | 8,5    |
| RJ   | ABBOTT DIAGNOSTIC          | Architect PSA                      | 279  | 3,79 | 4,4    |
| DJ   | ABBOTT DIAGNOSTIC          | Axsym PSA                          | 218  | 3,49 | 6,0    |
| QE   | BECKMAN COULTER            | Access Hybritech PSA *             | 224  | 4,15 | 3,9    |
| RB   | BIOMERIEUX                 | Vidia TPSA                         | 34   | 3,89 | 5,7    |
| DB   | BIOMERIEUX                 | Vidas TPS A                        | 386  | 4,33 | 5,2    |
| KN   | BRAHMSFRANCE               | Kryptor total PSA                  | 28   | 3,73 | 3,7    |
| P5   | ORTHO CLIN. DIAG.          | Vitros E CI PSA                    | 19   | 3,34 | 5,6    |
| RD   | ROCHE DIAGNOSTICS          | Elecsys PSA                        | 345  | 3,85 | 3,4    |
| SI   | SIEMENS MED, SOL, DIAG.    | Advia CentaurPSAT EQM              | 106  | 3,44 | 5,0    |
| SB   | SIEMENS MED , SOL. DIAG.   | Immulite 2000/Immulite 2500 PSA 3G | 57   | 3,46 | 5,3    |
| SA   | SIEMENS MED , SOL , DIAG . | Immulite 2000/ Immulite 2500 PSA   | 41   | 3,93 | 7,3    |
| NA   | SIEMENS MED, SOL, DIAG,    | Dimension flex TPSA                | 24   | 3,77 | 5,0    |
| DL   | TOSOH BIOSCIENCE           | Al Alpack/Stat Al Alpack PA        | 99   | 3,45 | 3,9    |

| € 4,8  |    |              | -          | -     |          |      | A C     | 2000 |      | 200 | <u> </u>    | AF | <b>()</b>  |
|--------|----|--------------|------------|-------|----------|------|---------|------|------|-----|-------------|----|------------|
| DE 4,6 |    |              |            |       |          |      | AI      | ssa] | ps 2 | 4UU | y (J        | AD | <b>Y</b> ) |
| SAt    |    |              | Т          |       | $\vdash$ |      |         |      |      |     |             |    |            |
| 4,4    |    |              |            |       |          |      |         |      |      |     | T           |    |            |
| 4,2    |    |              |            | T     |          |      |         |      |      |     |             |    |            |
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| 4,0    |    | T            |            |       |          | T    |         |      |      | ~   |             | 1  |            |
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| 20     |    | H            |            |       |          |      |         |      | 4    |     |             |    |            |
| 3,2    |    | 1            |            |       |          |      | T       |      |      |     |             |    |            |
| 3,0    |    |              |            |       |          |      |         |      |      |     |             |    |            |
| 2,8    |    |              |            |       |          | - 4  | - 2     |      |      | 8   |             |    | - 23       |
| 2,0    | RJ | DJ           | QE         | RB    | DB       | KN   | P5      | RD   | SI   | SB  | SA          | NA | DL         |
|        |    |              |            |       |          | Code | e techn | ique |      |     |             |    |            |

| Code  | Distributeur            | Nom                         | Nb   | Mtr  | CVtr % |
|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------|------|--------|
| 0 I 5 |                         | Moyenne toutes techniques   | 1568 | 3,58 | 8,2    |
| DJ    | ABBOTT DIAGNOSTIC       | Axsym PSA                   | 115  | 3,33 | 5,4    |
| RJ    | ABBOTT DIAGNOSTIC       | Architect PSA               | 297  | 3,55 | 3,9    |
| QE    | BECKMAN COULTER         | Access PSA étalon Hybritech | 196  | 3,99 | 4,1    |
| QE    | BECKMAN COULTER         | Access PSA étalon OMS       | 7    | 3,36 | 10,4   |
| RB    | BIOMERIEUX              | Vidia TPSA                  | 15   | 3,57 | 3,3    |
| DB    | BIOMERIEUX              | Vidas TPSA                  | 253  | 4,02 | 5,3    |
| P5    | ORTHO CLIN. DIAG.       | Vitros E CI P SA            | 14   | 3,12 | 4,6    |
| RD    | ROCHE DIAGNOSTICS       | Elecsys PSA                 | 350  | 3,45 | 3,6    |
| SA    | SIEMENS MED. SOL. DIAG. | Immulite 2000/ 2500 PSA     | 34   | 4,01 | 12,1   |
| SB    | SIEMENS MED. SOL. DIAG. | Immulite 2000/ 2500 PSA 3G  | 47   | 3,58 | 7,0    |
| SI    | SIEMENS MED. SOL. DIAG. | Advia CentaurPSAT EQM       | 94   | 3,17 | 4,1    |
| SQ    | SIEMENS MED, SOL, DIAG, | LOCIPSA                     | 8    | 3,50 | 0,0    |
| NA    | SIEMENS MED, SOL, DIAG. | Dimension flex TPSA         | 26   | 3,63 | 3,7    |
| KN    | THERMO FISHER           | Kryptor total PSA           | - 22 | 3,54 | 2,5    |
| DL    | TOSOH BIOSCIENCE        | AIA pack/Stat AIA pack PA   | 82   | 3,40 | 3,6    |



### UK-Neqas aout 2011



### **US-CAP 2011**

| Total Prostate Specific<br>Antigen (Total PSA)<br>- ng/mL (µg/L) | K-20        |       |       |            | K-2         | 1                |       |            |
|--|-------------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|------------------|-------|------------|
| METHOD   | NO.<br>Labs | MEAN  | S.D.  | C.V.       | NO.<br>Labs | MEAN             | S.D.  | C.V.       |
| ABBOTT ARCHITECT i   | 230         | 6.489 | 0.348 | 5.4        | 228         | 13,163           | 0.845 | 4.9        |
| ABBOTT AXSYM   | 40          | 6.215 | 0.377 | 6.1        | 41          | 12.697           | 0.799 | 6.3        |
| BECKMAN ACCESS (WHO)   | 14          | 6.420 | 0.904 | 14 1       | 13          | 13 012           | 1.754 | 13.5       |
| BECKMAN ACCESS/2   | :339        | 7.053 | 0.312 | 4.4        | 341         | 14.738           | 0.657 | 4.5        |
| BECKMAN UNICEL Dxl   | 342         | 6.941 | 0.413 | 6.0        | 339         | 14.410           | 0.815 | 5.7        |
| BECKMAN UNICEL Dxl (WHO)   | 9           | -     | -     | -          | 10          | 11.076           | 0.549 | 5.0        |
| ROCHE e411/ELECSYS   | 100         | 5.964 | 0.348 | 5.8        | 98          | 11.978           | 0.649 | 5.4        |
| ROCHE e600 SER/E170  | 341         | 6.029 | 0.228 | 3.8        | 341         | 12.171           | 0.432 | 3.6        |
| SIEMENS ADV CNTR/XP<br>SIEMENS ADVIA CENTR CP                    | 446<br>43   | 5.810 | 0.308 | 5,3<br>6.0 | 447         | 11.801<br>11.525 | 0.622 | 5.3<br>6.1 |
| SIEMENS DIMENSION HM   | 295         | 6.480 | 0.403 | 6.2        | 295         | 13.465           | 0.794 | 5.9        |
| SIEMENS DIMENSION VISTA  | 13          | 6.178 | 0.141 | 2.3        | 13          | 12.619           | 0.412 | 3.3        |
| SIEMENS IMMULITE 1000  | 10          | 7.207 | 0.799 | 11.1       | 10          | 14.880           | 1.852 | 11.3       |
| SIEMENS IMMULITE 2000  | 76          | 6.685 | 0.485 | 7.3        | 78          | 13.503           | 0.967 | 7.2        |
| SIEMENS IMMULITE 2500  | 17          | 6.765 | 0.401 | 5.9        | 17          | 13.803           | 1.013 | 7.3        |
| SIEMENS IMMULT 2K/2500 3G  | 11          | 6.499 | 0.422 | 6.5        | 11          | 12.836           | 0.661 | 5.1        |
| TOSOH ST AIA-PACK  | 40          | 6.336 | 0.284 | 4.5        | 40          | 12.681           | 0.545 | 4.3        |
| VITROS 3600,5600, ECI/ECIQ                                       | 284         | 5.632 | 0.327 | 5.8        | 286         | 11.483           | 0.648 | 5.6        |
| Complexed Prostate   |             |       |       |            |             |                  |       |            |
| Specific Antigen (cPSA)  |             | K-2   | 0     |            |             | K-2              | 1     |            |
| - ng/mL (μg/L)   |             |       |       |            |             |                  |       |            |
| METHOD   | NO.<br>Labs | MEAN  | S.D.  | C.V.       | NO.<br>Labs | MEAN             | S.D.  | C.V.       |
|  |             |       |       |            |             |                  |       |            |
| SIEMEINS ADV CNTR/XP   | 47          | 4.881 | 0.238 | 4.9        | 48          | 10.583           | 0.399 | 3.8        |
| Free Prostate Specific   |             |       |       |            |             |                  |       |            |
| Antigen (Free PSA)   |             | K-2   | 0     |            |             | K-2              | 1     |            |
| - ng/mL (μg/L)   |             |       |       |            |             |                  |       |            |
| - lig/life (μg/L)  |             |       |       |            |             |                  |       |            |
|  | NO.         |       |       |            | NO.         |                  |       |            |
| METHOD   | LABS        | MEAN  | S.D.  | C.V.       | LABS        | MEAN             | S.D.  | C.V.       |
| ABBOTT ARCHITECT i   | 81          | 0.950 | 0.044 | 4.6        | 81          | 1.333            | 0.078 | 5.9        |
| ABBOTT AXSYM   | 13          | 0.818 | 0.035 | 4.3        | 14          | 1.200            | 0.072 | 6.0        |
| BECKMAN ACCESS/2   | 90          | 1.227 | 0.050 | 4.1        | 92          | 1.703            | 0.070 | 4.1        |
| BECKMAN UNICEL Dxl   | 158         | 1.215 | 0.065 | 5.4        | 161         | 1.697            | 0.087 | 5.1        |
| ROCHE e411/ELECSYS   | 31          | 0.910 | 0.035 | 3.9        | 32          | 1.287            | 0.058 | 4.5        |
| ROCHE e600 SER/E170  | 138         | 0.887 | 0.038 | 4.4        | 142         | 1.243            | 0.062 | 5.0        |
| SIEMENS DIMENSION HM   | 37          | 0.854 | 0.045 | 5.3        | 36          | 1.231            | 0.051 | 4.1        |
| SIEMENS IMMULITE 2000  | 53          | 0.778 | 0.052 | 6.7        | 54          | 1,110            | 0.077 | 7.0        |

### Réactifs PSA utilisés et systèmes majoritaires

|         | Nombre de réactifs utilisés sur le marché français (CNQ ANSM) |                  |                  |                  |                          |  |  |  |  |
|---------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Dosages | 2008  | 2009<br>(N=1873) | 2011<br>(N=1568) | 2012<br>(N=1225) | Eval. 2012<br>(19 sites) |  |  |  |  |
| PSAT    | 17  | 18               | 17               | 15               | 14                       |  |  |  |  |
| PSAL    | 14  | 15               | 15               | 14               | 13                       |  |  |  |  |

#### (Afssaps 2009)

- Biomérieux (Vidas, mini-Vidas) 27,5 %
- Abbott 24,8 % (AxSym 13%, Architect 11,8%)
- Roche 11,1 % (Elecsys 2,9%, Modular 1,4%, Cobas 6,8%)
- Beckman 9,5 % (Access 5,1%, DxI 4,4%)
- Siemens 8,4 % (Centaur 5,4%, Immulite 3%)
- Tosoh 5,9 %

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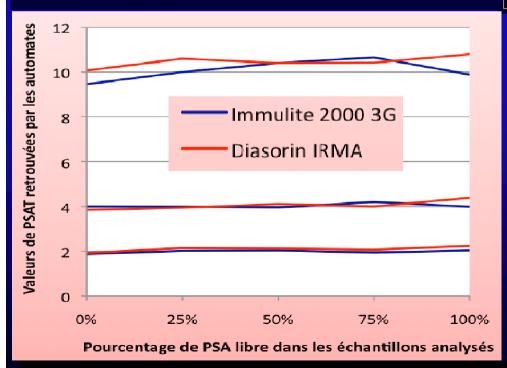
- Biomérieux (Vidas, mini-Vidas) 23,3 %
- Abbott 23 % (AxSym 7,9%, Architect 15,1%)
- Roche 16,2 % (Elecsys 1,6%, Modular 4%, Cobas 10,6%)
- Beckman 10,3 % (Access 4,5%, DxI 5,8%)
- Siemens 10,2 % (Centaur 6,2%, Immulite 4%)
- Tosoh 4,2 %

#### (ANSM 2012)

- Roche 25,1 %
- Abbott 21,3 %
- Siemens 15,7%
- Beckman 12,6 %
- Biomérieux 10,8 %
- Thermofisher 3,1 %
- Tosoh 1,9 %

#### Protocole technique

- \* Dosage des échantillons 2, 4 et 10 ng/ml de PSA total présentant des taux de 0, 25, 50, 75 et 100% de PSA libre
- \* Ces échantillons ont été préparés à partir des standards (PSA libre, PSA complexé) de l'Université de Stanford (Stamey), dilués dans du tampon PBS + BSA 1%
- \* Dosage en triple par site (45 dosages/trousse) Environ 1800 dosages réalisés



#### Résultats Exactitude

#### PSA total

8 dispositifs sur 21 présentent des résultats satisfaisants selon experts

- \* ADVIA CENTAUR PSA (Siemens)
- \* ACS 180 PSA (Siemens)
- \* ADVIA IMS PSA (Siemens)
- \* KRYPTOR PSA Total (Brahms),
- \* TPSA FLEX DIMENSION (Siemens)
- \* PSA Total IRMA (Diasorin),
- \* IMMULITE 2000 PSA 3G (Siemens)
- \* PROSTATUS AUTODELFIA PSA libre/PSA total (Perkin Elmer)

#### **PSA** libre

8 dispositifs sur 19 présentent des résultats satisfaisants selon experts

- \* ARCHITECT PSA Libre (Abbott)
- \* IMX PSA Libre (Abbott)
- \* AXSYM PSA Libre (Abbott)
- \* ACS 180 CPSA (Siemens)
- \* TANDEM HYBRITECH R PSA Libre (Beckman)
- \* PROSTATUS AUTODELFIA PSA libre/PSA total (Perkin Elmer)
- \* FREE PSA ELECSYS (Roche)
- \* AIA PACK UCPA (Tosoh).

#### Résultats Equimolarité

Capacité du système à reconnaître de façon identique les formes libre et liée

- 8 dispositifs sur 21 présentent des résultats satisfaisants selon experts :
- \* ARCHITECT PSA TOTAL (Abbott)
- \* AXSYM PSA TOTAL (Abbott)
- \* TANDEM HYBRITECH R PSA (Beckman)
- \* PSA TOTAL IRMA (Diasorin)
- \* IMMULITE 2000 PSA 3G (Siemens)

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- \* VITROS (Ortho Clinical Diagnostics)
- \* PROSTATUS AUTODELFIA PSA libre/PSA total (Perkin Elmer)
- \* AIA PACK PA (Tosoh Bioscience).

Dosages justes et équimolaires : PSA total Irma (Diasorin), Immulite 2000 PSA 3G (Siemens), Prostatus Autodelphia PSAL / PSAT (Perkin Elmer)

### Ré-évaluation des dosages PSA

- Initiative des Sociétés Savantes :
  - » Biologie: SFMN, CNBH, SFBC
  - » Urologie: AFU









- Objectifs: EQM pour PSAT, exactitude pour PSAT
   et PSAL (pertinence pour L/T %)
- Protocole (cf Stamey 98 et Afssaps 2004):
  - $\gg$  3 niveaux de concentration : 2 4 10  $\mu$ g/L
  - » Proportions variables en PSAL : 10 20 30 60 100 %



### NIBSC 96/670 PSA total 90:10



WHO International Standard Prostate Specific Antigen (90:10) NIBSC code: 96/670 Instructions for use (Version 5.0. Dated 30/11/2011)

#### 1. INTENDED USE

This consists of a batch of vials (coded 96/670) containing seminal plasma-derived prostate-specific antigen (PSA), 90% bound to  $\alpha_1$ -anticlymotyppin (PSA-ACT) and 10% in the free form (1), analyses by international collaborative study, and established as the First International Standard for Prostate-Specific Antigen (90:10) by the Expert Committee on Biological Standardization of the World Health Organisation (2,3).

#### 2. CAUTION

#### This preparation is not for administration to humans.

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#### 3 UNITAGE

The assigned content is 1µg total PSA per vial.

Uncertainty: the International Unit of 98/870 is assigned without uncertainty. Where required, the uncertainty of the ampoule content of 88/870 may be considered to be the con-efficient of variation of the fill volume, which was determined to be 0.48%.

#### 4. CONTENTS

Country of origin of biological material: USA.

Fach vial contains the residue, after freeze-drying, of 2ml 20mM PRS, pH 7.4 solution that contained:

Bovine serum albumin 10g/L Prostate-specific antigen (bound) 450µg/L Prostate-specific antigen (free) 50µg/L

#### 5. STORAGE

Unopened ampoules should be stored at -20°C

Please note: because of the inherent stability of lyophilized material, NIBSC may ship these materials at ambient temperature.

6. DIRECTIONS FOR OPPINIES.

#### 6. DIRECTIONS FOR OPENING

DIN ampoules have an 'easy-open' coloured stress point, where the narrow ampoule stem joins the wider ampoule body.

Tap the ampoule gently to collect the material at the bottom (labeled) end. Ensure that the disposable ampoule safety breaker provided is pushed down on the sitem of the ampoule and against the shoulder of the ampoule body. Hold the body of the ampoule in one hand and the disposable ampoule breaker covering the ampoule stem between the thumb and first finger of the other hand. Apply a hending force to open the ampoule at the coloured stress point, primarily using the hand holding the plastic collar.

Care should be taken to avoid outs and projectile glass fragments that might enter the eyes, for example, by the use of suitable gloves and an eye sheld. Take care that no material is lost from the ampoule and no glass falls into the ampoule. Within the ampoule is dry nitrogen gas at slightly less than atmospherio pressure. A new disposable ampoule breaker is provided with each DIN ampoule.

#### 7. USE OF MATERIAL

For practical purposes each vial contains the same quantity of PSA. The entire content of each vial should be completely dissolved in an accurately measured amount of distilled water. No attempt should be made to weigh out portions of the freeze dried powder. On reconstitution with 2ml distilled water, each vial will contain 500mg/ml total PSA. Subsequent dilutions should be carried out with an appropriate dilutent. The free PSA component retains some enzymatic activity and can read with professe inhibitors on serum-based matrices should not be used. The material has not been sterilized and the vials contain no bacteriostat. Unopened vials of the IS should be stored below 20°C in the dark.

#### 8. PREPARATION AND TRANSFER OF VIALS

The batch consists of 2000 glass vials containing 1µg of total PSA (80% PSA-RCT and 10% free PSA) prepared from seminal plasma (4). This mixture represents the average proportion of PSA-RCT and free PSA in sera of patients with canoer of the prostate (5). The material was filled at the Ciba-Coming facility in Irvine, CA, USA and lyophilized under the same controlled conditions as used for preparation of the College of American Pathologist's Survey Panels. Fill precision as measured by weight checks during filling was 0.46% and residual moisture content of the preparation was 2.23% (CV 8.3%). The vials were donated to WHO by Prof T Stamey, Stanford University, CA, USA and, after transfer to NIBSC, were coded 96/670 and stored at -20°C.

#### 9. COLLABORATIVE STUDY

#### 9.1 Aims of the study

The preparation in vials coded 96/670, together with a preparation of free PSA 90:10 (96/688), was evaluated by international collaborative study in which ten laboratories in six countries took part. The study was designed:

- To compare the immunoreactivity of the preparations in immunoassay systems representative of those commonly used in clinical practice or research and assess their suitability to serve as WHO International Standards.
- To assess the stability of the PSA in the lyophilised preparations by assay
  of the contents of wals which had undergone accelerated thermal
  decradation.

 To compare the PSA immunoreactivity of different serum samples in the immunoassay systems included in the study in terms of both local standards and the candidate preparations.

#### 9.2 Activity of vial contents and stability

Estimates of the contents of 96/670 by immunoassay were similar and consistent with local standards, giving a geometric mean estimate of 1.11g/vial (85% confidence limits: 1.04 – 1.18). PSA 90:10 is representative of the ratio of the forms of PSA found in serum of patients with cancer of the prostate and use of a common standard of this preparation significantly reduced the between-laboratory GCVs for the serum samples included in the study and gave a much narrower range of potency estimates. Therefore the preparation coded .96670 was established as the First International Standard for PSA (90:10) with a defined content of Tµg per via (2,3). A predicted degradation rate (6) of 0.027% per year is estimated for samples stored at -20°C.

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#### 13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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WHO Biological Standards:
http://www.who.int/biologicals/en/
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http://www.nibsc.ac.uk/products/biological\_reference\_materials/frequently\_asked\_questions/how\_are\_international\_units.aspx
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### NIBSC 96/668 PSA libre



WHO International Standard Prostate-Specific Antigen Free NIBSC code: 96/668 Instructions for use (Version 6.0. Dated 30/11/2011)

#### 1. INTENDED USE

This consists of a batch of vials (coded 06/868) containing seminal plasma-derived prostate-specific antigen (PSA) (1) analysed by international collaborative study and established as the First International Standard for Prostate-Specific Antigen (Free) by the Expert Committee on Biological Standardization of the World Health Organisation (23.1).

#### 2. CAUTION

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#### 3. UNITAGE

The assigned content is 1µg total PSA per vial.

Uncertainty: the International Unit of 96/668 is assigned without uncertainty. Where required, the uncertainty of the ampoule content of 96/668 may be considered to be the co-efficient of variation of the fill volume, which was determined to be 0.46%.

#### 4 CONTENTS

7.4 solution that contained:

Country of origin of biological material: USA. Each vial contains the residue after freeze-drying of 2ml 20mM PBS, pH

> Bovine serum albumin Prostate-specific antigen (free)

#### 5. STORAGE

Unopened ampoules should be stored at -20°C Please note: because of the inherent stability of lyophilized material, NIBSC may ship these materials at ambient temperature.

10a/L

500µg/L

#### 6. DIRECTIONS FOR OPENING

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- To assess the stability of the PSA in the lyophilised preparations by assay
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  degradation.
- To compare the PSA immunoreactivity of different serum samples in the immunoassay systems included in the study in terms of both local standards and the candidate preparations.

#### 9.2 Activity of vial contents and stability

Estimates of the contents of 96/608 by immunoassay were similar and consistent with local standards, giving a geometric mean estimate of 1.10 µg/vial (85% confidence limits: 0.99 - 1.21). Therefore the preparation coded 96/688 was established as the First International Standard for PSA (free) with a defined content of 1 microgram per vial (2,3). A predicted degradation rate (5) of 0.042% per year is estimated for samples stored at -20°C.

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| Phys  | sical and Chemic  | al properties                     |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Physical<br>appearance: White<br>lyophilised powder | Corrosive:        | No                                |
| Stable:<br>Yes                                      | Oxidising:        | No                                |
| Hygroscopic:<br>Yes                                 | Irritant:         | No                                |
| Flammable:<br>No                                    | Handling:         | See caution, Section 2            |
| Other (specify):                                    | Contains material | of human origin                   |
|   | Toxicological p   | roperties                         |
| Effects of inhalation:                              |                   | ablished, avoid inhalation        |
| Effects of ingestion:                               |                   | void ingestion                    |
| Effects of skin absorp                              | ption: Not esta   | ablished, avoid contact with skir |
|   | Suggested F       | irst Aid                          |
| Inhalation:   | Seek medical adv  | ice                               |
| Ingestion: Seek med                                 | ical advice       |                                   |
| Contact with eyes: I<br>medical advice              | Wash with copious | s amounts of water. Seek          |
| Contact with skin:                                  | Wash thoroughly   | with water:                       |
| Action  | on Spillage and M | Method of Disposal                |
| Spillage of ampoule                                 | contents should b | e taken up with absorbent         |

#### 15. LIABILITY AND LOSS

biological waste.

appropriate disinfectant followed by water.

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material wetted with an appropriate disinfectant. Rinse area with an

Absorbent materials used to treat spillage should be treated as

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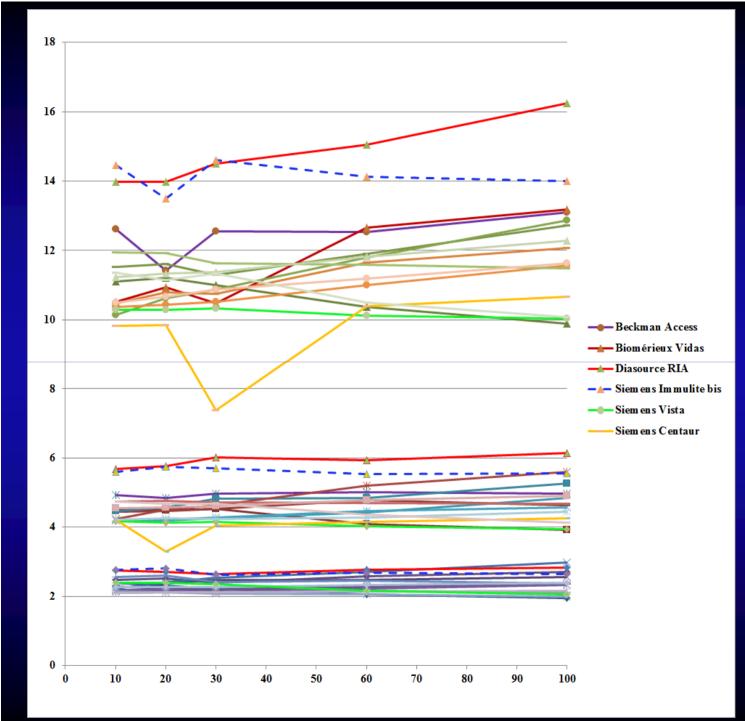




### Panels

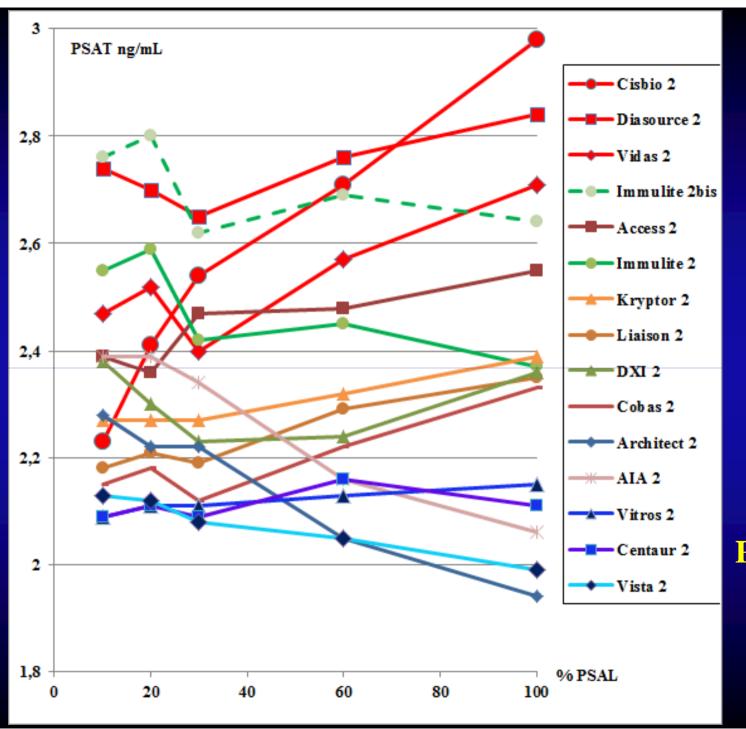
- Préparation à Lyon (Anne Charrié)
  - » Standards NIBSC: PSAT 90:10 (96/670) et PSAL (96/668)
  - » Tampon de dilution : PBS-BSA 5 %
- Envoi aux sites évaluateurs (Corinne Sault, Biomnis)
- Dosages : en triple avec tous les dispositifs utilisés en France (exclus TDR)
  - » PSAT: 14
  - >> PSAL: 13 (dont 1 PSAC)
- Sites experts (19): biologistes Public et Privé (volontariat). Si possible 2 sites pour chaque dispositif.

|                  |                   |                 | <b>PSAT</b> | <b>PSAL</b> | PSAC |                                    |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|------|------------------------------------|
| Fournisseur      | Système           | Standardisation | 27          | 26          | 1    | Sites Evaluateurs                  |
| ABBOTT           | Architect         | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | F. Boux, CHU Angers                |
| ADDOTT           | Architect ci-8200 | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | D. Brault-S. Bailleul, Tenon Paris |
|                  | Access            | Hybritech       | 1           | 1           |      | PJ. Lamy, CRLC Montpellier         |
| BECKMAN COULTER  | DXI 600           | Hybritech       | 1           | 1           |      | P. Deleplanque, CH Niort           |
| BECKINAN COULTER | DXI 800           | Hybritech       | 1           | 1           |      | M. Capdeville, CH Neufchâteau      |
|                  | DXI 800           | Hybritech       | 1           | 1           |      | A. Georges, CHU Bordeaux           |
| BIOMERIEUX       | Vidas             | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | C. Claise, CH Melun                |
| CISBIO           | RIA Cisbio        | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | PJ. Lamy, CRLC Montpellier         |
| CISBIO           | RIA Cisbio        | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | AS. Gauchez, CHU Grenoble          |
| DIASORIN         | Liaison           | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | C. Sault, Biomnis Lyon             |
| DIASOKIN         | Liaison           | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | C. Massart, CHU Rennes             |
| DIASOURCE        | RIA Diasource     | WHO             | 1           |             |      | AS. Gauchez, CHU Grenoble          |
|                  | Cobas 8000        | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | C. Sault, Biomnis Lyon             |
| ROCHE            | Cobas 6000        | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | PJ. Lamy, CRLC Montpellier         |
|                  | Cobas 6000        | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | Y. Cano, CH Vannes                 |
|                  | Immulite 2000     | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | A. Marinier, CH Versailles         |
|                  | Immulite 2000 XPi | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | X. Heches, CH Mont-de-Marsan       |
| SIEMENS          | Immulite 2500     | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | X. Heches, CH Mont-de-Marsan       |
| SIEWENS          | Vista 500         | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | C. Claise, CH Melun                |
|                  | Vista 500         | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | M. Marchaison, CH Hyères           |
|                  | Centaur           | WHO             | 1           | 1           | 1    | C. Massart, CHU Rennes             |
|                  | Kryptor           | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | MP. Moineau, CHU Brest             |
| THERMO FISCHER   | Kryptor Compact   | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | MP. Moineau, CHU Brest             |
| THERWIO FISCHER  | Kryptor           | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | N. Reix, CHU Strasbourg            |
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| TOSOU            | AIA 2000          | WHO             | 1           | 1           |      | JC. Monboisse, CHU Reims           |
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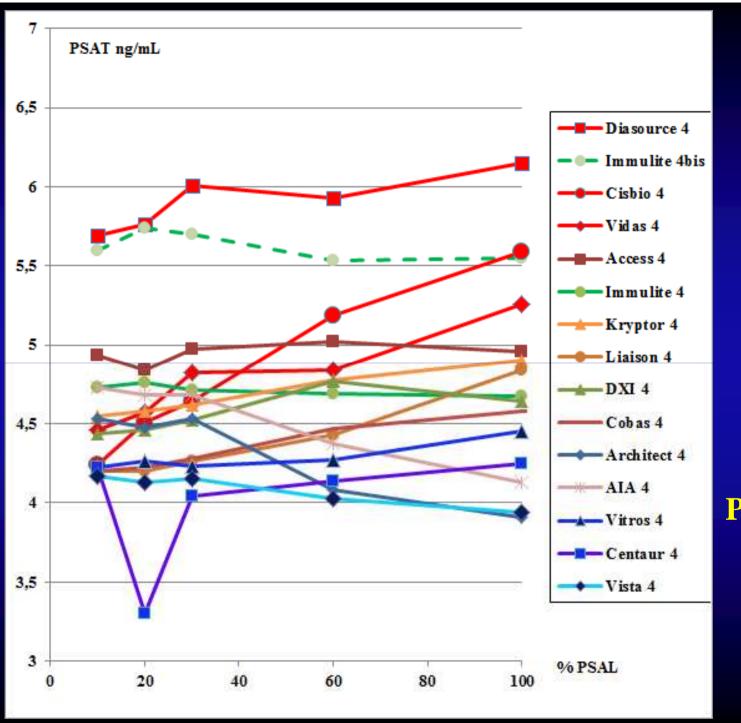


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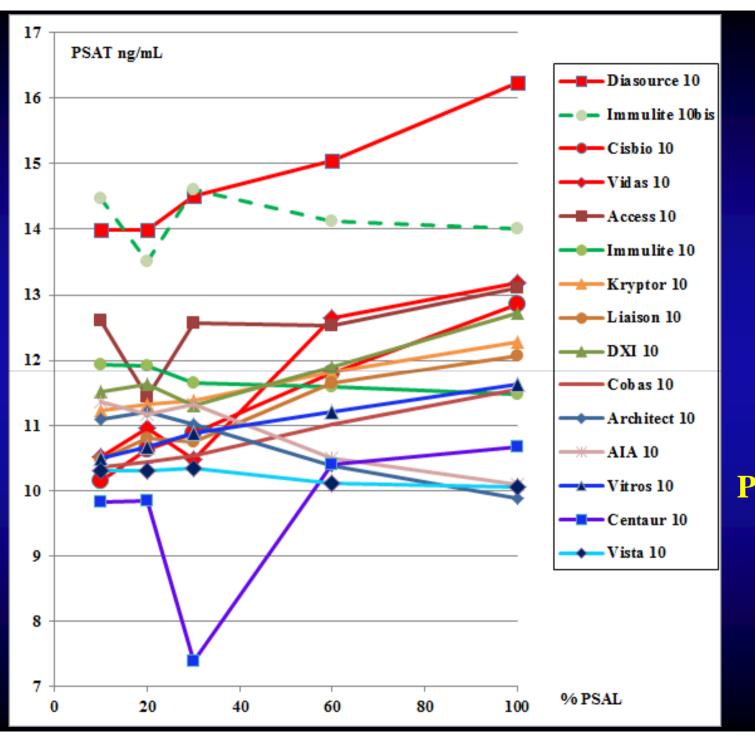
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- **❖** Ciblage variable vs L/T%
- **\*** Ecart augmente avec PSA
- **❖** Surdosage global PSAT



PSA cible 2 ng/mL



### PSA cible 4 ng/mL



PSA cible 10 ng/mL



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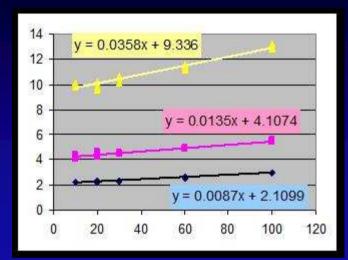
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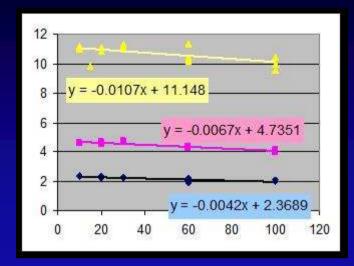
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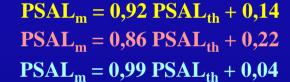
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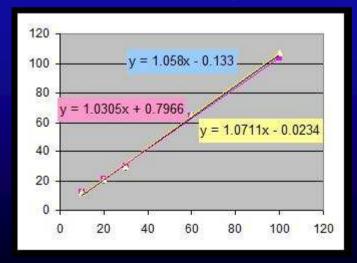
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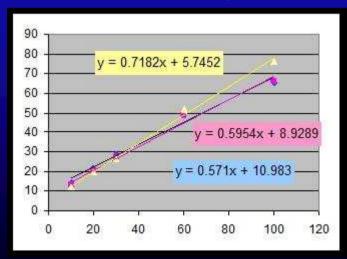


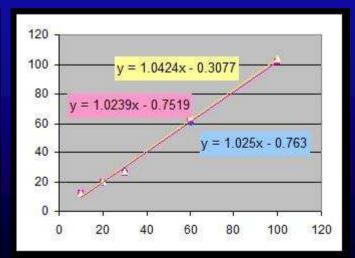
$$PSAL_{m} = 0.97 PSAL_{th} + 0.52$$
  
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 $PSAL_{m} = 0.98 PSAL_{th} + 0.10$ 

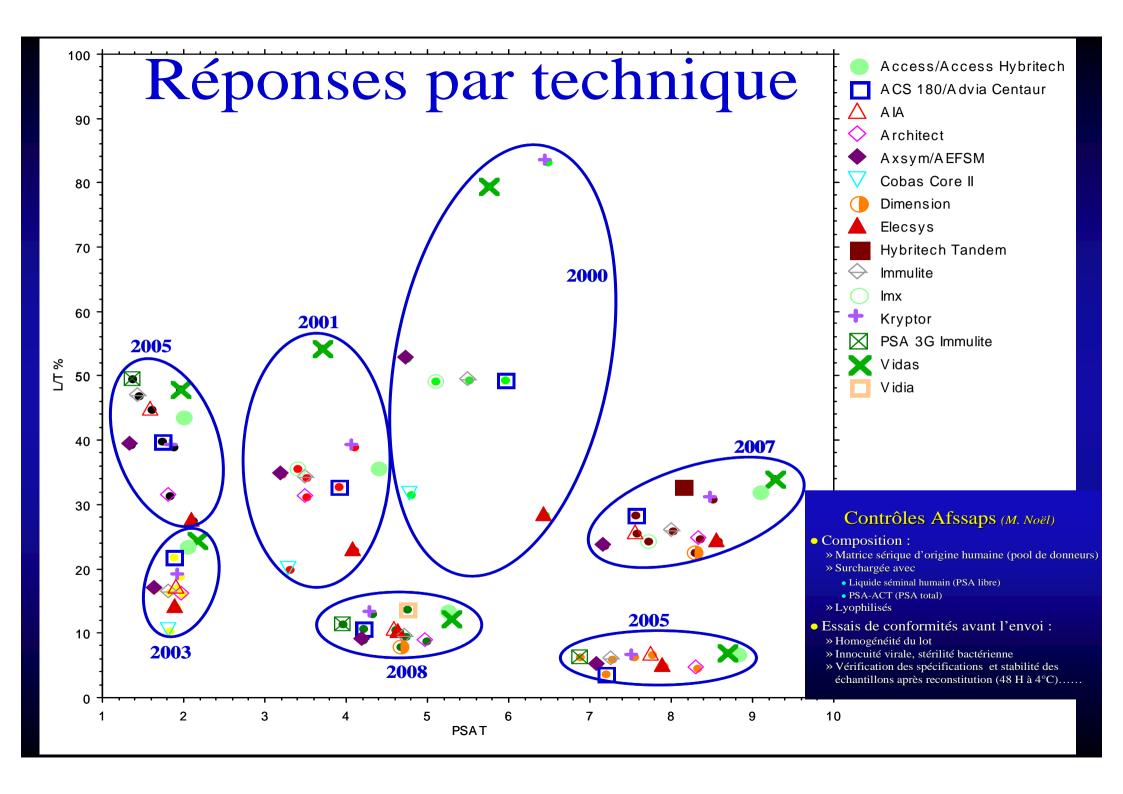


 $PSAL_{m} = 0.99 PSAL_{th} + 0.05$  $PSAL_{m} = 1,02 PSAL_{th} + 0,09$  $PSAL_{m} = 1,00.PSAL_{th} + 0,29$ 









### Conséquences pour la pratique du PSA

- Abaque d'ajustement des différentes techniques ?
  - » Seuil de décision unique : équivalence de performance pour la détection précoce
  - » Cinétique : calcul pertinent des paramètres PSAV et TD sans biais de variabilité intertechnique
- Cinétique du PSAT : TD et PSAV informatifs
  - » Conditions à définir : fréquence et délai dosages, technique utilisée, modèle mathématique (croissance exponentielle, vélocité linéaire)
- Les résultats de PSA doivent être rendus avec la mention en clair du système utilisé, car les différences intertechniques augmentent avec la concentration de PSAT et la proportion de PSAL. L'interprétation d'un résultat de PSA doit tenir compte de la qualité du test utilisé
- PSAL : 2 groupe de ciblage dont l'un surdose à plus de 40%

### Conclusion

### Conseils de bonne pratique

### Choix du bon dosage

- » Détection précoce : seuil de décision unique pour prescription de biopsies (2-3-4 ...ng/mL) ou cinétique attention à la variabilité des dosages de PSAT. Privilégier un dosage <u>exact et EQM</u> pour PSAT, <u>exact</u> pour PSAL (rapport L/T % correct)
- » Suivi post-prostatectomie : seuil de récidive (0,1-0,2 ng/mL ou moins ?) privilégier un dosage <u>ultra-sensible</u> et faire une cinétique sur plusieurs valeurs successives détectables

### Messages pour sensibiliser :

- » Biologistes : considérer la qualité face aux contraintes économiques et organisationnelles
- » Décideurs et ingénieurs biomédicaux : dialogue rapport qualité/prix
- Industriels : améliorer les dosages défaillants, voire retirer les mauvais (surtout en PSA libre) pour éviter les surdosages (surtraitements)
- » Cliniciens (Urologues, Généralistes) et Patients : exiger des dosages de qualité pour une décision diagnostique efficace et à moindre coût



### Berger Belge Chien renifleur

Des chiens capables de détecter les cancers de la prostate

Autre(s) nom(s) Malinois, Groenendael, Laekenois, Tervueren, Belgian Shepherd Dog

Origine

Belgique

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France – Selon une étude menée par une équipe française et présentée à l'American urological association, certaines races de chiens pourraient être entraînées à détecter les cancers de la prostate.

Les médecins de l'hôpital Tenon à Paris ont entraîné ces chiens à distinguer l'urine d'hommes atteints d'un cancer de la prostate de celle d'hommes sains. Les chiens sont parvenus à identifier 63 cancers sur 66

Les chiens possèdent un odorat extrêmement subtil, 100.000 fois plus puissant que celui de l'Homme. Ils sont déjà entraînés à

détecter droques, explosifs ou prisonniers évadés.

Une molécule contenue dans les cellules du cancer de la prostate doit libérer une odeur particulière à laquelle les malinois sont sensibles, selon Jean-Nicolas Cornu, le directeur de la recherche. Toutefois, les scientifiques n'ont pas encore identifié cette molécule. Il pourrait également s'agir d'un effet Clever Hans, phénomène par lequel un animal répond correctement à une demande, une question non pas parce qu'il connaît la réponse mais par réaction à un stimulus provoqué par l'expression du visage et/ou les mouvements de la personne "l'interrogeant". D'autres études avec un panel plus large doivent donc être menées.



Une équipe de chercheurs français a révélé cette semaine que les chiens pourraient être utiles dans la détection du cancer de la prostate chez l'homme. En effet, ces animaux seraient capables de sentir la présence de produits chimiques dans l'urine de personnes atteintes de cancer de la prostate.

Les chiens, dont l'odorat est extrêmement développé seraient donc entraînés pour reconnaître cette odeur particulière diffusée par les produits chimiques. Dans le cas d'un cancer du poumon, des produits chimiques sont également présents, et peuvent être sentis dans l'haleine de la personne.

Le docteur français Jean-Nicolas Cornu a entrainé un Berger belge à sentir des échantillons d'urine de

personnes atteintes d'un cancer de la prostate et d'autres qui ne l'étaient pas. Sur 66 essais, les chiens ont réussi 63 fois. Les seuls erreurs étaient sur des personnes saines, que le chien avait évalué comme malades. Toutes les personnes ont été identifiées par le Berger belge.

Le processus d'entrainement a duré pendant environ un an et l'équipe de chercheurs est déjà en train de **former de nouveaux chiens**. Les chercheurs tentent d'identifier les produits chimiques auxquels répondent les chiens, afin de mettre au point un « nez électronique »

Décidément, les chiens ont vraiment une âme de sauveurs! Nous parlions récemment de la bave du chien qui pourrait être utilisée pour guérir les personnes atteintes du cancer. Nos amis à quatre pattes n'en finiront jamais de nous étonner!