

## "Good, Bad or just different?"

# **BioRad**

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### Disclaimer

- This presentation is based on my opinions and observations
- I have raised a number of the 'problems' with BioRad previously
- My aim is to give a review of the BioRad technology not to promote any one system over another



### Background

- I have used the BioRad technology since 1999
- Used as front line technique since 2002
- Other technologies
  - Tubes
  - Solid phase technologies
    - Manual microplate
    - Capture
  - Column technologies
    - Biovue
    - Biorad

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# **BioRad Cards**

- Card containing 6 microtubes
- Each microtube contains dextran acrylamide gel
- The gel can be left neutral or impregnated with reagents
- Multiple reagent cards available





The Good



- Easy to store
  - 18 to 25°C
- Robust
- Can be used manually or automated
- Widely used throughout the UK
- Reliable and repeatable





- Easy to use
- Does not require washing
- Easy to read
- Results stable
  - Reaction remain trapped

in gel





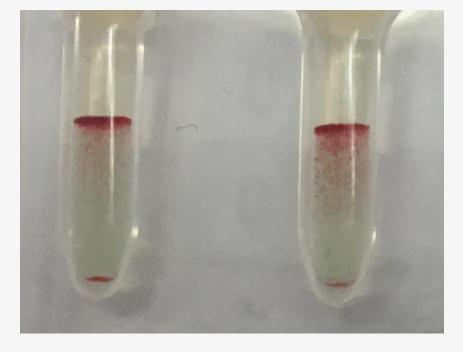




- Sensitive
- Extremely good for detecting mixed field reactions







- Interference
  - Fibrin
  - Cold agglutinins
  - Waldenströms macroglobulinaemia
  - BioRad dependent antibodies



## The reagents

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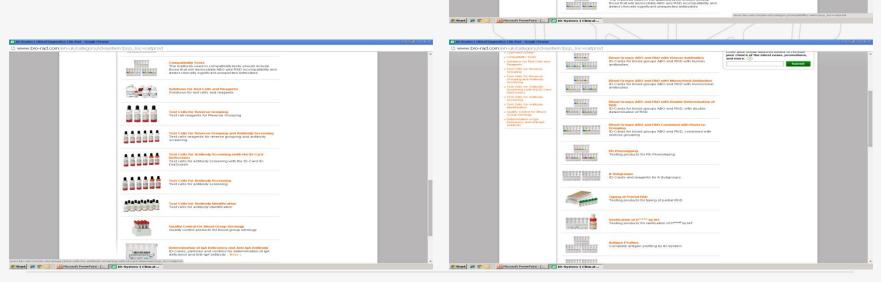
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Type and Screen ID-Cards for type and screen tests

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Huge range of different products available



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### The good



- Wide range of panels available
- Ability to use panels produced by other suppliers
- The ability to resuspend any red cell and use in test





Bga positive cells!!

The bad





#### Automation

- IH-1000
  - High through put
  - Walk away
- IH-500
  - Compact bench top
- Gel Station
- Stand alone dispensers
- Stand alone readers









- High throughput
- Easy to use
- Good images
- Sensitivity of camera



#### The bad



- Shut down process
- Reactivity of software
- Sensitivity of camera
  - Over sensitive?
  - Under sensitive?



# Conclusion

- Good?
- Bad?
- Just different

