

# FDA's Role and Tools for ID-NGS Diagnostics



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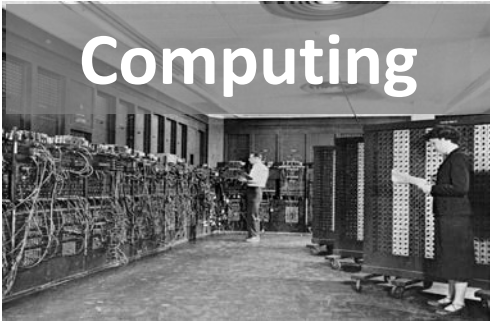
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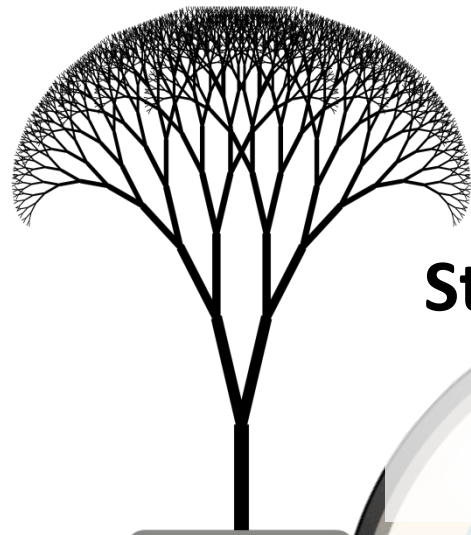
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Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

cgg aca cac  
aaa aag aaa



Standardized  
Reference  
Database



NGS Dx



NIST

Progress

# First FDA Clearances of NGS



## NGS Sequencing Platform

### ☐ Tool Claim

De novo for the Illumina MiSeqDx instrument and the Illumina Universal Kit reagents, two devices that make up the first FDA-regulated test system that allows laboratories to develop and validate sequencing of any part of a patient's genome. The Universal Kit reagents isolate and create copies of genes of interest from patient blood samples; the MiSeqDx platform analyzes the genes. The software compares the patient's genomic sequence to a reference sequence and reports back any differences.

## NGS Assays with Specific Indications

### ☐ 139 Variant Claim

The Illumina MiSeqDx Cystic Fibrosis 139-Variant Assay: Detects known CFTR variants (based on the Clinical and Functional Translation of CFTR database information).

### ☐ CFTR Gene Claim

The Illumina MiSeqDx Cystic Fibrosis Clinical Sequencing Assay: Sequences a large portion of the CFTR gene.

### Press Announcement:

<http://www.fda.gov/newsevents/newsroom/pressannouncements/ucm375742.htm>

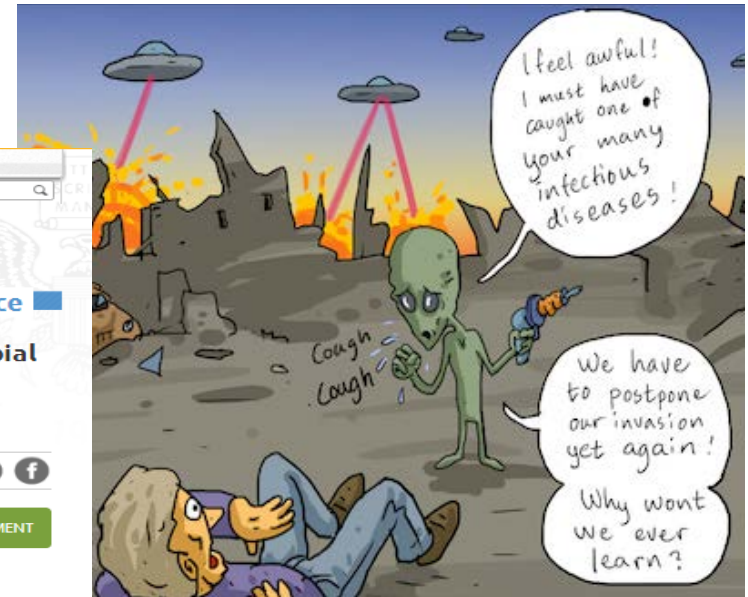
**The MiSeqDx Platform is not intended for whole genome or de novo sequencing.**

# Infectious Disease (ID) NGS Dx

There is **no FDA cleared NGS instrument for sequencing of microbial genomic DNA** for identification of microbial targets or detection of virulence or resistance genes.

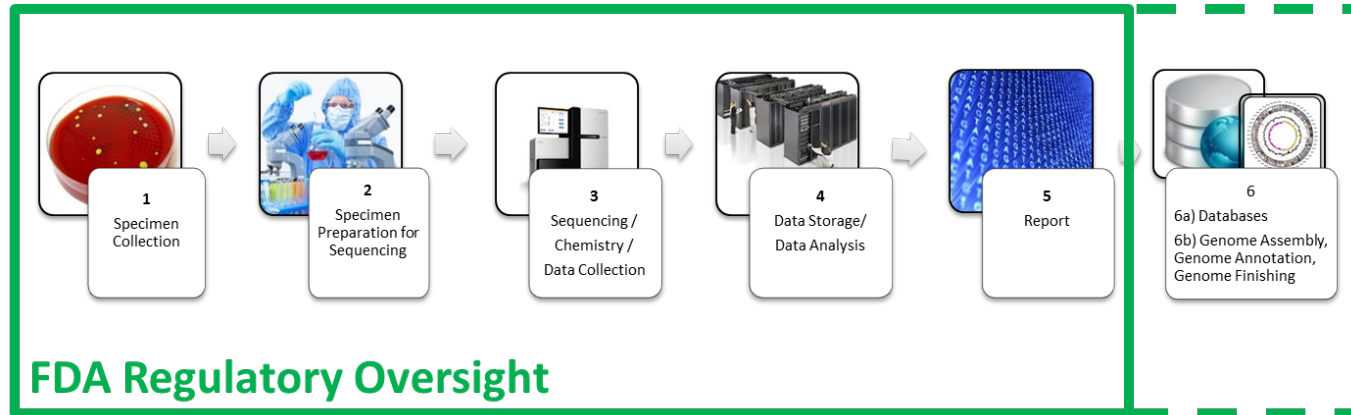


The screenshot shows the Federal Register website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Sections, Browse, Search, Policy, Learn, Blog, and My FR. Below this is the Federal Register logo and the text "FEDERAL REGISTER The Daily Journal of the United States Government". A blue banner with the word "Notice" is visible. The main heading of the notice is "Infectious Disease Next Generation Sequencing Based Diagnostic Devices: Microbial Identification and Detection of Antimicrobial Resistance and Virulence Markers; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Availability". Below the heading, it states "A Notice by the Food and Drug Administration on 05/13/2016". There is a button to "SUBMIT A FORMAL COMMENT" and a link to "Comments on this document are being accepted at Regulations.gov". The "ACTION" section indicates "Notice." and the "SUMMARY" section begins with "The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance entitled 'Infectious Disease Next Generation Sequencing Based Diagnostic Devices: Microbial Identification and Detection of Antimicrobial Resistance and Virulence Markers.' This draft guidance provides recommendations to assist industry in designing studies to establish the analytical and..."





# FDA Current Thinking



## NGS Technologies

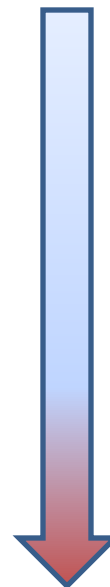
### Targeted (*amplicon*)

- Scope limited to defined regions that target a specific organism(s), gene(s) or marker(s).
- Targets are selected *apriori* by any lab or bioinformatics method (e.g., amplicon sequencing or a k-mer signature database) based on the diagnostic devices intended use.

### Agnostic (*whole genome, shotgun*)

- No *apriori* knowledge of targets.
- Generally can identify all constituents (e.g., organism(s), gene(s) or marker(s), microbiota, human background, and contaminants) in a sample.

## Sample Applications



Single Target (Pathogen, Gene, Marker)

Pathogen/Marker Panel

Gene Panel (16S)

Metagenomics

Novel and Emerging Pathogens

# FDA Tools for ID NGS Dx

## **FDA-ARGOS Database**

:microbial reference genomes for **regulatory use**

- ✓ **New and flexible regulatory pathway**
  - Enable In-silico validation
  - Reduce testing burden
- ✓ **Reference database**

## **Interagency ID NGS Working Group**

: team of agency-wide NGS subject matter experts

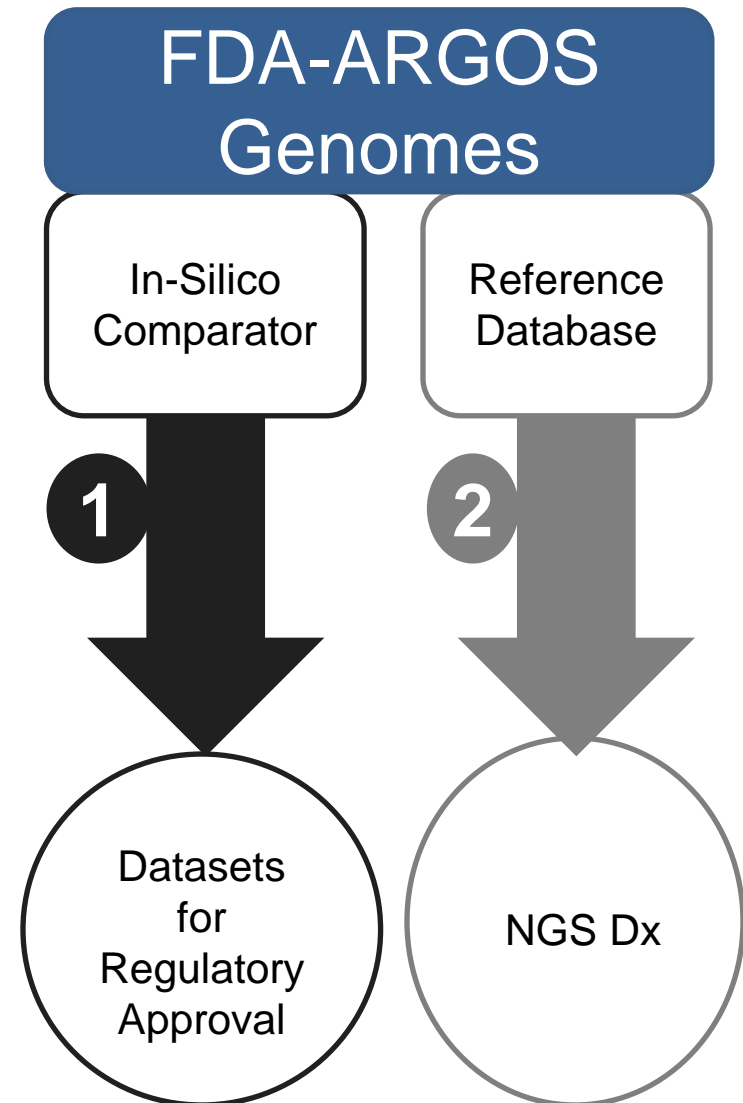
- ✓ **ID NGS Dx Advisory Board**
- ✓ **Consensus FDA-ARGOS genome vetting**
- ✓ **Keep current on state of the art**
- ✓ **Tackle open questions (i.e. sens/spec)**

# FDA-ARGOS: Goal and Use

- Public Resource
- Regulatory-Grade Genomes
- US-Initiated
- Medical Countermeasures
- Common clinical
- Near neighbors

- Coverage for US Interest
- Does NOT reflect *Needs for Developing World* and associated *Global Standards*

NCBI Project [PRJNA231221](#)





FDA-ARGOS



COMPREHENSIVE

ACCURACY

EMERGING THREATS

Precision

Inclusivity

VERACITY

Robustness

Specificity Geography

Sustainability

Spatial

Coverage

Timeliness

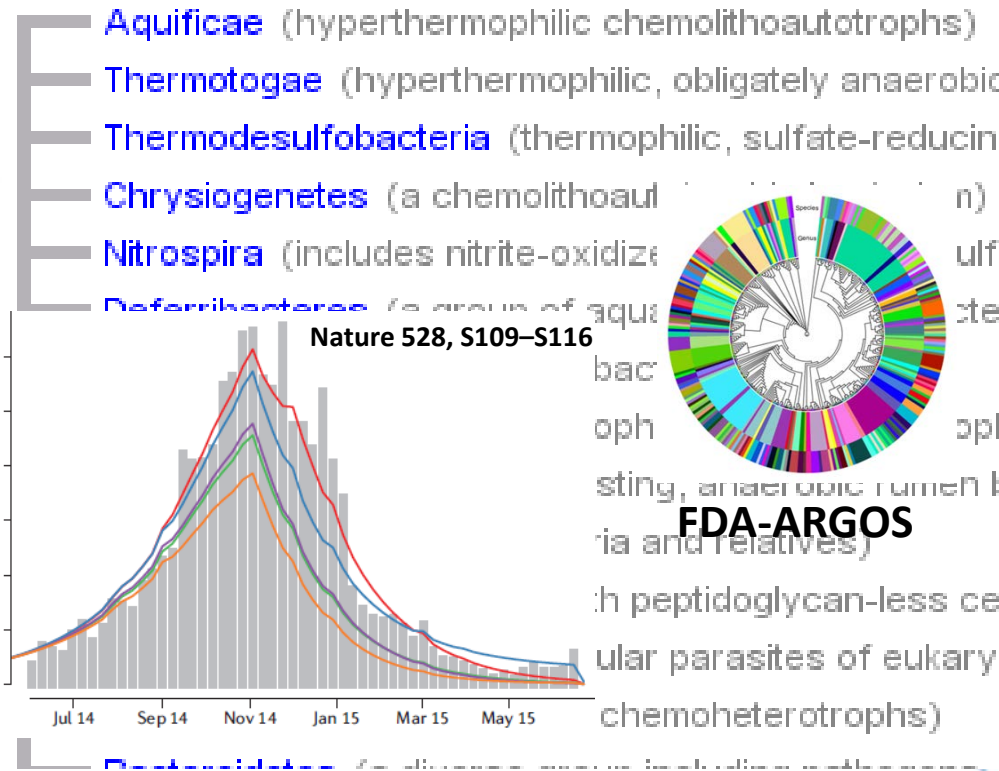
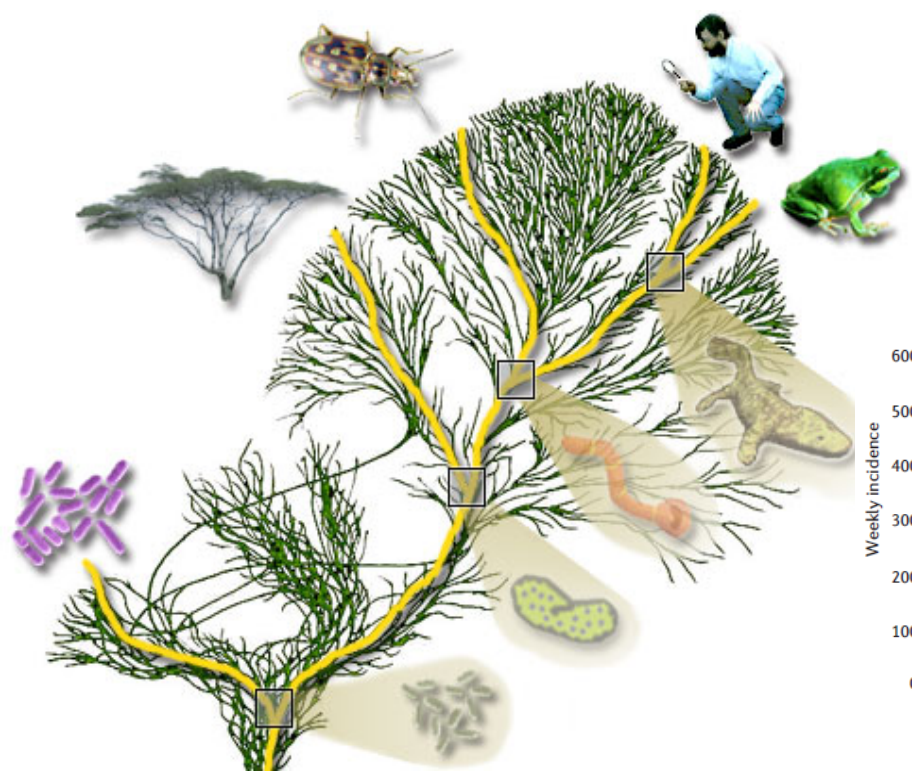
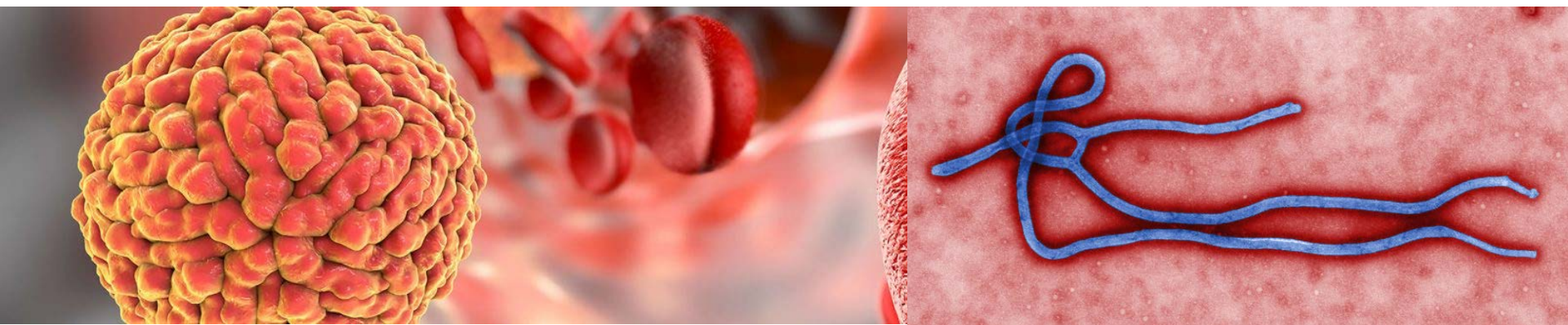
Global-ARGOS



# Accuracy



# Coverage: Spatial/Temporal





# Reference Genome Gap: Ebola

## Endemic African Diseases

Chikungunya virus  
Crimean-Congo  
Hemorrhagic Fever virus  
Dengue virus serotype 1  
Dengue virus serotype 2  
Dengue virus serotype 3  
Dengue virus serotype 4

## Ebola virus

Lassa virus  
Marburg virus (Angola)  
Marburg virus (Ci67)

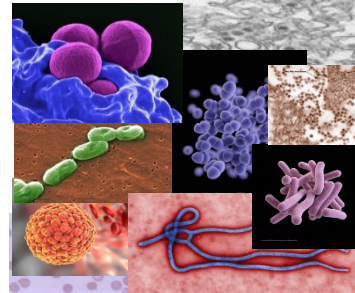
## Plasmodium falciparum

Rift Valley fever virus  
West Nile virus

## Yellow fever virus

## Zika virus

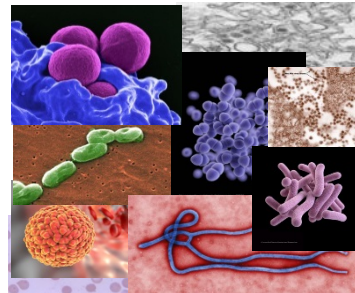
## Non-Curated Database



## Misdiagnosis:

- ☐ False Positives
- ☐ False Negatives

## Standardized Reference Database



## Correct Diagnosis:

- ☒ True Positives
- ☒ True Negatives

✓ *Minimize Misdiagnosis*

✓ *Evolutionary Change*

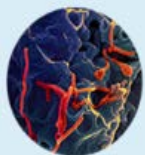
✓ *Rapid Diagnostics*



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✓ Coverage of circulating strain in reference database first step to catch the bug



Decoding Ebola: Next-Generation Sequencing of the Ebola Genome for the FDA ARGOS Database

When you need a test to confirm disease in an outbreak, you need it fast. Global

THE FUTURE

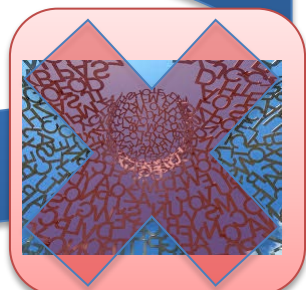
Infections Disease NGS Dx

Platform?



Global ARGOS

Prevent Outbreak



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# Sustainable Solution

