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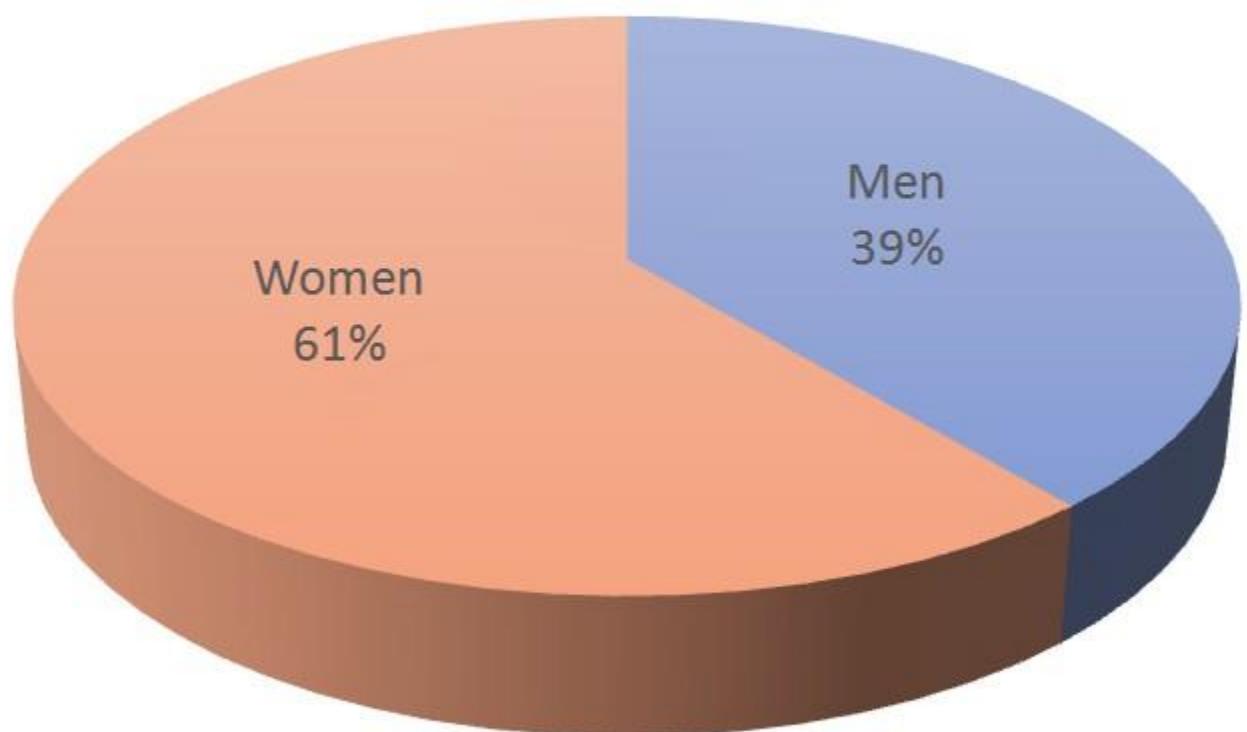
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GENDER

- BGR/BG involve 100% of men (3)
- AMU involve 60% of women (3) and 40% of men (2)
- INMI involve 87,5% of women (7) and 12,5% men (1).
- UCPP involve 50% of women (1) and 50% of men (1)



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Summary

Currently, COVID-19 diagnostic tests need to be processed by an expert in a laboratory, and patients often have to wait at least a day for their results. The KRONO project aims to change that by delivering a simple test that can be used at a doctor's office or a patient's home (for example) and would deliver results in just 40 minutes..

The diagnostic kit is based on novel technology that can work with unprocessed samples of blood, saliva, or nose or throat swabs and can be operated by anyone with basic training in how to use the device. The software is based on algorithms trained on actual clinical data, and allows users to easily interpret the results.

While the team is focusing its efforts on the current COVID-19 outbreak, they also plan to ensure the system can be easily adapted to future outbreaks of new diseases in humans as well as animals..

Achievements & News

[A rapid 'One-Stop' test 'pipeline' for current and future pathogens](#)

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KRONO's COVID-19 test technology will make the world more prepared for new threats to human, animal and even plant health

FACTS & FIGURES

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RIA(Research and Innovation Action)

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Other	1035494
Total Cost	1819964

Project
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Participants

[9 Show participants on map](#)

[Universities, research organisations, public bodies, non-profit groups](#)

- Istituto Nazionale Per Le Malattie Infettive Lazzaro Spallanzani-Istituto Di Ricovero E Cura A Carattere Scientifico, Rome, Italy
- Université D'Aix Marseille, Marseille, France
- Université De Corse Pascal Paoli, Corte, France

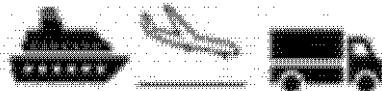
Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and micro-sized

- 8 G Research LTD, Kimbolton, United Kingdom
- Biogene LTD, Kimbolton, United Kingdom

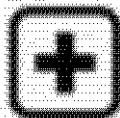
KRONO KEY OBJECTIVES

- Meet the WHO R&D blueprint TPP of 10,000 virions/ml detection for simple to use, low cost tests for use in the developing world
- Ability to deploy tests for use without lab access in remote regions and used by anyone with simple training
- Drive the cost of goods to the point that assays can be sold at the price point of lateral flow but with sensitivity of molecular
- Advancement of the portable detection system from the existing lab based technology demonstrator to a portable validated production unit ready to be manufactured at scale to impact on both the current pandemic and future outbreaks of emergent disease
- Development and validation of the SARS-CoV-2 assay, including internal positive control - latterly becoming a Duplex test.
- Demonstration of rapid development and scaling to production of the lyophilised assays, including enzyme production, reagent and lyophilisation development

Bio



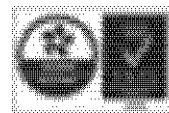
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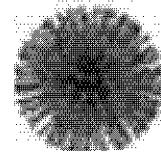
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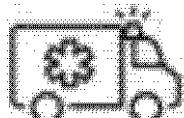
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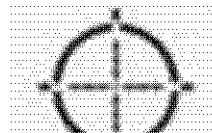
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Proactive Pandemic Preparedness

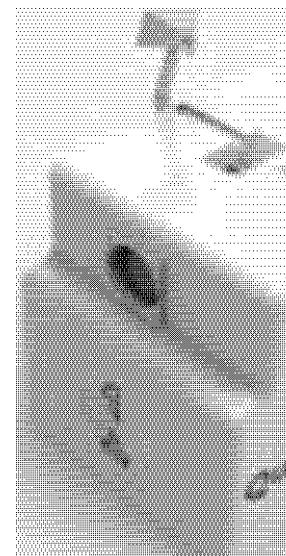


Triaging and Treatment



Containment and Quarantine

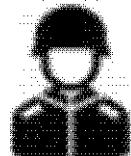
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Homeland Security

BGR

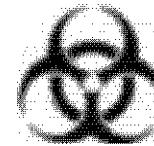
Application Areas



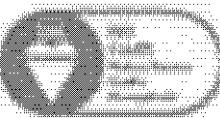
**Screening of
Soldiers and FOBs**



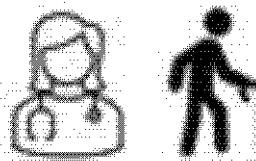
**Major Events
(e.g. Sporting,
Religious and
Political)**



**Biosecurity and
Bioweapons**



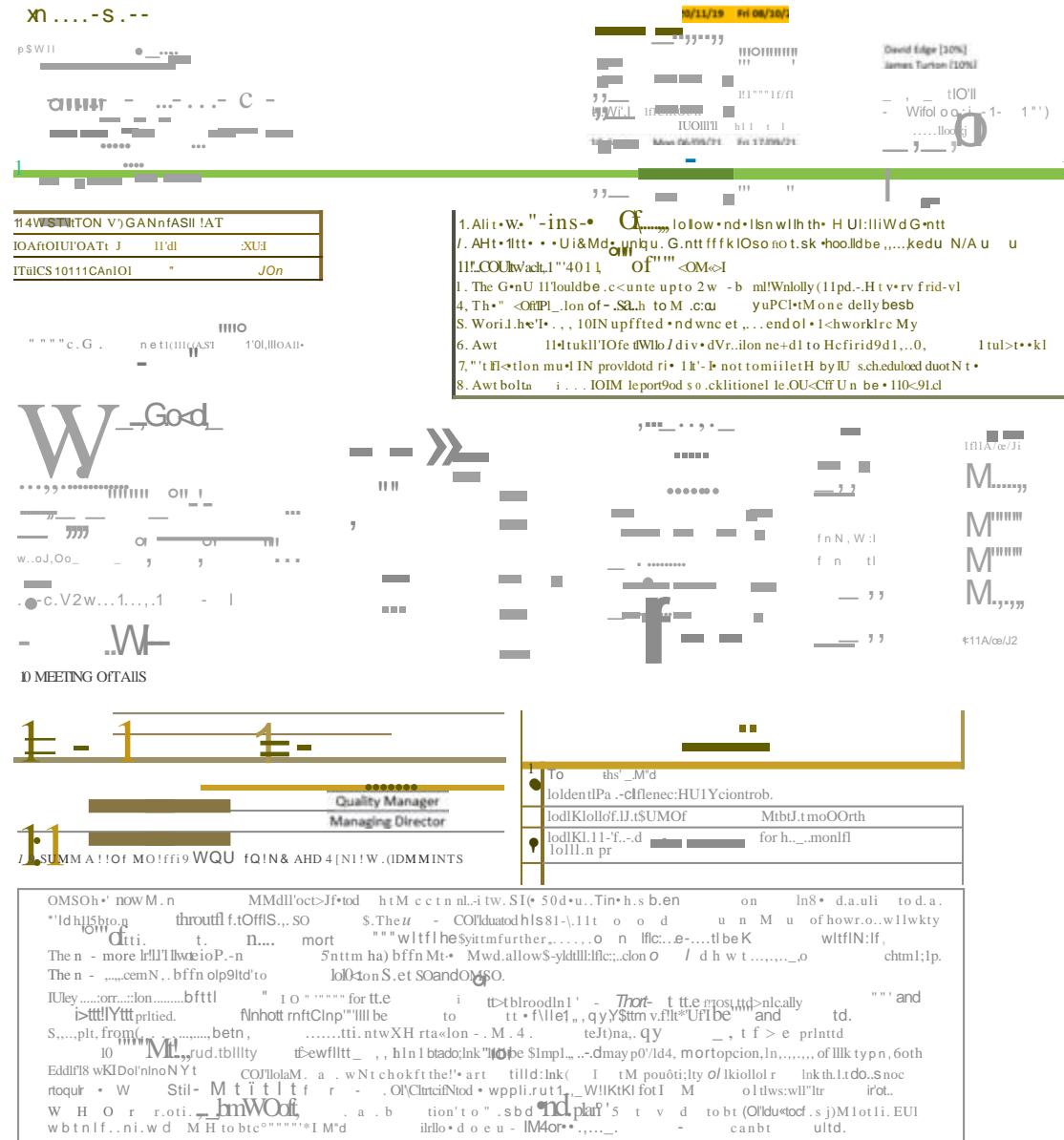
**Border Control and
Immigration**



**Deployment in
Local GP Surgeries
and Care Homes**

PLANNING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

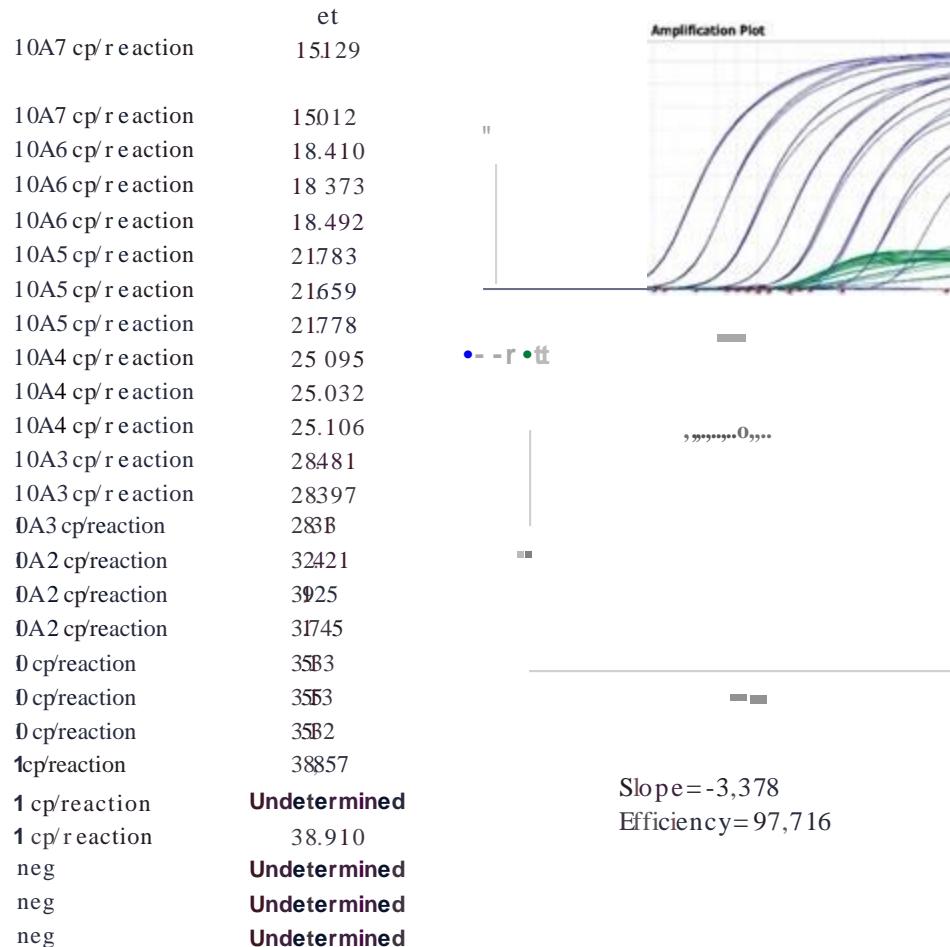
- The ISO 13485 QMS gives BG Research a strategic capability in planning and management of projects
- Each project has its own dedicated Design and Development Plan (DDP) where key milestone deliverables and required resources are documented
- A master project Gantt is used to ensure tasks are clearly defined, assigned and completed within specified time frames
- The Gantt is updated on an ongoing basis and a weekly forecast issued each week (forecasted tasks integrated into assigned personnel's daily worksheets)
- Monthly documented team meetings (biology, mechanical and quality) are scheduled at the end of each month (used to summarise work, identify any bottlenecks/risks and plan objectives)



First batch of reagents Experiments to compare BGR reagents vs Alt n-A+H- - - - -

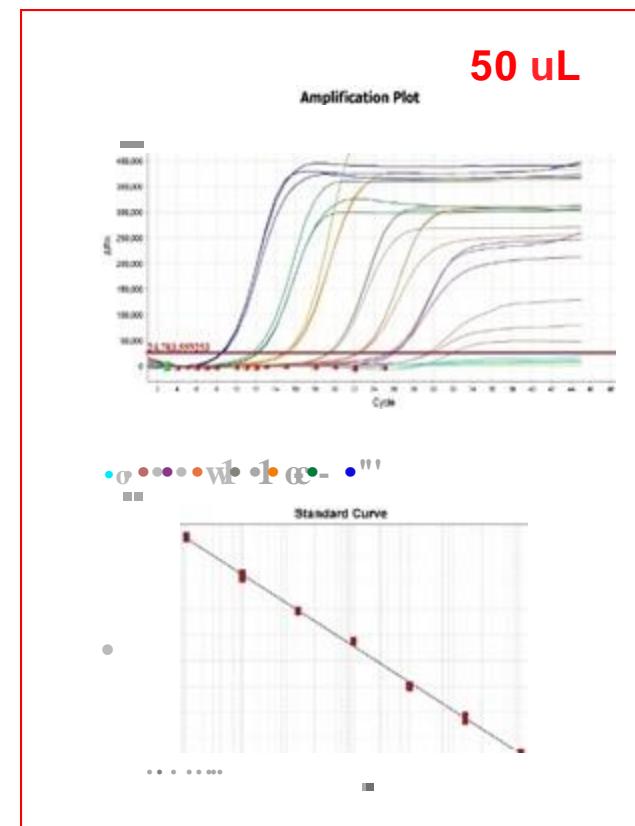
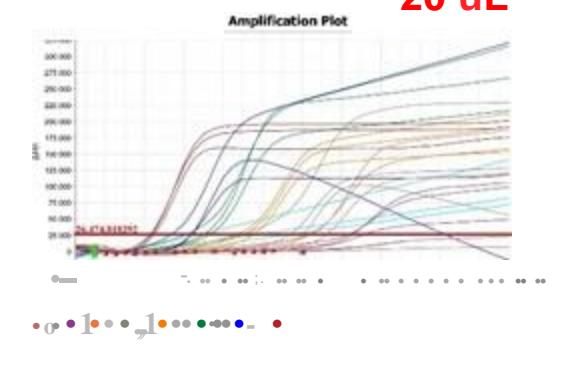
{by using SARS-CoV-2 extracted RNA}

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BGR (First batch of reagents)

	20 uL	50 uL
10A7 cp/reaction	8.585	8.611
0A6 cp/reaction	8.955	8.525
0A6 cp/reaction	0.775	0.220
0A6 cp/reaction	0.785	1.551
0A6 cp/reaction	0.802	2.020
0AS cp/reaction	0.771	4.853
0AS cp/reaction	0.705	5.92
0AS cp/reaction	0.094	4.955
0A4 cp/reaction	0.09	9.535
0A4 cp/reaction	0.48	9.256
10A4 cp/reaction	18.135	19.286
10A3 cp/reaction	22.788	22.393
10A3 cp/reaction	24.049	22.462
10A3 cp/reaction	17.898	22.239
10A2 cp/reaction	26.486	25.772
10A2 cp/reaction	24.727	26.031
10A2 cp/reaction	24.993	25.358
10 cp/reaction	29.082	29.293
10 cp/reaction	28.749	31.755
10 cp/reaction	30.352	29.689
1 cp/reaction	Undetermined	Undetermined
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neg	22.875	Undetermined
neg	13.748	Undetermined
neg	19.581	Undetermined



With BGR: Detection up to 10 cp/ reaction
Best final reaction volume is 50 uL