

Strand's qPCR Reporting Software (PQRS)

Our in-house customizable infectious-disease reporting end-to-end solution processes qPCR input and generates a comprehensive and actionable report with detailed pathogen profiles, antibiotic susceptibility status, and drug recommendations.

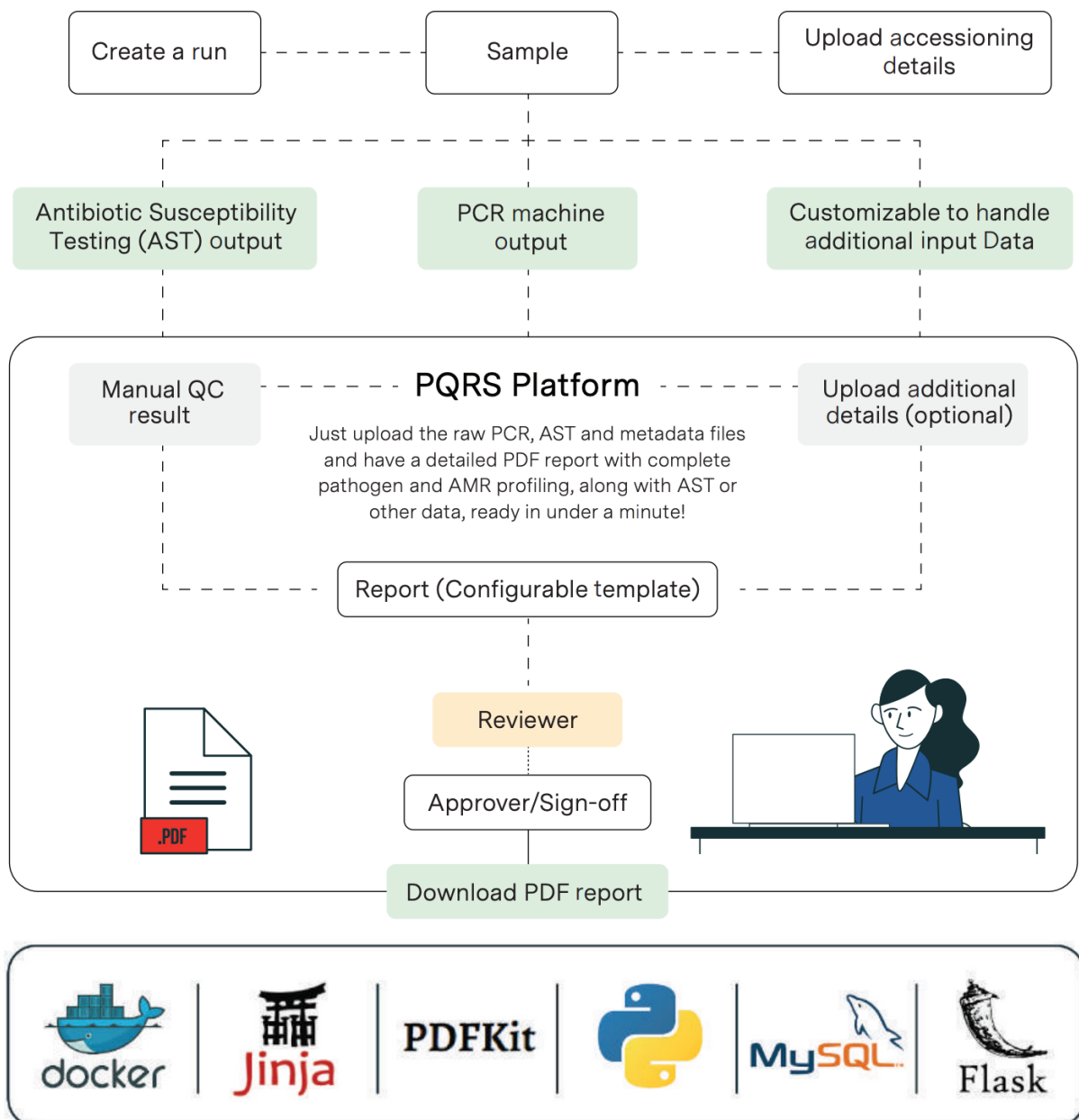
- 2-Minute Report Turnaround Time
- Highly Customizable Features
- Seamless LIMS Integration
- Broad Test Range
 - 91 Pathogens
 - 42 AMR Genes
 - 513 Pathogen-Drug recommendations





The PQRS Workflow

- PQRS software offers an end-to-end solution for qPCR reporting.
- The process is initiated by inputting qPCR result files, and the PQRS platform can be customized to handle other input data types as well.
- Additionally, culture test output files can also be entered into the workflow, thus enabling combined reporting of pathogens, AMR genes and antibiotic susceptibility testing (AST).
- A manual QC step is performed to ensure accuracy.
- Following this, a comprehensive report based on a configurable template is compiled and generated.
- A brief review by a senior scientist follows and the report is made available to the end user as a PDF download.
- The entire workflow – from file input through QC to report generation – is completed in under 2 minutes.
- PQRS can be integrated into existing LIMS setups, enabling seamless report generation and retrieval.





Tailored qPCR and AST Report with Medication Options

Our customizable report offers the following benefits

- 1. Clinician-approved format:** We incorporate client-specific requirements into the qPCR report through frequent interactions with the clinician team.
- 2. Combined qPCR and AST reporting:** The end report captures the qPCR-identified pathogens, antibiotic resistance genes, as well as antibiotic susceptibility test results, offering insights on infectious pathogens as well as AST status.
- 3. Broad array of medication options:** Our platform currently supports over 500 drug-pathogen recommendations across 91 pathogens and 42 resistance genes. Clinicians can choose from multiple antibiotic recommendations based on pathogen profiles to make patient-tailored decisions.
- 4. Dosage guidance:** PQRS can be configured to include medication dosage guidance based on pathogen profiles and antibiotic susceptibility.
- 5. Additional customization:** Reports can be customized to include drug tiers, and administration routes based on curated treatment protocols and clinician preferences. Reports can also have embedded audit logs to track report creation times and approval status, and optionally include sign-offs by subject matter experts.

The high-level summary in the first page is followed by a detailed account of identified pathogen profiles.

Urinary Tract Infection Report

Patient Information

Name: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

Sex: [REDACTED]

Specimen Details

Specimen Type: Urinary Catheter Tip

Collection Date: 10/11/2023

Received Date: 10/11/2023

Report Date: 10/23/2024

Provider Information

[REDACTED]

Final Test Report

Pathogen Identification and Antibiotic Resistance Profiling

Comments: Approved

Pathogen and Antibiotic Resistance Gene Identification by PCR

Positive By PCR

Following pathogens were detected:

- Klebsiella pneumoniae (K. pneumoniae), Ct: 14.924

Following antibiotic resistance genes were detected:

- blaCTX-M_Group
- blaSHV
- dfr_Group
- sul_Group

PCR Ct Ranges	Ct < 20	Ct 20 - 23	Ct 23 - 25	Ct 25 - 28	Ct 28 - 30
Estimated CFU/mL	> 1x10 ⁸	1x10 ⁷	1x10 ⁶	1x10 ⁵	< 1x10 ⁴
Suggested Interpretation	Very high pathogen abundance. Most likely causative infection agent, involving a polymicrobial infection.	High pathogen abundance. Very significant causative infection agent.	Moderate pathogen abundance. Potentially causative infection agent or ungerminated flora originating from indwelling catheter.	Low pathogen abundance. Likely causative infection agent, but in certain clinical settings may be regarded as potentially causative, please consider with patient's symptoms and medical history.	Very low or no significant pathogen abundance. Most likely ungerminated flora or contamination. In certain clinical settings, could be considered as possible emerging pathogens for recurrent infection.

Note: PCR Positive or Negative results for pathogens are based on predetermined cycle threshold (Ct) cutoffs for the probability of specific pathogens conferring a clinically significant urinary tract infection. A Negative PCR result does not necessarily imply the absence of a potential pathogen, and pathogens may be identified by culture that are not reported by PCR. Furthermore, a Positive PCR result may not always correlate with culture results or imply clinically significant disease for every patient. Providers should correlate the PCR results with the culture results in the context of the patient's clinical scenario.

Medication Choices

K. pneumoniae: Amikacin, Aztreonam, Ciprofloxacin, Fosfomycin, Gentamicin, Levofloxacin, Nitrofurantoin, Plazomicin

Note: Agents displayed are based on both PCR and antibiotic susceptibility results. The detection of antibiotic resistance genes may not always correlate with antibiotic susceptibility results. Providers should review the antibiotic susceptibility results, when available, before starting therapy.

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Culture and Antibiotic Susceptibility Profiling

Pathogen Identification by culture method

Klebsiella pneumoniae, Heavy growth

Detected Organism	Ampicillin	Ampicillin/Sulbactam	Cefazolin	Cefepime	Ceftriaxone	Cefuroxime	Clindamycin	Colistin	Daptomycin	Erythromycin	Fidaxomicin	Gentamicin	Linezolid	Mupirocin	Nafcillin	Pivmecillinam	Rifampin	Spectinomycin	Streptomycin	Sulbactam	Tetracycline	Vancomycin
K. pneumoniae	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

Detected Organism

K. pneumoniae

Sensitive

Sensitive (S): Indicates the organism(s) is susceptible to the antibiotic.

Intermediate (I): Indicates the organism(s) is susceptible to the antibiotic but not at a level required to ensure effectiveness.

Resistant (R): Indicates the organism(s) is not susceptible.

Grey Box: Agent not assayed against pathogen.

Reference method and interpretive criteria based on the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) M100 document, 32nd edition.

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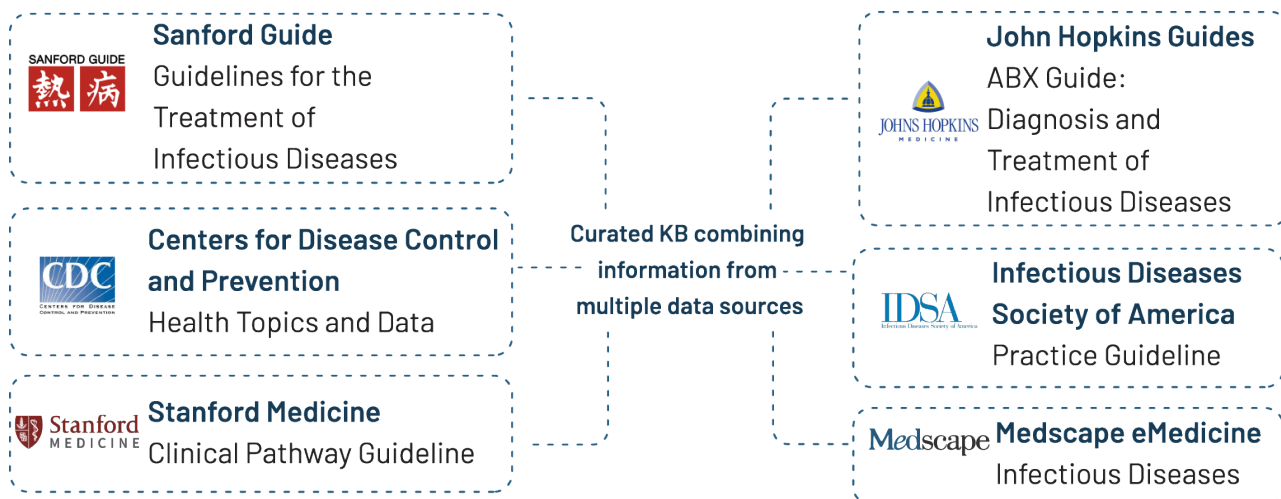
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Reference Databases and Compliances

- The PQRS platform is equipped with an infectious-disease knowledge base curated by referencing established and licensed publicly available data sources. The knowledge base can be adapted and augmented to align with the client's panels and evolving treatment protocols to ensure accurate and relevant medical suggestions.
- Our privacy and security protocols also ensure that patient data remains confidential as per HIPAA guidelines, and the data received through our API is HL7 compliant.

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We worked with a US-based CLIA/CAP-certified diagnostic laboratory offering infectious-disease testing to deliver a bespoke PQRS solution:

1. We customized the report to include all medication choices without details on tiers, route of administration, or dosage.
2. The antibiotic choices provided in the report were filtered for those approved in the US and referred to by their US trade names instead of generic names.
3. The report generation process was modified to require a medical director's approval.
4. The report was made available in both PDF and JSON formats.

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