

**36. Molecular diagnostics: pitfalls and improvements**  
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- PC-1001-05**      **Xpert® MTB/RIF for the diagnosis of smear-negative pulmonary TB in Ethiopia: can bleach concentration increase detection of *M. tuberculosis*?**  
Mt Jano, D Beyene, Ga Ayana (*Ethiopia*)
- PC-1002-05**      **Xpert® MTB/RIF (CBNAAT): an initial analysis of errors, indeterminates and invalid results**  
P Desikan, S Dhawan, A Pauranik, S Mirza, S Mannan, A Sangwan, N Kulshreshta, M Pandey (*India*)
- PC-1003-05**      **Rapid TB diagnosis using GeneXpert®: promising yet fragile?**  
N Rachmayanti, R Chandra, Bey Sonata, C Widaningrum, Da Riana, A Rukmana (*Indonesia*)
- PC-1004-05**      **The outcomes of Xpert® MTB/RIF test scale-up in Kenya: machine utilization rates since installation**  
J Ogoro, E Masini, M Kamene, T Miura (*Kenya, Japan*)
- PC-1005-05**      **Effect of sputum quality on microscopy and Xpert® MTB/RIF results in the detection of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis***  
F Orina, M Mwangi, W Githui (*Kenya*)
- PC-1006-05**      **Usefulness of the Xpert® MTB/RIF assay in gastric aspirates for the diagnosis of tuberculosis in adult patients**  
S Tahseen, C Schmotzer, Fm Khanzada, A Hussain, E Qadeer, W Aslam (*Pakistan*)
- PC-1007-05**      **Comparison of the Xpert® MTB/RIF assay in bronchoalveolar lavage and gastric lavage samples**  
A Kumar, Ravi Mahat (*Pakistan*)
- PC-1008-05**      **The use of national Xpert® MTB/RIF's cycle threshold (Ct) as an audit indicator for program and laboratory performance**  
L Scott, K Schnippel, S Molapo, R Berhanu, L Berrie, A Van Rie, W Stevens (*South Africa, USA*)