Tempus xE (v2) Validation

Tempus xE (version 2) is a whole exome next-generation sequencing assay that analyzes the entire coding region (exome) of the patient's genome. Clinical sequencing is performed to 500x depth of coverage for tumor specimens and 150x for normal specimens for the clinically enhanced regions (648 genes). Non-enhanced regions are performed at 250x depth of coverage for tumor specimens and 150x for normal specimens.

It encompasses 19,433 genes covering a ~34 Mb target region of the human genome and is optimized for formalin fixed paraffin embedded (FFPE) tissue samples. The FFPE tumor tissue is matched to a normal blood or saliva sample to ensure fidelity of somatic variant calling. The xE assay identifies actionable oncogenic variants. From DNA sequencing, somatic and incidentally detected germline single nucleotide variants (SNVs), insertions and deletions (indels), and copy number gains (CNGs).

CAP/CLIA validation of the Tempus xE (version 2) assay focused on actionable oncologic variants. The assay requires specimens with tumor content of at least 40% post macrodissection. Performance specifications are listed in Table 1 below as compared to internally developed orthogonal tests. These results establish high sensitivity and specificity for the Tempus xE (version 2) assay.

TABLE 1: xE PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS Based on xE (version 2) vs. xT (version 4) comparison

Variant Class	Limit of Detection	Sensitivity	Specificity
Single Nucleotide Variants	10.0% VAF	99.4%	99.9%
Insertions and Deletions	10.0% VAF	97.1%	99.9%
Copy Number Gains	30.0% tumor purity	85.7%	N/A