Residential: Expanding capacity for bacterial identification with LAMP assays

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The objectives of the Projects are to enhance and strengthen Australia's diagnostic and surveillance capacity and capability to identify priority plant pests that impact on plant industries, environment and the community.







Background:

- SARDI Horticulture Microscopy, culture & 16s sequence
- Previous collaboration with EMAI staff
- Transport delays for diagnostics
- SARDIs new Genie for LAMP assays







LAMP assays to detect:

NPPP 1. Xylella spp.

NDP 16. Xanthomonas citri subsp. citri (citrus canker)

New draft NDP. Xanthomonas fragariae (angular leaf spot of strawberry)











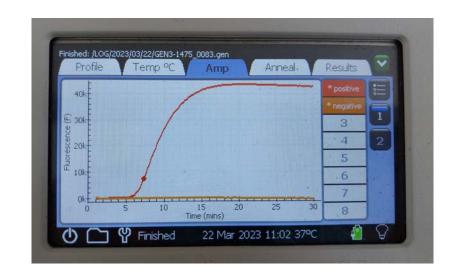


Expansion of SA's capability

- Access to positive controls & primers
- Reproduction of LAMP assays
- Learning the limits of assays (ie. Xf test doesn't pick up Xt!)

Value to host - EMAI

- LAMP assays in parallel on different devices
- SARDI helping validate another test for an NDP review













Also experienced:

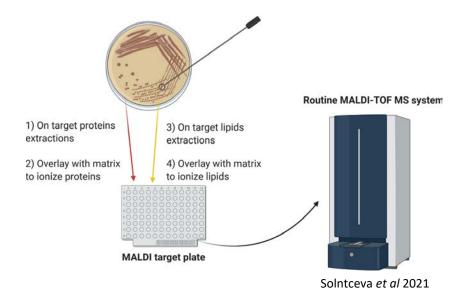
LAMP assay for *Pseudomonas syringiae* pv. *actinidiae* (Kiwifruit bacterial canker)

Re-tried PestBlitz LAMP assays

MALDI-ToF MS

General diagnostics











Sampling in SA – training SA staff

Plant	LAMP Test	Number	Private gardens	Community space
Grapevine	Xylella fastidiosa	9	4	5
Olive		11	1	10
Strawberry	Xanthomonas fragariae	4	3	1
Citrus	Xanthomonas citri subsp. citri	15	7	8
Total		39	15	24









Summary

Thank you EMAI staff & Funding bodies

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Building connections









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