

1    **Development of an on-chip detection of Zika virus and antibodies simultaneously**  
2    **using array of nanowells**

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24 **ABSTRACT**

25 Zika virus (ZIKV) infections are an emerging health pandemic of significant medical importance.  
26 ZIKV appeared recently in the Americas from Africa via the South Pacific. The current outbreak  
27 has garnered attention by exhibiting unique characteristics of devastating neurodevelopmental  
28 defects in newborns of infected pregnant women. Current guidelines for ZIKV diagnostics  
29 developed by the Center of Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC) consist of nucleic acid  
30 testing, plaque reduction neutralization test (PRNT), and a serologic test for IgM detection. To  
31 better accommodate and comply with these guidelines, we developed a simultaneous on-chip  
32 detection of ZIKV and anti-ZIKV antibodies using an array of nanowells. Using on-chip  
33 microengraving, we were able to detect anti-ZIKV antibodies and their immunoglobulin isotypes.  
34 In parallel, applying on-chip real-time PCR with epifluorescence microscopy, we were able to  
35 quantify ZIKV viral load as low as one copy. To test clinical samples of patients at the post-  
36 convalescent stage, we analyzed samples from 8 patients. The on-chip nanowells could  
37 effectively identify antibodies that reacted against ZIKV envelope protein and their isotypes with  
38 high sensitivity and specificity. The small sample requirement with high specificity and  
39 sensitivity and combined molecular and serological tests could potentially be very advantageous  
40 and beneficial in accurate detection of Zika infection for better disease monitoring and  
41 management.

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## 49 INTRODUCTION

50 After the first reported human infection outbreak on Yap island in 2007, Zika virus (ZIKV)  
51 spread dramatically in the Pacific Ocean by a larger epidemic in French Polynesia in 2013-2014  
52 with 32,000 estimated infections (1, 2) and subsequent outbreaks on other Pacific Islands and in  
53 the Americas (1, 3-7). Ninety-five countries have been classified by the CDC as risk areas for  
54 ZIKV transmission, and 47 countries and territories in the Americas reported ZIKV outbreaks  
55 during 2015-2016 (3, 8). In recent years, ZIKV became a serious cause for public health due to  
56 its teratogenic and neuropathic outcome in infants and neurological disorders such as Guillain-  
57 Barré syndrome in adults (1, 4, 7, 9-11).

58 ZIKV is a single-stranded RNA arbovirus (Family *Flaviviridae*, genus *Flavivirus*)  
59 transmitted by *Aedes* mosquitos. The ZIKV genome contains 10,941 nucleotides encoding  
60 3,419 amino acids with 5' and 3' non-coding regions (NCR) and one open reading frame. The  
61 open reading frame encodes a single polyprotein that is later cleaved into three structural  
62 components: capsid (C), precursor membrane (prM), and envelope protein (E); and seven  
63 nonstructural (NS) proteins: NS1, NS2A, NS2B, NS3, NS4A, NS4B, and NS5 (12). Hierarchical  
64 cluster analysis shows that ZIKV and Dengue virus (DENV) cluster at a higher hierarchical level  
65 and that ZIKV is phylogenetically most related to Spondweni virus (12, 13). This separation of  
66 the ZIKV cluster from other flavivirus clusters at a similar hierarchical level may play an  
67 important role on pathogenesis and tissue tropism despite the similarity of clinical symptoms to  
68 other flavivirus infections (13). Contrary to other flaviviruses, ZIKV can be transmitted vertically  
69 by sexual contact and intravenous transfusion. Consequently the virus can be present in human  
70 aqueous (14), seminal fluid (14, 15), urine (15), vaginal secretions (16), breast milk, amniotic  
71 fluid (5, 17), fetal cerebrospinal fluid, cord blood, infant blood at the second day of birth, and  
72 placenta (17). Additionally, ZIKV infection has recently been described in posttransplant patients  
73 of solid organs and stem cells from asymptomatic infections to meningoencephalitis (18).

74 Current guidelines of ZIKV diagnostics developed by the Center of Diseases Control and  
75 Prevention (CDC) consist of testing for ZIKV antibodies using the IgM antibody capture enzyme-  
76 linked immunosorbent assay (MAC-ELISA) followed by validation using plaque reduction  
77 neutralization testing (PRNT). Additionally, nucleic acid testing (NAT) should be performed  
78 during the first 6 weeks after the onset of symptoms (19). However, final results may be  
79 misinterpreted due to ZIKV epidemiological characteristics and diagnostic limitations. In  
80 generally ZIKV is characterized by having an asymptomatic course (20, 21), short transient  
81 incubation, and viremic periods (3-14 days, median: 6.2 days and 5 days respectively) (22, 23).  
82 Viremia may fluctuate depending on samples tested (whole blood, serum, urine, semen, or  
83 amniotic fluid) (21, 24). Furthermore, detection of viral RNA can be prolonged in pregnant  
84 women and in adults with Guillain-Barré syndrome (25-29). Laboratory results for serological  
85 testing of IgM against ZIKV may sometimes be difficult to interpret, especially for pregnant  
86 women, due to possible long persistence of IgM against ZIKV (2-4 months) (19, 30). For  
87 competent management of infection, the CDC has recommended that it is necessary to  
88 concurrently obtain a patient-matched serum specimen for NAT and/or IgM serological tests.  
89 Therefore, in this study we proposed the development of a novel diagnostic method based on  
90 massively parallel on-chip detection of ZIKV using a modified fluorescent polymerase chain  
91 reaction (PCR) and isotypic anti-ZIKV antibodies by microengraving in nanowells. The results  
92 indicated that this on-chip molecular biology test exhibited significant sensitivity for detection of  
93 low viral copy number. Simultaneously, the microengraving serological test was able to identify  
94 anti-ZIKV antibodies and their isotypes. Therefore, utilization of on-chip detection using  
95 nanowells might provide a significant technological advantage which benefits the monitoring and  
96 clinical management of ZIKV infection.

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## 98 MATERIAL AND METHODS

### 99 Patient materials.

100 Serum and plasma samples were purchased from Boca Biolistics (Pompano Beach, USA).  
101 These clinical samples were tested for ZIKV RNA by real-time PCR (COBAS Z480 PCR  
102 instrument and Light Mix Modular Zika Virus PCR Real Time, Roche, Switzerland) and for  
103 IgG/IgM antibody reactive with ZIKV antigens by Euroimmun IgG and IgM EIA (Euroimmun AG,  
104 Germany). Furthermore, samples were tested for West Nile virus (WNV), Chikungunya virus  
105 (CHIKV), and Dengue virus (DENV) RNAs and virus-specific antibodies by real-time PCR and  
106 ELISA according to the manufacturer's instructions (InBios International, Inc., Seattle, WA). All  
107 procedures were reviewed and approved by the University of Florida Institutional Review Board.

### 108 Fabrication of arrays of nanowells.

109 Sylgard 184 silicone elastomer base (polydimethyl-siloxane, PDMS) and curing agent with a  
110 10:1 weight ratio was combined and mixed vigorously. The mixture was degassed under  
111 vacuum for 2 hrs and poured into a custom-built aluminum mold containing a silicon wafer with  
112 a patterned array of posts. The mixture was set to cure for 2 hrs at 80°C and adhered directly to  
113 a 3"×1" glass slide. The pattern on the master aluminum mold was transferred to the cured  
114 PDMS in bas-relief. In this experiment, a master aluminum mold was used that contained blocks  
115 of 7×7 nanowells, 4×4 blocks and 6 columns×18 rows with nanowell dimensions of 50 μm×50  
116 μm×50 μm for a total of 84,672 nanowells per array.

### 117 Real-time PCR amplification of ZIKV and DENV.

118 ZIKV RNA was extracted from 140 μl of serum and plasma samples using the Qiamp Viral RNA  
119 Mini RNA kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Primers

120 (Forward: 5'd CAGCTGGCATCATGAAGAAAYC 3'; Reverse 1: 5'd  
121 CACTTGTCCCATCTTCTTCTCC 3'; Reverse 2: 5'd CACCTGTCCCATCTTTTCTCC 3') and  
122 probe (5'd FAM-CYGTTGTGGATGGAATAGTGG-BHQ-1 3') were designed according to the  
123 previous study (31) and purchased from LGC Biosearch Technologies (Petaluma, CA). A  
124 mastermix contained: 5 µl iTaq universal probes reaction mix, 0.25 µl of iScript reverse  
125 transcriptase, 100 nM for each primers, 150 nM for each probes, 2.75 µl of nuclease-free water  
126 and 1 ng viral RNA. Mastermix was deposited on a 96 well PCR plate and sealed with PCR  
127 plate sealing film. Real-time PCR was performed on the CFX96 Touch real-time PCR detection  
128 system (Bio-Rad, CA). A thermal cycling protocol was as followed: reverse transcription at 50 °C  
129 for 10 min, polymerase activation and DNA denaturation at 95 °C for 3 min followed by 40  
130 cycles of amplification: denaturation at 95 °C for 15 sec, annealing/extension with plate reading  
131 at 60 °C for 30 sec. Similar protocols were used for DENV RNA detection using the FDA-  
132 approved CDC DENV-1-4 RT-PCR assay (32) performed on the CFX96 Touch real-time PCR  
133 detection system (Bio-Rad, CA).

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### 135 **Plaque reduction neutralization test**

136 The presence of neutralizing antibodies was determined as previously described (33). ZIKV  
137 Puerto Rico strain PRVABC59 was used for this assay. Patients' samples, positive, and  
138 negative controls were titrated with media containing Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium  
139 (EMEM) (Corning, NY), 2.5 % fetal bovine serum (FBS, Atlanta Biologicals, GA), and  
140 gentamicin at 25µg/mL (Gybco,BRL, NY), and viral stock was added into a 96 well plate and  
141 incubated for 1 hour at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Vero cells (ATCC CCL 81, epithelial cells of African  
142 green monkey—*Cercopithecus aethiops*; Manassas, VA) were plated in a 96 well plate at 90%  
143 monolayer confluency. The growth media was removed from the 96 well plate and patients'  
144 samples with viral stock were deposited into the plate with Vero cells. After 48 hours of

145 incubation at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, unabsorbed virus was removed, and methylcellulose overlay  
146 medium containing EMEM, 7% NAHCO<sub>3</sub>, and gentamicin (25 µg/mL) was added to each well.  
147 After 48 hours of incubation at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, the plate was stained by crystal violet solution  
148 containing crystal violet, methanol, and distilled water, and the plaques were counted. According  
149 to the CDC guidelines, (19) a titer <10 is considered as negative, and a titer ≥ 10 is considered  
150 positive.

151 ***On-chip microengraving.*** Capture slides were coated for 1 hour with anti-mouse Abs (for  
152 mouse monoclonal antibodies: anti-ZIKV E clone ZV-2 and anti-flavivirus clone D1-4G2-4-15) or  
153 anti-human Abs (human sera and plasmas) as previously described(34, 35). Anti-ZIKV  
154 envelope protein ZV-2 was added to the nanowells (NR-50414, BEI Resources) as positive  
155 control and anti-flavivirus clone D1-4G2-4-15 served as negative control  
156 (NR-50327, BEI Resources). After incubation capture slide was blocked in 3% milk buffer  
157 solution for 1 hour, rinsed with PBST, PBS, deionized water, spun dry, and stored at 4°C (36).  
158 Ten microliters of serum or plasma sample was deposited onto the nanowells and hybridized  
159 with the treated capture slide for 2 hours in a hybridization chamber (Agilent Technologies, CA)  
160 at RT. After incubation, the capture slide was processed using Tecan Pro HS 4800  
161 Hybridization Station (Tecan, Männedorf, Switzerland) by adding a mixture of goat anti-mouse  
162 IgM-PE, anti-mouse IgG-Alexa Fluor (AF)647, anti-mouse IgA-AF555 (mouse monoclonal  
163 antibodies) or goat anti-human IgM-PE, anti-human IgG-AF647, anti-human IgA-AF555 (human  
164 sera/plasmas) (SouthernBiotech, AL), and ZIKV envelope protein ectodomain (Protein Science  
165 Corporation, CT) conjugated with AF488 using DyLight Antibody Labeling kit (Thermo Scientific,  
166 IL). Capture slide was scanned using the Genepix 4400A scanner (Molecular Devices, CA).

167 ***On-chip real-time PCR.*** A mastermix was prepared containing 5 µl iTaq universal probes  
168 reaction mix, 0.25 µl of iScript reverse transcriptase, 100 nM for each primers, and 150 nM for  
169 each probes as presented previously, 2.75 µl of nuclease-free water, and 1 µl serum/plasma.

170 Zika RNA or Zika virus were used as positive controls, and healthy donor sera or no template  
171 were used as negative controls. The mastermix was deposited on the nanowell chip. The chip  
172 was sealed with the Frame-Seal™ in Situ PCR and Hybridization Slide Chambers and placed  
173 on the Eppendorf™ In Situ Block Adapter for Mastercycler™ Thermal Cycler (Eppendorf,  
174 Hamburg, Germany) to run one-step realtime-PCR. A thermal cycling protocol was as followed:  
175 reverse transcription at 50 °C for 10 min, polymerase activation and DNA denaturation at 95 °C  
176 for 3 min followed by 40 cycles of amplification: denaturation at 95 °C for 15 sec,  
177 annealing/extension with plate reading at 60 °C for 30 sec. After PCR, the microarray chip was  
178 analyzed for detection of signal and quantification of fluorescent intensity using an automated  
179 epifluorescence microscope equipped with a phase contrast, motorized stage, 405-nm and 488-  
180 nm wavelength filter sets using Nikon NIS-Elements Advanced Research image capture  
181 software (Nikon, NY).

## 182 **Data and statistical analyses.**

183 The mean fluorescent intensity (MFI) for each well with a positive signal were generated using  
184 GenePix Pro7 Software (Molecular Devices, CA). NIS-Elements Microscope Imaging Software  
185 (Nikon, NY) was used to quantify the MFI of real-time PCR results. Data was analyzed using  
186 the unpaired two-tailed Mann-Whitney test (GraphPad Prism, CA) to determine the statistical  
187 significance. In all cases, p values  $\leq 0.05$  were considered significant. Excel (Microsoft, WA)  
188 was used to perform regression analysis.

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## 190 RESULTS

### 191 Microengraving for anti-ZIKV antibodies using the on-chip nanowells.

192           Diagnosis of ZIKV is typically based on nucleic acid amplification to enumerate the viral  
193 load or immunoassays to determine the antibody response to the virus. Nucleic acid  
194 amplification and antibody determination are routinely performed separately, since there is no  
195 technique that detects both parameters simultaneously. Therefore, we sought to determine if  
196 we could perform ZIKV amplification and detect ZIKV-specific Abs using the on-chip nanowells.  
197 As a proof-of-concept, we utilized monoclonal anti-ZIKV clone ZV-2, which has been shown to  
198 recognize ZIKV envelope protein (ZIKV E) as a positive control and monoclonal anti-flavivirus  
199 clone D1-4G2-4-15 as negative control, which has neutralizing ability against ZIKV, but does not  
200 bind to the viral envelope protein. Abs were serially diluted at 1:10, 1:50, and 1:100 and 10  $\mu$ l  
201 of undiluted and serially diluted Abs were deposited onto the nanowell chip and hybridized with  
202 a capture slide coated with goat anti-human Ig and goat anti-human IgG (H+L). Detection  
203 antibodies conjugated with specific fluorochromes were added to the capture slide microarray.  
204 As presented in **Figure 1A**, monoclonal anti-ZIKV clone ZV-2 was able to bind to ZIKV E protein  
205 as anticipated. Additionally, the microengraving process was able to detect the IgG and IgA, but  
206 not IgM isotypes. Monoclonal anti-flavivirus clone D1-4G2-4-15 which has been shown to not  
207 react against the E protein, was negative for E protein, IgA, and IgM, but positive for IgG isotype  
208 using on-chip microengraving. Regression analysis showed that anti-ZIKV E dilution was  
209 positively correlated with fluorescent intensity ( $R^2=0.7909$ ) (**Figure 1B**). Therefore, the data  
210 indicated on-chip microengraving can be utilized to concomitantly detect ZIKV-specific  
211 antibodies and the isotypes present in the sample.

### 212 Real-time PCR for ZIKV using the nanowell chip.

213            Significant progress has been made in molecular detection of viruses. The optimization  
214 of detection methods using real-time PCR based assays allows for assays to be performed  
215 rapidly and produce specific, sensitive, and reproducible results for virus detection. However,  
216 the real-time PCR based assays still have limitations, particularly the sample volume and  
217 threshold of detection. To address these specific challenges, we performed the real-time PCR  
218 assay on the nanowell chip with a limited number of viral copies and volume. Undiluted ZIKV  
219 samples were serially diluted in plasma of healthy control and different viral copy numbers (1,  
220 10, 100, or 1000) were deposited into the each individual nanowell predicted by the Poisson  
221 distribution. A mastermix containing the reverse transcriptase, polymerase, primers, and probes  
222 specific to ZIKV were added to the nanowell chip and placed on a standard laboratory PCR  
223 instrument. Using epifluorescence microscopy, the chip was imaged to examine the change in  
224 fluorescent signals based on the change in viral loads (**Figure 2A**). As indicated in **Figure 2B**,  
225 the nanowell chip was able to capture fluorescent intensity from 1 copy to 1000 copies and  
226 correlated strongly by linear regression analysis ( $R^2=0.9631$ ). DENV was not detected using  
227 ZIKV primer sets (data not shown). The result demonstrates the sensitivity and specificity of the  
228 nanowell chip for ZIKV detection, and it can be used to quantify the exact viral load based on  
229 fluorescent intensity.

### 230 **Combining microengraving and real-time PCR for clinical samples.**

231            We selected eight patients that originated from the Dominican Republic in the post-  
232 convalescent period of ZIKV infection. Demographic characteristics of analysed patients are  
233 shown in **Table 1**. ZIKV-infected patients were initially examined for developing a humoral  
234 response against ZIKV and presented high serological titer (IgG 8.54 – 20.4) using ELISA  
235 (**Table 2**). Further testing was performed to detect the presence of neutralizing antibody titer  
236 against ZIKV using PRNT. All patients had a neutralizing antibody titer, and six patients (45%)  
237 had a high score of neutralizing antibody titer against ZIKV (from 1:600 to 1:4000). All samples

238 were negative for ZIKV using conventional real-time PCR. To detect and characterize antibody  
239 profiles in patients, we analyzed samples using the microengraving serological assay. As  
240 illustrated in **Figure 3**, capture slides coated with anti-human Ig/IgG (H+L) were hybridized with  
241 nanowell chips containing 10  $\mu$ l of sample. After hybridization, the micrographs were processed  
242 for IgG, IgM, IgA antibodies and ZIKV envelope protein. All patient samples were positive for  
243 IgG, IgA, and ZIKV E protein and negative for IgM (**Figure 2, Table 2**). Since the samples were  
244 negative for ZIKV using conventional real-time PCR, we spiked the serum samples with ZIKV at  
245 different dilutions (1, 10, 100, and 1000 copies per nanowells predicted by Poisson distribution).  
246 The spiked samples were subjected to real-time PCR using the nanowells, and similar to **Figure**  
247 **2**, the spiked samples were positive for ZIKV with a positive correlation (data not shown). These  
248 results demonstrate the ability to simultaneously detect ZIKV-specific antibodies and RNA using  
249 the nanowell chip assay.

## 250 **DISCUSSION**

251           There are currently 5 serological assays and 14 molecular assays for ZIKV detection  
252 with FDA emergency use authorization (EUA). The serological assays measure the IgM  
253 response against either E or NS1 protein for acute infection. The molecular assays amplify the  
254 E, NS1, NS3, or prM genes of the virus to quantify the presence of ZIKV using the real-time  
255 PCR platform (37). These diagnostic assays are essential for proper understanding of the  
256 transmission and clinical disease manifestations of Zika infection. However, the current  
257 serological and molecular tests are performed separately on different technical platforms which  
258 require larger sample volumes, is labor intensive, time consuming, and it carries a high degree  
259 of technical variability. In this study, to circumvent the inherent technical challenges, we  
260 developed an on-chip method for detection of ZIKV and anti-ZIKV antibodies with specific  
261 isotypes simultaneously using an array of nanowells. Our results demonstrate that by using  
262 microengraving as a serological test and real-time PCR as a molecular test, we were able to  
263 simultaneously detect isotypic antibodies against E protein and viral load of ZIKV at low copy  
264 numbers.

265           The ZIKV MAC-ELISA (CDC) serological assays use the recombinant, non-infectious  
266 ZIKV-like particles as capture antigen and demonstrated 94% positive agreement with PRNT  
267 and 83-100% positive agreement with peer-reviewed studies independently assessing the  
268 performance of the assays (37). Similar to the on-chip microengraving, the ZIKV Detect IgM  
269 ELISA (InBios, Seattle, WA, USA) utilizes the E protein as capture antigen. This assay showed  
270 100% positive agreement with PRNT and 100% positive agreement with peer-reviewed studies  
271 (37). Using fluorochrome-conjugated ZIKV E protein as detection, our on-chip microengraving  
272 demonstrated significant specificity in which only gold standard anti-ZIKV E protein was  
273 detected, whereas negative control anti-flavivirus clone D1-4G2-4-15 performed as expected.  
274 To further test the on-chip microengraving, we analyzed plasma and serum samples from 8

275 post-convalescent patients ( $\geq$  one-year post infection). As demonstrated, these patients  
276 exhibited positive PRNT at various titers and due to the extended duration of time post-acute  
277 infection, these samples were all positive for IgG and IgA, but negative for IgM by standard  
278 ELISA. Similarly, our result demonstrates sera were positive for anti-ZIKV E, IgA and IgG, and  
279 negative for IgM.

280 The challenges of molecular assays to detect ZIKV RNA are that a low limit of detection  
281 can result in a high proportion of false negative results and testing conditions (samples, assay  
282 reagents, and experimental design) can compromise the sensitivity and specificity of detection.  
283 Available real-time PCR kits have varying limits of detection from 30 to 1000 copies/mL (38-40).  
284 The Triplex RT-PCR (CDC) assay detects the ZIKV E gene using TaqMan real-time PCR with  
285 100% positive agreement and a limit of detection of  $1.93 \times 10^4$  genome copy equivalents  
286 (GCE)/ml. Using the same primers and probes with modified reporters and quenchers, the on-  
287 chip assays were able to measure detectable fluorescent signals at one copy and showed  
288 positive correlation to  $10^4$  copies. To examine the specificity of the test, DENV samples were  
289 also tested, and no signals were detected (data not shown). Therefore, real-time PCR on the  
290 chip in conjunction with epifluorescence microscopy exhibited remarkable sensitivity and  
291 specificity that are comparable or surpass current molecular assays in the market.

292 Due to the unfavorable consequences of ZIKV infection for populations living in areas  
293 endemic for ZIKV, and especially for pregnant women with a high risk of fetal abnormalities,  
294 rapid, highly specific, and sensitive diagnostic assays are urgently needed. The rapid outbreak  
295 and severe clinical manifestations launch a great urgency in the development of diagnostic tests  
296 for ZIKV. Zhang and colleagues proposed using a simultaneous serological assay on a  
297 nanostructured plasmonic gold platform for the detection of IgG, IgA, and IgG avidity against  
298 ZIKV and DENV-2 antigens in serum samples (41). Simultaneous detection of ZIKV, DENV, and

299 Chikungunya based on the reverse transcription-loop mediated isothermal amplification (RT-  
300 LAMP) was proposed (42-44) with possible smartphone imaging (43). This one-step nucleic  
301 acid amplification method based on the PCR diagnostic test has many advantages such as  
302 rapidity of analysis and utilizing a portable format. Our on-chip detection method is limited by the  
303 high cost of instruments and technical expertise required. Part of our future study is to develop  
304 a portable on-chip process that is affordable and applicable in the field to monitor acute Zika  
305 infection.  
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449 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

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451 **Figure 1. Detection of anti-ZIKV using the on-chip microengraving process. A.** Samples  
452 were deposited in the nanowells. Microengraving was used to determine the reactivity for ZIKV  
453 E protein and Ig isotypes using fluorochrome-labeled proteins (ZIKV E: AF488, IgM: PE, IgG:  
454 AF488, and IgA: AF555). Representative microarray micrograph of capture slides showed the  
455 reactivity of the positive control (monoclonal anti-ZIKV clone ZV-2) and negative control  
456 (monoclonal anti-flavivirus antigen clone D1-4G2-4-15 and detection secondary proteins alone).  
457 Healthy human donor sera were also used as negative control for ZIKV E protein. **B.**  
458 Monoclonal anti-ZIKV clone ZV-2 was diluted at 1/10, 1/50, and 1/100 and subjected to  
459 microengraving. MFI for each nanowells at each dilution were determined using GenePix Pro7  
460 Software and presented. The experiments were performed at least five times for consistency.

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462 **Figure 2. Detection of ZIKV using on-chip real-time PCR. A.** Healthy human donor sera  
463 (n=5) were used. The actual number of viral copies that deposited in each nanowell can not be  
464 controlled, but the proportion of nanowells deposited with different numbers of viral copies of  
465 starting viral load can be predicted using the Poisson distribution. The optimal viral copy  
466 concentration and real-time PCR reagent volume were determined empirically to obtain the  
467 highest percentage of nanowells containing different copy numbers of ZIKV (1, 10, 100, and  
468 1000 copies). Samples were deposited in the nanowells and a mixture of primers, probe, and  
469 PCR reagents were added. PCR was performed using a customized Eppendorf thermal cycler  
470 and nanowells were imaged using an automated epifluorescence microscope. Representative  
471 images of nanowells at different dilutions of virus is presented. **B.** MFIs of each nanowell on  
472 the chip were analyzed by Nikon NIS-Elements Advanced Research image capture software

473 (Nikon, NY) and presented as viral copy number versus MFI values. The experiments were  
474 repeated five times for consistency.

475 **Figure 3. Schematic of testing patient sera using the combined on-chip microengraving**  
476 **and real-time PCR.** Serum samples (n=8) were deposited into the nanowells. Microengraving  
477 was performed to detect anti-ZIKV E antibody, and IgG, IgM, and IgA isotypes. On the same  
478 nanowell chip, real-time PCR was conducted to quantify the viral loads. For this study, the  
479 serum samples were post-convalescent, therefore negative for ZIKV using conventional and on-  
480 chip real-time PCR. As a proof-of-concept, serum samples that were positive for anti-ZIKV E  
481 antibody (n=8) were spiked with different dilutions of ZIKV as presented in Figure 2 and on-chip  
482 real-time PCR was performed. Both experiments were repeated five times for consistency.

**Table 1.** Patients' demographic profile

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Age (y)</b>	<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Origin Country</b>	<b>Suspected infection</b>
1 (plasma)	F	35	hispanic	Dominican Republic	ZIKV
2 (plasma)	F	54	hispanic	Dominican Republic	ZIKV
3 (plasma)	F	23	hispanic	Dominican Republic	ZIKV
4 (plasma)	M	62	hispanic	Dominican Republic	ZIKV
5 (plasma)	F	47	hispanic	Dominican Republic	ZIKV
6 (serum)	F	26	hispanic	Dominican Republic	ZIKV
7 (serum)	F	35	hispanic	Dominican Republic	ZIKV
8 (serum)	F	40	hispanic	Dominican Republic	ZIKV

**Abbreviations:** M= Male; F= Female.; y= years; ZIKV= Zika virus; DENV= Dengue virus.

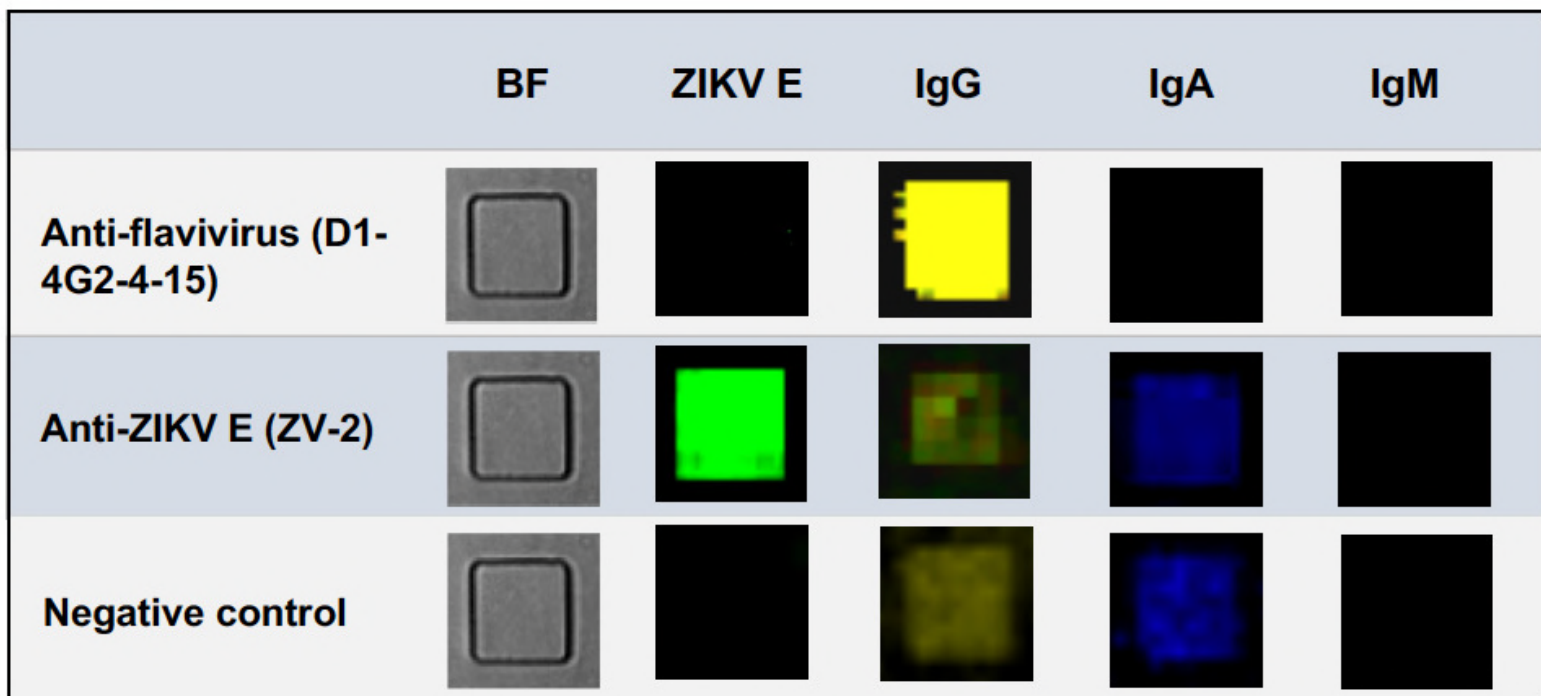


**Table 2.** Patients laboratory diagnostic profile

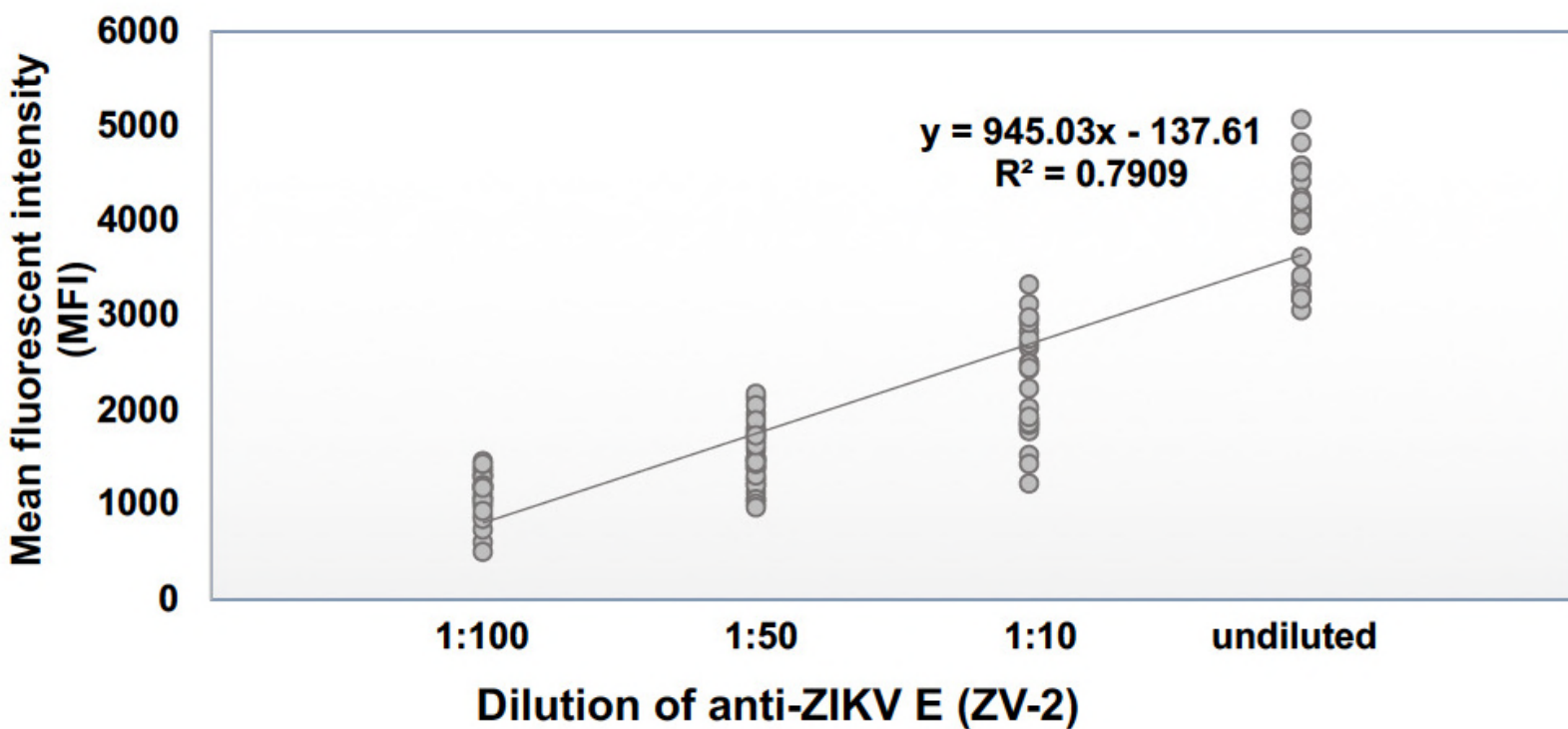
Subject	DiaPro Zika IgG (ISR)	PRNT ZIKV	Microengraving				RT-PCR ZIKV	RT-PCR DENV
			IgG	IgM	IgA	ZIKVE		
1 (plasma)	8.67	63	+	-	+	+	-	-
2 (plasma)	8.54	100	+	-	+	+	-	-
3 (plasma)	10.83	1500	+	-	+	+	-	-
4 (plasma)	8.97	600	+	-	+	+	-	-
5 (plasma)	10.83	200	+	-	+	+	-	-
6 (serum)	20.4	30	+	-	+	+	-	-
7 (serum)	9.7	4000	+	-	+	+	-	-
8 (serum)	12.4	1200	+	-	+	+	-	-

**Abbreviations:** ISR= immune status ratio; IgG = immunoglobulin G; IgM = immunoglobulin M; IgA= immunoglobulin A; PRNT= plaque-reduction neutralization test; RT-PCR = realtime–polymerase chain reaction; ZIKV= Zika virus; DENV= Dengue virus; N/A= not applicable.

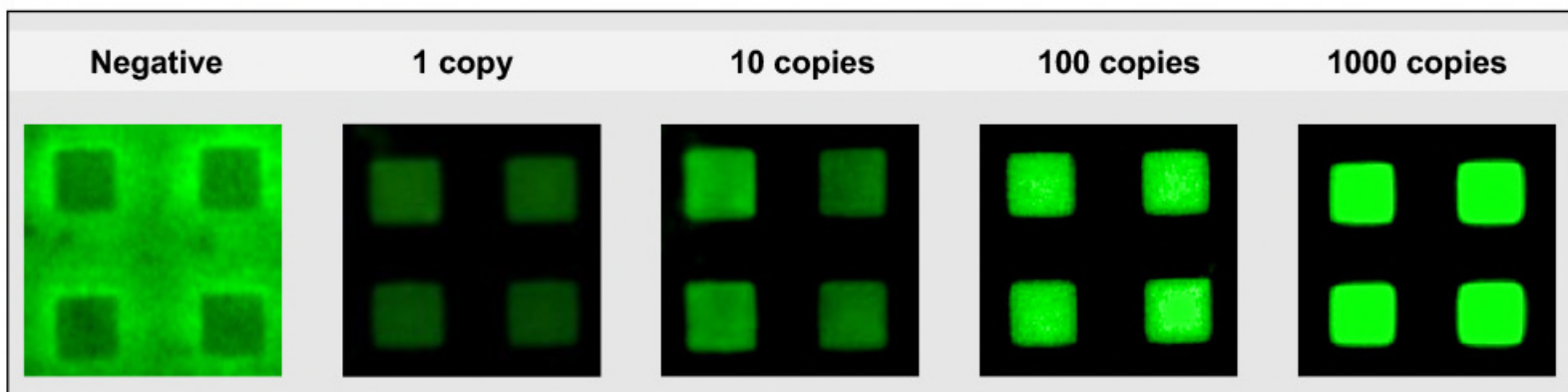
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