

Importance of Validation for Wastewater Surveillance

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Shifting from method development to routine monitoring requires a change in focus

Method Development

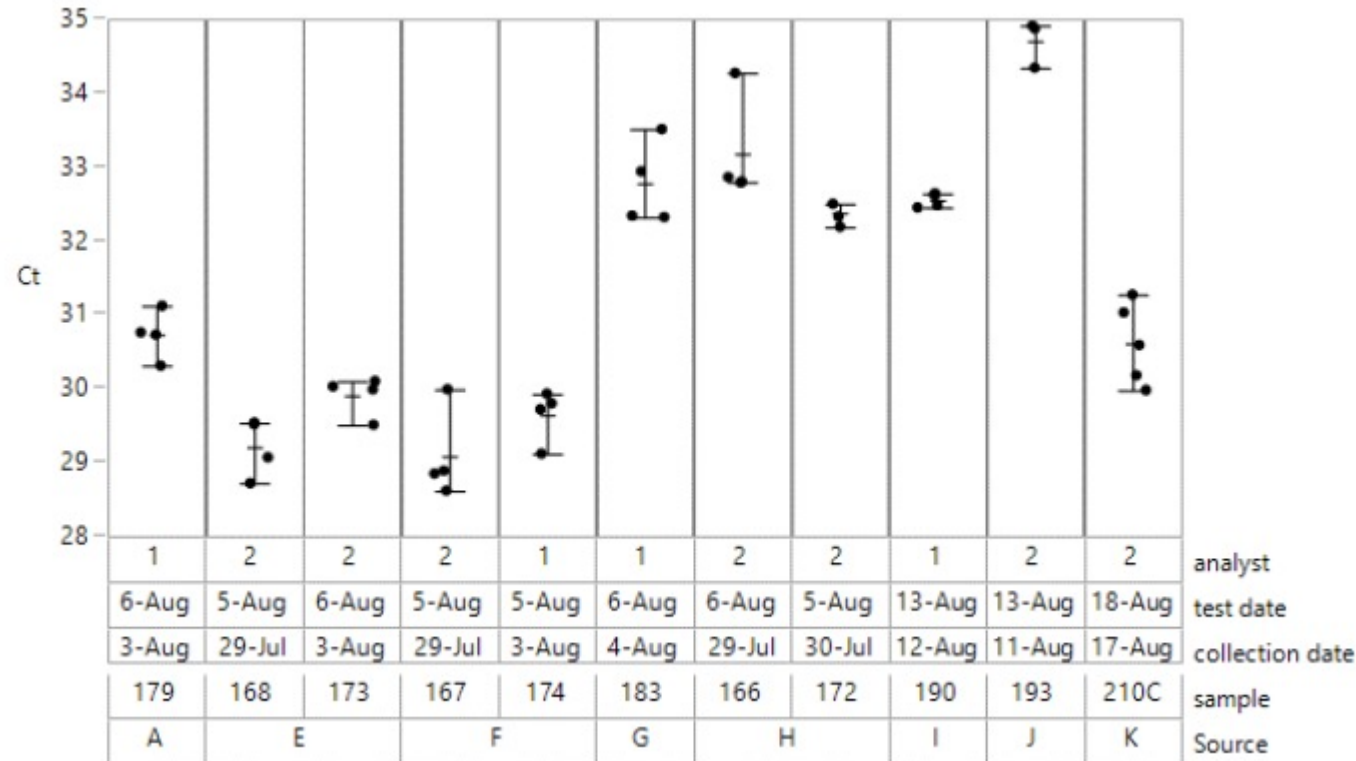
- Experimentation
- Speed (especially in a pandemic)
- Agility (ability to quickly evaluate changes)
- Proof-of-concept

Routine Monitoring

- Stability
- Consistency and repeatability
- Record keeping
- Quality controls and SOPs
- Standardized training

IDEXX has generated validation data that supports routine monitoring with high-quality data

Repeatability of Full Test Method*



* Please contact IDEXX Water Technical Support for more information or a copy of the full validation report

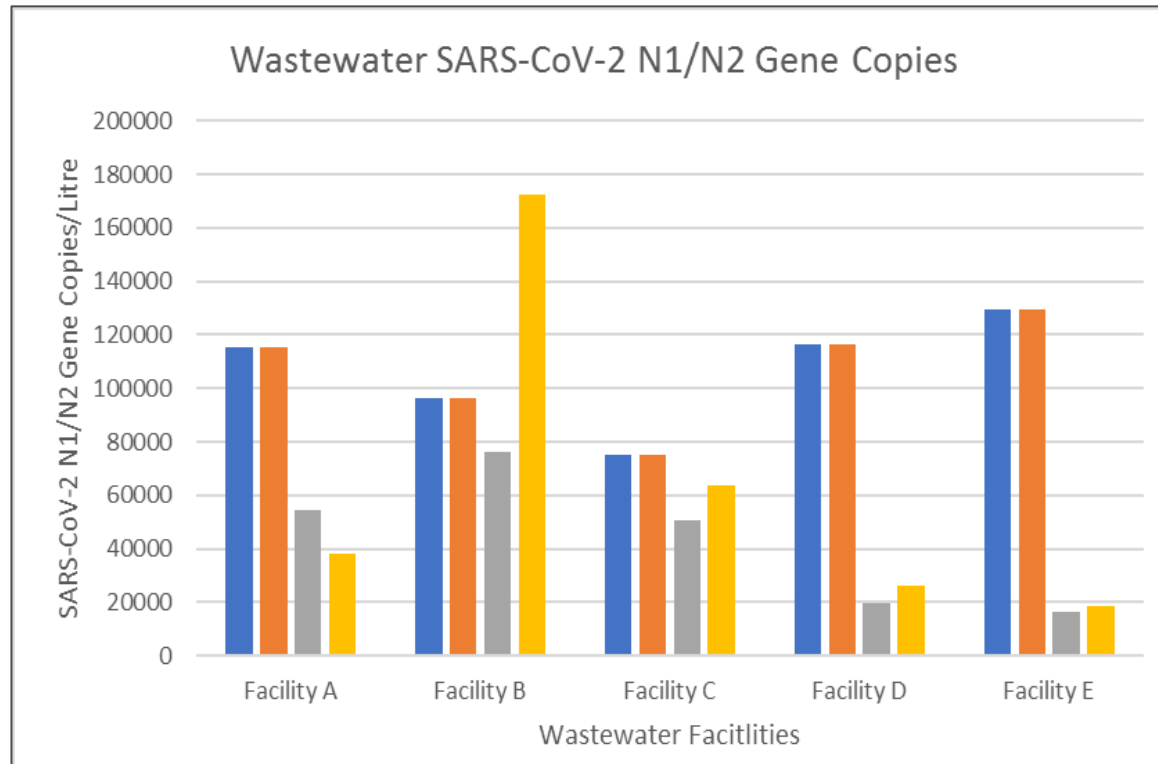
Method:

- PEG concentration protocol
- IDEXX Magnetic Bead Kit
- IDEXX SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR Test Kit

Validation parameters:

- 100+ samples
 - 15+ different wastewater treatment facilities
 - Geographically diverse
- Independent test dates
- Multiple analysts
- Different material & reagent lots
- Varied lab equipment

The Houston Health Department (HHD) demonstrated the consistency of a validated test



■ HHD replicate 1
■ HHD replicate 2

■ Partner replicate 1
■ Partner replicate 2

Adoption of a validated test provided:

- Higher consistency
- Higher sensitivity
- Accelerated learning curve
- Technical support
- Confidence in results

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