

One-stop Solution for Rare Disease

Diagnostic Development



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As a leading provider of preclinical research services, **Protheragen** specializes in delivering end-to-end *in vitro* diagnostic (IVD) development services for rare diseases. Our comprehensive solutions encompass the entire workflow from biomarker discovery, assay development to preclinical validation, supporting our clients in transitioning from diagnostic research to commercialization seamlessly.

Customized Solutions



- IVD Reagent/Kit Development
- IVD Device Development
- Point-of-Care Test (POCT) Development
- Companion Diagnostic Development





Innovative Platforms



Rich Expertise



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Trusted Partner





Cutting-edge Diagnostic Research on Multiple Rare Diseases

Rare diseases, also known as orphan diseases, are characterized by low incidence in the population. Despite their rarity, more than 7,000 rare diseases have been discovered, affecting millions of patients worldwide. The diagnosis of rare diseases faces great challenges due to their diversity and complex clinical manifestations, resulting in many patients being delayed or misdiagnosed. Focusing on precision and innovation, **Protheragen** is committed to providing cutting-edge diagnostic development solutions for a variety of rare diseases to simplify diagnostic procedures and revolutionize the diagnostic landscape.



Genetic Diseases



Infectious Diseases



Autoimmune Diseases



Metabolic Diseases

Here are some examples of rare diseases for our focus:

- Cystic Fibrosis (CF)
- Hepatitis B
- Hemophilia
- Phenylketonuria (PKU)
- Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)
- Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Infection

- Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)
- Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)
- Isovaleric Acidemia (IVA)
- Lysosomal Storage Diseases (LSDs)
- Others

One-stop Solutions



Protheragen specializes in diagnostic development for rare diseases, offering a comprehensive one-stop solution that includes IVD reagents/kits, IVD equipment, point-of-care testing (POCT), and companion diagnostic development services. We adhere to stringent development processes, ensuring high-quality and reliable solutions that meet regulatory standards and cater to the unique needs of our clients in the field of rare disease diagnostics.

IVD Reagent/Kit Development Service

To comprehensively address diverse diagnostic needs in the field of rare diseases, we focus on developing a variety of types of IVD reagents/kits, including antigen, antibody, nucleic acid, metabolite, and microbial detection products. IVD Device Development Service

Protheragen is dedicated to the design and development of advanced IVD devices. From concept development to prototype manufacturing, our team ensures these devices meet the highest standards of performance and usability. Point-of-Care Testing (POCT) Development Service

Specializing in POCT development, we prioritize the creation of rapid and precise diagnostic solutions. By delivering swift and accurate results, we facilitate prompt decision-making in resourceconstrained regions and enable home-based testing. Companion Diagnostic Development Service

Companion diagnostics can identify specific biomarkers to help tailor personalized treatment plans for patients. Protheragen focuses on the development of companion diagnostics that meet the latest scientific advances and regulatory standards.

IVD Reagent/Kit Development Service



Service Workflow

At Protheragen, our IVD reagent/kit development services follow a rigorous process that covers concept validation and feasibility assessment, IVD reagent/kit design, validation and optimization. We combine cutting-edge technologies with rigorous testing and optimization procedures to provide highquality IVD reagents and kits to meet the unique needs of our customers in the field of rare disease diagnosis.







IVD

Design



Proof of Reagent/Kit Concept and Feasibility

IVD Reagent/Kit Verification



Antigen Detection Reagents/Kits: Used for detection of pathogen surface proteins, tumor biomarkers or toxins.



Antibody Detection Reagents/Kits: Used for detection of pathogenspecific antibodies, autoimmune antibodies and allergen-specific IgE.

Nucleic Acid Detection Reagents/Kits: Used for detection of genomic

or transcriptome material (DNA/RNA) in pathogens or human cells.



Metabolite Detection Reagents/Kits: Used for the detection of metabolic intermediates, hormones or drugs in biological samples.



Microbial Detection Reagents/Kits: Used for detection of microorganisms, including bacteria, fungi, and parasites.

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IVD Reagent/Kit Development Service



Protheragen specializes in developing IVD reagents/kits for four critical rare disease categories: genetic disorders, infectious diseases, autoimmune conditions, and metabolic diseases. Our solutions leverage advanced technologies such as PCR, immunoassays and biochemical analysis to target disease-specific biomarkers. These IVD products enable earlier detection, accurate subtyping and personalized treatment monitoring of diseases that are often misdiagnosed or missed in traditional medical settings.

| Kits | Detection Methods | Targeted Diseases | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| CFTR Mutation Test Kit | ARMS-PCR | Cystic Fibrosis (CF) | |
| MLPA DMD Kit | MLPA | Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) | Genetic Diseases |
| GAA Activity Assay Kit | Fluorometric Assay | Pompe Disease | |
| SMN1/SMN2 Copy Number Kit | Digital PCR | Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) | |
| COVID-19 Antigen Test Kits | Lateral Flow Immunoassay | COVID-19 | Infectious Diseases |
| HBV DNA Detection Kit | Real-Time PCR | Hepatitis B (HBV) | |
| Rheumatoid Factor IgM ELISA Kit | ELISA | Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) | Autoimmune Diseases |
| Antinuclear Antibody (ANA) Screen Kit | ELISA | Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) | |
| Glycosaminoglycans (GAGs) Test Kit | Sandwich ELISA | Mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS) | Metabolic Diseases |
| Galactose Oxidase Assay Kit | Enzymatic Colorimetry | Galactosemia | |

For more information about our IVD reagent/kit development services for rare diseases, please contact us.

IVD Device Development Service



The advancement of IVD devices is crucial for the early detection and precise diagnosis of rare diseases. Our multidisciplinary team, comprising scientists, engineers, and regulatory experts, combines deep technical expertise with a passion for innovation. They are dedicated to providing high-performance and compliant solutions for the development of cutting-edge IVD devices. **Protheragen** employs a rigorous phased development process that guides projects from concept to commercialization.

Preparation of Device Development Plan

Based on the intended use of your IVD devices and the target rare diseases, we will first develop a comprehensive development roadmap. Our plan integrates user requirements, regulatory pathways and milestone timelines to ensure alignment with commercial objectives.

Styling Machine Development Service

Protheragen designs devices that align with ergonomic and aesthetic principles to seamlessly integrate into laboratories or clinics. By integrating industrial design, material selection and brand image, we develop highquality devices that meet relevant standards.



Prototype Design Service

Drawing on expertise in CAD modeling, microfluidic engineering, and integrated analysis, we transform concepts into functional prototypes. Our designs prioritize usability, scalability, and detection performance. Rapid prototyping accelerates the iteration cycle.

Device Verification and Optimization Service

Through performance testing and experimental design analysis, we validate the sensitivity, specificity, and reproducibility of the devices. Pressure testing ensures stability, and data-driven improvements help prepare for clinical trials and regulatory submissions.



Customized POCT Product Development

- Point-of-care testing (POCT) refers to diagnostic tests that can be performed at or near the patient's location, providing immediate results without the need for laboratory infrastructure.
 POCT products mainly include rapid diagnostic kits and portable devices.
- Protheragen delivers end-to-end solutions for high-accuracy and userfriendly POCT products tailored to rare diseases.

LEADER IN IVD DEVELOPMENT

| Product Name | Detection Technology/Application | Targeted Diseases |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| PKU Strip Test | Enzymatic Colorimetry | Phenylketonuria (PKU) |
| COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kit | Lateral Flow Immunoassay | COVID-19 |
| Hemoglobin S (HbS) Detection Kit | Solubility Test | Sickle Cell Disease |
| G6PD Rapid Diagnostic Test | Colorimetric Enzymatic Assay | G6PD Deficiency |
| MP IgM Rapid Test Kit | Rapid Immunochromatographic Assay | Mycoplasma Pneumoniae (MP) Infection |
| G6PD Analyzer | Determination of G6PD Enzyme Activity | G6PD Deficiency |
| Blood Gas Analyzer | Blood Gas/Electrolyte Analysis | Metabolic Diseases |
| Handheld Portable Analyzer | Acid-base/Blood Gas/Electrolyte Test | Metabolic Diseases or Genetic Disorders |
| Portable Blood Glucose Meter | Rapid Measurement of Blood Glucose Levels | Diabetes and Glycogen Storage Diseases |

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Case Study-Development of POCT Platform Based on MetaSPR



Rapid and ultra-sensitive detection of small molecules is crucial for health management and biomarker detection in various diseases. **Protheragen** has developed a chip based on metasurface plasmon resonance (MetaSPR) technology that can ultra-sensitively detect small molecules such as progesterone (P) and glucose (G) in the blood. This POCT platform holds great promise for applications in health management, early diagnosis, and other fields.



Fig.1 Multiplex small molecule testing controlled by smartphone on a POCT platform. This innovative POCT platform integrates MetaSPR chips with gold nanoparticle (AuNP) signal amplification, microlens-inspired light-homogenizing films, and microfluidic technology to enable ultra-sensitive, rapid, and portable detection of small molecules.



Using this POCT platform, Protheragen used competitive immunoassay technology for multiplexed small molecule detection (P and G) and recorded the signal with a smartphone. The results showed that simultaneous detection in buffer and whole blood was highly sensitive, showing a strong negative correlation between signal and concentration (R²> 0.998). The limit of detection (LOD) was improved by 1000 times compared to traditional methods, confirming the ultra-sensitivity, versatility and universality of this platform in early diagnosis.





Fig.2 (A) Histogram of response signal versus P concentration in buffer and whole blood samples. (B) Histogram of response signal versus G concentration in buffer and whole blood samples. (C) Standard curve for multiplex assay of P and G in buffer. (D) Standard curve for multiplex assay of P and G in whole blood.

Companion Diagnostic Development Service



Companion diagnostics serve as a cornerstone of personalized medicine, customizing treatment strategies according to individual patients' distinct genetic profiles or specific biomarkers. **Protheragen** excels in crafting companion diagnostics during the preclinical phase, delivering comprehensive services for robust biomarker validation and assay optimization.



Biomarker Discovery & Validation

Protheragen uses NGS panels, mass spectrometry, and Al-driven bioinformatics to identify and qualify disease-specific biomarkers, with a focus on relevance for rare diseases. Our validation process includes sensitivity, specificity and repeatability assessments using clinically relevant samples and disease models to ensure the robustness of biomarkers in targeted therapies.



Assay Development & Optimization

Dedicated to developing cutting-edge diagnostic assays tailored for rare disease biomarkers, we employ a range of advanced technologies including PCR, NGS, and immunoassays. Throughout the entire optimization process, our primary focus lies in enhancing sensitivity, specificity, and robustness while customizing methodologies to effectively handle diverse and complex sample types.



Preclinical Testing

In the preclinical testing service, our scientists perform comprehensive analytical validation of diagnostic assays in a controlled laboratory environment following CLSI guidelines, including detection limit, precision, interference, and stability testing. This service produces a robust data package to support subsequent clinical development and regulatory submissions.

Collaboration Opportunities





Accelerating Precision Diagnostics Through Strategic Partnerships

At **Protheragen**, we offer a comprehensive one-stop solution for rare disease diagnostic development, encompassing IVD reagents, kits, devices, POCT, and companion diagnostics. With deep expertise in rare disease diagnostics, we provide a full spectrum of customized services to support every stage of your diagnostic research journey. Let's collaborate to translate scientific insights into life-changing diagnostic approaches.



Expertise and Experience

Innovative Technology Platforms



Customized Solutions



Efficient and Reliable Partner



Your Trusted Partner in Rare

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