

Oncoguard Liver: Development

Oncoguard Liver: *A Blood-based* Test for HCC Detection

In vitro diagnostic assay to analyze patients' **blood** for the presence of **Methylated DNA Markers** (MDMs) and a **protein biomarker**—yielding qualitative results

Methylated DNA Markers

*HOXA1, TSPLY5,
B3GALT6* (reference)



Alpha-fetoprotein (AFP)



Patient Sex

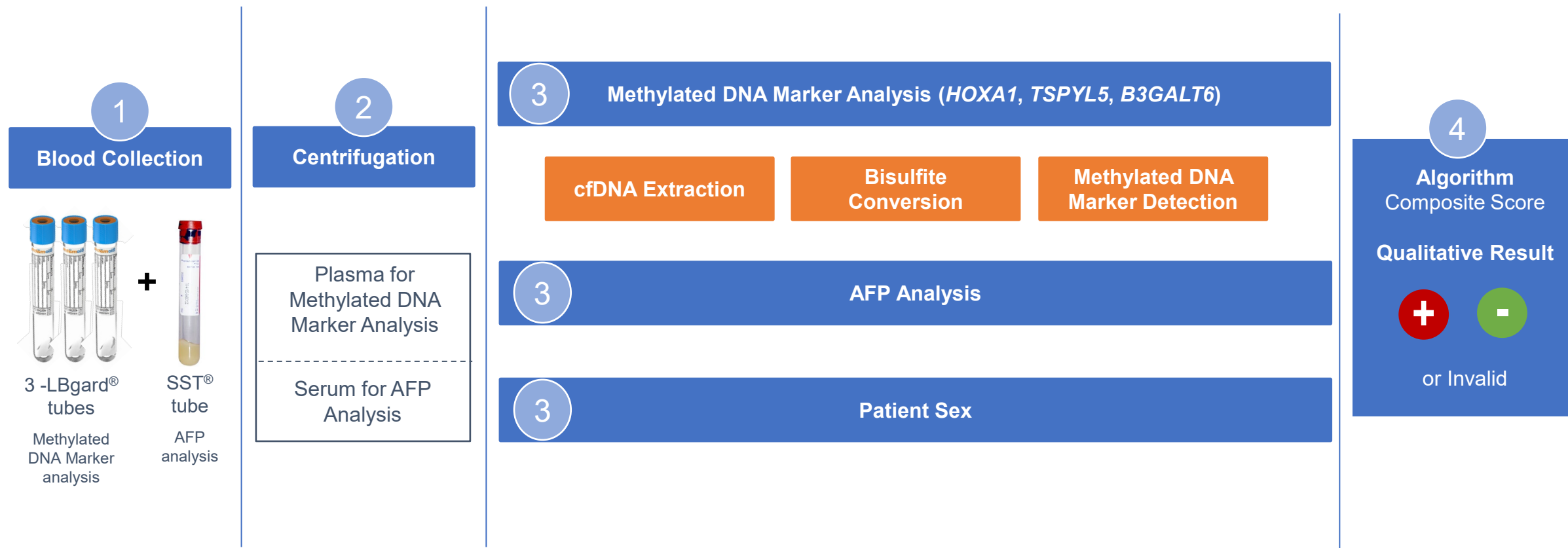
Intended Patient Population

The mt-HBT test is indicated as an aid in the detection of HCC for adults with liver cirrhosis and/or chronic hepatitis B (HBV) who are at an increased risk for HCC.

B3GALT6: beta-1,3-galactosyltransferase 6, cfDNA: cell-free DNA, HCC: Hepatocellular carcinoma, *HOXA1*: homeobox A1, mt-HBT: multi-target-Hepatocellular carcinoma Blood Test, *TSPYL5*: Testis specific protein Y-linked like 5

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Oncoguard Liver: Workflow



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Clinical Development Program

Marker Discovery and Biological Validation

(Kisiel et al. 2019)

Objective: Identify promising biomarkers

Experiments: Discovery and technical validation, biological validation, Phase I and II plasma studies

Marker Selection

(Chalasani et al. 2020)

Objective: Assess performance of candidate biomarkers

Study Cohort: 135 HCC cases and 302 controls

Algorithm Development

(Chalasani et al. 2021)

Objective: Finalize biomarker panel, develop, and lock algorithm

Study Cohort: 135 HCC cases and 404 controls

Clinical Validation

(Chalasani et al. 2021)

Objective: Validate test performance in independent cohort

Study Cohort: 156 HCC cases and 245 controls

HCC: Hepatocellular carcinoma

Marker Selection, Algorithm Development and Validation

Design: Prospective, international, multicenter, case-control study of participants ≥ 18 years of age with untreated clinically diagnosed HCC or negative for HCC undergoing surveillance. Cases included participants with untreated clinically diagnosed HCC and controls were participants who were negative for HCC after disease surveillance.

Sample Collection (NCT03628651)¹

Marker Selection²

135 HCC cases

302 Controls

Algorithm Development³

136 HCC cases

404 Controls

Clinical Validation³

159 HCC cases

250 Controls

3 invalid sample
results*5 invalid sample
results†

156 HCC Cases

245 Controls

50 additional
biopsy-confirmed
HCC cases³

HCC: Hepatocellular carcinoma

*3 invalid sample results for HCC cases (3 related to a run validity failure and insufficient plasma for retesting)

†5 invalid sample results for controls (4 related to a run validity failure and insufficient plasma for retesting, 1 unable to process due to a clot in plasma sample)

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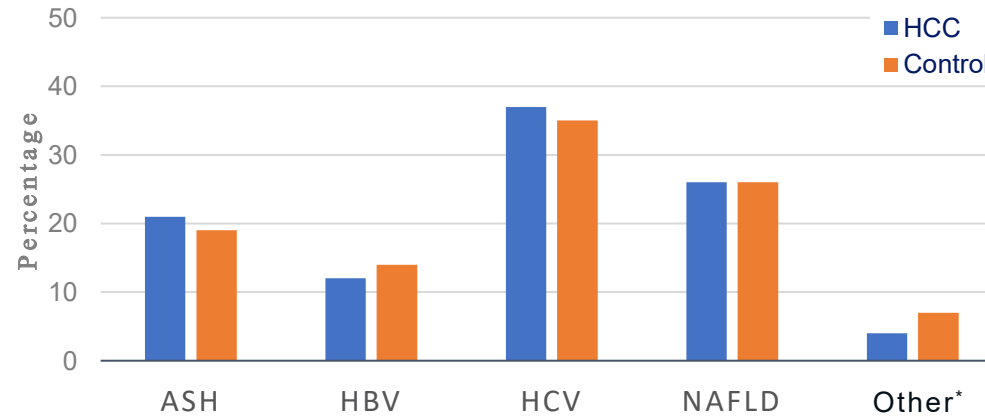
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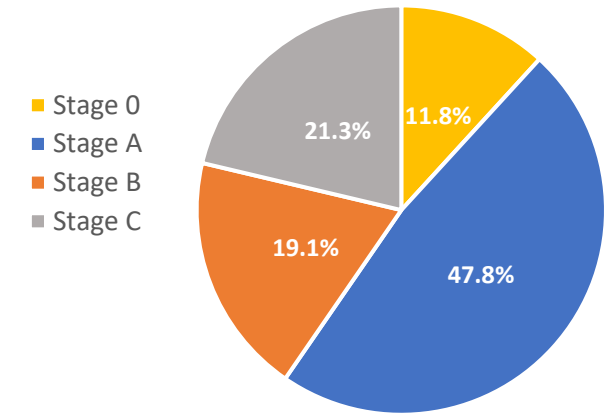
Algorithm Development and Validation - Demographic and tumor characteristics

Algorithm Development

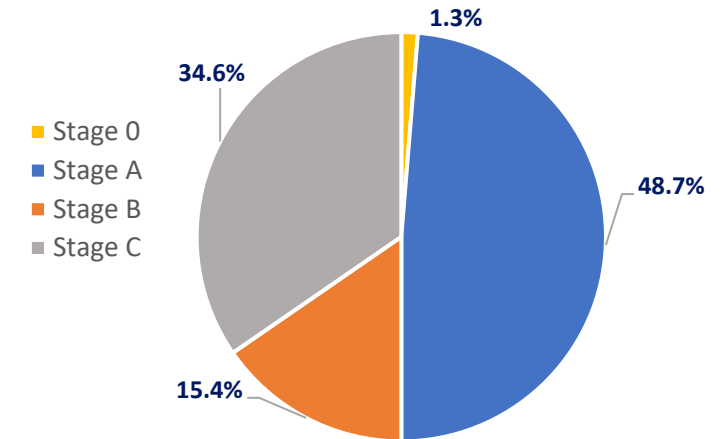
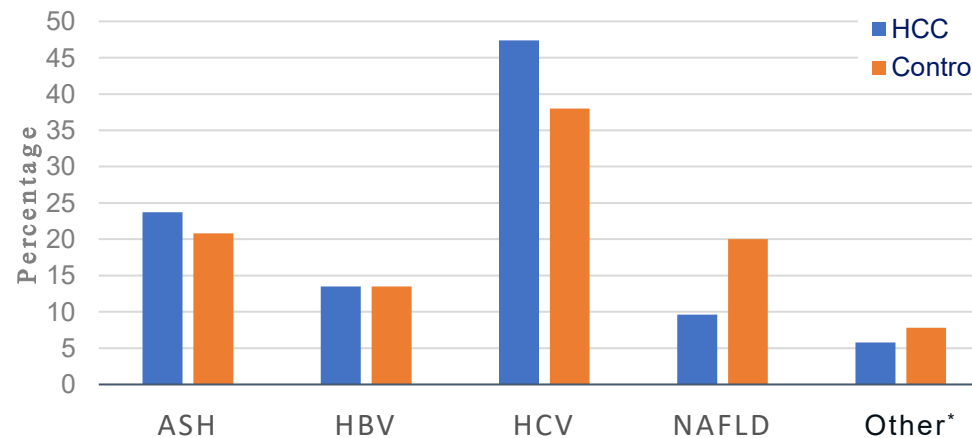
Distribution of Liver Disease Etiologies



Distribution of HCC cases by BCLC stages



Clinical Validation



ASH: alcoholic steatohepatitis, HBV: hepatitis B virus, HCC: Hepatocellular carcinoma, HCV: hepatitis C virus, NAFLD: Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, BCLC: Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer.
 *Other: includes autoimmune hepatitis, genetic hemochromatosis, stage 4 primary biliary cholangitis, primary sclerosing cholangitis, and cryptogenic cirrhosis.
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Algorithm Development - Test Performance

	Sensitivity, % (95% CI)			Overall Sensitivity, % (95% CI) (n=156)	Specificity, % (95% CI) (n=245)
	BCLC Stage 0 + A (n=78)	BCLC Stage B + C (n=78)	Milan Criteria (n=68)		
mt-HBT	72 (61, 80)	96 (88, 99)	68 (57, 78)	82 (74, 87)	88 (84, 91)
AFP (≥20 ng/mL)	31 (22, 42)	69 (56, 80)	28 (19, 39)	46 (38, 55)	98 (95, 99)
GALAD (≥-0.63)	67 (56, 76)	91 (80, 96)	64 (52, 74)	76 (69, 83)	86 (82, 89)
GALAD (≥-0.33*)	57 (46, 67)	89 (78, 95)	53 (41, 64)	70 (62, 77)	88 (84, 91)

AFP: Alpha-fetoprotein, BCLC: Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer, CI: confidence interval, GALAD: Gender, Age, AFP-L3, AFP, and DCP model, mt-HBT: multi-target Hepatocellular carcinoma Blood Test

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mt-HBT	82 (72, 89)	94 (86, 97)	81 (70, 88)	88 (82, 92)	87 (82, 91)
AFP (≥20 ng/mL)	40 (30, 51)	77 (66, 85)	41 (30, 53)	58 (51, 66)	100 (98, 100)
GALAD (≥-0.63)	71 (60, 79)	91 (83, 96)	71 (60, 80)	81 (74, 86)	93 (90, 96)
GALAD (≥-1.18*)	78 (68, 86)	92 (84, 96)	78 (67, 86)	85 (79, 90)	87 (82, 91)

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Clinical Validation - Test Performance Select Subgroups

Subgroup (n)*	Sensitivity, % (95% CI)			Overall Sensitivity, % (95% CI)	Specificity, % (95% CI)
	BCLC Stage 0 + A	BCLC Stage B + C	Milan Criteria		
Sex					
Male (274)	83 (72, 90)	94 (85, 98)	82 (70, 90)	89 (82, 93)	84 (77, 89)
Female (127)	77 (50, 92)	92 (67, 99)	75 (47, 91)	85 (67, 94)	91 (84, 95)
Viral Status†					
Viral (222)	84 (71, 92)	96 (87, 99)	85 (70, 93)	91 (83, 95)	90 (83, 94)
Non-viral (164)	80 (63, 91)	92 (75, 98)	77 (58, 89)	86 (74, 92)	84 (76, 90)
BMI‡					
<30 (229)	85 (72, 93)	96 (86, 99)	86 (73, 94)	90 (83, 95)	87 (80, 91)
≥30 (160)	77 (59, 88)	92 (76, 98)	71 (51, 85)	84 (72, 91)	88 (80, 93)
Child-Pugh class§					
Class A (273)	81 (68, 89)	93 (82, 97)	80 (66, 89)	87 (79, 92)	88 (82, 92)
Class B (96)	81 (60, 92)	96 (78, 99)	79 (57, 92)	88 (76, 95)	83 (71, 91)
Cirrhosis Status					
Cirrhosis (377)	83 (73, 90)	93 (85, 97)	81 (70, 88)	88 (82, 92)	87 (82, 91)

BCLC: Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer, BMI: Body Mass Index, CI: Confidence Interval, HCC: Hepatocellular carcinoma

*Total number of participants within each subgroup (both HCC and control subjects)

†Viral status was unknown for 6 HCC (1 BCLC stage 0, 2 BCLC stage A, 1 BCLC stage B, and 1 BCLC stage C) and 9 control subjects

‡BMI data were missing for 6 HCC (1 BCLC stage A, 1 BCLC stage B, and 4 BCLC stage C) and 6 control subjects

§Child-Pugh data were missing for 8 HCC (1 BCLC stage 0, 4 BCLC stage A, and 3 BCLC stage C) and 24 control subjects

Oncoguard™ Liver test (mt-HBT) – Intended Use

- The Oncoguard™ Liver test is a blood-based test for the qualitative detection of biomarkers associated with hepatocellular carcinoma in serum and plasma derived from whole blood.¹
- The test is intended as an aid in the detection of hepatocellular carcinoma for adults with liver cirrhosis and/or chronic hepatitis B (HBV) who are at risk for hepatocellular carcinoma.¹
- Guidelines recommend biannual testing in patients at risk for hepatocellular carcinoma.^{2,3}
- The Oncoguard™ Liver test was validated in patients at risk for hepatocellular carcinoma, including those with cirrhosis and/or chronic HBV.¹

HCV: hepatitis C virus, mt-HBT: multi-target-Hepatocellular carcinoma Blood Test, NAFLD: Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, NASH: Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis

Summary

Oncoguard Liver Summary

Marker Discovery¹

- Over 300 differentially methylated regions identified from frozen tissue
- Technical and biological validation narrowed candidates
- Phase I and Phase II plasma studies

Marker Selection²

- Assess performance of candidate
- Achieved high sensitivity for early-stage HCC and all-stage HCC
- 135 HCC cases and 302 controls

Algorithm Development³

- Finalize biomarker panel and develop algorithm
- 82% overall, 71% early-stage HCC sensitivity at 88% specificity
- 136 cases and 404 controls training set

Assay Clinical Lab Validation³

- Validate performance in independent cohort
- 88% overall, 82% early-stage HCC sensitivity at 87% specificity
- 156 cases and 245 controls

Additional Evidence (ALTUS Ongoing)

2019

2021

mt-HBT: multi-target Hepatocellular carcinoma Blood Test, HCC: Hepatocellular carcinoma

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Summary

- Early-detection of HCC may improve patient outcomes¹
- **Circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) in the blood provides a minimally invasive approach for early HCC detection²**
- The mt-HBT test is a blood-based test for HCC detection³
- Clinical validation results showed:³
 - Early-stage sensitivity of 82%
 - Overall sensitivity of 88%
 - Specificity of 87%

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