

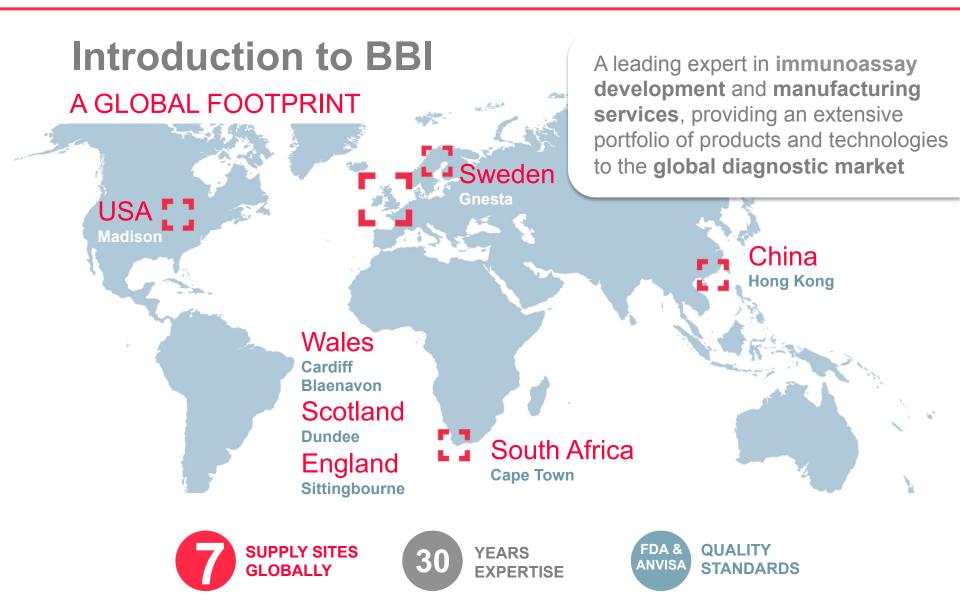


#### SHAPING THE FUTURE OF LATERAL FLOW

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## Challenges for Lateral Flow Immunoassays

#### **Current Status:**

- Cost effective
- User friendly
- Deliverable
- Rapid time to result

#### Performance Enhancement:

- Higher sensitivity
- Better specificity
- Improved reproducibility



#### **Market Response**

- Development of increasingly complicated tests
- Focus on improving assay sensitivity and limit of detection
- Drive for increased accuracy
- Develop enhancement technologies – need to maintain the original simplicity of the rapid test

"We're looking for innovation around sensitivity"

**Director of Operations** 

"I want to see next-generation technology, so we can offer something new to our customers allowing them to compete in their market place"

**Deputy Director** 



# Focus on Signal Enhancement

- LF blocking technology in the conjugation process a blocking agent is used on the label after antibody/antigen binding to prevent NSB
- Industry standards majority of conjugates are blocked with BSA
- BSA problems
  - Cross reaction
  - may hinder the availability of antibody on the label surface due to it size
  - Batch inconsistency
- Alternative blockers agents such as fish gelatin, PEG and casein all suffer from lot to lot variability





#### Solution...

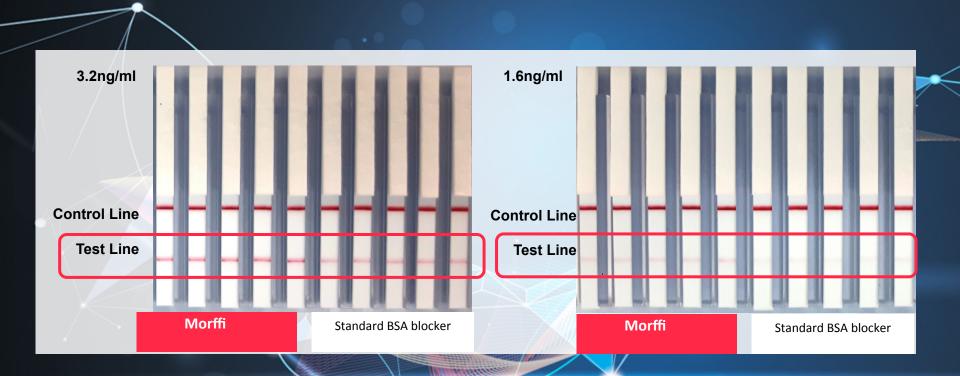
- BBI has developed a signal enhancement technology – Morffi
- Morffi technology utilises a synthetic biological blocker
- Significantly smaller in size compared to BSA to allow increased opportunity for interactions between the antibody on the gold and the target analyte





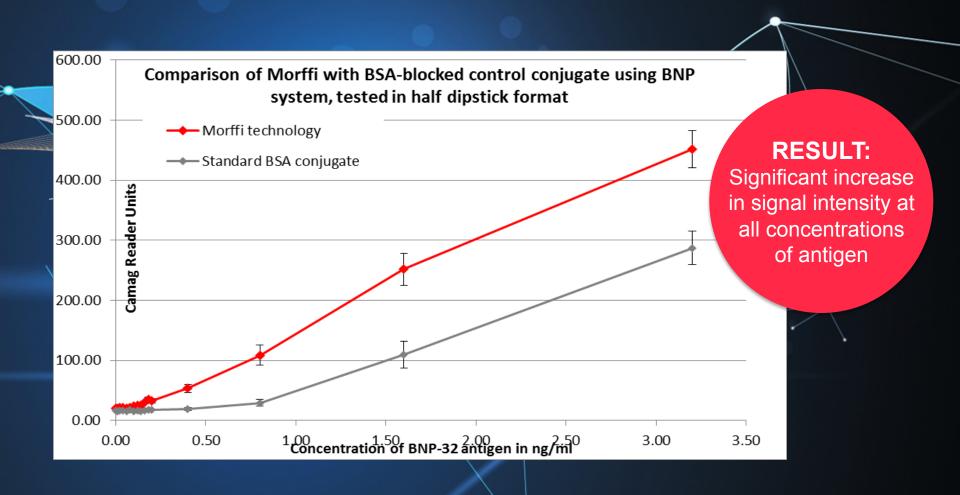
## Improved signal intensity

**Morffi** conjugate and BSA blocked conjugates were run using a half dipstick method n=5



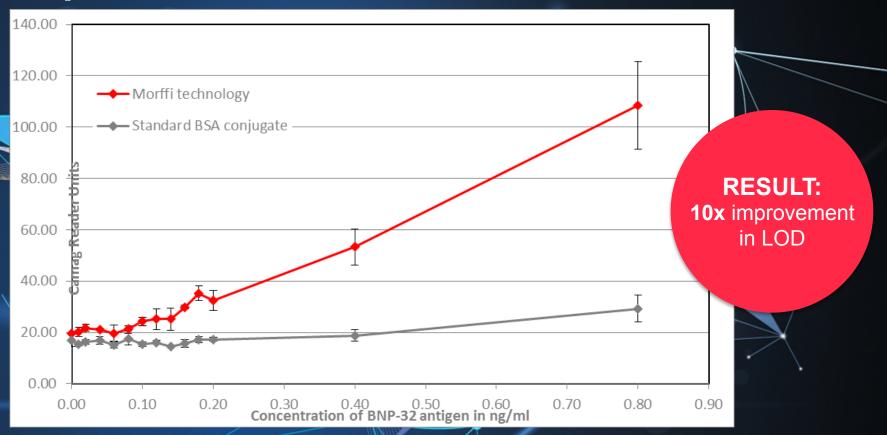


### Improved Signal Intensity





#### **Improved Limit of Detection**



The Limit of detection produced using Morffi<sup>™</sup> is 0.08ng/ml BNP-32 antigen, whilst the BSA-blocked control conjugate allowed a Limit of detection of 0.8ng/ml BNP-32



#### **Morffi Advantages:**



#### **Up to 10x increase in sensitivity**



Improved signal intensity
Stronger signals generated
at the current limit of
detection for your test



Faster time to result
Stronger signals gives faster
rate to result



**BSA Free**No cross reaction



Simple, fast and inexpensive development
No requirement to change assay format, materials or complexity



#### **Morffi Application**

- Demonstrated on polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies
- Assessed in sandwich and competitive assay formats
- Robustness of different batches of conjugate
- Large scale conjugate manufacture demonstrated
- Excellent stability of conjugates comparable to BSA blocked





# **Examples where Morffi can** be utilised

- Need for lower LOD in existing test simple swap out
- Qualitative assay where no requirement for LOD but stronger test line signal beneficial
- Veterinary test where BSA will cross react
- Bio-warfare test where time to result is critical to limit potential exposure





### Morffi joins our

## Lateral Flow Portfolio alongside:



**AtomoRapid**<sup>TM</sup>







#### Conclusion

- Lateral Flow market is evolving into:
  - Quantitation of results
  - Improved sensitivity and specificity
  - Requiring increasing assay reproducibility
- Exciting opportunities for innovation in the market
- BBI Solutions are...

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