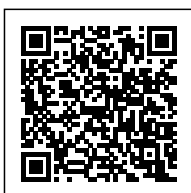


GARRIGUES ACTS FOR QIAGEN ON €118M STAT-DX ACQUISITION

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Garrigues advised Qiagen on the acquisition of STAT-Dx, a Spanish healthcare company that develops diagnostics for analysing diseases and infections.

The deal was valued at €118 million, according to Mergermarket.

A Qiagen statement said: "The acquisition is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2018 and funded from existing cash reserves."

STAT-Dx has developed a system, to be branded QIAstat-Dx, that enables processing of up to 48 molecular targets simultaneously to diagnose syndromes such as serious respiratory or gastrointestinal infections.

In 2018, sales of about \$7 million are expected from the QIAstat-Dx launch in "Europe and other

markets", while sales of at least \$30 million are expected in 2019, the Qiagen statement said.