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Proficiency Testing
Programs



About Us

The UCLA Immunogenetics Center is a World Health Organization reference laboratory and is international renowned as a pioneer in Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) typing.

Since 1974, our programs have continued to fulfill the need for proficiency testing in the field of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics.

Program benefits include:

Quality Control

Validation of methods and reagents

Educational Challenges

Standardization of classical and non-classical allele typing

International Cell Exchange

SERVICES: PROFICIENCY TESTING FOR FLOW CROSSMATCH, MOLECULAR TYPING (HLA, KIR, MICA) AND ANTIBODY IDENTIFICATION

Single Antigen, Flow and Virtual Crossmatch Exchange:

- Four 500 μ l anti-HLA sera + Two 9 ml whole blood samples sent 3 times/year (12 sera/6 cells total)
- Flow cytometric crossmatch and antibody identification (SAB)
- Virtual Paper Challenge 6 virtual crossmatches per challenge

INTERNATIONAL KIR AND MICA EXCHANGE

• Six - 100 μ l DNA samples for KIR and/or MICA genotyping sent 2 times/year (12 samples total)

SERUM EXCHANGE

 Five - 500 μl anti-HLA sera for class I/II antibody identification sent 3 times/year (15 samples total)

B-CELL LINE EXCHANGE

Three - 3 ml cultured B-cell line suspensions for class
 I/II DNA typing sent 4 times/year (12 cells total)





INTERNATIONAL HLA DNA EXCHANGE

SERVICES: PROFICIENCY TESTING FOR HLA MOLECULAR TYPING

- 6 50 µl DNA samples sent 4 times/year (24 samples total)
- High and low-resolution grading (class I and class II typing)
- Reporting of HLA-E, -F, -G, -H, and MICB alleles (ungraded)
- Fulfills ASHI accreditation requirements for DNA proficiency testing
- Recognized by the European Federation for Immunogenetics (EFI) as an external proficiency provider

UCLA DNA Reference Panel

SERVICES: REFERENCE DNA FOR HLA, KIR, AND MICA TYPING

- DNA extracts fully characterized and sequenced for class I and class II alleles. Panel sets are available in 24, 48, and 72 sample sets.
- Reference panels for KIR and MICA (24 samples each)
- NGS samples for blind testing for enhanced proficiency and customized sets



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