

INVITATION

ELISPOT PROFICIENCY PANEL

This is an invitation to participate in the T cell Elispot Proficiency Panel 2017.

This is your chance to test your lab's proficiency in performing the Elispot assay.

You may register at www.proficiencypanel.com. A limited number of participants can be accepted in this panel; the participants will be included on a first come, first served basis.

- Who can participate? Any lab with a need to perform reliable immune monitoring can participate.
- What will happen? i) Immudex will send out instructions and identical, pretested PBMC samples and peptide pools to all participants. ii) Each participating lab will perform the Elispot assay following their own SOP and report the results back to Immudex. iii) Each participant will receive a report detailing the participant's performance. The other participants' individual performance data will be disclosed but anonymized.
- When? Cell samples will be sent out January/February 2018.
- What does it cost to participate? Participation fee is 1000 EUR/1200 USD (academia, non-profit organizations), 1400 EUR/1650 USD (zero revenue biotech companies), 1700 EUR/2000 USD (positive revenue biotech companies), and 2500 EUR/2950 USD (pharmaceutical companies). Participation fee includes cell samples, peptide pools, shipping, and the final performance report.

DEADLINES

Deadline for registration: January 15, 2018.

Delivery of reagents and cell samples: January/February 2018.

Deadline for data submission: March 19, 2018.

Performance report back from Immudex: April, 2018.

* For certain countries outside EU and USA, an additional shipping fee may apply. If applicable, the participant's accept of the additional fee will be sought before shipment.

Any laboratory, independent of area of interest or geographic location, is invited to participate in the T cell Elispot Proficiency Panel

REGISTRATION

– Sign up on www.proficiencypanel.com

PANEL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- PBMC samples
- Peptide pools
- Detailed instruction sheets and data templates for reporting of results

Participants must determine the number of antigen-specific T cells in the cell samples using the provided CEF peptide pool and the CMV peptide pool.

The cell samples and peptide pools must be stored in liquid nitrogen upon delivery.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Immudex welcomes any lab with an interest in performing proficient immune monitoring assays to participate. The Proficiency Panels are open for participation by any laboratory, independent of affiliation, geographic location or area of interest.

The T cell Elispot Proficiency Panel by Immudex is a nonprofit service offered with the intent of attaining the highest possible level of proficiency and reliability among the researchers and clinical laboratories that perform Elispot assays.

42 laboratories from 13 countries participated in the last proficiency panel. Laboratories working in diverse areas such as HIV, CMV and cancer have traditionally participated in the proficiency panels.

If you have questions or comments, please contact the organizers at proficiencypanel@immudex.com

JPT Peptide Technologies sponsors the peptide pools used in the Elispot assay; Cryoport provides shipping and temperature loggers at a reduced price; Mabtech provides quality control and Elispot assay testing of cell samples.

