

INVITATION

MHC MULTIMER PROFICIENCY PANEL

This is an invitation to participate in the MHC Multimer Proficiency Panel 2015.

This is your chance to test your lab's proficiency in performing the MHC Multimer 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 to all participants, ii) Each participating lab will perform the MHC Multimer assay following their own protocol and report the result back to Immudex, iii) Each participant will receive a report detailing the participant's performance. The other participants' individual performance data will be held confidential.
- **When?** Cell samples will be sent out February/March 2015.
- **What does it cost to participate?** Participation fee is 500 EUR/600 USD [academia, non-profit organizations], 1000 EUR/1200 USD [zero revenue biotech companies], 1250 EUR/1500 USD [positive revenue biotech companies], and 2000 EUR/2500 USD [pharmaceutical companies]. Participation fee includes cell samples, shipping of cell samples, and the final report. Further, MHC Dextramers are available on request at no charge, except for the shipping fee.

DEADLINES

Deadline for registration: February 20, 2015.

Delivery of reagents and cell samples: February/March 2015.

Deadline for data submission: April 24, 2015.

Performance report back from Immudex: July 2015.

* 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 MHC Multimer Proficiency Panel

REGISTRATION

Sign up on www.proficiencypanel.com

PANEL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- Cell samples
- Detailed instruction sheets and data templates for reporting back to Immudex
- Optionally, relevant MHC Dextramers

Participants must determine the number of antigen-specific T cells in the cell samples using the following multimer specificities: EBV HLA-A* 0201/ GLCTLVAML, EBV HLA-A*0201 / CLGGLTMV, EBV HLA-B*0702 / RPPFIRRL, CMV HLA-B*0702 / TPRVTGGGAM, and optionally a Negative Control Multimer. The relevant MHC Dextramers including the negative control are available at no charge except for the shipping cost.

The cells must be stored in liquid nitrogen upon delivery. Dextramers must be stored at 2-8 °C.

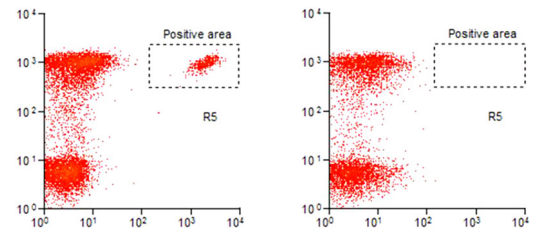
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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 MHC Multimer Proficiency Panel conducted by Immudex is a non-profit service offered with the intent of attaining the highest possible level of proficiency and reliability among the researchers and clinicians that perform MHC multimer assays.

51 laboratories from 18 countries participated in the last proficiency panel. Laboratories from 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



* Dextramers are sponsored by Immudex