

Invitation:

MHC MULTIMER PROFICIENCY PANEL

This is an invitation to participate in the MHC Multimer Proficiency Panel 2013.

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 serve basis.

- **Who can participate?** Any lab with a need to perform reliable immune monitoring can participate.
- **What will happen?** i) Immudex will send out identical and pretested PBMC samples to all participants including instructions, ii) Each participating lab will perform the MHC Multimer assay following their own SOP 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 November 2013.
- **What does it cost to participate?** Participation fee is 250 EUR/300 USD (academia, non-profit organizations), 750 EUR/900 USD (zero revenue small companies), 1000 EUR/1200 USD (positive revenue small 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: November 5, 2013.

Delivery of reagents and cell samples: November, 2013.

Deadline for data submission: December 31, 2013.

Performance report back from Immudex: March, 2014.

Any laboratory, independent of affiliation, geographic location or area of interest, is invited to participate in the MHC Multimer proficiency panel

REGISTRATION

– Sign up on www.proficiencypanel.com

PANEL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- 2 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, FLU HLA-A*0201/GILGFVFTL, and optionally a Negative Control Multimer. The relevant MHC Dextramers including the negative control are available at no charge except for the shipping cost [USA: 120 USD; Rest of World: 100 EUR].

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In the past, the CIC [the US Cancer Immunotherapy Consortium of the CRI] and CIMT [the European Association for Cancer Immunotherapy] have been in charge of the proficiency panels. Immudex is now continuing the service.

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.

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

