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### Distribution of HLA-DQA1 and Amplitype PM Locus Alleles in a Saudi Arabian Population Sample

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Blood samples were collected in EDTA coated vacutainers from 207 unrelated patients who visited the King Khaled University Hospital and Security Force Hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Blood saturated cotton swatches were prepared from these samples and dried at room temperature. DNA was extracted from the

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swatches by organic extraction (phenol/chloroform/isoamyl alcohol) followed by ethanol precipitation (1). The quantity of DNA was determined using the Quantiblot kit.

The samples were typed for HLA-DQA1/PM loci using the Amplitype PM + DQA1 kit (Perkin Elmer, Foster City, CA) as per the manufacturer's instructions.

Genotypic data in the test sample were used to calculate frequency of each allele. Tests for independence were performed using the DNA typing program written by Chakraborty and Zhong (2). The data set is available if requested.

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TABLE 1—Observed HLA-DQA1 and PM allele frequencies in Saudi Arabian population.

Locus	Allele	Frequency (n = 83)	Locus	Allele	Frequency (n = 207)
LDLR	A	0.516	HLA-DQA1	1.1	0.082
	B	0.484		1.2	0.188
GYPA	A	0.754		1.3	0.089
	B	0.246		2	0.193
HBGG	A	0.391		3	0.169
	B	0.587		4	0.278
	C	0.022			
D7S8	A	0.634			
	B	0.366			
GC	A	0.145			
	B	0.189			
	C	0.667			

n—number of individuals typed.

TABLE 2—Summary of Hardy-Weinberg tests.

	LDLR	GYPA	HBGG	D7S8	GC	HLA-DQA1 (n = 207)
Observed Homozygosity	45.9%	65.0%	50.8%	54.1%	45.9%	16.4%
Expected Homozygosity (Unbiased)	45.9%	62.8%	49.7%	53.5%	50.0%	19.1%
Homozygosity Test*	0.277	0.535	0.759	0.862	0.272	0.321
Exact Test*	0.297	0.425	0.946	0.882	0.141	0.482

\* Probability values. n = 183 for LDLR, GYPA, HBGG, D7S8, and Gc.