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HLA-DQA1 and Polymarker in the Uros Population from Peruvian Highland

POPULATION: The Uros from the Peruvian Highland

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The Uros population is one of the probably older indigenous populations from the Peru. It is located in the floating islands on Lake Titicaca in the Peruvian Highland. Its native language is Aymara, which persists in all its residents, being children and young adults who also dominate Spanish as a second language. The waters of the lake, as well as its firm ancestral culture have been factors that have maintained this closed population; they have maintained their ethnic characteristics for centuries. The total population of the Uros in the year 2002 is little less than 400 inhabitants (1).

Whole blood samples were obtained after informed consent from 45 native residents from the floating islands denominated Los Uros in Lake Titicaca (due to the scarce number of the population's individuals, a certain degree of genetic relationship between individuals cannot be discarded). Samples were placed on FTA^R paper (Whatman BioScience) and the immobilized DNA washed according to the manufacturer's recommendations. The samples were

typed for HLA-DQA1/PM loci by using the Amplitype PM and DQA1 kit following manufacturer's instructions (PE-Biosystems, Foster City, CA). Exact tests were performed by using the computer program GDA for checking the Hardy-Weinberg expectations (2). Data were analyzed by PowerStats (3).

The complete dataset is available to any interested researcher upon request from the corresponding author.

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TABLE 1—Observed allele frequencies for HLA-DQA1/PM loci in The Uros population from Peru.

N = 45	HLA-DQA1	
	Allele	Frequency
	1.2	0.0111
	3	0.5111
	4.1	0.1556
	4.2/4.3	0.3222
H	0.6000	
PD	0.7733	
CE	0.2909	
P*	0.4330	
P**	0.3415	

N	LDLR		GYPA		HBGG			D7S8		GC		
	A	B	A	B	A	B	C	A	B	A	B	C
45	0.6444	0.3556	0.7222	0.2778	0.1222	0.8778	—	0.7000	0.3000	0.1778	0.3333	0.4889
H	0.4889		0.5111			0.2000		0.4667			0.6222	
PD	0.5886		0.5205			0.3546		0.5600			0.7763	
CE	0.1780		0.1974			0.0298		0.1600			0.3184	
P*	0.7305		0.1465			0.9950		0.4955			0.1430	
P**	0.7645		0.1430			0.4950		0.7055			0.1935	

H: (observed heterozygosity), PD: (Power of discrimination), CE: (a priori chance of exclusion), P*: (Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, chi square test), P**: (Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, exact test based on 2000 shufflings).