Wessex Genomics Laboratory Service (WGLS)
Genotyping for Disease Association - Sample Requirements

Sample Types and specimen containers

- **Peripheral blood (PB)** in EDTA is required for genotyping for disease association testing. Please send 2-3mls in EDTA.

Identification of the tube and order form

Specimen containers must have **at least** three points of legible ID which match the accompanying request form to be accepted by the laboratory. Label the tube with surname and first name, date of birth as a minimum, as well as date of withdrawal. The laboratory reserves the right to refuse to accept and/or process samples with incomplete, illegible or ambiguous patient information.

Please send a completed referral form with all samples.

Please ensure direct contact details for consultant and medic collecting the samples is recorded

Transport and Mailing

Sample and referral card should be sent **together** in a secure leakproof package (hard cardboard box not a padded envelope) according to UN P650 packaging instructions, to arrive as soon as possible after collection.

All samples should be sent directly to the Wessex Genetics Laboratory Services – Southampton or Salisbury by guaranteed next day delivery, courier service, hospital transport, etc.

Laboratory testing is coordinated within the Genomic Laboratory Hubs (GLH) with some services being provided within the Central and South (C&S) GLH. On occasion, testing is sent external to the C&S GLH.

Further advice

Please do not hesitate to contact the laboratories for any advice regarding sample types.

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