# Research Resources for the Scientific Community

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# **NIAID** Research Resources

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# **Immunology Related Resources**

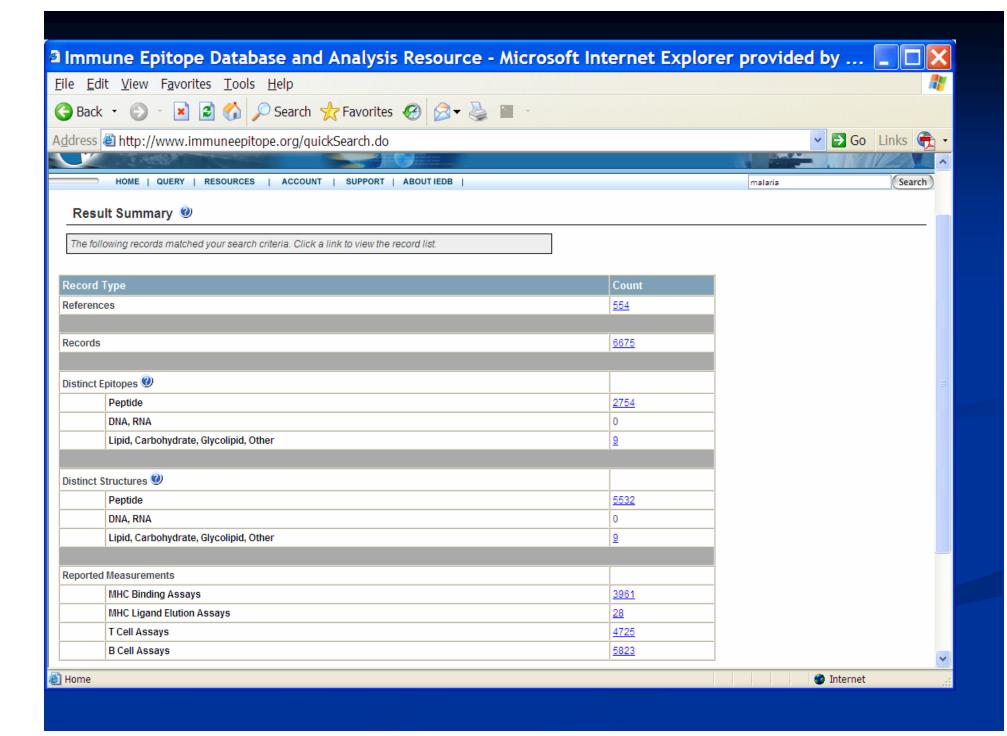
Highlights

# **NIH Tetramer Facility**

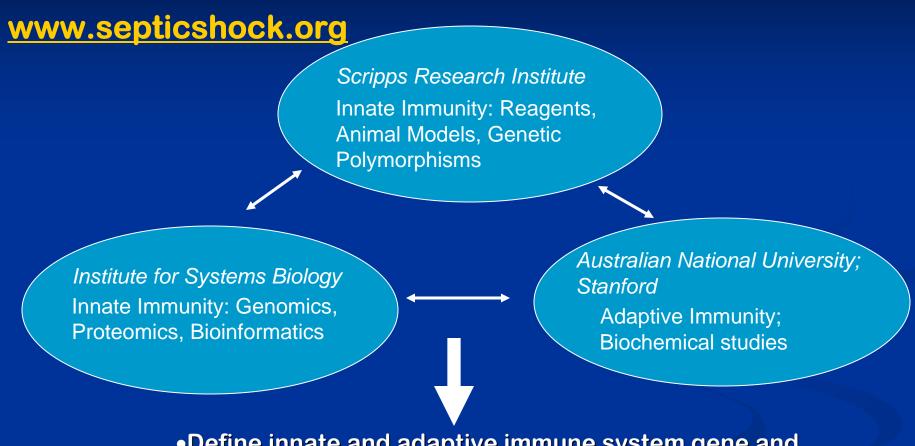
- Production and distribution of antigenspecific T cell detection reagents based on peptide/MHC molecules
  - Class I and Class II MHC alleles
  - mCD1d, hCD1d containing a novel CD1d ligand (PBS-57)
  - CD1a
- Supported by NIAID and NCI
- http://www.niaid.nih.gov/reposit/tetramer/index.html

# The Immune Epitope Database and Analysis Resource (IEDB)

- Catalog and organize an ever growing body of immunological information
  - Antibody and T cell epitopes from infectious pathogens, experimental and self antigens
  - Priority on NIAID Category A-C priority pathogens and emerging infectious diseases
  - Human, non-human primate, rodent, and other species for which detailed epitope information is available
- Host existing epitope prediction algorithms and develop new methods to predict and model antibody and T cell epitopes
- http://www.immuneEpitope.org



#### Mining the Innate Immune System to Develop Novel Defenses against Infections



- •Define innate and adaptive immune system gene and protein expression after microbial infection
- •Meld mathematics, genomics, proteomics, computer modeling into "systems biology" approach

#### **Mouse Models**

- NIAID-Taconic Exchange (Emerging Models):
  - Supports importation, verification, cryopreservation of immunology-related mouse models; partially defrays distribution costs
  - http://www.taconic.com/emerging/listing.htm
- KOMP (trans NIH support):
  - Generate and distribute ES cell lines, knockout mice, and phenotypic data for every gene in the mouse genome.
  - http://www.nih.gov/science/models/mouse/knockout/komp.html
  - Research Community Input:
    - Nominate genes: <u>http://www.informatics.jax.org/mgihome/KOMP/nominationForm.shtml</u>
    - "Repatriation" of existing KOs: Contact –Alison Deckhut Augustine (augustine@niaid.nih.gov)
- MMRRC (supported by NCRR):
  - Mouse stocks and ES cell line collections. Accepts mice, embryos, and ES cell lines for public distribution
  - http://www.mmrrc.org/

# NIH Nonhuman Primate Reagent Resource

- Distribution of new reagents: antibodies for in vitro diagnostics or in vivo administration; recombinant NHP proteins; NHP cells, immortalized cell lines, and transforming viruses; immunoglobulin reference reagents.
- Reports on reactivity of commercial antibodies and other reagents in different primate species.
- Documented SOPs for reagent use and for selected nonhuman primate-specific assays and techniques.
- Supported by NIAID and NCRR.
- http://nhpreagents.bidmc.harvard.edu/NHP/default.as

# Pathogen Related Resources

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#### Reagents

#### BEI Resources

- Reagents and information for studying Category A, B, and C priority pathogens and emerging infectious disease agents (e.g., pathogens, toxins, proteins and peptides, antigens, antibodies, etc). Registration required.
- http://www.beiresources.org/

#### TB Vaccine Testing and Research Materials

- Reagents and services to facilitate basic, translational and applied research. (e.g., TB bacterial strains; TB genomic DNA; antigens, proteins, lipids; antibodies; validate or optimize existing small animal models of TB infection and disease and test experimental agents in the models.)
- http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/microbiology/tb/top.htm

#### Malaria Research and Reference Reagent Resource Center

- Central source of quality controlled malaria-related reagents and information to facilitate malaria research worldwide. Qualified, registered users can obtain: parasites, mosquito vectors, antibodies, antigens, gene libraries, molecular probes, and constructs.
- http://www.malaria.mr4.org/

#### Services

- Bacterial Respiratory Pathogen Reference Laboratory
  - Reference materials, assay protocols, and additional vaccine-related information
  - http://www.vaccine.uab.edu/
- Tuberculosis Antimicrobial Acquisition and Coordinating Facility
  - Advanced in vivo testing of promising anti-tubercular compounds. Priority status given to compounds with activity on drug resistant strains, and with the potential to shorten therapy by being active on non-replicating persistent organisms.
  - http://www.taacf.org/
- NIAID Antiviral Testing Program
  - Evaluate compounds for antiviral activity: In vitro and in vivo testing (free, confidential, proprietary rights

#### **Genomics Resources**

- Pathogen Functional Genomics Resource Center
  - Genomic reagents, resources and technologies such as DNA microarrays, protein expression clones, genotyping/genome analysis, data analysis tools, and training in the latest techniques in functional genomics and emerging genomic technologies.
  - http://www.niaid.nih.gov/dmid/genomes/pfgrc/default.htm
- Microbial Sequencing Centers
  - Rapid production of high-quality genome sequences of human pathogens and invertebrate vectors of disease. Services include sequencing, assembly, manual and automated genome annotation. White paper sequencing request process.
  - http://www.niaid.nih.gov/dmid/genomes/mscs/default.htm

#### **Genomics Resources**

- Bioinformatics Resource Centers
  - Annotated data on NIAID Category A-C priority pathogens and emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases. Data types include: genome sequences, comparative genomics, genome polymorphisms, gene expression, proteomics, host/pathogen interactions, and pathways.
  - http://www.brc-central.org/cgi-bin/brc-central/brc\_central.cgi

# **HIV Related Resources**

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# Reagents/Services

- NIH AIDS Research and Reference Reagent Program
  - Offers over 8,400 reagents for public distribution (e.g., viruses, expression vectors, antibodies, proteins and peptides, anti-virals).
  - https://www.aidsreagent.org/Index.cfm
- HIV/AIDS Specimen Repository
  - Access to biological specimens from well-characterized individuals or cohorts stored in centralized and local repositories.
  - http://www3.niaid.nih.gov/research/resources/reposit/default. htm
- Simian Vaccine Evaluation Units
  - evaluates promising SIV and HIV vaccines in nonhuman primates in support of HIV vaccine development.
  - http://www3 niaid nih gov/research/topics/HIV/vaccines/resou

#### **Databases**

- HIV Immunology Database
  - Annotated, searchable collection of HIV-1 cytotoxic and helper T-cell epitopes and antibody binding sites
  - http://www.hiv.lanl.gov/content/immunology/index.ht ml/index.html
- HIV Sequence Database
  - Curated and annotated HIV and SIV sequence data (all sequences since 1987); software for sequence data analysis and pre-computed analysis of HIV and related sequences
  - http://www.hiv.lanl.gov/content/hivdb/mainpage.html/

#### **Databases**

- HIV Drug Resistance Database
  - Compilation of mutations in HIV genes that confer resistance to anti-HIV drugs.
  - http://resdb.lanl.gov/Resist\_DB/default.htm
- Nonhuman Primate HIV/SIV Vaccine Trials Database
  - Information about vaccine studies using SIV and HIV in nonhuman primates
  - http://www.hiv.lanl.gov/content/vaccine/home.html

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