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Re: Erratum for *Standards for Immunohematology Reference Laboratories*, 5th edition

Please note that the following error has been identified in the 5th edition of *Standards for Immunohematology Reference Laboratories*.

Standard 5.2

A clause was missing from the final published version in sub standard number 1 of standard 5.2. The phrase “through the ARDP” was inadvertently removed from standard 5.2. The standard should read as follows:

***5.2* American Rare Donor Program**

The laboratory shall participate in the American Rare Donor Program (ARDP) system by performing at least one of the following functions on an annual basis:

- 1) Ship 15 units to other participating laboratories ***through the ARDP***.
- 2) Register at least 10 donors in the ARDP.
- 3) Screen at least 1000 donors for high-incidence antigens.
- 4) Provide antisera, or for non-collecting facilities, provide resources, to another ARDP member laboratory for use in screening donors for high- or low-incidence antigens for the purpose of identifying rare donors.
- 5) Perform at least one family study to identify rare donors.

The statement was mistakenly deleted because it was believed to be superfluous. However, feedback received following the publication of the *Standards* suggests that one unintended interpretation of the deletion was that laboratories could fulfill the requirement to participate in the ARDP by shipping units to other laboratories directly, rather than through the ARDP. This was not the intent of the program unit.

Please note that if additional errors are identified, they will be listed on the AABB Web site. In the meantime, please feel free to send any comments, questions, or concerns to the Standards and International Affairs Department at the AABB by email (standards@aabb.org) or fax (+1.301. 657.0957).

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