

Procedure for A1AT Phenotyping

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Procedure for A1AT Phenotyping – Performing the Test

Specimen Requirement The following are the specimen requirements for the procedure.

Specimen	Required Volume	Minimum Volume	Storage	Stability
Serum (preferred sample)	50µl	1 mL	Store at 2-8°C	14 days at 2-8°C

Unacceptable Specimen: Refer to **Rejection/Acceptance Criteria for Samples** for guidelines on rejecting unacceptable specimens for **A1AT Phenotyping**.

Materials Needed

Equipment	Reagents	Supplies
Sebia Hydrasys Isofocusing unit, (PN 1235,1212) Scanner Vortex mixer Centrifuge	Hydrasys Destain solution E-Pure water / Di H ₂ O Antisera (A1AT) Antisera diluent Rehydrating solution TTF3 and TTF3 solvent Wash solution (optional) Agarose gels A1AT Controls 30% Hydrogen Peroxide	5mL, 7mL pipettes and tips 4,10,20,100,200 µl pipettes and tips Wet Storage Chamber Template Guide Bar Dynamic Mask 18 wells antisera segments ENZ template 4 12 x 75mm glass tubes Accessory Kit Waste container

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Procedure for A1AT Phenotyping – Performing the Test, continued

**Preparing
 A1AT samples &
 controls**

Step	Action
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take serum samples from refrigerator and allow them to come to room temperature
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a 1:10 dilution of serum samples using the Sample Diluent. 10 µl patient sample + 90 µl Sample Diluent <p><i>Note: (DO NOT DILUTE SEBIA CONTROLS)</i></p>
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vortex samples thoroughly prior to application.
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place one applicator comb on a flat surface with the well numbers in the right-side-up position. Apply 10 µl of the 1:10 diluted patient samples in each patient well of the 18 well applicator combs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positions 2-8 = patient samples Positions 10-17 = patient samples Apply 10 µl of the prepared Sebia Controls (MM, MZ, MS) in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Position 1 = MM Position 9 = MZ Position 18 = MS (Figure 1) <p><i>Note: Load applicator within 2 Minutes.</i></p>
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place the applicator into the wet chamber with the teeth up (handle it by the plastic tooth protection frame). Let the samples diffuse into the teeth for a minimum of 5 minutes after the last sample application. <p><i>(Note: The applicator is stable for up to 8 hours in wet chamber at 2-8° C)</i></p>

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How to initialize the instrument

Step	Action
1.	<p>Turn on the instrument using the switch on the right side of the instrument.</p> <p>Once initialized, the following screen should appear on the front panel of instrument: A1AT FOCUSING / 20° C POS: 1 / 1. SELECT MIGRATION / 2. SERVICE PROGRAM (for migration side). WASH ISOENZ/GEL / AMID=3 VIOLET=5 / 3. SELECT STAINING / 4. REAGENT LINES (for staining side).</p> <p>Or, choose Menu, and use arrow key to select the desired method. Choose NO. 1, and 44 ENTER (for migration side) Choose NO. 3 and 11 ENTER (for staining side)</p>
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press the square button on the Hydrasys instrument to obtain the high voltage required for isoelectrofocusing; • The voltage mode switch should become RED
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open the lid of the migration module and carefully raise the electrode and applicator carrier. <p>WARNING: <i>Never close the lid while the carriers are raised. As this may cause damage to the instrument.</i></p>

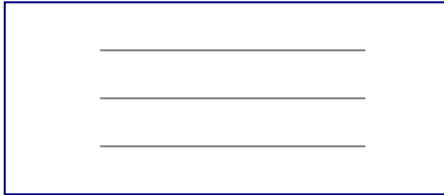
How to prepare Buffer Strips

Step	Action
1.	Using the Buffer Strip trays provided, prepare buffer strips 5 minutes prior to use.
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using a sharpie pen, label the buffer troughs accordingly: Blue trough → Cathode → Clear solution Grey trough → Anode → Red solution
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pipette 5 mL anodic solution (Red) into grey trough • Pipette 5 mL cathodic solution (Clear) into blue trough <p>Note: <i>DO NOT allow solutions to come into contact with each other</i></p>

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4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open a pack of sponges provided, handling them by the plastic ends • Place one sponge in each trough to saturate in buffer solution • Using a pipette tip press sponge down into solution to absorb buffer evenly along entire strip
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the saturated strips without any delay <p><i>Note: Saturate strips just before use to avoid carbonation</i></p>

**How to
 prepare A1AT
 gels and
 instrument**

Step	Action
1.	Lift instrument lid and pipette 300 µl of ethylene glycol solution to the migration plate in 3 even strips: (100 µl each strip) <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div>
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lift carrier up and apply RED sponge on BOTTOM electrode and CLEAR sponge on TOP electrode. (Figure 2)
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carefully remove A1AT gel from case and wipe back with tissue paper
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With <u>thin blotter paper</u>, VERY quickly blot gel (<3 seconds) from bottom to top motion
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place gel on instrument migration plate by: • Line up gel to lower lip and sides of the instrument migration plate and roll gel down, avoiding bubbles. (Figure 3)
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower both carriers down. In this position the buffer strips DO NOT touch the gel. • DO NOT force the carriers all the way down!
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove the applicator from the WET chamber. Handle it by the protection frame.
8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snap off the applicator teeth's protection frame. • Place application comb into POSITION 1 <p><i>Note: The numbers printed on applicator must face operator.</i> (Figure 4)</p>

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9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close lid and • Make sure voltage button on instrument is “RED” before proceeding with run. • If not, then press square voltage button on instrument until it is RED
10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press GO→ (Application 30 seconds) (Migration 1hour)

Preparing & applying A1AT antiserum

Step	Action		
1.	Antiserum should be prepared <u>during migration step</u>		
2.	In a disposable glass test tube pipette: 40 µl A1AT antisera + 300 µl antisera diluent		
3.	Vortex antisera mixture and <u>keep protected from light</u> ie) cover with foil or store in a dark cabinet / drawer		
	Assemble antisera segment and segment holder together a few minutes before the end of migration step. <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1.</td> <td> Set-up antiserum segment on segment holder (figure 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tilt antiserum segment at a 45° angle and position it against the plastic springs of the segment holder • Pull the segment and pivot it until it snaps into the notches of the segment holder </td> </tr> </table>	1.	Set-up antiserum segment on segment holder (figure 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tilt antiserum segment at a 45° angle and position it against the plastic springs of the segment holder • Pull the segment and pivot it until it snaps into the notches of the segment holder
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	<i>When instrument voltage is approximately 498 volts, then Pipette 20 µl diluted A1AT antisera into all 15 segment wells (figure 8)</i>		
6.	When the beep sounds signaling end of incubation, the screen will display “↓ AS ”		
7.	Open instrument lid (the message stops flashing)		
8.	Remove the sample applicator (from migration step) and discard		

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9.	Raise both carriers, remove the buffered strips by their plastic ends and discard Remove both carriers																
10.	Clean electrodes by wiping them carefully with soft wet tissue																
11.	Leave the gel in place in the migration module																
12.	<p>Set up dynamic mask for antiserum application onto the gel as follows: (figure 7&9)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="824 577 1349 1648"> <tr> <td data-bbox="824 577 987 651">1.</td> <td data-bbox="987 577 1349 651">Place dynamic mask on instrument surface.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="824 651 987 724">2.</td> <td data-bbox="987 651 1349 724">Position the mask guide on the anchoring clip</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="824 724 987 913">3.</td> <td data-bbox="987 724 1349 913">Hold the dynamic mask by the tab and position it into the guide with notches aligned with the marks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="824 913 987 1018">4.</td> <td data-bbox="987 913 1349 1018">Lower the dynamic mask onto the plate of the instrument</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="824 1018 987 1134">5.</td> <td data-bbox="987 1018 1349 1134">Place antisera segment and holder assembly onto dynamic mask</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="824 1134 987 1281">6.</td> <td data-bbox="987 1134 1349 1281">Make sure the segment holder is at the lowest point on the mask guide, facing the operator</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="824 1281 987 1501">7.</td> <td data-bbox="987 1281 1349 1501">Hold the segment holder by the handle on its right and press on the central pressure point such that the antiserum segment contacts the gel.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="824 1501 987 1648">8.</td> <td data-bbox="987 1501 1349 1648">Release the pressure, then the reagent will spread under the entire segment. (figure 10)</td> </tr> </table>	1.	Place dynamic mask on instrument surface.	2.	Position the mask guide on the anchoring clip	3.	Hold the dynamic mask by the tab and position it into the guide with notches aligned with the marks.	4.	Lower the dynamic mask onto the plate of the instrument	5.	Place antisera segment and holder assembly onto dynamic mask	6.	Make sure the segment holder is at the lowest point on the mask guide, facing the operator	7.	Hold the segment holder by the handle on its right and press on the central pressure point such that the antiserum segment contacts the gel.	8.	Release the pressure , then the reagent will spread under the entire segment. (figure 10)
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8.	Release the pressure , then the reagent will spread under the entire segment. (figure 10)																
13.	Immediately, using the segment holder handle; slide the segment holder up / down 2 times very slowly , counting 5 seconds up/down each time. (figure 11) A1AT antisera will be applied on gel for 10 minutes																

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14.	Leave the dynamic mask in the instrument chamber with the antiserum segment at the <u>lowest point</u> on the mask guide.
15.	Close the lid of the migration module Immediately press “GO” → on the instrument and message on screen will display “[INCUBATION]” (10min)

Operating Hydrasys for A1AT phenotyping

Step	Action
1.	When the beep sounds signaling end of incubation, open lid and remove the dynamic mask
2.	The screen will display “↓ PAP ” (apply thick filter paper on gel, smooth side down)
3.	Press blotter paper firmly over gel, secure edge gently, then close instrument lid and Press “GO” → on the instrument and message on screen will display “[BLOTTING]” (3min)
4.	When the beep sounds and screen displays : “↑ PAP. + ↓ REHYD1” (remove paper, apply rehydration solution) Install ENZ template 4 (figure 12)
5.	Close instrument lid
6.	Apply 7 mL of rehydration solution <u>carefully</u> through template hole, ensuring the solution is evenly spread in the space under the template (figure 13) then press “GO” → on the instrument HYDRATION 1 (5min)
7.	When beep sounds and screen displays : “↑ REHYD1 + ↓ PAP” (remove rehydration solution) Then, remove template
8.	Apply heavy blotter over gel, smooth side down; secure edge gently, then close instrument lid and Press “GO” → (3 min)
9.	When beep sounds and screen displays : “↑ PAP + ↓ REHYD2” (remove paper) and Install ENZ template 4 (figure 12)

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10.	<p>Apply 7 mL of rehydration solution <u>carefully</u> through template hole, ensuring the solution is evenly spread in the space under the template (figure 13)</p> <p>Close instrument lid, then press “GO” → on the instrument HYDRATION2 (5 min)</p> <p><i>(Note: During this incubation prepare visualization reagent)</i></p>
11.	<p>After incubation, a beep sounds and screen displays: “↑ REHYD2 + ↓ TTF3” (remove rehydration solution and apply the visualization solution) Leave template in place- DO NOT REMOVE</p>

**Preparing
 Visualization
 reagent**

Step	Action
1.	<p>Visualization reagent should be prepared <u>just before use</u> In a disposable glass test tube pipette:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4 mL TTF3 solvent + 100 µl TTF3, then 2. Vortex and <u>keep protected from light</u> (cover with foil or in dark cabinet)
2.	<p>When beep sounds and screen displays: “↑ REHYD2 + ↓ TTF3” (remove rehydrating solution) <i>Note: Do not remove template. Do not blot gel.</i></p>
3.	<p>Take the tube of TTF3 solution (previously prepared in step 1) and Add to it exactly (wipe tip) 4 µl H2O2 (30%) and vortex</p>
3.	<p>Apply 3.5 mL of TTF3 prepared solution <u>carefully</u> through template hole, ensuring the solution is evenly spread in the space under the template (figure 13) Then close instrument lid and Press “GO” ” →. (Visualization step- 10 min)</p>

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4.	When beep sounds and screen displays: “↑ TTF3 + ↓ PAP ” (remove visualization solution, apply blotter paper)
5.	Apply heavy blotter over gel, smooth side down; secure edge gently, then close instrument lid and Press “ GO ” → (3 min)
6.	When beep sounds and screen displays: “↑ PAP. ” (remove filter paper) Remove filter paper and leave gel in place Close instrument lid, and Press “ GO ” → on the instrument “[DRYING]”(3 min)
7.	When beep sounds, open instrument cover and remove dried gel

Performing Gel Wash

Step	Action
1.	Place gel into gel frame holder and place into instrument staining compartment by: 1. Open gel holder by laying it flat 2. Position the gel (with gel side facing up) into the grooves of the two rods and close the holder. (figure 14)
2.	Place the gel holder into the gel processing / staining module
3.	Select program (11)-WASH ISOENZ/GEL from menu (20 min) Press “ START ” <i>Note: If the staining chamber has been used with a stain program prior to AIAT run, then clean the chamber with the “WASH CHAMBER” program prior to use.</i>
4.	When instrument beeps, signaling wash cycle is complete, then Remove the gel holder from the compartment, open the clips and remove dried gel

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Non-Controlled Documents The following non-controlled documents support this procedure.

- References:
 - Sebia Hydragel 18 A1AT Isofocusing Quick Reference Guide
 - Sebia Hydragel 18
 - Sebia HYRYS 2 Instruction Manual
 - Sebia Hydragel 18 A1AT Isofocusing Kit & Control package inserts
 - Sebia Hydragel 18 A1AT Isofocusing Figures 1-14

- Records:
 - Preventive Maintenance for Hydrasys
 - A1AT Phenotyping Inventory

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Procedure for A1AT Phenotyping – Interpreting & Reporting

**Reviewing
patterns**

Step	Action
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review the MM, MZ & MS control results to check for acceptable separation of the allele isoforms.Corrective action must be taken when the quality control results do not appear as they should.Refer to Procedure for Quality Control for corrective actions.

Calculating

There is no calculation for this assay.

**Quality Control
Notes**

- As part of Quality Control, all A1AT Phenotyping reports are reviewed and if discrepancies are found all paper work and transcription of results are rechecked. If necessary, repeat testing of specimen will be done.*
 - Corrected reports are only done after the above mentioned parameters are met and necessary changes are made on the report which is then reviewed by the management and called to the physician.*
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**Interpreting
Patterns**

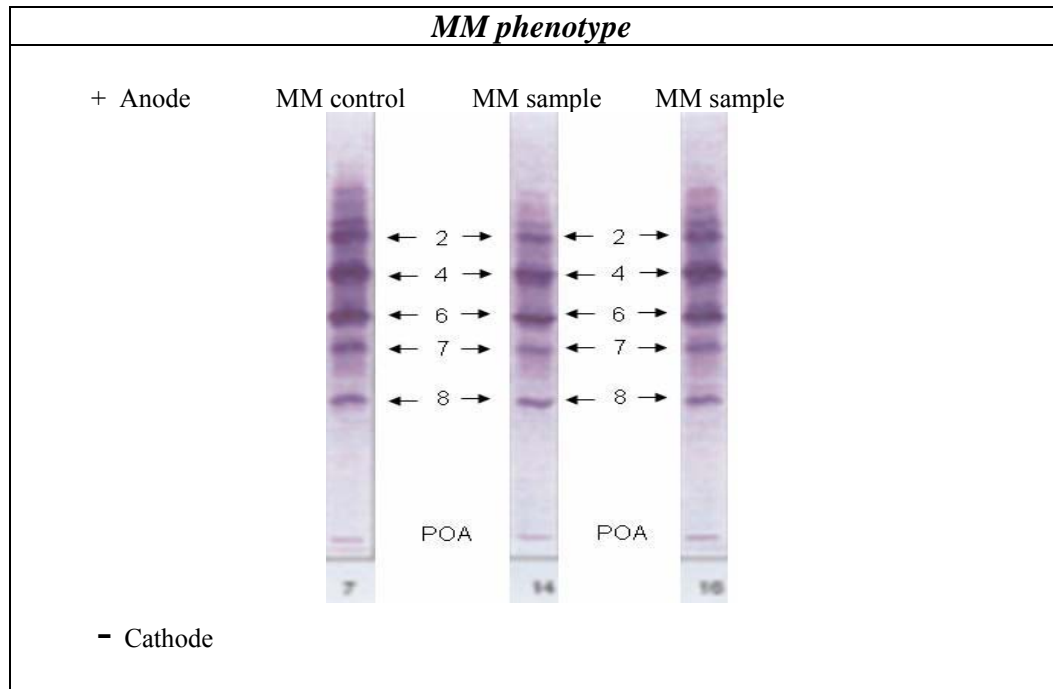
Refer to the following criteria for consideration when interpreting results of A1AT Phenotyping.

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<i>MM phenotype</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The M alleles (M1 to M6) are the most common and are defined as “normal variants” because they are associated with normal serum alpha-1 antitrypsin protein levels.• A homozygous MM pattern consists of two major bands (bands 4 and 6) and three minor bands (bands 2, 7, and 8)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All bands are named in order of migration: Band 2 is the most anodal Band 8 is the most cathodal• Band 4 is the most prominent band in MM phenotype

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<i>MM Phenotype interpretation</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use bands 2,4, & 6 in your MM control as “anchors” to confirm the presence of “M” phenotype • Bands 4 & 6 in your MM control and samples should align (have the same position on the gel) perfectly 	
If	Then
1. Bands 4 & 6 in MM control and samples <u>align perfectly</u> and no difference present between control and patient sample	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report patient sample as MM phenotype
1. Bands 2, 4, & 6 are present and align, But sample also <u>contains bands that differ</u> from those in the MM control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient has heterozygous M phenotype • CLS will need to determine the other allele before reporting (ie, MS, MZ, M?)

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S variants

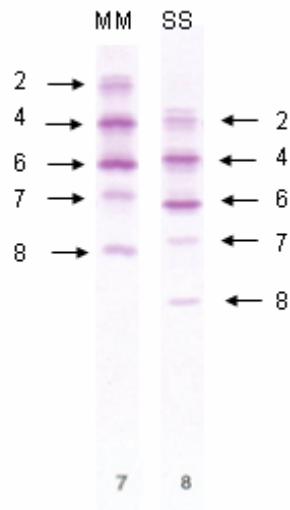
- A homozygous **SS** pattern consists of two major bands (bands **4** and **6**) and three minor bands (bands **2**, **7** and **8**)
- However, **SS** variant is “**slower**” than a homozygous MM pattern
 - All bands are shifted cathodally (downwards) in SS when compared to corresponding bands in MM phenotype
- Bands **4** & **6** are the **most prominent** bands in SS phenotype

Interpreting Patterns, continued

SS phenotype

+ Anode

MM sample SS sample



- Cathode

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Procedure for A1AT Phenotyping – Interpreting & Reporting, *Continued*

SS Phenotype interpretation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On SS sample, bands 2 & 4 align well with M4 & M6 (bands 4 & 6 of MM phenotype) Important: Homozygous SS <u>does not</u> have bands corresponding to band 2 in MM phenotype Band 8 in SS variant <u>does not</u> have a matching band in MM phenotype and is the most cathodal band of all common variants 	
If	Then
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bands 2 & 4 in sample <u>aligns</u> well with M4 & M6 bands (MM control) and there is no corresponding 2 band to M2 (MM control) and band 8 is present and more cathodal than M8 (MM control) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report patient sample as SS phenotype
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Band 8 is present and more cathodal than M8 (MM control) But sample also contains bands that <u>do not</u> correspond with homozygous SS phenotype 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient has heterozygous S phenotype CLS will need to determine the other allele before reporting (ie, MS, SZ, etc.)

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Z variants

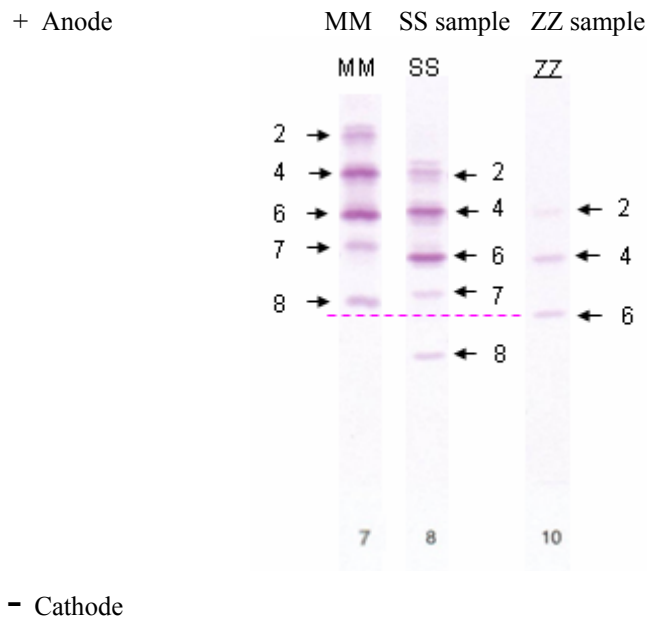
- A homozygous **ZZ** variant is the **slowest** of all common variants
- Theoretically, **ZZ** variants consist of five bands called **2, 4, 6, 7, & 8**
- Bands **7 & 8** in **ZZ** variant are not visible on the gel due to their low concentration

Practically, **ZZ** variant will be manifested by three visible bands:

- a) Band **2** in **Z** variant is the most anodal band in the pattern. It is slightly cathodal to MM band 6 and SS band 4
- b) Band **4** in **Z** variant has the same migration location as S6 and therefore will superimpose
- c) Band **6** in **Z** variant is cathodal to MM band 8 and is represented by dotted line below

Interpreting Patterns, continued

ZZ phenotype



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<i>ZZ Phenotype interpretation</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bands 7 & 8 in ZZ variant are not visible on the gel due to their low concentration • ZZ displays only three clearly visible bands and is very light in comparison to the other two variants • ZZ has almost no alpha-1 antitrypsin activity, and is associated with low serum AAT levels 	
If	Then
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pattern displays <u>only three</u> clearly visible bands 2. and there is no corresponding 2 & 4 bands to M2 & M4 (MM control) 3. and band 6 is present and slightly more cathodal than M8 (MM control) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report patient sample as ZZ phenotype
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Band 6 is present and slightly more cathodal than M8 (MM control) 2. But sample also contains bands that <u>do not</u> correspond with homozygous ZZ phenotype 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient has heterozygous Z phenotype • CLS will need to determine the other allele before reporting (ie, MZ, SZ, etc.)

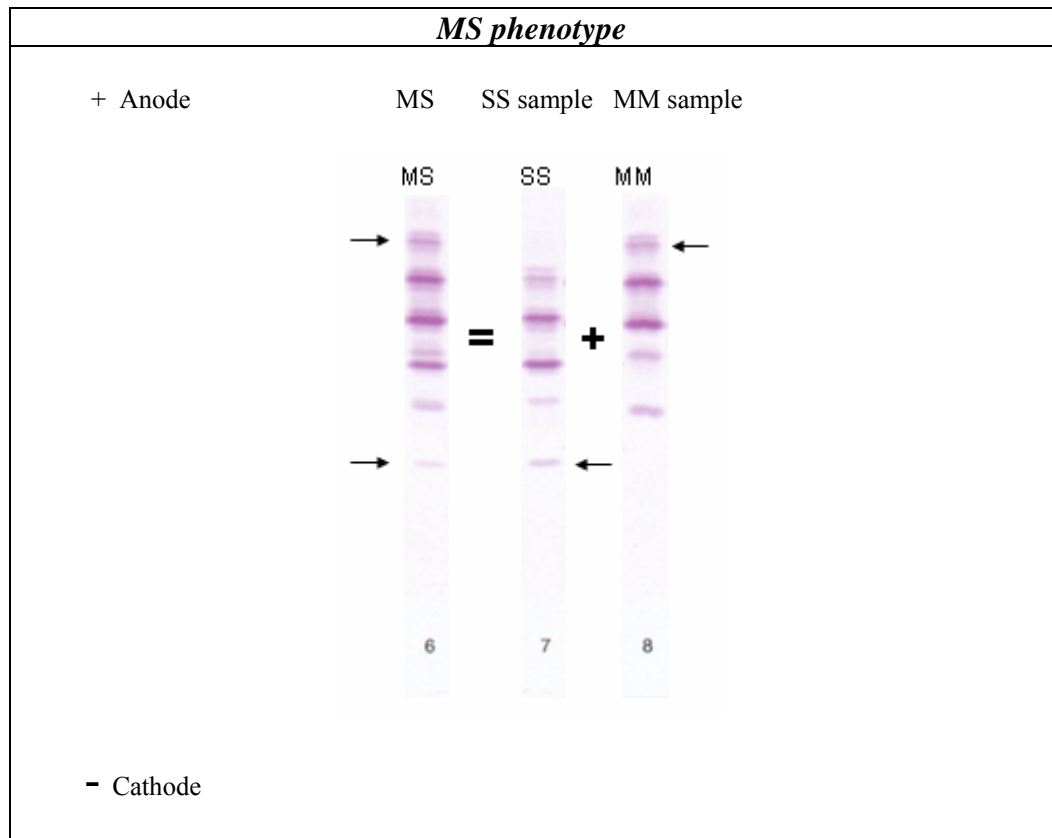
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**Interpreting
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<i>MS (Heterozygous interpretation)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS is a fusion product where all bands from both MM & SS are visible • MS phenotype will have band 2 from MM (most anodal band) • MS phenotype will have an “S” band (band 8 in SS phenotype) that is not seen in MM sample.

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 Patterns,
 continued**



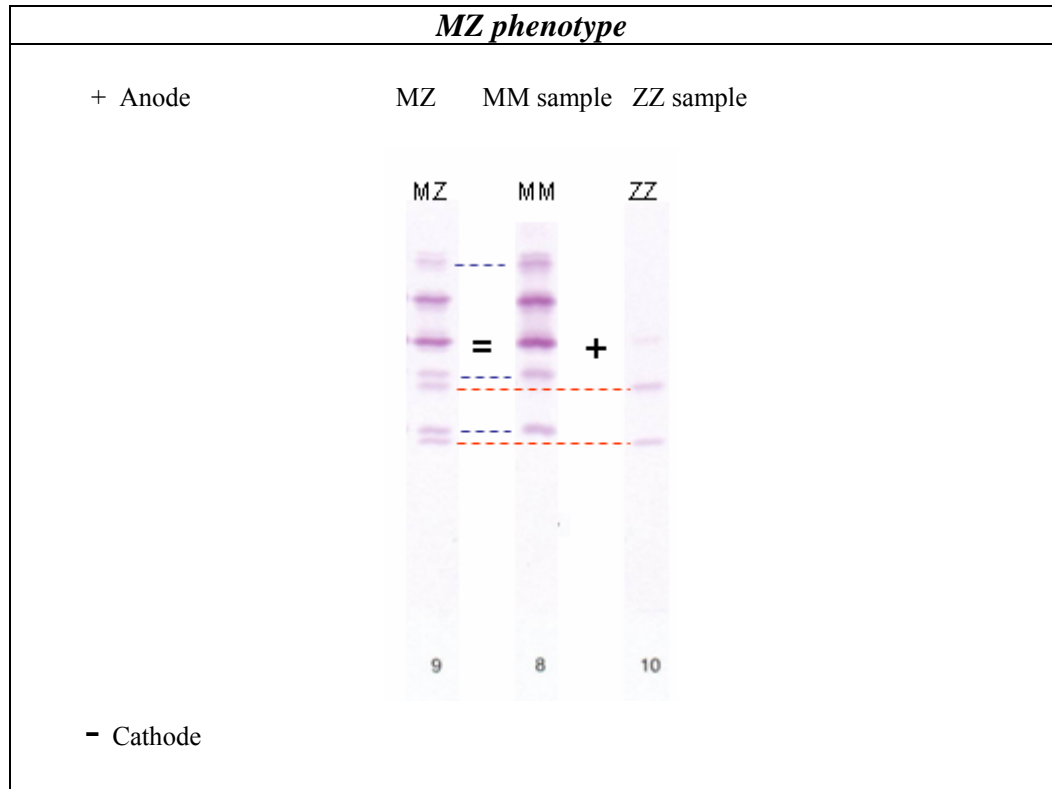
MS Phenotype interpretation	
If	Then
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pattern displays band 2 (most anodal band) corresponding to the MM control 2. and there is an “S” band present (band 8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report patient sample as MS phenotype

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**Interpreting
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<i>MZ (Heterozygous interpretation)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MZ variant contains both M & Z bands • MZ variant will have band 2 from MM (most anodal band) • Bands M8 and Z6 will be clearly separated from each other to form a very distinct “double” band (resembling an = sign). The same is true for bands M7 and Z4.

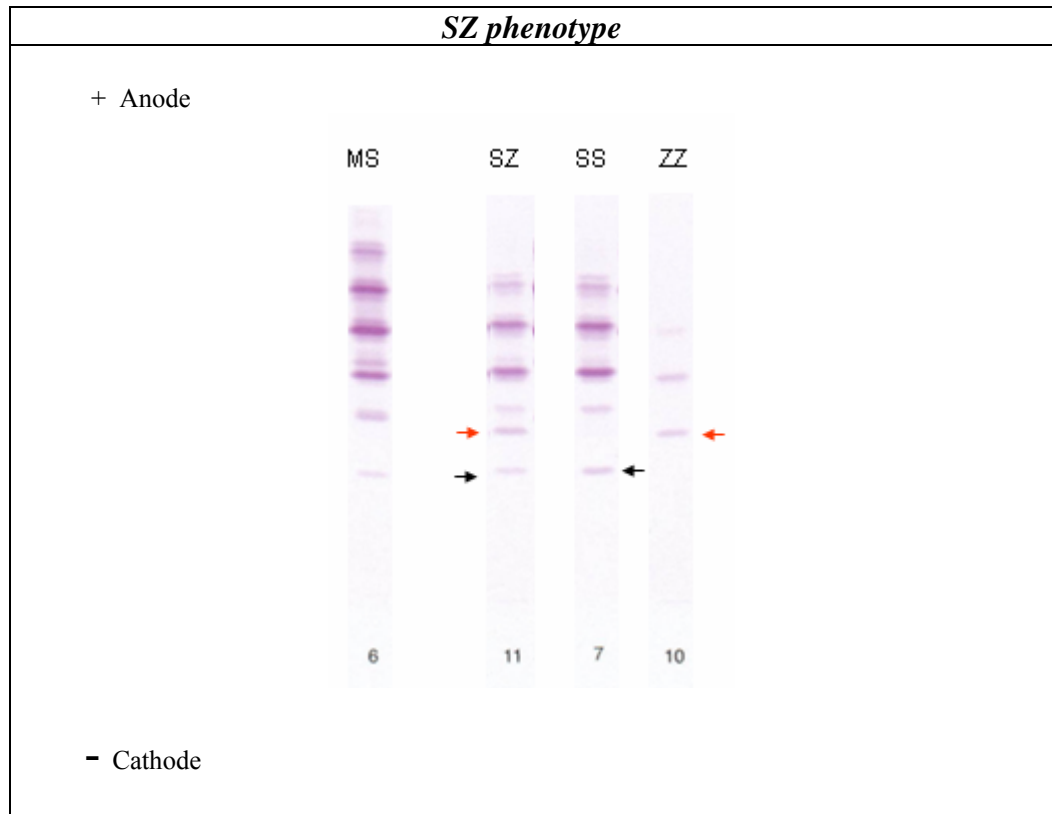


<i>MZ Phenotype interpretation</i>	
If	Then
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pattern displays band 2 (most anodal band) corresponding to the MM control 2. and there are “Z” bands present (bands 6 & 4) forming distinct “double banding” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report patient sample as MZ phenotype

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**Interpreting
 Patterns,
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<i>SZ (Heterozygous interpretation)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SZ variant contains both S & Z bands • SZ variant will NOT have band 2 from MM (most anodal band) • S8 band (indicated by black arrows below) and Z6 band (indicated by red arrows below) will be present in SZ variant



<i>SZ Phenotype interpretation</i>	
If	Then
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pattern does not display band 2 (most anodal band) corresponding to the MM control 2. and there are “Z” and “S” bands present (bands Z6 & S8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report patient sample as SZ phenotype

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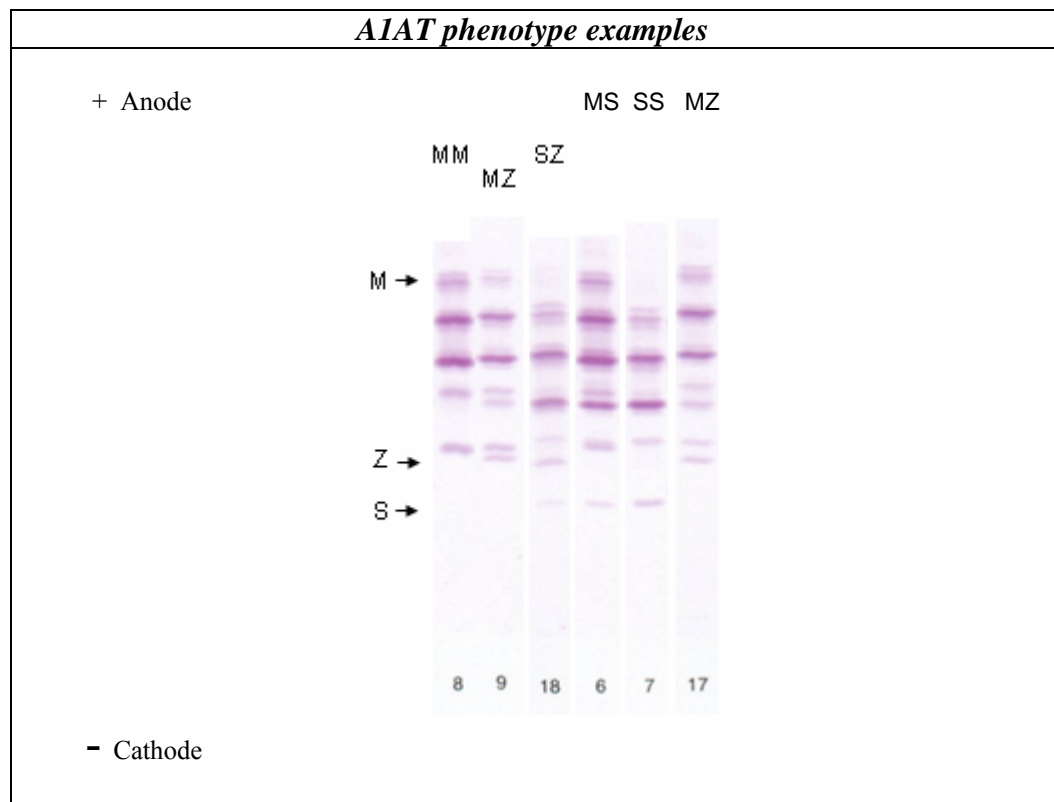
Interpreting Controls

Sebia Controls (MM, MZ, MS)

- **MM, MZ** and **MS** controls should be included on each gel to ensure acceptable band separation
- Note **M2** band on MM and MZ controls (the uppermost anodal band)
- Note the **location of Z band** on MZ and SZ controls
- Note the **location of S band** on MS control

Interpreting Patterns, continued

A1AT phenotype examples



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Interpreting less common variants

<i>Less common & Unusual variants</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are three known M variants: M₁ (the most common and usually referred to as M), M₂ and M₃ • Clinically, there are no reasons to differentiate M subtypes, but they can be helpful in genetic studies. • There are many other variants and can be identified by comparing banding patterns using M4 and M6 bands as “anchors”. • Note: <i>It requires significant expertise and/or genotyping to positively identify less common variants.</i>

Encountering Less Common Variants

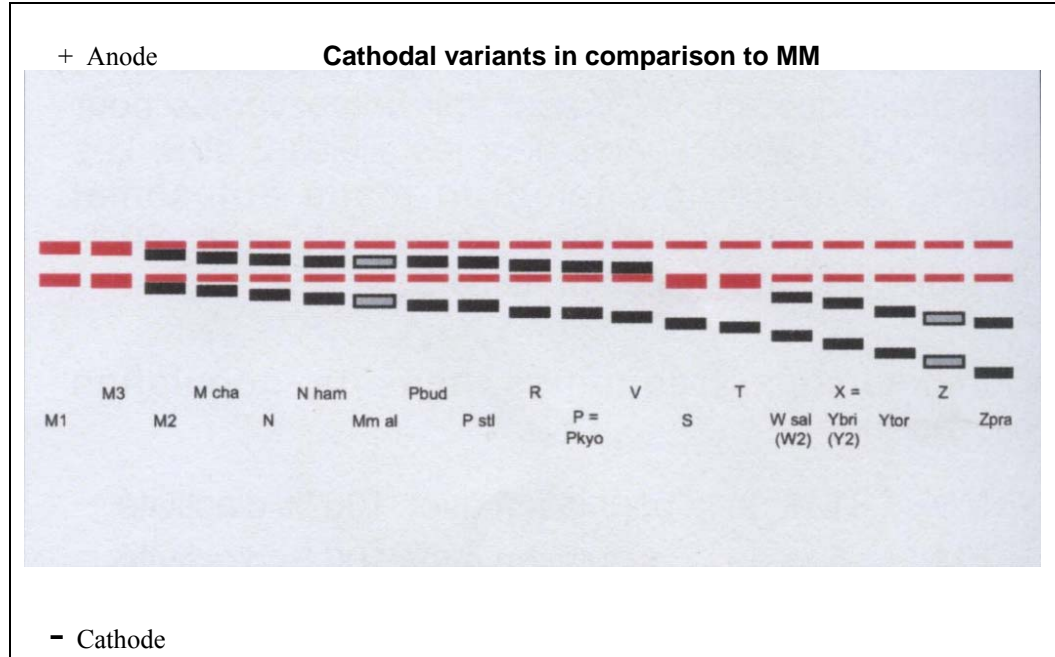
<i>Encountering Less Common & Unusual Variants</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a less common or unusual variant is encountered, then: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consult RRL A1AT atlas collection of IEF gels representing previously identified variants. If no match found in the atlas, then 2. Send 1 mL serum aliquot to Mayo Medical Clinic Laboratories for <i>“A1AT Phenotype, Serum”</i> [26953]. <p style="text-align: center;">Request identification of variant</p>

Interpreting Patterns, continued

<i>Anodal variants</i>	
+ Anode	Anodal variants in comparison to MM
- Cathode	

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Reporting A1AT phenotype	Reporting Controls	
	1	Review the controls for acceptable isoform band separation
	2	If the controls are not acceptable, troubleshoot the assay.

Reporting Patient Results					
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpret A1AT patterns and transcribe results to the worksheet. Set aside all gels and worksheets for review by Chemistry Services Director <p><i>Note: Consultation with Dr. Palmer-Toy is required when reviewing gels / results prior to release.</i></p>				
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to A1AT Phenotype Interpretation Message and Text Codes Table to enter results for Worksheet. Enter the results into the LIS. <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>If</th> <th>Then</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phenotype result is MM, Phenotype result is MZ, </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter A1MM into LMS Enter A1MZ into LMS </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If	Then	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phenotype result is MM, Phenotype result is MZ, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter A1MM into LMS Enter A1MZ into LMS
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3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review all worksheet results against the entered results in the LIS prior to reporting 				

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Phenotype LMS code	Message Code
A1MM	Pattern consistent with the MM phenotype. However, if the patient has a significant quantitative deficiency of AAT and the appropriate presentation, the patient may have a rare null allele or rare pathologic allele that resembles the normal M allele.
A1MS	Pattern consistent with the MS phenotype. The M allele is considered normal. The S allele is a mild deficiency variant associated with a less severe deficiency than the classic Z variant. MS heterozygotes are not likely to develop pulmonary or hepatic disease.
A1MZ	Pattern consistent with the MZ phenotype. The M allele is considered normal. The Z allele is a deficient variant known to be associated with liver and pulmonary disease. MZ heterozygotes may be at increased risk to develop pulmonary disease, particularly if they smoke.
A1SZ	Pattern consistent with the SZ phenotype. Both the S & Z alleles are associated with deficiency and these compound heterozygotes are at increased risk to develop liver and pulmonary disease.
A1SS	Pattern consistent with the SS phenotype. The S allele is associated with deficiency and homozygotes may be at increased risk to develop liver and pulmonary disease.
A1ZZ	Pattern consistent with the ZZ phenotype. The Z allele is responsible for most AAT deficiency. These individuals are at increased risk to develop liver and pulmonary disease.
A1IM	Pattern consistent with the IM phenotype. The M allele is considered normal. The I allele is a mild deficiency variant. IM heterozygotes are not likely to develop pulmonary or hepatic disease. The I allele can predispose to emphysema when paired with a Z allele.
A1MP	Pattern consistent with the MP phenotype. The M allele is considered normal. The P allele is heterogeneous and may represent either a normal variant or a pathologic, deficiency variant that can predispose to emphysema when paired with a Z allele. Correlation with clinical information and serum alpha-1 antitrypsin level is advised.
A1CM	Pattern consistent with the CM phenotype. This phenotype has no known association with clinical disease or pathology.
A1FM	Pattern consistent with the FM phenotype. The M allele is considered normal. The F allele is a normal to mild deficiency variant that may have decreased anti-protease activity. FM heterozygotes are not likely to develop pulmonary or hepatic disease. Although not clearly established, the F allele may predispose to emphysema when paired with a Z allele.

A1M?	Pattern consistent with one M allele and a variant allele other than S or Z .
A1OTH	Pattern consistent with at least one variant allele other than the most common alleles (M , S or Z).
Always message code attached to result	MM is the most common form of alpha-1-antitrypsin (AAT), and is not associated with any deficiency or pathology. Many other phenotypes can occur, most of which are associated with normal serum AAT levels and no pathology.

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Reference Range Phenotype MM

Controlled Document The following controlled documents support this procedure.

Title	Number
Procedure	
Rejection/Acceptance Criteria for Samples	LQL 602
Procedure for Quality Control	LQL 605
Reagents, Standards and Controls for A1AT Phenotyping	LQL 674B

Non-Controlled Document The following non-controlled documents support this procedure.

- Sebia Directional Insert: Hydragel 18 A1AT Isofocusing
 - Sebia Directional Insert: A1AT Controls
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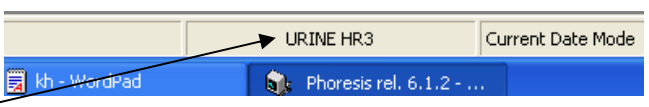
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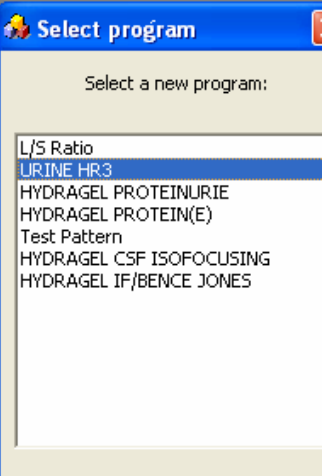
Procedure for A1AT Phenotyping – Gel Scanning

Purpose To properly scan the A1AT phenotype gels into computer database for storage, filing and creating library references.


Supplies Needed	Equipment	Materials
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epson scanner Desktop PC with Sebia Phoresis software 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A1AT Phenotype gel

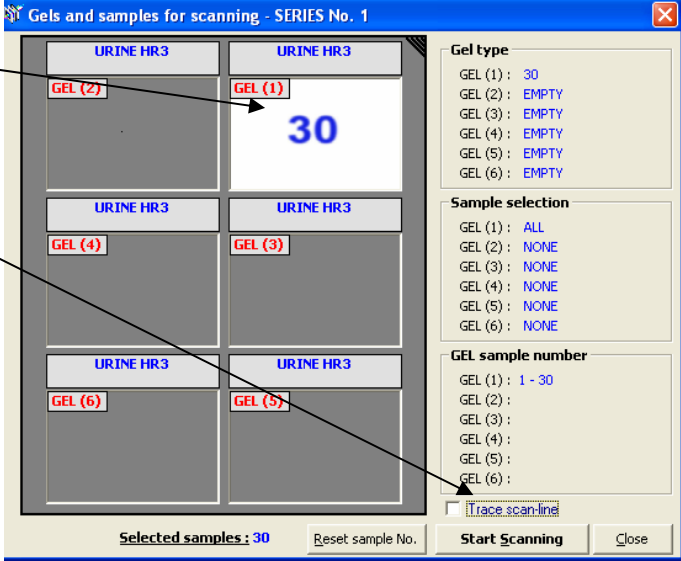
Task 1: Operating Desktop PC & Scanner

Performed by CLS or designee	Step	
	1. Turn on computer	
	2. From desktop, double click on Phoresis software icon	
	3. From Operator ID screen prompts, enter the following, then click OK	ID: ADM Password: sebia
4. In Phoresis program, check the tool bar at the bottom of the screen to make sure the working program is UrineHR3	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If working program is something other than URINE HR3, then double click on the program and chose the correct working program from the pull-down screen, then click OK. 	



	<p>Selecting working program, continued</p>	
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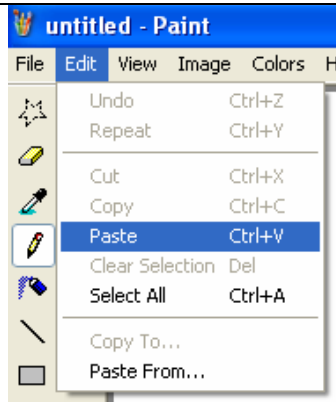
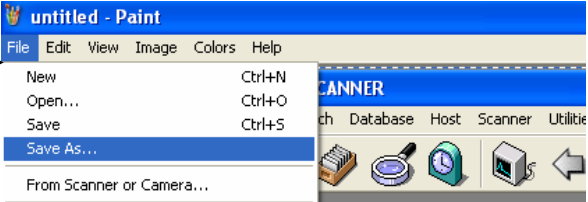
Task 2: Scanning & Filing Gels

<p>Performed by CLS or designee</p>	<p>Step</p>	
	<p>5. Click on Scanner icon from top toolbar menu</p> <p>6. Open scanner lid and place gel face side down on one of the scanner template positions</p>	

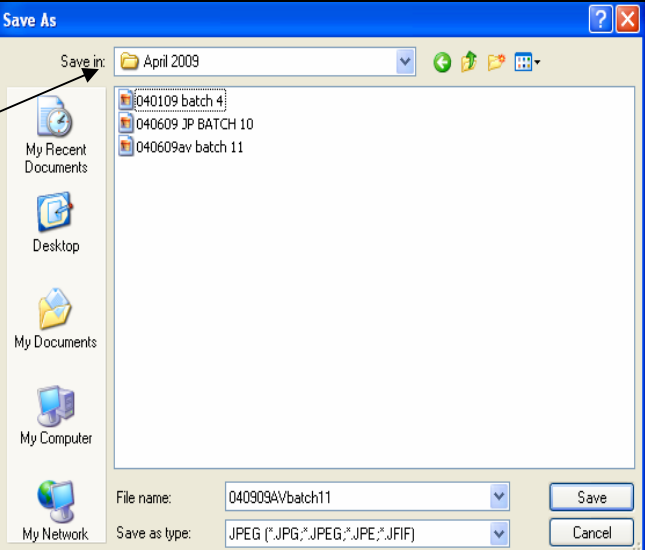
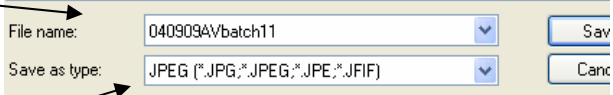
	<p>7. Click on scanner position (Gel 1) and un-check the ✓ in Trace scan-line box</p> <p>8. Then click on Start scanning</p>	
	<p>9. When scanning is complete, view the gel on the screen</p> <p>10. Select keyboard buttons Ctrl + Print Scrn at same time</p>	

Task 2: Scanning & Filing Gels, continued

<p>Performed by CLS or designee</p>	<p>Step</p> <p>11. Select the Windows start button from the bottom task bar</p>	
	<p>12. Select the Paint program from the Program menu options</p>	

	<p>13. From the task bar, select Edit & Paste</p>	
	<p>14. To save the gel image, select File (from the upper left task bar) then Save As</p>	

Task 2: Scanning & Filing Gels, continued

<p>Performed by CLS or designee</p>	<p>Step</p> <p>15. Select the location to save the gels from the pull-down prompts: Save In: A1AT Images folder, Year folder Month folder</p>	
	<p>16. Name file by date, initials, batch # (ie, 040909AVbatch11)</p>	

	17. Save file type as JPEG from the pull-down prompt	
	18. Click Save and Exit	

