



Division of AIDS  
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***DAIDS VAX004 Specimen Access Approval Application***

**Concept Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Project Members:** *Co-Investigator(s):*

This study requests the following:

Yes No

- Participant **PBMC** specimens
- Participant **plasma** specimens
- Participant **serum** specimens from *VaxGen* (pending *VaxGen* approval)
- Participant **semen** specimens
- Other data collection (*may require either DAIDS alone, or DAIDS and VaxGen approval*)
- Approval of this application is for gaining access to these DAIDS VAX004 specimens, and not for receiving NIH funding. If funds are not secured for this study (e.g., through a peer review grant mechanism), will the application be withdrawn?

**Concept Sheet:** Each application must be accompanied by a concept sheet that must include the following information:

**Cover page:** Investigator(s) name, title, institution, address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address, project title, date of application, proposed project members and institution(s), target start date, and projected duration of study.

**Budget:** Identify source of funds to support the proposed evaluation(s).

**Description of Proposed Activity:** (*Must be four pages or less, single-spaced, 11 point type size.*)

**Background/Rationale:** The study rationale, relevant background information, implications of prior research, anticipated relationship and contribution of the proposed activity to the priorities for use of these specimens (see attached list).

**Hypotheses/Study Objectives:** The major study objectives.

**Study Design/Methods:** Outline of the study design, including, as appropriate, details regarding: 1) type, volume, and number of specimens required (e.g., number of specimens/subject); and 2) data collection/access required (e.g., VaxGen data on volunteer demographics, decoding of samples, viral sequences, etc.). Specify the sources of data to be analyzed, including VaxGen-collected data variables, or new variables to be collected. Identify whether preliminary (unaudited) VaxGen data is needed for early modeling and/or if final (audited) data will be needed to complete the analysis.

**Planned Tests:** Indicate planned tests (drug assays, immunologic, genetic, and virologic tests, unique and/or costly tests). A schedule is not required.

**Study Population/Co-enrollment:** Comment on whether this is a stand-alone study or involves the use of specimens from other protocols (specify protocols).

**Statistical Issues/Sample Size Estimate and Rationale:** Specify an analysis plan and include the required sample size. If appropriate, provide power calculations for primary objective(s). Provide a detailed description of outcome measures (dependent variables) to be used in answering the study objectives.

**Animal Use and Human Subjects Requirements:** If project involves use of animals or human subjects, include IRB/EC approval number (or pending application number) and approval date. Verify that the activity is covered under the parent study informed consent form.

E-mail or fax completed **Application** and **Concept Sheet** to:

***DAIDS VAX004 Specimen Access Approval Panel***

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**Note:** Petitioning investigators must also submit a *DAIDS VAX004 Specimen Material Transfer Agreement*.