



**TO:** All ACTG Network Laboratories  
**FROM:** Repository Advisory Group (RAG)  
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**CC:** Frontier Science, Laboratory Division  
**DATE:** September 23, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** Specimen Destruction for ACTG Non-Priority Protocols 307, 328, 333, 347, 388, 393, 867, 889, and 892

The ACTG has conducted another round of specimen archiving for protocols 307, 328, 333, 347, 388, 393, 867, 889, and 892. This was approved by the Scientific Agenda Steering Committee, ACTG Executive Committee, and RAG. A select subset of specimens to be stored from study entry, mid-protocol, and study endpoint or termination were previously identified and confirmed by protocol leadership. The ACTG Data Management Center has verified that all available specimens from the archive time points of interest in each LDMS freezer inventory have been shipped to the ACTG Repository, Biomedical Research Institute, for long-term storage.

To summarize, the following time points and specimen types were identified and shipped for long term storage at the ACTG Repository:

Protocol #	Lab Data Manager (LDM)	Sample Types	Weeks
307	Alexander Bennis	PLA, CEL	0, 24, Ext
328	Alexander Bennis	PLA, SER, PEL, CEL	0, 12, 44, Ext
333	Alexander Bennis	PLA, SER, PEL, CEL	0, 8, Ext
347	Alexander Bennis	PLA, SER, PEL, CEL	0, 12, Ext
388	Alexander Bennis	PLA, PEL, CEL	0, 48, 96, Ext
393	Alexander Bennis	PLA, SER, URN, CEL	0, 46, Ext
867	Alexander Bennis	PLA, SER, PEL, CEL	0, 24, Ext
889	Alexander Bennis	PLA, CEL	0, 24, 48, Ext
892	Alexander Bennis	PLA, SER, URN	0, 24, Ext
<b>Key:</b> <b>CEL</b> = PBMC Cells, Viable; <b>PEL</b> = Non-viable PBMCs; <b>SER</b> = Serum; <b>PLA</b> = Plasma; <b>URN</b> = Urine; <b>Ext</b> = Exit/Discontinuation			

**All remaining specimens for these protocols still stored locally at your laboratory should now be destroyed.** See SOPs ACTG-140 [Specimen Ownership, Access, and Use SOP 140 - PDF](#) and ACTG-147 [Discard of Specimens SOP 147 - PDF](#), for additional information. Also, as a general reminder, all testing remnants and derivative samples such as culture supernatants (including from high priority protocols) should be destroyed. These remnants cannot be stored at the repositories.

These samples must be permanently deleted from your LDMS Storage module or marked as "never store" in LDMS Specimen Management module. The specimen condition code should be changed to DSR (destroyed) and appropriate comments entered at the aliquot level regarding the destruction.

Instructions for modifying these entries in the LDMS can be found at <https://www.fstrf.org/apps/cfm/apps/ldms/ldmsManual/webhelp/index.html>. If you have any questions on

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adjusting these specimens in the LDMS, please contact LDMS User Support at (716) 834-0900 extension 7311 or by e-mail at [ldmshelp@fstf.org](mailto:ldmshelp@fstf.org).

Please extend our thanks to your laboratory staff for their cooperation with this specimen archive. If you have specific questions regarding this memo, please contact the RAG at [ACTG.RAG@fstf.org](mailto:ACTG.RAG@fstf.org).

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