



SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP

DNA ANALYSIS METHODS

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Dear John,

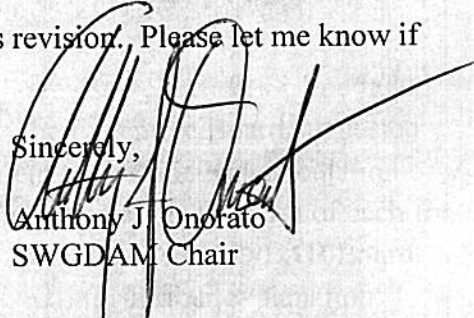
Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the ASCLD/LAB revised clarification for the reporting of positive associations.

The SWGDAM Executive Board reviewed the revised clarification and noted that this language will provide additional guidance. The Executive Board suggested that it may be helpful to further explain the requirement for a statistical calculation or qualitative statement for each DNA association by including an example(s) of each for the DNA community. Also, if consistent with the intent of the ASCLD/LAB Board, you may wish to consider the following language (in red) for further explanation:

“Each DNA association must be clearly and properly qualified in a test report by either 1) a statistical calculation; or 2) a qualitative statement. Each laboratory must clearly define the circumstances under which a statistical calculation or a qualitative statement describing an association is to be utilized, including key assumptions made when formulating conclusions. Statistical calculations for more than one test may be reported together if the results of those calculations are identical or, where applicable, exceed a laboratory-defined source attribution threshold.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this revision. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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SWGDAM Chair