



**Commissioner's Corner**  
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**Q: Our lab performs single-antigen bead HLA antibody testing using kits from two different vendors. Is it appropriate to test proficiency testing samples with both kits before submitting to our PT vendor?**

A: No. The guidance for standard **C.1.1** states, in part, “samples must be tested and reported according to a patient testing algorithm (highest volume, most complex or primary method used during the PT testing event).” For this case, your lab would need to designate one of the kits as your “primary method,” and only test the PT samples with that method. To verify the performance of the other kit, your lab would have to establish a process to compare the results of the second kit to the primary method, in accordance with standard **D.6.3.1.1**. Hint: an easy way to do this is to test the external PT samples with the second kit, AFTER you have submitted results to the PT vendor, and perform an internal comparison.