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To the practitioners

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**Sending of blood samples
for HIV Resistance Genotypic Analysis and
Therapeutic Drug Monitoring of antiretrovirals**

Dear Colleagues,

Problems are periodically encountered with blood samples sent by mail. Some samples, mostly collected in glass tubes, were received broken in the laboratory. Some were sent in plain paper envelope and blood spilling was even found outside the envelope.

To guard against such events, **we would like to invite you to remind your collaborators to use adequate protection material for sending tubes** by mail to the laboratory.

To that endeavor, we suggest the use of the material mentioned below, constituted of plastic transport tubes protected by a transport plastic coffer. This double protection minimizes spilling from contaminated material, should it occur.



Suggested packaging:

Transport Tubes, 23 x 118 mm, Sarstedt[®], Article No 78.587 (0.40 CHF/each)
available at : Sarstedt AG, CH-9475 Sevelen. Tel: (081) 750 18 99 www.sarstedt.com

Transport Coffers, 32 x 123 mm, distributed by Semadeni[®] (1.35 CHF/each),
available at: Laboratory of Clinical Pharmacology, BH18-218-CHUV, CH-1011 Lausanne
Tel: 021 314 42 71; Fax 021 314 80 98 (at no cost for our customers)

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
PD Dr Laurent Decosterd,
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