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## Introduction

Antigen Plus Ab-ID is a red blood cell inventory and antigen search program that allows the user to enter test results that are automatically evaluated to assist with the interpretation of those results. It is designed to permit fast and easy data entry of test panels, and then search the data for any combination of antigens you choose. It is intended to quickly select donor cells with particular phenotypes for antibody identification studies and to speed up the interpretation process for the blood bank technologist.

The data stored for each donor are:

- Donor ID
- Lot Number
- Vial Number
- Expiration Date
- Supplier Name
- Location
- Phenotype Designation
- Sex
- Blood Group
- 28 Principal Antigens Phenotype
- Additional Antigens - user-defined special typings
- Frozen flag
- Out-of-Stock flag

The user may specify any combination of antigens to search for, search the data and select any cells desired, enter test results, and print a selected panel or results panel worksheet. The user may store and retrieve the selected panels with any test results as desired. AntigenPlus Version 6.2 must be run from inside Microsoft Windows 98 or later. It requires a graphics-capable printer that can print in Landscape format (11 x 8½). A laser printer is strongly recommended.

## Validation

The phenotypic information printed on a selected or results panel can be validated by assuring that its data exactly match the data from the suppliers. Part of a laboratory's validation procedure should be to print each lot panel and have the responsible technologist compare it with the supplier's data sheet and sign it. The signed Lot Panel sheets, which have the printing date and time on them, should be kept on file for as long as the cells remain on hand.

An ellipsis (...) appearing on the additional antigen section of a printed lot panel indicates the presence of more additional antigens than could print on the lot panel page. Those cells can be validated by selecting them with the **Search** mode and printing them on a Selected Panel Sheet which will print all additional antigens for that cell.

Antigen Plus makes no decision or final recommendation on the meaning of test results or on patient care - this is the user's responsibility. Antigen Plus does use the logic recommended by the American Association of Blood banks to evaluate initial test results in the same way a technologist would do.

# Installation

## For Single-User Version

Start Microsoft Windows®. Place CD in your CD drive. If the automatic install program does not start within a few seconds, select the **Start** menu on your desktop, and choose **Run**. In the Command Line box, type **D:\SETUP.EXE** and press **Enter**. Follow all instructions that appear on the screen during the setup procedure. Please note: in some cases your CD drive may have a designation other than "D." If, so use that instead of "D" in the instruction above or use the **Browse** command to navigate to the setup file on the CD.

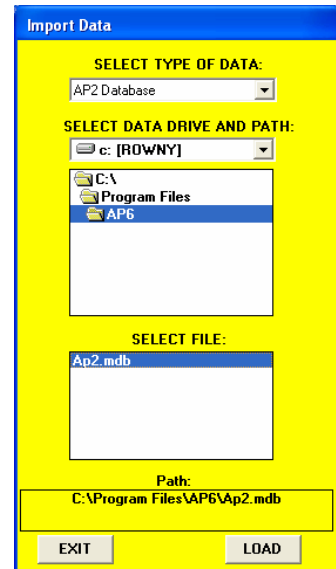
## For Network Version

Repeat the above instructions on your server or other drive accessible to the network up to the point that the setup procedure asks you to approve the default path for the AP6 directory. Change the path to place the directory on the network drive on which you want the data to reside, e.g. f:\ap62. There is an additional directory on the installation disc: \Workstation Install. This is intended to install all the supporting files on individual workstations when they are to share the server AP62 program and database file. The \Workstation Install\Setup.Exe should be run from the individual workstations. It will not install the executable file onto the workstation. The administrator should create a shortcut to the AP62.Exe file on the workstation, and have it point to the appropriate network directory.

## If You are Upgrading from a Version Earlier Than AP61

Once you have installed the program and opened it, choose the **Utilities** option on the top menu bar. From the **Utilities** menu, choose **Import Data**. Click on the arrow at the right side of the SELECT TYPE OF DATA BOX and select AP2 Database. Using the lower box, navigate to your old Antigen Plus directory (usually c:\ap41). Once you click on this path, a list of files ending in **.mdb** will appear in the SELECT FILE box. Select the file AP2.mdb and click **Load**.

Since AP6.2 recognizes a cell with irregular information, e.g. cells with spaces in the donor or lot number or cells with missing lot or donor numbers, a message will appear informing you that the cell in question is not being imported. Please note the donor and lot number of that cell so that you may enter it manually after the rest of the database has imported. When the **Load** program has completed, a message confirming that you have imported as many cells as were properly entered in your old database will appear on the screen. You have now imported all your available individual cell and lot data from your prior version of Antigen Plus as well as any panel data that was saved.



## To Run the Program

After installation is completed, double click the **Antigen Plus** icon to start the program. When the program loads, select the **Options** menu (between **File** and **Utilities** at the top of the screen). Type in the name and address of your facility as you want it to appear on all the printouts generated by the program. This procedure need not be repeated. (If you are running Antigen Plus on a network, this procedure is necessary with each individual installation.)

## Network Protocols

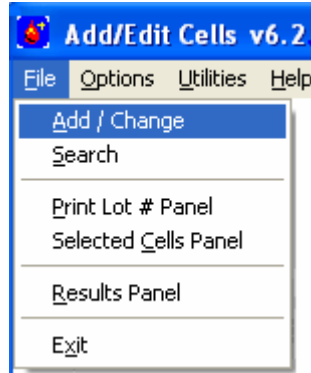
The network administrator, in the interest of data security, will determine each user's rights to the Antigen Plus database. Antigen Plus may be configured to comply with the network rights by using the following command line parameters:

AP62.Exe /NoSave... (give this group read-only rights)

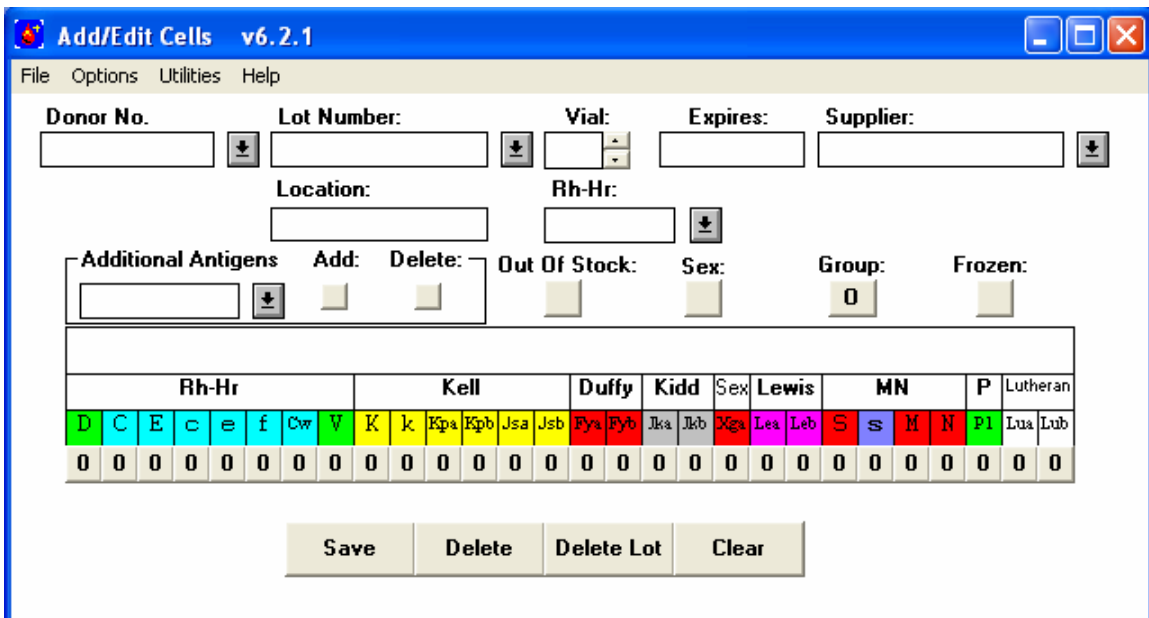
Ap62.Exe /UpdateSaved... (give this group read-only rights to everything EXCEPT all rights to update and save Selected Panels)

# Operation

There are three principal modes of operation: **Add/Change Cells**, **Search for Match**, and **Results Panel**. You can switch between the three modes by clicking the **File** menu with the mouse pointer or by pressing the **Alt + F** keys to open the menu, then selecting an option. If no cells have been selected, the **Results Panel** mode will not be available. A menu option is selected by highlighting it with the mouse, scrolling to the desired option with the **Up** and **Down Arrow** keys and pressing enter, or by pressing a letter key matching an underlined letter in the menu option.



When the program starts, the **Add/Change** screen will automatically be displayed. It contains cell data boxes and buttons and includes an **Additional Antigens** entry box with **Add** and **Delete** buttons, and **Save/Delete/Delete Lot/Clear** buttons at the bottom of the screen.



When the **Search** mode is selected, a search pattern box will appear that will allow you to enter a search pattern of the 28 principal antigens and/or any additional antigens, search the inventory for matches, and mark cells for inclusion in a selected panel. The **Save/Delete/Delete Lot/Clear** buttons will be erased from the screen.

When in the **Add/Change** or **Search** modes, Antigen Plus program can be minimized by clicking the down-arrow in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. The minimized icon at the bottom of your Windows screen will be titled "Add/Edit Cells" or "Search for Match" depending upon which screen you were in when you pressed the minimize button.

The **Results Panel** screen can only be activated when a cell, cells, or lot have been selected (see



## Antigen Order

The antigen buttons are displayed in a common default order of blood groups: Rh-Hr, Kell, Duffy, Kidd, Lewis, P, MN, Lutheran, and Sex-Linked. Some suppliers' data sheets list them in a different order, so in order to simplify entry there are 7 display options selectable with the 7 option buttons in the **Options** menu.

Click a button with the mouse pointer, or Tab to the Options menu box and press the **Left** or **Right Arrow** keys to highlight a button, then press **Enter**.

Option 1	<b>Rh-Hr</b>	<b>Kell</b>	<b>Duffy</b>	<b>Kidd</b>	<b>Lewis</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>MN</b>	Lutheran	Sex
	D C E c e f V	K k Kpa Kpb Jsa Jsb	Fya Fyb	Ika Ikb	Lea Leb	P1	M N S s	Lua Lub	Xga
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0 0 0	0 0	0
Option 2	<b>Rh-Hr</b>	<b>Kell</b>	<b>Duffy</b>	<b>Kidd</b>	<b>Lewis</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>MN</b>	Lutheran	Sex
	C D E c e f V	K k Kpa Kpb Jsa Jsb	Fya Fyb	Ika Ikb	Lea Leb	P1	M N S s	Lua Lub	Xga
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0 0 0	0 0	0
Option 3	<b>Rh-Hr</b>	<b>Kell</b>	<b>Duffy</b>	<b>Kidd</b>	<b>Lewis</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>MN</b>	Lutheran	Sex
	D C c E e f V Cw	K k Kpa Kpb Jsa Jsb	Fya Fyb	Ika Ikb	Lea Leb	P1	M N S s	Lua Lub	Xga
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0 0 0	0 0	0
Option 4	<b>Rh-Hr</b>	<b>MN</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Lewis</b>	Lutheran	<b>Kell</b>	<b>Duffy</b>	<b>Kidd</b>	Sex
	D C E c e f V Cw	M N S s	P1	Lea Leb	Lua Lub	K k Kpa Kpb Jsa Jsb	Fya Fyb	Ika Ikb	Xga
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0	0 0	0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0	0 0	0
Option 5	<b>Rh-Hr</b>	<b>Kell</b>	<b>Duffy</b>	<b>Kidd</b>	Sex	<b>Lewis</b>	<b>MN</b>	<b>P</b>	Lutheran
	D C E c e f Cw V	K k Kpa Kpb Jsa Jsb	Fya Fyb	Ika Ikb	Xga	Lea Leb	S s M N	P1	Lua Lub
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0 0 0	0	0 0
Option 6	<b>Rh-Hr</b>	<b>MN</b>	<b>Lewis</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Kell</b>	<b>Duffy</b>	<b>Kidd</b>	Lutheran	Sex
	D C E c e f V Cw	M N S s	Lea Leb	P1	K k Kpa Kpb Jsa Jsb	Fya Fyb	Ika Ikb	Lua Lub	Xga
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0	0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0
Option 7	<b>Rh-Hr</b>	<b>MN</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Lewis</b>	Lutheran	<b>Kell</b>	<b>Duffy</b>	<b>Kidd</b>	Sex
	D C E c e f Cw V	M N S s	P1	Lea Leb	Lua Lub	K k Kpa Kpb Jsa Jsb	Fya Fyb	Ika Ikb	Xga
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0	0 0	0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0	0 0	0

Option 2 will simply reverse the **D** and **C** antigens. The differently-colored labels will move with them to make the change more obvious. Options 3-7 will perform a more extensive rearrangement. Note that the order inside the Rh-Hr system may change: the **V**, **f**, and **C<sub>w</sub>** antigens switch places, with the **V** label being colored differently to make this more obvious. With Option 5 the order inside the **MNSs** group changes to **SsMN**. The display option will be used to print Lot Panels, so that the data entered can be easily compared to a supplier's antigram. It will also be used to preview and print **Selected Cell** and **Results Panels**.

## Automating the Antigen Order

If you prefer to have the antigen order change on the screen to automatically match the supplier displayed on the **Add/Change** or **Search** screens, open the **Utilities** menu and select **Set Supplier Antigen Order**. All the suppliers that have been entered into the database will display alphabetically in the **Supplier** list box. If the **Add/Change** and **Search** screens have no supplier displayed, the name in the list box will be the first in the list. If a supplier is being displayed on the **Add/Change** or **Search** screens, that supplier name will be displayed in the list box. To set the default antigen order for a supplier, open the list box (click on the down arrow next to the box) and select the supplier name by clicking on it with the mouse. Select the appropriate number for that supplier and click on the Save button.

<b>Default Antigen Display Order for This Supplier</b> <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <b>SAVE</b>	<b>Supplier:</b> Immucor
<b>Default Antigen Display Order for This Supplier</b> <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <b>SAVE</b>	<b>Supplier:</b> Gamma Biologicals
<b>Default Antigen Display Order for This Supplier</b> <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7 <b>SAVE</b>	<b>Supplier:</b> Ortho-Clinical Diag.
<b>Default Antigen Display Order for This Supplier</b> <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 7 <b>SAVE</b>	<b>Supplier:</b> Medion

Once the supplier orders are set, the screens will change automatically when **Supplier Default** is checked.

<b>Antigen Display Order</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>Supplier Default</b> <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/> 6 <input type="radio"/> 7
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If one of the numbers is checked, the screens will display the common antigens in that order only. In the **Supplier Default** mode, **Selected** and **Results** panels will print in the Supplier order of the first cell on the screen in the case of multiple suppliers.

## Data Entry

Data may be entered or changed in a box whenever the cursor is blinking in that box. The cursor starts out blinking in the Donor No. box, and can be moved to another box by pointing to it with the mouse and clicking the left mouse button. The cursor also moves to the next box by pressing the **Tab** key, or to the previous box by pressing the **Shift + Tab** keys. Previously saved data can be viewed and selected by clicking the little down-arrow to the right of the box, or by pressing the **Ctrl + Down Arrow** keys while the cursor is in the box. The box will be “opened”, and the data will be displayed in numerical and alphabetical order. Any item in the list can be selected with a mouse click, or by highlighting it with the **Up** or **Down Arrow** keys and pressing **Enter**.

Alternatively, items can be scrolled without opening the box by pressing the **Down Arrow** key. A list box may be opened at a particular spot in the list by first entering a character or characters in the box and then opening it. A button may be activated or “pushed” by clicking it with the left mouse button, or by moving the cursor to the button and pressing any key. You can tell when the cursor is on a button because its outline becomes darker, and if it has writing on it, the writing is surrounded by a dotted line. As with boxes, the cursor can be moved from button to button by using the **Tab** or **Shift + Tab** keys, or by clicking directly with the mouse. In general, the cursor moves from left to right and top to bottom on the screen. A donor cell is identified by its Donor ID and Lot Number. A donor number or lot number may appear any number of times, but the Donor ID - Lot Number combination must be unique. In order to save a cell in the database, it must have a non-blank Donor ID and a non-blank Lot Number. When you are entering several cells from a single antigram or lot panel, the data boxes are blanked after you **Save**, but remain indexed at the last item entered. Therefore, when you enter one cell and save it, then enter a new Donor ID number, you can **Tab** to the Lot Number box and press the **Down Arrow** to recall the previous Lot. Its expiration date and supplier will also appear, saving you from having to re-enter the data

## Donor Number

The Donor No. box will accept up to 16 characters and may be any combination of capital letters and characters except apostrophes. Enter a donor ID and press the **Tab** key to move on to the **Lot Number** box. If the donor is already on file, the cell data will be retrieved and displayed.

Donor No.	
709243	↓
709243	↑
709320	↑
709449	↑
709497	↑
709923	↓
7103	↓
710681	↓
710960	↓
711237	↓

Drop-down (or list) boxes have six positioning buttons on the right-hand side: go to first record, page up, line up, line down, page down, and go to last record. One donor may be present on several different panels. If a donor has more than one cell on file, and her previously existing ID is entered, the most recent one found will be displayed. This is to facilitate entering duplicate donors - when you wish to enter a donor who is already on file into a new lot number, the old phenotype will automatically appear, and you then need to enter only the new lot number, check the expiration date, and click the **Save** button. It is assumed that the phenotype will not have changed from a previous panel.

## Lot Number

The Lot Number is used to show the supplier's unique lot number for this cell's panel. All cells with a given Lot Number will have the same supplier and expiration date.

**Lot Number:**

98112	↓
98112	↑
98131	↑
98148	↑
98167	↑
98184	↑
98203A	↓
98214	↓
98220	↓
98239	↓

The **Lot Number** box will accept up to 16 characters and may be any combination of numbers and capital letters. Enter a lot number and press the **Tab** key to move on to the **Vial** box. If the lot number was already on file, the expiration date and supplier will be retrieved and displayed.

## Vial

The **Vial** box will accept any number from 0 through 99. It will also accept a TC (tech cell) vial. Enter a vial number or TC and press the **Tab** key to move on to the **Expires** box. Pressing the **Up** and **Down Arrow** keys or clicking the little up and down arrows to the right of the box will automatically raise or lower the displayed vial number. TC is located below the 0.

## Expiration Date

The **Expires** box is for the expiration date of all cells in the lot number displayed. You may enter a date in any format that is comfortable for you, such as “20 Dec 09” or “12-20-10”, then press the Tab key to move on to the Supplier box. The date will be re-displayed in the format set in the Windows Control Panel/Regional Settings/Date function. If the date is before the present system date, a bright red **Out of Date!** will appear under the **Expires** box. The expiration date is stored with the lot number, so if you change the expiration date of a lot number, then ALL cells with that lot number will have the new expiration date.

## Supplier

The **Supplier** box will accept up to 25 characters. You should ensure that the name is identifiable using just the first 9 or 10 characters since an abbreviated name will be printed on selected panel sheets.

**Supplier:**

Organon Teknika	↓
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The supplier is stored with the lot number, so if you change the supplier of a lot number, then ALL cells with that lot number will have the new supplier.

## Location

Enter a storage drawer location for a frozen cell. The location is stored independently and will not affect other cells with the same lot number--should there be any. The location will print out on the selected panel sheets in lieu of a lot number. The **Location** box will accept up to 15 characters in any combination of letters and numbers.

## Additional Antigens

The Additional Antigens box consists of an entry box, an **Add** and **Delete** button, and a display box directly below them containing this cell's additional antigen phenotype. You may enter an additional antigen of up to 8 characters in the entry box, or select one from the list by clicking the box open. To add what is in the entry box to this cell, click the **Add** button. To delete an item from the additional antigen display box, enter the item you wish to delete in the entry box, then click the **Delete** button. To delete ALL the items in the display box, click the **Delete** button and press the **Delete** key on the keyboard.

### Rh-Hr

Antigen Plus Ab-ID comes with the standard Rh-Hr phenotype designations loaded in the drop down box that is activated by clicking on the down arrow adjacent to the **Rh-Hr** entry box. Choosing one of these designations by clicking on it will place it in the entry box and will mark the appropriate pluses and negatives in the Rh-Hr antigen group (see illustration below). If changes are made to that antigen group a red warning flag will appear stating that the phenotype has been cleared. This flag will appear upon any user action following the change. If that action is to save the cell, a dialog box will present the option of canceling the save. If the save is cancelled, the warning flag will disappear and no warning will be given on the subsequent save action. Antigen Plus Ab-ID will not save a cell with an inappropriate Rh-Hr designation. The individual antigen entries may remain but the Rh-Hr identification will be erased until it is reinstated (at which time the antigens will again be marked with the appropriate pluses and minuses). In cases where you wish to designate an RH-Hr without knowing the entire phenotype, you must enter a qualifying character after the Rh-Hr description (e.g R1R1x ) to allow the program to accept an incomplete Rh-Hr typing. An exception is made for electronically imported panels in which a red cell manufacturer has supplied a cell with an Rh-Hr designation that is not fully supported by the cell phenotype.

**Rh-Hr:**

	↓
R1r'	↑
R1r''	↑
R1R1	↑
R1R1Cw	↑
R1R1g	↓
R1R1w	↓
R1R2	↓
R1R2g	↓
R1rg	≡

**Rh-Hr:**

R1R1	↓
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Rh-Hr							
D	C	E	c	e	Cw	f	V
+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0

## Additional Antigens

The Additional Antigens box consists of an entry box, an **Add** and **Delete** button, and a display box directly below them containing this cell's additional antigen phenotype. You may enter an additional antigen of up to 8 characters in the entry box, or select one from the list by clicking the box open.

Additional Antigens	Add:	Delete:
Co(b+)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co(b+)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co(b+) <sup>+</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
-Coa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
-Cob	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cr(a-)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cs(a-)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cs(a+w)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CxCx	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
-D-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

To add what is in the entry box to this cell, click the **Add** button.

To delete an item from the additional antigen display box, enter the item you wish to delete in the entry box, then click the **Delete** button. To delete ALL the items in the display box, click the **Delete** button and press the **Delete** key on the keyboard.

There is no limit on how many additional antigens you may enter. However, once the screen space is used up, further antigens will be stored but not displayed, and only the first 20 can be exported to ASCII files for use in other databases. When there are more additional antigens than can be displayed on a **Lot Panel** print out, an ellipsis (“...”) at the end of the additional antigen list (displayed alphabetically) will indicate the presence of the additional typings and alert the user to refer to an original hard copy or to a **Selected Panel** print out or a **Selected Cells Panel** screen containing that cell to determine the precise phenotype of the donor cell. The reason for the entry-box method of adding additional antigens is to ensure consistency: you must be consistent in your notation in order for a search to work properly. For example, to indicate a Colton **b** antigen (Cob) as positive, you may enter **Co(b+)**, **CoBPos**, or any other notation that is 8 characters or fewer, but you should use the exact same notation for all cells with this antigen. The entry box will contain a list of all the additional antigens previously saved in your inventory, and you should check for an antigen’s presence before entering a new one.

## Out Of Stock

Click the **Out Of Stock** button, click OK in response to the pop-up query, and then click the **Save** button to mark a cell as exhausted. The data will remain on file so that you can recall the phenotype in case the cell shows up in a new lot. The cell will not be available in the search process unless you mark the **Include in Searches** feature in the **Out of Stock Inventory** box in the **Options** menu. When you click the **Save** button, you will be given the option of marking the entire lot as out of stock. Click Yes or No in the popup window, or type y or n, to indicate your choice. **Please note:** If you do not click the **Save** button after marking the cell as out of stock, the cell will remain in stock and the out of stock flag will not reappear on the screen when that cell is recalled.

## Sex

Clicking the **Sex** button will change the button from blank to **M** to **F**. This is optional information and not normally of significance in the selection of panel cells.

## Group

The **Group** button allows you to enter the blood group of the donor cell. Since most commercial panel cells are group O, that is the default setting. To change the blood group to A, B, or AB, click the **Group** button until one of those characters appears.

## Frozen

Click the **Frozen** box to mark a cell as frozen. The expiration date will be blanked. When the cell

is saved, all cells with its Lot/Location will have their dates blanked. Frozen cells will be found last in the search process, since searching is done starting with newest cells first.

## Antigens

The 28 principal antigens are displayed with colored labels for easy identification. When you are entering a new cell, all the antigens will have a **0** setting. You may change a setting to a **+**, **s**, **w**, or blank by clicking the button with the mouse pointer (right and left mouse clicks scroll through the choices in opposite orders), or by moving to a button with the **Tab** key and pressing any other key. A blank setting indicates that no information is available. For example, some suppliers may not include the Kell system Kp<sub>b</sub> and Js<sub>b</sub>, so you may blank these antigens' buttons.

## Save

Clicking the **Save** button will save all the cell data displayed for the unique Donor No. - Lot Number combination. Any items not previously present in the data boxes (Donor, Lot, Expiration Date, Supplier, Additional Antigens, and Rh-Hr) will be added to the lists in those boxes. The cell display is cleared and the cursor returns to the Donor No. box. The Lot Number, Expiration Date, and Supplier are saved as a group with the Lot Number. If you have changed the date or supplier of a lot, then ALL cells with that lot number will have the new date and supplier.

## Delete

Clicking the **Delete** button will prompt you to make sure, then remove the displayed Donor No. – Lot Number combination from your inventory. When a cell is deleted, any unique lot, additional antigen, or Rh-Hr information it may have had will also be deleted from the lists in those boxes.

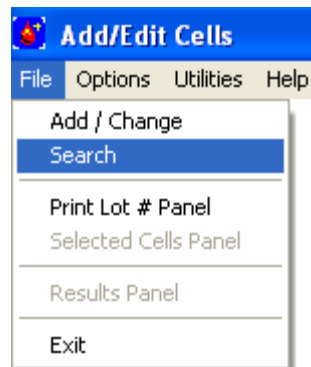
## Delete Lot

Clicking the **Delete Lot** button will prompt you to make sure, then remove ALL cells with the displayed lot number.

## Searching and Selecting

### Search for Match

When the **Search** option is selected from the **File** menu, the **Search Pattern** box appears.



The pattern box contains a row of 28 antigen buttons, a **Group** button, a **Frozen** flag button, an Additional Antigens list box with **Add** and **Delete** buttons and the additional antigens search display box, **Search Next** and **Search Previous** buttons, and a check box for selecting cells:

Rh-Hr								Kell				Duffy		Kidd		Lewis		P	MN				Lutheran	Sex			
D	C	E	c	e	W	f	V	K	k	Kpa	Kpb	Jsa	Jsb	Fya	Fyb	Jka	Jkb	Lea	Leb	Pl	M	N	S	s	Lua	Lub	Xga
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SEARCH PATTERN: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Antigens:  Add:  Delete:

Search Additional Antigens:  Group:  Frozen:

> Search Next > << Search Previous << Select This Cell?  Cells Selected

## Search Pattern

To enter a search pattern, click the desired antigen buttons in the search pattern box. They are in the same order as the labeled antigens directly above them. You may set the buttons to **0**, **+**, or blank. A **0** or **+** setting means that a matching cell must have a **0** or **+** in the same place (**s** or **w** designations will be read as **+** during a search). A blank setting means “don’t care”, and during a search those antigens will be ignored. To search for frozen cells only, click the **Frozen** button. To search for a particular blood group, click the **Group** button until the appropriate group designation appears. To enter an additional antigens search pattern, select one from the list in the **Additional Antigens** box, and add it to the search display box by clicking the **Add** button. You may select as many additional antigens as you like, but only the first 8 to 10 will display on the screen. To remove items from the search display box, select the item from the list in the Additional Antigens box and press the **Delete** button. To remove ALL items from the display box, click the **Delete** button and press the **Delete** key on the keyboard.

## Searching

To perform a search, click the **Search Next** button. The system will search your inventory for a cell which matches ALL the **+**, **0**, and Additional Antigens in your search pattern - **s** or **w** are recognized as positive during a search. The inventory will be searched starting with the **NEWEST** cells first, that is, in reverse expiration date order. All frozen cells have no expiration date and will be gathered at the **END** of the search order. The position of an additional antigen in the display box does not matter - a match will be found if the antigen is present anywhere in the box, but the search may be considerably faster if the rarest antigen is entered first. Upper and lower case letters are equivalent in searching for additional antigens. If you have two notations for a single antigen, for example **Yta-** and **ytA-**, a match will be found. You cannot enter any new antigens into the Additional Antigens list box - the list already contains all the additional antigens in your inventory. Each time a match is found, the cell is displayed. To search for the next match, click the **Search Next** button again. A message will appear when the end of the inventory data has been reached. You may also search the data in the other direction by clicking the **Search Previous** button; a message will appear when the beginning of the inventory data has been reached. Any change to the search criteria (changing any search antigen button or changing the search additional antigens box) will reset the search procedure, and the data will be searched starting at the beginning.

## Selecting

Whenever you are in the **Search for Match** mode (the search pattern box is present) and a cell is displayed, you may click the **Select** box to tag this cell with a checkmark or to erase an existing checkmark. You may display a cell in the search mode either by searching for it or by entering the specific donor number in the Donor No. box and clicking in the box or by clicking on the

desired number in the Donor No. drop down box. Cells with a checkmark are included on selected cell panels. There is no limit to how many cells you may select, however the preview screen can only display up to 15 cells at a time and a printed selected panel can only print up to 15 cells on a page. You may scroll to subsequent preview screens and all cells selected will print on consecutive pages. To empty the **Selected** and **Results** panels without exiting the program, remove ALL checkmarks by selecting the **Clear Selected Cells** option on the **Utility** menu.

## Previewing a Selected Panel

You may preview your selected panel on the screen by selecting **Selected Cells Panel** from the **File** menu. Before previewing your panel, however, you should choose the order in which you want them previewed and printed. This is done from the **Options** menu. If you choose **Sorted by Expiration Date**, the cells will start with the most recent and end with the frozen cells selected. The frozen cells themselves will be displayed in Donor ID/Lot number order. If you choose **In Order Checked**, the cells will appear in the order in which you selected them during the search. If you choose **Sorted by Donor/Lot**, the cells will be displayed by Donor ID/Lot number order. The same order choice will govern your printed worksheet and will remain in effect until you change them from the **Options** menu. The selected cells will be displayed 15 at a time. The 28 principal antigens are displayed in the Display Option order you have selected on the search/entry screen. If there are more than 15 cells, a **Next** button will appear in the upper right-hand corner of the screen, and clicking it will bring up the next 15 cells. If you are viewing a subsequent batch of 15 cells, a **Previous** button will appear in the upper right-hand corner of the screen, and clicking it will bring up the previous 15 cells. If all additional antigens present in any selected cell do not fit on the screen, a scroll bar will enable you to view these antigens.

## Printing

Antigen Plus should ensure that your printer prints in Landscape (11 x 8½) format. If your print out appears in Portrait format, you may correct this in Windows by minimizing the Antigen Plus program, then invoking the Start, Settings, and Printers commands, and setting up the printer. When you are finished, reactivate Antigen Plus by clicking its icon at the bottom of the screen. If the print out is not satisfactory, please refer to the instructions on page 28.

## Lot Panel

The **Print Lot # Panel** option on the **File** menu will print all the cells in the lot displayed in the **Lot Number** box. The cells will be in vial order, and will be shown with all the data you have entered on the screen or have imported from a file (see page 24). If a cell has 6 or more additional antigens and they will not all fit into the additional antigens column, the last antigen will be cut short and have an ellipsis (“...”) after it to indicate that there is more data than is showing. The 28 principal antigens are displayed in the Display Option order you have selected on the screen (see pages 6 and 7).

**Use the Lot Panel printout to check your data against the supplier’s data sheet, and keep a signed copy for your validation records.** To verify the existence of the additional antigens whose presence is marked with an ellipsis, select the cell in question in the Search mode and print it out in a Selected Panel. existence of the additional antigens whose presence is marked with an ellipsis, select the cell in

## Selected Panel

## Selected Panel

The Selected Panel is a worksheet containing all of the cells with check marks on them. The cells are displayed in your choice of Expiration Date, Checked, or Donor ID / Lot and vial order (see Preview Selected Cells on page 14). If a cell has been saved with an entry to the **Location** box, the location information will be displayed instead of a lot number. The 28 principal antigens are displayed in the Display Option order you have selected on the screen. The worksheet will display the date and time it was printed. Additional antigens are printed to the left of the principal antigens. If there are more additional antigens than can print on one line, more lines will be inserted underneath the cell until all additional antigens are printed. These additional lines may be printed on a consecutive page if the page on which they start is filled. If a selected cell has an expiration date prior to the system date, the cell's first column will be marked **OOD** (Out of Date). If a selected cell is Frozen, the cell's first column will be marked **FZN**. The Selected Panel may be previewed on the screen at any time by selecting the **Selected Cells Panel** option in the File menu. The Selected Panel may be printed at any time by clicking the **Print** button at the top of the screen. The printed version of the panel will have extra columns to the right of the cell data for your serum test results.

## Deleting a Selected Cell

A cell may be removed from the selected panel preview screen by clicking anywhere in the cell's row. The row will change color and you will be prompted to make sure you wish to remove the cell from the selected panel (the cell will not be deleted from the system). When you respond OK, the cell's checkmark will be removed, and the selected panel will be redisplayed from the beginning. Alternatively, you may locate the cell on the search screen using the **Search Next** or **Search Previous** buttons, click the **Select** button to erase the checkmark, then preview the selected panel again.





## Exclusion Policy

Antigen Plus - Ab ID excludes antigens in the manner described by the *AABB Technical Manual, 15<sup>th</sup> Edition*, (ch 19: pg 428-9). Homozygosity is required for the exclusion in the following blood group systems: Rh, Duffy, Kidd, MNS. In the presence of anti-D, the program will exclude E and C on heterozygous cells.

The blood group antigens that can be excluded on heterozygous cells are K, Kpa, Jsa, and Lua. As the homozygosity of P and Xg<sub>a</sub> is not easily determined from most panel sheets, the program requires 3 examples of each antigen to be non-reactive with the patient sample before it will exclude either antigen.

It is always advisable to review *AABB Technical Manual, 15<sup>th</sup> Edition*, (ch 19: pg 429-36) for more detailed information on Complex Antibody Identification including variability of antigen strength, the effect of storage on RBC antigens and use of autologous cells while considering the antigens excluded or not, by the program. Any final decision made by the technologist must be consistent with their facility SOP for Antibody Identification.

The program does not encompass the knowledge of all blood group systems and their patterns of reactivity. Any technologist using the program to automate the exclusion process must apply serological expertise to interpret the program's lists of antigens excluded versus antigens not excluded. The program evaluates each column of reactivity independently. Exclusions obtained from the results recorded in columns A, B, C, and D will be exactly the same as those obtained from identical results recorded in the Liss indirect antiglobulin test (IAT column). There is too much variability in antibody reactivity to risk excluding an antigen on anything but the reactions obtained by the technologist and recorded in Antigen Plus - Ab ID.

Red cell treatments, when performed correctly, do have a standardized effect that is well documented. Antigen Plus - Ab ID does employ that information when the ENZ column and DTT column have results recorded in them. The ENZ column will not exclude Duffy and MNS blood group system antigens. The DTT column will not exclude Kell or Lutheran blood group system antigens.

High frequency antigens and low incidence antigens, which can be used as a search parameter to select cells for the results panel, cannot be used in the exclusion process or listed in the **Evaluation** box at the bottom of the results panel. As the antigens listed in the Additional Antigens are entered by the individual user, they are not pre-coded by the program. A list of technical tips to assist any technologist who may have an antibody to a high frequency antigen or to a low incidence antigen is included in the **Help** utility and is reproduced on the following pages.

The following text always appears with any results in the **Evaluation** box.

**These are tentative rule-outs.**

**Additional confirmatory data based on your own criteria are recommended.**

It is the user's responsibility to record accurate test data and to confirm that data according to established protocols.

## Technical Information for Further Testing

1. If all cells in the first panel are reactive and the autocontrol is negative, try chemically treated screen cells and see if this alters the reactivity in any way. Chemical treatment of red cells includes: enzymes, DTT, AET or CDP (chloroquine diphosphate). Methods and information on obtaining any of the products required, can be found in the *American Red Cross Immunohematology Methods and Procedures*, D. Mallory, ed. Selecting 2 or 3 cells from the panel, or using the screen cells, will save time, save plasma and still provide new information. If

the information is that nothing changed, go to step 2.

[More information on the actions of specific chemicals is listed in step 2,(iii).]

2. If all cells in the first panel tested are reactive and the auto control is negative, perform a common phenotype on the patient's red cells (patient must not have been transfused in the preceding 90 days). Blood group systems to include Rh, Kell, Duffy, Kidd and MNS. Select a cell from any of the panels or screen cells in your inventory that is negative for the same antigens the patient lacks and test it. This is referred to as running a phenotypically matched cell.

**EXAMPLE: PATIENT**      **D+C+E-c+e+, K-, Fy (a+b-), Jk(a-b+), M+N+S-s+.**  
**POSSIBLE MATCHES:**    **D-C-E-c+e+, K-, Fy(a-b-), Jk(a-b+), M-N+S-s+**  
                                 **D+C+E-c-e+, K-, Fy(a+b-), Jk(a-b+), M+N-S-s**

i) If the phenotypically matched cell does not react with the patient's plasma, select a panel of red cells based on one example of each antigen to be excluded per cell.

**EXAMPLE: FOR THE PATIENT LISTED ABOVE THE SELECTION CRITERIA WOULD BE:**

**CELL 1 E+, K-, Fy(b-), Jk(a-), S-.**

**CELL 2 E-, K+, Fy(b-), Jk(a-), S-.**

**CELL 3 E-, K-, Fy(b+), Jk(a-), S-.**

**CELL 4 E-, K-, Fy(b-), Jk(a+), S-.**

**CELL 5 E-, K-, Fy(b-), Jk(a-), S+.**

This will confirm or exclude which antibody(ies) to the common antigens the patient has formed and what is left to form in the future.

ii) if the phenotypically matched cell(s) is reactive with the patient's plasma and the autocontrol is negative, the most probable cause is an antibody to a high frequency antigen. Use Antigen Plus to select any examples of high frequency antigen-negative red cells in your cell library. I.e.. At(a-), k-, Kp(b-), Js(b-) etc.

iii) If you have a limited rare cell library or failed to obtain a negative reaction with the high frequency antigen-negative red cells available, consider that various red cell treatments which modify or destroy certain antigens on red cells can also be useful. DTT/AET treatment will destroy: Kell (not K<sub>x</sub>), Lutheran, Knopps/McCoy, Cartwright, Cromer, Dombrock, Auberger, JMH and Lw<sub>a</sub>. Gerbich is destroyed by DTT but not AET. ENZYMES (papain, ficin, trypsin, bromelain) will remove: Duffy, MNS, Chido, Rogers, JMH, Gerbich, Gilfeather, Xg<sub>a</sub>, Pr, V<sub>w</sub>, Cartwright, Mia, Cla, Je<sub>a</sub>, Ny<sub>a</sub> and most En<sub>a</sub>. Chloroquine diphosphate (CDP) will destroy Bg and class I HLA antigens.

3. If all cells in the first panel tested are reactive and the auto control is positive, do a direct antiglobulin test (DAT) on the patient's cells before doing further serum testing.

i) If the DAT is positive, a warm autoantibody should be suspected and may hide underlying alloantibodies in the patient's plasma. The autoantibody should be removed by autoabsorption before further antibody identification can be achieved. Autoabsorption can only be performed using pre-transfusion patient red cells. The patient must not have been pregnant or transfused in the preceding 90 days. For further information and testing methods, refer to the *AABB Technical Manual, Current Edition*, or the *American Red Cross Immunohematology Methods And Procedures*, D. Mallory, ed.

ii) If the DAT is negative, a cold autoantibody should be considered. A cold screen tested from room temperature down to 4°C will indicate if an autologous absorption done at 4°C will be useful to remove the autoantibody. Again, the patient must be untransfused in the preceding 90 days.

iii) If autoabsorption, warm or cold, is not possible, there are alternatives. Allogeneic warm absorption is possible using R1R1, R2R2, and rr cells. A prewarm method may be useful to remove any cold reactivity. Prewarm methods must be used with caution preferably after the clinically significant antibodies have been tentatively identified. Prewarm methods have been documented to remove anti-H activity in a Bombay phenotype and an example of anti-Vel. References on request.

4. If all the cells tested are negative, several things must be considered:

i) Repeat the cell that gave the original positive reaction that initiated the panel, i.e. the antibody screen test or one of the units being crossmatched. Note where the antibody reacts - immediate spin or IAT? Was the panel tested at the same phase the reaction occurred in?

ii) How soon after the original testing, was the panel performed? Was the sample stored properly?

iii) Is the reactive cell homozygous for any common antigen and is there another cell homozygous for the same antigen that can be used to repeat the result?

iv) Will enhancement media help reveal a weak reacting alloantibody pattern, i.e. Enz, PEG, LISS with a longer incubation time, or polybrene?

v) If none of this adds any information about antibody specificity, you may have an antibody directed against a low frequency antigen. While the identity of the antibody is a puzzle, it is rarely a significant problem when looking for compatible units of red cells for transfusion. If you have time to play with it, use Antigen Plus to locate as many low incidence antigen positive cells as you have listed under special antigens. If none of them react, and you still wish to resolve the specificity, send the sample to a reference lab for crosstesting. Most reference labs keep their unidentified lows in hopes of finding another example.

5. If your routine test method can detect weak reacting autoantibodies at any phase of testing, positive antibody screen results can lead to a common panel result of several weak reactions with no specificity determined. Antigen Plus will perform exclusions based on its policy and may well exclude all common specificities depending on the number of reactions and phenotype of the cells which do not react. The technologist should follow his or her Blood Bank SOP for antibody identification which should address this type of panel testing outcome. Depending on method used, patient population and number of occurrences, the most common choices are likely to include:

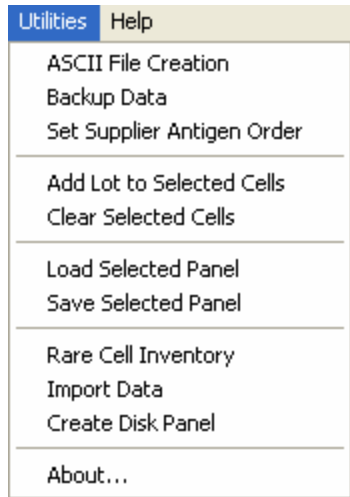
i) Try more sensitive method if an alloantibody may be just forming or was not stimulated in the recent past.

ii) Repeat the original test by a less sensitive method, e.g. from solid phase testing back to tube LISS-IAT (a common approach to dealing with the very sensitive capabilities of solid phase testing.)

iii) Seen only at immediate spin – assess possible clinical significance and drop the IS test if appropriate.

Use the prewarm method only after significant antibodies (anti-Vel, anti-PP<sub>1</sub>P<sub>k</sub>, anti-H in a Bombay) have been excluded.

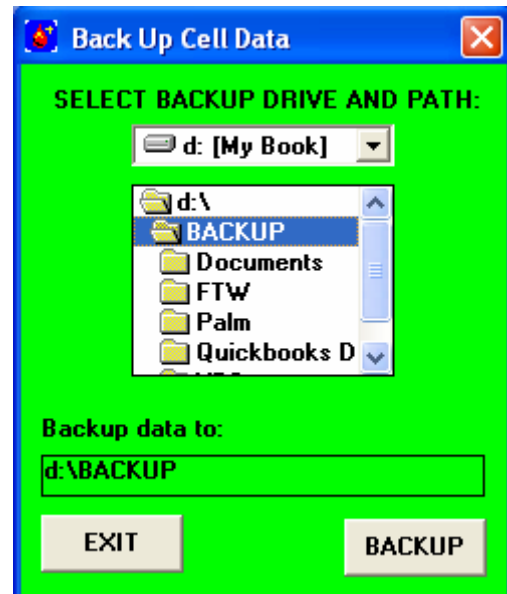
## Utilities



## Backing Up

You should frequently backup your data onto a backup drive, external hard drive or tape backup system. The **Backup Data** option on the **Utility** menu will prompt you for the location of a directory: select a directory and then click **Backup** to copy the file **AP61.MDB** to it. (Note that AP62 is fully backwards-compatible with AP61 versions and still uses the AP61.MDB database.)

**Please note:** The backup utility will overwrite an existing backup unless you have marked the existing file as Read-only. In that case, you must back up to a different directory.



## Clear Selected Cells

This menu option will clear all the cells selected by the **Select This Cell** button, and there will be zero cells selected. Unless the **Selected Cells Panel** has been saved (see page 22), no results will be retained.

## Add Lot to Selected Cells

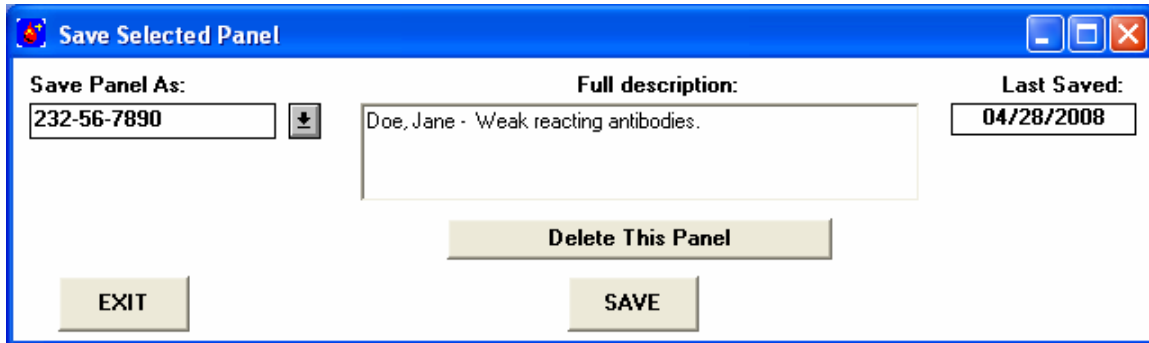
After a lot number has been selected, clicking the mouse on **Add Lot to Selected Cells** will place all the cells in that lot on a Selected Cells Panel. If no **Selected Cells Panel** is currently in use, a new one will be created.

## Save Selected Data

This feature will create a selected panel from any lot in the database or will add an entire lot to an existing selected panel. To use this feature you must select the lot number in the **Lot Number** box on either the Data Entry or Search screen. The Load option is disabled unless there is at least one saved panel. The Save option is disabled unless there has been at least one cell checked, or the user has loaded a saved panel.

### To save the currently selected panel:

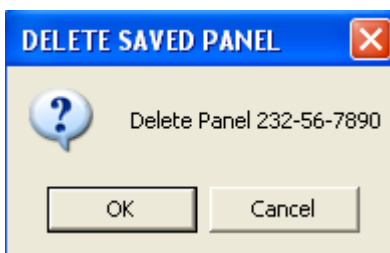
Open the **Utilities** dialog box and select the **Save Selected Data** option. A new screen will appear:



Type a title of up to 20 characters into the **Save Panel As** box or select an existing title by opening the list box and selecting an existing title. A **Save** button will appear. As with the **Additional Antigens** list box, you may type one or more characters in the **Save Panel As** box and then open the list box to navigate through the list more rapidly. When you have entered a title in the **Save Panel As** box you may add a description of unlimited length to the saved panel in the **Full description** text box. When you are ready to save the panel with or without an extended description, press **Save**. If an existing title is selected and not changed, the currently selected panel will replace that saved panel. A very long title description that takes two lines or more will be word-wrapped in the text box. To read descriptions of several lines; you must navigate up and down with the keyboard up and down arrow keys. All results associated with that panel will also be saved. When the panel is loaded, those results will appear on the **Results Panel** along with their evaluation.

### To delete a saved panel:

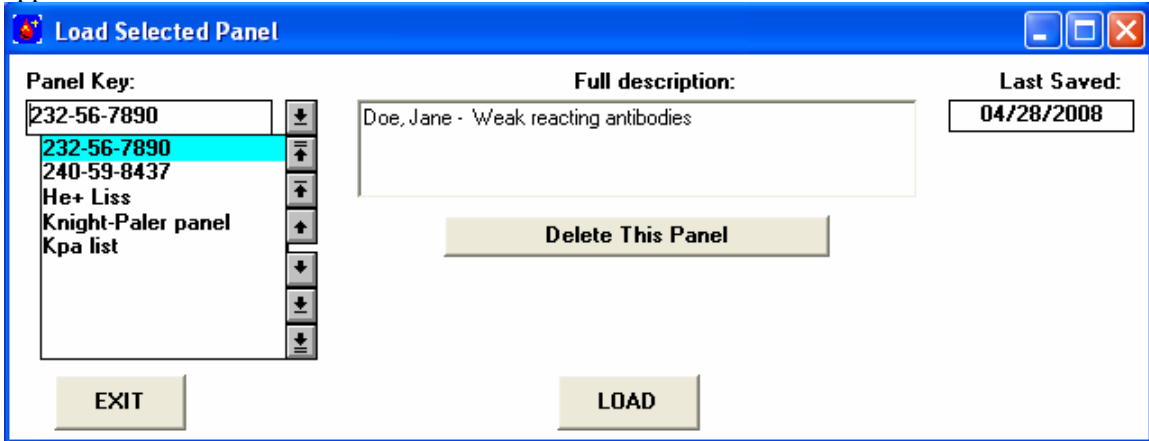
Opening the list box in either the Save or Load (see page 23) screens will display the **Delete This Panel** button. Pressing this button will open a dialog box to ensure that you wish to delete the displayed panel.



## Load Selected Data

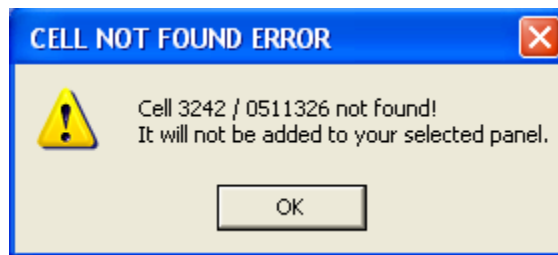
### To load a saved panel:

Open the **Utilities** dialog box and select the **Load Selected Data** option. A new screen will appear:



Open the **Panel Key** list box, select the desired panel (a list box may be opened at a particular spot in the list by first entering a character or characters in the box and then opening it), and click on the **Load** button. This will add the panel you have selected with any results previously entered to the **Selected Cells** and **Results** screens. Loading a saved panel will empty the **Selected Cells** and **Results** screens of any previously entered data. Once a saved panel is loaded, cells may be added to the **Selected Cells** and **Results** screens by the **Search** function (see page 13) or the **Add Lot to Selected Cells** function (see page 21).

The **Panel Key** list box contains the titles of all previously saved panels. They are sorted without regard to case. Any time a saved selected cell cannot be found during loading, presumably because a user has deleted the cell since having saved the panel, the cell will not be loaded with the panel and any results associated with that cell will be removed from the evaluation calculation. The following message will appear:



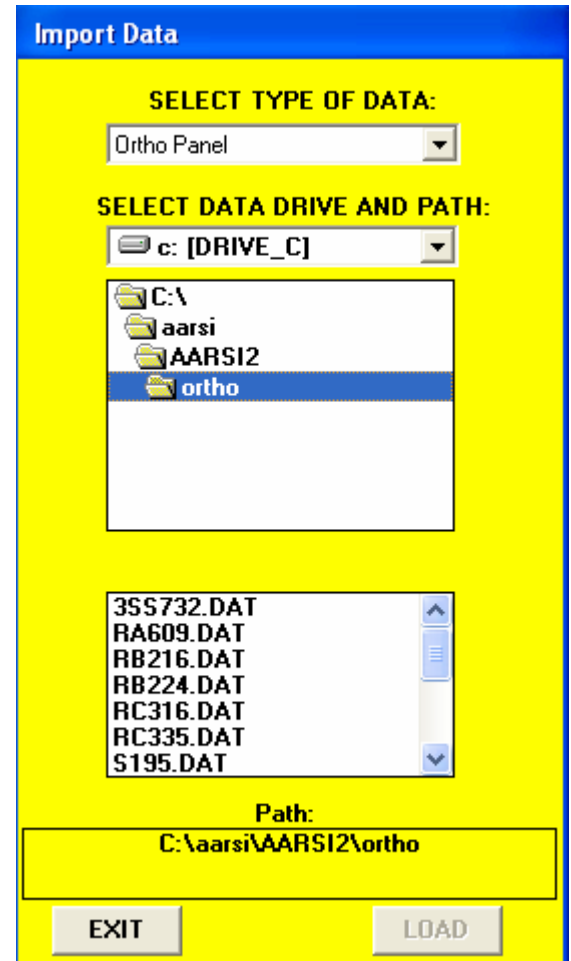
## Import Data

This menu option imports data into the AntigenPlus Version 6.2 database from **panel (.PNL)** files supplied by Rowny Systems, or .DAT files from Ortho Diagnostics. These files will be delivered to you via email or downloaded directly from the Ortho website.

The default setting on the Import Data menu is for importing Ortho panels that you have downloaded. ( If you are importing other panels that have been emailed to you, click on the arrow in the Select Type of Data box and select Other Panel.) Select the drive and directory where they are to be found, double-click on the appropriate folder in the drop-down list box so that the directory name appears in the **Path** box below, and click the **Load** button. This selection may be run any number of times without harm. Only those cells which are not already present will be added to your database. If an existing donor in a new lot is encountered, any updated information on that donor will be added as the default information for that donor.

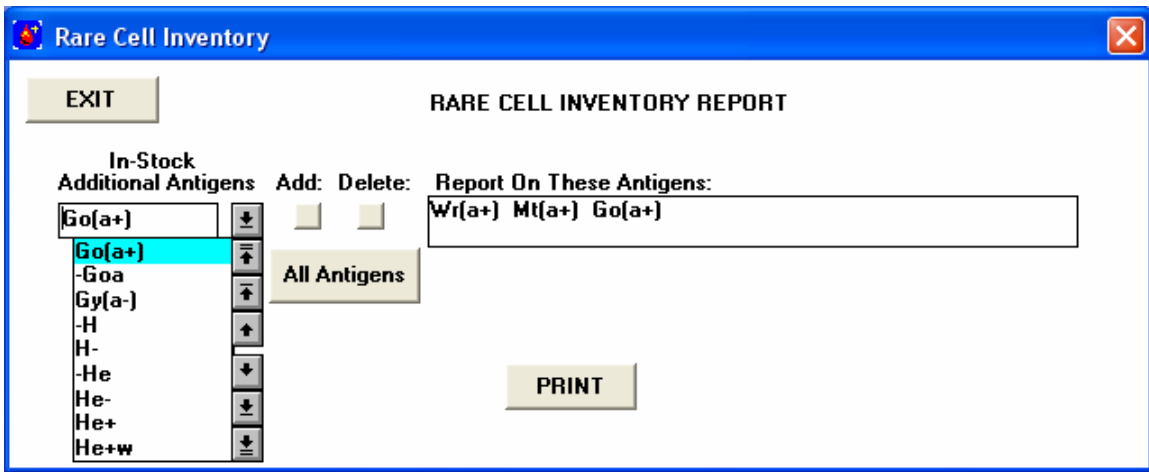
Neither Rowny Systems nor its distributors make any guarantee as to the accuracy of any panel data supplied electronically. It is the responsibility of the end-user to validate the accuracy of any imported data by printing out the imported lot and validating it against the information supplied by the red cell panel manufacturer (see page 15).

To order electronic panels, please contact your supplier.



## Rare Cell Inventory

The **Rare Cell Inventory** Utility allows you to print out a count of all the donors with additional antigens currently in your inventory. Each additional antigen will be listed once for every occurrence in the inventory with the associated donor, lot, and vial numbers. At the end of each additional antigen list, a count of unique donors with that antigen will appear. You may choose individual antigens in the list box on the right, or click on the **All Antigens** button to print a list of every occurrence of additional antigens in your inventory. When you have selected the desired antigen or antigens, click on the print button and the list will be sent to your default printer.



## Create Disk Panel

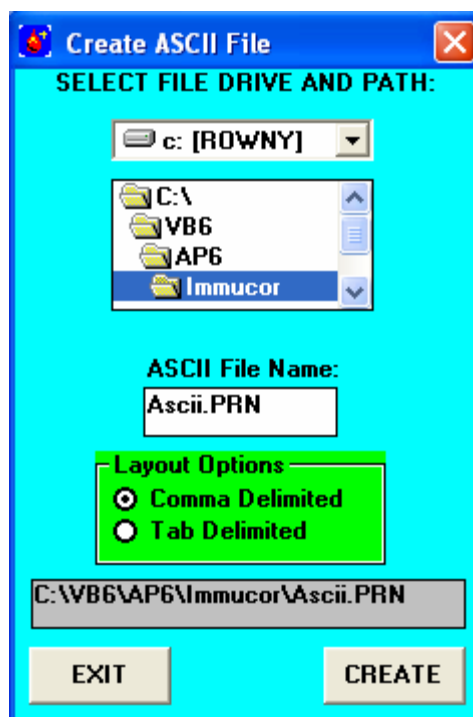
This menu option will store all cells in the currently displayed Lot into a file named **[lot number].pnl**. Select the drive and directory where they are to be stored, and click the **Save** button. The panel can be loaded into any other Antigen Plus 6.2 database using the **Import Data** utility.

## ASCII File Creation

Use this option on the utility menu to create an ASCII file of your cell data which can be read by other applications, such as a database or spreadsheet. There are two format options: regular ASCII or Comma Delimited. The comma-delimited option separates each field with a comma, has a carriage return/line feed at the end of each record, and is suitable for importing into most spreadsheet or database programs. The regular ASCII option places a carriage return/line feed at the end of each field, and may be more suitable for reading and processing by a programming language such as BASIC or C. The data will be written in Donor ID/ Lot Number order. Each cell will consist of 59 fields, in the following order:

1. Donor ID
2. Lot Number
3. Date
4. Location
5. Supplier
6. Vial Number
7. Rh-Hr Notation
8. Blood Group
9. **D** Antigen (0 for negative, 1 for positive, blank for unknown)
10. **C** Antigen
11. **E** Antigen
12. **c** Antigen
13. **e** Antigen
14. **Cw** Antigen
15. **f** Antigen
16. **V** Antigen
17. **K** Antigen
18. **k** Antigen
19. **Kpa** Antigen
20. **Kpb** Antigen
21. **Jsa** Antigen
22. **Jsb** Antigen
23. **Fya** Antigen
24. **Fyb** Antigen
25. **Jka** Antigen
26. **Jkb** Antigen
27. **Lea** Antigen
28. **Leb** Antigen
29. **P1** Antigen
30. **M** Antigen
31. **N** Antigen
32. **S** Antigen
33. **s** Antigen
34. **Lua** Antigen
35. **Lub** Antigen
36. **Xga** Antigen
37. 1st Additional Antigen
- 38 - 56. 2nd through 20th Additional Antigen
57. Sex (M, F, or blank)
58. Frozen (0 or 1, where 1 = Frozen)
59. Out of Stock (0 or 1, where 1 = out of stock)

Each item will occupy one field even if it is blank or empty. If you select comma-delimited, any commas found imbedded in any of your data fields will be removed.



## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **SPECIAL PRINT INSTRUCTIONS**

Some older bubble jet printer drivers will not accommodate the font demands of Antigen Plus printouts. In these cases the printed font may be too large causing an overwrite of grid lines or other text. If the print size is not satisfactory, run the software with a command line option of /B. That is: when the software is installed, it creates an Antigen Plus icon (a red drop on a blue background). Right click your mouse with the Antigen Plus icon highlighted and choose Properties > Shortcut. This will show you a Command Line and a Working Directory. Typically, the command line is C:\Program Files\AP62\AP62.EXE. Change this by adding a blank and /B, so it looks like this: C:\Program Files\AP62\AP62.EXE /B and save the change. Now when you double-click the icon to start Antigen Plus, lot panels and selected panels will be sent to the printer using screen images instead of trying to use the printer-supplied fonts. (The /B stands for Bitmapped).

### **COPYING TEXT FROM THE SCREEN**

The text in the Full description box on the Save and Load panel screens and the text in the Help screens can be copied into another application by highlighting the text by placing the mouse cursor at the beginning of the text to be copied, holding down the right mouse button and dragging the cursor across the text to be copied. The text will be highlighted. Release the mouse button and press the "Ctrl" and "C" keys on your keyboard simultaneously. The text will then be copied to the Windows Clipboard and can be copied into any Windows application that has a Paste function.

### **COPYING TEXT TO THE FULL DESCRIPTION BOX**

Text from the Windows clipboard may be copied into the Full description box on the Save screen. When the cursor is flashing in that box press the "Ctrl" and "V" keys on you keyboard simultaneously. The text you have copied from another application will be pasted into the description of the panel and may be saved with the Panel Key name by clicking the Save button on the screen.

### **PROGRAMMING NOTES**

AntigenPlus Ab-ID is written in Visual Basic and uses a Microsoft Access database to store information. Users familiar with Access may open the databases and produce reports, run queries, and generally explore record lay outs and file structure for purposes of importing data held in other databases. Be sure to back up the original database before attempting any of these procedures.