

Announcement

Guidelines for the assessment of hemorheological parameters

Invitation to participate in the working group

Hemorheological parameters are increasingly being used as part of experimental and clinical studies. The previous “Guidelines for measurement of blood viscosity and erythrocyte deformability” was published in 1986 by the ICSH Expert Panel on Blood Rheology, but since then significant developments have occurred in this area, especially in related methodologies. Therefore it is felt that a new “Guidelines” document is needed to deal with these more recent developments and to cover additional experimental aspects of hemorheology. This concept was discussed during the two international hemorheology conferences in 2005 (4th International Conference on Clinical Hemorheology, Chongqing, China and 13th European Conference on Clinical Hemorheology, Siena, Italy), and was fully supported by both the European Society for Clinical Haemorheology (ESCH) and the International Society for Clinical Haemorheology (ISCH).

As part of the discussions to date, it was agreed that the new study should include methodological recommendations, blood sampling and handling procedures, and recommendations related to study design and data analysis. The success of this work will entirely depend upon the participation of appropriate experts from the field. We thus invite all those with an interest in this matter to visit the WEB site at <http://www.akdeniz.edu.tr/guidelines/>. This site will provide an overview of the current status of this project, and allow for comments and questions.

Please remember . . . the new Guidelines will only be as good as the input and contributions that are received. Your participation is sincerely welcomed!

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