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Have a national Rare Donor Program: Yes

Number of Donors in Database:

Switzerland, Germany and Austria have since 2011 one common database

Switzerland: 364 (since 2005)
Germany: 44 (since 2012)
Austria: 7 (since 2012)
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Definition of Rare:
„k“, Kp(b), Lu(b), Co(a), Vel, Yt(a), P, Lan, U or the presence of a rare phenotype such as Ko, Lu(a-b-), Fy(a-b-), Jk(a-b-) and Rh null.

Number of Frozen Rare Cells: none
We send very rare units to Amsterdam, Sanquin (Kp(b-), Jk(a-b-))
How are Rare Donors found?:

- Broad antigen typisation of donors
- 2011 and 2012 we tested 40,000 donors for Vel and Kp(a)/Kp(b)
- Genotyping of donors in Berne and Zürich
  Berne since 2011  7000
  Zürich since 2011  7700
- Our goal for Switzerland 60,000-70,000 donors
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Number of Rare Donor units used per year:
Only few: 5-10 units

Shipping Outcome form used?: no

Most difficult types to find:
Lan-, Jr(a)-, U-, Rhnull, Ko, Bombay