



## DermTech Simplifies the DermTech Melanoma Test (DMT) by Discontinuing the Optional TERT Add-on Assay

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- *Trust 2 Study confirms negative predictive value (NPV) of 99.7% for the foundational gene expression assay*
- *Optional TERT promoter mutation testing does not significantly alter sensitivity, NPV or positive predictive value (PPV)*

SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 16, 2024-- DermTech, Inc. (NASDAQ: DMTK) (DermTech or the Company), a leader in precision dermatology enabled by a non-invasive skin genomics technology, today announced that it will discontinue the optional TERT promoter mutation add-on assay for its DermTech Melanoma Test (DMT) effective March 1, 2024.

Multiple studies, including the Company's recently completed Trust 2 Study, demonstrated the DMT's negative predictive value (NPV) to be 99% or higher. A high NPV for a rule-out test provides assurance to clinicians and patients that a suspicious pigmented lesion which tests negative is unlikely to be a melanoma. The TERT promoter mutation assay was offered as an optional add-on to the foundational gene expression assay for LINC00518 and PRAME based on initial validation data suggesting it conferred a modest increase in NPV. However, in the clinical setting, less than one-third of patient samples contain sufficient genomic material for TERT analysis. In the Trust 2 Study, the addition of TERT analysis decreased specificity slightly without providing a statistically significant increase in NPV.

"Clinician feedback, in addition to the Trust 2 Study results, suggests that the TERT promoter mutation add-on assay has limited impact on decision-making when evaluating pigmented lesions for melanoma," said Loren Clarke, M.D., chief medical officer, DermTech. "The DMT will now consist of the foundational gene expression assay for LINC00518 and PRAME. With an NPV that remains at 99% or higher, the DMT provides genomic information for a suspicious pigmented lesion that a clinician may be hesitant to biopsy for various reasons."

"These findings establish in a large real-world cohort that the DMT's high NPV is not enhanced by the addition of TERT mutation testing," commented Laura K. Ferris, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Dermatology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and a participant in the study.

### About The DermTech Melanoma Test

DermTech originally marketed its foundational assay under the name Pigmented Lesion Assay (PLA). The PLA assesses pigmented skin lesions, moles or dark skin spots for melanoma. In particular, the PLA detects expression of the LINC00518 (LINC) and preferentially expressed antigen in melanoma (PRAME) genes using reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). The Company introduced an add-on assay to PLA in 2021, which is designed to identify the presence of mutations in TERT gene promoter region using DNA sequencing. The Company has since branded its PLA and TERT add-on-assay as the DermTech Melanoma Test (DMT). The DMT may be ordered with or without the add-on test for TERT. Positive results for LINC, PRAME or TERT correlate with a lesion at higher risk for melanoma. If none of the biomarkers are detected, this result indicates a 99% probability that the mole tested is not melanoma.

### About DermTech

DermTech is a leading genomics company in dermatology and is creating a new category of medicine, precision dermatology, enabled by its non-invasive skin genomics technology. DermTech's mission is to improve the lives of millions by providing non-invasive precision dermatology solutions that enable individualized care. DermTech provides genomic analysis of skin samples collected using its Smart Stickers™. DermTech develops and markets products that facilitate the assessment of melanoma. For additional information, please visit [DermTech](#).

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