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To Whom it may Concern,

Hair tissue mineral analysis (HTMA) is not considered to be a diagnostic test, but is best described as a screening tool. HTMA is utilized by researchers, dietitians, nutritionists, physicians and other health care providers to provide information to their patients in regard to their nutritional status including the interrelationship between important nutritional minerals as well as heavy metal exposure. HTMA offers a unique insight into an individual's dietary and nutritional status that would be difficult to obtain through other routine screening procedures.

Many research programs for studying and establishing trace element concentrations in human hair have been implemented since 1965 by the International Atomic Energy Agency. These programs were coordinated under Nuclear-Based Methods for the Analysis of Pollutants in Human Hair. Since that time many scientific conferences have been held to present the use of hair as a biological marker and the development of analytical techniques applied to hair mineral assaying. The Human Hair Symposiums included a vast list of contributors from many Universities and research centers, some of which include;

Cleveland Clinic, Ohio	University of Texas, Houston	University of Aston, England
Texas Medical School	Emory University, Atlanta	Universidad de Chili
CDC Atlanta	Slade Hospital, England	McGill University, Montreal
University of Miss., Hattiesburg	University of TN., Memphis	USDA Albany, CA.
University of Leeds, England	Mayo Medical School, Minn.	Army Medical Center, Presidio
New York University, NY	Wayne State University, Detroit	University of Ca., SF
IAEC, Vienna	University of SC, Charleston	University of Rochester
University of Toronto, Ontario	Georgia State University, Atlanta	
University of Witwatersrand, Africa		
Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia		

The HTMA is a voluntary test that is sought after by individuals world-wide. They are concerned about their nutritional status and have a desire to take the responsibility for their health into their own hands rather than relying on generalized information, or public health policy for a population, which does little to impact a person's nutritional health on an individual basis.

Trace Elements, Inc. is a licensed clinical laboratory established in 1984 that specializes in HTMA testing. We provide services to clients in over forty countries including, research studies with Universities, hospitals, clinics, environmental groups and agencies and have performed over one million HTMA studies.

If I can be of further service do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
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