

Genetic composition of the Chilean population: the Yamanas from Ukika

Composición genética de la población chilena: los Yámanas de Ukika.

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The genetic composition of a group of 24 Yamana indians that survive in Puerto Williams, Navarino Island, Chile (parallel 55 south of Tierra del Fuego), was studied. Results showed that these indians have a different genetic composition than Pehuenche indians, specially for HLA system and esterase D. This fact validates the hypothesis, based on archeological and anthropological evidence, about the paleoindian origin of Yamanas.