

ABO blood groups in Chilean and Peruvian mummies. II. Results of agglutination?inhibition technique

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ABO blood groups of Peruvian and Chilean mummies were determined with the agglutination?inhibition method. In Peru all ABO blood groups were found in the period from 3000 B.C. to 1400 A.D.; from this period to 1650 only A and O were seen. In Chile no B or AB was noted either in pre?Columbian or Colonial mummies. This confirms the archeological concept that the Chilean Indian was culturally as well as genetically different from the Peruvian Indian. Further studies using other genetic markers are in order, as well as changing certain preconceived notions on blood groups of American Indians. Copyright © 1978 Wiley?Liss, Inc., A Wiley Company