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**A2LA Accredits First International Clinical Laboratory under the A2LA Platinum Choice Clinical Laboratory Accreditation Program**

**September 29, 2016, Frederick, MD** – The American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) is proud to announce the accreditation of Life Length SL under the A2LA Platinum Choice Clinical Laboratory Accreditation Program.

Life Length ([www.lifelength.com](http://www.lifelength.com)), located in Madrid, Spain, is now accredited for clinical testing under this new combined offering. For a full listing of the testing services included in the laboratory's A2LA Platinum Choice accreditation, please review their Scope of Accreditation, certificate 4082.01, on the [www.A2LA.org](http://www.A2LA.org) website.

Life Length CEO, Stephen J. Matlin, stated, "We are very pleased to have worked with A2LA to achieve our U.S. Federal certification and simultaneous accreditation to the stringent, globally-recognized ISO 15189 standards, confirming the clinical validity and quality of our Telomere Analysis Technology® test and status as the world leader in telomere and telomerase diagnostics for diagnostic, clinical and research usage. A2LA provided professional, rigorous support during our accreditation that has further strengthened our procedures and protocols, ensuring the highest quality in the performance of our assays and testing."

The A2LA Platinum Choice Program includes a comprehensive, on-site assessment which combines the quality management system strengths of ISO 15189 "Medical Laboratories – Requirements for Quality and Competence" and the technically-detailed 42CFR493 CLIA requirements, providing the laboratory with two recognized, distinct accreditations through one assessment process. A2LA is internationally-recognized by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and has earned Deemed Status recognition through the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), resulting in A2LA being the only accreditation organization in the world capable of offering this combined assessment leading to

dual, recognized accreditations. This accreditation program is available to domestic and international laboratories, governmental and non-governmental laboratories, institutes, non-profits and commercial clinical laboratories and covers a wide breadth of clinical disciplines.

For additional information about the A2LA Platinum Choice accreditation program, please see the A2LA clinical program webpage ([www.A2LA.org](http://www.A2LA.org)) or contact Randall Query at 301 644 3221 or [rquery@A2LA.org](mailto:rquery@A2LA.org).

About A2LA:

A2LA is a non-profit membership association with over 35 years of experience providing internationally-recognized accreditation and training services. A2LA has been providing accreditation services since 1978. A2LA is the fourth largest multi-disciplined accreditation body in the world with over 3,000 currently active accreditation certificates.

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