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**The Legal Liability of Laboratories**  
**in connection with**  
**the Result of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Tests (DTCs)**

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## **ABSTRACT**

In view of the great solutions genetic engineering may offer in a context in which people's fears, anxiety and expectations are challenged by the time legal systems take to adapt to contemporary society's needs and bioethics struggle to set some boundaries, the purpose of this dissertation is to study the legal liability of laboratories in connection with the result of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Tests (DTCs), which, offered to consumers without the intervention of a physician - and, until now, lacking of relevant regulation -, may cause hazardous impacts in people's lives, besides reopen and stir polemic discussions surrounding modern DNA technology.