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Operational Strategy  
for the  
Facility for Extracellular Vesicle Analysis  
and Liquid Biopsy (EV-Core)

Medical Center – University of Freiburg

The following Operational Strategy regulates the Facility for Extracellular Vesicle Analysis and Liquid Biopsy (EV-Core, in the following: Facility) and its relationship with its potential and actual users (in the following: User).

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# General information

The Facility serves the purpose of scientific research and related training. The services of the Facility entail the support of experiment design (including feasibility checks) and that of measurements of nanoparticles using the Facility's range of specialized scientific instruments.

The samples provided to the Facility remain the property of the User, respectively, their team. It lies within the responsibility of the User to claim and collect their remaining samples.

# Facility access

Because the Facility is publicly funded, the access for Users from industry should not compromise publicly funded, non-commercial scientific use. A time share of up to 10% for industry is acceptable.

Generally, access to the Facility and its resources is granted on a first-come-first-served basis. In case of overbooking, preference may be given to the research group of the scientific head of the Facility, to collaboration partners with the longer history of cooperation, to Users whose project or publication success is more directly dependent on access.

# Good Scientific Practice and legal issues

The Facility provides access for the User to its regulations.

The Facility treats applications for access confidential.

The Facility maintains a neutral position between potentially competing scientific teams and keeps their results confidential. As far as practically possible while serving different Users on the premises of the Facility with the highest possible scientific standards, the Facility aims to keep the experimental aims and protocols of the Users confidential.

The User of the Facility must adhere to the safety measures in place and must follow the Facility Manager's instructions. By the User's request, the Facility Manager informs the User about local and other applicable law and regulations relevant for access to the Facility.

Measurement data is the property of the User whose samples were measured.

Intellectual property and license rights about experimental arrangements made during the investigation at the Facility (sample selection, sample preparation, measurement, data analysis) shall be shared between the User and the Facility team according to their contributions. In unexpected cases (in particular, in cases of marketable discoveries of material value), parties should convene and decide upon sharing of “innovation paternity” as soon as possible with the involvement of the Zentralstelle für Technologietransfer (ZFT) of the University of Freiburg.

Use of the Facility has to be acknowledged by the User in the way described in the User Instructions.

# Sustainability of the Facility

The Facility does not charge fees to non-commercial research users, instead it functions under a cooperation model. Its continued existence depends on co-authorship in publications and grants.

# Information for potential Users

See the separate **EV-Core User Instructions**.