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Service Agreement for gene targeting ES cell services

Terms and Conditions

1. The investigator must have an open TCP service account containing all billing information and is required to submit the service request. Payment is due within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice.
2. The investigator must provide the detailed project outline, map of the vector and communicate necessary precautions that may warrant the changes in the Biosafety Containment Level.
3. The evidence of an established protocol for identifying positive colonies using the lysates from wild type ES cells grown in 96 well plates is required BEFORE the initiation of the project and the service request submission.
4. The investigator is responsible for the preparation of the purified linearized construct for electroporation at the required quantity, purity and concentration, and must follow provided guidelines and protocols. The documentation on the fragment preparation (including a gel picture showing the complete linearization) must be submitted to the Transgenic Core.
5. The service fee schedule posted on the TCP web site (<http://www.phenogenomics.ca/transgenics/fees.html>) will be applied accordingly and is subject to change. The fee charged for ES cell services is levied per attempt. An attempt is defined as at least two x 96-well plates of drug-resistant colonies; up to 3 electroporations will be performed and no more than 5 x 96 well plates will be provided. The number of targeted clones CAN NOT be guaranteed.
6. The facility will perform electroporations, pick drug-resistant colonies, passage and freeze the clones and provide two sets of replica 96 well plates to the investigator for screening. The investigator must complete the identification of targeted clones within ONE month. The quality of ES cells and successful recovery can not be guaranteed after more than three months storage at -80°C.
7. Once targeted clones are identified, the facility will thaw and expand clones for further confirmation, freeze the vials for long-term storage and co-ordinate the preparation of confirmed ES cell clones for the generation of chimeras.
8. The investigator is responsible for submission of a SEPARATE service request to generate chimeras. The fee for generation of chimeras is applied separately according to the fee schedule posted on the TCP web site (<http://www.phenogenomics.ca/transgenics/fees.html>). Preparation of ES cells for ONE such experiment is included in the Gene Targeting service fee. All consecutive experiments will need a service request submission for 'Preparation of ES cells for Aggregation or Microinjection'.
9. The investigator hereby agrees that any scientific publications involving generated animals hereunder shall acknowledge the TCP Transgenic Core Facility as the source and provide copies of all such publications to the Facility.
10. The TG Core agrees to perform the gene targeting ES cell services in accordance with high technical and professional standards, but does not promise success in achieving any desired result. The TG Core gives no warranty of fitness for a particular purpose, or any other warranty, express or implied, on the results of such services. The TG Core shall not be liable to investigator for any direct, consequential or any other damage suffered by investigator or any third party for any loss, claim or demand made by investigator, or made against investigator by any other party, relating to the ES cells produced under this Agreement. or others due to or arising from the use, storage or disposal by investigator of the ES cells produced under this Agreement.

The investigator understands and agrees to the terms and conditions outlined above.