

User conditions & Disclaimer (Cell Sorting Facility)

General Remarks

The services of the Central Cell Sort Facility are made available to all members of the CMMC, the Uniklinik Köln, the University Cologne and external users from other universities.

Service will be charged to the user on the basis of instrumentation run time and the type of instrument used. Costs for instrument runs, maintenance and consumables to operate the instruments are covered by the charge. Experiment associated costs, in particular antibodies and staining reagents, are not included and must be delivered by the user.

The invoices are set up by the Drittmittel-Abteilung and send out on a quarterly basis.

To minimize the costs of Service users are advised to roughly calculate the costs according to the charges and anticipated instrument running times. In any question please contact the Facility staff in advance.

Cancellation of fixed dates by the user should be done at least 24 hrs in advance. "No show" charged by 1 hr instrumentation run.

First visit to discuss cell analysis or cell sort procedures are free of charge. Users are strongly recommended to use the "first visit" service in order to design an optimized protocol and to plan the experiment appropriately.

Only the Operator of the Central Cell Sort Facility is allowed to run the instruments. The usage of instruments beyond regular hours are possible upon agreement with the Operator.
Data Safety

Data storage is in the obligation of the user. It is strongly recommended that data are stored on the user's CD/DVD after each run. The Facility is not responsible for loss of data.

Charges

Only the Operator is allowed to run the instruments. She/he is responsible for running the instruments according to timely and scientific standards. However, she/he is not responsible for conclusions drawn thereof.

Working with genetic engineered cells and microorganisms

The Facility runs the laboratory on the S2 safety level. The Facility must document all experiments with genetic engineered cells. It is mandatory that the user provides in advance relevant information about the biological and genetic safety of each cell type which enters one of the processes operated by the Facility. Information is provided by the "Sicherheitsdatenblatt".

Working with virus producing cells

The user must inform the Facility when work with virus producing cells is requested. The Facility must document all experiments with virus producing cells. It is mandatory that the user is providing in advance relevant information about the biological safety of each cell type which enters one of the processes operated by the Facility. Information is provided by the "Sicherheitsdatenblatt" (verlinkt mit printed forms).

Disclaimer

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