Information for Donors

Text in italics highlighted in yellow must be checked and/or modified by the sponsor of the study

Study Title
= Short or abbreviated title and complete official title of the study
+ Name of the group leader (who takes responsibility for the study)
+ Group name

Sir, Madam,

You are invited, by way of your blood donation, to participate in a research project. The information below will explain the context and conditions of the blood sample.

1. **Aim of the research project**
   *Indicate the intended goal(s) of the study in straightforward terms.*

2. **General information regarding this research project**
   - Briefly summarise the aim of the study: background, hypothesis, type of analysis/analyses carried out, expected results. Mention whether or not genetic analyses will be carried out and that these will be subject of a separate supporting consent form which must be signed.
   - State whether or not the biological material will be sent to external laboratories, in Switzerland or abroad.
   - This study shall be carried out in accordance with applicable Swiss laws and in compliance with the relevant international regulations. All analyses carried out using the donors’ blood samples have been endorsed by the financing commission for national research funds or other similar commissions (European fund, Cancer League). These analyses will be carried out in accordance with the current applicable norms and standards of good practice (correct microbiological techniques, confinement, etc.)

3. **Voluntary nature of participation**
The donation of your blood sample is a voluntary act which you may refuse at any time without justification and without detriment to yourself. One donation does not imply the obligation to supply additional samples.

4. **Blood sampling procedure**
   - If you wish to take part in this study, contact the EPFL ‘Point Santé’, hereafter Health Point (tel.: 3 20 07; email: sante@epfl.ch) to make an appointment.
   - Take this document and your consent form with you.
   - At the time of your appointment, a member of staff from the Health Point will welcome you and help you to fill out your consent form, which you will then sign. The original form will be kept at the Health Point, and you will be given a copy of it to keep. At the end of this formality, the Health Point will take a blood sample.
   - The blood sample will remain anonymous and will be transferred with a code number to the research group concerned by the Health Point. Only the Health Point will keep the...
code, stored securely, so that if necessary they may establish a link between the sample and the donor. At no moment will your name appear on the samples transferred to the researchers, in the laboratory notes or in the published results.

5. **Obligations for the donor and for the Health Point**
   As a blood donor, you must:
   - Inform the Health Point in detail regarding your health status;
   - Inform the Health Point of any medical treatments that you are currently following.
   The Health Point must:
   - Inform you if they consider the blood sample to be unsuitable and explain to you their reasons.

6. **Advantages for the donor**
   - Your blood sample donation will not provide you with any personal benefit.
   - Your participation, however, will benefit research.

7. **Risks and inconveniences of the blood sampling**
   - As for all blood sampling in a medical practice, a reaction may be provoked at the needle site: pain, redness, swelling, bump, bruising (indicates a small amount of bleeding under the skin). The risk of infection is also possible, but very rare. Even less common is the risk of dizziness or fainting. In case of problems, the Health Point will take appropriate measures, and if necessary, will direct you to a doctor.

8. **Relevant findings**
   - If, during the analyses carried out within the context of this study, an anomaly should be discovered which may have an influence on your health, you will be given the choice as to whether to be informed or not, according to the indications given on your consent form. This information will be transmitted to you in writing by the Health Point.

9. **Damage compensation**
   - In the case of eventual damages relating to your participation in this study, the public liability insurance for the EPFL contracted with Baloise Insurance will cover the compensation.

10. **Handling of personal information**
    - Only the staff of the Health Point may access your personal information. This information is stored securely and will be destroyed 10 years after the end of the study.
    - Information will not be shared with third parties, with the exception of authorities and the Cantonal Ethics Committee within the context of their supervisory role, and with the assurance of strict confidentiality of information transferred.

11. **Payment for donors**
    - No payment is provided for donors

12. **Contact**
    - For further information regarding this study, you may contact either the leader of the study project, or the Health Point via the following addresses:

   **Project leader:**
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   **Point Santé CM 0351:**
   Medical Assistant
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   1015 Lausanne - CH
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