

Information Sheet for Research Study

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NIST Generic Clearance for Program Evaluation Data Collections

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Study Title: NIST SRM1950 Customer Feedback Survey

Study Site(s): Online survey

You are invited to participate in a research study. Your participation is voluntary. This document explains information about this study. You should read the information below and ask questions about anything that you do not understand. A researcher will be able and available to answer your questions.

PURPOSE

NIST [SRM1950](#) Metabolites in Frozen Human Plasma was first made available in 2011 and has been widely used by researchers and scientists in the metabolomic and lipidomic communities and beyond. NIST will be renewing SRM1950 and/or developing new reference materials in the coming years, a process that typically takes 5-7 years.

We are conducting an information gathering survey with existing and prospective users to collect feedback on their experiences with SRM1950. The survey results will help NIST devise future reference material formulations to fulfill user needs and continue to support the clinical chemistry, metabolomic and lipidomic communities. Feedback from SRM1950 customers and the clinical chemistry, metabolomic and lipidomic communities are important to this endeavor. We are inviting you to participate because you are existing or potential customers of the NIST SRM1950.

To participate in this study, you must be at least 18 years or older.

PARTICIPANT INVOLVEMENT

If you decide to take part in this study, you will be asked to:

- Follow a link to an online survey.
- Answer questions to provide your feedback on NIST SRM1950.
- Answer demographic questions.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Your participation is confidential and voluntary. You may decline to answer any question by skipping it.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The members of the research team, NIST Research Protections Office (RPO) to include the Institutional Review Board (IRB), and the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) may access the data. The IRB reviews and monitors research studies to protect the rights and welfare of you, the research subject.

When the results of the research are published or discussed in the future, no identifiable information will be used.

We will keep your study records private and confidential. The study records will be stored on encrypted NIST computers. The survey has a question that allows participants to provide contact information if they are willing to be contacted by NIST for further information regarding SRM1950. After the data collection, the research team will perform a data cleaning process on the raw survey data to extract the contact info (if provided) to a separate data file and remove the contact info from the participant's other survey responses. Once this cleaning process is completed, the original raw survey data will be permanently purged. There will be no linkage between these two data files. The final survey data is not associated or linked back to you by anyone, including the researchers.

POSSIBLE RISKS

The risks during performance of the study activities are minimal and not greater than those ordinarily encountered in daily life or in responding to a routine questionnaire or survey.

INVESTIGATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this study, please contact Yee-Yin Choong at yee-yin.choong@nist.gov.

RPO/ IRB CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the NIST Research Protections Office and/or Institutional Review Board at 301-975-5445 or email rpoffice@nist.gov.

You should only decide to participate if the following is true for you:

I understand the above description of the research and the risks and benefits associated with my participation as a research subject. I understand that by proceeding to the next page, I am choosing to take part in this survey voluntarily.

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PLEASE KEEP IT FOR YOUR RECORDS.**