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# Submit a Request for Tissue Samples

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## Planning Your Tissue Request

- If you are not sure precisely what tissue, tissue regions, or quantities are best for your research project, please submit a request for help to the NIH NeuroBioBank before completing the on-line request.
- The Request Form requires you to provide a detailed rationale for 1) number of subjects requested, 2) amount of tissue requested per subject, and 3) number of brain regions requested. Please see the Acceptable Tissue Amount Guidelines to plan your request.
- The more restrictive your subject characteristics, the less likely a brain bank will have tissue that meets your requirements. Ensure that any restrictions you place on subject characteristics (e.g., postmortem interval (PMI), RNA Integrity Number (RIN), age range) are necessary for your study to be valid.
- If you have not performed a pilot study in human tissue, your first request should be for tissue to perform a pilot study using your proposed methods.

## Request Form

\* Indicates required field

Request Name \*  
Create a nickname for your reference

**1 Requestor Information**

First name Last name Institution

Country \* Department

Address 1 \* Position Title

Address 2 Email Website

City \* Phone Number \* Fax Number

State \* Zip/Postal Code \* Federal-Wide Assurance Number

**Principal Investigator (Please only complete if different than person listed above.)**  
For purposes of the NIH NeuroBioBank, the PI is the person whose name will appear on the MTA and is recognized by their institution as the senior researcher in the laboratory where the tissue will be utilized.

First Name Last Name Email

Have you requested tissues from the NIH NeuroBioBank before? \*  
 Yes  
 No

**3 Research Funding Information**

The NIH REPORTER tool can be used to search for active NIH Funding by Principal Investigator and other variables.

Is the research related to this request supported by funding from the National Institutes of Health? (NIH Extramural Grant, Cooperative Agreement, Contract or NIH Intramural Research) \*  
 Yes  
 No

Funding Institution Type \*  
Private Industry (Commercial)

Award Number Funding Organization

Name of Funding Agency \*

**3 Specimen Shipping Information**

Use same address as listed above

Country \* Carrier Account Number

Address 1 \* -OR  
 We will send shipment label

Address 2 Lab Contact Email

City \* Preferred Shipping Carrier \*

State/Province/Region \* Zip/Postal Code \*

Shipping Notes

**4 Requested Specimens**

**Specimen Replacements**  
The NeuroBioBank may provide replacement specimens (if available) for any specimens that are denied in your original request. To help in selecting appropriate replacements, please complete the two fields below.

**Provide the criteria that you would prefer for your selected specimens to possess.**  
For instance, list your preferences for age range, PMI, RIN, neuropathological findings, such as Braak staging, etc. If requesting control specimens, please explain which parameters must be matched (e.g., age, sex, etc.). Also state which criteria should be followed more strictly and which can be followed more loosely. Having less strict requirements will allow for a wider range of available specimens.

**Inclusion Criteria \***

**Provide the criteria that you would prefer for your selected specimens to NOT possess.**  
Be specific if you have preferences against co-morbidities (e.g., cancer, depression, substance abuse, etc.). Also state which criteria should be followed more strictly and which can be followed more loosely. Having less strict requirements will allow for a wider range of available specimens.

**Exclusion Criteria \***

Mass Change for Amount Requested  
 All Specimens  By Brain Region

Edit Requested Specimen(s)

**3 Request Details**

**Title of Research Plan \***  
This field will appear at the top of your MTA.

**Describe this request, including a summary of the rationale, main hypothesis and proposed research aims \***  
A brief overview of your research needs.

**Type of assay(s)/ platform(s) to be used \***  
Describe the assay kit(s)/platform(s) to be used, if applicable.

**Have you used the proposed methods with human post-mortem tissue? \***  
 Yes  
 No

**Is this a pilot study? \***  
 Yes  
 No

**Rationale for biospecimens requested \***  
Please provide a detailed explanation for your specimen selection (section 4, above). This will help process your request more quickly and ensure the selection of appropriate specimens.

**Will the results be used for a commercial purpose? \***  
A "Yes" response defines this as a "Commercial Purpose" request.  
 Yes  
 No

Comments

**NeuroBioBank Data Sharing**  
Researchers conducting studies using NeuroBioBank specimens are required to share their data following the Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR) guidelines of NIH Data Management and Sharing policy. Researchers are strongly encouraged to submit genomic and/or transcriptomic data generated from NeuroBioBank specimens to the NeuroBioBank Data Repository in NIMH Data Archive.

**Please attach a CV for the Principal Investigator. \***  
When you attach the file, please make sure the Document Type is set to "Principal Investigator CV"

We also encourage uploading any additional supporting documentation that is relevant to your tissue request. Uploading supporting documentation for your rationale, power analysis, etc. may improve request review times.\*

**Attach Files**

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NeuroBioBank Image Repository Instructions.pdf	1.2 MB	Remove

**Document Type**

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Power Analysis  
Rationale Supporting Documentation  
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