

## UMGC Policy On Submission of Precious or Non-Replaceable Samples

The University of Minnesota Genomics Center (UMGC) processes many thousands of samples per year, and in the great majority of cases, achieves a successful outcome. However, as is the case with all wet-lab work, there is always a chance of failure due to bad reagents, faulty instruments, or operator errors. Consequently, the UMGC cannot guarantee that submitted samples will never be inadvertently destroyed, and **requires the waiver (below) for the submission of samples that are particularly precious or irreplaceable.**

As a general rule, we advise that investigators do not provide us with the entirety of their samples. Rather, we recommend that investigators provide aliquots of their samples that they can afford to replace should the UMGC run into problems during processing. In some cases, this may not be possible. If this is the case, please read and sign the following waiver:

*I understand that despite the best efforts of the University of Minnesota Genomics Center, there is a chance that an entire sample or group of samples could be lost due to instrument or refrigeration malfunction, bad reagent lots, or operator error. I have been made aware of these risks, advised to retain backup material to protect me from such adverse events, and wish to proceed with submitting the samples listed below.*

**Alejandra T.**

Signature of researcher submitting samples

Date

Name of researcher submitting samples

Name of investigator (if not listed above)

- 1) UMGC Project Name (if known) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Number of submitted samples \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Date of submission \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Samples submitted to UMGC through (pick one):
  - a) Shipping service (FedEx, UPS, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracking number \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) UMGC drop-off location:  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1-210 CCRB \_\_\_\_\_ 1-202 NHH \_\_\_\_\_ 28 Snyder Hall