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Email communications

All email correspondence and substantive verbal discussions will occur between the Manager of this Resource and the PI for whom the service is being performed. Postdoctoral fellows, students, and staff, while they may be highly involved in the project, will not be allowed to make key decisions on behalf of the PI.

Letters of support

Requests by PIs for letters that describe the success and prices of routine services should be directed to the Manager. Please include: Name, affiliations and contact information for the Principal Investigator; Grant Title and grant mechanism; and anticipated services.

Collaborations between users of this resource and the Scientific Directors, since they are not a routine fee-for-service activity, are considered to be a private matter. The Scientific Directors are not obliged to provide letters of collaboration but may choose to do so if a project is judged to be of mutual interest.

Reporting follow-up Results

Interim results of the analysis of ESC clones and/or mice obtained from this Resource must be reported back to resource personnel as promptly as possible. Failure to provide this information in a timely manner may result in the inadvertent loss of transgenic founder animals, deterioration of unexpanded ESCs, or additional mouse cage charges.

Follow-up of Experimental Outcome

The VGER is funded by the Cancer Center Support Grant (CA68485) and the Diabetes Research Training Center (DK020593) and therefore we are obligated to follow-up with experiments performed. We will be contacting you for further information about your research projects including, but not limited to, the results of your projects and any publications that have utilized mice generated by the VGER.

VGER Grant Description

VGER is a fee-for-service Shared Resource that supports the generation and use of genetically-altered mice at Vanderbilt. It designs and performs CRISPR gene editing, embryo microinjections, and founder mouse screening and breeding. It also provides state-of-the-art cryopreservation, cryostorage, and rederivation services. The resource is staffed by personnel with many years of experience and has all of the necessary microscopes, embryo microinjection systems, incubators, and cryostorage equipment to perform these services in an efficient, reliable and cost-efficient manner.