



## Macaque Tissue Biohazard Notice & Acknowledgement

*For samples/tissues provided by: ONPRC Tissue Distribution Program*

All fresh or frozen samples of tissue or fluids from nonhuman primates are potentially contaminated with pathogens that may be infectious to humans. Pathogens present may include such agents as viruses, bacteria, parasites, or other microorganisms that are known or potential threats to people, and may be carried by asymptomatic primates. No samples derived from nonhuman primates known to be sick or carriers of pathogens are shipped from the Oregon National Primate Research Center (ONPRC), which is part of Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU). However, the Center does not analyze samples for pathogens and no samples should be assumed to be pathogen-free.

Prudence dictates that ALL nonhuman primate tissues and fluids be handled as though pathogenic agents were present. Recipients of samples who are unfamiliar with accepted procedures should seek advice from their institutions' Biosafety Officer or Occupational Health Official regarding appropriate safety training, personal protective equipment, and response to exposures through mucous membranes or skin-compromising wounds (including needle sticks).

Tissues or fluids from macaque species may harbor Macacine herpesvirus 1 (formerly Cercopithecine herpesvirus 1), which is also known as herpes B or monkey B virus. Infection in humans is extremely rare, but can have very serious consequences. Anyone at risk for exposure should be informed of the potential hazards and enrolled in an appropriate occupational health program. More information and recommendations for prevention and treatment of B virus infections can be found on the websites of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) ([www.cdc.gov/herpesvirus](http://www.cdc.gov/herpesvirus)) and the National B Virus Resource Center ([www2.gsu.edu/~wwwvir](http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwvir)).

To receive a fresh or frozen nonhuman primate sample from the Oregon National Primate Research Center, both the Principal Investigator or Authorized Institutional Representative and the Institutional Biosafety Officer or Occupational Health Official must sign and date the acknowledgment below. Please return the signed form to the address above, attention Wendy Price, or email to [onprctdp@ohsu.edu](mailto:onprctdp@ohsu.edu).

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*The undersigned, as authorized representatives, have read and understands this memorandum regarding potential hazards to human health from nonhuman primate tissues or fluids, and acknowledges that neither Oregon Health & Science University nor the Oregon National Primate Research Center has any responsibility to analyze any samples provided for any pathogens and, further, agrees to indemnify and defend Oregon Health & Science University and/or the Oregon National Primate Research Center from any claim, loss, or liability arising out of the handling and use of such samples.*

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