Sort Sample Request Form

The University of Massachusetts Flow Cytometry Core offers sorting for BSL2, BSL2+ and BSL3 categorized cells of human or animal origin. The safety of the staff and users of the facility is the ultimate concern when sorting unfixed samples containing unscreened human or nonhuman primate cells, known infectious agents (≥ risk group 2), or recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules or vectors. Therefore, information about the sample source and potentially biohazardous agents is <u>critical</u> for effective biosafety risk assessment. Please refer to our web site: http://www.umassmed.edu/facslab/ for available machines.

This form must be filled out completely and signed by the principal investigator for EACH sort requested. Appropriate biosafety approval by the IBC and the core facility is required prior the use of the machine. Without the proper risk assessment enabled by this questionnaire and supporting information, the samples will NOT be sorted or self-sorting will be refused.

Name and Laboratory:										
IBC Docket Number for cell sorting if applicable										
IBC Docket biosafety level:			BSL1		BSL2		BSL	2+	BSL3	
Are these samples of human origin?						Yes			No	
If yes, were the samples (or donors) screened for blood borne pathogens?										
(Syphilis, Hepatitis B&C, HIV 1&2, HTLV I/II, West Nile Virus)						Yes			No	
If not of human origin, list the species:										
Have human cells or tissue been involved in										
producing/preparing these samples?						Yes			No	
Do the samples contain known infectious agents?						Yes			No	
If yes, list the infectious agent(s)										
Have (potential) infectious agents been inactivated?						Yes			No	
If yes, describe the inactivation method										
Do the samples contain recombinant or synthetic nucleic acids?						Yes			No	
If yes, list the vector by name and describe the method of delivery of the r/s NA molecules: (e.g. transfection										
with expression plasmid, lentivirus transduction)										
If a viral vector was used for transduction, was the viral preparation shown to be free of										
replication-competent virus?						Yes			No	
Can the original vector be used to infect human cells?						Yes			No	
Were exogenous genes transferred into the cells?						Yes			No	
If yes, list the genes;										
Are any of these genes oncogenes or toxins?						Yes			No	
Principal Investigator Signature:										
Date:										

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 6-3276 or Carol Schrader at 6-6008.