

CellNetworks Deep Sequencing Core Facility Terms of Use

1. Purpose

CellNetworks Deep Sequencing Core Facility aims at supporting the scientific and medical research groups of Heidelberg University in Next Generation Sequencing (massive parallel sequencing).

2. Service

CellNetworks Deep Sequencing Core Facility offers the following services in respect of high throughput sequencing:

- a. Advice in the planning of high throughput sequencing projects
- b. Quality control of the samples
- c. Preparation of DNA libraries
- d. High throughput sequencing
- e. Quality control of high throughput sequencing data
- f. Temporary data storage
- g. Advice and support in data analysis

For the above mentioned services CellNetworks Deep Sequencing Core Facility will charge users a fee in order to recoup the costs for expendable material and service. The expenses are calculated individually for each project type and in consultation with the users.

3. User

Admissible users of the CellNetworks Deep Sequencing Core Facility include:

- a. Members of Heidelberg University
- b. Excellence Initiative associates (members of CellNetworks, the Hartmut Hoffmann Berling International Graduate School of Molecular and Cellular Biology HBIGS, the Project of Heidelberg Molecular Life Sciences HMLS)

The use of the Core Facility is restricted to research projects which are part of the sovereign research of Heidelberg University (no contract research, no application of evidence-based findings, non commercial use).

Approval shall be granted by the Head of Facility. Only approved users will have authorized access to the premises and the equipment of CellNetworks Deep Sequencing Core Facility.

4. User Obligations and Rights

Users have to comply with the rules and any instructions provided by CellNetworks Deep Sequencing Core Facility.

A successful quality control of the sample is the pre-condition to perform a high throughput sequencing project. CellNetworks Deep Sequencing Core Facility will decide on the quality of the sample. In case the user insists on sequencing in spite of low sample quality, the user will assume full responsibility for the experiment.

In the event of a sequencing failure, (either due to the sequencing chemistry or a mistake made on the behalf of the Deep Sequencing Core Facility), a second attempt will be performed at no cost to the user. Losses of sample material will not be compensated.

CellNetworks Deep Sequencing Core Facility will store high throughput sequencing data for a period of two months. The user is in charge of the long-term storage of his data outside of CellNetworks Deep Sequencing Core Facility. Likewise it is not possible for the Core Facility to provide long term storage of samples, and prepared libraries. Here also is a two month limit for sample/library storage, the long term storage requirements must be met by the user.

Only the German version of the terms of use ('Allgemeine Nutzungsbedingungen für die CellNetworks Deep Sequencing Core Facility') are legally binding.