



Accelerated Cure Project Sample and Data Acquisition Process

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The Accelerated Cure Project Repository solicits proposals requesting biological samples from investigators studying the causes or triggers of MS and related demyelinating diseases. To request specimens and/or data, please follow the following procedures. If you require a CDA to discuss the details of your research plans, we are happy to execute one.

1. Submit a written proposal to the Accelerated Cure Project using the [ACP Sample and Data Request](#) form. This proposal will contain information about your research plan as well as the number and type of specimens required. The proposal **must** include a description of your plans for contributing the data generated from use of the specimens back to Accelerated Cure Project for incorporation into the sample database. These plans must include type of data to be contributed, expected timing of the contribution, and quality control mechanisms to be applied to the data before contribution. Proposals are accepted and reviewed year round.
2. Your proposal will be initially reviewed by Accelerated Cure Project staff for completeness, alignment with the purpose of the repository, and our ability to fulfill the request. You will be notified if any problems are found and given the opportunity to make appropriate changes.
3. After the preliminary review is complete, your proposal will be reviewed by the Accelerated Cure Project Repository Oversight Committee, composed of representatives from Accelerated Cure Project, the Transverse Myelitis Association, the collection sites, and others. This committee will make a recommendation regarding whether to grant your request. Factors influencing this recommendation include:
 - Potential benefit to people with MS and/or related demyelinating diseases
 - Scientific merit of the application
 - Experience of the investigator
 - Adequacy of plans for contributing data generated through use of the specimens
 - Statistical validity of the study
 - Use of techniques designed to minimize the specimen volume required, if nonrenewable specimens are requested
 - Scale of experiment (data on more samples is preferred to fewer, inclusion of multiple diseases is preferred to a single disease)
4. Accelerated Cure Project will make the final decision on providing the samples and associated data. If Accelerated Cure Project cannot meet your needs, we will attempt to identify an appropriate alternative resource.

If your proposal is approved, you will be sent a letter of approval with a commitment from Accelerated Cure Project to provide the necessary specimens and/or along with a [materials](#) (or [data](#)) transfer agreement. Subsequent steps include a detailed discussion of your sample requirements (which includes a check on sample inventory) as well as identification

of the Case Report Form ([visit 1](#), [visit 2](#)) and [returned](#) data you require from the ACP database. The [costs](#) associated with your distribution will also be finalized.

If your proposal is not accepted, you will be sent a letter stating the concerns that prevented your proposal from being approved, and invited to resolve any remaining scientific issues so that the proposal may be resubmitted.

Please direct all proposals and questions about the review process, and submit completed proposals to: David Gwynne (dgwynne@acceleratedcure.org 1-613-285-8412)