



## Access Policy

# Biomarker Development Center

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Access to the Biomarker Development Center (BDC) is regulated according to the European Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures. Access is primarily regulated according to scientific excellence, but we also offer the opportunity to have access on a pay-for-use basis. We do not discriminate against anyone concerning access to the BDC on any other grounds.

All instruments and associated equipment are operated, supported and supervised by one or more BDC technicians. The technicians all have broad experience and often have in-depth knowledge on specific subjects or methods. The general policy of the BDC is to provide high-level service to every scientist and research group to the best of our abilities. Exploitation of the BDC, notably repair and maintenance of equipment, and costs of specific consumables is covered by user fees (details on request). For customers from industry or other for-profit organizations, overhead and personnel costs are added to the user fee (details on request).

The type of service, contribution and collaboration depend on the type of research project and the input from the research group:

1. Scientists who wish to have samples analyzed on an occasional basis, with questions that do not require extensive methods development, will usually interact

directly with the technical staff of the BDC and have their analyses done for an hourly user fee.

2. Scientists who have research questions which require extensive methods development discuss first with one of the on-site principal scientists. Users will be required to contribute financially to the methods development work by paying the regular hourly user fee. In the case of long-term development projects (e.g. 3 months or more) which will also enhance the overall competence of the BDC, an agreement can be made for a fixed fee according to agreed-upon criteria. This fee will be lower than simply adding up the hourly user fees. It is strongly recommended that users foreseeing such a use of the BDC discuss their project needs prior to applying for funding and include the cost in the requested project budget.
3. Scientists who have research questions where the use of cutting-edge biological mass spectrometry and related techniques are required on a structural basis (e.g. long-term biomarker discovery projects, systems biology projects), collaborate with the BDC on a scientific level. This implies, in general, that the BDC is already involved at the stage of the project design and the grant application, and that costs for the use of instrumentation, personnel and consumables are part of the project budget. Such projects may also request dedicated instrumentation in their grants, which will be housed at one of the BDC sites and will be reserved with priority for these users.
4. Scientists and commercial parties from outside the BDC will be classified in the same way as internal academic users, but the user fees include salary cost and instrument depreciation, and are generally based on a contract between the commercial party and the BDC, often including confidentiality agreements.
5. All obtained results are the property of the user unless otherwise specified in a contract. It is the principle interest of the BDC to publish results and to make the data available in public repositories following the FAIR data principles. Deviations from this principle must be regulated in dedicated contracts and are subject to approval by the Management Board of the BDC.