

Participant Information Sheet

Cellular Propeller

My name is Howard Boland. I am an artist working on a project looking at how sperm cells can be used to mobilise a synthetic plastic scaffold. The scaffold is designed as a hollow coin and is coated with a material so that sperm cells become attach to it with their head first in a perpendicular manner. The scaffold is coated in a manner that once sperm cell are attached they are able to rotate the scaffold depending on the success of the experiment and the swimming capability of the sperm cells used. If you agree to participate with your sperm cells, these will exclusively be used for the experiment purpose. As this is an experimental work, there may be a risk that the scaffold does not rotate and this should not necessarily be taken as an indication of poor sperm quality.

What will I have to do if I take part?

If you agree to take part, we will ask you to donate sperms cells. A room is made available with appropriate visuals and a container for collection. Once collected the cells are stored cool and then applied to the experimental set up once ready.

Do I have to take part?

No, **taking part is voluntary**. If you don't want to take part, you do not have to give a reason and no pressure will be out on you to try and change your mind. You can pull out at any time.

What do I do now?

Think about the information on this sheet, and ask me if you are not sure about anything. If you agree to take part, sign the consent form. The consent form will not be used to identify you. It will be filed separately from all other information. If, after the discussion, you want any more information about the study please contact me.

Will the cells be frozen?

No, the cells will not be frozen. They will be used immediately or within 6 days and stored at room temperature or refrigerator depending on the length of the exhibition.

Will my cells be destroyed after?

Yes all samples (used or otherwise) will be destroyed in accordance with biosafety procedures. This involves the removal of samples in safe containers to laboratory facilities and incinerators.

Thank you for your interest.

If you have any questions or require further information please contact me.

With thanks,
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!

