

Dear Researchers

### **kConFab's new Administration Fee Structure**

The kConFab Executive Committee met on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved a new unit-based cost recovery schedule for kConFab research projects (see below for the details). As you know, the NHMRC insist that we recover some costs, and the Administration Fee we have been charging for all projects was determined by the size of a project. This system will now cease in favour of the new scheme. The idea behind this unit-based Administration Fee structure is that it will be fairer, and more transparent. For this financial year (July 1, 2011– June 30, 2012) you will probably be billed six-monthly in January, and in July, to help our cash flow, although in future we would prefer to revert to annual billing. The overall income for kConFab will be slightly, but not hugely, increased but given our precarious financial position at the moment, any increase in income will be welcome but if our grant fortunes improve sufficiently next year we will reduce the costs.

The new biospecimen charges are roughly based on what other Australian biobanks charge, rather than on what it costs to generate them. With this scheme some researchers will end up paying more, and some will pay less but the majority of projects should see no substantive changes in costs. Some items, such as LCLs, will have a sliding scale because otherwise some projects will be priced out of existence, and LCLs benefit more than just the project for which they are generated. The new data charges are a tiny fraction of what it costs to obtain all the composite data, and are not a direct reflection of the time it takes to fulfil a request. We have grouped the data into blocks of: Base data (basic person/family data including DOB, DOD and cancer details), Pathology data, Mutation details, Epidemiology data, Treatment/prophylactic surgery data, pedigree data and contact details (which are only given to the Clinical Follow Up and psychosocial projects). The data items in each of these blocks are listed below. Please note that:

- Base data would only be charged for the data-only projects.
- If you request blood, cell lines or DNA then you don't get charged for base or mutation data; if you request tissue you don't get charged for base or pathology data.
- One hour of data processing time by the Data Manager is included with each data group requested. Any time spent above that will be charged extra (\$200/hour) to cover the extra work of a subset of requests. This charge is a reflection of the large amount of data, from many sources, being given out for these requests, and will help contribute to the costs of collecting all the data from each individual (estimated to be about \$700 in total, per person).

These prices below are those that we will charge for projects on which the Principal Investigator is based in Australia. For projects led by an overseas investigator, but which are clearly genuine collaborations with an investigator in Australia, we will charge 1.5X these rates, and for applications from Principal Investigators overseas which do not include any researchers in Australia, we will charge 2X these rates. Companies will be charged at least 2.5X times these rates (subject to negotiation).

We should also forewarn you that there might be further changes next year, depending on our financial situation and the demands of funding agencies, but in the meantime we hope that these new charges will help you to write grant applications to use kConFab data and biospecimens, and prepare you for a change in invoicing next year.

Lastly, there will be no charges for data queries necessary to write a grant application (unless they involve an extraordinary amount of the data manager's time e.g. more than two days work).

Best wishes

Stephen Fox (Chair, kConFab Executive Committee)

Unit Cost in Australian dollars	Unit
2	<1ug DNA
20	1-5ug DNA
30	>5ug DNA
140	Cell Line (n=1-5)
70	Cell lines (n=6-50)
30	Cell lines (n>50)
100	TMA Section
120	FFPE Block to borrow/core
5	FFPE stained slide to keep
5	FFPE unstained slide
600	Whole fresh tissue, including shipping
300	Whole fresh tissue, with no shipping costs
180	Fresh frozen tissue (1-10 sections)
90	RNA Later (1-10 sections)
10	Shavings from fresh frozen tissue
10	Slide - stained (fresh frozen)
10	Slide - unstained (fresh frozen)
5	Base Data per UPN
1	Consent form per UPN
1	Pathology Data per UPN
1	Mutation Data per UPN
1	Epi Data per UPN
1	Treatment Data per UPN
1	Family Relationships per UPN
1	Contact information per UPN

<b>Table</b>	<b>Fields included</b>	<b>Data Category</b>
Address	All address and phone details	Contact
BloodSpecimen	AveDaysMenstrualCycle	Base
BloodSpecimen	CurrentlyPregnant	Base
BloodSpecimen	DateLastMenstrual	Base
BloodSpecimen	DateTaken	Base
BloodSpecimen	Menopause	Base
BloodSpecimen	NonBloodType	Base
BloodSpecimen	OCP	Base
BloodSpecimen	PMN	Base
Cancer	CancerSite	Base
Cancer	Diagnosed	Base
Cancer	DiagnosedAge	Base
Cancer	DiagnosedApprox	Base
Cancer	DiagnosisDateUnknown	Base
Cancer	Laterality	Base
Cancer	VerificationOutcome	Base
Death	CancerCause	Base
Death	CancerSite	Base
Death	Comment	Base
Family	CriteriaOnEntry	Base
Family	CriteriaOnReview	Base
Family	UFN	Base
OtherStudy	OtherStudy	Base
Person	DeathDate	Base
Person	DeathDateApprox	Base
Person	Deceased	Base
Person	DOB	Base
Person	DOBUnknown	Base
Person	Gender	Base
Person	NoFamilyHistory	Base
Person	UPN	Base
TissueCollection	DateArrived	Base
TissueCollection	DateSent	Base
TissueCollection	DateTaken	Base
TissueCollection	DeliveryProblems	Base
TissueCollection	Prophylactic	Base
TissueCollection	TissueType	Base
BreastEpi1	All Epi fields	Epi
PersonRelation	PersonID	Family relationship
PersonRelation	PersonID2	Family relationship
PersonRelation	Relation	Family relationship
ClassifiedMutation	Gene	Mutation
ClassifiedMutation	HGVS Nomenclature	Mutation
ClassifiedMutation	MutationEffect	Mutation
ClassifiedMutation	Nomenclature	Mutation
Mutation	Comment	Mutation
Mutation	DateResultReceived	Mutation
Mutation	DateSent	Mutation
Mutation	Exon13	Mutation

Mutation	FamilyMutation	Mutation
Mutation	FullScreen	Mutation
Mutation	Gene	Mutation
Mutation	HardcopyReport	Mutation
Mutation	Lab	Mutation
Mutation	LargeDeletion	Mutation
Mutation	MutationDesc	Mutation
Mutation	MutationResult	Mutation
Mutation	Predictive	Mutation
Mutation	ResultType	Mutation
Mutation	SampleType	Mutation
Mutation	TestMethod	Mutation
TestSensitivity	Gene	Mutation
TestSensitivity	Sensitivity	Mutation
BreastPathology	DCIS	Pathology
BreastPathology	DCISComedo	Pathology
BreastPathology	DCISGrade	Pathology
BreastPathology	DCISNecrosis	Pathology
BreastPathology	ExtranodalSpread	Pathology
BreastPathology	Location	Pathology
BreastPathology	LymphovascularInvasion	Pathology
BreastPathology	MitosisScore	Pathology
BreastPathology	MitoticRate	Pathology
BreastPathology	NuclearGrade	Pathology
BreastPathology	OutsideMargin	Pathology
BreastPathology	Pagets	Pathology
BreastPathology	ResectionMargin	Pathology
BreastPathology	SkinMuscle	Pathology
BreastPathology	TubularFormation	Pathology
BreastPathology	WithinMargin	Pathology
Pathology	Behaviour	Pathology
Pathology	BlockNA	Pathology
Pathology	BlockNo	Pathology
Pathology	CA125	Pathology
Pathology	CancerSite	Pathology
Pathology	Comment	Pathology
Pathology	ConfirmationType	Pathology
Pathology	DCISGrade	Pathology
Pathology	DCISInvolvedMargin	Pathology
Pathology	DCISMarginDistance	Pathology
Pathology	DCISMorphologyID	Pathology
Pathology	DCISOutsideInvasive	Pathology
Pathology	DCISSize	Pathology
Pathology	DCISWithinInvasive	Pathology
Pathology	Gleason	Pathology
Pathology	Grade	Pathology
Pathology	HER2	Pathology
Pathology	HPVEffect	Pathology
Pathology	InvolvedMargin	Pathology
Pathology	LabRefNo	Pathology
Pathology	MarginDistance	Pathology
Pathology	NodesPositive	Pathology
Pathology	NodesTested	Pathology
Pathology	Oestrogen	Pathology

Pathology	PathCentre	Pathology
Pathology	PathologyProcedure	Pathology
Pathology	PathSampleType	Pathology
Pathology	Progesterone	Pathology
Pathology	Prophylactic	Pathology
Pathology	PSA	Pathology
Pathology	ReportDate	Pathology
Pathology	Side	Pathology
Pathology	Stage	Pathology
Pathology	StageCalculated	Pathology
Pathology	Topography	Pathology
Pathology	Tumour	Pathology
Pathology	TumourSize	Pathology
ResearchPathology	ArchitecturalPattern	Pathology
ResearchPathology	Epithelium	Pathology
ResearchPathology	Grade	Pathology
ResearchPathology	MitoticActivity	Pathology
ResearchPathology	Necrosis	Pathology
ResearchPathology	Neoplastic	Pathology
ResearchPathology	NonNeoLymph	Pathology
ResearchPathology	NonNeoStroma	Pathology
ResearchPathology	Normal	Pathology
ResearchPathology	NuclearPleomorphism	Pathology
ResearchPathology	Pathologist	Pathology
ResearchPathology	PathologyID	Pathology
ResearchPathology	PathScoreSheetDate	Pathology
ResearchPathology	Tumour	Pathology
TreatmentProcedure	Cancer	Treatment
TreatmentProcedure	CancerTreatment	Treatment
TreatmentProcedure	EndDate	Treatment
TreatmentProcedure	OtherProcedure	Treatment
TreatmentProcedure	StartDate	Treatment