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Information required for development of disease-specific cell lines

1. Nature of the disease
2. Cell type – Attached cells or floating population of cells
3. Growth conditions for the cells – growth medium and any specific growth factor requirement
4. Fresh isolate or passaged (if passaged, passage number)
5. Percentage purity of cells – is it 100% homogeneous population or mixed with other cell types
6. Number of cells provided – we can work with 10^5 - 10^6 cells. If only 10^5 cells are provided, the turnaround time will be longer (5-6 weeks) whereas with 10^6 cells, the turnaround time will be 3-4 weeks
7. Are they tested for HIV and hepatitis viruses – We will accept only if they are HIV, HBV and HCV negative