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Introduction of heat packs for the stabilisation of functional cellular tests

Dear Colleagues,

in order to provide you with ever better and more reliable measurement results, we are constantly working on new optimizing processes. In recent years, very low ambient temperatures in the winter months have repeatedly affected **functional cellular tests** (such as ELISpots), so we have unfortunately had to inform you more frequently in the past that samples could not be evaluated.

In order to avoid this problem **in the future**, you can now obtain **heat-packs** from us, which ensure a constant temperature during sample transport. This procedure will ensure that there are significantly fewer cancellations and we will be able to determine reliable measurement results for you. In extensive pre-tests, the new procedure has proven to be **very robust and reliable**.

The use of heatpacks is recommended for all functional cellular tests analogous to the „O to E rule“ from **October to Easter** or when there is a risk of freezing during the transport period. Use is not recommended at outdoor temperatures above 15-20°C, as excessively high temperatures can also negatively affect the cells.

With kind regards

Yours Burkhard Schütz

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