**Protocol for excising band or spot in PAGE for LC/MS/MS sample submission**

The submitter can excise the bands/ spots of interest and submit each band/spot in a separate tube using the following protocol:

1. Clean a glass plate with ethanol using kim wipes or other lint-free wipes.
2. Spread lint-free wipes on surface of working area. Place cleaned glass plate on this working surface.
3. Place the gel on the glass plate surface.
4. Clean a scalpel or clean, rust-free razor blade using ethanol and kim wipes.
5. Use a clean scalpel and cut out band or spot of interest removing the unstained area of the band or spot.
6. Place the portion of the gel containing the gel or spot in a clean polypropylene tube such as a 1.5 ml microfuge tube.
7. Close the cap on the tube. Make sure that the seal is intact.
8. Add tube(s) to a plastic bag and seal bag.
9. Place bag in shipping container, one that will not crush tubes when shipped.
10. Ship to our address or bring to our location shown below:

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