Lipid Sample Preparation

For total fatty acid quantification:

- 1. Collect 5 ml cell culture (roughly 3x10⁶ cells/ml)
- 2. Vacuum filter cells on Whatman GF/A 25 mm circles (cat No 1820-025)
- 3. Place filter with cells in a 1.5 ml screw cap tube
- 4. Freeze in liquid nitrogen
- 5. Lyophilize
- 6. Store at -80°C until ready to ship to Benning Lab
- 7. Ship on dry ice

For relative fatty acid composition/%TAG assay:

- 1. Collect 20 ml cell culture (roughly 3x10⁶ cells/ml)
- 2. Centrifuge in clinical centrifuge at setting 5 or 6 for 5 minutes in Falcon tubes
- 3. Resuspend pellet in 1 ml milli-Q water
- 4. Transfer to a 1.5 ml screw cap tube
- 5. Centrifuge at 13.2 krpm for 2 minutes in microcentrifuge at room temperature Discard supernatant
- 6. Freeze in liquid nitrogen
- 7. Lyophilize
- 8. Store at -80°C until ready to ship to Benning Lab
- 9. Ship on dry ice