As stated in the manuscript and in the submission fields, the CCF-STTG1 Cell line is purchased from ATCC, the American Type Culture Collection. [https://www.atcc.org/products/all/CRL-1718.aspx#generalinformation](https://www.atcc.org/products/all/CRL-1718.aspx#generalinformation)

The NMSU policy is posted on the web page: [http://compliance.research.nmsu.edu/IRBexempt](http://compliance.research.nmsu.edu/IRBexempt)

**Item 4 applies: “4. Existing Data or Specimens**

*Research involving the collection or study of existing data documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens, if these sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by the investigator in such a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.*

NIH states the following: [https://humansubjects.nih.gov/human-specimens-cell-lines-data](https://humansubjects.nih.gov/human-specimens-cell-lines-data)

> “Research that proposes the use of human cell lines available from the American Type Culture Collection or a similar repository is not considered human subjects research because the cells are publicly available and all of the information known about the cell lines (perhaps, including the donor) is also publicly available.”