

The following rules apply to contact messages on ResearchMatch:

No study team identifiers: no e-mail addresses, names of members, name of lab, name of study, address, phone number

Maximum 2000 characters

No embedded surveys

*Remember that if you plan to use ResearchMatch as part of your recruitment efforts, you must specify this in your IRB application.

Example Contact Message:

Are you interested in helping researchers who are trying to learn more about the causes of motor neuron diseases such as ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and SMA? Researchers at Vanderbilt are looking for study volunteers.

You may be eligible for this study if:

You are 18 years or older.

You are a healthy volunteer OR if a physician has determined that you have ALS, SMA or another disorder affecting the motor neuron or nerve.

You are available for one visit for approximately 1 hour.

You are willing to have a small biopsy of skin taken from a small spot on your leg.

The skin around the spot will be numbed prior to the sample being taken. The skin biopsy procedure is a standard technique used to look at nerve fibers in the skin. For this study, the researchers will use the skin cells from the biopsy to grow a lot of skin cells (called a culture) and these will be converted to nerve cells.

If you are interested in hearing more about this study, please click "yes" so that a study team member may contact you.