

Permission Request Letter Template

Dear <Journal Publisher>,

I am writing to request permission to reproduce figures showing <data type> from <Journal> articles on the Xenbase website (<http://www.xenbase.org>).

Xenbase is the *Xenopus* model organism database, a centralized community resource for *Xenopus* genetic, genomic, and developmental data. Xenbase is an NIH-funded Model Organism Database, affiliated with the University of Calgary and Cincinnati Children's Hospital. More information on model organisms is available from the NIH at: <http://www.nih.gov/science/models/>

We are now able to display figures and figure legends from publications that have granted us permission to reproduce this material. All figures are clearly connected to a corresponding publication record in our database, which lists complete reference information, including title, authors, abstract, and journal source. All figure legends provide relevant copyright notices and acknowledgments.

Below is a typical Xenbase web page showing journal figures:
<http://www.xenbase.org/literature/article.do?method=display&articleId=39488>

Each figure and article is cross-indexed with Xenbase gene pages. Our goal is to allow researchers and students to search the entire *Xenopus* literature for the most relevant data, so that they can then obtain the relevant articles and cite them in their own work.

We anticipate that the inclusion in Xenbase of figures from a journal article will increase the number of researchers reading and citing that article. We hope that this will benefit both the scientific community and the journal.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.