Dear …

My lab would like to do our part as scientists and create actionable change against racism and injustice in our past, present and future. We would like to join a growing group of scientists and companies to make donations to the Henrietta Lacks Foundation (<http://henriettalacksfoundation.org/>) for our use of HeLa cells. HeLa cells are invaluable to biomedical research, but were obtained unethically and without the knowledge of Henrietta Lacks, a Black women, or her family. The Henrietta LacksFoundation supports individuals and families who have made important contributions to scientific research without personally benefiting from those contributions. My lab would like to donate up to $X each year for our use of HeLa cells. I understand that other Universities are allowing their scientists to use unrestricted funds for this purpose and am writing to ask what our university policy is.

You can read about this growing movement in these articles in the *Wall Street Journal* (<https://www.wsj.com/articles/henrietta-lacks-and-her-remarkable-cells-will-finally-see-some-payback-11596295285>) and *Nature* (<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-02494-z>). You can read the call to action from the Reck-Peterson lab at UC San Diego here (<http://reck-peterson.ucsd.edu/diversity>).

Thank you and best wishes,