

1. Desired Needs Leading to Final Design Objectives

- a. Develop a low-cost, automated sorting system to classify organoids.
- b. reduce slow and subjective manual sorting of brain organoids.
- c. Maintain organoid viability and sterility during transport, imaging, and sorting

2. Major Constraints

- a. **Safety/Regulatory Affairs:** Materials must be biocompatible and non-toxic, such as PDMS and glass.
- b. **Risks:** Improper handling of resin, PDMS curing materials, or cleaning chemicals may create chemical exposure risks.
- c. **Global Impact:** More consistent organoid sorting can improve disease modeling and drug screening.
- d. **Manufacturability:** The modular design makes it easier to replace or modify individual parts, such as the channel chip, tubing, valve, or camera system.
- e. **Quality Control/Marketability:** Low estimated prototype cost of about \$400 improves marketability.

3. Major Engineering Standards

- a. **ISO 22916:** Relevant to microfluidic device dimensions, connections, and device classification.
- b. **ISO 10993-1:** Relevant to biological evaluation and biocompatibility of device materials.

4. Ethical, Environmental, or Societal Concerns

- a. Since organoids are used in human disease modeling, reliable quality control is important for reproducible research.
- b. PDMS, resin, tubing, and disposable components create lab waste, so future designs should consider reusable or lower-waste components.

5. Active Teamwork and Leadership

- a. Team members divided work across CAD/prototyping, PDMS manufacturing, image processing, device design, pinch valve development.
- b. The group worked toward deadlines by completing design iteration, prototype fabrication, and validation testing in stages.

6. Motivating Factors

- a. The main motivation was solving a real limitation in brain organoid research: manual sorting is slow, subjective, and can damage organoids.
- b. First time building a computer vision-based CNN system for a biological sorting device; motivated to learn image processing.

7. Innovative/Entrepreneurial Ideas

- a. The project combines millifluidic organoid handling, real-time imaging, CNN morphology classification, and Arduino-controlled pinch valve sorting into one low-cost platform.