

## **NINDS Human Cell and Data Repository Material Transfer Agreement (Master Cell Bank GMP)**

This Materials Transfer Agreement (the “MTA”) is made as of this \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, (the “Effective Date”) by and between [NHCDR], with an office at [145 Bevier Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854] (“Provider”), and [PLEASE INSERT FULL LEGAL NAME OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (“Principal Investigator”), REPRESENTING \_\_\_\_\_ (“Institution”), with an office at [PLEASE INSERT PI ADDRESS].

### **MISSION**

The mission of the **NINDS Human Cell and Data Repository (NHCDR)** is to provide, develop, and manage cell and data research resources in order to advance discoveries into the causes and treatments of neurological diseases while concurrently protecting the rights of subjects providing human material resources.

### **PURCHASE PROCESS**

This **Material Transfer Agreement (MTA)** must be executed by each investigator requesting **cell lines (NINDS Materials)** from the NHCDR. Both the **Principal Investigator** and the institutional official who is authorized to make *legally binding* agreements for the **institution that employs the Principal Investigator (Institution)** must sign this MTA. Please note that the Institution will also be provided with appropriate certificate of assurance on cell lines to include karyotype information, pluripotency markers, mycoplasma testing, viral testing, etc.

In addition to this MTA, the Principal Investigator must complete a **Statement of Research Intent (SRI)** (electronically for on-line orders or in hard copy for special requests for secondary distribution) describing the purpose of the research to be done using the NINDS Materials. Please note that if the request is for LiPSC-GR1.1 Master Cell Bank (GMP) materials, NHCDR may request proof of a pre-IND meeting with the FDA related to the SRI for which the cells are sought or evidence that the Principal Investigator has requested to reference the Master Drug File (MDF) for deposited LiPSC-GR1.1 Master Cell Bank (GMP) materials at the FDA.

All fully executed MTAs will be kept on file at the NHCDR and considered applicable to subsequent purchases made by the Principal Investigator if at the same institution named in the originally signed MTA. If the NHCDR substantially revises this form in the future, the NHCDR reserves the right to require the Principal Investigator’s Institution to execute the latest version of the MTA. A new SRI describing the intended research is required for all purchases.

### **HUMAN SUBJECTS ISSUES**

Principal Investigator and Institution acknowledge that the conditions for use of the NINDS Materials are governed by the Rutgers University Institution Review Board (**IRB**) and must be in compliance with the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), regulations for the protection of human subjects found at 45 CFR Part 46. Under these regulations, research activities involving publicly available, existing specimens and data or research with existing specimens and data from which human subjects cannot be identified, either directly or through linked identifiers, may be exempt from the DHHS policy for protection of human research subjects (45 CFR §46.101(b)(4)). Recipient Principal Investigator and Institution remains subject to all state and local laws or regulations and institutional policies which may provide additional protections for human subjects.

When applicable to research described in the SRI, Principal Investigator should adhere to ethical standards established by the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR).

NHCDR will under no circumstances provide information that will allow identification of individual subjects. Further, the Principal Investigator agrees not to try to identify or contact the donor subject from whom the sample was derived.

#### **DETERMINATION OF OWNERSHIP**

Inventions and ownership of intellectual property resulting from the research will be determined by U.S. patent law.

#### **COMMERCIAL USE**

NINDS Materials were developed by Lonza under contract for the NIH. While NINDS places no restriction on development of commercial products resulting from the knowledge gained from research using the NINDS Materials. The iPS Academia Japan, Inc. (“iPS AJ”), in addition to other third parties, own patents that may cover certain of the NINDS Materials. iPS AJ can be contacted at <http://ips-cell.net/e/license/policy.html> to discuss obtaining a commercial license. The NHCDR cannot provide a warranty or any assurances whatsoever relating to third-party property interests that may exist in the NINDS Materials. The attached Appendix A, “Notification to Recipient,” is incorporated fully into this MTA as required by Lonza’s license with iPS AJ and cannot be further modified. The Principal Investigator and the Institution will be responsible for adhering to the terms and conditions in Appendix A as well as those in the MTA. The terms and conditions attached hereto as Appendix A shall take precedence over any contrary or inconsistent terms and conditions appearing or referred to in this MTA.

#### **DESTRUCTION AND FINAL REPORT**

Unless instructed otherwise by NHCDR, Principal Investigator must provide a report within five (5) years of receipt of the NINDS Materials or upon completion of research described under the SRI, whichever is shorter. Within six (6) months after the completion of the SRI using the NINDS Materials, Principal Investigator must email [NINDS@dls.rutgers.edu](mailto:NINDS@dls.rutgers.edu) a final report including: (i) a brief summary of the research results or outcome of the project; (ii) a list of related publications or presentations; and (iii) a statement attesting destruction of the NINDS Materials. Principal Investigator should include his/her current contact information in the final report should follow up be required.

#### **PUBLICATION**

Principal Investigator must acknowledge the NHCDR and the NINDS Materials identification number in any publications or presentations based on research utilizing the NINDS Materials. Additionally, the following acknowledgement statement must be included in all publications, “*Generation of the GMP line LiPSC-GRI.1 was supported by the NIH Common Fund [Regenerative Medicine Program](#), and reported in [Stem Cell Reports](#). The NIH Common Fund and the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences ([NCATS](#)) are joint stewards of the LiPSC-GRI.1 resource.*”

#### **BIOHAZARD**

All cultured animal and human cells as well as other human biological have the potential for carrying viruses, latent viral genomes, and other infectious agents in a latent or inactive state. NINDS Materials should always be handled carefully by trained persons under laboratory conditions which afford adequate biohazard containment following MINIMUM SAFETY GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED FOR WORKING WITH HUMAN CELL CULTURES. By accepting the NINDS Materials, the undersigned assumes full responsibility for their safe and appropriate handling under GMP conditions. Principal Investigator agrees to provide notice to the NHCDR of any containment or quality issues related to the NINDS Materials.

## **WARRANTY AND LIABILITY**

THE NHC DR MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS AND EXTENDS NO WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR THAT THE USE OF THE MATERIAL WILL NOT INFRINGE ANY PATENT, COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARK, OR OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS.

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**Liability Statement for Institutions Receiving NINDS Materials:** Institution agrees to be responsible for any claims, costs, damages, or expenses resulting from any injury (including death), damage, or loss that may arise from its use or distribution of the NINDS Materials obtained under this agreement or any derivatives thereof to the extent permitted by law.

**Liability Statement for U.S. Government Laboratories Receiving NINDS Materials:** Institution assumes the liability for any claims, damages, injuries, or expenses arising from its use of NINDS Materials or derivatives, but only to the extent provided under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. Chapter 171).

**Indemnification:** Unless Institution is a State Institution or federal agency or is otherwise prohibited by law, Institution agrees to hold harmless the United States Government, Rutgers University, the NINDS Human Cell and Data Repository and the contributor of the NINDS Materials from any claims, costs, damages, or expenses resulting from any injury (including death), damage, or loss that may arise from its use. This provision shall also apply to any derivatives of the NINDS Materials.

## SIGNATURES

We, the undersigned, have read and understand this document and agree to adhere to the terms and conditions stated therein.

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Principal Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Principal Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution Official who can make legal commitments on behalf of the Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Institution Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Institution Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The signed MTA and the SRI may be submitted to the NHCDR through the NHCDR online catalog**

**To contact the NHCDR**

**e-mail:** [NINDS@dls.rutgers.edu](mailto:NINDS@dls.rutgers.edu)

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## Appendix A

### Notification to RECIPIENT

#### Definitions:

LONZA: Lonza Walkersville, Inc. and any of its affiliates.

CLIENT: The person or entity purchasing MATERIAL from LONZA.

RECIPIENT: CLIENT and/or any party receiving the MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS either directly or indirectly from CLIENT.

MATERIAL: Pluripotent cells, derivatives of pluripotent cells, genetic modifications of pluripotent cells, partially-differentiated cells, and terminally-differentiated cells.

ALTERED CELLS: Changes made to the MATERIAL made only by a RECIPIENT.

COMMERCIAL PURPOSES: The sale, lease, license, or other transfer of MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS to a for-profit organization. COMMERCIAL PURPOSES shall also include uses of MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS by a for-profit organization, to perform contract research, to perform screening of compound libraries to produce or manufacture products for general sale, or to conduct research activities that result in any sale, lease, license, or transfer of MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS. However, industrially sponsored academic research shall not be considered a use of MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS for COMMERCIAL PURPOSES per se, unless any of the above conditions of this definition are met. NOR WILL SENDING THE MATERIAL OR ALTERED CELLS TO A FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION TO PERFORM SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE RECIPIENT SUCH AS KARYOTYPING, HYBRIDIZATION, ARRAY AND GENOME ANALYSIS UNLESS THE ABOVE CONDITIONS ARE MET.

1. RECIPIENT shall have the right, without restriction, to distribute MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS to academic organizations or to academic core laboratories for their internal non-commercial purpose only, which may include generation of data. RECIPIENT may also distribute MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS to for-profit organizations under appropriate license from any third party(ies) required for such distribution.

2. RECIPIENT shall acknowledge that the MATERIAL and ALTERED CELLS is or may be the subject of an issued patent or pending patent application. Except as provided in this Notification, no express or implied licenses or other rights are provided to RECIPIENT under any patents, patent applications, trade secrets, licenses or other proprietary rights (“INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY”) of LONZA, or any third parties, including any altered forms of the MATERIAL made by LONZA. In particular, no express or implied licenses or other rights are provided to use the MATERIAL, or any related patents of LONZA, or any third parties, for COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

3. If RECIPIENT desires to use or license the MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS for COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, RECIPIENT agrees, in advance of such use, to negotiate in good faith with parties holding applicable intellectual property rights to establish the terms of a commercial license. It is understood by RECIPIENT that LONZA or any third party shall have no obligation to grant such a license to RECIPIENT, and may grant exclusive or non-exclusive commercial licenses to others, or sell or assign all or part of the rights in the MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS to any third party(ies), subject to any pre-existing rights held by others and obligations to the Federal Government. For clarity, any terminally-differentiated cells made and sold by LONZA may be used by RECIPIENT for COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

Nothing in this paragraph, however, shall prevent RECIPIENT from granting commercial licenses under RECIPIENT's intellectual property rights claiming ALTERED CELLS, or methods of their manufacture or their use.

4. Any MATERIAL and ALTERED CELLS delivered pursuant to this Notification is understood to be experimental in nature and may have hazardous properties. LONZA MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS AND EXTENDS NO WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED. THERE ARE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR THAT THE USE OF THE MATERIAL AND ALTERED CELLS WILL NOT INFRINGE ANY PATENT, COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARK, OR OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS.

5. Except to the extent prohibited by law, RECIPIENT assumes all liability for damages which may arise from its use, storage or disposal of the MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS. LONZA will not be liable to RECIPIENT for any loss, claim or demand made by RECIPIENT, or made against RECIPIENT by any other party, due to or arising from the use of the MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS by RECIPIENT, except to the extent permitted by law when caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of LONZA.

6. RECIPIENT agrees to use MATERIAL and ALTERED CELLS in compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations and agrees to notify RECIPIENT of same. For the removal of doubt, RECIPIENT shall not use MATERIAL and ALTERED CELLS for application and use for human/animal therapeutic, diagnostic and/or prophylactic purposes including but not limited to clinical applications, cell therapy, transplantation, and /or regenerative medicine without appropriate license.

7. RECIPIENT shall be required to convey a copy of this "Notification to RECIPIENT" to any person or party receiving MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS from RECIPIENT.

8. LONZA has obtained its rights to manufacture the MATERIAL pursuant to a non-exclusive license agreement ("the AJ agreement") with iPS Academia Japan, Inc. ("AJ"). No rights, either express or implied, obtained by LONZA in the AJ agreement are provided to RECIPIENT to use the MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS.

9. If RECIPIENT desires to use or license the MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS for COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, RECIPIENT is not required to obtain further license or other rights from LONZA resulting from its manufacturing of the MATERIAL. Notwithstanding, the RECIPIENT is still required to meet the obligations of any other party (which may include AJ) provided for in this notification for use of the MATERIAL or ALTERED CELLS for COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.