

COMMERCIAL INTERNAL RESEARCH SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT

This **Agreement** is based on the model Commercial Internal Research Software License Agreement for commercial entities adopted by the U.S. Public Health Service (“**PHS**”) Technology Transfer Policy Board for use by components of the National Institutes of Health (“**NIH**”), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“**CDC**”), and the Food and Drug Administration (“**FDA**”), which are agencies of the **PHS** within the Department of Health and Human Services (“**HHS**”).

This Cover Page identifies the Parties to this **Agreement** between
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as represented by
[Insert the full name of the IC]
an Institute or Center (hereinafter referred to as the “**IC**”) of the
NIH

and

[Insert Company’s official name],
hereinafter referred to as the “**Licensee**”,
having offices at [Insert Company’s address],
created and operating under the laws of [Insert State of Incorporation].

Tax ID No.: _____

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18. The **Licensee** agrees to pay to the **IC** a noncreditable, nonrefundable license issue royalty within thirty (30) days of being invoiced for the same, as set forth in Appendix A. The **IC** will provide the **Software** to the **Licensee** in a computer readable media format or deliver instructions and a password to allow the **Licensee**

to download the **Software**, upon receiving verification that such payment was made and no later than thirty (30) days after receiving such verification.

19. All payments under this **Agreement** shall be paid in U.S. dollars. For conversion of foreign currency to U.S. dollars, the conversion rate shall be the New York foreign exchange rate quoted in *The Wall Street Journal* on the day that the payment is due. All checks and bank drafts shall be drawn on United States banks and shall be payable, as appropriate, to "NIH/Patent Licensing". All such payments shall be made or be sent to the address indicated in Appendix B. Any loss of exchange, value, taxes, or other expenses incurred in the transfer or conversion to U.S. dollars shall be paid entirely by the **Licensee**.
20. The effective date of this **Agreement** shall be the date on which the last party signs this **Agreement** unless the provision of Paragraph 25 is not fulfilled.
21. In the event that the **Licensee** is in default in the performance of any material obligations under this **Agreement**, and if the default has not been remedied within ninety (90) days after the date of notice in writing of such default, the **IC** may terminate this **Agreement** by written notice.
22. The **IC** reserves the right according to [35 U.S.C. §209\(d\)\(3\)](#) to terminate or modify this **Agreement** if it is determined that such action is necessary to meet requirements for public use specified by Federal regulations issued after the date of the license and such requirements are not reasonably satisfied by the **Licensee**.
23. The provisions of this **Agreement** are severable, and in the event that any provision of this **Agreement** shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable under any controlling body of law, such determination shall not in any way affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this **Agreement**.
24. The construction, validity, performance, and effect of this **Agreement** shall be governed by Federal law as applied by the Federal Courts in the District of Columbia.
25. The terms and conditions of this **Agreement** shall, at the **IC's** sole option, be considered by the **IC** to be withdrawn from the **Licensee's** consideration and the terms and conditions of this **Agreement**, and the **Agreement** itself to be null and void, unless this **Agreement** is executed by the **Licensee** and a fully executed original is received by the **IC** within sixty (60) days from the date of the **IC's** signature found at the Signature Page.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

For **IC**:

Name
Title
Office
National Institutes of Health

Date

For the **Licensee** (Upon, information and belief, the undersigned expressly certifies or affirms that the contents of any statements of the **Licensee** made or referred to in this document are truthful and accurate.):

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Printed Name

Title

Address for Notices

Any false or misleading statements made, presented, or submitted to the United States Government or any agency thereof, including any relevant omissions, under this **Agreement** and during the course of negotiation of this **Agreement** are subject to all applicable civil and criminal statutes including Federal statutes [31 U.S.C. §§3801-3812](#) (civil liability) and [18 U.S.C. §1001](#) (criminal liability including fine(s) and/or imprisonment).

APPENDIX A

Software Description:

Acknowledgments:

Inventor:

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Royalties:

A noncreditable, nonrefundable license one-time royalty in the amount of:

_____ 1-4 user seats, at USD\$XXX per license.	Number of Seats:	Total : USD\$ _____
_____ 5-11 user seats, at USD\$XXX per license.	Number of Seats:	Total : USD\$ _____
_____ 12+ user seats, at USD\$XXX per license.	Number of Seats:	Total : USD\$ _____

Appendix B – Royalty Payment Options

Checks are no longer accepted.

New Payment Options Effective September 2024

The License Number (L-xxx-xxxx-x) MUST appear on payments, reports, and correspondence.

Agency Contacts: Office of Technology Transfer (OTT) OTT-Royalties@mail.nih.gov

Credit and Debit Card Payments: Credit and debit card payments can be submitted for amounts up to \$24,999. Submit your payment through the U.S. Treasury web site located at: <https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/28680443>.

Electronic Funds Wire Transfers: The following account information is provided for wire payments. In order to process payment via Electronic Funds Wire Transfer sender MUST supply the following information within the transmission:

Drawn on a **U.S. bank account** via FEDWIRE:

Please provide the following instructions to your Financial Institution for the remittance of Fedwire payments to the **NIH ROYALTY FUND**.

Fedwire Field Tag	Fedwire Field Name	Required Information
{1510}	Type/Subtype	1000
{2000}	Amount	<i>(enter payment amount)</i>
{3400}	Receiver ABA routing number*	021030004
{3400}	Receiver ABA short name	TREAS NYC
{3600}	Business Function Code	CTR (or CTP)
{4200}	Beneficiary Identifier (account number)	<i>(enter 12-digit gateway account #)</i> 875080031006
{4200}	Beneficiary Name	<i>(enter agency name associated with the Beneficiary Identifier)</i> DHHS / NIH (75080031)
{5000}	Originator	<i>(enter the name of the originator of the payment)</i> COMPANY NAME
{6000}	Originator to Beneficiary Information - Line 1	<i>(enter information to identify the purpose of the payment)</i> ROYALTY
{6000}	Originator to Beneficiary Information - Line 2	<i>(enter information to identify the purpose of the payment)</i> LICENSE NUMBER (L-xxx-xxxx-x)
{6000}	Originator to Beneficiary Information - Line 3	<i>(enter information to identify the purpose of the payment)</i> INVOICE NUMBER
{6000}	Originator to Beneficiary Information - Line 4	<i>(enter information to identify the purpose of the payment)</i>
<p>Notes:</p> <p>*The financial institution address for Treasury's routing number is 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045.</p> <p>**Anything other than the 12-digit gateway account # will cause the Fedwire to be returned.</p>		

Drawn on a **non-US bank account** via FEDWIRE:

The following instructions pertain to the Fedwire Network. Deposits made in US Dollars (USD).

Should your remitter utilize a correspondent US domestic bank in transferring electronic funds, the following Fedwire instructions are applicable.

Fedwire Field Tag	Fedwire Field Name	Required Information
{ 1510 } { 1510 }	Type/Subtype	1000
{ 2000 }	Amount	<i>(enter payment amount)</i>
{ 3100 }	Sender Bank ABA routing number	<i>(enter the US correspondent bank's ABA routing number)</i>
{ 3400 }	Receiver ABA routing number*	021030004
{ 3400 }	Receiver ABA short name	TREAS NYC
{ 3600 }	Business Function Code	CTR (or CTP)
{ 4200 }	Beneficiary Identifier (account number)**	<i>(enter 12-digit gateway account #)</i> 875080031006
{ 4200 }	Beneficiary Name	<i>(enter agency name associated with the Beneficiary Identifier)</i> DHHS / NIH (75080031)
{ 5000 }	Originator	<i>(enter the name of the originator of the payment)</i> COMPANY'S NAME
{ 6000 }	Originator to Beneficiary Information - Line 1	<i>(enter information to identify the purpose of the payment)</i> ROYALTY
{ 6000 }	Originator to Beneficiary Information - Line 2	<i>(enter information to identify the purpose of the payment)</i> LICENSE NUMBER (L-xxx-xxxx-x)
{ 6000 }	Originator to Beneficiary Information - Line 3	<i>(enter information to identify the purpose of the payment)</i> INVOICE NUMBER
{ 6000 }	Originator to Beneficiary Information - Line 4	<i>(enter information to identify the purpose of the payment)</i>
<p>Notes: *The financial institution address for Treasury's routing number is 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045. **Anything other than the 12-digit gateway account # will cause the Fedwire to be returned.</p> <p>SWIFT CODE: FRNYUS33</p>		

Automated Clearing House (ACH)

The IC encourages its licensees to submit electronic funds transfer payments through the Automated Clearing House (ACH). ACH payments can be submitted by two methods: Pay.gov (for US banks only) or standard ACH payment (US and non-US banks accepted).

Pay.gov: ACH payments can be submitted for US banks only. Submit your ACH payment through the U.S. Treasury web site located at: <https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/28680443>.

Standard ACH: credits can be submitted for payments up to \$99,999,999 for US and International banks. Please provide the following instructions to your Financial Institution for the remittance of Automated Clearing House (ACH) credits to the United States Department of Health of Human Services - National Institutes of Health (NIH):
Drawn on a **US** or **non-US bank account** via standard ACH:

NACHA Record Type Code	NACHA Field	NACHA Data Element Name	Required Information
5	3	Company Name	<i>(enter the name of the payor)</i>
5	6	Standard Entry Class Code	CTX
5	9	Effective Entry Date	<i>(enter intended settlement date)</i>
6	2	Transaction Code*	22
6	3 & 4	Receiving DFI Identification (ABA routing #)	051036706
6	5	DFI Account Number	875080031006
6	6	Amount	<i>(enter payment amount)</i>
6	8	Receiving Company Name	<i>(enter the identifying information)</i>
7	3	Payment Related Information	<i>(see format instructions below)</i>

Additional Payment Related Information should be included in NACHA Record 7 Field 3 and must conform to the ANSI ASC X12 standards using the EDI 820 Transaction Set Data Segments. A sample format follows.

Segment Contents	Element Descriptions
RMR*AR*License number**Amount being paid\N1*8R*Licensee Name**RMR*AR*license number 2**Amount being Paid 2\N1*8R*Licensee Name2**	<p>DATA SEGMENT - Remittance Advice Accounts Receivable RMR * (delimiter) Reference Identification Qualifier: AR Accounts Receivable Number * (delimiter) License number (L-xxx-xxxx-x) * (delimiter) * (delimiter) Monetary Amount: Amount being paid \ (segment terminator) DATA SEGMENT - Name: N1 * (delimiter) Entity Identifier Code: 8R Identifies customer * (delimiter) Name: Licensee name \ (segment terminator)</p>
<p>Example: Licensee LLC with Licensee number L-xxx-20xx-x pays \$1,000.00 <i>RMR*AR*L-xxx-20xx-x**1000.00\N1*8R*Licensee LLC \</i></p>	

ACH debits are not permitted to this ABA routing number. All debits received will be automatically rejected/returned.

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