

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the  
Regents  
July 16, 2015

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: License Agreement between the University of Michigan and PFS Genomics

Action Requested: Approval of License Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Office of Technology Transfer while reviewing the technology transfer agreement that then triggered a review by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest was then developed and approved by this Board and agreed to by the parties involved in this plan.

This proposed license agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Professors Corey Speers, Felix Feng and Lori Pierce are employees of the University of Michigan ("University") and partial owners of PFS Genomics. The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the Board of Regents ("Regents") of the University of Michigan and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote.

Background:

Corey Speers, MD, PhD, Chief Resident in Radiation Oncology, Felix Feng, MD, Assistant Professor in Radiation Oncology, and Lori Pierce, MD, Professor of Radiation Oncology, and Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs, are the partial owners of a for-profit company called PFS Genomics (the "Company"). The Company was formed recently to commercialize a signature for identifying radiosensitive tumors and desires to license from the University of Michigan the University's rights associated with the following technology:

UM OTT File No. 5850, entitled: "The Development of Radiotype DX to Identify Radiosensitive and Radioresistant Tumors in Breast Cancer"  
(Inventors: Corey Speers, Felix Feng and Lori Pierce)

The Office of Technology Transfer selected the Company as a University partner and negotiated the terms of the proposed Agreement in accordance with University policy and its accepted licensing principles.

Parties to the Agreement:

The Regents of the University of Michigan and PFS Genomics.

Agreement Terms Include:

Agreement terms include granting the Company an exclusive license with the right to grant sublicenses. The Company will pay a royalty on sales and reimburse patent costs.

The University will retain ownership of the licensed technology and may continue to further develop it and use it internally. No use of University services or facilities, nor any assignment of University employees, is obligated or contemplated under the Agreement. Standard disclaimers of warranties and indemnification apply, and the Agreement may be amended by consent of the parties, such as adding related technology. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

Pecuniary Interest:

The pecuniary interests of Drs. Speers, Feng and Pierce arise from their ownership interest in PFS Genomics.

Net Effect:

The Office of Technology Transfer has negotiated and finalized the terms of a worldwide exclusive license agreement for patents related to UM OTT File No. 5850 for all fields of use. PFS Genomics will obtain use and commercialization rights to the above listed University technology.

Recommendations:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. In light of this disclosure and our finding that the Agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Agreement between the University and PFS Genomics.

Respectfully submitted,



S. Jack Hu  
Interim Vice President for Research

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