

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

**Approved by the  
Regents  
May 15, 2014**

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Regental Action Required Under the State of  
Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute

Action Requested: Authorization for the University to transact with Neurolytical, LLC (University  
of Michigan Employee, Omar Mabrouk, Ph.D., Owner)

Background:

The University of Michigan Internal Medicine Cardiology Department seeks approval to transact with Neurolytical, LLC (“Neurolytical”) for a customized Mousetrapp animal tracking system for monitoring small animal movements and behaviors. Neurolytical was selected based on meeting the Cardiology Department’s technical specifications, quality and price.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Omar Mabrouk, Ph.D. is a University employee as Research Fellow in Pharmacology and Chemistry at the Medical School and would be party to the agreement as Owner of Neurolytical.

However, the Statute allows the University to enter into such agreements if the following conditions are met:

- a) The public servant promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the contract to the official body which has power to approve the purchase, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings.
- b) The purchase is approved by a vote of not less than 2/3 of the full membership of the approving body in open session without the vote of the public servant making the disclosure.
- c) The official body discloses the following summary information in its official minutes:
  - i) The name of each party involved in the contract.
  - ii) The terms of the purchase, including duration, financial consideration between the parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the purchase, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the purchase.
  - iii) The nature of any pecuniary interest.

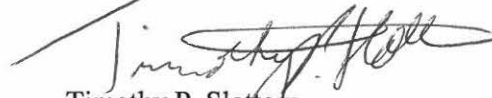
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Internal Medicine Cardiology Department and Neurolytical.
- ii) The agreement is for the purchase of a Mousetrapp animal tracking system for monitoring animal movements and behavior, including accessories, for a total cost of \$760.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee, Omar Mabrouk, Ph.D. is the Owner of Neurolytical.

Omar Mabrouk, Ph.D. has met state law requirements with the disclosure of his pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable under the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee's procedures are separately analyzed and managed.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the agreement between the University of Michigan and Neurolytical subject to requirements, if any, that either the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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