

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Subcontract Agreement between the University of Michigan and ImBio, LLC

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects while reviewing the Proposal Approval Form which 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 the Board and agreed to by the parties involved.

This proposed agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Professors Brian Ross and Alnawaz Rehemtulla are both employees of the University of Michigan ("University"), and are partial owners of ImBio, LLC. 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:

Brian Ross, PhD, a Professor in the Departments of Radiology and Biological Chemistry, and Alnawaz Rehemtulla, PhD, a Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Medical School, are partial owners of a for-profit company called ImBio, LLC (the "Company"). The Company wishes to fund a National Institute of Health (prime) SBIR Phase IIB project entitled "Advancement of PRM Software for Longitudinal Assessment of COPD Subtypes" (ORSP #16-PAF06979) in the Department of Radiology under the direction of Dr. Craig Galban. The purpose of this project is to support the implementation of a software application for automated handling and correction of longitudinal CT lung data for analysis by the Parametric Response Mapping technique to improve treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the Agreement conform to University policy. The period of performance is two (2) years. The amount of funding will not exceed \$748,610. Since research projects are often amended, this agreement includes provisions for changes in time and scope. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

Impact of the Agreement

The Agreement will support an effort by Dr. Craig Galban to use his expertise and University laboratory, as well as other University resources to further develop and test this important imaging 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 University's entering into this Agreement with ImBio, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,



S. Jack Hu
Vice President for Research

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