

Principal Investigator
Title
Department
Email

RE: Company Sponsored University Research

Dear Principal Investigator:

The University of Pittsburgh (University) Institutional Conflict of Interest Committee (ICOIC) recently reviewed human research to be conducted under protocol STUDY#####. This research will be sponsored by [company]. Given that you intend to serve as the principal investigator (PI) of this project, we are writing to share details of the review.

University Policy RI 11 requires the ICOIC to review potential institutional conflicts of interest (ICIs) in University research. When an ICI is identified, an institutional conflict management plan (CMP) is executed.

The University has financial interests in the company. During its review, the ICOIC acknowledged that these financial interests create an ICI and recommended a conflict management plan (CMP) be executed. A CMP that addresses the conflict is attached to this letter.

Should you have concerns, contact the Conflict of Interest Division at coi@pitt.edu.

Please sign below to acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm you agree with the attached CMP no later than two weeks from date of distribution.

Thank you,

Co-Chairs, Institutional Conflict of Interest Committee

I acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm I agree with the attached CMP.

Principal Investigator

Date



Institutional Conflict of Interest Management Plan for Research

Entity	
Senior Decision Maker	
Conflict Management Plan Identifier	

This institutional conflict management plan applies to the following research:

PittPRO Protocol Number	Title: Funding Source: Funding Source Award: Protocol Principal Investigator: Funding Source Principal Investigator:
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The University has financial interests in the above research that have been reviewed, and, in accordance with applicable regulations and University policies, determined to create an institutional conflict of interest that is permissible, subject to the following conflict management plan:

	Condition	Details
1.	Disclosure to Public	All abstracts, publications, presentations, and press releases associated with the research must disclose that the University has financial interests in the company.
2.	Disclosure to Regulatory Agencies	The fact that the University has financial interests in the research will be disclosed to regulatory agencies (e.g., the Food and Drug Administration) when required.
3.	Disclosure to Individuals Who Are Involved in Research	<p>I will provide the Conflict of Interest Division with a list of the names and email addresses of individuals employed by or affiliated with the University who are involved in the research. I will send this list to coi@pitt.edu within 5 business days of the execution of this conflict management plan. When individuals newly employed by or affiliated with the University will be involved in this research, I will email an updated list to the Conflict of Interest Division.</p> <p>The Conflict of Interest Division will email these individuals to notify them of the institutional conflict of interest and to provide contact information should they have concerns.</p>
4.	Interpretation of Study Results	At least one non-conflicted faculty investigator must be part of the team that interprets study results.
5.	Re-review	I understand that any concerns raised regarding the relationships the University has with the company may result in re-review of this conflict management plan by the Conflict of Interest Committee, Institutional Conflict of Interest Committee or Senior Decisions Makers.

6. **Disclosure to Human Subjects**
- I will ensure the financial interests of the University and of the conflicted investigators are disclosed in informed consent forms. The following language will be used:
- The University of Pittsburgh [and one or more of the study team members conducting this research] [has/have] a financial interest in the company. This means it is possible that results of this study could lead to personal profit for the individual study team member(s) and/or the University of Pittsburgh. Any questions you might have about this will be answered fully by the University of Pittsburgh Conflict of Interest Division at 412-383-0901 or coi@pitt.edu [or by the Principal Investigator, [Name], at [Telephone Number], who has no financial conflict of interest with this research.]