**C****linical Trial Research Agreement**

**New Zealand Association of Clinical Research (NZACRes) - Collaborative or Cooperative Research Group (CRG)**

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| This Agreement is to be used where; * a Collaborative or Cooperative Research Group acts as, and assumes all of the agreed responsibilities of a Sponsor, as defined by the current Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products (CPMP)/International Conference on Harmonisation (ICH) Note for Guidance on Good Clinical Practice (CPMP/ICH/135/95);

**and** * the approved Ethics Committee is satisfied that the Study will not be carried out principally for the benefit of the Manufacturer or distributor of the Investigational Product in question.

See the Guidance Document for additional information.The body of this Agreement (that is from the following page to the execution clauses) is intended to be identical to the standard form, a copy of which is located at www.nzacres.org.nz.Any textual change to the body of this Agreement is to be ignored, and referenced instead to the standard form, as amended by Schedule 5 by way of Special Conditions. Where there is conflict between the main body of this Agreement and Schedule 5, Schedule 5 shall prevail. In providing template documents, NZACRes accepts no liability for any disputes arising from the use of its documents.  |

**Details of the Parties**

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| Contact for Notices: |  |
| Fax for Notices: |  |
| Email(s) for Notices: |  |
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| **Study Name:** |  |
| Protocol Number: |  |

**This Agreement is made between the CRG and Institution**

**Purpose of the Agreement**

According to this Agreement:

1. The CRG is an academic and/or non-commercial collaborative research group responsible for funding (as applicable), initiating, managing, developing and coordinating the Study.
2. The Institution, through the Principal Investigator, is responsible for the conduct of the Study at the Study Site(s) which is/are under the control of the Institution.
3. The Study will be conducted on the terms and conditions set out below.
4. The Parties acknowledge that they are not for profit organisations and the Study will be conducted in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration.

**Operative Provisions**

# Interpretation

## In this Agreement:

**Adverse Event** has the meaning given in the *Clinical Safety Data Management: Definitions and Standards for Expedited Reporting (ICH Harmonised Tripartite Guideline E2A), or its replacement,* and the study protocol.

**Affected Individuals** has the meaning given to it in section 112(1) of the Privacy Act 2020.

**Affiliate** means any company which (directly or indirectly) controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the CRG.

**Agreement** means this Agreement, including all the Schedules.

**Anti-Corruption Laws** includes *the NZ Crimes Act 1961*, the *Secret Commissions Act 1910*, the *Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009* or their replacements and other Anti-Corruption Laws.

**Background Intellectual Property** (**Background IP**) of a Party means information, techniques, know-how, software and materials (regardless of the form or medium in which they are disclosed or stored) that are provided by or on behalf of that Party to the other for use in the Study (whether before or after the date of this Agreement) or used by that other Party in conducting the Study, and all Intellectual Property in them, but excludes the Study Materials.

**Benefit** means but is not limited to; money, financial or other advantage, travel expenses, entertainment, business or investment opportunities, charitable donations or any other thing of value.

**Biological Samples** means any physical samples obtained from Study Participants in accordance with the Protocol.

**Case Report Form** means a printed, optical or electronic document or database designed to record all of the information, which is required by the Protocol to be reported to the CRG on each Study Participant.

**Confidential Information** means:

### in respect of the CRG:

#### all information collected in the course of, resulting from, or arising directly out of the conduct of the Study, whether at the Study Site or elsewhere;

#### the Protocol, the Investigator’s Brochure, information related to the Protocol, Study Materials and Investigational Product;

#### know-how, trade secrets, ideas, concepts, technical and operational information, scientific or technical processes or techniques, product composition or details owned by the CRG or its Affiliates;

#### know-how, methodology, trade secrets, processes, sequences, structure and organisation of the Study; and

#### information concerning the business affairs of the CRG or its Affiliates;

### in respect of the Institution, information in relation to the Institution’s business, operations or strategies, intellectual or other property or actual or prospective suppliers or competitors;

### but Confidential Information does not include Personal Information.

**CRG** means the collaborative or cooperative research group so described on the first page of this Agreement.

**Date of Agreement** means the date of last signature by the Parties.

### **Equipment** means the equipment supplied to the Institution by or on behalf of the CRG for the purposes of the Study, including that specified in **Schedule 1**.

**Essential Documents** means documents which individually and collectively permit evaluation of the conduct of the Study and the quality of the data produced.

**GCP Guideline** means the Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products (CPMP)/International Conference on Harmonisation (ICH) Note for Guidance on Good Clinical Practice (CPMP/ICH/135/95) as adopted with annotation by Medsafe, or its replacement.

**GST** means the Goods and Services Tax payable under a GST Law.

**GST Law** means the same as in the *Goods and Services Tax Act 1985*, as amended from time to time, and any regulations made pursuant to that Act.

**Institution** means the body so described on the first page of this Agreement.

**Intellectual Property** means all present and future industrial and intellectual property rights, including without limitation:

### inventions, patents, copyright, trade business, company or domain names, rights in relation to circuit layouts, plant breeders rights, registered designs, registered and unregistered trademarks, know how, trade secrets and the right to have confidential information kept confidential, any and all other rights to intellectual property which may subsist anywhere in the world; and

### any application for, or right to apply for registration of any of those rights.

**Investigational** **Product** is the medicine(s) or device(s) being trialled or tested in the Study and includes where relevant any placebo, comparator and rescue medication, as identified in **Schedule 1.**

**Investigator’s Brochure** is a compilation of the clinical and non-clinical data on the Investigational Product(s) which are relevant to the study of the Investigational Product in humans.

**Manufacturer** means the organisation supplying Investigational Product, Equipment or Software to the CRG or Institution for the conduct of the Study.

**Medsafe** means the New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority or any successor body.

**Multi-centre Study** is a Study conducted by several investigators according to a single protocol at more than one study site.

**NEAC** means National Ethics Advisory Committee or any successor body.

**Notice** a communication sent to the details of the Parties on page 1. **Notification** and **Notify** have corresponding meanings.

**Notifiable Privacy Breach** has the meaning given to it in section 112(1) of the Privacy Act 2020

**Party** means the CRG or Institution between which this Agreement is made. **Parties** means all of them.

**Personal Information** has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 2020*.

**Personnel** means employees, agents and/or authorised representatives, and includes in the case of the Institution, the Principal Investigator.

**Principal Investigator** is the person responsible for the conduct of the Study at the Study Site as described in **Schedule 1**.

**Privacy Breach** has the meaning given to it in section 112(1) of the Privacy Act 2020.

**Protocol** means the document identified in **Schedule 4** which describes the objective(s), design, methodology, statistical considerations and organisation of the Study, and subject to **clause 2.3**, the document may be amended from time to time and most recently approved by the Responsible EC.

**Publish** means to publish, by way of a paper, article, manuscript, report, poster, internet posting, presentation slides, abstract, outline, video, instruction material or other disclosure, the Study Materials, in printed, electronic, oral or other form. **Publication** has a corresponding meaning.

**Regulatory Authority** means any body or Minister with jurisdiction over the conduct of the Study at the Study Site and includes Medsafe and any overseas Regulatory Authorities that may require to audit, or require auditing of, any part of the Study or Study Materials.

**Relevant Privacy Laws** means the *Privacy Act 2020* andthe *Health Information Privacy Code 2020, or their replacement,* and any other legislation, code or guideline which applies in the jurisdiction in which the Study Site is located and which relates to the protection of Personal Information.

**Responsible EC** means the New Zealand Health and Disability Ethics Committee or an Ethics Committee approved by the Health Research Council of New Zealand's Ethics Committees reviewing the Study on behalf of the Institution as described in **Schedule 1**.

**Serious Adverse Event** has the meaning given in the *Clinical Safety Data Management: Definitions and Standards for Expedited Reporting (ICH Harmonised Tripartite Guideline E2A)* or its replacement and Study Protocol.

### **Software** means the software supplied to the Institution by or on behalf of the CRG for the purposes of the Study, including that specified in **Schedule 1**.

**Study** means the investigation to be conducted in accordance with the Protocol.

**Study Completion** means the database for the Study has been locked and all Essential Documents have been provided to the CRG, including a copy of the letter from the Responsible EC acknowledging receipt of the final report and/or closure letter from the Principal Investigator.

**Study Materials** means all the materials and information created for or generated in the course of performing the Study or required to be submitted to the CRG including all data, results, Biological Samples, Case Report Forms (or their equivalent) in whatever form held, conclusions, discoveries, inventions, know-how and the like, whether patentable or not, relating to the Study which are discovered or developed as a result of the Study, but excluding the Institution’s ordinary patient records.

**Study Participant** means a person recruited to participate in the Study.

**Study Site** means the location(s) under the control of the Institution where the Study is actually conducted, as set out in **Schedule 1.**

## Except where the context otherwise requires:

### clause headings are for convenient reference only and are not intended to affect the interpretation of this Agreement;

### where any word or phrase has a defined meaning, any other form of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning;

### any reference to a person or body includes a partnership and a body corporate or body politic;

### words in the singular include the plural and vice versa;

### all the provisions in any schedule to this Agreement are incorporated in, and form part of, this Agreement and bind the Parties;

### a reference to a replacement of a document or standard, means any document or ruling which amends, updates, replaces or supersedes that document or standard;

### if a period of time is specified and dates from a given day or the day of an act or event, it is to be calculated inclusive of that day;

### a reference to a monetary amount means that amount in New Zealand currency;

### references to a Party includes its Personnel.

# Study

## The Parties must comply with, and conduct the Study in accordance with the Protocol and any conditions of the Responsible EC. In addition the Parties must comply with the following, as applicable:

### any requirements of relevant New Zealand laws or of Regulatory Authorities;

### the requirements of the current *Guideline on the Regulation of Therapeutic Products in New Zealand, Part 11* and any other Medsafe publication or guideline that relates or may relate to clinical trials, or other such regulations or guidance governing the conduct of clinical research in the jurisdiction of the Study;

### the GCP Guideline;

### the principles that have their origins in the Declaration of Helsinki adopted by the World Medical Association in October 1996;

### the current *Health Research Council Guidelines on Ethics in Health Research* and any other relevant Health Research Council publication or guideline that relates or may relate to clinical trials;

### the *Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights 1996*; and

### the current NEAC *Ethical Guidelines for Intervention Studies* and any other relevant NEAC publication or guideline that relates or may relate to clinical trials;

### any reasonable Study specific and standard operating procedures provided by the CRG prior to the commencement of the Study; and

### any reasonable direction given by the CRG in order to ensure the safe conduct of the Study and compliance with applicable regulatory requirements.

## If any issue relating to the safety of Study Participants arises which requires a deviation from the Protocol, the Institution through the Principal Investigator may immediately make such a deviation without breaching any obligations under this Agreement. If there is a need for such a deviation the Institution must Notify the CRG orally or in writing of the facts and circumstance causing the deviation as soon as is reasonably practical, but in any event, in writing no later than 5 working days after the deviation is implemented. Reporting deviations to the Responsible EC must be done in accordance with HDEC requirements.

From time to time, the CRG may modify the Protocol by written Notice to the Institution and Principal Investigator. Except where the modification is necessary to eliminate an immediate hazard to Study Participants, or involves only logistical or administrative aspects of the trial, any modification may not be implemented before approval by the Responsible EC. If the Parties determine that a modification will affect the cost of conducting the Study at the Study Site, the Parties shall amend **Schedule 2** as agreed between them. Protocol amendments that the Parties agree will not affect Study conduct payments as listed in **Schedule 2**; will not require an amendment of this Agreement. The new agreed Protocol version will be accepted to replace the Protocol version listed in **Schedules 2** and **4**.

## The Parties Agree:

(1) Neither Party, nor its Personnel, representatives or third Parties acting on behalf of the Parties, shall perform any actions that are prohibited by Anti-Corruption Laws that may be applicable to one or both Parties to the Agreement.

(2) Without limiting **clause 2.3(1)** above, each Party agrees that it has not, nor will it make, any offers or transfers of any Benefit, either directly or indirectly to a government official, political party official or candidate for political office, or to any other third party related to the transaction that would violate Anti-Corruption Laws to induce or to inappropriately act in any way connected with his or her official duties with respect to services performed under this Agreement or to otherwise obtain any improper Benefit or advantage for the Institution or the CRG.

(3) Each Party must immediately Notify the other Party if they suspect or become aware of any violation of Anti-Corruption Laws. Either Party has the right to terminate this Agreement if Anti-Corruption Laws are not complied with.

# Principal Investigator

## **Role of Principal Investigator**

The Institution has authorised the Principal Investigator as the person responsible on a day-to-day basis for the conduct of the Study. The Principal Investigator does not have authority on behalf of the Institution to amend this Agreement or the Protocol.

## **Liability for Principal Investigator**

For the purpose of this Agreement only, and as between the CRG and the Institution only, the Institution agrees to be responsible for the acts and omissions of the Principal Investigator in relation to the conduct of the Study, to the extent that such responsibility would attach to the Institution in accordance with its obligations under this Agreement or under the common law on the basis that the Principal Investigator is acting as an employee of the Institution. Nothing in this clause or Agreement affects any pre-existing contractual or other arrangement which may be in place between the Institution and the Principal Investigator.

## **Obligations and Responsibilities**

The Institution is responsible for ensuring that the Principal Investigator:

### thoroughly familiarises himself or herself with the appropriate use of the Investigational Product(s), as described in the Protocol, Investigator’s Brochure, information relating to the Investigational Product and any other information sources provided by the CRG;

### ensures written approval has been obtained to conduct the Study from the Responsible EC and the Institution prior to Study initiation. Written documentation of approval by the Responsible EC and the Institution must be provided to the CRG;

### conducts the Study according to the Protocol without changes, except as provided in **clause 2.2** or **2.3**, or as agreed to in writing by the CRG and the Institution and approved in accordance with **clause 3.3(4)**;

### ensures that any amendments to the Protocol are approved by the Responsible EC (as applicable) in accordance with **2.3**, and the CRG has consented to the amendment in writing prior to implementation of the amendment;

### ensures that prior written approval is obtained from the CRG and the Responsible EC for any advertisement in respect of the Study;

### provides the CRG with evidence of the Principal Investigator’s qualifications through a current curriculum vitae and/or other relevant documentation and a list of appropriately qualified persons to whom they have delegated significant Study-related duties, if required;

### uses his or her best endeavours to recruit the target number of Study Participants, within the recruitment period, specified in **Schedule 1**, provided that if the overall target number of Study Participants for the Study is reached, the CRG may direct the Institution to cease recruitment;

### is available when a clinical research representative of the CRG visits the Study Site, as mutually agreed prior to the visit, and is contactable by telephone or electronic mail as frequently as is reasonably required;

### Notifies the CRG, the Institution and the Responsible EC (as applicable) of any Adverse Events (including Serious Adverse Events) in accordance with the Protocol, and relevant ethical and regulatory guidelines, and in the case of the Institution and the Responsible EC, with their policies and procedures;

### completes Case Report Forms within the agreed time period, as described in **Schedule 4**. The Principal Investigator will ensure that Study Participants’ identifying information are removed from all records being transferred to the CRG;

### provides regular written progress reports to the CRG in relation to the Study as required by the Protocol;

### completes and returns to the CRG as required any Study related materials within a reasonable time period;

### is not subject to any obligations, either contractually or in any other way, which would unreasonably interfere with or prohibit the performance of work related to this Study; and

### ensures that informed consent to participate in the Study is obtained from each Study Participant in accordance with the informed consent process approved by the Responsible EC and is documented using an information and consent document which has been reviewed and approved by the CRG, the Institution and the Responsible EC;

### as soon as is practical advises the CRG if the Responsible EC alters its approval of the Study;

# Institution Obligations and Responsibilities

## If the Principal Investigator leaves the Institution or otherwise ceases to be available then:

### the Institution must Notify the CRG as soon as is practical;

### the Institution must consult with the CRG and use reasonable endeavours to nominate as soon as practicable a replacement reasonably acceptable to both Parties; and

### if a replacement cannot be found who is acceptable to both Parties, the CRG may require recruitment into the Study by the Institution to cease, and the CRG may terminate this Agreement in accordance with **clause 14.4**.

## If the Principal Investigator fails to carry out those obligations specified in **clauses 3.3(2),** **(3), (4),** **(7), (9), (10)**, **(12), (14)**, or **(15)**, then the Institution must itself perform those obligations and rectify and make good any breach. The Institution will ensure that any Personnel who assist in the conduct of the Study are informed of and agree to abide by all terms of this Agreement relevant to the activities they perform.

## The Institution warrants that to the best of its knowledge, it, its affiliates and any person involved in the conduct of the Study, including the Principal Investigator, are properly registered with appropriate professional registration bodies, have not been disqualified from practice or disbarred or banned from conducting clinical trials by any Regulatory Authority for debarment. Furthermore, the Institution shall Notify the CRG as soon as practical after it becomes aware of any such disqualification, disbarment or ban.

## The Institution must not, and must ensure that its Personnel involved in the conduct of the Study do not, engage in any conduct on the CRG’s behalf which is in violation of, or potentially in violation of, any applicable New Zealand laws or regulations.

## The Institution must have adequate security measures to ensure the safety and integrity of the Investigational Product, Essential Documents and Study records and reports, Equipment and any Study related materials held or located at the Study Site.

## Subject to **clause 9**, the Institution will allow regular monitoring visits to the Study Site in accordance with the GCP Guideline, access for the purposes of audit and as required by Regulatory Authorities or as specified in the Protocol and permit access to the Essential Documents (including original records), Study records, reports, other Study related materials and its Personnel as soon as is reasonably possible upon request by the CRG, Regulatory Authority, Responsible EC or any third party reasonably designated by the CRG. Any such access is to take place at times mutually agreed during business hours and subject to such reasonable conditions relating to occupational health and safety, security, and confidentiality as the Institution may require.

## The Institution will make available adequate facilities, equipment and any other resource of the Institution reasonably required to safely follow the Protocol, provided that any amendments to the Protocol which take place after the execution of this Agreement and requiring any additional use of facilities, equipment, staff or resources, have been approved in writing by the Institution and the Responsible EC (as applicable).

## The Institution will have an adequate number of appropriately qualified Personnel for the foreseen duration of the Study and ensure that such Personnel are adequately informed about the Protocol, Investigational Product, and their Study related duties and functions. The Personnel appointed by the Institution to assess Study Participants will attend an investigator meeting or a pre-study/initiation meeting, where appropriate.

## The Institution must retain and preserve a copy of all Study Materials, including copies of signed consent forms, Case Report Forms, Protocol, information relating to the Investigational Product, correspondence and investigator files for at least 15 years from Study Completion and must ensure that no Study related materials are destroyed before the expiration of this time period without the written approval of CRG. The Institution agrees to Notify the CRG before destroying any Study Materials and agrees to retain the Study Materials for such longer period as reasonably required by the CRG at the CRG’s expense.

## The Institution will ensure that the Study is subject to the continuing oversight of the Responsible EC throughout its conduct.

## If the Institution is contacted by any Regulatory Authority in connection with the conduct of the Study, the Institution shall immediately Notify the CRG, unless prevented from doing so by law.

## The Institution will provide the CRG with all reasonable assistance and cooperation to rectify any matter raised by a Regulatory Authority or as the result of an audit or inspection of the Institution or Study Site. This includes execution of any documents reasonably requested by the CRG in connection with the requirements of a Regulatory Authority or the CRG as a result of such an audit or inspection. Any costs resulting from such audit shall be borne equally by the Parties, unless the cost has resulted solely from an act or omission of a Party, in which case that Party will bear the total costs.

## The Institution shall obtain approval, in writing, from the CRG for any media statements or promotional statements regarding the Study or the Investigational Product(s) before the statements are released, unless the statement or disclosure is required by:

### law;

### any policy, guideline or direction of government or any government department or agency;

### any Regulatory Authority; or

### is, in the absolute discretion of the Institution, Minister for Health, Department of Health or any government official, reasonably necessary in the public interest or to protect the health and safety of any individual.

## The Institution is responsible for ensuring that the Principal Investigator has a robust procedure in place prior to the commencement of the Study, for the review of all safety information (whether internal or provided by the CRG) by appropriately qualified members of the Study staff.

## The Institution agrees to listing of trial particulars, including Investigator name and site address, as may be required by law, on reputable clinical trial registries (e.g. clinicaltrials.gov).

# CRG Obligations and Responsibilities

## CRG warrants that it has the capacity and the authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

## The body of this Agreement must be in identical form to the current standard templated form located at [www.nzacres.org.nz](http://www.nzacres.org.nz/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).  Any textual changes to the body of this Agreement from the templated version will not be valid.  The clauses of this Agreement can only be changed by way of Special Conditions documented within Schedule **5**. Where there is a conflict between the main body of this Agreement and the Special Conditions, the Special Conditions shall prevail.

## Prior to the Agreement being executed, the CRG or its designate will provide the Principal Investigator, and through the Principal Investigator the Institution and the Responsible EC, with all current and relevant information regarding the Investigational Product as reasonably required to justify the nature, scope and duration of the Study.

## The CRG or its designee will act as the applicant for the purposes of an application for approval of a clinical trial under Section 30 of the Medicines Act. The CRG or designee is responsible for ensuring the preparation and submission of all documents required by Medsafe for initiating and conducting the study.

## The CRG will implement and maintain quality assurance and quality control systems with written standard operating procedures to ensure that the Study can be conducted and data generated, documented, recorded and reported in compliance with all of the documents referred to in **clause 2.1**.

## The CRG will designate appropriately qualified Personnel to advise on Study-related medical questions or problems.

## The CRG will monitor the application of the Investigational Product in other places (both within and outside New Zealand as applicable), and advise the Institution, through the Principal Investigator and Medsafe, of the cessation elsewhere of any relevant trial, or the withdrawal of the Investigational Product from any other market for safety reasons.

## The CRG will Notify the Institution of any Adverse Events (including Serious Adverse Events) that occur during the course of the Study (either at the Study Site or other study sites, including overseas sites) which may require alteration of the conduct of the Study, or which may affect the rights, interests, safety or well-being of Study Participants.

## The CRG will cooperate with the Institution and/or the Responsible EC in investigating any Adverse Event (including Serious Adverse Event) arising out of or in connection with the Study.

## To assist the Institution to comply with **clause 8**, the CRG will provide the Institution with adequate information and all necessary Investigational Product accountability forms.

## The CRG warrants that the Study is not being conducted principally for the benefit of the Manufacturer or distributor of the Investigational Product in respect of which the trial is being carried out.

## The CRG will register the Study on the appropriate clinical trial registry or registries (for example; clinicaltrials.gov or ANZCTR).

## The CRG further warrant that the information submitted to the Responsible EC is accurate and complete and that the nature of the relationship with the Investigational Product Manufacturer is fully and accurately disclosed.

# Payments

## In consideration of the Institution conducting the Study, the CRG will pay to the Institution as nominated in **Schedule 2** in the manner and on the basis of the amounts and at the times set out in **Schedule 2.** The amounts set out in **Schedule 2** do not include GST. At the time of payment, the CRG must pay in connection with any such payment made by the CRG to the Institution, any amount of GST that the Institution is required to pay in addition to the amounts set out in **Schedule 2**, and in accordance with GST Law.

## The CRG shall make payment within forty five (45) days of the date of receipt of a valid invoice and in accordance with **clauses 6.1, 6.3, 6.6** and **6.8.**

## The Institution reserves the right to charge 5% accumulating per month on the outstanding value of delayed payments.

## The CRG reserves the right to refuse to pay to the Institution payments specific to Study Participants entered into the Study who do not meet the entry criteria specified in the Protocol or Study Participant visits that have not been conducted in accordance with the Protocol.

## If a Study Participant discontinues their participation in the Study or if the Study is terminated as a whole, only those costs incurred, or irrevocably committed, up until the date of discontinuation or termination, including costs of final visit and completion of all Case Report Forms, will be paid.

## Payments will be made by the CRG upon either receipt of a valid tax invoice or a “Buyer Created Tax Invoice” issued by the CRG.

## The CRG and the Institution each warrant where applicable, that they are registered under GST Law, as documented in **Schedule 2**. Tax invoices must identify supplies for which GST is payable.

## The final payment will be made following Study Completion.

## No part of any consideration paid hereunder is for the recommending or arranging for the referral of business or the ordering of items or services.

## Neither this Agreement nor any consideration paid hereunder is contingent upon the Institution’s use or purchase of any of the CRG or Manufacturer’s products.

## The Parties agree that the compensation being paid hereunder is no greater than fair market value for the services being provided, and that no payments are being provided for the purpose of inducing anyone to purchase or prescribe any drugs, devices or products.  In addition, the Study Site shall not bill any Study Participant, patient, insurer, or governmental agency for any items, visits, services or expenses provided or paid for by, or on behalf of the CRG or the Manufacturer.

# Provision of Equipment and Software

## The CRG will facilitate the supply of the Equipment and Software by the Manufacturer, or provide the Institution and Principal Investigator with the Equipment and Software required at no cost to the Institution. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, the Institution must ensure that the Equipment and Software will be used only by the Principal Investigator and Personnel involved in the conduct of the Study and only for the purposes of the Study.

## If proper usage of the Equipment or Software requires training, the Institution agrees that:

### the Principal Investigator and Institution’s Personnel will make themselves available for training in using the Equipment and Software, at no cost to the Institution; and

### the Equipment and Software will only be used as described in written directions provided by the CRG.

## The Equipment and Software will be provided at the risk of the CRG, but the Institution will take reasonable care in the use and secure storage of the same and the Institution is responsible for damage caused to or by the Equipment by the negligence of its Personnel while in the Institution’s possession and control.

## At the completion of the Study or at the CRG’s request, the Institution will, unless otherwise specified, return to the Manufacturer or CRG, at no cost to the Institution, the Equipment and Software and all related training materials and documentation.

## If the CRG does not request the return of the Equipment or Software or any related training materials and documentation after the Study Completion, the Institution may retain, at no cost to it, or destroy same.

## The CRG will cooperate with the Institution in maintaining, at no cost to the Institution the Equipment and Software in good working order, and ensuring that it is in a safe condition and compliant with the requirements of the relevant licensing and safety authorities at all times.

## The Institution will not copy the Software unless specifically authorised by the CRG in writing.

# Investigational Product

## The Institution must:

### ensure that all Investigational Product made available by the CRG is used strictly according to the Protocol and is not used for any other purposes, unless agreed in writing by the CRG;

### provide a written explanation accounting for any missing Investigational Product;

### not charge a Study Participant or third party payer for Investigational Product or for any services reimbursed by the CRG under this Agreement;

### keep all Investigational Product under appropriate storage conditions (including any conditions specified in the Protocol) and in a secured area accessible only to authorised Personnel; and

### ensure that complete and current records are maintained for all received, dispensed and returned Investigational Product.

## The CRG will facilitate or supply the Principal Investigator with such quantities of the Investigational Product that are not, or cannot be, supplied by the Institution, as will be required for the purpose of the Study. All supplied Investigational Product will be packaged in safe and appropriately labelled containers. The CRG or Manufacturer will at all times remain the owner of the Investigational Product.

## On termination of this Agreement, or at the completion of the study, the Institution must promptly return any unused Investigational Product to the CRG or the Manufacturer, at no cost to the Institution, or if requested by the CRG, destroy it and provide evidence of such destruction.

# Confidentiality

## Subject to **clause 9.3, 9.4 and 9.5**, each Party must not, and must ensure their Personnel do not, use or disclose any Confidential Information of the other Party, other than where and only to the extent that such use or disclosure is necessary for the performance of the Study, the exercise of its rights or the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

## If the Institution is required to make the disclosure in accordance with **clauses 9.3(1), (2), (3), (4),** and **(9),** it shall use its best efforts to inform the CRG within a reasonable time prior to being required to make the disclosure of the requirement to disclose and the Confidential Information required to be disclosed.

## The Institution may use or disclose CRG Confidential Information in any of the following circumstances:

### for the purposes of complying with the Institution’s internal complaint procedures, accident reporting procedures, quality assurance activities, disciplinary procedures or any applicable policy in relation to patient safety, Adverse Events (including Serious Adverse Events) and/or reportable incidents;

### for the purposes of disclosing any material risks, identified during the Study or subsequent to it, to Study Participants, Principal Investigators, medical practitioners administering treatment to Study Participants**,** Responsible ECs and Regulatory Authorities;

### for the purposes of complying with the requirements of any Regulatory Authority or legislation;

### to enable the Responsible EC to monitor the Study;

### where the CRG consents in writing to the disclosure;

### as part of a publication issued under the provisions of **clause 12**;

### where release of the Confidential Information is required by law, with Notice as soon as reasonably practical to the CRG, and subject to the Institution upon request, if appropriate, providing reasonable assistance to enable the CRG to obtain a protective order or other remedy to resist disclosure or ensure confidential treatment for any required disclosure;

### for the purposes of obtaining legal advice; and

### disclosure to the Institution’s insurer.

## Where Confidential Information is disclosed in accordance with **clause 9.3(1), (4), (8)** or **(9)**, the Confidential Information must only be used in connection with the legitimate purposes of the Institution, and only disclosed to those who have a need to know it for such purposes and are obligated to keep the information confidential.

## The CRG may disclose Institution Confidential Information on a need to know and confidential basis to its Affiliates and for the purpose of obtaining legal advice. The CRG may disclose Institution Confidential Information if required by law, with Notice as soon as reasonably practical to the Institution, and subject to the CRG upon request providing reasonable assistance to enable the Institution to obtain a protective order or other remedy to resist disclosure or ensure confidential treatment for any required disclosure.

## The Parties are responsible for ensuring that their Personnel are aware of the obligations in respect of Confidential Information in this **clause 9**, and are bound in similar terms to keep such information confidential.

## Information will not be Confidential Information and subject to the provisions of this **clause 9** where:

### the information has been independently received from a third party who is free to disclose it;

### the information is in or has entered the public domain other than as a result of a breach of this Agreement;

### the Party already knew the information, the prior knowledge of which it can document by prior written records; or

### the Party independently develops, discovers or arrives at the information without use, reference to, or reliance upon, the Confidential Information, and this can be proven.

# Privacy

## Each Party must ensure that any Personal Information of Study Participants or Personnel it obtains or holds as a result of the conduct of the Study is collected, stored, used and disclosed by it in accordance with the Relevant Privacy Laws.

## Each Party (the “Reporting Party”) will report to the other Party any Privacy Breach relating to Personal Information of Study Participants that the Reporting Party hold (“Incident”) immediately upon the Reporting Party becoming aware of the Privacy Breach. The other Party will provide such reasonable assistance as required by the Reporting Party to investigate and remedy the Incident.

## If the Incident constitutes a Notifiable Privacy Breach, then the Reporting Party will immediately notify the Privacy Breach to the Privacy Commissioner and Affected Individuals in accordance with the Relevant Privacy Laws. The Reporting Party will keep the other Party updated on the investigations undertaken by the Privacy Commissioner or complaints made by an Affected Individual in relation to the Privacy Breach. The other Party will provide such reasonable assistance as is reasonable required by the Reporting Party in relation to the making of the Privacy Breach notification and any regulatory investigation undertaken by the Privacy Commissioner.

# Liability and Insurance

## Each Party is liable for its acts and omissions in relation to the conduct of the Study.

## Each Party must maintain such insurances as are reasonably available and necessary to provide indemnity to it in relation to any liability which it may incur in conducting the Study or performing its obligations under this Agreement.

# Publications

## The Institution, its Personnel and the Principal Investigator must not Publish or present any aspect of the Study without the prior written approval of the CRG, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld. However, the Institution may use and present any information concerning the Study for the purposes of internal training, education, evaluation or discussion without the consent of the CRG.

## The CRG acknowledges that the Institution may periodically wish to distribute information releases and announcements regarding the progress of research, including this Study. The Institution agrees that they will not release such written or oral material regarding the Study to the news media or a third party without the prior written approval of the CRG, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

## The Parties agree that commercial interests of the owner of the Investigational Product or Equipment will not be cause for withholding approval, but embargos of up to three months are possible for the purpose of filing protective applications for the Intellectual Property. The Parties agree that publications or presentations of any of the results from the Study will take into account the cooperative nature of the conduct of the Study and the overall objective of increasing public knowledge and shall be in accordance with accepted scientific practice, academic standards and customs and in accordance with the Protocol and with any more specific publication/presentation guidelines developed during the course of the Study, including but not limited to the following:

### If the Study is a Multi-centre Study, the results from a single centre must not be Published before the Publication of results from all centres.

### Individuals making a substantial contribution to the Study will be recognised with co-authorship in the publication of results from the Study, unless they elect not to be recognised.

## The CRG may register and report Study results in accordance with the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) requirements and any applicable laws. The CRG may, in accordance with the joint ‘Principles for Responsible Clinical Trial Data Sharing’ by the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), share the clinical Study report, related clinical documents, and de-identified patient-level clinical Study data with third parties.

# Study Results and Intellectual Property

## The CRG grants to the Institution and its Personnel the right to use the Background IP of the CRG and the Study Materials as required to carry out the Study and perform this Agreement. Except for this right, neither the Institution nor any of its Personnel acquires any right or interest in any Intellectual Property provided by or on behalf of the CRG.

## In order to carry out the Study, the Institution may use Intellectual Property which is part of the Institution’s Background Intellectual Property. Any such Background Intellectual Property remains the sole property of the Institution. The Institution grants to the CRG a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty free licence to use (including the right to sub-licence) the Institution’s Background IP solely for the purpose of the development and the commercialisation of the Study Materials.

## Subject to **clause 13.1**, all Intellectual Property in the Study Materials will vest automatically upon its creation in the CRG, and the Institution presently assigns the CRG all Intellectual Property rights contained in the Study Materials. The Institution agrees to execute or procure the execution by its Personnel of any documents reasonably necessary to give effect to this assignment, at the CRG’s expense.

## The Institution must promptly disclose and communicate in writing to the CRG full particulars of any Intellectual Property that the Institution, its Personnel or Principal Investigator make, discover or conceive in the course of the Study that is directly related to the Study Materials.

# Term and Termination

## This Agreement commences from the date this Agreement is last signed by either the CRG or Institution. In the ordinary course of events this Agreement terminates when the CRG has made its final payment to the Institution and the Institution has received written Notification of site closure and of the Institution’s ongoing responsibilities.

## A Party may terminate this Agreement with 30 days prior written Notice or such shorter time period as is reasonably required in the circumstances if the other Party:

### is in breach of any obligations under the Agreement or the Protocol (including without just cause to meet a timeframe) and fails to remedy such breach where it is capable of remedy within 30 days of a written Notice from the terminating Party specifying the breach and requiring its remedy;

### is declared insolvent or has an administrator or receiver appointed over all or any part of its assets or ceases or threatens to cease to carry on its business; or

### assigns this Agreement to a person considered unsuitable to perform the Agreement as set out in **clause 20.3**.

## In addition to **clause 14.2**, a Party may terminate this Agreement immediately by written Notice to the other Party if it believes on reasonable grounds that:

### continuing the Study poses an unacceptable risk to the rights, interests, safety or well-being of Study Participants; and

### terminating this Agreement is the most appropriate way to respond to that risk.

## The CRG may terminate this Agreement immediately by giving Notice if the Principal Investigator leaves the institution and an acceptable replacement cannot be found in accordance with **clause 4.1(3)**.

## The CRC may terminate this Agreement if the Institution is in breach of the anti-bribery and corruption **clause 2.3** Further, in the event of such termination, the Institution will not be entitled to any further payment or compensation.

## The Institution must also repay to the CRG all (or the pro-rata amount if partially expended) of any pre-payments which the CRG has paid to the Institution for services or Personnel, which have not been applied to this Study before the date of termination and are not required for proper and reasonable Study close-out purposes.

## The CRG may terminate this Agreement with 30 days prior written Notice to the Institution. In the event of such early termination, the CRG will pay the reasonable costs of the Institution relating to the Study calculated in accordance with **Schedule 2** and recognising committed costs yet to be incurred.

## In the event of termination, the Institution must promptly initiate all appropriate action to close the Study and, subject to any applicable retention requirements imposed by law, return to the CRG (or destroy if requested by the CRG, and provide evidence of such destruction) any completed Case Report Forms and other materials received from the CRG before Study Completion.

## In the event of termination the CRG must take all appropriate action to close out the Study Site in a timely manner.

## In the event of early termination, the CRG will cooperate with the Institution to ensure that Study Participants who may be affected by termination receive adequate medical care. This may include facilitating the provision of Investigational Product in certain circumstances at no cost to the Institution.

## The following provisions survive termination of this Agreement, **clauses 1, 2.3, 3.2, 3.3(10), 3.3(12), 4.5, 4.6, 4.9, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, 4.15, 6.1, 7.3, 7.4, 8.3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20** and **26.**

# Disputes

## No Party may commence legal proceedings against another in respect of a dispute arising in relation to this Agreement (except for urgent interlocutory relief) unless the Parties have complied with this clause and that Party has first Notified the other Party in writing of the dispute and has used all reasonable endeavours to resolve the dispute with the other Party within 28 days of the giving of that Notice (“**Initial Period**”).

## If the dispute is not resolved within the Initial Period, then the dispute shall be referred within a further 28 days to any mutually agreed venue within New Zealand which conducts mediation. The Parties will by agreement appoint a mediator to mediate the dispute in this forum. If the Parties cannot agree to a mediator within 14 days of the end of the Initial Period, then the mediator will be nominated by the then current President of the New Zealand Law Society. Any documents produced for the mediation are to be kept confidential and cannot be used except for the purpose of settling the dispute.

## Each Party must bear its own costs of resolving a dispute under this clause, and unless the Parties otherwise agree, the Parties to the dispute must bear equally the costs of the mediator.

## In the event that the dispute is not settled at mediation within 28 days (or such other period as the Parties agree in writing) after the appointment of the mediator, the Parties are free to pursue any other procedures available at law for the resolution of the dispute.

## Nothing in **clause 15** will prevent a Party from seeking injunctive relief where damages may be an inadequate or inappropriate remedy.

# Applicable Law

This Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of New Zealand and the courts of New Zealand shall have exclusive jurisdiction in any proceedings relating to it.

# Notices

## The addresses of the Parties for the purposes of giving any Notice are set out on the front page of this Agreement.

##  A Notice, consent, approval or other communication (each a **Notice**) under this Agreement must be:

### delivered to the Party’s address; or

### sent by pre-paid mail to the Party’s address; or

### transmitted by facsimile to the Party’s address; or

### sent by email to the Party’s address, followed by delivery of a hard copy of the Notice to the Party’s address.

## A Notice given by a Party in accordance with this clause is treated as having been given and received under any of the following:

### if delivered to the contact at a Party's address, on the day of delivery if a business day, otherwise on the next business day; or

### if sent by pre-paid mail, on the fifth business day after posting; or

### if transmitted by facsimile to a Party's address and a correct and complete transmission report is received, on the day of transmission if a business day, otherwise on the next business day; or

### if sent by email to a Party’s address and a delivery receipt confirming delivery to that address is received by the sender, on the date of delivery specified in the delivery receipt if a business day, otherwise on the next business day.

## Any Notice delivered, sent or transmitted after 5pm in the place of receipt will be deemed to have been delivered at 9am on the following business day.

# Waiver

## No right under this Agreement is waived or deemed to be waived except by Notice in writing signed by the Party waiving the right. A waiver by any Party in respect of any breach of a condition or provision of this Agreement will not be deemed to be a waiver in respect of any other breach.

## Failure or delay by any Party to enforce any provision of this Agreement will not be deemed to be a waiver by that Party of any right in respect of any other such breach.

# Variations

No variations of this Agreement are legally binding on any Party unless evidenced in writing signed by both Parties. The NZACRes CTRA Addendum template may be utilised as is applicable.

# Assignment

## Subject to clause **20.2**, a Party (the **Assigning Party**) may assign its rights or novate its rights and obligations under this Agreement after obtaining the prior written consent of the other Party (the **Other Party**).

## The Assigning Party's request for the Other Party's consent to an assignment or novation of this Agreement must include:

### the name and the address of the proposed assignee or novatee;

### a copy of the proposed deed of assignment or novation; and

### such other information as the Other Party reasonably requires.

## Provided the proposed novatee is a **New Zealand** entity, the Other Party must give its consent promptly if:

### the Assigning Party satisfies the Other Party that the proposed novatee is financially secure and has the ability to carry out the Assigning Party's obligations under this Agreement;

### the proposed novatee signs a deed or agreement in which it covenants with the Other Party and the Assigning Party to perform the obligations of the Assigning Party under this Agreement;

### the Assigning Party is not in breach of this Agreement; and

### the Assigning Party pays the Other Party's reasonable costs of giving its consent.

## The Assigning Party remains liable for its obligations under this Agreement even if it assigns its rights pursuant to **clause** .

# Subcontracting

## The CRG may subcontract its obligations under this Agreement. The CRG remains responsible for all subcontracted obligations and is liable for all acts and omissions of any subcontractor as if they were the CRG's acts and omissions. In the event that the CRG subcontracts with another Party to perform any of the CRG's obligations under this Agreement, the CRG is bound by and will observe its obligations under **clause 9.1** in its dealings with the subcontractor.

## No subcontractor will have any rights under this Agreement against the Institution or be entitled to receive any payment from the Institution.

## For the purpose of this Agreement only, and as between the CRG and the Institution only, where the Institution subcontracts any of its obligations under this Agreement, the Institution remains responsible for all subcontracted obligations and is liable for all acts and omissions of any subcontractor as if they were the Institution's acts and omissions. The Institution may not subcontract any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the CRG.

# Entire Agreement

This Agreement, together with its schedules, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in relation to the Study and supersedes all prior representations, agreements, statements and understandings, whether verbal or in writing.

# Severance

If any part of this Agreement is prohibited, void, voidable, illegal or unenforceable, then that part is severed from this Agreement but without affecting the continued operation of this Agreement.

# Relationship of the Parties

Nothing in this Agreement creates a relationship of employer and employee, principal and agent, joint venture or partnership between the Parties and no Party will hold itself out as an agent for another.

# Force Majeure

If any Party is delayed or prevented from the performance of any act required under this Agreement by reason of any act of God, act of nature, including any epidemic or outbreak of pandemic disease, fire, act of government or state, war, civil commotion, insurrection, embargo, prevention from or hindrance in obtaining raw material, energy or other supplies, labour disputes of whatever nature or whatever reason beyond the control of the Party (a **Force Majeure Event**), the affected Party shall promptly Notify the other Party in writing, giving details of the Force Majeure Event, the acts affected by the Force Majeure Event and the extent to which they are affected, and performance of such acts shall be excused for the period of such event provided that if such interference lasts for any period in excess of 30 days either Party may, by written Notice to the other, terminate this Agreement.

# Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts. All counterparts taken together are deemed to constitute one and the same Agreement.

# Conflict

In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and the Protocol, this Agreement prevails.

In witness hereof, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date of last signature below.

Signed on behalf of the **CRG**

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| Signed: |   |
| Name: |   |
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Signed on behalf of the **Institution**

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| Name: |   |
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The Principal Investigator acknowledges this Agreement and understands the obligations it imposes.

Acknowledged by the **Principal Investigator**

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Key Information

*\*Changes to the maximum Study Participants number, Subcontractors and the Provisions lists may not require an Agreement amendment but must be agreed upon in writing by the Parties.*

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| Protocol Number: |  |
| Study Name: |   |
| Principal Investigator Name: |  |
| Study Site/s Identification | Site No.:  Site Address:  |
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| Institution Subcontractors\*: |  |
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| Target number of Study Participants:Recruitment Period: | Minimum: Maximum: [\*Maximum target number subject to CRG discretion] |
| Start:  End:  |
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Payments

*\*In accordance with clause 2.2, protocol version changes that do not affect this schedule, may not require an Agreement amendment.*

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| Protocol Version\*: |   |

**CRG GST registered: [ Yes / No ]**

*(GST will be added to invoices if the CRG*

*is GST registered in New Zealand.)*

*Refer to the NZACRes Costing Tool for guidance (www.nzacres.org.nz ).*

Insurance Arrangements

(To be inserted by CRG)

**Certificate of Insurance**

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Study Protocol Identification and CRF Requirements

**Study Protocol**

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| Date: | // |
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| Additional Details: |  |  |  |
| CRF completion timelines: |   |  |  |
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