

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Sponsored Activity Agreement between the University of Michigan and Blaze Medical Devices, 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 UMOR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest was then developed and approved by the Committee and agreed to by the parties involved.

This proposed agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Dr. Kenneth Alfano is an employee of the University of Michigan ("University"), and a partial owner of Blaze Medical Devices, 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:

Dr. Kenneth Alfano, a Lecturer IV in the College of Engineering Undergraduate Education, is the partial owner of a for-profit company called Blaze Medical Devices, LLC (the "Company"). The Company wishes to fund a project entitled: "Preliminary characterization of gradated red cell lysis and fragility profiling" (ORSP #15-PAF04842) in the Department of Biological Chemistry under the direction of Dr. David Ballou, Professor Emeritus of Biological Chemistry in the Medical School. The purpose of this project is to provide access to the Company to facilities and equipment in the Department of Biological Chemistry to subject red cell solutions to a predetermined level of shear lysing stress and measuring the concentrations of cell free hemoglobin through spectrophotometric methods.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the Agreement conform to University policy. The period of performance for the project is approximately thirteen (13) months. The amount of funding support will not exceed \$13,000. Since research projects are often amended, this agreement includes a provision for changes in time, amount, and scope. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

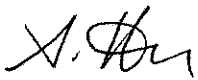
Impact of the Agreement

The Agreement will support an effort to improve preliminary characterization of gradated red cells lysis and fragility profiling.

Recommendations:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the UMOR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. 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 Blaze Medical Devices, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Hu', written in a cursive style.

S. Jack Hu
Interim Vice President for Research

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