

Bio-Resource Deposit and Distribution Agreement

Part I. Bio-Resource Information

Provider:

Provider Scientist:

Deposit: Internal no.

Bio-Resource Name/No.

No.	Original Material	Description	Patent/Licensing¹	Origin²
1	<u>Bio-Resource</u> name			

Notes:

1. Special Patent/Licensing – Please indicate any restrictions or other obligations related to this material that could affect BRICS's distribution to academic labs.

2. Origin - If you did not originally establish this Bio-Resource, please list from whom and where you received it.

Part II. Bio-Resource Deposit and Distribution Terms and Conditions

Section 1: Deposit of *Bio-Resource(s)*

- 1.1 The undersigned institution ("Provider") hereby deposits the Bio-Resource(s) described in detail in Part I of this Agreement ("Original Material") with BRICS. Provider and BRICS hereafter are collectively referred to as the "Parties" or individually as a "Party."
- 1.2 Subject to the terms and conditions of, and solely for the purposes contemplated in this Agreement, Provider hereby grants BRICS a non-exclusive right to store, produce, amplify, replicate and distribute the Original Material, which term shall for purposes of this Agreement be deemed to include Bio-Resource(s) produced by BRICS pursuant to the foregoing rights grant. BRICS shall use commercially reasonable efforts to not modify the Original Material.

Section 2: Distribution to Academic and Non-Profit Research Institutions

- 2.1 Provider hereby grants to BRICS a non-exclusive, worldwide right to distribute Original Material to any third party academic institutions or non-profit research organizations for non-commercial research and academic purposes only, as defined in the Material Transfer Agreement ("MTA").
- 2.2 BRICS's distribution of Original Material to a third party academic institution or a non-profit research organization ("Recipient") and its scientists ("Recipient Scientists") is conditioned upon the following:
 - (a) Recipient Scientist acknowledges and Recipient agrees, in respect to the Original Material, to be bound by the terms of the MTA (in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto) between Provider and Recipient; and
 - (b) Recipient Scientist and Recipient acknowledge to BRICS that the Original Material will be used solely for non-commercial research or academic purposes, as defined by the MTA.
- 2.3 For each distribution, Provider and BRICS agree that the MTA constitutes a contract between Provider and Recipient.
- 2.4 For each distribution, Provider hereby agrees to be bound by the terms of the MTA.
- 2.5 BRICS reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to withhold distribution of Original Material to Recipient(s) for any reason.

Section 3: Acknowledgements and Warranties

- 3.1 Provider acknowledges that Recipient may be assessed a distribution fee in connection with the Original Material's storage, replication and other distribution costs of providing such Original Material and that BRICS shall not charge an additional fee for the Original Material itself.
- 3.2 Provider acknowledges that BRICS operates as a nonprofit entity and for the convenience of Provider.
- 3.3 Provider and BRICS agree that any Original Material deposited and/or distributed pursuant to this Agreement is/are understood to be experimental in nature and may have hazardous properties. Provider agrees that it shall not deposit any Original Material with BRICS requiring BL3 or BL4 safety regulations, and acknowledges that BRICS is relying on Provider's representation to this effect.
- 3.4 Provider represents and warrants that the Original Material is not subject to any rights that would affect BRICS's performance under this Agreement.
- 3.5 EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT, NEITHER PARTY MAKES ANY REPRESENTATIONS NOR EXTENDS ANY WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, VALIDITY, AND THE ABSENCE OF LATENT OR OTHER DEFECTS, WHETHER OR NOT DISCOVERABLE. IN NO EVENT SHALL BRICS, ITS RESPECTIVE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING ECONOMIC DAMAGES OR LOST PROFITS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PARTY WAS ADVISED, HAD REASON TO KNOW OR IN FACT KNEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FOREGOING.

Section 4: Liability

- 4.1 To the extent permitted by law, BRICS shall not be liable (as between Provider and BRICS only) for any loss, damage, alteration, cost or expense arising under or relating to BRICS's receipt, storage, replication or distribution of the Original Material, unless caused by BRICS's willful misconduct or gross negligence. BRICS shall not be liable for any third party claim of damage, injury, death or consequence related to the Original Material, unless a court of competent jurisdiction has determined that such claim, damage, injury, death or consequence is a result of BRICS's willful misconduct or gross negligence.
- 4.2 To the extent permitted by law, and except when caused by the willful misconduct or gross negligence of BRICS, Provider agrees to be solely and exclusively responsible (as between BRICS and Provider only) for (a) any loss, damage, cost or expense arising under or relating to Provider's storage, creation, replication, use or distribution of the Original Material; (b)

any third party claim of damage, injury, death or consequence related to the Original Material as a result of the Provider's willful misconduct or gross negligence as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction; and (c) any third party claim that the Original Material or use of the Original Material infringes on such third party's intellectual property rights.

Section 5: Termination

- 5.1 This Agreement shall remain in effect unless terminated by either Party upon sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other Party. In the event that BRICS is threatened with or becomes subject to any claim, demand, or lawsuit with respect to the Original Material, BRICS shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately.
- 5.2 At the time of termination, BRICS shall (a) return all Original Material to Provider or certify as to its proper disposal and (b) provide any outstanding reports, in electronic form, of the Original Material transferred under this Agreement.
- 5.3 The following sections shall survive termination: 3.5, 4.1, 4.2, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9 and 6.10.
- 5.4 Notwithstanding the above, Provider's obligations to Recipient shall survive termination as provided for in the MTA; and Recipient's obligations to Provider shall survive termination as provided for in the MTA.

Section 6: Miscellaneous

- 6.1 BRICS shall provide Provider with reports, no less frequently than quarterly, identifying the Recipient to which Original Material has been distributed. If there are no distributions of the Original Material during a quarter, no report will be provided.
- 6.2 Neither Party shall use the name of the other Party or of any staff member, officer, employee or student of the other party or any adaptation thereof in any advertising, promotional or sales literature, publicity or in any document employed to obtain funds or financing without the prior written consent of the Party or individual whose name is to be used. Notwithstanding the above, both BRICS and Provider shall have the right to make factual statements identifying the Provider Scientist and Provider as the depositors of the Original Material in BRICS's catalogs, website and other materials that list or identify materials available from BRICS.
- 6.3 This Agreement constitutes the final agreement between the Parties. It is the complete and exclusive expression of the Parties' agreement on the matters contained herein. All prior and contemporaneous negotiations and agreements between the Parties are expressly merged into and superseded by this Agreement. In entering into this Agreement, neither Party has relied upon any statement, representation, warranty, or agreement of the other Party except for those expressly contained in this Agreement. There are no conditions precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement other than those expressly stated herein.
- 6.4 If any provision of this Agreement or its application to any Party or circumstance is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of that provision to the other Party or to other circumstances is not affected and is to be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.
- 6.5 This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the parties thereto and their respective permitted successors and assigns.
- 6.6 Any notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given upon receipt if delivered personally or by facsimile transmission (receipt verified), or mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, or sent by prepaid express courier service, to the addresses set forth below or to such other address as a Party may have furnished in writing to the other Party in the manner provided above.

(Addresses)

- 6.7 The Parties may not amend, modify or waive this Agreement or any of its provisions except pursuant to a written instrument executed by both Parties. Failure to exercise, or any delay in exercising, any right or remedy provided under this Agreement or by law shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor shall it preclude or restrict any further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.
- 6.8 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the People's Republic of China.
- 6.9 The parties hereby consent to submit and dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement to China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (the "CIETAC") for arbitration which shall be conducted at Shanghai and in accordance with the CIETAC's arbitration rules in effect at the time of applying for arbitration. The arbitral award is final and binding upon the parties.
- 6.10 This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by the parties by signature of a person having authority to bind the party or signature of the legal representative of the party and applying company seal. and all of which shall constitute but one and the same Agreement.

*****The rest of this page is intentionally left blank. Signature page follows. ****

This Bio-Resource Deposit and Distribution Agreement is between XXX and BRICS (Bio-Research Innovation Center Suzhou) and is effective as of the last date of execution hereof. This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which Provider agrees to deposit the Original Material with BRICS.

AGREED TO:

PROVIDER:

Bio-Research Innovation Center Suzhou:

By:

By:

Name:

Name:

Title:

Title:

Date:

Date:

ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

PROVIDER SCIENTIST:

By:

Name:

Title:

Date:

EXHIBIT A
MATERIAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT ("MTA") FOR THE RECEIPT OF MATERIALS THROUGH BRICS

I. Definitions:

1. PROVIDER: Organization providing the ORIGINAL MATERIAL. The name and address of this party will be specified in an implementing letter.
2. PROVIDER SCIENTIST: The name and address of this party will be specified in an implementing letter.
3. RECIPIENT: Organization receiving the ORIGINAL MATERIAL. The name and address of this party will be specified in an implementing letter.
4. RECIPIENT SCIENTIST: The name and address of this party will be specified in an implementing letter.
5. ORIGINAL MATERIAL: The description of the material being transferred will be specified in an implementing letter.
6. MATERIAL: ORIGINAL MATERIAL, PROGENY, and UNMODIFIED DERIVATIVES. The MATERIAL shall not include: (a) MODIFICATIONS, or (b) other substances created by the RECIPIENT through the use of the MATERIAL which are not MODIFICATIONS, PROGENY, or UNMODIFIED DERIVATIVES.
7. PROGENY: Unmodified descendant from the MATERIAL, such as virus from virus, cell from cell, or organism from organism.
8. UNMODIFIED DERIVATIVES: Substances created by the RECIPIENT which constitute an unmodified functional subunit or product expressed by the ORIGINAL MATERIAL. Some examples include: subclones of unmodified ORIGINAL MATERIAL, purified or fractionated subsets of the ORIGINAL MATERIAL, proteins expressed by DNA/RNA supplied by the PROVIDER, or monoclonal antibodies secreted by a hybridoma cell line of the ORIGINAL MATERIAL.
9. MODIFICATIONS: Substances created by the RECIPIENT which contain/incorporate the MATERIAL.
10. COMMERCIAL PURPOSES: The sale, lease, license, or other transfer of the MATERIAL or MODIFICATIONS to a for-profit organization. COMMERCIAL PURPOSES shall also include uses of the MATERIAL or MODIFICATIONS by any organization, including RECIPIENT, to perform contract research, to screen compound libraries, to produce or manufacture products for general sale, or to conduct research activities that result in any sale, lease, license, or transfer of the MATERIAL or MODIFICATIONS to a for-profit organization. However, industrially sponsored academic research shall not be considered a use of the MATERIAL or MODIFICATIONS for COMMERCIAL PURPOSES per se, unless any of the above conditions of this definition are met.
11. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION(S): A university or other institution of higher education or any nonprofit scientific or educational organization of the type described in Article 87 of the General Provisions of the Civil Law of the People's Republic of China. As used herein, the term also includes government agencies.

II. Terms and Conditions of this Agreement:

1. The PROVIDER retains ownership of the MATERIAL, including any MATERIAL contained or incorporated in MODIFICATIONS. The RECIPIENT retains ownership of: (a) MODIFICATIONS (except that, the PROVIDER retains ownership rights to the MATERIAL included therein), and (b) those substances created through the use of the MATERIAL or MODIFICATIONS, but which are not PROGENY, UNMODIFIED DERIVATIVES or MODIFICATIONS (i.e., do not contain the ORIGINAL MATERIAL, PROGENY, UNMODIFIED DERIVATIVES). If either 2 (a) or 2 (b) results from the collaborative efforts of the PROVIDER and the RECIPIENT, joint ownership may be negotiated.
2. The RECIPIENT and the RECIPIENT SCIENTIST agree that the MATERIAL:
 - a. is to be used solely for teaching and academic research purposes;
 - b. will not be used in human subjects, in clinical trials, or for diagnostic purposes involving human subjects without the written consent of the PROVIDER;
 - c. is to be used only at the RECIPIENT organization and only in the RECIPIENT SCIENTIST's laboratory under the direction of the RECIPIENT SCIENTIST or others working under his/her direct supervision; and
 - d. will not be transferred to anyone else within the RECIPIENT organization without the prior written consent of the PROVIDER.

3. The RECIPIENT and the RECIPIENT SCIENTIST agree to refer to the PROVIDER any request for the MATERIAL from anyone other than those persons working under the RECIPIENT SCIENTIST's direct supervision. To the extent supplies are available, the PROVIDER or the PROVIDER SCIENTIST agrees to make the MATERIAL available, under a separate implementing letter to this Agreement or other agreement having terms consistent with the terms of this Agreement, to other scientists (at least those at NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION(S)) who wish to replicate the RECIPIENT SCIENTIST's research; provided that such other scientists reimburse the PROVIDER for any costs relating to the preparation and distribution of the MATERIAL.
4. The RECIPIENT and/or the RECIPIENT SCIENTIST shall have the right, without restriction, to distribute substances created by the RECIPIENT through the use of the ORIGINAL MATERIAL only if those substances are not PROGENY, UNMODIFIED DERIVATIVES, or MODIFICATIONS.
 - a. Under a separate implementing letter to this Agreement (or an agreement at least as protective of the PROVIDER's rights), the RECIPIENT may distribute MODIFICATIONS to NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION(S) for research and teaching purposes only.
 - b. Without written consent from the PROVIDER, the RECIPIENT and/or the RECIPIENT SCIENTIST may NOT provide MODIFICATIONS for COMMERCIAL PURPOSES. It is recognized by the RECIPIENT that such COMMERCIAL PURPOSES may require a commercial license from the PROVIDER and the PROVIDER has no obligation to grant a commercial license to its ownership interest in the MATERIAL incorporated in the MODIFICATIONS. Nothing in this paragraph, however, shall prevent the RECIPIENT from granting commercial licenses under the RECIPIENT's intellectual property rights claiming such MODIFICATIONS, or methods of their manufacture or their use.
5. The RECIPIENT acknowledges that the MATERIAL is or may be the subject of a patent application. Except as provided in this Agreement, no express or implied licenses or other rights are provided to the RECIPIENT under any patents, patent applications, trade secrets or other proprietary rights of the PROVIDER, including any altered forms of the MATERIAL made by the PROVIDER. In particular, no express or implied licenses or other rights are provided to use the MATERIAL, MODIFICATIONS, or any related patents of the PROVIDER for COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.
6. If the RECIPIENT desires to use or license the MATERIAL or MODIFICATIONS for COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, the RECIPIENT agrees, in advance of such use, to negotiate in good faith with the PROVIDER to establish the terms of a commercial license. It is understood by the RECIPIENT that the PROVIDER shall have no obligation to grant such a license to the RECIPIENT, and may grant exclusive or non-exclusive commercial licenses to others, or sell or assign all or part of the rights in the MATERIAL to any third party(ies), subject to any pre-existing rights held by others and obligations to the Government.
7. The RECIPIENT is free to file patent application(s) claiming inventions made by the RECIPIENT through the use of the MATERIAL but agrees to notify the PROVIDER upon filing a patent application claiming MODIFICATIONS or method(s) of manufacture or use(s) of the MATERIAL.
8. Any MATERIAL delivered pursuant to this Agreement is understood to be experimental in nature and may have hazardous properties. The PROVIDER MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS AND EXTENDS NO WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED. THERE ARE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR THAT THE USE OF THE MATERIAL WILL NOT INFRINGE ANY PATENT, COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARK, OR OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS.
9. Except to the extent prohibited by law, the RECIPIENT assumes all liability for damages which may arise from its use, storage or disposal of the MATERIAL. The PROVIDER will not be liable to the RECIPIENT for any loss, claim or demand made by the RECIPIENT, or made against the RECIPIENT by any other party, due to or arising from the use of the MATERIAL by the RECIPIENT, except to the extent permitted by law when caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the PROVIDER.
10. This agreement shall not be interpreted to prevent or delay publication of research findings resulting from the use of the MATERIAL or the MODIFICATIONS. The RECIPIENT SCIENTIST agrees to provide appropriate acknowledgment of the source of the MATERIAL in all publications.
11. The RECIPIENT agrees to use the MATERIAL in compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the People's Republic of China.
12. This Agreement will terminate on the earliest of the following dates: (a) when the MATERIAL becomes generally available from third parties, or (b) on completion of the RECIPIENT's current research with the MATERIAL, or (c) on thirty (30) days written notice by either party to the other, or (d) on the date specified in an implementing letter, provided that:
 - i. if termination should occur under 13(a), the RECIPIENT shall be bound to the PROVIDER by the least restrictive terms applicable to the MATERIAL obtained from the then-available resources; and
 - ii. if termination should occur under 13(b) or (d) above, the RECIPIENT will discontinue its use of the MATERIAL and will, upon direction of the PROVIDER, return or destroy any remaining MATERIAL. The RECIPIENT, at its discretion, will also either destroy the MODIFICATIONS or remain bound by the terms of this agreement as they apply to MODIFICATIONS; and

- iii. in the event the PROVIDER terminates this Agreement under 13(c) other than for breach of this Agreement or for cause such as an imminent health risk or patent infringement, the PROVIDER will defer the effective date of termination for a period of up to one year, upon request from the RECIPIENT, to permit completion of research in progress. Upon the effective date of termination, or if requested, the deferred effective date of termination, RECIPIENT will discontinue its use of the MATERIAL and will, upon direction of the PROVIDER, return or destroy any remaining MATERIAL. The RECIPIENT, at its discretion, will also either destroy the MODIFICATIONS or remain bound by the terms of this agreement as they apply to MODIFICATIONS.

13. Paragraphs 6, 9 and 10 shall survive termination.

14. The MATERIAL is provided at no cost, or with an optional transmittal fee solely to reimburse the PROVIDER for its preparation and distribution costs. If a fee is requested by the PROVIDER, the amount will be indicated in an implementing letter.

EXHIBIT B
Implementing Letter (Order No. XXX)

The purpose of this letter is to provide a record of the biological material transfer, to memorialize the agreement between the PROVIDER (identified below) and RECIPIENT (identified below) and the agreement between the PROVIDER SCIENTIST (identified below) and the RECIPIENT SCIENTIST (identified below) to abide by all terms and conditions of the Material Transfer Agreements (listed below), for the purpose of this transfer. The ORIGINAL MATERIAL being transferred has been deposited by the PROVIDER and is made available through BRICS to the RECIPIENT.

- 1. PROVIDER:**
- 2. RECIPIENT:**
- 3. ORIGINAL MATERIAL:**
- 4. Transmittal Fee:**
- 5. PROVIDER SCIENTIST:**
- 6. RECIPIENT SCIENTIST:**
- 7. Material Transfer Agreements:** the following agreements are between RECIPIENT and PROVIDER.

The PROVIDER and PROVIDER SCIENTIST have agreed to distribute the ORIGINAL MATERIAL through BRICS under the Material Transfer Agreements (identified below). By executing this implementing letter, RECIPIENT agrees to the terms of the Material Transfer Agreements identified above.

RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION:

You, the person signing this form, certify that 1) you are the Authorized Representative whose name appears below, or you have been given authority by the Authorized Representative whose name appears below to complete this form, 2) the Authorized Representative has the authority to sign Material Transfer Agreements on behalf of RECIPIENT, 3) RECIPIENT is a non-profit research organization (qualified under a government or state non-profit statute), or a university or other institution of higher education, or a government agency conducting research, and 4) RECIPIENT agrees to the transfer of the ORIGINAL MATERIAL as described in this letter.

Authorized Representative Signature:

Authorized Representative Name (Please print in English):

Authorized Representative Title:

Authorized Representative E-mail:

Date: