

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between**

**Semnan University of Medical Sciences in Semnan, IRAN
And Prof. Esmail Jabbari (University of South Carolina, USA)**

Semnan University of Medical Sciences (SEMUMS) in Iran and Prof. Esmail Jabbari in University of South Carolina in USA hereinafter referred as two Parties, intending to expand collaboration on scientific programs, research projects, exchanges and training of researchers, holding meetings, workshops and scientific conferences by considering the mutual interests and benefits have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE I

The Parties intend to enhance and expand cooperative efforts in research and medical sciences according to the following general principles;

The Parties intend to conduct all activities in the spirit of partnership, mutual cooperation and scientific excellence.

ARTICLE II

The Parties plan to provide for the expansion of cooperation across a broad range of mutual interests. Initial efforts are directed at developing joint activities, addressing common research interests in;

1. Clinical research
2. Tissue Engineering research
3. Stem cells research
4. Basic research
5. Biotechnology research

Other specific areas may be identified from time to time by mutual consent of both sides.

ARTICLE III

The methods of cooperation which are provided in MOU include, but are not limited to;

1. Coordinating scientific programs and research projects
2. Exchanging and training the scientists, students and staff
3. Holding meetings, workshops, and scientific conferences

ARTICLE IV

For any cooperation and initially for those areas identified in Article II, the Parties or their designees intend to identify an appropriate entity to take the lead in overseeing the practical implementation of activities. The appropriate entities of the two Parties will be responsible for coordinating communications and activities with their counterparts and need to be responsible for fulfilling the mutually decided responsibilities.

The Parties and appropriate entities intend to consult with each other on a regular basis, reach consensus on proposals of joint research and develop projects under this MOU and evaluate the completed projects. The Parties and appropriate entities hold such meetings in SEMUMS and Prof. Esmail Jabbari.

ARTICLE V





The Parties and appropriate entities intend to make findings and results publicity known and available via publication in scientific journals. Authorship in these manuscripts will be discussed prior to submission and will be in accordance to the relative individual contributions to the projects in agreement with the usual guidelines to authorships in the scientific publications.

ARTICLE VI

This MOU may be amended only by written request of either Party and written mutual agreement of the Parties. The amendments will be done in writing and will enter into effect on date of signature by the Parties.


ARTICLE VII

This MOU will enter into effect on date of its signature. This MOU is concluded for a period of 2 years and after the said period, it will be valid unless one of the Parties informs its termination to the other Party. In this case, the MOU will be terminated 6 months after the said notification.


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