



To: STAR-IDAZ IRC  
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## **LETTER OF INTENT TO JOIN THE**

### **STAR-IDAZ INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM (STAR-IDAZ IRC)**

The STAR-IDAZ IRC is coordinating international collaborative efforts to speed up the development of new and improved animal health strategies for priority diseases/infections/issues of animals. STAR-IDAZ IRC has set for itself the ambitious goals to deliver improved control tools/strategies, including candidate vaccines, diagnostics, therapeutics and other animal health products and procedures and/or key scientific information/tools to support risk analysis and disease control for at least 30 priority diseases.

This Letter of Intent is to inform the STAR-IDAZ IRC that [funding body name] from [country] is willing to join the STAR-IDAZ IRC collaborative effort and is planning to finance future research with an anticipated budget of [xxx (minimum USD 10 million over 5 years)] that is aligned with the STAR-IDAZ IRC scientific objectives, policies and governance structure. In addition, since 1 January 2019, our funding body has already dedicated [budget] to research projects relevant to the STAR-IDAZ IRC scientific objectives.

To join this initiative, aimed at fostering international research cooperation on animal health, our funding body and the scientists involved in the funded projects will follow all policies and guidelines that were developed by the STAR-IDAZ IRC, and which are available on the STAR-IDAZ website (<http://www.star-idaz.net/>). These policies and guidelines are relevant for:

- coordination of efforts to minimise unnecessary redundancy,
- harmonisation and standardisation of data and research results,
- facilitation of access to data,
- development and sharing of best practices,
- coordination of public communications regarding individual efforts or the international effort as a whole, using a common web portal; and
- coordination of issues such as archiving and distribution to ensure the data and resources generated are readily accessible to the scientific community.

[Funding body name] will support the STAR-IDAZ IRC policies and guidelines, subject to [funding body name]'s obligation to act in accordance with its policies and procedures regarding the protection of [funding body name]'s intellectual property, data confidentiality, publication of research results and making information publicly available in a manner consistent with [funding body name]'s prior practices, while abiding by any agreements in place with collaboration partners limiting our ability to share information outside of such collaborations, and conducting all such activities in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, including those related to antitrust.



These intentions represent (Funding body's name) willingness to participate in the STAR-IDAZ IRC but do not constitute a legal obligation with legal, limiting or binding effect.

We therefore nominate [Mr, Ms, Dr, Prof] [name of the representative of the funding body] to represent our funding body on the STAR-IDAZ IRC Executive Committee.

[To complete your application, please also provide a letter of motivation stating the reasons for desiring to join STAR-IDAZ IRC and the anticipated contributions your organisation will make to animal disease research.]

Signature

Name of [Minister]/[Director]/[Funding Body Legal Representative]

Date