# BCVI CTU Research Agreement

Please carefully read the entire document and sign. Keep a copy for your records.

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , agree to the following conditions upon acceptance of my proposed research project for use of data and/or samples provided by the Clinical Trials Unit:

1. Under no circumstances shall the data and/or samples be used for a project other than the one described in this application nor shall they be sold, given or transferred to a third party without having obtained the express, prior approval from the BCVI Clinical Trials Unit.
2. If you are requesting data for Quality Assurance (QA) purposes you acknowledge that you have **no** intent on publishing findings.
3. You agree that no attempt will be made to learn the identity or other information about the subjects providing data/tissue;
4. You understand if an updated dataset (increase in number of subjects, date range, adding/changing data variables) is needed for analysis after initial review and approval, a revised Request Application may need to be submitted for re-review/approval.
5. If research resulting from data/specimens provided should lead to any commercial value, it shall be disclosed to Clinical Trials Unit.
6. There must be an active IRB approval for all work performed on identified data/specimens that you receive from the CTU. Ethical guidelines relating to the use of data/human tissue must be followed during research.
7. There are potential risks in handling such infectious material and all procedures employed in the handling, storage and use of human tissue should meet standards set by the relevant authority in each research institution or by the Center for Disease Control. The Clinical Trials Unit is not responsible for any damages, dispute or injury arising from a failure to maintain such safeguards.
8. Research/findings based on use of the data and/or samples will be reported to the Clinical Trials Unit.
9. Credit and acknowledgment will be unconditionally given to the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute Clinical Trials Unit at NMH. You agree to insert a statement acknowledgment in all publications, abstracts or presentations. In the material and methods section of the publication, a statement such as the following should be included:

**“The [*data and/or human tissues/samples*] used in this study were provided by the Clinical Trials Unit, Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute of Northwestern Memorial.”**

By signing this agreement, you acknowledge that data/specimens received from the CTU may only be used for the purpose stated in the request. You agree not to perform additional analyses without notifying the CTU. Additionally, copies of any findings will be provided to the CTU in a timely manner.

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**Principal Investigator Name PI Signature Date**

*Please scan a copy of this signed agreement and send to* [*ahuskin@nmh.org*](mailto:ahuskin@nmh.org) *or* [*lgoodrea@nmh.org*](mailto:lgoodrea@nmh.org)