

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

Consorzio per Valutazioni Biologiche e Farmacologiche (CVBF), with its headquarter in via Putignani 178, 70122 Bari, Italy, legally represented by Donato Bonifazi

AND

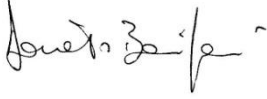
Athena Center for Advanced Research in Healthcare, legally represented by his Director, Dr **Syed Sarosh Mahdi**, resident for this appointment in Karachi (Pakistan), Karachi Chapter

The agreement is based on the principle of reciprocity and expresses the interest of both parties in undertaking a collaboration for **research and training activities** in the belief that the establishment of such exchange programs will increase the research and educational process quality.

1. Parties agree to encourage the development of the following collaborative activities based on their respective academic, research, and educational needs with particular attention:
 - Research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest.
 - Cooperative symposia, conferences, seminars and workshops.
 - Exchange of academic information and materials.
 - Organization of joint research programs.
2. Parties recognize that the implementation of any collaborative activity will depend upon the research and academic interests and expertise of individual faculty members and researchers and upon the availability of financial resources. Accordingly, the implementation of each research program based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both parties.
3. Parties agree to organize regular events to enhance reciprocal exchanges between them.
4. Athena Center will collaborate for promoting and advertising in Pakistan CVBF activities, and could host training activities organized in collaboration with CVBF. Specific areas of collaboration will include different level courses in digital medicine, the matter of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, clinical trials, **paediatric clinical and translational research**.
5. This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature and to suggest the guidelines of the cooperation described above. Therefore, nothing shall diminish the full autonomy of the institutions, nor will any constraints be imposed upon the others in carrying out the agreement.
6. The agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both parties sign this agreement, and will be in force for a period of 5 years. The agreement is subject to revision or modification by mutual agreement, it is also understood that each institution may terminate the agreement at any time, although

is assumed that such action would be taken after consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other institutions.

7. It is agreed that the liaison representative of CVBF for this agreement will be **Donato Bonifazi**. Dr Syed Sarosh Mahdi shall serve as a representative of the Athena Center for Advanced Research in Healthcare.



Dr. Donato Bonifazi
Bari, 22 March 2021



Dr. Syed Sarosh Mahdi
Karachi, -23rd March 2021