RIKEN BRC

MATERIAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT
(For Distribution to a Not-For-Profit Organization)

RECIPIENT
Recipient Scientist:  
Recipient Organization:  
Address:  

This Material Transfer Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which RIKEN BioResource Center (hereinafter referred to as ‘RIKEN BRC’) will provide the RECIPIENT, and the RECIPIENT will receive, the biological material specified as __________________________ and its derivatives (hereinafter referred to as the ‘BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE’) in response to the RECIPIENT’s request, and with which the RECIPIENT scientist and organization agree before the RECIPIENT receives the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE:

1. The RIKEN BRC, a non-profit public organization financed by the Japanese Government, is engaged in collection, maintenance, storage, propagation, quality control and distribution of the biological resources, in order to contribute to the Japanese and international scientific community in the field of life sciences.

2. (a) The RECIPIENT shall use the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE for the following specific purpose: __________________________

(b) The RECIPIENT shall obtain a written prior permission from the RIKEN BRC for the usage of the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE for any other purposes than the purpose specified above.

3. The RECIPIENT shall not use the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE for diagnosis or treatment of humans or other direct applications to human bodies or as food source for humans.

4. The RECIPIENT agrees to use the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE complying with the following terms and conditions requested by the DEPOSITOR, which are specified in the RIKEN BRC Catalog or Website: ________________

In the case requested by the DEPOSITOR, the RECIPIENT should obtain an approval from the DEPOSITOR using the APPROVAL FORM prior to entering the AGREEMENT with the RIKEN BRC.

Please enter the scientific name(s) and JCM accession number(s) of the strain(s) that you request. More than one strain can be listed here if their “Terms and Conditions” indicated at the 4th item below are identical. If this space is not enough, please attach an extra sheet.

Please enter your research subject when you use the requested strain(s). It should be written in concrete terms.

If the “Terms and conditions requested for distribution” are specified in the on-line catalogue, please enter the conditions here. If there is no information on terms and conditions, please leave it blank.
5. The RECIPIENT agrees to expressly describe that “the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE (the resource name) was provided by the RIKEN BRC through the National Bio-Resource Project of the MEXT, Japan” in Materials and Methods, the Acknowledgement or any other appropriate section in any publication reporting the use thereof. The RECIPIENT also agrees to send information regarding such publication to the RIKEN BRC. The RIKEN BRC may request the RECIPIENT to report on progress and/or results obtained through the use of the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE, and the RECIPIENT shall respond truthfully to such a request by the RIKEN BRC. The RIKEN BRC may disclose publicly such information to increase the value of the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE, and to demonstrate the contribution of the RIKEN BRC.

6. The RECIPIENT shall bear the cost of shipping, handling, part of production and other expenses necessary for preparation or distribution of the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE for the RECIPIENT.

7. The access to the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE is limited to the RECIPIENT and the RECIPIENT’s co-workers and students who work for the purpose specified in Section 2(a) under the direct supervision and full responsibility of the RECIPIENT. The RECIPIENT shall not distribute, resell or otherwise dispose of the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE to any third party. The disposition hereunder shall include any acts to transfer all or any part of the intellectual property or grant a license thereunder with respect to the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE.

8. Nothing in this AGREEMENT shall be interpreted that the RIKEN BRC grants the RECIPIENT any rights under any patents or other intellectual property, or licenses thereunder with respect to the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE.

9. The RECIPIENT shall assume all liability for claims against the RECIPIENT and the RIKEN BRC by third parties relating to alleged infringement of any patent, copyright, trademark or other intellectual property rights, which may arise from the use, storage or disposal by the RECIPIENT of the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE.

10. The RECIPIENT acknowledges that the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE delivered pursuant to this AGREEMENT may have defective, hazardous or faulty properties and may not necessarily fit for a particular purpose and that the RECIPIENT assumes all liability for any consequences resulting from the use by the RECIPIENT of the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE.

11. The RECIPIENT agrees that any handling or other activities of the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE in its laboratory shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and guidelines. The RECIPIENT shall, if necessary, take all steps or procedures to comply with legal requirements for handling of the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE.

12. Both parties shall discuss to enable amicable resolution of any accidents during shipment of the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE.

13. In case the RECIPIENT is in breach of this AGREEMENT, the RIKEN BRC may request the RECIPIENT to cease its subsequent use of the BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE and other resources of the RIKEN BRC.

14. Both parties shall discuss in good faith to enable the amicable resolution of matters, arising in connection with the interpretation or performance hereof as well as the matters which are not expressly set forth in this AGREEMENT.

15. Any matter or dispute which cannot be settled through said amicable discussion shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of Tokyo District Court, Japan. This AGREEMENT shall be
governed in accordance with the laws of Japan.

The RECIPIENT and the RIKEN BRC do hereby sign two original copies of this AGREEMENT and each party holds one signed copy.

RIKEN BioResource Center
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Director
Yuichi Obata, Ph.D.
Signature: __________________________
Date: ___________________________

RECIPIENT
Organization: ___________________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________
Name of Authorized Representative: ____________________________________________
Job Title: _________________________________________________________________
Signature: __________________________
Date: ___________________________

Name of Scientist: _________________________________________________________
Job Title: _________________________________________________________________
Signature: __________________________
Date: ___________________________

"Authorized Representative" should be a director, a dean or their equivalent. If the "Authorized Representative" is the same as "Scientist", please enter his/her name and signature in both spaces. Students are not allowed to be recipients who would be contacted by Riken BRC on a permanent basis.