

## **CONSENT FOR THE STORAGE AND USE OF DATA**

### Declaration of Consent for the Storage and Use of Data

#### **1. Data Protection Requirements**

In context with the Merck Accelerator website, Merck KgaA, Darmstadt, Germany will apply the legal requirements for data protection, in particular the German Bundesdatenschutzgesetz (BDSG), to ensure sufficient protection and security of personal data. Personal data are any information relating to an identified or identifiable individual. The Merck Accelerator website will in particular store the following personal data: Email, First name, Surname, City, Country, Occupation, Company/Institute, Position, Phone number.

#### **2. Collection, Storage, Processing, Transfer and Use of Data Required for Providing Service to You**

Merck KgaA, Darmstadt, Germany operates the Merck Accelerator website which is intended to enable interested parties to inform themselves about the Merck Accelerator and to apply for the event using the online registration form.

For that purpose, you confirm that Merck KgaA, Darmstadt, Germany is authorized to collect, store, process, transfer and use the following personal data that is stored about you when you apply for the event using the registration form: Email, First name, Surname, City, Country, Occupation, Company/Institute, Position, Phone number.

If you do not accept this consent, you will not be able to apply for the event via the Merck Accelerator website because we would in this case not be able to process your data and in consequence cannot provide the requested service to you.

#### **3. Collection, Storage, Processing, Transfer and Use of Data Required to Improve Our Services to You**

In addition to the data described in the previous section, the Merck KgaA, Darmstadt, Germany collects anonymous data about the use of the Merck Accelerator website for recognizing returning visitors and for improving usability based on anonymous behavioral visitor profiles. For that purpose, the Merck Accelerator website uses “cookies”, which are text files stored on your computer. These cookies are intended for recognizing visitors and for supporting user convenience, e.g. password remember functionality.

In that context, the Merck Accelerator website uses Google Analytics, a web analytics service provided by Google, Inc. (“Google”). You can find information on Google Analytics and a list of cookies utilized by the Merck Accelerator website in our privacy statement on the following website here. During the application process the email address entered in the respective form field is transformed into a non-readable hash key based on a consistent encryption logic. The hash key serves for recognizing returning visitors and for improving usability based on anonymous behavioral visitor profiles. It is based on the secure hash algorithm SHA-1 producing 160 bit (20 byte) hash keys in line with the Secure Hash Standard (SHS) norm. The encryption logic is one-directional, so that it is not possible to decrypt keys again. This logic prevents that any personal or readable email information is captured or stored.

#### **4. Other Use of Data and Disclosure**

Merck KgaA, Darmstadt, Germany will not use and transfer personal data to additional other third parties without your prior agreement. However, Merck KgaA, Darmstadt, Germany can be obliged by authorities to hand out personal data on statutory obligation.

#### **5. Deletion and Correction of Data**

You can cancel the agreement for the storage and processing of your personal data at any time. In this case, we also will have to cancel your registration and use of the Merck Accelerator website. Personal data that are required for the execution of a contract that was agreed with you before the receipt of the cancellation will be deleted after completion of that contract. In case of legal obligation, your data will be stored solely for this purpose. The data will then be deleted automatically after the completion of the contract and after the legally required data retention period. Also, you can ask Merck KgaA, Darmstadt, Germany for the correction of inaccuracies in the information related to yourself.

Contact address to cancel the declaration of consent:

Merck KgaA, Darmstadt, Germany  
Innovation Center  
Frankfurter Strasse 250  
64293 – Darmstadt Germany  
Email: [accelerator@merckgroup.com](mailto:accelerator@merckgroup.com)

#### **6. Information About Stored Information**

At any time and free of charge, you can request access to the data that is stored about you by Merck KgaA, Darmstadt, Germany. Insight into the data will be provided in written form. A corresponding request can be addressed to the contact address listed in section 6 of this consent.

#### **7. General Data Privacy Contact**

Please use the following contact information in case of general data privacy related questions concerning the Merck Group:

Data Privacy Officer of the Merck Group  
Norbert Moeren  
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64293 Darmstadt Germany  
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