

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PANEL**

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## The Establishment of the Scientific Advisory Panel of the Medicines Patent Pool

### 1. Introduction

The Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) will serve a key advisory role in providing the MPP and the MPP Expert Advisory Group (EAG) with critical insights and guidance on scientific matters as they pertain to specific disease areas and public health, and as relating to the ongoing work of the MPP.

### 2. Duties of the SAP

The SAP will serve two primary functions:

- (1) **EAG:** Upon the review of a proposed licence agreement, the MPP Executive Director will select at least two members from the SAP who have expertise in the particular disease or technological area relevant to the proposed licence. The disease-specific experts will have the opportunity to confidentially review drafts of the proposed licence and to offer comments to the EAG. This function shall be described in further detail within the Terms of Reference for the Expert Advisory Group.
- (2) **Ad-Hoc Advice:** The members of the SAP shall, at the request of the MPP Executive Director, provide:
  - Analysis and guidance pertaining to the development, effectiveness, and/or need for specific medical technologies;
  - Analysis of and feedback on MPP's annual prioritisation exercise that seeks to identify the therapies and/or technologies that the MPP will seek to license;
  - Analysis and guidance regarding specific disease areas;
  - Any other technical expertise that may be helpful to the carrying out of MPP affairs.

The primary means by which the SAP will operate shall be via email or teleconference, provided that, as necessary and appropriate, members of the SAP may be invited to attend the annual in-person EAG meeting for the discussion of disease-specific issues.

### 3. Appointment and Selection of the SAP

- 3.1. The SAP shall be comprised of individual members, appointed by the MPP Executive Director, who have high-level expertise in technical areas relevant to the MPP's work; for example, in a particular disease area or a field of technology in which MPP seeks to work in.
- 3.2. The MPP shall endeavour to appoint members such that the SAP as a whole will have both depth and breadth of knowledge. The Executive Director will appoint further members to the SAP such that the SAP will have at least two individuals with expertise in a specific disease or technological area that the MPP seeks to work in.
- 3.3. Members will serve solely in their personal capacity and will be required to disclose any conflict of interest, when approached by the MPP for guidance.

- 3.4. Individuals shall serve a three-year term, for a maximum of two consecutive terms or six years.
- 3.5. In the event a member of the SAP is unable to complete his or her term, the Executive Director shall appoint a replacement to serve until the end of the term.
- 3.6. The Executive Director may revoke the membership of any SAP member for reasonable cause, including but not limited to breach of MPP policies.
- 3.7. The Executive Director will annually share the list of SAP members with the MPP Board of Directors.