Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Semnan University of Medical Sciences in Semnan, IRAN
And
I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Academy, The Kyrgyz Republic

Semnan University of Medical Sciences (SEMUMS) in Iran and I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Academy in the Kyrgyz Republic, hereinafter referred as two Parties, intending to expand collaboration on scientific programs, research projects, exchanges and training of researchers, sharing in information and technology in supporting the research activities, sharing of best practices, holding meetings, workshops and scientific conferences by considering the mutual interests and benefits have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE I
The Parties intend to enhance and expand cooperative efforts in education health and medical sciences according to the following general principles;

The Parties intend to conduct all activities in the spirit of partnership, mutual cooperation and scientific excellence.

ARTICLE II
The Parties plan to provide for the expansion of cooperation across a broad range of mutual interests. Initial efforts are directed at developing joint activities, addressing common research interests in;

1. Clinical research
2. Rehabilitation research
3. Stem cells research
4. Basic research
5. Biotechnology research
6. Physiology research

Other specific areas may be identified from time to time by mutual consent of both sides.

ARTICLE III
The methods of cooperation which are provided in MOU include, but are not limited to;

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1. Coordinating scientific programs and research projects
2. Exchanging and training the scientists, students and staff
3. Sharing the information and technology to support the research activities
4. Exchanging the academic information concerning the sharing of best practices in research
5. Holding meetings, workshops, and scientific conferences

ARTICLE IV

For any cooperation and initially for those areas identified in Article II, the Parties or their designees intend to identify an appropriate entity to take the lead in overseeing the practical implementation of activities. The appropriate entities of the two Parties will be responsible for coordinating communications and activities with their counterparts and need to be responsible for fulfilling the mutually decided responsibilities.

The Parties and appropriate entities intend to consult with each other on a regular basis, reach consensus on proposals of joint research and develop projects under this MOU and evaluate the completed projects. The Parties and appropriate entities hold such meetings in SEMUMS and I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Academy.

ARTICLE V

All activities undertaken and pursuant to this MOU are to be conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations of IRAN and Republic of Kyrgyzstan. The expenses arising from cooperative activities under this MOU will be covered by both Parties.

ARTICLE VI

The Parties and appropriate entities intend to make findings and results publicly known and available via publication in scientific journals. Authorship in these manuscripts will be discussed prior to submission and will be in accordance to the relative individual contributions to the projects in agreement with the usual guidelines to authorships in the scientific publications.

ARTICLE VII

Any dispute arising out of interpretation or performance of this MOU will be settled amicably through negotiations or consultations between the competent authorities of the Parties through diplomatic channels.
ARTICLE VIII
This MOU may be amended only by written request of either Party and written mutual agreement of the Parties. The amendments will be done in writing and will enter into effect on date of signature by the Parties.

ARTICLE IX
This MOU will enter into effect on date of its signature. This MOU is concluded for a period of 5 years and after the said period, it will be valid unless one of the Parties informs its termination in writing through diplomatic channels to the other Party. In this case, the MOU will be terminated 6 months after the said notification.

This MOU comprising of a preamble and 9 articles which were made in duplication in Persian, Kyrgyz and English languages on 12 of Dec. 2016 in the Kyrgyz Republic corresponding to Azar 1395 all of which are equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text will be prevailed.

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