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(By Email)

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Dear Ms Rodgers

**Re: request for information under The Freedom of Information Act.**

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request for information dated 28 February 2020. If you have any queries with regard to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please note our statement in respect of Copyright, which is also attached.

If you are dissatisfied with the manner in which your request has been dealt with, you may ask for an internal review. The University's Complaints and Appeals procedure is available at

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/governance/policies-regs/information/index.aspx>

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team  
University of Birmingham

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**Your request for information reads:**

*In October 2018 we emailed requesting data about the licensing practices of your university, for analysis to be completed we require the information listed below.*

*Definitions*

*For the purpose of clarity, please adhere to the following definitions when answering these questions:*

*Low and middle income country: A country that is defined as 'low', 'lower-middle' and 'upper-middle' income by the World Bank for the year 2018. Income status defined by GNI per capita.*

*Source: World bank, available online [<https://tinyurl.com/jr6s6fm>]*

*Patent: A form of intellectual property (IP) rights protection, whereby a government grants to the inventor, the right to stop others from making, using or selling the product without their permission for a limited period.*

*Source: Upcouncil, available online [<https://www.upcounsel.com/copyright-trad...>]*

*Licence: Contracts that transfer IP rights from the owner of the rights to a third party for use.*

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*Exclusive Licence: A licence that allows only the named licensee to exploit the relevant IP rights, the licensor is also excluded from exploiting these IP rights.*

*Source: TaylorWessing, available online [<https://united-kingdom.taylorwessing.com...>]*

*Non-Exclusive Licence: A licence that grants any number of licensees to exploit the IP.*

*Source: TaylorWessing, available online [<https://united-kingdom.taylorwessing.com...>]*

*Health Technology: 'Health technology as defined by the WHO: "A health technology is the application of organised knowledge and skills in the form of devices, medicines, vaccines, procedures and systems developed to solve a health problem and improve quality of lives." Source: WHO, available online [<http://www.who.int/health-technology-ass...>]*

**START FOI request:**

*Please provide a list of patents granted to your organisation in the period 18th October 2018 to 18th October 2019, grouped by patent family, indicating countries/regions in which the patent has been granted.*

**The University of Birmingham responds:**

The University of Birmingham is required to respond to a request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act") if it holds the information being requested, unless it is appropriate to apply one of the limited exemptions set out in the Act.

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic The University of Birmingham is adapting its usual approach to processing Freedom of Information requests in order to meet the unprecedented challenges we are all facing. The University campus is effectively closed with only essential staff, and researchers engaged in supporting

action on COVID 19 on campus. Whilst some staff are able to work remotely, they are concentrating on supporting teaching and learning for our students who are still studying online. We are mindful that information requests place some degree of demand on a public authority's resources in terms of costs and staff time and that for the foreseeable future The University must prioritise resources to other areas.

Please see the attached spreadsheet that details the information being requested.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact us after the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions have been lifted and the University has returned to business as usual which is unlikely to occur before 1 September 2020.

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