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Dear Sarai Keestra

Freedom of information request

Thank you for your email of 31 October 2020 requesting information about licensing and patenting of health technologies. Please accept our apologies for the delay to our response to your request. The University's working practices are currently affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

The University of Edinburgh is a global university, rooted in Scotland. We are globally recognised for our research, development and innovation and we have provided world-class teaching to our students for more than 430 years. We are the largest university in Scotland and in 2019/20 our annual revenue was £1.12 billion, of which £296 million was research income. We have over 44,000 students and over 15,000 staff. We are a founding member of the UK's Russell Group of leading research universities and a member of the League of European Research Universities.

Health technologies

The University of Edinburgh recognises that improving health and access to medicines are among the most pressing needs and continues to pioneer world-class research into the often preventable diseases that take millions of lives every year.

You asked whether the University has committed to licensing its medical discoveries in ways that promote access and affordability in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs). If so, you asked for the web link to the relevant policy document. The University's [Essential Medicines Position Statement](#), available on the University website, confirms the University's commitment to advancing development in LMICs.

You asked for details of all the health technologies licensed by the University between 19 October 2019 and 19 October 2020, and for details of all the health technologies patented by the University during that period. Please find this information enclosed for the relevant period: table 1 includes the relevant technology licences, and table 2 includes the relevant patents.

You asked whether the University has shared its best practices for promoting access to medicines through non-exclusive licensing by carrying out any of specified activities from a defined list. The University has “informally shared or discussed access licensing practices with administrators at other universities”.

You asked what actions the Technology Transfer Office has undertaken in the past year to improve access to technologies they license in low-and middle-income settings. We have continued to include, where relevant, contractual provisions which relate to the University's *Essential Medicines Position Statement* as well as licensees' acknowledgement of this position. In addition, our exclusive licences include performance criteria to ensure technologies are positively utilised for societal benefit, particularly in territories where we have a patented technology. We continue to actively update our guidance to technology transfer managers to reflect the current position of the sector and of the University on access to essential medicines.

Right to review

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Privacy notice for information request applicants

[The University of Edinburgh's request privacy notice](#), which describes how we use the information you have supplied about yourself and your request, is published on the University website.

Yours sincerely

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Information Compliance Officer

Enc. Table 1: Health technology licences, 19 October 2019 - 19 October 2020; Table 2: Health technology patents, 19 October 2019 - 19 October 2020

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