

Centre for Human Specific Research Forums

Terms of Use

In this document, we provide the terms of use that apply to your use of the Centre for Human Specific Research Forums, which covers:

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1. Introduction

The Centre for Human Specific Research Forum is a professional online environment for academic and industry scientists, students, developers, regulators, and other stakeholders with an interest in human-specific research. The Forum provides a trustworthy platform for evidence-based discussion, collaboration, and the dissemination of knowledge and insights.

These Terms of Use (TOU) apply to your use of the Forum (humanspecificresearch.org/forum), and by using the Forum you agree to these terms. If you do not agree with them, please do not use the Forum.

We may revise these TOU from time to time and the most recent version will always be displayed on the Forum. Your continued use indicates agreement to be bound by any updates. We encourage you to check these TOU periodically.

2. Definitions

‘We’ ‘us’ or ‘our’ shall refer to the Centre for Human Specific Research, also known as Animal Free Research UK.

‘You’ or ‘your’ shall refer to the forum user.

3. Access and Registration

Access to the Forum is open to people who, whether in an individual capacity or on behalf of an employer, are interested in human-specific research. This includes but is not limited to those:

- Searching for the answer to a human-specific research related question.
- Considering the adoption of human-specific research.
- Already using human-focused methods and willing to share knowledge, insights, and/or resources.
- Supporting researchers in their transition from animal-based research to human-specific research.
- Promoting the use of human-focused technologies and/or animal-free biomaterials.
- Developing human cell-, tissue-, or computer-based models.
- Supplying animal free biomaterials, human-focused approaches or technologies, or services.

If you're unsure whether your interests align with the Forum's aims, we encourage you to get in touch.

Your access to the Forum will be granted (or denied) following our review of the registration details provided.

Registration details you provide must be accurate and kept up to date. You may not impersonate others or claim to represent the Centre for Human Specific Research or Animal Free Research UK unless explicitly authorised. If you believe your account has been compromised, please notify us immediately.

We reserve the right to deny or suspend access to anyone whose use conflicts with the Forum's objectives or violates these TOU.

You may use the Forum to:

- Generate new topics for discussion.
- View and provide content in the form of replies across different forums and topics.
- Receive regular notification and emails relating to activity on the Forum.

4. Content

We welcome contributions of content, such as text, images, or other material published on the Forum by you, that align with the aims of the Forum. Any content you publish must be:

- Relevant to the purpose of the Forum.
- Factually accurate or your own genuinely held belief.
- Original to you or shared with appropriate permissions.
- Respectful, lawful, not defamatory or likely to give rise to an allegation of defamation.
- Not redundant, offensive, obscene, sexually explicit, discriminatory, or deceptive.
- Unlikely to cause offence, embarrassment, or annoyance to others.

We do not permit the generation of new topics for the purpose of marketing a product or service. References to specific products and services, and support material (e.g., webinars, whitepapers, tech notes) are allowed when replying to a specific topic.

We may monitor discussions and remove or edit your content if it does not meet our standards, breaches the TOU, or contains typographical errors which significantly impact the content, or other inaccuracies. However, we do not guarantee that any errors or other inaccuracies will be corrected.

If you have any questions or technical issues relating to our content standards, please contact us.

5. Conduct

To maintain a professional and constructive environment, you agree not to use the Forum in a manner that:

- Is unlawful or prohibited by the TOU.
- Is deceptive, false or fraudulent.
- May damage the operations of the Forum or another person's computer or data, such as through the distribution of viruses or malware.
- May allow for the unauthorised access to the Forum or another person's computer or data.
- Is for unsolicited advertising or spam purposes.
- Discloses confidential, proprietary, sensitive or personal information.
- Suggests we endorse any business, product or service.

To ensure the Forum is a positive and safe online environment, please observe the following guidelines:

- **Be respectful.** This Forum is a shared space for connection and learning so be considerate and courteous with your communications and content. We will not be held responsible for any conflict that may arise. We will not tolerate harassment, insults or threats.
- **Be responsible.** You are responsible for your Content. Use good judgment with your communications and content and do not share anything that would violate any contractual or non-disclosure agreements, or that would violate someone's privacy.
- **Be relevant.** Your Content should be relevant to human specific research, and you may not post any content which is offensive, malicious, advertising (unless agreed) or disruptive to the Forum.

Violations may result in immediate suspension or removal without notice. If you witness misuse of the Forum, please report it.

6. Account Suspension and Termination

We may suspend or terminate your access to the Forum without notice if:

- You breach these TOU.
- Your conduct is deemed harmful to the Forum or its users.
- You infringe on intellectual property rights or fail to comply with legal obligations.

We will use our discretion to act proportionately and, where appropriate, may contact you before taking permanent action. If your account is suspended or terminated, your existing content may remain visible unless you request its removal.

You may terminate your account at any time by contacting us. We will use reasonable efforts to remove your content unless it has been copied or shared by others. Some content may be retained for operational, audit or legal compliance purposes but we will minimise retained data wherever possible.

7. Moderation

To maintain a respectful, safe, and constructive environment, this forum is actively moderated. Our moderation team reserves the right to review, edit, move, or remove any content at any time and for any reason, including but not limited to violations of our TOU.

Moderation actions may include warnings, temporary suspensions, or permanent account termination. While we strive to apply our policies consistently and fairly, moderation decisions are made at the sole discretion of the forum administrators and moderators.

8. Intellectual Property

All content and intellectual property on the Forum (excluding user-submitted content) is owned by us or our licensors. Nothing in these TOU grants you any legal rights other than as necessary to enable you to access the Forum.

You retain ownership of all your intellectual property rights in your content and we do not claim ownership of your content.

By submitting content, you grant us non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, transferable and sub-licensable right to use, copy, modify, distribute, publicise and process your content, in connection with the Forum, without any further consent or notice. You also grant

us the right to re-use your content to market and promote the Forum. You can end this licence by requesting the deletion of your content or your user profile.

We respect the intellectual property rights of others and ask that you do the same. We reserve the right to immediately suspend use of the Site, without notice, for any users who are suspected of having violated the intellectual property rights of others.

If you believe that your intellectual property rights have been infringed on this Forum, please contact us.

9. Privacy

We respect your privacy and are committed to protecting your personal data. Our [Privacy Policy](#) will inform you as to how we look after your personal data when you visit and interact with the Forum, and tell you about your privacy rights and how the law protects you.

10. Accessibility

We are committed to ensuring that our forum is accessible and inclusive for all users, including people with disabilities. Our goal is to provide a digital environment that is usable, understandable, and navigable by everyone. We welcome any feedback on the accessibility of our forum. If you experience any difficulty accessing content or using any part of the site, please contact us.

11. Disclaimer and Liability

The Forum is provided "as is". We make no representations or warranties regarding the reliability, availability, accuracy, or security of this Forum or its contents. We do not control or direct the behaviour of our users and are not responsible for their actions, conduct or content. We reserve the right to change and improve the Forum, add or remove certain features or functionalities at any time, or suspend or terminate operation of the Forum at any time.

Your use of and reliance on the Forum is at your own risk.

To the extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible for any loss (including loss of profits, revenue, contracts, anticipated savings, data, goodwill or wasted expenditure) or any other indirect or consequential loss even if the loss was reasonably foreseeable to both you and us when you commenced using the Forum. However, we do not limit in any way our liability by law for death or personal injury caused from our negligence or breach of duty or caused by our gross negligence or wilful misconduct.

We disclaim all liability with respect to third-party products and our licensors shall have no liability under these TOU.

You agree to indemnify us and to hold us harmless from and against all claims, actions, suits, damages, liabilities and costs (including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees) arising from or relating to your use of the Forum or your content, and/or your failure to comply with any provision of these TOU.

12. Contact and Communication

We may contact you using the email address provided at registration for matters related to your account or Forum activity.

With your consent, we may also email you updates about the Centre for Human Specific Research or Animal Free Research UK. You may unsubscribe at any time.

13. Governing Law

Nothing in these TOU affects your statutory rights. These TOU are governed by the laws of England and Wales. You agree to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

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