UPDATED APPENDIX D: COLLABORATIVE FUNDING PARTNER
OVERVIEW AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (BMBF)\(^1\)

THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL IN UPDATED APPENDIX D WAS PREPARED BY THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (BMBF)

BMBF will participate as a collaborative funding partner in CIRM’s Disease Team Therapy Development Awards RFA 10-05.

CIRM RFA 10-05 has two parts:

1) A Planning Award will support up to six months of team assembly, planning and proposal development for the Research Award application, and

2) A Research Award will support actively managed teams to conduct milestone-driven translational research to achieve the objective(s) of RFA 10-05. The CIRM RFA Supplement ("Supplement to RFA 10-05", posted September 1, 2011) is intended to be a complete description of the requirements for the Research Award. Applicants for the Research Award need not refer back to the original CIRM RFA.

National eligibility criteria for Partner PIs from Germany

All existing research projects or proposals in the field of regenerative medicine that have been implemented after a successful peer review procedure are eligible for funding in collaboration with RFA 10-05: Disease Team Therapy Development Awards. Under this RFA, BMBF supports collaborative efforts of German scientists with their Californian partners in the context of the above-mentioned projects. Applicants for BMBF funding have to form consortia with their respective Californian partners and participate in CIRM’s Research Award application procedure as described in CIRM’s Supplement to RFA 10-05.

BMBF Planning Award

The BMBF, in its sole discretion, will provide independent funding for a BMBF Planning Award to German scientists who are engaged in planning activities with their California counterparts. Each BMBF Planning Award will provide support for up to four months of planning, organization of teams, and development of a joint Research Award proposal with a California PI. This supplemental BMBF Planning Award will cover project costs of up to $50,000. BMBF Planning Award participation requires the cooperation with a Californian PI who receives the CIRM Planning Award. The eligible Californian projects and their PIs can be viewed at: http://www.cirm.ca.gov/for-researchers/researchfunding?RFA[]=1161.

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\(^1\) This Updated Appendix supersedes in its entirety the original BMBF Appendix posted on or about 12-15-2010.
German applicants for a BMBF Planning Award must submit an informal request of no more than 5 pages to Project Management Juelich, Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, describing:

I. the existing, peer reviewed research project  
II. a LOI of Californian and German PI to develop a mutual Research Award proposal  
III. a copy of the California PI’s Planning Award funding confirmation from CIRM for RFA 10-05  
IV. the outline of the proposed research project, intended as a collaborative component of the application to RFA 10-05  
V. the proposed budget for the collaborative planning phase (e.g. travel expenses).

The submission date for this request to PtJ has been extended until October 14, 2011. All such requests must be submitted for evaluation by PtJ by not later than that date.

**BMBF Research Award**

As a rule, the additional expenditure for the BMBF-funded portion of the joint California / Germany Research Award should generally not exceed 25% of the amount of preexisting funding(s).

To apply to BMBF for Research Award funding, German applicants must submit an informal request in writing, not more than 10 pages, to the Project Management Juelich, Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, delineating:

I. description of the existing, peer reviewed research project(s)  
II. description of the proposed research project, intended as collaborative component of the joint Research Award application to CIRM’s RFA 10-05  
III. detailed working plan including milestones and deliverables  
IV. the added value and benefit of the international cooperation  
V. expected project results of the international cooperation  
VI. utilization of the expected project results  
VII. the necessary budget for the additional new project (personnel costs, consumables).

CIRM will provide BMBF / PtJ with the full joint Research Award application submitted to CIRM. 

BMBF or PtJ will also participate as guests in the CIRM Grants Working Group Research Award review meeting in April 2012.

After positive evaluation of the collaborative Research Award application, formal German application documents (AZA/AZK) have to be provided to PtJ.

It is strongly recommended that potential German applicants contact PtJ for further advice prior to submitting an application.

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The funding regulations, follow-up and reporting of publicly funded projects are regulated according to ANBest (Allgemeine Nebenbestimmungen), BNBest (Besondere Nebenbestimmungen) and NKBF 98 (Nebenbestimmungen für Zuwendungen auf Kostenbasis des Bundesministeriums für Bildung und Forschung an Unternehmen der gewerblichen Wirtschaft für Forschungs- und Entwicklungsvorhaben).