

## **Friends of FSH Research Scientific Advisory Board Covenants**

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Our mission at Friends of FSH Research (“Friends”) is to accelerate the discoveries that will lead to treatments or cures for FSHD. To achieve our goal, we manage a portfolio of research that supports a pipeline for drug discovery.

Our Scientific Advisory Board (“SAB”) plays an essential role in support of our mission by helping us evaluate and choose the research proposals that we fund. Friends deeply appreciates the service of this all-volunteer group of leading scientists.

This document states the principles of confidentiality and avoidance of conflicts of interest that members of the SAB and the officers and board members of Friends commit to in the evaluation of research proposals submitted to Friends for potential funding.

**Confidentiality of the Submitted Proposal.** The contents of a submitted proposal are confidential and shall not be shared other than with the members of the SAB and the directors of Friends involved in the evaluation process. If the proposal is not accepted for funding, then all aspects of its evaluation shall remain confidential without time limit.

**Confidentiality of Evaluations.** All evaluations of research proposals by members of the SAB are confidential and shall not be shared other than with the members of the SAB and the directors of Friends involved in the evaluation process, except that the evaluation of a proposal may be shared with the party requesting funding for the proposal.

**Conflicts of Interest.** Members of the SAB, or an associate or research partner of an SAB member, or other person personally associated with an SAB member, may from time to time submit research proposals to Friends for funding. On such occasions, the concerned SAB member shall recuse him or herself from the evaluation of the project and from any SAB discussion of the merits of the proposal.