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## MATERIAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT (FOR DISTRIBUTION)

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In response to the RECIPIENT's request for *Bacillus subtilis* collection, NIG asks that the RECIPIENT and the RECIPIENT SCIENTIST agree to the following before the RECIPIENT receives the MATERIAL.

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**The MATERIAL:** *Bacillus subtilis* collection and its PROGENY and unmodified derivatives. The MATERIAL shall not include: (a) MODIFICATIONS or (b) other substances created by the RECIPIENT through the use of the MATERIAL which are not MODIFICATIONS or PROGENY.

**PROGENY:** Unmodified descendant from *Bacillus subtilis* collection, such as cell from cell.

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The MATERIAL will be used for teaching or not-for-profit research purposes only. In the case of that the RECIPIENT wishes to use the MATERIAL in the collaborative research with for-profit organizations, the RECIPIENT shall obtain prior written consent from the NIG and NAIST.

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Certification of RECIPIENT SCIENTIST: I have read and understood the conditions outlined in this Agreement and I agree to abide by them in the receipt and use of the MATERIAL.

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