**INVENTION DISCLOSURE FORM**

This invention disclosure form is for confidentially reporting your invention in a written form to the University. It calls for basic description of the invention and its intended commercial application, the people who contributed, organizations involved and sources of funding and support received. This information helps University to:

* understand the ownership of the invention
* assess whether the invention is patentable
* assess whether the invention has potential commercial value

To help us with the above, please provide as many details as possible. If you don’t have the information requested, you may leave it empty and move to the next section.

Thank you for submitting your invention disclosure!

**Disclosure type. Please check the box that best describes your disclosure:**

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| Invention | Idea or utilization concept | Invention / work product including software | Research tool |
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**1. Title of the invention**

Please provide a descriptive title of the invention (short and explicit).

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**2. Please list all inventors** including position, department and contact information (also from outside the University of Helsinki).Mark the primary contact person **in bold**. Please also describe the contribution and share (%) of each inventor to the creation of the invention.

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**3. Please provide a detailed description of the invention.** Please include background information to the project, key results with supporting evidence and potential use of invention. This information can also be provided as an appendix.

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**4. What is the competitive edge of your invention compared to existing solutions?** What advantages/improvements are there compared to the current approaches? What problem does your invention solve?

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**5. Has a novelty search or commercial evaluation been completed?** Do you know of any publications (including patents) that are relevant to you invention? Please describe below:

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**6. Are you aware of any companies that might be interested in your invention?** Please describe below:

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**7. What are your future plans for developing the invention?** Do you have funds available for this work? Do you have the skills available in your group for this development? What could be achieved in the next 12 months?

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**8. Where have you received funding from for the invention?** Please fill in the appropriate contract or grant number(s), funding source (e.g. Tekes, Academy of Finland, ERC, …), project title, principal investigator and the date that the contract/grant started.

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**9. Do you currently have or have you had at the time of making the invention an employment contract to any other organization besides the University of Helsinki?** e.g. HUS, consultancy contract. If so, please provide details below:

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**10. Do you have any agreements that might affect the rights to the research results** (e.g. material transfer agreements, open source/software licenses, commercialisation and confidentiality agreements)? If yes, please detail below and attach the agreement(s).

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**11. Has the invention been presented in public?** For example, a presentation, poster, abstract or a peer-reviewed publication. (For definition of public presentation, please see instructions below). If so, please provide details below. **Do you intend to publish the work and if so, when and how?**

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The invention disclosure is handled with full confidentiality.

University Inventions Act (Finnish acts and degrees number 369/2006) and the valid Invention Regulations of the University of Helsinki are applied to this invention disclosure.

**Date and the signatures of the inventors operating in the University of Helsinki**

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A person is considered to be an inventor if she/he has made significant contribution to the design and creation of the invention. Please note that all authors of a scientific paper are not necessarily inventors.

Please mention whether any partners outside the University of Helsinki have taken part in the creation of the invention or whether the inventors have an additional employment (for example Hospital District of Helsinki and Uusimaa HUS, Finnish Meteorological Institute, Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, Folkhälsan, Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke), VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd or National Institute for Health and Welfare THL). An invention disclosure has to be filed also to these organizations according to the regulations of the organizations by the inventors. These partners may have rights to the invention based on a contract or law and issues concerning the protection and commercialisation of the invention.

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