

IRCBB Website Legal Notice, Privacy Policy & Access Terms

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1. Legal Notice and Website Disclaimer

IRCBB (International Research Cloud for Biochemistry & Biotechnology) is presented through this Website as a voluntary, non-commercial scientific collaboration initiative and informational website dedicated to science, education, research communication, and knowledge exchange in biochemistry, molecular biology, biotechnology, and related analytical and computational fields.

The term “Cloud” is used as part of the name of the initiative. It does not mean that IRCBB provides cloud hosting, data-storage, data-processing, software-as-a-service, laboratory, diagnostic, testing, certification, accreditation, regulatory, or commercial platform services through this Website.

The Website is provided for general informational, scientific, educational, and research-communication purposes only.

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Unless expressly stated in a separate written agreement, IRCBB is not an incorporated association, certification body, accreditation body, notified body, conformity assessment body, laboratory, clinical provider, diagnostic provider, university, public authority, regulator, professional licensing organization, or standards-setting authority.

Nothing on this Website should be interpreted as:

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- diagnostic advice;
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- validation of any method, protocol, product, technology, or service;
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References to any university, laboratory, company, public authority, regulatory body, scientific organization, standard, database, publication, method, tool, or technology do not imply certification, accreditation, regulatory approval, official validation, partnership, sponsorship, endorsement, or responsibility by IRCBB or by any referenced third party.

You should not rely on Website content as a substitute for advice from qualified professionals, competent authorities, institutional review bodies, ethics committees, regulatory advisors, legal counsel, or other appropriate experts.

2. No Laboratory, Diagnostic, Clinical, Testing, or Certification Services

IRCBB does not provide through this Website:

- laboratory services;
- sample receipt or sample processing;
- clinical services;
- diagnostic services;
- molecular testing services;
- genetic testing services;
- analytical testing services;
- validation studies for third parties;
- conformity assessment;
- certification;
- accreditation;
- regulatory approval;
- official reports;
- diagnostic determinations;
- individualized scientific, medical, legal, regulatory, or professional interpretations.

Nothing on the Website should be interpreted as a claim that any method, protocol, technology, contributor, laboratory, company, institution, publication, or project is approved, certified, accredited, validated, endorsed, recognized, or authorized by IRCBB or by any public authority, regulator, scientific organization, institution, or third party.

3. Community Participation and Offline Collaborations

Any participation in IRCBB-related scientific communication or collaboration is voluntary, community-based, non-commercial, and coordinated outside the Website unless expressly stated otherwise.

The Website does not operate:

- user accounts;
- member areas;
- paid membership systems;
- online membership application systems;
- certification programs;
- accreditation programs;
- professional licensing programs;

- newsletters;
- payment systems;
- online research portals;
- cloud-based research workspaces;
- databases for submission of regulated or confidential data.

Any specific research collaboration, authorship, data sharing, material transfer, institutional involvement, confidentiality obligation, funding arrangement, or regulated scientific activity should be governed by separate written arrangements where necessary.

Use of the Website does not create any partnership, agency, employment, fiduciary, institutional, professional, regulatory, or membership relationship with IRCBB.

4. Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy explains how personal data may be processed in connection with the Website. This Privacy Policy applies to Website visitors and to individuals who contact IRCBB by email.

This Website Privacy Policy does not govern separate offline collaborations, research projects, authorship arrangements, data-sharing arrangements, material transfers, institutional collaborations, employment relationships, or other non-Website relationships. Where such relationships involve personal data, they should be governed by separate privacy notices, agreements, lawful bases, or written arrangements where applicable.

4.1 Controller and Contact

For purposes of this Website, the controller is:

Controller: IRCBB Website Administration, meaning the individual(s) who determine the purposes and means of processing for this informational scientific collaboration Website.

Location of administration: Boston, Massachusetts, United States, where the Website administration of this association of persons is coordinated.

Primary privacy contact: info@ircbb.com

This Website is operated as an informational and scientific collaboration website and not as a separate commercial service provider. If a more specific controller identity is required for a particular lawful request, it may be provided where legally necessary and appropriate.

Data protection responsibilities attach to the person(s) who determine the purposes and means of processing for this Website, regardless of whether IRCBB operates as a voluntary scientific collaboration initiative.

4.2 Minimal-Data Website Design

The Website is intended to follow a minimal-data approach.

Through this Website, IRCBB does not intentionally:

- operate user accounts;
- operate member areas;
- collect online membership applications;
- operate payment systems;
- sell products or services;

- provide newsletters or marketing subscriptions;
- conduct advertising or behavioral profiling;
- use Google Analytics, Meta Pixel, advertising identifiers, or marketing pixels;
- provide cloud hosting, data-storage, data-processing, software-as-a-service, laboratory, diagnostic, testing, certification, accreditation, regulatory, or commercial platform services;
- collect applications for certification, accreditation, regulatory approval, laboratory validation, professional authorization, or formal recognition;
- request patient data, clinical data, diagnostic data, genetic data, health data, special-category personal data, confidential third-party data, or regulated research data through the Website.

Visitors should not send sensitive personal data, patient data, clinical data, diagnostic data, health data, confidential third-party information, unpublished regulated data, controlled information, or legally restricted information through the Website or by unsolicited email.

4.3 Personal Data We May Process

Depending on how you use the Website, the following limited categories of personal data may be processed.

A. Technical and Security Data

When you visit the Website, limited technical data may be processed automatically by the Website hosting provider and related infrastructure providers. This may include:

- IP address;
- browser type and version;
- device and operating system information;
- date and time of access;
- pages visited;
- referring URL;
- server logs;
- security, availability, and diagnostic information.

This information is generally processed for Website operation, security, fraud prevention, troubleshooting, and technical maintenance.

B. Email Communications

If you contact IRCBB by email, we may process:

- your name, if provided;
- your email address;
- your affiliation, if provided;
- the subject and content of your message;
- any information you voluntarily include in your communication;
- related correspondence metadata.

Please do not include sensitive personal data or confidential third-party information in unsolicited emails.

C. Publicly Available Scientific or Professional Information

Where relevant for scientific communication, IRCBB may refer to publicly available professional or scientific information, such as names of researchers, publications, institutional affiliations, public webpages, scientific databases, or publicly available academic materials.

Such references are used only for informational, educational, scientific, or contextual purposes and do not imply endorsement, sponsorship, partnership, certification, accreditation, regulatory approval, or formal recognition.

4.4 Purposes and Legal Bases for Processing

Personal data may be processed for the following purposes and legal bases.

A. Website Operation and Security

Purpose: To operate, maintain, secure, troubleshoot, and protect the Website.

Legal basis: Legitimate interests in maintaining a secure and functional informational website.

B. Responding to Communications

Purpose: To read, manage, and respond to emails or other direct communications.

Legal basis: Legitimate interests in responding to inquiries and maintaining scientific or administrative communication; where applicable, steps taken at the request of the person contacting us.

C. Scientific and Informational Communication

Purpose: To provide general information about IRCBB, its scientific scope, educational purpose, public-facing content, and non-commercial collaboration context.

Legal basis: Legitimate interests in scientific communication, education, transparency, and public information.

D. Legal Compliance and Protection of Rights

Purpose: To comply with applicable legal obligations, respond to lawful requests, prevent misuse, and protect legal rights.

Legal basis: Legal obligation where applicable; legitimate interests in protecting the Website, its administrators, contributors, visitors, and scientific integrity.

4.5 Cookies and Similar Technologies

The Website is hosted on a third-party website platform and may use cookies or similar technologies that are necessary for basic Website functionality, security, session management, load balancing, fraud prevention, or technical operation.

IRCBB does not intentionally use advertising cookies, behavioral tracking cookies, marketing pixels, or profiling technologies through this Website.

If non-essential cookies or analytics technologies are introduced in the future, the Website should provide appropriate information and, where required, obtain consent before such technologies are used.

You may control cookies through your browser settings. Disabling some cookies may affect Website functionality.

4.6 Hosting and Service Providers

The Website may be hosted and technically supported by third-party infrastructure providers, including website hosting, domain, security, email, and related technical service providers.

These providers may process limited technical or communication data as necessary to provide their services, maintain security, ensure availability, and comply with applicable laws.

IRCBB does not sell personal data.

4.7 International Transfers

Because the Website may be administered from Boston, Massachusetts, United States and may rely on third-party hosting, security, domain, email, or infrastructure providers, personal data may be processed in countries outside your country of residence, including outside the European Economic Area.

Where applicable, such processing should be subject to appropriate safeguards under applicable data protection law, such as contractual safeguards, platform provider safeguards, or other lawful transfer mechanisms.

4.8 Retention

Personal data is retained only for as long as reasonably necessary for the purposes described in this document.

- Technical logs are generally retained by hosting or infrastructure providers for limited periods determined by security, operational, legal, or technical needs.
- Email communications may be retained for as long as necessary to manage the communication, maintain records, protect rights, or comply with applicable obligations.
- Unnecessary personal data may be deleted or anonymized where reasonably possible.

4.9 Your Rights

Depending on your location and applicable law, you may have rights regarding your personal data, including the right to:

- request access to your personal data;
- request correction of inaccurate personal data;
- request deletion of personal data;
- request restriction of processing;
- object to processing based on legitimate interests;
- request portability, where applicable;
- withdraw consent, where processing is based on consent;
- lodge a complaint with a competent data protection authority.

To exercise privacy rights, contact: info@ircbb.com.

We may need to verify your identity before responding to certain requests. Some requests may be limited by legal, security, scientific integrity, record-keeping, or legitimate interest considerations.

4.10 No Collection from Children

The Website is not directed to children and does not intentionally collect personal data from children. If you believe that a child has provided personal data through the Website, please contact us so that appropriate steps can be taken.

5. User Responsibilities

By using the Website, you agree that you are responsible for:

- using the Website lawfully and responsibly;
- independently verifying scientific, legal, regulatory, technical, or professional information before

relying on it;

- complying with all applicable laws, regulations, institutional policies, ethical rules, professional standards, biosafety rules, data protection obligations, export-control rules, and research-governance requirements;
- obtaining any necessary approvals, permissions, consents, licenses, authorizations, ethics approvals, institutional approvals, or regulatory clearances for your own activities;
- ensuring that any information you send to IRCBB is lawful, accurate, appropriate, and not confidential unless a separate written arrangement applies.

You must not use the Website in a way that is unlawful, misleading, harmful, abusive, fraudulent, defamatory, infringing, disruptive, or inconsistent with scientific integrity.

6. Prohibited Submissions

You must not submit, upload, send, or attempt to transmit through the Website or by unsolicited email:

- patient data;
- clinical data;
- diagnostic data;
- health data;
- genetic data relating to identifiable persons;
- special-category personal data;
- confidential third-party information;
- unpublished regulated research data;
- export-controlled information;
- controlled technical information;
- trade secrets or proprietary information that you are not authorized to disclose;
- biological samples, physical materials, or laboratory specimens;
- requests for diagnosis, testing, certification, accreditation, regulatory approval, or official validation;
- malicious code, spam, phishing content, or harmful files.

IRCBB may delete, ignore, or decline to respond to inappropriate, unlawful, confidential, sensitive, or unsolicited submissions.

7. Intellectual Property

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All third-party names, logos, trademarks, publications, databases, tools, standards, and references remain the property of their respective owners.

References to third-party materials do not imply ownership, endorsement, sponsorship, partnership, certification, accreditation, regulatory approval, or authorization.

8. Third-Party Links and References

The Website may contain links or references to third-party websites, publications, databases, tools, organizations, laboratories, companies, universities, public authorities, regulatory bodies, scientific organizations, standards, or methods.

These references are provided only for general informational, educational, scientific, or contextual purposes.

IRCBB does not control and is not responsible for third-party websites, services, publications, databases, content, availability, security, accuracy, or privacy practices.

You access third-party websites and materials at your own risk and subject to their own terms and policies.

9. No Endorsement or Official Status

Unless expressly stated in a separate written agreement or official document, no Website content should be understood as indicating that:

- IRCBB endorses any person, laboratory, company, institution, product, method, protocol, technology, publication, service, or organization;
- any third party endorses, sponsors, approves, certifies, accredits, validates, recognizes, or regulates IRCBB;
- any referenced method, tool, laboratory, company, institution, protocol, or technology has been approved, certified, accredited, validated, recognized, or authorized by any public authority, regulator, scientific organization, or third party;
- any person, laboratory, company, institution, or organization has formal membership, legal status, official representation, certification, accreditation, regulatory approval, or professional authorization through IRCBB.

10. No Warranty

The Website is provided on an “as is” and “as available” basis.

IRCBB makes no warranty or representation that:

- the Website will be uninterrupted, error-free, secure, or always available;
- Website content will be complete, accurate, current, or suitable for any particular purpose;
- scientific references will remain up to date;
- third-party links will remain available;
- any information will satisfy legal, regulatory, institutional, clinical, diagnostic, technical, or professional requirements.

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11. Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, IRCBB, its Website administrators, contributors, collaborators, and related persons shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, special, punitive, or other damages arising from or related to:

- use of or inability to use the Website;
- reliance on Website content;
- errors, omissions, interruptions, or delays;
- third-party links, websites, publications, databases, tools, services, or references;
- unauthorized access, technical issues, or security incidents affecting third-party infrastructure;
- any scientific, legal, regulatory, clinical, diagnostic, technical, professional, institutional, or business decision made by a user.

Nothing in this document excludes or limits liability where such exclusion or limitation is not permitted by applicable law.

12. Changes to the Website and This Document

IRCBB may update, modify, restrict, suspend, or discontinue any part of the Website at any time, without prior notice.

This document may be updated from time to time to reflect changes on the Website, applicable law, technical practices, or administrative arrangements.

The effective date at the top of this document indicates the latest version. Continued use of the Website after changes are published means that you accept the updated version.

13. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This document and any non-contractual matters arising from or related to use of the Website shall be governed by the laws of Massachusetts, United States, without regard to conflict-of-laws principles.

The competent courts of Boston, Massachusetts, United States, shall have jurisdiction, except where mandatory applicable law provides otherwise.

If any provision of this document is held invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in effect.

14. Contact

For privacy-related questions, legal notice questions, or questions about access to the Website, contact:

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