

Data Privacy Declaration

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1. General information

Thank you for your interest in the website(s) of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany referred to as "Merck". We take data protection and privacy issues very seriously and comply with the applicable national and European data protection regulations. Therefore, we would like to inform you with this declaration about data protection measures and which data we may store and how we use this data.

2. What kind of data is collected and how is it used?

2.1 Data collection by this website

Whenever a user accesses the website, the user's internet browser automatically transfers the following data to Merck's web server for technical reasons:

- IP address of the requesting computer
- date and time of access



- identification data of the browser and operating system used

This data is collected, processed and used for the purpose of enabling the use of the website (connection setup), system security and technical administration of the network infrastructure. A comparison with other databases or a transfer to third parties, also in excerpts, does not take place. The legal basis for processing is Art. 6 para. 1 b GDPR.

The data collected as part of the voluntary entries under "Submit an application" will be used and processed exclusively for the purpose of processing the enquiry and to carry out the services you may have requested.

3. Which cookies are used?

We use cookies on our website. If you do not want to take advantage of our cookies, you can find out in the help function of your browser how to set your browser to prevent it from accepting new cookies or deleting existing cookies. There you will also learn how to block your browser for all new cookies or which settings you have to make in order to receive a notification of new cookies.

The cookies that we currently use on this website are listed in the cookie list that is available [here](#).

The legal basis for processing is Art. 6 para. 1 f GDPR, whereby Merck's authorization arises from the fact that, on the one hand, Merck has an interest in evaluating the website data for purposes of website optimization and, on the other hand, a concerned person can reasonably foresee at the time when the personal data is collected and in view of the circumstances under which it is carried out (in particular the above-mentioned measures) that it will possibly be processed for this purpose.

4. Is other personal data collected and processed?

We collect and process your personal data only if you request certain services and we need your data for this purpose or if you have voluntarily given us your express consent. The legal basis for processing is Art. 6 Para. 1 b GDPR and Art. 6 Para. 1 a GDPR.

You can do this, for example, by completing a registration form or sending us an email, ordering products or services, submitting inquiries to us, requesting materials or registering. Unless otherwise required by law, we will only use your personal data for the purposes for which you have given your consent. For special services such as newsletters, sweepstakes, etc. the respective special data protection provisions apply.

5. Will my data be transferred to third parties, e. g. authorities?

At Merck, those bodies within Merck receive your data that are required to fulfill our contractual and legal obligations. Some data must be disclosed under strict contractual and legal requirements:

- Due to legal obligation:

In certain cases, we are required by law to transfer data to a requesting public authority.

Upon submission of a court order, we are obliged pursuant to § 101 of the German Copyright Act to provide owners of copyright and ancillary copyrights with information about customers who are alleged to have offered copyright-protected works on internet file-sharing sites. In these cases, our information contains the user ID of an IP address allocated at the time requested and, if known, the name and address of the customer.

In other respects, personal data will only be transferred to state institutions and public authorities within the framework of mandatory national legal provisions or if disclosure is necessary in the event of attacks on the network infrastructure for legal or criminal prosecution. The legal basis for processing is Art. 6 Para. 1 c GDPR or § 24 Para. 2 No. 1 German Federal Data Protection Act.

- To external service providers for data processing:

When service providers get access to our customers' personal data, this usually takes place in the course of so-called order processing of personal data. This is expressly provided for by law. In this case, Merck remains responsible for the protection of your data – in addition, the processor may also be responsible. The service provider works strictly in accordance with our instructions, which we ensure by means of strict contractual regulations, technical and organizational measures and supplementary controls.

Merck works with service suppliers as processors. These are Merck Group companies and service providers for IT services (e. g. for technical-administrative tasks and for usage analysis), telecommunications, consulting and advisory services as well as sales and marketing.

The data protection regulations for instruction-bound order processing of personal data are complied with.

- To Merck Group companies:

Merck may transfer your personal data to Merck Group companies in order to carry out a business relationship with you or for the purposes of legitimate interests.

If data are transferred abroad, they are based within the EU or the EEA or in a country which, according to the decision of the EU Commission, has an appropriate level of data protection. In the case of data transfers to Merck Group companies domiciled in other countries, Merck ensures by way of guarantees that the data-importing Merck Group company has been obligated to an appropriate level of data protection.

Beyond this, we do not transfer data to third parties unless you have given your express consent, the transfer is obviously necessary for the provision of an offer or service requested by you or this is provided for by law. We also do not intend to transfer your data beyond this to a third country or international organization.

6. How long will my data be stored?

We store data for 5 years.

7. Do I have a right to information and rectification of my stored data? What other rights do I have with regard to my stored data?

You may at any time and free of charge request information about the scope, origin and recipients of the stored data as well as the purpose of the storage; in addition, you have the right to rectification, erasure or restriction of the processing of your data in accordance with data protection regulations, a right to object to the processing as well as a right to data portability. Please note that there is a right of appeal to a supervisory authority.

8. Can I withdraw my consent to the use of my data?

You have the right to withdraw your consent to the use of your data at any time. Just send an email to researchgrants@emdgroup.com or send a letter to the following address:

Future Insight
Merck KGaA
Frankfurter Strasse 250
64293 Darmstadt
Germany

The data processing performed on the basis of your consent is legal until the time of withdrawal.

9. Who is my contact person if I have questions about data protection?

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Group Data Protection Officer of Merck KGaA at any time:

Merck KGaA
Group Data Protection Officer

Frankfurter Strasse 250
64293 Darmstadt
datenschutz@merckgroup.com

10. How long is this data privacy declaration valid?

This data privacy declaration is up-to-date and dates from January 2021. We reserve the right to amend the data privacy declaration at any time with effect for the future, in particular to adapt it to a further development of the website or the implementation of new technologies.