### EMMAUS LIFE SCIENCES, INC.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

# I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Audit Committee shall assist the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Emmaus Life Sciences, Inc. in fulfilling its oversight responsibility by reviewing the accounting and financial reporting processes of Emmaus Life Sciences, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company"), the Company's system of internal controls regarding finance, accounting, legal compliance and ethics, and the audits of the Company's financial statements. In so doing, it is the responsibility of the Audit Committee to maintain free and open means of communications among the Board, outside auditors and senior management. The Audit Committee's primary responsibilities and duties are to:

Serve as an independent and objective party to monitor the Company's financial reporting process, internal control system and disclosure control system.

Review and appraise the audit efforts of the Company's independent accountants.

Assume direct responsibility for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of
the work of the outside auditors and for the resolution of disputes between the outside
auditors and the Company's management regarding financial reporting issues.
 Provide an open avenue of communication among the independent accountants, financial and
senior management and the Board.

The Audit Committee will primarily fulfill these responsibilities by carrying out the activities identified in Section IV of this Charter.

The Company shall be responsible for providing the Audit Committee with appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, to compensate the outside auditors and advisors engaged by or employed by the Audit Committee, as well as fund the payment of ordinary administrative expenses of the Audit Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.

# II. COMPOSITION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee shall consist of not less than one nor more than three "independent" Directors of Emmaus Life Sciences as determined from time to time by the Board and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. An "independent" Director is defined as an individual who meets the independence requirements of: (i) NASDAQ, or such other securities exchange or market on which Emmaus Life Sciences' securities are traded, and (ii) the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), including the rules promulgated under the Exchange Act by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

Each Audit Committee member must be able to read and understand financial statements, including a balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement.

At least one member of the Audit Committee must have past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting or other comparable experience or background that leads to financial sophistication. At least one member of the Audit Committee must be an "audit committee financial expert" as defined in Item 407(d)(5)(ii) of Regulation S-K. A person who satisfies this definition of audit committee financial expert will also be presumed to have financial sophistication.

No member of the Audit Committee can have participated in the preparation of Emmaus Life Sciences' or any of its subsidiaries' financial statements at any time during the past three years.

However, one director who does not meet the NASDAQ definition of independence, but who meets the criteria set forth in Section 10A(m)(3) under the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder, and who is not a current officer or employee or a family member of such an individual, may serve for no more than two years on the Audit Committee if the Board, under exceptional and limited circumstances, determines that such individual's membership is required by the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. Such individual must satisfy the independence requirements set forth in Section I0A(m)(3) of the Exchange Act and may not chair the Audit Committee. The use of this "exceptional and limited circumstances" exception, as well as the nature of the individual's relationship to the Company and the basis for the Board's determination, shall be disclosed in the annual proxy statement.

In addition, if an Audit Committee member ceases to be independent for reasons outside the member's reasonable control, his or her membership on the Audit Committee may continue until the earlier of the Company's next annual shareholders' meeting or one year from the occurrence of the event that caused the failure to qualify as independent. If the Company is not already relying on this provision and falls out of compliance with the requirements regarding Audit Committee composition due to a single vacancy on the Audit Committee, then the Company will have until the earlier of the next annual shareholders' meeting or one year from the occurrence of the event that caused the failure to comply with this requirement. The Company shall provide notice to NASDAQ immediately upon learning of the event or circumstance that caused the non-compliance if it expects to rely on either of these provisions for a cure period.

The members of the Audit Committee shall be designated by the full Board from time to time. The Board shall designate one member of the Audit Committee to serve as chairperson of the committee.

### III. MEETINGS AND MINUTES

The Audit Committee shall meet at least quarterly, with additional meetings if circumstances require, for the purpose of satisfying its responsibilities. The Audit Committee shall maintain minutes of each meeting of the Audit Committee and shall report the actions of the Audit Committee to the Board, with such recommendations as the Audit Committee deems appropriate.

# IV. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee shall oversee and monitor the Company's accounting and financial reporting process, internal control system and disclosure control system, review the audits of the Company's financial statements and review and evaluate the performance of the Company's outside auditors. In fulfilling these duties and responsibilities, the Audit Committee shall take the following actions, as it deems necessary, in addition to performing such functions as may be assigned by law, the Company's certificate of incorporation, the Company's bylaws or the Board. These functions are set forth as a guide with the understanding that the Audit Committee may diverge from this guide as

appropriate given the circumstances.

- I. The Audit Committee shall assume direct responsibility for the appointment, retention and oversight of the work of the outside auditors and, when appropriate, the replacement of the outside auditors. As part of the audit process, the Audit Committee shall meet with the outside auditors to discuss and decide the audit's scope. The Audit Committee shall determine that the outside audit team engaged to perform the external audit consists of competent, experienced, auditing professionals. The Audit Committee shall also review and approve the compensation to be paid to the outside auditors and shall be authorized to compensate the outside auditors.
- 2. The Audit Committee shall take, or recommend that the full Board take, appropriate action to ensure the independence of the outside auditors. The Audit Committee shall require the outside auditors to advise the Company of any fact or circumstances that might adversely affect the outside auditors' independence or judgment with respect to the Company under applicable auditing standards. The Audit Committee shall require the outside auditors to submit, on an annual basis, a formal written statement setting forth all relationships between the outside auditors and the Company that may affect the objectivity and independence of the outside auditors. Such statement shall confirm that the outside auditors are not aware of any conflict of interest prohibited by Section IOA(1) of the Exchange Act. The Audit Committee shall actively engage in a dialogue with the outside auditors with respect to any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the outside auditors.
- 3. The Audit Committee shall require the outside auditors to advise the Audit Committee in advance in the event that the outside auditors intend to provide any professional services to the Company other than services provided in connection with an audit or a review of the Company's financial statement ("non-audit services"); provided that such non-audit services are not listed in Section IOA(g) of the Exchange Act ("prohibited services"). The Audit Committee shall approve, in advance, any non-audit services to be provided to the Company by the Company's outside auditing firm.
- 4. The Audit Committee shall obtain confirmations from time to time from the Company's outside auditing firm that such firm is not providing to the Company (i) any prohibited services, or (ii) any other non-audit service or any auditing service that has not been approved in advance by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall have the authority to approve the provision of non-audit services that have not been pre-approved by the Audit Committee, but only to the extent that such non-audit services qualify under the de minimus exception set forth in Section IOA(i)(l)(B) of the Exchange Act. The Audit Committee shall record in its minutes and report to the Board all approvals of non-audit services granted by the Audit Committee.
- 5. The Audit Committee shall meet with the outside auditors, with no management in attendance, to openly discuss the quality of the Company's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting, including issues such as (a) the appropriateness, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles and financial disclosure practices used or proposed to be used by the Company, (b) the clarity of the Company's financial disclosures and (c) the degree of aggressiveness or conservatism that exists in the Company's accounting principles and underlying estimates and other significant decisions made by the Company's management in preparing the Company's financial disclosures. The Audit Committee shall then meet, without operating management or the outside auditors being present to

- discuss the information presented to it.
- 6. The Audit Committee shall meet with the outside auditors and management to review the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and annual report on Form 10-K and discuss any significant adjustments, management judgments and accounting estimates and any significant new accounting policies before such forms are filed with the SEC. The Audit Committee shall require the outside auditors to report to the Audit Committee all critical accounting policies and practices to be used, all alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles that have been discussed with the Company's management, ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments, the treatments preferred by the outside auditors and other material written communications between the outside auditors and the Company's management, including management's letters and schedules of unadjusted differences.
- 7. Upon the completion of the annual audit, the Audit Committee shall review the audit findings reported to it by the outside auditors, including any comments or recommendations of the outside auditors, with the entire Board.
- 8. The Audit Committee shall review all reports received from the federal and state regulatory authorities and assure that the Board is aware of the findings and results. In addition, it will meet with the appropriate members of senior management designated by the Audit Committee to review the responses to the respective regulatory reports.
- 9. The Audit Committee shall oversee the Company's whistleblower process and address all reported concerns or complaints may relate to any possible fraudulent activity by the Company and understand the procedures to prohibit retaliation against whistleblowers.
- 10. The Audit Committee shall consider and review with management: (a) significant findings during the year and management's responses thereto, including the status of previous audit recommendations and (b) any difficulties encountered in the course of their audits, including any restrictions on the scope of activities or access to required information.
- 11. The Audit Committee shall consider and approve, if appropriate, changes to the Company's auditing and accounting principles and practices, as suggested by the outside auditors or management, and the Audit Committee shall review with the outside auditors and management the extent to which such changes have been implemented. The Audit Committee shall prepare a letter for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement, if required, describing the discharge of the Audit Committee's responsibilities.
- 13. The Audit Committee will review and update this Charter periodically as conditions may dictate. The Audit Committee Charter shall be presented to the full Board for its approval of any changes
- 14. The Audit Committee shall obtain confirmation from the outside auditors at the commencement of each audit that such firm is a "registered public accounting firm" as such term is defined under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Act").
- 15. In consultation with management and the outside auditors, the Audit Committee shall consider the integrity of the Company's financial reporting processes and controls and discuss significant financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor, control, and report such exposures. The Audit Committee shall review significant findings prepared by the outside auditors together with management's responses.

- 16. The Audit Committee shall review the Company's quarterly financial results prior to the release of earnings and the Company's quarterly financial statements prior to filing or distribution. The Audit Committee shall discuss any significant changes to the Company's accounting principles and any items to be communicated by the independent auditors in accordance with Auditing Standard No. 1301 adopted by the PCAOB.
- 17. Prior to releasing the year-end earnings, the Audit Committee shall discuss the results of the audit with the outside auditors and discuss certain matters required to be communicated to audit committees in accordance with Auditing Standard No. 1301 adopted by the PCAOB.
- 18. The Audit Committee shall have the authority to engage independent counsel and other advisers as it determines necessary to perform its duties.
- 19. The Audit Committee shall review with management the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as off-balance sheet structures, on the financial statements of the Company.
- 20. The Audit Committee shall review and approve all related party transactions.
- 21. The Audit Committee shall review and update periodically a Code of Ethics (the "Code") that complies with all applicable laws and regulations and that applies to the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, and persons performing similar functions.
- 22. The Audit Committee shall review, with the Company's counsel, any legal matter that could have a significant impact on the organization's financial statements.
- 23. The Audit Committee shall establish procedures for (i) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
- 24. The Audit Committee shall have the authority to approve a written Investment Policy prepared by the Chief Financial Officer of the Company which shall include such matters as overall asset allocation ranges/concentration limits, individual components of the portfolio, quality of investments, and the criteria for the selection of any investment managers.
- 25. The Audit Committee shall review the performance of any such investment managers.
- 26. The Audit Committee shall review management's procedures to cause the investment portfolio to comply with any Investment Policy.
- 27. The Audit Committee shall investigate or consider such other matters within the scope of its responsibilities and duties as the Audit Committee may, in its discretion, determine to be advisable.

While the Audit Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Audit Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Company's financial statements are complete and accurate or are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This is the responsibility of management and the outside auditors.