

**Supplementary information for shareholders
of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany
on data protection**

The legally compliant collection and processing of shareholders' personal data is of great importance to Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany.

Responsible in the sense of data protection:

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Purposes and legal bases of data collection and processing

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, processes personal data (name, address, email address, number of shares, class of shares, type of share ownership and number of admission ticket) on the basis of the applicable data protection laws. The provisions of the Basic Data Protection Ordinance (DSGVO), the Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG), the Stock Corporation Act (AktG) and all other relevant legal provisions apply.

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany uses the personal data for the purposes specified in the German Stock Corporation Act. The processing of personal data is absolutely necessary, in particular for participation in the Annual General Meeting. In addition, the personal data may also be processed to fulfill other legal obligations, such as regulatory requirements and obligations under stock corporation, commercial and tax law to retain data. For example, when authorizing a proxy

nominated by the Company for the Annual General Meeting, it is mandatory that the data used to prove the authorization be verifiably recorded and stored for a period of three years in a manner protected against access (Section 134 para 3 sentence 5 AktG). The legal basis for the collection and processing are the respective statutory provisions in conjunction with Art. 6 para. 1 lit. c) DSGVO.

Should it be intended to process the personal data for another purpose, all affected shareholders will be informed in advance within the framework of the statutory provisions.

Passing on the data

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, uses Computershare Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG, Munich, as an external service provider. This external service provider receives from Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany only such personal data as are required for the execution of the service ordered and processes the data exclusively in accordance with the instructions of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany.

In addition, it may be necessary to transmit personal data to other recipients, insofar as this is necessary to fulfill legal obligations. In the case of participation in the Annual General Meeting, other shareholders of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, may inspect the personal data recorded in the list of participants required by stock corporation law pursuant to Section 129 AktG.

Period of data storage

For the data collected in connection with general meetings, the retention period is usually 3 years. Furthermore, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany only stores personal data if this is necessary in connection with claims asserted against Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany (statutory limitation period of up to 30 years). In principle, the personal data will be deleted or anonymized as soon as they are no longer required for the above-mentioned purposes and Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany is not obliged by law to provide evidence and to retain them for further storage.

Shareholders' rights

All shareholders have the right to information, correction, restriction, objection and deletion at any time with regard to the collection and processing of their personal data, as well as the right to data transmission in accordance with Chapter III of the DSGVO. Shareholders may assert these rights free of charge vis-à-vis Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, using the following contact data:

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All shareholders also have the right to appeal to the data protection supervisory authorities pursuant to Art. 77 DSGVO.

The data protection supervisory authority responsible for Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany is:

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