



TERMS OF SERVICE

META-ANALYSIS ACADEMY

I - THE PARTIES

CONTRACTING PARTY: the beneficiary student, contracting party, who registers for the Meta- Analysis Academy and submits due payment, henceforth simply called **STUDENT**.

CONTRACTOR: META-ANALYSIS ACADEMY, a private legal entity registered under the Registro Único Tributário (RUT) No. 220577180018 with headquarters at Noruega 8171, Maldonado Departamento de Maldonado, Uruguay.

The above-identified parties have, between themselves, consent to this Agreement for the purchase and sale of digital content - Meta-Analysis Academy, which will be governed by the following clauses and by Uruguayan law:

II - CLAUSES AND CONDITIONS

CLAUSE NUMBER ONE - OBJECT

- 1.1. The purpose of this agreement is to establish the terms of the registration of the STUDENT into the Meta-Analysis Academy, an online training program in which the CONTRACTOR will teach the STUDENT how to conduct systematic reviews and meta-analyses.
- 1.2. The course program consists of 10 (ten) modules with recorded classes and live classes in English, which will be taught by professor Rhanderson Cardoso, MD, and collaborators.
- 1.3. The modules, for the most part, will have a theoretical and practical component. The theoretical components will be referred to as "lectures". The practical component will include a lab exercise, as well as a session to discuss the lab exercise, herein referred to as Curricular Practical Training (CPT).
- 1.4. CPT will occur preferably during live sessions, at 9 am on Sundays, Brasilia time (GMT -3), observing the academic calendar available on the Student Portal. The recordings of CPT will be made available on the Student Portal within 72 hours of the live session.
- 1.5. Students are encouraged to watch the class of each module and perform the corresponding lab exercise prior to CPT.
- 1.6. The Meta-Analysis Academy will be taught in English. Students can add on, if preferred, at an additional cost, versions in Portuguese and Spanish.
- 1.7. The Meta-Analysis Academy has an Introductory Module, with recorded classes discussing basic concepts of evidence-based medicine.



1.8. The dates and times of course activities will be made available to students in the Meta-Analysis Academy Student Portal. These times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances or, alternatively, due to updates to the planning of the Meta-Analysis Academy team.

1.9. The STUDENT will have access to the student portal, with the recorded classes, until September 30, 2027.

1.10. There will also be tutoring sessions throughout the course, on different days of the week and times, to accommodate students from all time zones globally. The purpose of the tutoring sessions is for students to bring questions and discuss course content with the tutors. Tutoring sessions are not recorded, as they may discuss individual projects of other students.

1.11. It is the sole responsibility of the STUDENT to plan to follow the schedule and the coursework. The CONTRACTOR is not responsible for any unforeseen events of students, which may result in non-compliance with the prespecified schedule.

1.12. Under the terms of the previous clause, it is the responsibility of the STUDENT to have adequate knowledge of the English language. The CONTRACTOR is not responsible for any limitation of the STUDENT in following the content of the Meta-Analysis Academy in English.

CLAUSE NUMBER TWO - AMOUNT, PAYMENT, AND PENALTIES

2.1. The full cost of tuition is \$2,400 (two thousand and four hundred U.S. dollars). If the STUDENT elects to pay the tuition in installments, the STUDENT remains fully responsible for payment of the total tuition amount. Installment payments constitute a payment convenience only and do not create a right to cancel, suspend, or terminate the financial obligation once enrollment is completed.

2.2. At its sole discretion, the CONTRACTOR may offer certain students a discounted tuition rate, subject to specific eligibility criteria. Any discount that is validly applied at the time of the STUDENT's registration, and for which the STUDENT is eligible, is final and guaranteed for that STUDENT and will not be revoked, increased, or modified after registration is completed. Discounts are limited in time, availability, and eligibility.

2.2.1 Discounts applied in error, through misuse, or without meeting the stated eligibility requirements (including, but not limited to, discounts reserved for former students) are not valid and do not constitute a guaranteed tuition rate. In such cases, the CONTRACTOR reserves the right to correct the tuition amount prior to or after registration.

2.3. Any tuition discount or other benefit in registration granted by the CONTRACTOR does not, in any way, change any other term in this agreement.

2.4. Payment of the registration tuition shall be made exclusively through third-party payment processors, in the forms, terms, and conditions made available by such platforms.

2.5. The CONTRACTOR is not responsible for any fraud, unauthorized transactions, technical failures, delays, chargebacks, or other payment-related issues arising from or related to the use of third-party payment processors.



2.6. The CONTRACTOR may immediately terminate this Agreement, regardless of prior notice, in the event of non-compliance, by the STUDENT, with any provision set forth in this Agreement. In these cases, the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to charge the full amount of the tuition and no amount will be refunded to the STUDENT.

2.7. Similarly, the CONTRACTOR may immediately terminate this agreement, regardless of notice or notification, in case of plagiarism or any other conduct by the STUDENT considered unethical in the academic environment and/or professional scientific research. In these cases, the CONTRACTOR shall have the right to collect the full amount of the tuition and no amount will be refunded to the STUDENT.

2.8. Similarly, the CONTRACTOR may immediately terminate this agreement, regardless of notice or notification, in case of indiscipline in the virtual classroom or breach of moral/respectful standards in the communication with other students and/or course leadership. In these cases, the CONTRACTOR shall have the right to collect the full amount of the tuition and no amount will be refunded to the STUDENT.

2.8.1. In cases of breach of civil or criminal law, such as in plagiarism, the Meta-Analysis Academy will inform the authorities accordingly.

2.9. The CONTRACTOR may immediately terminate the STUDENT's access to the Meta- Analysis Academy when the STUDENT does not pay the tuition installments as agreed at the time of registration. The STUDENT will remain liable for these payments.

2.10. If the CONTRACTOR grants the STUDENT any bonus or access to other courses owned by the CONTRACTOR, and the agreement with the Meta-Analysis Academy is terminated due to any of these reasons, the CONTRACTOR will also immediately suspend STUDENT access to these other products.

2.11. Discount coupons are of individual use and non-transferable. In the event of improper use of a discount coupon by the STUDENT, access to the Meta-Analysis Academy will be suspended until the STUDENT completes payment of the full tuition for the course. In these cases, the CONTRACTOR shall have the right to full payment of the entire value of the course, with no amount due to the STUDENT for reimbursement, should the STUDENT prefer to cancel the course instead of completing the outstanding payment.

2.12. The non-attendance of the STUDENT to the course activities, the non-use of the available resources, and non-access to the Student Portal available for the STUDENT do not exempt the STUDENT from payments and the fulfillment of his contractual obligations. In these cases, the STUDENT will not be entitled to any type of reimbursement by the CONTRACTOR.

CLAUSE NUMBER THREE - MEDIA PLATFORMS

3.1. The Meta-Analysis Academy classes will be available according to the prespecified schedule on the Student Portal. The STUDENT will receive access to the Student Portal at the time of registration, through email.

3.2. Live course activities, such as CPT, will take place through Zoom. Recordings of CPT sessions will be available on the student portal within 72 (seventy-two) hours after the live session.



3.3. It is the sole responsibility of the STUDENT to test access to these platforms once access is granted to the course activities. The Meta-Analysis Academy is not responsible for technical problems in the electronic device used by the STUDENT that may result in inability to access course material, such as poor internet connection or incorrect login/password information.

3.4. The STUDENT must have or create an account on Zoom with the same email address used in registration for the Meta-Analysis Academy, under penalty of removal of the user with an incorrect email from the virtual classroom during live sessions.

3.5. It is the responsibility of the STUDENT to join the Bulletin Board available on the Student Portal. This is a WhatsApp group, where messages are sent exclusively by course administrators. Important announcements will be communicated through this platform.

3.6. The STUDENT is responsible for regularly reviewing all announcements, notices, and communications posted on the Bulletin Board. Failure to do so may result in the STUDENT missing important deadlines or other relevant information, which may adversely affect the STUDENT's participation or performance in the Meta-Analysis Academy.

CLAUSE NUMBER FOUR - CERTIFICATION

4.1. The certificate of course completion will be provided to the STUDENT who participates in at least two-thirds (2/3) of the course activities, including lectures and CPTs. For purposes of this requirement, participation may be satisfied through attendance at live sessions and/or completion of the corresponding recorded versions made available in the Student Portal, which shall count toward participation credit.

4.2. The certificate will be available to the STUDENT in the Student Portal after completion of the 10 (ten) modules, provided the requirements listed in section 4.1 are met.

4.3. The STUDENT must complete all course requirements for certification within the period of access to the Student Portal. If the STUDENT does not complete the course requirements within this access period, the STUDENT will no longer have access to the Student Portal and will not be eligible to complete the requirements necessary to obtain a certificate. No certificate shall be issued unless the STUDENT has fully satisfied the requirements set forth in Section 4.1 during the access period.

CLAUSE NUMBER FIVE – CANCELLATIONS

5.1. The STUDENT will have a period of 7 (seven) calendar days, counted from the date of initial payment, to request full reimbursement of the tuition.

5.1.1. The period mentioned above constitutes a contractual option granted by the CONTRACTOR, in accordance with the principles of good faith and consumer protection set forth in Uruguayan Law No. 17.250/2000 (Ley de Relaciones de Consumo), and does not represent a mandatory legal right after the formalization of the agreement.



5.2. The cancellation and refund request must be made through Hotmart in the following web address: <https://refund.hotmart.com/>.

5.2.1. After the deadline set forth in item 5.1, the CONTRACTOR will no longer be obliged to return any amount already paid or transfer the STUDENT to future classes or make classes available beyond the period set forth in the schedule.

5.3. In cases where the STUDENT chooses installment payments, the cancellation period is counted from the initial installment only. Therefore, the STUDENT cannot cancel future installment payments once the 7-day period after the initial installment has expired.

5.4. Through enrollment in the Meta-Analysis Academy, the CONTRACTOR may grant certain discounts in other training programs offered by the CONTRACTOR, such as the ECG Academy by Rhanderson Cardoso. In the event the STUDENT cancels the Meta-Analysis Academy within the initial 7 (seven) day period after enrollment, the STUDENT must also cancel the other training programs, considering that the discount offered in the other programs was conditioned for enrollment in the Meta-Analysis Academy.

5.5. In case the STUDENT cancels the Meta-Analysis Academy within the initial 7-day period, without canceling other training programs offered by the CONTRACTOR, acquired with special discount offers conditioned on registration to the Meta-Analysis Academy, access to these additional programs will be suspended by the CONTRACTOR until the STUDENT completes the full payment for the Meta-Analysis Academy or the additional programs. In these cases, the STUDENT will be liable for paying the full tuition for the programs, and no refunds shall be due to the STUDENT if they choose to cancel the additional courses instead of completing the outstanding payments.

CLAUSE NUMBER SIX - STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

6.1. The STUDENT agrees to:

- a) Keep registration data up to date, especially e-mail and cell phone number;
- b) Submit only truthful information to the CONTRACTOR;
- c) Not reproduce, in any form, audios, videos, classes, handouts, and course materials, under penalty of civil and criminal liability, before the CONTRACTOR or third parties, under the terms of the law;
- d) Ensure the confidentiality of password and login, not allowing username and password to be shared with third parties;
- e) Not to violate the privacy of other users or use names, e-mails, and numbers of other course participants for any purpose;
- f) Not to send messages that are obscene or, in any way, contrary to ethical standards and respectful behavior; and
- g) Possess equipment and software that allow participation in the course and that comply with the minimum requirements pre-established by the CONTRACTOR, specifically: a computer with high-speed internet access and access to web browsers and the digital platforms of the training program.



6.2. The STUDENT also agrees not to compete, directly or indirectly, with the CONTRACTOR. The STUDENT, from this date onward, will be prohibited from engaging, directly or indirectly, for whatsoever reason, in any activities related to or competitive with those developed by the CONTRACTOR, for the duration of this Agreement and an additional period of 24 (twenty-four) months after its termination, under penalty of a fine of \$50,000 (fifty thousand) U.S. dollars, without prejudice to damages and losses.

6.3. The STUDENT also agrees not to persuade or attempt to persuade any client or potential client of the CONTRACTOR to stop doing business with the CONTRACTOR, or to reduce business transactions conducted with the CONTRACTOR, and not to persuade or attempt to persuade any collaborator, individual employed, director, or service provider of the CONTRACTOR to leave the CONTRACTOR to provide services to another entity other than the CONTRACTOR, for the duration of this Agreement and an additional period of 24 (twenty-four) months after its termination, under penalty of a fine of \$50,000 (fifty thousand) U.S. dollars, without prejudice to damages and losses.

CLAUSE NUMBER SEVEN - CONTRACTOR OBLIGATIONS

7.1. The CONTRACTOR agrees to:

- a) Manage the course administratively and coordinate the academic content, ensuring quality and the best methods for didactics, with theory and practice; and
- b) Adopt changes to the course, schedule, and media platforms whenever needed to improve the mission of the Meta-Analysis Academy.

CLAUSE NUMBER EIGHT – LIABILITY

8.1. In the event of unforeseeable circumstances or need to modify the course structure with the goal to improve teaching effectiveness, the live classes may be rescheduled or recorded, and the schedule may be modified, without penalty to the CONTRACTOR.

8.2. The CONTRACTOR agrees to inform the STUDENT in the Bulletin Board of any schedule or course modifications as far in advance as possible.

8.3. Under no circumstances will these situations be considered sufficient to characterize a breach of contract on the part of the CONTRACTOR or to be a reason for the termination of this Agreement by the STUDENT.

8.4. The CONTRACTOR is not responsible for the lack of time, personal problems, appointments, issues with devices or internet connection, or any other reason which may eventually prevent the STUDENT from attending classes or watching course content. Under no reason or justification will the CONTRACTOR be obliged to transfer the STUDENT to future classes or to provide a reimbursement beyond the cancellation period.

CLAUSE NUMBER NINE - PERSONAL DATA

9.1. The CONTRACTOR agrees to act in strict accordance to Uruguayan law on the protection of personal data and the determinations of regulatory/supervising bodies on the matter.



9.2. When handling personal data, the CONTRACTOR shall:

- a) Treat the personal data in its possession (name, telephone, and e-mail) for the ultimate purpose of guaranteeing the correct execution of this Agreement and its obligations;
- b) Guarantee confidentiality in handling of personal data in its possession, which will be shared with employees and third parties only for the purpose of the correct execution of this Agreement and its obligations.

9.3. The STUDENT is aware that the student's personal data (name, telephone, and e-mail) will be shared with the network of employees and sub-contractors of the Meta-Analysis Academy, such as marketing, administrative, and legal teams. In addition, personal data may be shared with governmental and regulatory bodies upon legal request. Finally, the STUDENT may also receive invitations to participate in future editions of the Meta-Analysis Academy or affiliated training programs.

CLAUSE NUMBER TEN - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

10.1. The STUDENT acknowledges that all intellectual property used and developed in this contract, including platforms, software, codes, ideas, research projects, class content, and teaching methods, without restriction, are under the exclusive ownership of the CONTRACTOR. All information in the course is protected by confidentiality and copyright laws.

10.2. The STUDENT acknowledges that only the CONTRACTOR has the capacity to license or sell the content and methods of the Meta-Analysis Academy.

10.3. The STUDENT agrees to pay a fine of USD \$50,000.00 (fifty thousand U.S. dollars) to the CONTRACTOR in the event of the sale, sharing, or improper broadcasting of any of the contents of the Meta-Analysis Academy or its teaching method, in addition to civil or criminal charges that may also occur.

10.4. The CONTRACTOR declares and acknowledges that it does not own any copyright and/or intellectual property rights over scientific content produced by the STUDENT during this Agreement, which shall be the sole and exclusive ownership, with all the inherent rights and obligations, of its authors/owners.

10.5. This clause will last for the entire term of the Agreement and will remain valid indefinitely after its termination, regardless of the cause for termination.

CLAUSE NUMBER ELEVEN – CONFIDENTIALITY

11.1. The PARTIES agree that the provisions of this Agreement and all information related thereto are strictly confidential, and each party undertakes, on its own behalf and on behalf of its professionals, including administrators, employees, representatives, agents, and any subcontractors and/or service providers, to maintain and ensure that all those involved in the performance of this Agreement maintain the strictest and absolute confidentiality regarding any information exchanged by any means, including oral, written, electronic, magnetic, or computerized.



11.2. The duty of confidentiality assumed will last throughout the term of the Agreement and indefinitely after its termination, regardless of the cause.

CLAUSE NUMBER TWELVE – CONSENT FOR USE OF PERSONAL DATA, USE OF IMAGE AND VOICE

12.1 The STUDENT authorizes the CONTRACTOR, in compliance with Uruguayan Law, to process the personal data listed as follows, for an indefinite period, for the purposes of institutional promotion and advertisement: name, last name, profile in social networks, image, and voice (photo and video).

12.2. The STUDENT authorizes the CONTRACTOR to use the STUDENT's image, name, and voice, free of charge or for consideration, for an indefinite period, for the purposes of institutional and advertising dissemination of the CONTRACTOR, including commercially, in any media and communication vehicles, internal and external, in any country ("Disclosure").

12.3. As a result of the provisions of item 12.2. above, the CONTRACTOR may, by way of example, capture, record, produce, store, adapt, reproduce, edit, publish, promote, disclose, distribute, transmit, compile, or use in any way the STUDENT's image, name, and voice.

12.4. The authorizations provided for in the above items are valid and are assigned through this instrument, all rights arising for the use, disclosure, publicity, display, reproduction, marketing, transfer, distribution of the STUDENT's image, name and voice, in any medium or support, tangible or intangible, physical or electronic, such as, among others, in the Internet and intranet, on websites or social networks, television (external and internal), cinema, radio, newspaper, magazine, brochures, bulletins, catalogs, posters, advertising materials, "Billboards" and "bus doors", murals, announcements, presentations, training, e-mails, among other forms of internal and external disclosure, as long as they are related to the CONTRACTOR and also, in any image, audio or video format, in the number of copies, impressions, number of broadcasts, transmissions, retransmissions, editions, reissues and placements that the CONTRACTOR considers convenient.

12.5. The STUDENT exempts the CONTRACTOR from any liability arising from the use of the STUDENT's image, name, and voice by third parties without authorization to do so, including through its reproduction and / or dissemination on Internet sites, such as "YouTube", "Facebook", "Instagram", or even on websites, social networks, and virtual communities of this nature.

12.6. The STUDENT declares that the information provided by the STUDENT is true, assuming full and exclusive responsibility for the content of the data and information provided, that the STUDENT has full civil capacity and has not assumed prior commitment to this that prevents the STUDENT from freely consenting to the provisions herein.

12.7. The STUDENT acknowledges and agrees that, if the STUDENT does not wish to have their image, voice, or audiovisual participation used for the purposes described in this Section, the STUDENT must refrain from activating the camera and/or microphone during live lectures, recordings, or other audiovisual activities. The activation of the camera and/or microphone by the STUDENT shall be deemed express consent to the use of the STUDENT's image and/or voice as described herein.



CLAUSE NUMBER THIRTEEN – TERMINATION

13.1. Regardless of the validity of this Agreement, the obligations related to Confidentiality and Intellectual Property shall remain valid and in force between the Parties, within the periods set forth therein, including the penalties provided for in case of violation.

CLAUSE NUMBER FOURTEEN - GENERAL PROVISIONS

14.1. It is expressly forbidden for the STUDENT to use the CONTRACTOR's brand, including its corporate name and the name of Professor Rhanderson Cardoso, MD, for any purpose outside this Agreement.

14.2. The CONTRACTOR will provide a virtual environment, a Meta-Analysis Academy community, with admission exclusive to the students of the Meta-Analysis Academy, to encourage discussions about the course and related subjects, with its own rules and terms of agreement, which will be posted in the community.

14.3. Entry and ongoing participation in the Meta-Analysis Academy community are conditioned to behavior and compliance with the rules and terms stipulated by the CONTRACTOR, which will be made available in the group environment, under penalty of formal warnings and/or exclusion from the group.

14.4. The exclusion of the STUDENT from the Meta-Analysis Academy community group does not grant the right to any reimbursement or cancellation of the course on the part of the STUDENT.

14.5. Communications in the student portal, Bulletin Board, and e-mails will be done in English.

14.6. The Parties expressly acknowledge that this instrument constitutes an enforceable title pursuant to the applicable Uruguayan procedural legislation, as it contains liquid, due, and certain obligations, and may be judicially enforced in accordance with the General Code of Procedure (Código General del Proceso), hereby waiving any claim or allegation to the contrary.

14.7. The validity of this instrument is subject to the registration of the STUDENT in the Meta-Analysis Academy.

14.8. The terms of this Agreement will be made available to the STUDENT on the Student Portal. By completing the registration in the Meta-Analysis Academy, the STUDENT accepts all the terms of this Agreement.

CLAUSE NUMBER FIFTEEN – JURISDICTION

15.1. All disputes shall be resolved under Uruguayan law, and the parties elect the courts of Maldonado, Republic of Uruguay, waiving any other, however privileged it may be.

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