stimulation to form dendritic cells, or the collection of precommitted cells from peripheral blood. Both of these methods have drawbacks: the necessity to treat the patient with cytokines to increase the number of precursor cells in the blood or techniques that lead to physical trauma of the dendritic cells. This invention embodies a method to isolate dendritic cells from blood in which leukapheresis is employed as a preliminary step to enrich for precursor cells in a patient without the requirement for cytokine treatment followed by countercurrent centrifugal elutriation. The purity of the cells isolated is much greater than any other known method. (portfolio: Central Nervous System—Research Tools and Reagents)

AAMP–1

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AAMP–1, a novel protein that has human cell adhesion properties has been characterized. Peptides derived from that protein have been shown to exhibit herparin-binding and cell-adhesive properties. The heparin-binding properties of the peptides may be useful for the treatment of conditions in which the presence or absence of heparin and/or heparin-sulfate needs to be regulated. These conditions could include heparinization to prevent blood clotting and possibly inflammatory, immune, or neoplastic disorders, and wound-healing in human patients. The cell-adhesion properties of the peptides may be useful for mediating cell-cell and cell-substrate adhesion. These properties might be particularly useful for producing materials for use in prosthetic devices-cell adhesion to a prosthetic device could potentially be controlled by regulating the presence or absence of heparin in the bodily system of the patient receiving a prosthetic device made with the peptides. The peptides retain their properties following crystallization, and the crystallized peptides are heat-stable and not inactivated by solvents. The small size and enhanced stability and processability of the crystalline peptides versus the native AAMP–1 protein suggest that the peptides will be more useful therapeutic agents and better raw materials for device fabrication than the native protein. (portfolio: Cancer—Diagnostics, in vitro, other; Cancer—Therapeutics, biological response modifiers)

Vaccine Against Hepatitis A Virus

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An attenuated hepatitis A virus (HAV) offers an important new tool for the development of a protective vaccine. Previously, immune serum globulin (ISG) is the only effective vaccine for preventing HAV infection; however, ISG elicits only low levels of neutralizing antibodies and, thus, requires repeated doses. This attenuated HAV, which is a mutant of the wild-type strain, elicits serum-neutralizing antibody production in chimpanzees and is suitable for vaccine development. (portfolio: Infectious Diseases—Vaccines, viral, non-AIDS)

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National Cancer Institute; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the meeting of the National Cancer Institute Board of Scientific Advisors Cancer Centers Program Working Group, March 12, 1996 at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, Maryland.

This meeting will be open to the public on March 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for overview and discussion of the Institute's Cancer Centers Extramural Program.

The meeting will be closed to the public on March 12, from 10:00 a.m. to adjournment for discussion of confidential issues relating to the review, discussion and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Cancer Centers Extramural Program. These discussions will reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators and similar matters, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Information pertaining to the meeting may be obtained from Dr. Paulette Gray, Executive Secretary, National Cancer Institute Board of Scientific Advisors, National Cancer Institute, 6130 Executive Blvd., EPN., Rm. 600, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301–496–4218). Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations should contact Dr. Paulette Gray in advance of the meeting.

Dated: February 21, 1996.

Susan K. Feldman,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings of the National Cancer Institute Initial Review Group:

Agenda/Purpose: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Committee Name: Subcommittee A—Cancer Centers Subcommittee.

Date: March 28–29, 1996.

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Place: The Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, Chevy Chase, MD.

Contact Person: David E. Maslow, Ph.D., 6130 Executive Blvd., Room 643A, Bethesda, MD 20892, Telephone: 301–496–2330.

Committee Name: Subcommittee C—Preclinical and Basic Studies.

Date: April 1–3, 1996.

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Place: The Holiday Inn, Georgetown, 2101 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

Contact Person: Virginia Wray, Ph.D., 6130 Executive Blvd., Room 635D, Bethesda, MD 20892, Telephone: 301–496–9236.

Committee Name: Subcommittee E—Prevention and Control Subcommittee.

Date of Meeting: April 17, 1996.

Time: 8 a.m. to adjournment.

Place of Meeting: Doubletree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Dr. Sally A. Mulhern, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, National Cancer Institute, NIH, Executive Plaza North, Room 643, 6130 Executive Boulevard MSC 7405, Bethesda, MD 20892–7405, Telephone: 301/496–7413.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.