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National Institute of Mental Health; 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 Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel:

Agenda/Purpose: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Committee Name: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 13, 1996.

Time: 2:15 p.m.

Place: Parklawn Building, Room 9C-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

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Committee Name: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 16, 1996.

Time: 4 p.m.

Place: Parklawn Building, Room 9C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Contact Person: Phyllis D. Artis, Parklawn Building, Room 9C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301, 443-6470.

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.

This notice is being published less than fifteen days prior to the meetings due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

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Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

The inventions listed below are owned by agencies of the U.S. Government and are available for licensing in the U.S. in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development. Foreign patent applications are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for U.S. companies and may also be available for licensing.

ADDRESS: Licensing information and copies of the U.S. patent applications listed below may be obtained by contacting Allan Kiang, J.D., at the Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852-3804; telephone: 301/496-7735 ext 270; fax: 301/402-0220. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent applications.

Immunization With Synthetic Peptides Generate Cytotoxic T Cell Responses Against the EWS/FL1 1 Ewing's Sarcoma Fusion Protein and the PAX-3/FKHR Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma Fusion Protein

TJ Goletz, LJ Helman, JA Berzofsky (NCI), Filed 14 Sept 95, Serial No. 08/528,129

This invention provides novel methods of producing vaccines and therapeutics to viral infections or cancer(s). This method utilizes irradiated, peptide-pulsed antigen presenting cells (APCs) which are coated with synthetic or recombinant peptides. These APCs can be used to induce a tumor specific cytotoxic T lymphocyte (CTL) response. This broadly applicable method uses safe, non-toxic synthetic or recombinant peptides and does not utilize harmful adjuvants or live viral vectors. Peptides derived from viral or bacterial antigens or mutant oncogene or tumor suppressor gene products may be applied towards this method. For example, using this method, a synthetic peptide which corresponds to the site of the mutation in the tumor suppressor gene product p53 can be used to induce a CTL response which kills tumor cells endogenously expressing the mutant p53 gene. (portfolio: Cancer—Therapeutics, biological response modifiers; Cancer—Therapeutics, vaccines)

O-Malonlytyrosyl Compounds, O-Malonllytyrosyl Compound-Containing Peptides, and Uses Thereof

TR Burke, B Ye, M Akamatsu, X Yan, HK Kole, PR Roller (NCI), Filed 31 Mar 95, Serial No. 08/414,520

Phosphotyrosyl residues in signalling proteins, which appear to act as

molecular switches in phosphotyrosyl-dependent cellular signal transduction pathways, are potential targets for therapeutic agents. The phosphotyrosol-dependent signal transduction pathway is composed of three elements: the protein kinases which add phosphates to tyrosine residues, the protein phosphatases which remove the phosphate, and the interaction of other signaling proteins with proteins containing phosphotyrosyl residues. This invention describes a phosphotyrosyl mimetic O-malonyltyrosine (OMT) which uses a malonate moiety in place of phosphate that can be derivatized and thus potentially made permeable to cell membranes. Peptides containing OMT residues are therefore potential therapeutic agents for disease states with altered cellular signaling including cancer. (portfolio: Cancer—Therapeutics, conventional chemotherapy, antimetabolites)

Assay for Sensitivity of Tumors to DNA-Platinating Chemotherapy

E Reed, M Dadholkar, F Bostick-Burton (NCI), Filed 07 Mar 95, Serial No. 08/399,617

The invention provides a method for determining the sensitivity of a tumor tissue to treatment with platinum-based chemotherapy. The method is based on detecting high levels of the mRNA for ERCC1 which includes exon VIII or concurrent expression of ERCC1 and XPAC mRNAs in fresh tumor tissues. Studies show that this method clearly distinguishes between platinum-sensitive and platinum-resistant tumors (J. Clin. Invest. 94:703-708, 1994). (portfolio Cancer—Research Reagents, DNA based)

Confirmationally Constrained Diacylglycerol Analogues

VE Marquez, J Lee, R Sharma, S Wang, GWA Milne, MC Nicklaus, PM Blumberg, NE Lewin (NCI), Filed 13 Jan 95, Serial No. 08/372,602

Diacylglycerol (DAG) is a member of the second messenger system in cell signal transduction. DAG is released from membrane phospholipids in response to the binding of a variety of agonists. Once released, DAG binds to the regulatory domain of protein kinase C (PK-C) and in doing so aids in the activation of the kinase. PK-C, when activated, is capable of phosphorylating a variety of other proteins involved in cellular processes including growth, differentiation, inflammation, nerve function, tumor promotion, and oncogenic expression. Given the global action of PK-C, molecules that can activate or inactivate this enzyme would be very useful. The claims of this