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Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Pharmaceuticals for the Treatment of Autoimmune Disease and Transplant Rejection

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i) that the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of a worldwide, limited field of use, exclusive license to practice the inventions embodied in the patents and patent applications referred to below to Sentron Medical, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the Government of the United States of America. The patents and patent applications to be licensed are:

- (1) Method of Treating Autoimmune Diseases and Transplantation Rejection
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/073,830
Filing Date: 6/07/93
- (2) Method of Treating Autoimmune Diseases and Transplantation Rejection
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/480,525
Filing Date: 06/07/95
- (3) Method of Treating Autoimmune Diseases and Transplantation Rejection
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/464,130
Filing Date: 06/05/95
- (4) Method of Treating Autoimmune Diseases and Transplantation Rejection
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/462,165
Filing Date: 06/05/95
- (5) Method of Treating Autoimmune Diseases and Transplantation Rejection
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/460,886
Filing Date: 06/05/95
- (6) Methods for Assessing the Ability of a Candidate Drug To Suppress MHC Class 1 Expression
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/

503,525

Filing Date: 08/21/95

The patents and patent applications to be licensed include those noted above, and all continuation applications, divisional applications, continuation-in-part applications, and foreign counterpart applications of these patents and patent applications.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of these patent applications, inquiries, comments, and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to: Carol C. Lavrich, Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852; Telephone: (301) 496-7056, ext. 287; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220. Applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated license. Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by NIH on or before November 12, 1996, will be considered. Comments and objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available for public inspection, and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive a copy of any pending patent application.

The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) days from the date of this published notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject technology provides methods for treating autoimmune diseases in mammals and for preventing or treating transplantation rejection in a transplant recipient. The methods of treatment involve the use of drugs capable of suppressing expression of MHC Class I molecules. In particular, the use of the drug methimazole to suppress expression of MHC Class I molecules in the treatment of autoimmune diseases and the prevention or treatment of rejection in a transplant recipient is disclosed. In addition, *in vivo* and *in vitro* assays are provided for the assessment and development of drugs capable of suppressing MHC Class I molecules.

Although organ transplantation is an established therapy in the United States, there remain major clinical and practical obstacles which continue to limit the use of transplantation. The number of transplants currently performed dramatically understates the size of the opportunity for transplantation should these obstacles be overcome. In addition to the over 15,000 organ transplants that were performed in the U.S. in 1990, another 20,000-25,000 patients are on nationwide organ specific waiting lists because of organ shortages. New technologies which may enable the use of cells, organ segments, or non-human donors will make transplants possible for more of the patients on waiting lists.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4124-N-03]

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development; Federal Property Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Johnston, room 7256, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1226; TDD number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 24 CFR Part 581 and section 501 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411), as amended, HUD is publishing this Notice to identify Federal buildings and other real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. The properties were reviewed using information provided to HUD by Federal landholding agencies