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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Methods and Compositions for the Detection and Treatment of Insulin Dependent Diabetes

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(i), that the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license worldwide to practice the invention embodied in: US Patent Application Serial Number 08/548,159 filed 10/95 by McClaren, Notkins, Lan, and Li, and foreign counterparts, and US Patent Application Serial Number 08/514,213 filed 8/95, and foreign counterparts, by McClaren, Notkins, and Lan—both entitled “Methods and Compositions for the Detection and Treatment of Insulin Dependent Diabetes” to BioSeek Inc., of New York, NY. The United States of America is an assignee of the patent rights to these inventions.

DATES: Only written comments and/or application for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before February 5, 2001 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of the patent applications, inquiries, comments and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to: John Rambosek, Ph.D. Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Email: jr312d@nih.gov; Telephone: (301) 496-7056, ext. 270; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM) affects close to one million people in the United States. It is autoimmune disease in which the immune system produces antibodies that attack the body's own insulin-manufacturing cells in the pancreas. Patients require daily injections of insulin to regulate blood sugar levels. The invention identifies two proteins, named IA-2 and IA-2 β , that are important markers for type I (juvenile, insulin-dependent) diabetes. IA-2/IA-2 β , when used in diagnostic tests, recognized autoantibodies in 70 percent of IDDM patients. Combining IA-2 and IA-2 β with other known markers increased the level of identification to 90 percent of individuals with IDDM. Moreover, the presence of autoantibodies to IA-2 and IA-2 β in otherwise normal individuals was highly predictive in identifying those at risk of ultimately developing clinical disease. It is now possible to develop a rapid and effective test that can screen large populations for IDDM. In addition, IA-2 and IA-2 β are candidates for immune tolerance and prevention of disease development. 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 license may be limited to use of the invention for diagnostic and therapeutic uses in the detection and treatment of diabetes. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within 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.

Properly filed competing applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the contemplated license. 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.

Dated: November 30, 2000.

Jack Spiegel,

Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Compositions and Methods for the Stimulation of Proliferation and Differentiation of Pancreatic Cells Ex Vivo

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This 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 an exclusive world-wide license to practice the inventions embodied in any U.S. patents 5,888,705 (03/30/1999) and 5,587,309 (12/24/1996) or foreign applications corresponding to PCT Patent Application PCT/US95/00521, entitled “Compositions and Method of Stimulating the Proliferation and Differentiation of Human Fetal and Adult Pancreatic Cells Ex Vivo” published as WO 95/29989 (11/09/1995) to PanCel Corp., of California. The prospective exclusive license may be limited to the development of therapeutic applications, including compositions and methods using adult pancreatic cells, to be used in the treatment of diabetes.

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by NIH on or before February 5, 2001, will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of these patent applications, inquiries, comment and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to Susan S. Rucker, J.D., Patent and Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852-3804; telephone: 301/496-7056 ext 245; fax: 301/402-0220. A signed Confidentiality Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent applications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The patents and patent applications describe the use of the compound Hepatocyte Growth Factor/Scatter Factor (HGF/SF) for the stimulation of proliferation and differentiation of pancreatic cells. Upon exposure to HGF/SF the pancreatic cells proliferate and differentiate and are able to produce insulin. The ability to stimulate pancreatic cells to proliferate and differentiate into cells capable of producing insulin may provide a means