

Antisteroids block the action of steroid hormones. For this reason, antisteroids have been attractive clinical tools to suppress the effects of endogenous steroids both in a variety of disorders, including breast and uterine cancers, and in birth control. Much research has been devoted to finding pure antisteroids that would prevent any action of endogenous steroids. Unfortunately, antisteroid treatments are associated with many side effects, most of which result from the repression of the wide variety of normally expressed genes. For this reason, attention has recently shifted to selective receptor modulators (SRMs), which are antisteroids with partial agonist activity with some responsive genes. Those SRMs that cause the repression of the fewest genes, other than the genes that are targeted for inhibition, would be expected to have the fewest side effects and the widest clinical applications. Almost all existing antiprogestins suffer from two disadvantages. First, they block virtually all actions of progesterone receptors and display very little partial agonist activity. Second, most progestins are also potent antiglycorticoids and suppress genes regulated by glucocorticoids, thus expanding the scope of undesirable side effects. Presently, the only antiprogesterin reported to have significant amounts of partial agonist activity, and thus any prospect of being a selective progesterone receptor modulator (SPRM), is RTI 3021-020.

The NIH now announces that two derivatives of the potent glucocorticoid dexamethasone (Dex) show partial agonist activity under a variety of conditions and represent novel leads to new SPRMs. These derivatives are Dex-21-mesylate (Dex-Mes) and Dex-oxetanone (Dex-Ox). In direct comparisons with RTI 3021-020, Dex-Mes and Dex-Ox have consistently displayed more partial agonist activity even under conditions where RTI 3021-020 was inactive. Therefore, Dex-Mes, Dex-Ox, or other Dex derivatives, may be useful as partial progesterone agonists under a wider variety of conditions both in the laboratory and in the clinical setting, such as the treatment of endometriosis and leiomyomas of the uterus, to name a few. Furthermore, Dex-Mes and Dex-Ox also possess partial agonist activity with glucocorticoid receptors, thus reducing the side effects resulting from the repression of glucocorticoid-regulated genes.

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Jack Spiegel,

Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Fogarty International Center; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Fogarty International Center Advisory Board.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

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

Name of Committee: Fogarty International Center Advisory Board.

Date: February 6, 2001.

Open: 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

Agenda: Report of the Director and presentations on Disease Control Priorities Report of the Macroeconomic Commission on Health, and on FIC programs and plans.

Place: Lawton Chiles International House, 16 Center Drive, (Building 16), Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: 1:00 PM to Adjournment.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Lawton Chiles International House, 16 Center Drive, (Building 16), Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Irene W. Edwards, Information Officer, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes Of Health, Building 31, Room B2C08, 31 Center Drive MSC 2220, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-2075.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.106, Minority International Research Training Grant in the Biomedical and Behavioral Sciences; 93.154, Special International Postdoctoral Research Program in Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome; 93.168, International Cooperative Biodiversity Groups Program; 93.934, Fogarty International Research Collaboration Award; 93.989, Senior International Fellowship Awards Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Meeting

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 meeting of the National Cancer Institute Board of Scientific Advisors.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended to disclosure information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Board of Scientific Advisors.

Date: March 5-6, 2001.

Open: March 5, 2001, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Agenda: Joint meeting of the NCI Board of Scientific Advisors and NCI Board of Scientific Counselors; Report of the Director, NCI; and Scientific Presentations.

Place: National Cancer Institute, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6 Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Open: March 5, 2001 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: Ongoing and New Business; Reports of Program Review Group(s); and Budget Presentation; Reports of Special Initiatives; RFA and RFP Concept Reviews; and Scientific Presentations.

Place: National Cancer Institute; 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6 Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: March 5, 2001, 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personnel issues.

Place: National Cancer Institute, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6 Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Open: March 6, 2001, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Agenda: Reports of Special Initiatives; RFA and RFP Concept Reviews; and Scientific Presentations.

Place: National Cancer Institute, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6 Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Paulette S. Gray, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, Deputy Director, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6116 Executive Boulevard, Room 8141, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-4218.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

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 meeting.

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Name of Committee: Heart, Lung, and Blood Program Project Review Committee.

Date: March 22, 2001.

Time: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Chevy Chase Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Contact Person: Jeffrey H. Hurst, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, Division of Extramural Affairs, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0303, hurstj@nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.233, National Center for Sleep Disorders Research; 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel The Assay of Human Hematopoietic Stem Cells.

Date: February 27, 2001.

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Review Branch, DEA, NHLBI/NIH, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Robert B. Moore, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, Room 7192, Division of Extramural Affairs, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301/435-3541.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; 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.

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

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Initial Review Group, Kidney, Urologic and Hematologic Diseases D Subcommittee.

Date: March 23, 2001.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Shan S. Wong, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, Room 643, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Initial Review Group, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition C Subcommittee.

Date: April 12-13, 2001..

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Dan Matsumoto, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, Room 649, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892-6600, (301) 594-8894.

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