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A Mouse Model of von-Hippel Lindau Disease

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The current invention embodies a mouse model which has been rendered a conditional homozygous knockout at the murine chromosome 6 VHL locus, homologous to the human VHL locus at chromosome 3p25. Mutations in VHL, a tumor suppressor gene, lead to the clinical manifestations of von Hippel-Lindau disease, a rare autosomal dominant syndrome characterized by tumor formation in multiple organs, including the brain and kidneys. Using Cre/lox site-specific recombination, this invention allows for homozygous deletion of wild-type VHL only in specified tissues, thereby circumventing the embryonic lethality seen in the VHL knockout mouse. The model embodied in this invention therefore appears to represent a valuable research tool for understanding how inactivation of both copies of the VHL gene lead to tumor formation, and ultimately should aid in the testing of possible therapeutic approaches to von Hippel-Lindau disease.

A Mouse Model of Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia, Type I

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The current invention embodies a mouse model which is heterozygous for a null allele at the Men1 locus of murine chromosome 19. Men1 has similar exon-intron organization and amino acid identity compared with its human analog MEN1, which has been implicated in the pathogenesis of multiple endocrine neoplasia, type I (MEN1). This mouse model has been shown to develop features remarkably similar to those of MEN1, which include tumors of the endocrine pancreas, pituitary, and parathyroids. The model embodied in this invention appears to represent a valuable research tool for use in elucidating the role of the wild-type Men1 allele in tumor formation, and ultimately should aid in the testing of possible therapeutic approaches to human MEN1.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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National Center for Research Resources; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: National Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel, Comparative Medicine

Date: October 4, 2001.

Time: 7:30 p.m. to Adjournment.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

Place: The Madison Concourse Hotel, One West Dayton Street, Madison, WI 53703.

Contact Person: Camille M. King, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Review, National Center for Research Resources, National Institutes of Health, One Rockledge Centre, MSC 7965, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 6018, Bethesda, MD 20892-7965, (301) 435-0815, kingc@ncrr.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Scientific and Technical Review Board on Biomedical and Behavioral Research Facilities.

Date: September 24-25, 2001.

Open: September 24, 2001, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Agenda: To discuss program planning and other issues.

Place: DoubleTree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Closed: September 24, 2001, 9 a.m. to Adjournment.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: DoubleTree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

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Name of Committee: National Center for Research Resources Initial Review Group, General Clinical Research Centers Review Committee.

Date: October 10-11, 2001.

Open: October 10, 2001 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Agenda: To discuss program planning and other issues.

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

Closed: October 10, 2001, 9:30 a.m. to Adjournment.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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