

*General Function of the Committee:* To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

*Date and Time:* The meeting will be held on January 16, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Location:* Holiday Inn, Versailles Ballrooms I and II, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD.

*Contact:* William Freas, or Sheila D. Langford, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) (HFM-17), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-1448, 301-827-0314, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 19516. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

*Agenda:* On January 16, 2002, the committee will hear presentations relevant to the site visit report on the review of the research programs of the Laboratory of Bacterial, Parasitic, and Unconventional Agents, and the Laboratory of Molecular Virology, Division of Emerging and Transfusion Transmitted Diseases, Office of Blood Research and Review, CBER.

*Procedure:* On January 16, 2002, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by January 9, 2002. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on January 16, 2002. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before January 9, 2002, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

*Closed Committee Deliberations:* On January 16, 2002, from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6)). The committee will discuss the reports of the review of individual research programs in the Division of Emerging and Transfusion Transmitted Diseases, Office of Blood Research and Review, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

FDA regrets that it was unable to publish this notice 15 days prior to the

January 16, 2002, Blood Products Advisory Committee meeting. Because the agency believes there is some urgency to bring this issue to public discussion and qualified members of the Blood Products Advisory Committee were available at this time, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs concluded that it was in the public interest to hold this meeting even if there was not sufficient time for the customary 15-day public notice.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: December 26, 2001.

**Linda A. Suydam,**

*Senior Associate Commissioner.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Office of Inspector General**

**Program Exclusions: November 2001**

**AGENCY:** Office of Inspector General, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of program exclusions.

During the month of November 2001, the HHS Office of Inspector General imposed exclusions in the cases set forth below. When an exclusion is imposed, no program payment is made to anyone for any items or services (other than an emergency item or service not provided in a hospital emergency room) furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded party under the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal Health Care programs. In addition, no program payment is made to any business or facility, e.g., a hospital, that submits bills for payment for items or services provided by an excluded party. Program beneficiaries remain free to decide for themselves whether they will continue to use the services of an excluded party even though no program payments will be made for items and services provided by that excluded party. The exclusions have national effect and also apply to all Executive Branch procurement and non-procurement programs and activities.

Subject city, state	Effective date
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**Program-Related Convictions**

Bilenkin, Elana ..... Old Bridge, NJ	12/20/2001
Birdsong, Stacie ..... Detroit, MI	12/20/2001
Bitz, Jennifer M ..... Jamestown, ND	12/20/2001

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Boguslavskiy, Vadim ..... Lavenel, NJ	12/20/2001
Brown, Maurice Chevale ..... Sterling, CO	12/20/2001
Dallakyan, Naira M ..... Pasadena, CA	12/20/2001
Greer, J Randall ..... Memphis, TN	12/20/2001
Gutman, Marci ..... Miami, FL	12/20/2001
Maddox, Yolanda Gail ..... Troy, AL	12/20/2001
McDonald, Anita Fletcher ..... Palestine, TX	12/20/2001
New York Health Plan ..... New York, NY	12/20/2001
Norman, Brigid ..... Riverdale, GA	12/20/2001
Paulin, John Gregory ..... Florence, CO	12/20/2001
Rapp, Donna Lynn ..... Lakewood, CO	12/20/2001
Reyes, Gloria ..... Miami, FL	12/20/2001
Rose, Melba L ..... Miami, FL	12/20/2001
Scarpitta, Janet ..... Newark, NJ	12/20/2001
Stolyar, Yelena ..... Golden, CO	12/20/2001
Taylor, Shirley Jean ..... Pearl, MS	12/20/2001
Urban, Edward J ..... Chargin Fall, OH	12/20/2001

**Felony Conviction for Health Care**

Brathwaite, Stephen Earl ..... W Valley City, UT	12/20/2001
Burstein, Donald A ..... Warminster, PA	12/20/2001
Casiano, Janet ..... Carle Place, NY	12/20/2001
Fergusson, Olantungie Clar- ence ..... Sherman Oaks, CA	12/20/2001
Oldham, Susan G ..... Lexington, KY	12/20/2001
Runk, Lisa D ..... Wichita, KS	12/20/2001
Seals, Carlos V ..... Los Angeles, CA	12/20/2001

**Felony Control Substance Conviction**

Davis, Donna K Kidd ..... Somerset, KY	12/20/2001
Gleason, Laura Jane ..... Phoenix, AZ	12/20/2001
Hendrick, Vickie ..... Gallatin, TN	12/20/2001
McMenamin, Deborah J ..... Carbondale, PA	12/20/2001
Sommer, Deborah Jane ..... Dayton, TX	12/20/2001

**Patient Abuse/Neglect Convictions**

Barsuk, Joseph Jr ..... Churchville, NY	12/20/2001
Boykins, Loretta Penny ..... Baltimore, MD	12/20/2001
Cathey, Deborah ..... Dayton, TX	12/20/2001



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Robinson, Cynane Ann Yetta ... Southfield, MI	12/20/2001
Rodebaugh, Cheryl Lynn ..... Denver, CO	12/20/2001
Rose, Keith D ..... Big Rapids, MI	12/20/2001
Roudebush, Mark D ..... Cordova, TN	12/20/2001
Rouselle, Dionne Marie ..... Memphis, TN	12/20/2001
Rubinstein, David M ..... Tamarac, FL	12/20/2001
Schwirian, Jay A ..... White Oak, PA	12/20/2001
Smith, Terrance Herbert ..... Sioux Falls, SD	12/20/2001
Smith, William H III ..... Philadelphia, PA	12/20/2001
Sparks, Darlene V ..... Annandale, VA	12/20/2001
Stevens, Joanne K ..... Broadview Hgts, OH	12/20/2001
Strasser, Robert T ..... Lake Zurich, IL	12/20/2001
Thompson, Emma R ..... Lithonia, GA	12/20/2001
Van Brookhoven, Gloria ..... Atlanta, GA	12/20/2001
Vodvarka, James M ..... Steubenville, OH	12/20/2001
Webb, James R ..... Shawnee Mission, KS	12/20/2001
Wohlschlaeger, Michael Alan ... Panama City Bch, FL	12/20/2001
Wolf, Jacob M ..... Akron, OH	12/20/2001
Wright, Bill G ..... Lincoln, NE	12/20/2001
Yoder, Patricia L ..... Ocklawaha, FL	12/20/2001
Young-Cheney, Joan E ..... Creswell, OR	12/20/2001
<b>Peer Review Organization Cases</b>	
Hinkley, Bruce Stanton ..... Dallas, TX	11/14/2001

Dated: December 3, 2001.

**Calvin Anderson, Jr.,**

*Director, Health Care Administrative  
Sanctions, Office of Inspector General.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** 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 companies and may also be available  
for licensing.

**ADDRESSES:** Licensing information and  
copies of the U.S. patent applications  
listed below may be obtained by  
contacting Peter A. Soukas, J.D., at the  
Office of Technology Transfer, National  
Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive  
Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville,  
Maryland 20852-3804; telephone: 301/  
496-7056 ext. 268; fax: 301/402-0220;  
e-mail: *soukasp@od.nih.gov*. A signed  
Confidential Disclosure Agreement will  
be required to receive copies of the  
patent applications.

#### LL-37 is an Immunostimulant

Oleg Chertov (NCI), Joost Oppenheim  
(NCI), De Yang (NCI), Qian Chen  
(NCI), Ji Wang (NCI), Mark Anderson  
(EM), Joseph Wooters (EM)  
Serial No. 09/960,876 filed 21 Sep 2001

This invention relates to use of an  
antimicrobial peptide as a vaccine  
adjuvant. LL-37 is the cleaved  
antimicrobial 37-residue C-terminal  
peptide of hCAP18, the only identified  
member in humans of a family of  
proteins called cathelicidins. LL-37/  
hCAP18 is produced by neutrophils and  
various epithelial cells. LL-37 is well  
known as an antimicrobial peptide.  
However, although antimicrobial  
peptides have generally been considered  
to contribute to host innate  
antimicrobial defense, some of them  
may also contribute to adaptive  
immunity against microbial infection.  
The inventors have shown that LL-37  
utilizes formyl peptide receptor-like 1  
(FPLR1) as a receptor to activate human  
neutrophils, monocytes, and T cells.  
Since leukocytes participate in both  
innate and adaptive immunity, the fact  
that LL-37 can chemoattract human  
leukocytes may provide one additional  
mechanism by which LL-37 can  
contribute to host defense against  
microbial invasion, by participating in  
the recruitment of leukocytes to sites of  
infection. The invention claims methods  
of enhancing immune responses  
through the administration of LL-37  
alone, in conjunction with a vaccine,  
and methods of treating autoimmune  
diseases. The invention is further  
described in Chertov et. al., "LL-37, the  
neutrophil granule- and epithelial cell-  
derived cathelicidin, utilizes formyl  
peptide receptor-like 1 (FPLR1) as a  
receptor to chemoattract human

peripheral blood neutrophils,  
monocytes, and T cells," *J Exp. Med.*  
2000 Oct 2;192(7):1069-74.

#### A Method for Bioconjugation Using Diels-Alder Cycloaddition

Vince Pozsgay (NICHD)  
Serial Number 09/919,637 filed 01 Aug  
2001

This invention relates to a new  
method for the synthesis of conjugate  
vaccines using the Diels-Alder  
cycloaddition reaction to covalently  
attach a carbohydrate antigen from a  
pathogen to a protein carrier. The Diels-  
Alder reaction has not been extended to  
conjugation involving biopolymers or  
other types of polymeric materials.  
Advantages of this method are that  
cross-linking during conjugation is  
entirely avoided in addition to the mild  
chemical conditions under which this  
synthesis method proceeds. Diels-Alder  
reactions commonly take place in high-  
temperature environments; the method  
contemplated by this invention takes  
place at much lower temperatures. In  
addition to claiming methods of  
synthesis for conjugate vaccines using  
the Diels-Alder cycloaddition, the  
patent application claims vaccines  
produced utilizing the method, and  
methods of inducing antibodies which  
react with the polysaccharides  
contemplated by the invention.

#### Identification of New Small RNAs and ORFs

Susan Gottesman (NCI), Gisela Storz  
(NICHD), Karen Wassarman (NICHD),  
Francis Repoila (NCI), Carsten  
Rosenow (EM)

Serial No. 60/266,402 filed 01 Feb 2001  
The inventors have isolated a number  
of previously unknown sRNAs found in  
*E. coli*. Previous scientific publications  
by the inventors and others regarding  
sRNAs have shown these sRNAs to  
serve important regulatory roles in the  
cell, such as regulators of virulence and  
survival in host cells. Prediction of the  
presence of genes encoding sRNAs was  
accomplished by combining sequence  
information from highly conserved  
intergenic regions with information  
about the expected transcription of  
neighboring genes. Microarray analysis  
also was used to identify likely  
candidates. Northern blot analyses were  
then carried out to demonstrate the  
presence of the sRNAs. Three of the  
sRNAs claimed in the invention regulate  
(candidates 12 and 14, negatively and  
candidate 31, positively) expression of  
RpoS, a major transcription factor in  
bacteria that is important in many  
pathogens because it regulates (amongst  
other things) virulence. The inventors'  
data show that these sRNAs are highly