

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 11-05, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: April 25, 2002.

Stephen R. Smith,

Acting Associate Administrator for Management and Program Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Cross-site Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Infant Adoption Awareness Training Program (IAATP)—New

HRSA proposes to evaluate the Infant Adoption Awareness Program being implemented by adoption organizations. The IAATP is authorized under the Children's Health Act of 2000 (CHA), Title XII, Subtitle A to develop, implement and evaluate curricula to achieve the goal of providing adoption information and referrals on an equal basis with other courses of action included in non-directive counseling to pregnant women. National, regional and local organizations whose primary purpose includes adoption were funded under IAATP cooperative agreements to deliver adoption training to health care workers with a special focus on those working in health care facilities funded under section 1001 and section 330 and those receiving grants to provide health services in schools. The Children's Health Act mandates that the Secretary submit to Congress a report evaluating the effectiveness of training delivered under the IAATP and the extent to which it results in the provision of adoption information and referrals to

pregnant women on an equal basis with other courses of action included in non-directive counseling to pregnant women.

To determine if the IAATP is effective in achieving the intent of the congressional mandate, the proposed study will assess the effect of IAATP training on knowledge, attitudes and self reported practices for health care workers who counsel pregnant women in health care settings. An estimated 690 health care workers who regularly counsel pregnant women and who completed IAATP training will be recruited into the study and will complete a 20 minute mail survey instrument covering the time and extent of their exposure to the IAATP training as well as knowledge, attitudes and self-reported practices in providing adoption information and referrals to pregnant women. A comparison group of 690 health care workers who perform pregnancy counseling but did not receive the IAATP training will receive a mail survey on their knowledge, attitudes and self-reported behaviors in providing adoption information and referrals to the pregnant women that they counsel.

In addition, staff of each of the four grantees, their trainers and trainees will participate in interviews and focus groups to document the program development and training processes and delivery of the IAATP. For each grantee, there will be one-hour individual interviews of grantee staff, one focus group of trainers from each of four grantees, and two focus groups of trainees from each of four grantee programs.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Health care workers completing IAATP training	690	1	.33	228
Health care workers not completing IAATP training	690	1	.25	173
Grantee staff interviews (8 from each of 4 grantees)	32	2	1	64
Focus groups with trainers	32	1	2	64
Focus groups with trainees	64	1	2	128
Total	1,508	657

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following National

Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of June 2002.

Name: Maternal and Child Health Research Grants Review Committee

Date and Time: June 6–7, 2002; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Place: Jurys-Washington Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

The meeting is open to the public on Thursday, June 6, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and closed for the remainder of the meeting.

Purpose: To review research grant applications in the program areas of maternal and child health, administered by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Agenda: The open portion of the meeting will cover opening remarks by the Director, Division of Research, Training and Education, who will report on program issues, congressional activities, and other topics of interest to the field of maternal and child health. The meeting will be closed to the public on Thursday, June 6, 2002, from 9:30 a.m. through the remainder of the meeting for the review of grant applications. The grant applications and the discussions would disclose information of a personal nature, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The closing is in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination by the Acting Associate Administrator for Management and Program Support, Health Resources and Services Administration, pursuant to Public Law 92–463.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, minutes of meetings, or other relevant information should write or contact Kishena C. Wadhvani, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, Maternal and Child Health Research Grants Review Committee, Room 18A–55, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone (301) 443–2207.

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Jane M. Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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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 writing to the indicated licensing contact at the Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852–3804; telephone: 301/496–7057; fax: 301/402–0220. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent applications.

HIV–1 Envelope Glycoproteins Stabilized by Flexible Linkers as Potent Entry Inhibitors and Immunogens

Dimitrov *et al.* (NCI).

[DHHS Reference No. E–039–02/0 filed 05 Mar 2002]

Licensing Contact: Carol Salata; 301/496–7735 ext. 232; e-mail: salatac@od.nih.gov.

The technology relates to tethered constructs where flexible linkers join gp120 and the ectodomain of gp41. The HIV–1 envelope Glycoprotein (Env) undergoes conformational changes while driving entry. The inventors hypothesized that some of the intermediate Env conformations could be stably represented in tethered constructs where gp120 and the ectodomain of gp41 are joined by flexible linkers. Tethered Envs with long (15 to 26 amino acid) linkers were stable and potentially inhibited fusion mediated by R5, X4 and R5X4 Envs, most likely by exposure of gp41 structures that bind DP178 and cluster II mAbs. A tethered Env with a short (4 amino acid) linker, gp120 or DP178 were 100, 20 or 10-fold less effective, respectively. The fusion proteins with long linkers exhibited enhanced exposure of DP178 and cluster II mAbs binding gp41 structures that are critical for entry. These findings suggest the existence of conserved structures that are critical for HIV–1 entry, and could be used as inhibitors and novel immunogens for elicitation of broadly neutralizing antibodies.

Construction of West Nile Virus and Dengue Virus Chimeras for Use in a Live Virus Vaccine to Prevent Disease Caused by West Nile Virus

Pletnev *et al.* (NIAID).

[DHHS Reference No. E–357–01/0 filed 10 Jan 2002]

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A candidate live attenuated vaccine strain was constructed for West Nile virus (WN), a neurotropic flavivirus that has recently emerged in the U.S. Considerable attenuation for mice was achieved by chimerization with dengue virus type 4 (DEN4). The genes for the structural pre-membrane and envelope proteins of DEN4 present in an infectious cDNA clone were replaced by the corresponding genes of WN strain NY99. Two of 18 cDNA clones of a WN/DEN4 chimera yielded full-length RNA transcripts that were infectious when transfected into susceptible cells. The WN/DEN4 chimera was highly attenuated in mice compared with its WN parent; the chimera was at least 28,500 times less neurovirulent in suckling mice inoculated intracerebrally and at least 10,000 times less virulent in adult mice inoculated intraperitoneally. Nonetheless, the WN/DEN4 chimera and a deletion mutant derived from it were immunogenic and provided complete protection against lethal WN challenge. These observations provide the basis for pursuing the development of a live attenuated WN vaccine.

MVA Expressing Modified HIV Envelope, Gag and Pol Genes

Bernard Moss and Linda S. Wyatt (NIAID).

[DHHS Reference No. E–115–01/0 filed 08 Mar 2001]

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This technology relates to construction of a recombinant poxvirus using modified vaccinia Ankara (MVA). The recombinant MVA (rMVA) expresses HIV Gag, Pol and HIV–1 Env under the control of vaccinia virus early/late promoters. A related rMVA expressing SHIV genes was used in heterologous prime/boost regimens that raised high levels of immune responses. DNA priming followed by a recombinant modified vaccinia Ankara (rMVA) booster controlled a highly pathogenic immunodeficiency virus challenge in a rhesus macaque model. Both the DNA and rMNA components of the vaccine expressed multiple immunodeficiency virus proteins. Two DNA inoculations at 0 and 8 weeks effectively controlled an intrarectal challenge administered 7 months after the booster. These findings provide hope that a relatively simple multiprotein DNA/MVA vaccine can