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Additional Program Information

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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.

Suppressing Unencoded MRI Signal Contribution in Multi-Phase Myocardial Tagging and Phase-Contrast Based Methods

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DHHS Reference No. E-079-02/0

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The invention is a method for obtaining clear functional magnetic resonance (MR) cardiac images without significantly increasing signal acquisition time. During functional magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) the specimen magnetization is spatially encoded by application of one or more radio frequency pulses (RF) and gradient magnetic fields. This spatially encoded magnetization is then read out to produce images that can be used to assess specimen motion. During this process the contrast decreases from the beginning of the cardiac cycle as the magnetization decays or relaxes, making the images more difficult to process and interpret over time. This is currently solved by acquiring the images twice (with a modified signal excitation phase) to suppress unwanted unencoded MRI signal contributions; therefore improving the contrast. Unfortunately, this prolongs the acquisition by a factor of two. In the invention, an RF inversion pulse is used to suppress the undesirable unencoded MRI signal contributions, thereby improving the contrast. This RF frequency drives the undesired signal to an equilibrium around zero, while preserving the desired encoded signal. The application of the RF inversion pulse doubles the resolution of the image and does not increase acquisition time. It allows for immediate evaluation of myocardial contractility throughout the whole cardiac cycle without requiring user intervention during phase-based data processing. There is also the possibility that this method could be used in other areas of the body, including the spinal cord, and the invention may be applicable to the study of brain motion. This new method speeds up the quantification of datasets, suppresses undesired signal contributions, and doubles the resolution of the images without doubling acquisition time.

ELISA Assay of Serum Soluble CD22 to Assess Tumor Burden/Relapse in Subjects with Leukemia and Lymphoma

Robert Kreitman et al. (NCI)
DHHS Reference No. E-065-02/0 filed May 20, 2002
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Disclosed are methods of using previously unknown soluble forms of CD22 (sCD22) present in the serum of subjects with B-cell leukemias and

lymphomas to assess tumor burden in the subjects. Also disclosed are methods of diagnosing or prognosing development or progression of a B-cell lymphoma or leukemia in a subject, including detecting sCD22 in a body fluid sample taken or derived from the subject, for instance serum. In some embodiments, soluble CD22 levels are quantified. By way of example, the B-cell lymphoma or leukemia can be hairy cell leukemia, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, or non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Soluble CD22 in some embodiments is detected by a specific binding agent, and optionally, the specific binding agent can be detectably labeled.

Also disclosed are methods of selecting a B-cell lymphoma or leukemia therapy that include detecting an increase or decrease in sCD22 levels in a subject compared to a control, and, if such increase or decrease is identified, selecting a treatment to prevent or reduce B-cell lymphoma or leukemia or to delay the onset of B-cell lymphoma or leukemia.

Other embodiments are kits for measuring a soluble CD22 level, which kits include a specific binding molecule that selectively binds to the CD22, e.g. an antibody or antibody fragment that selectively binds CD22.

Further disclosed methods are methods for screening for a compound useful in treating, reducing, or preventing B-cell lymphomas or leukemias, or development or progression of B-cell lymphomas or leukemias, which methods include determining if application of a test compound lowers soluble CD22 levels in a subject, and selecting a compound that so lowers sCD22 levels.

Mutated Anti-CD22 Antibodies with Increased Affinity to CD22-Expressing Leukemia Cells

Ira Pastan et al. (NCI)
HHS Reference No. E-129-01/0 filed Sep 26, 2001
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The present invention provides improved antibodies for binding to CD22-expressing cells (CD22 is expressed on B cells and B-cell malignancies), especially cancer cells that express CD22 on their exterior surface. In this regard, the invention provides anti-CD22 antibodies with a variable light (V_L) chain having the sequence of antibody RFB4 and a variable heavy (V_H) chain having the sequence of antibody RFB4, but in which residues 100, 100A and 100B of CDR3 of said V_H chain (as numbered by the Kabat and Wu numbering system)

have an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of: THW, YNW, TTW, and STY. The antibody can be a full length antibody molecule, but is preferably a single chain Fv ("scFv"), a disulfide stabilized Fv ("dsFv"), an Fab, or an F(ab').

The invention further provides compositions comprising these antibodies conjugated or fused to a therapeutic moiety or a detectable label. The therapeutic moiety can be a cytotoxin, a drug, a radioisotope, or a liposome loaded with a drug or a cytotoxin. In preferred embodiments, the effector moiety is a cytotoxin. The cytotoxin can be selected from the group consisting of ricin A, abrin, ribotoxin, ribonuclease, saporin, calicheamycin, diphtheria toxin or a cytotoxic subunit or mutant thereof, a *Pseudomonas* exotoxin, a cytotoxic portion thereof, a mutated *Pseudomonas* exotoxin, a cytotoxic portion thereof, and botulinum toxins A through F. In preferred forms, the cytotoxin is a *Pseudomonas* exotoxin or cytotoxic fragment thereof, or a mutated *Pseudomonas* exotoxin or a cytotoxic fragment thereof. In particularly preferred forms, the *Pseudomonas* exotoxin is selected from the group consisting of PE35, PE38, PE38KDEL, PE40, PE4E, and PE38QQR. In the most preferred embodiment, the *Pseudomonas* exotoxin is PE38. The compositions may further comprise a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Subcommittee E—Cancer Epidemiology, Prevention & Control, July 30, 2002, 4 p.m., to July 31, 2002, 5:30 p.m., 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814 which was published in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 2002, 67FR43132.

The meeting has been amended to change the end date from July 31, 2002 to August 1, 2002. The meeting is closed to the public.

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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 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.

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: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel. Mechanisms of Fetal Hemoglobin Gene Silencing for Treatment of Sickle Cell Disease and Cooley's Anemia

Date: October 1-2, 2002.

Time: 7:30 p.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: Zoe Huang, MD, Health Scientist Administrator, Review Branch, Room 7190, Division of Extramural Affairs National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7924, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924, 301-435-0314.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin 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 552(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 Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, NIAMS Small Grant Program for New Investigators—R03.

Date: August 6, 2002.

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 1 Democracy, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Suite 707 MSC 4870, Bethesda, MD 20892-4870. (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Tracy A. Shahan, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, Natcher Building, MSC 6500, 45 Center Drive, 5AS-25H, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 594-4952.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, Fellowship Awards.

Date: August 7, 2002.

Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 1 Democracy, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Suite 707 MSC 4870, Bethesda, MD 20892-4870. (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Tracy A. Shahan, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease, Natcher Building, MSC 6500, 45 Center Drive, 5AS-25H, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 594-4952.

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