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Name of Committee: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, Review of Research Program Projects.

Date: May 5, 2003.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Double Tree Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Tracy A. Shahan, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, 6701 Democracy Plaza, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-4952.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.846, Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: April 9, 2003.

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 Institute of Nursing Research; 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 National Advisory Council for Nursing Research.

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: National Advisory Council for Nursing Research.

Date: May 20-21, 2003.

Open: May 20, 2003.

Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: For discussion of program policies and issues.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Room D, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: May 21, 2003, 9 AM to Adjournment.

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

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Room D, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Mary Leveck, PHD, Deputy Director, NINR, NIH, Building 31, Room 5B05, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-5963.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's Home Page: <http://www.nih.gov/ninr/a—advisory.html>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: β_2 Microglobulin Fusion Proteins and High Affinity Variants

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license worldwide to practice the inventions embodied in: U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/088,813, filed June 10, 1998; International Patent Application No. PCT/US99/12309, filed June 3, 1999 (published as WO 9964597A1); and U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/719,243, filed December 7, 2000; to Vaccinex, Inc., having a place of business in Rochester, NY. The United States of America is an assignee to the patent rights of these inventions.

The contemplated exclusive license may be limited to the development of human therapeutics for cancer and other infectious diseases.

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are

received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before June 16, 2003 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of the patent application, inquiries, comments and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to: Michael A. Shmilovich, J.D., Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 435-5019; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; e-mail: shmilovichm@od.nih.gov. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent application.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The patent applications cover immunologically active fusion proteins of an immunogenic peptide, β_2 microglobulin or a high affinity mutant of β_2m , and an optional linker between the first and second domains and/or a single peptide preceding the N-terminal of the first domain. Expressed fusion proteins are cytotoxic CD8+ T lymphocyte (CTL) activating and enhance immunogenicity. The fusion proteins, the nucleic acids encoding them, and the cell lines expressing them have broad utility in activating CTLs in response to viral or tumor antigens. The fusion proteins can be used as adjuvants in vaccines that enhance the efficacy of viral or cancer antigen presentation by MHC-1 presenting cells. As a therapeutic, the fusion proteins can be used in vivo or ex vivo to enhance the immunogenicity of cancer cells.

The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within 60 days from the date of this published Notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Properly filed competing applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the contemplated license. Comments and objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available for public inspection, and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: April 7, 2003.

Steven M. Ferguson,

*Acting Director, Division of Technology
Development and Transfer, Office of
Technology Transfer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors Technical Reports Review Subcommittee Meeting; Review of Draft NTP Technical Reports

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the next meeting of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors Technical Reports Review Subcommittee on May 22, 2003 in the Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building, South Campus, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda

The primary agenda topic is the peer review of six draft NTP Technical Reports of rodent toxicology and carcinogenesis studies conducted by the NTP. The reports are listed in the table below in the tentative order of their review. There will be a brief presentation describing the p53 (+/-) and the p16 (+/-) haploinsufficient transgenic mouse models for short-term cancer bioassays prior to the reviews of the aspartame and acesulfame potassium reports.

The agenda and roster of Subcommittee members will be available prior to the meeting on the NTP Web homepage at <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov> and upon request to the NTP Executive Secretary, Dr. Mary S. Wolfe, PO Box 12233, 111 T.W. Alexander Dr., MD A3-01, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, T: 919-541-0530; F: 919-541-0295; e-mail: wolfe@niehs.nih.gov. Following the meeting, summary minutes will be available on the NTP Web site and in hard copy upon request to the Executive Secretary. Plans are underway for making this meeting available for viewing on the Internet (<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/external/video.htm>).

The NTP Board of Scientific Counselors Technical Reports Review Subcommittee meeting is open to the public. Attendance at this meeting is limited only by the space available. Individuals who plan to attend are

asked to register with the NTP Executive Secretary (*see* contact information above). The names of those registered will be given to the NIEHS Security Office in order to gain access to the campus. Persons attending who have not pre-registered may be asked to provide pertinent information about the meeting, *i.e.*, title or host of meeting before gaining access to the campus. All visitors (whether or not you are pre-registered) will need to be prepared to show 2 forms of identification (ID) (*e.g.*, driver's license, government ID). Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation in order to attend, are asked to notify the NTP Executive Secretary at least seven business days in advance of the meeting (*see* contact information above).

Draft Reports Available for Public Review and Comment

Approximately one month prior to the meeting, the draft reports will be available for public review, free of charge, through ehpOnline (<http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov>). Printed copies of the draft NTP Technical Reports can be obtained, as available, from Central Data Management (CDM), NIEHS, PO Box 12233, MD EC-03, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, T: 919-541-3419, F: 919-541-3687, e-mail: CDM@niehs.nih.gov.

Comments on any of the NTP Technical Reports are welcome. Time will be provided at the meeting for oral public comment on the reports. Persons requesting time for an oral presentation on a particular report are asked to notify the Executive Secretary (contact information given above) by May 14, 2003 and provide their contact information (name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail), and supporting organization (if any). Persons registering to make comments are asked to provide a written copy of their statement to the Executive Secretary on or before May 14, 2003, to enable review by the Subcommittee and NTP staff prior to the meeting. These statements can supplement or expand an oral presentation. Each speaker will be allotted at least 7 minutes and, if time permits, up to 10 minutes for presentation of oral comments. Each organization is allowed one time slot per report being reviewed. Registration for making public comments will also be available on-site. If registering on-site to speak and reading comments from printed text, the speaker is asked to provide 25 copies of the statement. These copies will be distributed to the Subcommittee and NTP staff and will supplement the record.

Written comments without an oral presentation at the meeting are also welcome. Comments should include contact information for the submitter (name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, and e-mail) and supporting organization (if any). Written comments should be received by the Executive Secretary on or before May 14, 2003, to enable distribution to the Subcommittee and NTP staff for their review and consideration prior to the meeting.

Request for Additional Information

The NTP would welcome receiving toxicology and carcinogenesis information from completed, ongoing or planned studies as well as current production data, human exposure information, and use patterns for any of the chemicals listed in this announcement. Please send this information to CDM at the address given above. CDM will forward the information to the appropriate NTP staff scientist.

NTP Technical and Toxicity Report Series

The NTP conducts toxicology and carcinogenesis studies of agents of public health concern. Any scientist, organization, or member of the public may nominate a chemical for NTP testing. Details about the nomination process are available on the NTP Web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>, select How to Nominate Substances). The results of short-term rodent toxicology studies are published in the NTP Toxicity Report series. Longer-term studies, generally, rodent carcinogenicity studies, are published in the NTP Technical Report series. Shorter-term carcinogenicity studies will appear in a new Technical Report Series being unveiled at the upcoming meeting. The studies of aspartame and acesulfame potassium will be the first two studies reported in the new series. Study abstracts for all reports are available at the NTP Web site under NTP Study Information. PDF files of completed reports are available free-of-charge from ehpOnline under Publications and hard copies of published reports can be obtained through subscription to ehpOnline (<http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/contact> information: T: 919-653-2595 or 866-541-3841, e-mail: ehponline@ehp.niehs.nih.gov).

NTP Board of Scientific Counselors

The NTP Board of Scientific Counselors ("the Board") is a technical advisory body composed of scientists from the public and private sectors who provide primary scientific oversight and