

provide contact information (name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, email and sponsoring organization, if applicable) when registering to make oral comments.

Summary minutes and a final report of the Panel will be available following the meeting at the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>). ICCVAM will consider the conclusions and recommendations from the Panel and any public comments received in finalizing test method recommendations and performance standards for these test methods.

Background Information on ICCVAM and NICEATM

ICCVAM is an interagency committee composed of representatives from 15 U.S. Federal regulatory and research agencies that use or generate toxicological information. ICCVAM conducts technical evaluations of new, revised, and alternative methods with regulatory applicability and promotes the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological test methods that more accurately assess the safety and hazards of chemicals and products while refining (less pain and distress), reducing, and replacing animal use. The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-545, available at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/about/PL106545.htm>) establishes ICCVAM as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS under the NICEATM. NICEATM administers the ICCVAM and provides scientific and operational support for ICCVAM-related activities. NICEATM and ICCVAM work collaboratively to evaluate new and improved test methods applicable to the needs of U.S. Federal agencies. Additional information about ICCVAM and NICEATM can be found at the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>.

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Dated: March 9, 2006.

Samuel H. Wilson,

Deputy Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and National Toxicology Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; 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 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: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Skeletal Biology.

Date: March 27, 2006.

Time: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Priscilla B. Chen, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4104, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 594-1787. chenp@csr.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Computational Modeling and Development.

Date: April 5, 2006.

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Sherry L. Dupere, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5136, MSC 7843, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1021. duperes@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation Sciences.

Date: April 7, 2006.

Time: 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: John P. Holden, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4016J, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 596-8551. holdenjo@csr.nih.gov.

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Dated: March 13, 2006.

Anna Snouffer,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: The Use of HMG-CoA Inhibitors for the Treatment of Adenocarcinomas and Ewing's Sarcoma

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR Part 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is contemplating the grant of an exclusive patent license to practice the inventions embodied in U.S. Patent No. 6,040,334 issued March 21, 2000, entitled "Use of Inhibitors of 3-Hydroxy-3-Methylglutaryl Coenzyme A reductase as a Modality in Cancer Therapy" [HHS Reference E-146-1992/0-US-23] and related foreign applications to Nascent Oncology, Inc., which has offices in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned and/or exclusively licensed to the Government of the United States of America.

The prospective exclusive license territory may be worldwide, and the field of use may be limited to the treatment of adenocarcinoma and Ewing's sarcoma with HMG-CoA inhibitors.

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before May 22, 2006 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent application, inquiries, comments, and other materials relating to the contemplated exclusive license should be directed to: David A. Lambertson, PhD, Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 435-4632; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; E-mail: lambertsond@od.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The technology relates to the treatment of adenocarcinomas and Ewing's sarcoma with HMG-CoA inhibitors. Adenocarcinoma affects the inner lining or inner surface of a number of organs, and is responsible for approximately 95% of prostate cancers, over 75% of pancreatic cancers, and is the most common form of lung cancer. Ewing's sarcoma is a bone tumor typically attacking the long bones. Current methods of treating these cancers include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy or a combination thereof.

The current technology involves the use of HMG-CoA inhibitors (such as lovastatin or simvastatin) to treat adenocarcinomas and Ewing's sarcoma. HMG-CoA inhibitors have been approved for use in the treatment of high cholesterol in humans, with typical doses of 10mg, 20mg or 40mg. This technology recommends using higher doses (based on the weight of the patient) for the treatment of cancer.

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 sixty (60) days from the date of this published notice, the 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.

Applications for a license in the field of use filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license. Comments and objections submitted 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: March 13, 2006.

Steven M. Ferguson,
Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: The Use of IL13-PE38 for the Treatment of Asthma and Pulmonary Fibrosis

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

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 (HHS), is contemplating the grant of an exclusive patent license to practice the inventions embodied in U.S. Patent Application No. 60/337,179 filed December 4, 2001, entitled "IL-13 Receptor-Targeted Immunotoxins Ameliorates Symptoms of Asthma and of Allergy" [HHS Reference No. E-296-2001/0-US-01], PCT Application No. PCT/US02/00616 filed February 28, 2002, entitled "Alleviating Symptoms of TH2-Like Cytokine Mediated Disorders by Reducing IL-13 Receptor-Expressing Cells in the Respiratory Tract" [HHS Reference No. E-296-2001/0-PCT-02], U.S. Patent Application No. 10/497,804 filed June 4, 2004, entitled "Alleviating Symptoms of TH2-Like Cytokine Mediated Disorders by Reducing IL-13 Receptor-Expressing Cells in the Respiratory Tract" [HHS Reference No. E-296-2001/0-US-03], Australian Patent Application No. 2002258011 filed June 8, 2004, entitled "Alleviating Symptoms of TH2-Like Cytokine Mediated Disorders by Reducing IL-13 Receptor-Expressing Cells in the Respiratory Tract" [HHS Reference No. E-296-2001/0-AU-04], Canadian Patent Application No. 2469082 filed February 28, 2002, entitled "Chimeric Molecule for the Treatment of TH2-Like Cytokine Mediated Disorders" [HHS Reference No. E-296-2001/0-CA-05], and European Patent Application No. 02727815.9 filed June 29, 2004 entitled "Alleviating Symptoms of TH2-Like

Cytokine Mediated Disorders by Reducing IL-13 Receptor-Expressing Cells in the Respiratory Tract" [HHS Reference No. E-296-2001/0-EP-06], including background patent rights to U.S. Patent No. 4,892,827, issued on January 9, 1990, entitled "Recombinant Pseudomonas Exotoxins: Construction of an Active Immunotoxin with Low Side Effects" [HHS Reference No. E-385-1986/0-US-01], U.S. Patent No. 5,919,456, issued on July 6, 1999, entitled "IL-13 Receptor Specific Chimeric Proteins" [HHS Reference No. E-266-1994/0-US-07], U.S. Patent 6,518,061, issued on February 11, 2003, entitled "IL-13 Receptor Specific Chimeric Proteins and Uses Thereof" [HHS Reference No. E-266-1994/0-US-08], to NeoPharm, Inc., which has offices in Waukegan, Illinois. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned and/or exclusively licensed to the Government of the United States of America.

The prospective exclusive license territory may be worldwide, and the field of use may be limited to the treatment of asthma and pulmonary fibrosis with IL13-PE38.

This notice replaces the Prospective Grant notice published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, March 6, 2006 (71 FR 12123).

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before May 22, 2006 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent application, inquiries, comments, and other materials relating to the contemplated exclusive license should be directed to: David A. Lambertson, Ph.D., Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 435-4632; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; E-mail: lambertsond@od.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The technology relates to the treatment of asthma and pulmonary fibrosis. When airway inflammation occurs (e.g., during an asthmatic attack or a response to an allergen), the number of cells that produce the receptor for IL-13 increases in the lungs. When IL-13 interacts with the receptor, an inflammatory response is induced; when this occurs in the lungs, it leads to the symptom of constricted breathing. Blocking the interaction between IL-13 and its receptors on the cells has been shown to reduce the inflammatory response.

A chimeric molecule was developed that comprised both an IL-13 domain