

Emphasis Panel; NIAID Resource-Related Research Projects (R24).

Date: December 12, 2016.

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3E73, Rockville, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Audrey O. Lau, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, DEA/NIAID/NIH/DHHS, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC-9823, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-669-2081, audrey.lau@nih.gov. (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: November 14, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App), 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: National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; Phase II In-person Interview: NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research (DP1).

Date: December 12, 2016.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Courtyard by Marriott, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Contact Person: Hiromi Ono, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Extramural Affairs, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 4238, MSC 9550, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-5820, hiromi.ono@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel;

Laboratory and Diagnostic Tools to Advance Microbiome-Brain Research (R41/R42/R43/R44).

Date: December 13, 2016.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hilton Garden Inn Bethesda, 7301 Waverly Street, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Gerald L. McLaughlin, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Extramural Policy and Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, DHHS, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 4238, MSC 9550, Bethesda, MD 20892-9550, 301-827-5819, gm145a@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; Multi-site Clinical Trials SEP II.

Date: December 14, 2016.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Susan O. McGuire, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Extramural Affairs, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 4245, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 827-5817, mcguireso@mail.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos.: 93.279, Drug Abuse and Addiction Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing and/or Co-Development

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and is available for licensing and/or co-development in the U.S. 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 and/or co-development.

ADDRESSES: Invention Development and Marketing Unit, Technology Transfer

Center, National Cancer Institute, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Mail Stop 9702, Rockville, MD 20850-9702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information on licensing and co-development research collaborations, and copies of the U.S. patent applications listed below may be obtained by contacting: Attn. Invention Development and Marketing Unit, Technology Transfer Center, National Cancer Institute, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Mail Stop 9702, Rockville, MD, 20850-9702, Tel. 240-276-5515 or email ncitechtransfer@mail.nih.gov. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement may be required to receive copies of the patent applications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Technology description follows.

Title of invention: Gene Signature Predictive of Hepatocellular Carcinoma Response to Transcatheter Arterial Chemoembolization (TACE).

Keywords: Diagnostic, Biomarker, Prognostic, Hepatocellular Carcinoma, Patient Stratification, TACE, HCC.

Description of Technology:

Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) is one of the most common cancers worldwide with largely unfavorable outcomes due to a lack of effective treatment options for patients in the later state of disease. The gold standard of care for HCC patients with intermediate to locally advanced tumors is transcatheter arterial chemoembolization (TACE), a procedure whereby the tumor is targeted both with local chemotherapy and restriction of local blood supply. TACE procedures are often not effective, however, and a need exists to identify patients that will respond to TACE.

Scientists in NCI's Laboratory of Human Carcinogenesis have identified a 14-gene signature that is predictive of response to TACE. The "TACE Navigator Gene Signature Assay," based on a Nanostring Technologies platform, is useful in identifying those HCC patients, prior to treatment, who will respond to and have the greatest survival benefit following TACE. The signature can also identify patients who need additional/alternative therapeutic modalities.

This invention is owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and is available for licensing and/or co-development in the U.S., in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404, 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 and/or co-development.