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Licensing information and copies of the patent applications listed below may be obtained by communicating with the indicated licensing contact at the Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; tel. 301-496-2644. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of unpublished patent applications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Technology description follows.

Single-Chain Antibodies Directed to Norovirus GI.1 and GII.4 and Their Use

Description of Technology: Vaccines and therapies to prevent and treat Norovirus infections are not available, despite the worldwide prevalence of Norovirus infections. Outbreaks of human gastroenteritis attributable to Norovirus commonly occur in group settings, such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, dormitories, cruise ships and military barracks. This application claims isolated VHH monoclonal antibodies that specifically bind to a Norovirus polypeptide. Llama-derived single chain antibody fragments (also called VHH) are small, recombinant monoclonal antibodies of 15 kDa ("nanobodies") with several advantages over conventional antibodies. The antibodies that were derived from llamas showed strong neutralizing activity against Norovirus in *in vitro* assays. These nanobodies may have application as immunoprophylaxis to protect individuals from infections or as a possible treatment for infected individuals, or can be used to develop a diagnostic for detection of norovirus infections, and may be potentially utilized in vaccine research.

This technology is available for licensing for commercial development in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404, as well as for further development and evaluation under a research collaboration.

Potential Commercial Applications:

- Therapeutics
- Diagnostics
- Vaccine research

Competitive Advantages:

- Ease of manufacture
- Potent neutralizing activity
- Potential cross-reactivity
- Low-cost therapeutics/immunoprophylaxis

Development Stage:

- In vivo data assessment (animal)

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Publications: Garaicoechea L. et al., "Llama nanoantibodies with therapeutic potential against human norovirus diarrhea," PLoS One. 2015 Aug 12;10(8):e0133665. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0133665. eCollection 2015. [PMID 26267898].

Intellectual Property: HHS Reference No. E-136-2013/0—U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/821,354, filed May 9, 2013; PCT Application No. PCT/US2014/037520, filed May 9, 2014; European Application No. 14727696.8, filed May 9, 2014 (pending); U.S. Application No. 14/889,774, filed November 6, 2015 (pending); and Argentine Application No. 20140101882, filed May 9, 2014 (pending).

Licensing Contact: Peter Soukas, J.D., 301-594-8730; peter.soukas@nih.gov.

Collaborative Research Opportunity: The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases is seeking statements of capability or interest from parties interested in collaborative research to further develop, evaluate or commercialize for development of a therapeutic, diagnostic or vaccine for Norovirus infections. For collaboration opportunities, please contact Peter Soukas, J.D., 301-594-8730; peter.soukas@nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Muscular Dystrophy Coordinating Committee Call for Committee Membership Nominations**

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is seeking nominations for an individual to serve as a nonfederal public member on the Muscular Dystrophy Coordinating Committee.

DATES: Nominations are due by 5 p.m. EST on March 17, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Nominations must be sent to Glen Nuckolls, Ph.D., by email to nuckollg@ninds.nih.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glen Nuckolls, Ph.D., by email to nuckollg@ninds.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Muscular Dystrophy Coordinating Committee (MDCC) is a federal advisory committee established in accordance with the Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2001 (MD-CARE Act; Pub. L. 107-84). The MD-CARE Act was reauthorized in 2008 by Pub. L. 110-361, and again in 2014 by Pub. L. 113-166. The MD-CARE Act specifies that the committee membership be composed of 2/3 governmental agency representatives and 1/3 public members. We are seeking nominations for four non-federal, public members at this time, due to turnover of committee membership. Nominations will be accepted between February 17 and March 17, 2017.

Who is Eligible: Nominations are encouraged for new or reappointment of non-federal public members who can provide the public and/or patient perspectives to discussions of issues considered by the Committee. Self-nominations and nominations of other individuals are both permitted. Only one nomination per individual is required. Multiple nominations for the same individual will not increase likelihood of selection. Non-federal, public members may be selected from the pool of submitted nominations or other sources as needed to meet statutory requirements and to form a balanced committee that represents the diversity within the muscular dystrophy communities. Nominations are especially encouraged from leaders or representatives of muscular dystrophy research, advocacy, or service organizations, individuals with muscular dystrophy or their parents or guardians. In accordance with White House Office of Management and Budget guidelines (FR Doc. 2014-19140), federally-registered lobbyists are not eligible.

Committee Composition: The Department strives to ensure that the membership of HHS Federal advisory committees is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee's function. Every effort is made to ensure that the views of all genders, all ethnic and racial groups, and people with disabilities are represented on HHS Federal advisory committees and, therefore, the Department encourages nominations of qualified candidates from these groups. The Department also encourages geographic diversity in the composition of the Committee. Appointment to this

Committee shall be made without discrimination on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status. Requests for reasonable accommodation to enable participation on the Committee should be indicated in the nomination submission.

Member Terms: Non-Federal public members of the Committee serve for a term of 3 years, and may serve for an unlimited number of terms if reappointed. Members may serve after the expiration of their terms, until their successors have taken office.

Meetings and Travel: As specified by Pub. L. 113–166, the MDCC “shall meet no fewer than two times per calendar year.” Travel expenses are provided for non-federal public Committee members to facilitate attendance at in-person meetings. Members are expected to make every effort to attend all full committee meetings, twice per year, either in person or via remote access. Participation in relevant subcommittee, working and planning group meetings, and workshops, is also encouraged.

Submission Instructions and Deadline: Nominations are due by 5 p.m. EST on March 17, 2017, and should be sent to Glen Nuckolls, Ph.D., by email to nuckollg@ninds.nih.gov.

Nominations must include contact information for the nominee, a current curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee and a paragraph describing the qualifications of the person to represent some portion(s) of the muscular dystrophy research, advocacy and/or patient care communities.

More information about the MDCC is available at <https://mdcc.nih.gov/>.

Dated: February 10, 2017.

Walter J. Koroshetz,

Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Genetic Variation and Evolution Study Section, February 16, 2017, 08:00 a.m. to February 17, 2017, 07:00 p.m., Renaissance M Street Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20037 which was

published in the **Federal Register** on January 23, 2017, 82 FR 7842.

The meeting will be held on 02/17/2017 instead of 02/16/2017–02/17/2017. The meeting time and location remains the same. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: February 9, 2017.

David Clary,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering; Notice of Closed Meeting

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 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 Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Special Emphasis Panel; K Award—R13 Review Meeting (2017/05).

Date: March 9, 2017.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, Suite 920, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: John K. Hayes, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 959, Democracy Two, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 451–3398, hayesj@mail.nih.gov.

Dated: February 9, 2017.

David Clary,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: Microbiology, Infectious Diseases and AIDS Initial Review Group; Microbiology and Infectious Diseases B Subcommittee MID–B March 2017.

Date: March 6–7, 2017.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Marriott Courtyard Gaithersburg Washingtonian Center, 204 Boardwalk Place, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

Contact Person: Ellen S. Buczko, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institutes of Health/NIAID, 6700B Rockledge Drive, MSC 7616, Bethesda, MD 20892–7616, 301–451–2676, ebuczko1@niaid.nih.gov.

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Dated: February 9, 2017.

Natasha M. Copeland,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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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, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and is available for