DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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National Cancer Institute; Notice of Charter Renewal

In accordance with Title 41 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Section 102–3.65(a), notice is hereby given that the Charter for the Frederick National Laboratory Advisory Committee to the National Cancer Institute was renewed for an additional two-year period on March 30, 2019. It is determined that the Frederick National Laboratory Advisory Committee to the National Cancer Institute is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the National Cancer Institute and National Institutes of Health by law, and that these duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of this group. Inquiries may be directed to Claire Harris, Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 1000, Bethesda, Maryland 20892 (Mail code 4875), Telephone (301) 496–9702; Telephone: (240)–276–7856; Facsimile: (240)–276–5504; Email: claire.harris@nih.gov.

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Prospective Grant of an Exclusive/Co-Exclusive Patent License: Development and Commercialization of Next Generation Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) Therapies for the Treatment of FMS-Like tyrosine kinase 3 (FLT3) Expressing Cancers

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Cancer Institute, an institute of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an Exclusive/Co-Exclusive Patent License to practice the inventions embodied in the Patents and Patent Applications listed in the Supplementary Information section of this Notice to Senti Bio ("Senti"), located in South San Francisco, CA.

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the National Cancer Institute’s Technology Transfer Center on or before April 19, 2019 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent applications, inquiries, and comments relating to the contemplated Exclusive/Co-Exclusive Patent License should be directed to: Jim Knabb, Senior Technology Transfer Manager, NCI Technology Transfer Center, 9609 Medical Center Drive, RM 1E530, MSC 9702, Bethesda, MD 20892–9702 (for business mail), Rockville, MD 20850–9702; Telephone: (240)–276–7856; Facsimile: (240)–276–3504; Email: jim.knabb@nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Intellectual Property

E–133–2016: FLT3-Specific Chimeric Antigen Receptors and Methods Using Same

4. US Patent Application No.: 16/304,552, filed November 26, 2018 (E–133–2016–0–US–05);
5. Australia Patent Application No.: 2017271606, filed November 13, 2018 (E–133–2016–0–AU–06);
6. Canadian Patent Application No.: 3025516, filed November 23, 2018 (E–133–2016–0–CA–07);

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/co-exclusive license territory may be worldwide, and the fields of use may be limited to the following:

- An exclusive license to: “the development of a universal/split chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-based immunotherapy using autologous or allogeneic human lymphocytes (T cells or NK cells) transduced with lentiviral vectors, for the prophylaxis or treatment of cancers expressing FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3 (FLT3; also known as CD135), wherein the CAR construct binds to the FLT3-binding domain referenced as NC7 in the invention, but NC7 is not included in the CAR construct. Specifically excluded from the field of use for this exclusive license are FLT3-specific CAR-based immunotherapies wherein the CAR construct comprises the FLT3-binding domain referenced as NC7 in the invention as well as an intracellular signaling domain.” The proposed territory is worldwide.

- A co-exclusive license to: “the development of a multi-specific FLT3 CAR-based immunotherapy using autologous or allogeneic human lymphocytes (T cells or NK cells) transduced with lentiviral vectors, wherein the viral transduction leads to the expression of a CAR that targets FLT3 (comprised of the FLT3-binding domain referenced as NC7 in the invention as well as an intracellular signaling domain), for the prophylaxis or treatment of FLT3-expressing cancers.” The proposed territory is worldwide.

This technology discloses a CAR therapy that targets FLT3 by utilizing the anti-FLT3 binder known as NC7. FLT3 (CD135) is a cytokine receptor expressed on hematopoietic progenitor cells and is one of the most frequently mutated genes in acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and infant acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). FLT3 mutation leads to increased cell surface expression and therefore on leukemic cells, which makes it an attractive candidate for cellular therapies such as CAR–T.

This Notice is made in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404. The prospective exclusive/co-exclusive license will be royalty bearing, and the prospective exclusive/co-exclusive license may be granted unless within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published Notice, the National Cancer Institute receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent