

amended, 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:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Topics in Gastroenterology.

*Date:* December 19, 2019.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Rass M Shaiyq, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2182, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-2359, [shaiyqr@csr.nih.gov](mailto:shaiyqr@csr.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine;

93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: November 20, 2019.

**Ronald J. Livingston, Jr.,**  
*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Prospective Grant of an Exclusive Patent License: Gene Therapy for Ocular Disease

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Eye Institute, the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, institutes of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, are contemplating the grant of an exclusive

patent license to OcQuila Therapeutics Ltd., a C corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware and a limited company incorporated under the laws of the United Kingdom, to practice the inventions covered by the patent estate listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the National Cancer Institute's Technology Transfer Center (representing the National Eye Institute and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (representing the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders) on or before January 10, 2020 will be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the patent application, inquiries, and comments relating to the contemplated an exclusive patent license should be directed to: Michael Shmilovich, Esq., Senior Licensing and Patent Manager, 31 Center Drive Room 4A29, MSC2479, Bethesda, MD 20892-2479, phone number 301-435-5019, or [shmilovm@mail.nih.gov](mailto:shmilovm@mail.nih.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

NIH ref No.	Title	Patent application No.	Filing date	Issued patent No.	Issue date
E-284-2012-0-US-01	Methods And Compositions For Treating Genetically Linked Diseases Of The Eye.	61/765,654	February 15, 2013.		
E-284-2012-1-US-01	Methods And Compositions For Treating Genetically Linked Diseases Of The Eye.	61/815,636	April 24, 2013.		
E-284-2012-2-PCT-01	Methods And Compositions For Treating Genetically Linked Diseases Of The Eye.	PCT/US2014/16389	February 14, 2014.		
E-284-2012-2-AU-02	AAV8 retinoschisin expression vector for treating X-linked retinoschisis.	2014216160	February 14, 2014 .....	2014216160	July 13, 2017.
E-284-2012-2-CA-03	AAV8 retinoschisin expression vector for treating X-linked retinoschisis.	2900231	February 14, 2014 .....	2900231	July 30, 2019.
E-284-2012-2-JP-04	Methods And Compositions For Treating Genetically Linked Diseases Of The Eye.	2015-558144	February 14, 2014 .....	6449175	December 14, 2018.
E-284-2012-2-US-05	Methods And Compositions For Treating Genetically Linked Diseases Of The Eye.	14/766,842	February 14, 2014 .....	9,873,893	January 23, 2018.
E-284-2012-2-US-07	Methods And Compositions For Treating Genetically Linked Diseases Of The Eye.	15/876,821	February 14, 2014 .....	10,350,306	July 16, 2019.
E-284-2012-2-EP-06	Methods And Compositions For Treating Genetically Linked Diseases Of The Eye.	14708176.4	February 14, 2014.		
E-284-2012-2-PCT-08	Methods And Compositions For Treating Genetically Linked Diseases Of The Eye.	PCT/US2019/14418	January 21, 2019.		
E-164-2018-0-US-01	Intraocular Delivery Of Gene Therapy Expression Vectors.	62/701,267	July 20, 2018.		
E-164-2018-1-US-01	Intraocular Delivery Of Gene Therapy Expression Vectors.	62/724,480	August 29, 2018.		
E-164-2018-2-US-01	Intraocular Delivery Of Gene Therapy Expression Vectors.	62/768,590	November 16, 2019.		
E-164-2018-3-PCT-01	Intraocular Delivery Of Gene Therapy Expression Vectors.	PCT/US2019/042365	July 18, 2019.		

all U.S. and foreign patents and applications claiming priority to any member of the above.

The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned or exclusively licensed to the Government of the United States of America.

The prospective exclusive license territory may be worldwide and in fields of use that may be limited to human therapeutics for (1) X-linked juvenile retinoschisis and (2) schisis cavity associated ocular disease or injury.

The aforementioned patent estates cover inventions directed to gene therapy and specifically, expression vectors and therapeutic methods of using such vectors in the treatment of ocular diseases resulting from failure to produce or the defective production of an ocular protein. This invention is also directed to methods of administering expression vectors capable of modulating a target gene or gene product for the treatment of ocular disease.

This notice is made in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty bearing. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within thirty ( ) days from the date of this published notice, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute 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 part 404.

In response to this Notice, the public may file comments or objections. Comments and objections, other than those in the form of a license application, will not be treated confidentially, and may be made publicly available.

License applications submitted in response to this notice will be presumed to contain business confidential information and any release of information in these license applications will be made only as required and upon a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: November 21, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: 2020-2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Field Tests (OMB No. 0930-0290)—Extension

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) is a survey of the U.S. civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 12 years old or older. The data are used to determine the prevalence of use of tobacco products, alcohol, illicit substances, and illicit use of prescription drugs. The results are used by SAMHSA, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), federal government agencies, and other organizations and researchers to establish policy, direct program activities, and better allocate resources.

Methodological tests will continue to be designed to examine the feasibility, quality, and efficiency of new procedures or revisions to existing survey protocol. Specifically, the tests will measure the reliability and validity of certain questionnaire sections and items through multiple measurements on a set of respondents; assess new methods for gaining cooperation and

participation of respondents with the goal of increasing response and decreasing potential bias in the survey estimates; and assess the impact of new sampling techniques and technologies on respondent behavior and reporting. Research will involve focus groups, cognitive laboratory testing, customer satisfaction surveys, and field tests.

These methodological tests will continue to examine ways to increase data quality, lower operating costs, and gain a better understanding of sources and effects of nonsampling error on NSDUH estimates. Particular attention will be given to minimizing the impact of design changes so survey data continue to remain comparable over time. If these tests provide successful results, current procedures or data collection instruments may be revised.

The number of respondents to be included in each field test will vary, depending on the nature of the subject being tested and the target population. However, the total estimated response burden is 8,225 hours. The exact number of subjects and burden hours for each test are unknown at this time, but will be clearly outlined in each individual submission. These estimated burden hours are distributed over three years as follows:

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED BURDEN FOR NSDUH METHODOLOGICAL FIELD TESTS

Table with 2 columns: Time period, Respondent burden hours. Rows include May 2020 to May 2021, May 2021 to May 2022, May 2022 to May 2023, and Total (8,225).

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15E57-B, Rockville, Maryland 20857, OR email a copy to summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov. Written comments should be received by January 27, 2020.

Summer King, Statistician.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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AGENCY: Office of Field Policy and Management, HUD.