

Competitive Advantages

- This invention addresses an urgent need to protect against permanent hearing loss resulting from therapies with commonly used but ototoxic drugs, including cisplatin.

- Statins are already extensively used therapeutically to lower blood cholesterol and have well understood drug profiles, making them ideal candidates for repurposing.

Development Stage: An observational clinical trial (NCT03225157) in patients with head and neck cancers has been completed.

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Intellectual Property: HHS Reference No. E-029-2020—PCT/US21/14918 filed January 25, 2021; U.S. Patent Application No. 62/966,794 filed January 28, 2020.

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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 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of sublicensable patent licenses to Simon Fraser University (“Simon Fraser”), a non-profit university located in British Columbia, Canada, and Le Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (“CNRS”), a public scientific and technological establishment located in France, its rights to the inventions and patents listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the NHLBI Office of Technology Transfer and Development on or before March 16, 2021 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent applications, inquiries, and comments relating to the contemplated exclusive patent license should be directed to: Brian W. Bailey, Ph.D., Senior Technology Transfer Manager, NHLBI Office of Technology Transfer and Development, 31 Center Drive, Rm. 4A29, MSC 2479, Bethesda, MD 20892-2479 (for business mail), Telephone (301) 594-4094; Email: bbailey@mail.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following and all continuing U.S. and foreign patents/patent applications thereof are the intellectual properties to be licensed under the prospective agreement to Stanford: United States Provisional Patent Application No. 62/489,346 filed April 24, 2017 and entitled “FLUORIGEN-BINDING RNA APTAMERS” [HHS Reference No. E-152-2018/0-US-01].

The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the Government of the United States of America, Simon Fraser, and CNRS. The prospective patent license will be for the purpose of consolidating the patent rights to CNRS, one of the co-owners of said rights, for commercial development, and the purpose of consolidating the patent rights to CNRS and Simon Fraser for marketing. Consolidation of these co-owned rights is intended to expedite development of the invention, consistent with the goals of the Bayh-Dole Act codified as 35 U.S.C. 200-212.

The prospective patent license will be worldwide, exclusive, and may be limited to those fields of use commensurate in scope with the patent rights. It will be sublicensable, and any sublicenses granted by CNRS or Simon Fraser will be subject to the provisions of 37 CFR part 401 and 404.

This invention pertains to certain RNA aptamers with optimized fluorescent properties and fluorophore binding affinities as well as corresponding heterocyclic fluorophores. The technology consists of a suite of fluorescent RNA-fluorophore complexes within the “Mango” that have been optimized for live-cell imaging of RNA molecules without altering biological function, in a manner analogous to the way that fluorescently labeled proteins are used to study specific protein functions within cells. As such, this technology can be used as a powerful tool for live-cell study of RNA function and activity for research and diagnostic purposes. The prospective exclusive patent license will include terms for the sharing of royalty income with NHLBI from commercial sublicenses of the patent

rights and may be granted unless within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published notice the NHLBI 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.

Complete applications for a license that are timely filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive patent license. 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 from these license applications will be made only as required and upon a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Licensing information and copies of patent applications may be obtained by emailing Brian W. Bailey, Ph.D., bbailey@mail.nih.gov, the indicated licensing contact at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood, Office of Technology Transfer and Development Office of Technology Transfer, 31 Center Drive, Room 4A29, MSC2479, Bethesda, MD 20892-2479; telephone: 301-402-5579. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement may be required to receive any unpublished information.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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 of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel; Early Phase Clinical Trials for Psychosocial Interventions.

Date: March 22, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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: Nicholas Gaiano, Ph.D., Review Branch Chief, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center/Room 6150/MSC 9606, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-9606, 301-443-2742, nick.gaiano@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel; Role of Myeloid Cells in Brain HIV-1 Reservoirs (R01, R21).

Date: March 23, 2021.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6101 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: David W. Miller, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 6140, MSC 9608, Bethesda, MD 20892-9608, 301-443-9734, millerda@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel; Suicide Prevention Centers.

Date: March 23, 2021.

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 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: Nicholas Gaiano, Ph.D., Review Branch Chief, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center/Room 6150/MSC 9606, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-9606, 301-443-2742, nick.gaiano@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel; BRAIN Initiative: Tools to Facilitate High-Throughput Microconnectivity Analysis (R01).

Date: March 25, 2021.

Time: 12:00 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: Erin E. Gray, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, 6001 Executive Boulevard, NSC 6152B, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-402-8152, erin.gray@nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.242, Mental Health Research Grants, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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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

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as 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: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Asthma and Allergic Diseases Cooperative Research Centers (U19 Clinical Trial Optional).

Date: March 22-23, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3G51, Rockville, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Thomas F. Conway, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3G51, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-507-9685, thomas.conway@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)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Current List of HHS-Certified Laboratories and Instrumented Initial Testing Facilities Which Meet Minimum Standards To Engage in Urine and Oral Fluid Drug Testing for Federal Agencies

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) notifies federal agencies of the laboratories and Instrumented Initial Testing Facilities (IITFs) currently certified to meet the standards of the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs using Urine or Oral Fluid (Mandatory Guidelines).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anastasia Donovan, Division of Workplace Programs, SAMHSA/CSAP, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 16N06B, Rockville, Maryland 20857; 240-276-2600 (voice); Anastasia.Donovan@samhsa.hhs.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 9.19 of the Mandatory Guidelines, a notice listing all currently HHS-certified laboratories and IITFs is published in the **Federal Register** during the first week of each month. If any laboratory or IITF certification is suspended or revoked, the laboratory or IITF will be omitted from subsequent lists until such time as it is restored to full certification under the Mandatory Guidelines.

If any laboratory or IITF has withdrawn from the HHS National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) during the past month, it will be listed at the end and will be omitted from the monthly listing thereafter.

This notice is also available on the internet at <https://www.samhsa.gov/workplace/resources/drug-testing/certified-lab-list>.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) notifies federal agencies of the laboratories and Instrumented Initial Testing Facilities (IITFs) currently certified to meet the standards of the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal