

Applications will be accepted from both for-profit and non-profit entities that satisfy the eligibility criteria set forth in the TTA NOFO.

Statutory Authority: Sections 803, 804, and 814 of NAPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2991b, 2991c, 2992b–1).

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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 Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), an institute of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is giving notice of the invention listed below, which is owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and is available for licensing 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquiries related to this licensing opportunity should be directed to: David Yang at 240–695–6406, or *David.Yang@niaid.nih.gov*. Licensing information may be obtained by communicating with 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 A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of unpublished information related to the invention.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Technology description follows:

Gene Editing for ALPK1 p.Thr237Met

Description of Technology: ROSAH syndrome is a rare genetic disease caused by a mutation in the human alpha kinase 1 (ALPK1) gene (p.Thr237Met), leading to vision loss, swollen optic nerves, dry mouth, enlarged spleen, and frequent headaches. Researchers in the

Laboratory of Clinical Immunology and Microbiology (LCIM) at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) have developed a new approach that can precisely fix the ALPK1 mutation without causing unwanted changes in the patient's DNA. This method uses a base editor combined with a guide RNA to safely and efficiently convert the pathogenic thymine of the mutation back to cytosine. In laboratory tests, this gene editing technology successfully repaired the mutation in patient-derived affected cells with high accuracy and no side effects.

This therapy could be delivered directly to the eye or salivary glands, or patient cells could be corrected outside the body and then returned to the patient, offering hope for personalized treatment to restore vision and improve quality of life for people with ROSAH syndrome.

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:

- Personalized therapy for individuals with disease secondary to the ALPK1 p.Thr237Met genetic variant.

Competitive Advantages:

- Highly accurate tool that directly repairs the faulty gene that causes ROSAH syndrome, while avoiding unwanted changes elsewhere in DNA.
- Corrects the mutation in most patient cells with few or no mistakes.
- Can be delivered directly to affected areas (e.g., eye or salivary glands) or can treat patient cells outside the body.
- Custom therapy for people with the ALPK1 mutation.
- Effective in cells that don't divide, unlike older gene editing methods.

Development Stage:

- Pre-Clinical.

Inventors: Dr. Christina Torres Kozycki, Dr. Colin L. Sweeney, Dr. Uimook Choi, all of NIAID.

Intellectual Property: HHS Reference No. E–044–2024–0. Provisional Patent Application No. 63/733,836, filed on December 13, 2024, and PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US2025/059432, filed on December 12, 2025.

Licensing Contact: To license this technology, please contact David Yang at 240–695–6406, or *David.Yang@niaid.nih.gov*, and reference E–044–2024–0.

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 this technology. Area of specific interest includes human clinical trials. For collaboration opportunities, please contact David Yang at 240–695–6406, or *David.Yang@niaid.nih.gov*.

Dated: March 18, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 1009 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: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Contracts: Support for Evaluating and Conducting Computational and Alternative Toxicological Methods for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Date: April 16, 2026.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Leroy Worth, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, Keystone Building 3082, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, 984–287–3340, *worth@niehs.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: Applied Immunology and Disease Control Integrated Review Group; Transmission of Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases Study Section.

Date: April 16, 2026.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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