

*Place:* National Library of Medicine, Building 38, Board Room, 2nd Floor, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894.

*Closed:* February 24, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate journals as potential titles to be indexed by the National Library of Medicine.

*Place:* National Library of Medicine, Building 38, Board Room, 2nd Floor, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894.

*Contact Person:* Sheldon Kotzin, MLS, Chief, Bibliographic Services Division, Division of Library Operations, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bldg 38A/Room 4N419, Bethesda, MD 20894, 301-496-6217, [Sheldon\\_Kotzin@nlm.nih.gov](mailto:Sheldon_Kotzin@nlm.nih.gov).

Any interested person may file written comments with the Committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this Notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and, when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance into the building by nongovernment employees. Persons without a government I.D. will need to show a photo I.D. and sign in at the security desk upon entering the building.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.879, Medical Library Assistance, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 19, 2005.

**Anna Snouffer,**

*Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy, NIH.*

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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 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), 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; Cardiovascular Development.

*Date:* January 3, 2006.

*Time:* 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Larry Pinkus, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4132, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1214. [lpinkus@csr.nih.gov](mailto:lpinkus@csr.nih.gov).

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; High Performance Computing Infrastructure.

*Date:* January 27, 2006.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Residence Inn Bethesda, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Marc Rigas, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4194, MSC 7826, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 402-1074. [rigasm@csr.nih.gov](mailto:rigasm@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: December 22, 2005.

**Anna Snouffer,**

*Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Treatment of Cardiovascular Conditions With Nitrite Therapy

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license to practice the invention embodied in PCT patent applications PCT/US2004/21985 and PCT/US2004/

22232, filed July 9, 2004, both entitled "Use of Nitrite Salts for the Treatment of Cardiovascular Conditions" [HHS Reference Number: E-254-2003/2-3-PCT-01], to Hope Medical Enterprises, Inc., dba Hope Pharmaceuticals™, an Arizona S-Corporation having a principle place of business in Scottsdale, Arizona. The field of use may be limited to the use of nitrite salts for the treatment of cerebral vasospasm following subarachnoid hemorrhage and/or cardiovascular conditions. The United States of America is an assignee of the patent rights in these inventions.

**DATES:** Only written comments and/or application for a license, which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before February 28, 2006 will be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for a copy of the patent application, inquiries, comments and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to: Susan Carson, D.Phil., Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; E-mail: [carsonsu@od.nih.gov](mailto:carsonsu@od.nih.gov); Telephone: (301) 435-5020; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A wide variety of disease indications, including cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, have been treated by different therapeutic classes of compounds that are able to increase blood flow and act as vasodilators. The core invention is the unexpected finding that low, physiological and non-toxic concentrations of sodium nitrite are able to increase blood flow and produce vasodilation by infused and nebulized routes of administration. Proof of concept data has been obtained in animal models for (1) myocardial and hepatic ischemia and reperfusion injury [J. Clin. Invest. (2005) 115, 1232-1240], (2) neonatal pulmonary hypertension in a neonate lamb model [Nature Medicine (2004) 10, 1122-1127] and (3) control of delayed cerebral vasospasm following subarachnoid hemorrhage in a primate model [JAMA (2005) 293, 1477-1484]. The implications of these results point to the use of nitrite as a potential cost-effective platform therapy for a wide variety of disease indications characterized broadly by constricted blood flow or hypoxia. Method of use claims for nitrite salt formulations are directed to conditions associated with high blood pressure, decreased blood flow or hemolytic disease and for the treatment of specific conditions such as pulmonary hypertension, cerebral artery vasospasm and hepatic, cardiac or brain ischemia-reperfusion injury.