

NIH_Guidelines.html), these experiments can proceed only after they are reviewed by the NIH Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee (RAC) and specifically approved by the NIH Director as Major Actions. This proposal was discussed at the December 4, 2015, RAC meeting. The proposal was published in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2015, (80 FR 81346) with a request for public comment; one comment was received. This notice announces the final NIH action regarding this proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions, or require additional background information about this action, please contact the NIH by email at SciencePolicy@od.nih.gov, or by telephone at 301-496-9838 and reference this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This final action does not allow an investigator at the University of Chicago to transfer chloramphenicol resistance to three different *Rickettsia* species: *Rickettsia typhi*, *rickettsii*, and *felis*. The investigator also proposed to transfer chloramphenicol resistance to a fourth *Rickettsia* species, *R. conorii*. Transfer of chloramphenicol resistance to *R. conorii* was previously approved by the NIH Director as a Major Action (see 73 FR 32719) and therefore did not need to be reviewed and approved under Section III-A-1-a of the *NIH Guidelines*. Thus, the University of Chicago investigator was allowed to proceed with the transfer of chloramphenicol resistance to *R. conorii* under Section III-B-2 of the *NIH Guidelines*.

The proposal to transfer chloramphenicol resistance to *R. typhi*, *rickettsii*, and *felis* was discussed with a working group of the RAC via a teleconference call on October 22, 2015. The recommendations of this group were presented to and discussed with the RAC at its December 4, 2015, meeting. At the March 8, 2016, meeting, the RAC continued the discussion which included consideration of the one comment received to the December 29, 2015, notice and unanimously recommended (by a vote of 11 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions) that the transfer of chloramphenicol resistance to *R. typhi*, *rickettsii*, and *felis* should not be allowed to proceed. On August 23, 2016, the NIH Director disapproved the proposal to transfer chloramphenicol resistance to *R. typhi*, *rickettsii*, and *felis*.

Dated: January 6, 2017.

Francis S. Collins,

Director, National Institutes of Health.

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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 invention listed below 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: Licensing information and copies of the patent applications listed below may be obtained by communicating with the indicated licensing contact at 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 patent applications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Technology description follows.

Monoclonal Antibodies That Neutralize Norovirus

Description of Technology: Vaccines and therapies to prevent and treat Norovirus infections do not exist, despite the worldwide prevalence of Norovirus infections. Outbreaks of human gastroenteritis attributable to Norovirus commonly occur in group setting, such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, dormitories, cruise ships and military barracks. This technology relates to chimpanzee-human chimeric monoclonal antibodies, which specifically bind to Norovirus and have therapeutic potential. The antibodies that were tested in a primate model of infection have shown protection against Norovirus. These Norovirus antibodies may have application as immunoprophylaxis to protect individuals from infections or as a possible treatment for infected individuals, or can be used to develop a diagnostic for detection of norovirus infections.

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:

- Therapeutics
- Diagnostics

Competitive Advantages:

- There are currently no vaccines or therapeutics available against Norovirus infections

Development Stage:

- In vivo data available (animal)

Inventors: Zhaochun Chen, Robert H. Purcell, Lisbeth Kim Green, Stanislav Sosnovtsev, Karin Bok (all from NIAID).

Publications: Chen Z, et al., Development of Norwalk virus-specific monoclonal antibodies with therapeutic potential for the treatment of Norwalk virus gastroenteritis, *J Virol.* 2013 Sep; 87(17):9547-57. [PMID 23785216].

Intellectual Property: HHS Reference No. E-226-2011/0—U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/763,879, filed February 12, 2013; PCT Application No. PCT/US2014/015809, filed February 11, 2014; European Application No. 14706239.2, filed August 5, 2015 (pending); U.S. Application No. 14/767,274, filed August 11, 2015 (allowed); and U.S. Application No. 15/359,438, filed November 22, 2016 (pending).

Licensing Contact: Dr. Jenish Patel, 240-669-2894; Jenish.Patel@nih.gov.

Collaborative 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 for development of a therapeutic or a diagnostic for Norovirus infections. For collaboration opportunities, please contact Dr. Jenish Patel, 240-669-2894; Jenish.Patel@nih.gov.

Dated: January 9, 2017.

Suzanne Frisbie,

Deputy Director, Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), 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 Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Time-Sensitive Obesity Research.

Date: January 26, 2017.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Michele L. Barnard, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7353, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-2542, (301) 594-8898, barnardm@extra.niddk.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: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; R13 Conference Grant Applications.

Date: February 23, 2017.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Jian Yang, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7111, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, (301) 594-7799, yangj@extra.niddk.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; PAR-16-126: High Impact, Interdisciplinary Science in NIDDK Research Areas (RC2)—Renal Repair and Regeneration.

Date: March 1, 2017.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Najma Begum, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7349, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, (301) 594-8894 begumn@niddk.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; RFA-DK-16-011: Central Primary Reference Laboratory for HbA1C and C-Peptide Measurements (UC4).

Date: March 2, 2017.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Najma Begum, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7349, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, (301) 594-8894, begumn@niddk.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 9, 2017.

Melanie J. Pantoja,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of General Medical Sciences Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), 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: NIGMS Initial Review Group; Training and Workforce Development Subcommittee—C, To Review R25 Research Training Grant Applications.

Date: March 9-10, 2017.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Washington Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road NW., Washington, DC 20008.

Contact Person: Lee Warren Slice, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific

Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, 1 Democracy Plaza, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Room 1068, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-0807, slicelw@mail.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.375, Minority Biomedical Research Support; 93.821, Cell Biology and Biophysics Research; 93.859, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry Research; 93.862, Genetics and Developmental Biology Research; 93.88, Minority Access to Research Careers; 93.96, Special Minority Initiatives; 93.859, Biomedical Research and Research Training, 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 Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), 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 Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; AITRC Independent SEP.

Date: February 13, 2017.

Time: 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Zhuqing (Charlie) Li, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, Room #3G41B, National Institutes of Health/NIAD, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC 9823, Bethesda, MD 20892-9823, (240) 669-5068, zhuqing.li@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIAD Clinical Trial Planning Grant (R34, R01, U01).

Date: February 14, 2017.