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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

The timely review of 351(k) applications is central to FDA’s mission to protect and promote the public health. The BsUFA was first enacted by Congress in 2012 and authorizes FDA to collect user fees for 351(k) applications. FDA dedicates BsUFA user fees to the efficient review of 351(k) applications and to facilitate the development of safe and effective biosimilar biological products for the American public. FDA dedicates the additional fee resources to hire reviewers and support staff and upgrade its information technology systems. With the availability of these additional fee resources, FDA was able to agree to certain review performance goals, including a complete review of 351(k) applications and taking regulatory action within specified timeframes. The current authorization of the program (BsUFA I) expires in September 2017.

As directed by statute, FDA prepared recommendations for the reauthorization of BsUFA for a new 5-year period by conducting negotiations with the regulated industry and holding regular consultations with public stakeholders including patient advocates, consumer advocates, and healthcare professionals. Following these discussions, related public meetings, and Agency requests for public comment, FDA transmitted proposed recommendations for BsUFA II for fiscal years 2018–2022. FDA’s BsUFA II recommendations include an FDA commitment to implement a new review program for 351(k) applications to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of the first-cycle review process and minimize the number of review cycles necessary for approval of these complex applications. The Program is described in detail in section I.B of the document entitled “Biosimilar Biological Product Reauthorization Performance Goals and Procedures Fiscal Years 2018 Through 2022” available at <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/forindustry/userfees/biosimilaruserfeeactbsufa/ucm521121.pdf>.

##### **II. BsUFA II Program for Enhanced Review Transparency and Communication for Original 351(k) BLAs**

FDA recognizes that increasing communication between the Agency and applicants during FDA’s review has the potential to increase efficiency in the review process. To enhance review

transparency and improve communication between the FDA review team and the applicant, FDA has proposed for BsUFA II a new review model (the Program), for the review of all 351(k) applications. The Program will allow for additional communication between FDA review teams and the applicants of biosimilar biological products in the form of a Biological Product Development Type 4 (pre-351(k) BLA) meetings, mid-cycle communications, and late-cycle meetings. To accommodate this increased interaction during regulatory review and to address the need for additional time to review these complex applications, FDA’s review clock will begin after the 60-day administrative filing review period for applications reviewed under the Program.

The goal of the Program is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the first-cycle review process by increasing communications during application review. This will provide sponsors with the opportunity to clarify previous submissions and provide additional data and analyses that are readily available, potentially avoiding the need for an additional review cycle when concerns can be promptly resolved without compromising FDA’s standards for approval.

Dated: June 23, 2017.

**Anna K. Abram,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Planning, Legislation, and Analysis.*

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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. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR16–274:

Adverse Drug Reaction Scientific Review Panel.

*Date:* July 26, 2017.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Alexander D Politis, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3210, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1150, [politisa@csr.nih.gov](mailto:politisa@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Topics in Mechanisms of Bacterial Virulence and Pathogenesis.

*Date:* July 27–28, 2017.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Guangyong Ji, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3211, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1146, [jig@csr.nih.gov](mailto:jig@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowships: Synthetic and Biological Chemistry.

*Date:* July 27, 2017.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Mike Radtke, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4176, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1728, [rادتke@csr.nih.gov](mailto:rادتke@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Nutrient and Lipid Regulation.

*Date:* July 27, 2017.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Neurodegeneration: Mechanisms and Pathways.

*Date:* July 27, 2017.

*Time:* 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Laurent Taupenot, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4188, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1203, [laurent.taupenot@nih.gov](mailto:laurent.taupenot@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Biology of Development and Aging Integrated Review Group; International and Cooperative Projects—1 Study Section.

*Date:* July 28, 2017.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Seetha Bhagavan, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5194, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 237-9838, [bhagavas@csr.nih.gov](mailto:bhagavas@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)

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**Anna Snouffer,**

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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 Meeting

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, Time-Sensitive Obesity Review.

*Date:* July 21, 2017.

*Time:* 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 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).

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(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)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center For Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Member Conflict: Vascular and Hematology.

*Date:* July 24–25, 2017.

*Time:* 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Anshumali Chaudhari, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4124, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1210, [chaudhaa@csr.nih.gov](mailto:chaudhaa@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group; NeuroAIDS and other End-Organ Diseases Study Section.

*Date:* July 25–26, 2017.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.