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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIAID Investigator Initiated Program Project Applications (P01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed).

*Date:* October 27, 2023.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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 3G13A, Rockville, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing and Collaboration

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The invention described below presents an advancement concerning osteoclast fusion; osteoclasts are responsible for human skeletal remodeling and their dysfunction is a key factor for both rare and common bone diseases. The invention covers methods for modulating osteoclast fusion and bone resorption through the Lupus autoantigen (La) protein. The *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health, has conducted conceptual *in-vitro* studies and is now seeking potential licensees and

collaborators for further development and advancement.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries relating to this licensing and collaboration opportunity should be directed to: Heather Gunas, JD, MPH, Senior Technology Transfer Manager, National Cancer Institute (NCI) Technology Transfer Center, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 1E446, Rockville, MD 20850 (*for overnight mail*) or Bethesda, MD 20892 (*for regular mail*), Telephone: (240) 276-5530; Facsimile: (240) 276-5504; Email: [gunash@mail.nih.gov](mailto:gunash@mail.nih.gov). A Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of unpublished information regarding this invention.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following and all continuing U.S. and foreign patents/patent applications thereof are available for licensing: PCT Application No. PCT/US22/018639, filed March 3, 2022, and entitled “La protein as a novel regulator of osteoclastogenesis.” The Lupus autoantigen (La) protein is a master regulator of osteoclasts. The technology involves a novel mechanism for precise regulation of osteoclastogenesis through the manipulation of surface La protein. The ability of osteoclasts to remodel bone can be modulated by: (1) administering an effective amount of La protein or (2) administering an agent that modulates La protein expression or activity. Current solutions for bone diseases are usually broad-spectrum treatments that either coat the skeletal system or inhibit osteoclast development and these approaches can result in off-target side effects. This technology’s approach to regulating osteoclast fusion and osteoclastogenesis by targeting the La protein should bypass many side effects. The technology has been supported by conceptual *in-vitro* data and lead optimization is ongoing; further research and development are required to advance it towards disease-specific preclinical and clinical stages.

**Potential Commercial Application:** Treatment of common and rare bone diseases, including osteoporosis, Paget’s disease of bone, fibrous dysplasia, rheumatoid arthritis, osteopetrosis, osteomyelitis, or metastatic bone disease.

**Development Stage:** *In-vitro* study completed and lead optimization ongoing.

Dated: September 18, 2023.

**Richard U. Rodriguez,**

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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:* Population Sciences and Epidemiology Integrated Review Group; Social and Environmental Determinants of Health Study Section.

*Date:* October 18-19, 2023.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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*Name of Committee:* Digestive, Kidney and Urological Systems Integrated Review Group; Digestive and Nutrient Physiology and Diseases Study Section.

*Date:* October 19-20, 2023.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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*Name of Committee:* Endocrinology, Metabolism, Nutrition and Reproductive Sciences Integrated Review Group; Human Studies of Diabetes and Obesity Study Section.

*Date:* October 19-20, 2023.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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