

Medicinal Chemistry Letters 13 (2003) 2179–2183.

### Oral Treatment of Hemophilia

Oral Alpan *et al.* (NIAID)  
DHHS Reference No. E–281–2001/0–  
PCT–02 filed 02 Aug 2002 (PCT/  
US02/24544)

*Licensing Contact:* Fatima Sayyid; 301/  
435–4521; [sayyidf@mail.nih.gov](mailto:sayyidf@mail.nih.gov)

This invention portrays a simple method for treatment of antigen-deficiency diseases by orally administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of the deficient antigen, wherein the antigen is not present in a liposome. This method increases hemostasis in a subject having hemophilia A or B, by orally administering to the hemophiliac a therapeutically effective amount of the appropriate clotting factor, sufficient to induce oral tolerance and supply exogenous clotting factor to the subject.

### Long-Acting Insulinotropic Peptides and Uses Thereof

Dr. Josephine Egan *et al.* (NIA)  
Serial No. 60/309,076 filed 31 Jul 2001;  
PCT/US02/24141 filed 30 Jul 2002  
*Licensing Contact:* Pradeep Ghosh;  
301/435–5282; [ghoshpr@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ghoshpr@mail.nih.gov)

Type-2 diabetes and neurodegeneration (*e.g.*, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, peripheral neuropathy, stroke) are leading causes of death in the United States and worldwide. The present invention pertains to the disclosure of novel peptide analogues of Glucagons-like peptide-1 (GLP–1) and Exendin-4 and their uses in the treatment of (i) diabetes and (ii) neurodegenerative disorders.

(i) Type-2 diabetes is caused by dysfunction of the pancreatic beta cells that may result in concomitant decrease in insulin production. Insulin replacement has been an effective therapy for the treatment of Type-2 diabetes. However, insulin therapy, although life saving, does not restore normal levels of glucose and postprandial levels of glucose continues to be excessively high in individuals on insulin therapy. Further, the therapy may result in adverse effects including hyperglycemia, hypoglycemia, metabolic acidosis and ketosis. Therefore, a better therapeutic formula may be needed that may increase the efficacy of the treatment and minimize the side effects. The present invention discloses a method of treating a subject with diabetes with novel GLP–1/Exendin-4 peptides. These are GLP–1 agonists and elicit insulinotropic actions.

(ii) The GLP–1 receptor is additionally found in the brain as well

as associated to pancreatic islets cells. Its stimulation in brain has been found to be neurotrophic and neuroprotective in both tissue culture and *in vivo* against a variety of toxic insults. Peptides of the said invention possess activity in a variety of predictive models of neurodegeneration, and may have potential in a variety of diseases both associated (peripheral neuropathy) and unassociated (Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, stroke and peripheral neuropathy) with diabetes (*J. Alz. Dis.* 4: 487–96, 2002; *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.* 300:958–66, 2002 & 302:881–888, 2002, TIPS in press).

In conclusion, compounds of the present patent application possess potent insulinotrophic, neuroprotective and neurotrophic effects that derive from their GLP–1 agonist action and may have a great market potential as therapeutic agents for the treatment of diabetes and/or neurodegenerative disorders.

Dated: July 10, 2003.

**Steven M. Ferguson,**

*Acting Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health*

[FR Doc. 03–18009 Filed 7–15–03; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4140–01–P**

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

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 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:* National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel, Development of High-Yield Technologies for Isolating Exfoliated Cells in Body Fluids.

*Date:* July 30, 2003.

*Time:* 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6116 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Sherwood Githens, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Special Review and Logistics Branch, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6116 Executive Boulevard, Room 8068, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1822.

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.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: July 10, 2003.

**Anna P. Snouffer,**

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

[FR Doc. 03–18006 Filed 7–15–03; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4140–01–M**

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

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 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 contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel, The Agricultural Health Study—Coordinating Center.

*Date:* July 18, 2003.

*Time:* 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate contract proposals.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6116 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20851, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* C. Michael Kerwin, PhD, MPH, Scientific Review Administrator, Special Review and Logistics Branch, Division Of Extramural Activities, National

Cancer Institute, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes Of Health, 6116 Executive Boulevard, Room 8057, MSC 8329, Bethesda, MD 20892-8329, 301-496-7421, [kerwinm@mail.nih.gov](mailto:kerwinm@mail.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.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: July 10, 2003.

**Anna P. Snouffer,**

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

[FR Doc. 03-18007 Filed 7-15-03; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4140-01-M**

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

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 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:* National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel, Review of Administrative Supplement Applications for Disseminating Evidence-based Intervention Research Products.

*Date:* August 4, 2003.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate program documents.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6130 Executive Blvd, Conference Room C, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Cynthia Vinson, MPA, Program Analyst, National Cancer Institute, Division of Cancer Control and Populations Sciences, 6130 Executive Blvd., Room 7046, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301/594-5906.

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.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: July 10, 2003

**Anna P. Snouffer,**

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

[FR Doc. 03-18008 Filed 7-15-03; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4140-01-M**

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Health Service

#### National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of a Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods (SACATM) on August 12-13, 2003, in the Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, NC. The meeting begins each day at 8:30 a.m.

#### Agenda

The meeting is being held on August 12-13, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. until adjournment and is open to the public with attendance limited only by the space available. Individuals who plan to attend are asked to register with the NTP Executive Secretary (NTP Liaison and Scientific Review Office, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919-541-0530; facsimile: 919-541-0295 or [wolfe.niehs.nih.gov](mailto:wolfe.niehs.nih.gov)). The names of those registered will be given to the NIEHS Security Office in order to gain access to the campus. Persons attending who have not pre-registered may be asked to provide pertinent information about the meeting, *i.e.*, title or host of meeting before gaining access to the campus. All visitors (whether or not you are pre-registered) will need to be prepared to show 2 forms of identification (ID, *e.g.*, driver's license, government ID).

Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or

other reasonable accommodation in order to attend, are asked to notify the NTP Executive Secretary at least seven business days in advance of the meeting (see contact information above). Plans are underway for making this meeting available for viewing on the Internet (<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/external/video.htm>).

A preliminary agenda is provided below. A copy of the agenda, committee roster, and any additional information, when available, will be posted on the NTP Web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>) or available upon request to the NTP Executive Secretary (contact information provided above). Following the meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and available through the NICEATM/ICCVAM Web site (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>) and upon request to the NTP Liaison and Scientific Review Office (contact information above).

#### Preliminary Agenda

##### Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods August 12-13, 2003

##### Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

August 12, 2003

8:30 a.m.—Call to Order and  
Introductions

Welcome from the NIEHS Director  
National Toxicology Program Update  
Update on Activities of the NTP

Center for the Evaluation of  
Alternative Toxicological Methods  
and the Interagency Coordinating  
Committee on the Validation of  
Alternative Methods

Update on Activities of the European  
Centre for the Validation of  
Alternative Methods

U.S. Federal Agency Efforts in Test  
Method Development and  
Validation

- Environmental Protection Agency
- National Center for Toxicological  
Research of the Food and Drug  
Administration

11:50 a.m.—Lunch Break (on your own)  
1 p.m.

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- National Institutes of Health, Office  
of the Director
- National Cancer Institute
- National Institute of Environmental  
Health Sciences and the NTP

Public Comments

5 p.m.—Adjourn

August 13, 2003

8:30 a.m.—Introductions and Call to  
Order