

200–1994/0–US–01); U.S. Patent 5,763,613 issued on 09 Jun 1998 (DHHS Reference No. E–200–1994/0–US–02); U.S. Patent 6,140,339 issued on 31 Oct 2000 (DHHS Reference No. E–200–1994/2–US–01); U.S. Patent 6,331,630 issued on 18 Dec 2001 (DHHS Reference No. E–200–1994/2–US–08); U.S. Patent 5,571,919 issued on 05 Nov 1996 (DHHS Reference No. E–201–1994/0–US–01); U.S. Patent 5,789,594 issued on 04 Aug 1998 (DHHS Reference No. E–201–1994/0–US–02); U.S. Patent 5,578,729 issued on 26 Nov 1996 (DHHS Reference No. E–201–1994/1–US–01); U.S. Patent 5,786,482 issued on 28 Jul 1998 (DHHS Reference No. E–201–1994/1–US–03).

According to data recently reported by the World Health Organization (WHO), the death rate from malaria exceeds one million individuals per year. The Public Health Service seeks exclusive or non-exclusive licensee(s) to develop and commercialize the technology claimed within the portfolio of U.S. patents issued and pending, and corresponding international patents issued and pending. These patents and pending applications claim an exceptionally broad universe of novel naphthylisoquinoline alkaloid compounds, and methods of total synthesis thereof. Representative examples of these compounds have been shown to have potent in vitro activity against malaria parasites, including parasites that are highly resistant to available antimalarial drugs.

Representative examples have also been shown to have potent in vivo activity against malaria parasites in animal models. Pharmaceutical compositions comprising these compounds, as well as methods of using the compounds to treat or prevent a malarial infection of a host, are claimed. The relative structural simplicity of this class of compounds, and the ready synthetic access thereto, provide unprecedented opportunities for structure-activity relationship (SAR), lead-optimization and antimalarial drug development. The technology is further described in the following publications: *J. Nat Prod.* 1997 Jul.;60(7):677–83 and *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* 1998 Jul.;8(13):1729–34.

Antimicrobial Magainin Peptides

Michael A. Zasloff, Hao-Chia Chen, Judith H. Brown, John L. Morell, Chang-Ming Huang (NICHHD). U.S. Patent 4,810,777 issued on 07 Mar 1989 (DHHS Reference No. E–145–1987/0–US–01); U.S. Patent 5,567,681 issued on 22 Oct 1996 (DHHS Reference No. E–145–1987/2–US–03);

U.S. Patent 5,643,876 issued on 01 Jul 1997 (DHHS Reference No. E–145–1987/1–US–03); U.S. Patent 5,221,732 issued on 22 Jun 1993 (DHHS Reference No. E–217–1988/0–US–01).

First isolated from the skin of the African clawed frog *Xenopus laevis*, magainin peptides have been shown by the inventors to have broad-spectrum antimicrobial properties. Both synthetic and natural magainin peptides are active against many species of bacteria and fungi and induce osmotic lysis of protozoa. Magainin peptides are water soluble, nonhemolytic at effective antimicrobial concentrations, have molecular weights of 2500 or less and are amphiphilic. Compositions and methods for their use are claimed in the patents. These inventions are available for nonexclusive or exclusive licensing. The inventions are further described in Zasloff *et al.*, P.N.A.S. USA 1987 Aug.; 84(15):5449–53; Marion *et al.*, *FEBS Lett.* 1988 Jan.18;227(1):21–6; Soravia *et al.*, *FEBS Lett.* 1988 Feb. 15;228(2):337–40; Westerhoff *et al.*, P.N.A.S. USA 1989 Sep.; 86(17):6597–601; and Gwadz *et al.*, *Infect. Immun.* 1989 Sep.; 57(9):2628–33.

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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.

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Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Initial Review Group, Subcommittee C—Basic & Preclinical.

Date: December 9–10, 2003.

Time: 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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National Center for Research Resources; Notice of Closed Meetings

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Name of Committee: National Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel Clinical Research.

Date: November 12–13, 2003.

Time: November 12, 2003, 7:45 a.m. to Adjournment.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: University Place, 850 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

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