inert polystyrene and di-vinyl benzene coated with soluble -COOH groups. Accordingly, the particle is labeled with both a magnetic and fluorescent marker. This dual labeling permits monitoring of the molecule on multiple spatial scales, from intracellular distribution to distribution throughout the animal.

Methods for Detecting Cancer Cells

Thomas Ried, Evelin Schrock, Bijan M. Ghadimi (NHGRI). U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/127,637 filed 01 Apr 1999 (DHHS Reference No. E–211–1998/0–US–01); PCT Application No. PCT/US00/08588 filed 31 Mar 2000 (DHHS Reference No. E–211–1998/0–PCT–02); U.S. Patent Application No. 09/937,864 filed 31 Dec 2000 (DHHS Reference No. E–211–1998/0–US–03). *Licensing Contact:* Michael Ambrose; (301) 594–6565; *ambrosem@mail.nih.gov.*

The present application describes a highly sensitive assay for distinguishing between cancer and non-cancer epithelial cells in the blood. It provides an improved diagnostic technique for detecting cancer and determining the organ-origin of the cancer. This assay can be used to prove the neoplastic nature of cells and predict when shed tumor cells have or will become metastatic. A major advantage of the present invention is that tumor cells can also be recovered as viable cells. Thus, the tumor cells can be kept alive in vitro for a sufficient period of time to determine the effect of particular anti-tumor pharmaceuticals on the cells. Furthermore, the assay provides an early detector of treatment success or failure and thereby allows a treatment regimen to be customized for an individual patient with advanced primary cancer.

Method for Detecting Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies

Gary E. Hsich, Kimbra Kenney, Clarence J. Gibbs, Michael G. Harrington (NINDS). U.S. Patent 5,998,149 issued on 07 Dec 1999 (DHHS Reference No. E–055–1996/0–US–01); U.S. Patent 6,406,860 issued on 18 Jul 2002 (DHHS Reference No. E–055–1996/0–US–02). *Licensing Contact:* Michael Ambrose; (301) 594–6565; *ambrosem@mail.nih.gov.*

Improved assays for the detection of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) in humans and non-human mammals have been developed. The assays involve detecting the presence or absence of 14–3–3 proteins in cerebrospinal fluid. Elevated levels of these proteins are indicative of TSEs, in particular Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease in humans and animals with these diseases. This invention is available for licensing on a non-exclusive basis.

Dated: December 1, 2003.

Steven M. Ferguson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Notice of Closed Meetings

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 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 Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel, Steroid Receptor Chaperones in Axonal Elongation.

Date: December 11, 2003.

Time: 8:30 am to 9:30 am.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Ritz-Carlton Hotel at Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: W. Ernest Lyons, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892–9529, (301) 496–4056.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel, Molecular Regulation of Neural Migration.

Date: December 11, 2003.

Time: 10 am to 3:30 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Ritz-Carlton Hotel at Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: W. Ernest Lyons, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892–9529, (301) 496–4056.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel, Program in Cognitive Neuroscience.

Date: December 18, 2003.

Time: 1 pm to 2:30 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Richard D. Crosland, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Research, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892–9529, 301–594–0635.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel, NeuroAIDS Imaging Studies.

Date: January 8, 2004.

Time: 8 am to 5 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The Fairmont Washington, DC, 2401 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Andrea Sawczuk, DDS, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extamural Research, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room #3208, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496–0660, *sawczuka@ninds.nih.gov.*

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Anna Snouffer,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Announcement of Funding Award—FY 2001 Healthy Homes Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary—Office of Healthy Homes Research Grant Program.