

self-assembly into a nanoparticle, but are non-infectious because they lack viral nucleic acids. VLPs have been used in viral vaccines, such as those for human papilloma virus and hepatitis B. However, they also have great potential in other applications, such as cancer vaccines, transport of nucleic acids into target cells (gene therapy), and transport of biologics or other large molecules into target cells for therapeutic purposes. The present technology discloses a chimeric VLP containing a GAG-Cre recombinase fusion protein. This recombinase fusion protein retains Cre recombinase activity, and can excise a LOX-flanked gene in a transduced target cell. Experiments by Drs. Kaczmarczyk and Chatterjee have demonstrated that chimeric VLPs can be used to deliver functional fusion proteins into cells. The technology also provides for a two-VLP protein delivery system designed to deliver a protein of interest into a target cell. The present technology also discloses VLPs containing GAG-protein of interest (ex. GAG-Cre) co-packaged with GAG-protease to deliver protein of interest in target site as a fully-processed protein rather than as a fusion protein.

The claims in the pending patent application provide for virus-like particles, methods of making virus-like particles, and methods of using virus-like particles to deliver proteins to a cell. The claims also provide for methods of targeting a protein to a cell, methods of protein therapy and methods of treating diseases or disorders.

Applications:

- Intracellular targeted delivery of therapeutic proteins.
- *Ex vivo* use for expansion of stem cells for transplantation.
- Antigen loading of dendritic cells for cancer vaccination.

Market: The therapeutic protein market segment will have a projected \$52.2 billion in sales in 2010.

Development Status: *In vivo* feasibility studies are in progress.

Patent Status: U.S. Patent Application No. 61/195,084 filed 03 Oct 2008 (HHS Reference No. E-010-2008/0-US-01).

Inventors: Deb K. Chatterjee and Stanislaw J. Kaczmarczyk (NCI/SAIC).

Licensing Status: Available for licensing.

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Collaborative Research Opportunity: The National Cancer Institute Advanced Technology Program, Protein Expression Laboratory, is seeking statements of capability or interest from parties interested in collaborative

research to further develop, evaluate, or commercialize this technology. Please contact John D. Hewes, Ph.D. at 301-435-3121 or hewesj@mail.nih.gov for more information.

Dated: January 30, 2009.

Richard U. Rodriguez,

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 Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; 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 Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, Islet Cell Distribution Coordinating Center.

Date: March 23, 2009.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: Holiday Inn National Airport Hotel, 2650 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: Michael W. Edwards, PhD., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 750, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, (301) 594-8886, edwardsm@extra.niddk.nih.gov. (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)

Dated: February 4, 2009.

Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meetings

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel; Time-Sensitive Review.

Date: February 20, 2009.

Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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: Aileen Schulte, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd, Room 6140, MSC 9608, Bethesda, MD 20892-9608, 301-443-1225, aschulte@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.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel; Trauma in High-Risk Occupations.

Date: March 6, 2009.

Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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: Serena P. Chu, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 6154, MSC 9609, Rockville, MD 20892-9609, 301-443-0004, sechu@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowships and Dissertation Grants.

Date: March 10, 2009.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.