

trachoma, making it the most prevalent form of infectious preventable blindness. Urogenital infections are the leading cause of bacterial sexually transmitted disease in both industrialized and developing nations. Moreover, sexually transmitted diseases are risk factors for infertility, the transmission of HIV, and human papilloma virus-induced cervical neoplasia. Control of *C. trachomatis* infections is an important public health goal. Unexpectedly, however, aggressive infection control measures based on early detection and antibiotic treatment have resulted in an increase in infection rates, most likely by interfering with natural immunity, a concept suggested by studies performed in experimental infection models. Effective management of chlamydial disease will likely require the development of an efficacious vaccine.

This technology claims vaccine compositions that comprise an immunologically effective amount of PmpD protein from *C. trachomatis*. Also claimed in the application are methods of immunizing individuals against *C. trachomatis*. PmpD is an antigenically stable pan-neutralizing target that, in theory, would provide protection against all human strains, thus allowing the development of a univalent vaccine that is efficacious against both blinding trachoma and sexually transmitted disease.

*Application:* Prophylactics against *C. trachomatis*.

*Developmental Status:* Preclinical studies have been performed.

*Inventors:* Harlan Caldwell and Deborah Crane (NIAID).

*Publication:* DD Crane *et al.* Chlamydia trachomatis polymorphic membrane protein D is a species-common pan-neutralizing antigen. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA. 2006 Feb 7;103(6):1894–1899.

*Patent Status:* PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US2007/001213 filed 16 Jan 2007, which published as WO 2007/082105 on 19 Jul 2007 (HHS Reference No. E-031-2006/0-PCT-02).

*Licensing Status:* Available for exclusive or non-exclusive licensing.

*Licensing Contact:* Peter A. Soukas, J.D.; 301/435-4646; [soukasp@mail.nih.gov](mailto:soukasp@mail.nih.gov).

*Collaborative Research Opportunity:* The NIAID Laboratory of Intracellular Parasites is seeking statements of capability or interest from parties interested in collaborative research to further develop, evaluate, or commercialize PmpD vaccine development. Please contact Harlan D. Caldwell, at [hcaldwell@niaid.nih.gov](mailto:hcaldwell@niaid.nih.gov) or 406-363-9333 for more information.

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* March 19, 2008.

*Time:* 2 pm to 5 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, One Democracy Plaza, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Rebecca Wagenaar Miller, PhD., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Inst of Dental & Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy, Rm 666, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-0652, [rwagenaar@mail.nih.gov](mailto:rwagenaar@mail.nih.gov).

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel; Review RFA DE08-008, Centers for Research to Reduce Disparities in Oral Health.

*Date:* March 5-6, 2008.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Washington Plaza, 10 Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

*Contact Person:* Mario Rinaudo, MD, Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Inst of Dental & Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy Blvd (DEM 1), RM 670 MSC4878, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-2904) [mrinaudo@nidcr.nih.gov](mailto:mrinaudo@nidcr.nih.gov).

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