DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Food and Drug Administration
[Docket No. 2005M–0005]

Medical Devices Regulated by the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research; Availability of Safety and Effectiveness Summaries for Premarket Approval Applications

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is publishing a list of premarket approval applications (PMAs) that have been approved by the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER). This list is intended to inform the public of the availability of safety and effectiveness summaries of approved PMAs through the Internet and FDA’s Division of Dockets Management.

ADDRESS: Submit written requests for copies of summaries of safety and effectiveness data to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Please include the appropriate docket number as listed in table 1 of this document when submitting a written request. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access to the summaries of safety and effectiveness data.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the Federal Register of January 30, 1998 (63 FR 4571), FDA published a final rule that revised 21 CFR 814.44(d) and 814.45(d) to discontinue individual publication of PMA approvals and denials in the Federal Register, providing instead to post this information on the Internet at http://www.fda.gov. In addition, the regulations provide that FDA publish a quarterly list of available safety and effectiveness summaries of PMA approvals and denials that were announced during the quarter. FDA believes that this procedure expedites public notification of these actions because announcements can be placed on the Internet more quickly than they can be published in the Federal Register, and FDA believes that the Internet is accessible to more people than the Federal Register.

In accordance with section 515(d)(4) and (e)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 360e(d)(4) and (e)(2)), notification of an order approving, denying, or withdrawing approval of a PMA will continue to include a notice of opportunity to request review of the order under section 515(g) of the act. The 30-day period for requesting administrative reconsideration of an FDA action under § 10.33(b) (21 CFR 10.33(b)) for notices announcing approval of a PMA begins on the day the notice is placed on the Internet. Section 10.33(b) provides that FDA may, for good cause, extend this 30-day period. Reconsideration of a denial or withdrawal of approval of a PMA may be sought only by the applicant; in these cases, the 30-day period will begin when the applicant is notified by FDA in writing of its decision.

The following is a list of PMAs approved by CBER for which summaries of safety and effectiveness were placed on the Internet from October 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004. There were no denial actions during the period. The list provides the manufacturer’s name, the product’s generic name or the trade name, and the approval date.

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II. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the documents at http://www.fda.gov/cber/products.htm.

Dated: April 11, 2005.
Jesse Goodman,
Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

[FR Doc. 05–11072 Filed 6–2–05; 8:45 am]
Method of Diagnosing Cancer Using beta-Catenin Splice Variants

Mark J. Roth and Konrad Huppi (NCI); U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/667,084 filed 30 Mar 2005 (DHHS Reference No. E-018–2005/1–US–01); Licensing Contact: Susan S. Rucker; (301) 435–4478; ruckersu@mail.nih.gov.

This application relates to methods for early detection, diagnosis, and prognosis of cancers and their associated preneoplastic lesions. The methods are useful in evaluating the status of preneoplastic lesions as well as tumor tissue. Because of this, the methods can be used to track the progression and therapeutic response of disease in cell and tissue samples of normal, dysplasia or cancerous epithelium procured by routine cytology, i.e., exfoliated/brush or fine needle aspiration, or surgical methods.

The methods are particularly useful with respect to adenocarcinomas and squamous cell carcinomas. In particular, the methods described and claimed in the application are useful with respect to preneoplasias and carcinomas involving the upper aerodigestive tract.

The methods involve the measurement of levels of one or more pairs of transcripts or the protein products of these pairs of transcripts or the cellular localization of the transcripts or proteins. The primary transcripts or protein products useful in this method are those of the beta-Catenin gene (CTNNB1). In particular, the levels of the 16A and 16B CTNNB1 transcripts or protein products are of importance in carrying out the methods of this patent application. Other genes, transcripts or protein products that may be used in conjunction with CTNNB1 16A and 16B to provide additional information are WAF1 (p21) and CMYC.

The methods can be practiced using fresh or frozen cell and/or tissue specimens and techniques such as laser capture microdissection (LCM) RT–PCR.

In addition to licensing, the technology is available for further development through collaborative research opportunities with the inventors.

Method of Diagnosing and Treating Cancer Using beta-Catenin Splice Variants

Mark J. Roth and Konrad Huppi (NCI); U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/652,154 filed 10 Feb 2005 (DHHS Reference No. E-018–2005/0–US–01); Licensing Contact: Susan S. Rucker; (301) 435–4478; ruckersu@mail.nih.gov.

This application relates to methods for treatment of cancers and preneoplastic lesions. The treatment methods may also be used in conjunction with the diagnostic/prognostic methods disclosed in related provisional patent application 60/652,154 (NIH Ref: E–018–2005/0–US–01).

The methods are particularly useful with respect to adenocarcinomas and squamous cell carcinomas. In particular, the methods described and claimed in the application are useful with respect to preneoplasias and carcinomas involving the upper aerodigestive tract.

The methods employ small interfering RNA molecules (siRNAs) as a means to alter the expression of one or more particular CTNNB1 transcripts. In particular, preferred siRNA molecules alter the expression of the CTNNB1 transcripts 16A and/or 16B. The siRNA molecules may be single-stranded (ss) or double-stranded (ds). The siRNA molecules may be delivered using a construct, which is capable of expressing the siRNA molecule upon delivery to the target cell.

In addition to licensing, the technology is available for further development through collaborative research opportunities with the inventors.

Framework Residue Substituted Humanized COL–1 Antibodies and Their Use

Syed Kashmri (NCI), Eduardo Padlan (NIDDK), and Jeffrey Schlam (NCI); U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/640,672 filed 30 Dec 2004 (DHHS Reference No. E–339–2004/0–US–01); Licensing Contact: Michelle A. Boodeen; (301) 451–7337; boodeenn@mail.nih.gov.

Carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA) has been found to be an important marker of colorectal cancer. CEA is expressed in 85 percent of all gastric cancers and may function as a metastatic potentiator of such cancers. In addition, it has been shown that CEA is up regulated when such cancers. In addition, it has been shown that CEA is up regulated when colorectal cancer cells expressing the IL13 receptor.

The present invention relates to methods of inhibiting the growth of cancer cells expressing the IL–13 receptor. Most generally, the patent application claims immunotoxins consisting of anti-IL–13 antibodies bound to toxins such as pseudomonas exotoxin or diphtheria toxin, or a cytotoxic fragment thereof, used in combination with alkylating agents. This combination appears to have significant advantages over use of either agent alone in the treatment of malignant gliomas, head and neck cancers, adenocarcinomas of the colon, stomach of skin, and Hodgkin’s disease.

Regulation of RNA Stability

Wi Lai et al. (NIEHS); U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/451,976 filed 06 Mar
Derivatives (AREs). As one aspect of the invention, the inventors have developed a cell free system that may be used for the purposes of assessing the effects of the various system components or their derivatives (i.e. AREs, PARN, or TTP) on the deadenylation process or the effects of various test agents on the deadenylation process. Aspects of this work have been published as follows: Lai et al., 2003, Tristetraprolin and Its Family Members Can Promote the Cell-Free Deadenylation of AU-Rich Element-Containing mRNAs by Poly(A) Ribonuclease, MCB 23(11):3798–3812. This technology is available for licensing on an exclusive or a non-exclusive basis.

In addition to licensing, the technology is available for further development through collaborative research opportunities with the inventors.

Tristetraprolin (TTP) Knockout Mice
Perry Blackshear et al (NIEHS).
Licensing Contact: Michelle A. Booden; 301/451–7337; boodenn@mail.nih.gov.

National Institutes of Health researchers have developed knockout mice that do not express Tristetraprolin (TTP). TTP is an AU-rich element (ARE) binding protein and the prototype of a family of CCCH zinc finger proteins. AREs were identified as conserved sequences found in the 3’ untranslated region (3’UTR) of a variety of transiently expressed genes including early response genes, proto-oncogenes, and other growth regulatory genes. AREs function as instability sequences that target ARE-containing transcripts for rapid mRNA decay. TTP functions by binding directly to the ARE sequence contained in the TNF-alpha mRNA, which destabilizes and mediates rapid decay of the TNF-alpha mRNA. More recent studies demonstrate TTP’s ability to downregulate IL–2 gene expression. TTP knockout mice appear normal at birth, but soon develop inflammatory arthritis, dermatitis, cachexia, autoimmunity, and myeloid hyperplasia. Almost all aspects of these phenotypes can be prevented with repeated injections of antibodies to TNF. Moreover, macrophages isolated from these mice exhibit increased production of TNF-alpha and increased amounts of TNF-alpha mRNA.

This transgenic mouse model will be valuable in advancing our understanding of the mechanisms controlling mRNA turnover in immune homeostasis as well as autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. This model will also permit the development of screening assays to elucidate the functions and binding partners for other members of the CCCH zinc finger family as well as compounds capable of inhibiting aberrant TNF-alpha and IL–2 biosynthesis. Lastly, this model will advance understanding of the pathogenetic role for IL–2 and/or TNF in various autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. The mice will be available on a non-exclusive basis under a Biological Materials License Agreement.


Dated: May 23, 2005.

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 Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities: 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 purpose of this meeting is to evaluate requests for preclinical development resources for potential new therapeutics for Type 1 diabetes. The outcome of the evaluation will be a decision whether NIDDK should support the request and make available contract resources for development of the potential therapeutic to improve the treatment or prevent the development of Type 1 diabetes and its complications. The research proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposed research projects, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

Special Emphasis Panel, NCMHD

Endowment.

Date: June 27–28, 2005.

Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.
Contact Person: Merlyn M. Rodrigues, PhD, MD, Director, Office of Extramural Activities, National Center On Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health, 7670 Democracy Blvd. Suite 600, Bethesda, MD 20894, (301) 402–1566, rodrigm1@mail.nih.gov.

Dated: May 23, 2005.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield, Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disorders; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disorders Special Emphasis Panel; Type 1 Diabetes—Rapid Access to Intervention Development.

Date: June 21, 2005.

Time: 3 p.m.—4 p.m.

Agenda: To evaluate requests for preclinical development resources for