DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control

Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Centers (PERLC) Panel, Request for Applications (RFA) TP10–1001, Initial Review

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the aforementioned meeting:

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., July 27, 2010 (Closed); 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., July 28, 2010 (Closed); 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., July 29, 2010 (Closed).

Place: The W Atlanta Hotel-Perimeter, Perimeter Center West, Atlanta, Georgia 30346, Telephone: (770) 396–6800.

Status: The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5, U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Section 10(d) of Public Law 92–463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the initial review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to “Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Centers (PERLC) Panel, RFA TP10–1001.”

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: July 2, 2010.

Leslie Kux,
Acting Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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National Institutes of Health

Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and are available for licensing in the U.S. in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of Federally-funded research and development. Foreign patent applications are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for companies and may also be available for licensing.

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Identification of Cancer Stem Cells

Description of Invention: Cancer stem cells (CSC) are thought to be responsible for cancer initiation, maintenance, and therapeutic failure. A hallmark of stem cells is self-renewal via asymmetric cell division (ACD) into daughter stem-cells and cells predestined for differentiation. Demonstration of fundamental stem-cell’s traits such as ACD in cancers is lacking. Label retaining cells are thought to be enriched for stem-like cells. Label retaining cells are thought to be the results of either very slow cycling cells and/or cells undergoing ACD. This invention is directed to the identification, isolation and purification of cancer stem cells by detecting asymmetrically dividing cells and/or label retaining cells. Detection of asymmetric cell division via non-random chromosomal cosegregation (ACD–NRCC) in various human cancers defines a unique and novel class of universal cancer stem cells, and potentially suggests a novel mechanism of carcinogenesis. The isolation of CSC might be used as a basis for a potential new strategy in cancer therapeutics. The invention also might have some implications in genetics and regenerative medicine.

Applications

• This invention may provide a novel way to target various cancers for treatment.
• This invention maybe also useful in regenerative medicine, i.e. spinal cord injury (regeneration of neurons), Alzheimer (regeneration of neurons) and Parkinson’s disease regeneration of neurons.

Development Status: Pre-clinical stage of development.

Market

• Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the U.S. The National Cancer Institute estimates the overall annual costs for cancer in the U.S. at $107 billion; $37 billion for direct medical costs, $11 billion for morbidity costs (cost of lost productivity), and $59 billion for mortality costs.
• According to statistics gathered by the National Institutes of Health, more than 10,000 Americans experience spinal cord injuries each year and more than 200,000 are living with permanent paralysis in their arms or legs due to spinal cord injury.
• Parkinson’s disease affects some four million patients worldwide. Approximately 50,000 Americans are diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease each year. Alzheimer Disease is estimated to affect 5.09 million patients by 2010.

Inventors: Itzhak, Avital, Hong-Wu Xin, Danielle M. Hari (NCI)

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