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#### **Methods and Structures for Microengineering Neocartilage Scaffolds**

Erik Petersen and Richard Spencer (NIA),  
DHHS Reference No. E-175-01/0 filed 27 Apr 2001,

*Licensing Contact:* Marlene Shinn; 301-496-7056 ext. 285; e-mail: shinnm@od.nih.gov.

Therapy for joint damage due to trauma, congenital abnormality, or osteoarthritis has in the past only been limited to the replacement of the joint with a prosthesis. Recently, autologous transplantation of chondrocytes has begun to be performed, however, there are several hurdles that have needed to be overcome, including problems with cell loss and heterogeneous development of tissue density.

The NIH announces a new method of growing chondrocytes on a two-dimensional surface patterned biocompatible scaffold. These scaffolds consist of creating uniform contoured surfaces using photolithographic methods and then covering the surface with a polysaccharide gel. The gel is then allowed to cure and then is removed from the template. Chondrocytes that have been isolated from explants are then applied to the surface and attach to the gel. Once attached, the cells create an extracellular matrix within the gel and layers of neocartilage are created within the square depressions. Functional tissue is thereby produced which can be used as grafts and/or implants in humans.

#### **Agents Useful for Reducing Amyloid Precursor Protein and Treating Dementia and Methods of Use Thereof**

Nigel H. Greig et al. (NIA),  
Serial No. 60/245,329 filed 02 Nov 2000,

*Licensing Contact:* Norbert Pontzer; 301/496-7736 ext. 284; e-mail: pontzern@od.nih.gov.

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a progressive neurodegenerative condition leading to loss of memory and other cognitive functions. Alzheimer's disease is characterized pathologically by the appearance of senile plaques, primarily composed of amyloid  $\beta$

protein ( $A\beta$ ), and neurofibrillary tangles in the CNS. Treatments reducing potentially toxic  $A\beta$  may thus prevent the occurrence and progression of Alzheimer's disease. As  $A\beta$  is derived from the larger  $\beta$  amyloid precursor protein ( $\beta$ APP), reducing the production of  $\beta$ APP should provide a therapy for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

The production of  $\beta$ APP is regulated by cytokines, muscarinic receptors, and some cholinesterase inhibitors. The latter also have some utility in treating the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. The agents and methods disclosed and claimed in this patent application reduce the production of  $\beta$ APP and  $A\beta$  in vivo and in vitro without cholinergic side effects or other toxicity. The agents are structurally related to a known anticholinesterase agent in current clinical assessment, but are devoid of anticholinesterase activity and associated side effects. They likely act on a recently described translational regulatory element on  $\beta$ APP mRNA. Further information as to how these agents effect  $\beta$ APP processing can be found in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Volume 98(13), Pages 7605-7610, June 19, 2001.

Dated: August 29, 2001.

#### **Jack Spiegel,**

*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 on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; 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 552(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 on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* September 5, 2001.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Willco Building, Suite 409, 6000 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Eugene G. Hayunga, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Review Branch, OSA, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institutes of Health, Willco Building, Suite 409, 6000 Executive Boulevard, MSC 7003, Bethesda, MD 20892-7003, 301-443-2860, ehayunga@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.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.271, Alcohol Research Career Development Awards for Scientists and Clinicians; 93.272, Alcohol National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.273, Alcohol Research Programs; 93.891, Alcohol Research Center Grants, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 28, 2001.

#### **Anna Snouffer,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4651-N-04]

#### **Submission for Emergency OMB Review: Public Comments on Fair Housing Act (FHA) Training and Technical Guidance**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be offering Training and Technical Guidance on the Fair Housing Act. Under the Fair Housing Act, it is unlawful to design and construct certain attached single-family and multifamily (buildings having four or more units) dwellings built for first occupancy after March 13, 1991, in a manner that makes them inaccessible to persons with disabilities.

It also established design and construction requirements to make these dwellings readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. KPMG Consulting, Inc., under contract to HUD, will be collecting information from the appropriate parties including, but not limited to, builders, architects, engineers, disabled persons, realtors, and code bodies in order to tailor the training and technical guidance to the intended audience.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before: September 13, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested person are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Eddins, Reports Management

Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2374 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail to [Wayne.Eddins@HUD.gov](mailto:Wayne.Eddins@HUD.gov). Copies of the available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins. Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may obtain further information via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8399.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). HUD has requested OMB approval by September 15, 2001.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless collection displays a valid control number.

This notice contains the following information:

- (1) The title for the collection of information;
- (2) A summary of the collection of information;
- (3) A brief description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information;
- (4) A description of the likely respondents, including the estimated number of likely respondents, and proposed frequency of response to the collection of information;
- (5) An estimate of the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden that will result from the collection of information;

*Title:* Fair Hosing Act Training and Technical Guidance.

*OMB Control Number:* Pending.

*Type of submission:* Emergency expedited.

*Form Number(s):* No form required.

*Reporting Burden:*

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Contract: Cheryl Kent, HUD (202-708-2333, ext. 7058.) Joseph Lackey, OMB, (202) 395-7316

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: August 29, 2001.

**Wayne Eddins,**

*Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to request information collection authority.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have submitted the collection of information described below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of specific information collection requirements, related forms, and explanatory materials

may be obtained by contacting our Information Collection Officer at the address or phone number listed below.

**DATES:** You must submit comments on or before October 9, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments and suggestions on specific requirements to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, and to Rebecca Mullin, Information Collection Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey L. Horwath, Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance and Habitat Restoration, Arlington, Virginia, at 703/358-1718, or Well Stephensen, Office of Marine Mammals Management, Anchorage, Alaska, at 907/786-3815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We have submitted the following information collection clearance requirements to the OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove information collection, but they may respond after 30 days. Therefore, for your comments and suggestions to receive maximum consideration, the

OMB should receive your input October 9, 2001.

Currently, we have approval from the OMB to collect information under OMB control number 1018-0066. This approval expires on October 31, 2001. We may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless we display a currently valid OMB control number.

On March 6, 2001, we published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 13564) a 60-day notice of our intention to request information collection authority from the OMB; our notice solicited public comments. We received no comments in response to that notice.

As with our 60-day notice, this 30-day notice invites your comments on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for us to properly perform our functions, including whether this information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we are proposing to collect; and (4) ways for us to minimize the burden of the collection of information on people who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological