

The estimates in table 1 of this document resulted from discussions with new animal drug sponsors. The estimated burden includes requests for meetings or teleconferences submitted by e-mail and on paper.

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William K. Hubbard,
Senior Associate Commissioner for Policy, Planning, and Legislation.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: The Medicare Managed Care CAHPS Survey and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 417.126 and 417.470;

Form No.: HCFA-R-246 (OMB# 0938-0732);

Use: The CAHPS data is necessary to hold the Medicare managed care

industry accountable for the quality of care they are delivering. It is critical to HCFA's mission that we collect and disseminate information that will help beneficiaries choose among plans, contribute to improved quality of care through identification of quality improvement opportunities, and assist HCFA in carrying out its responsibilities.

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions;

Number of Respondents: 168,000;

Total Annual Responses: 168,000;

Total Annual Hours: 55,450.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham HCFA-R-246, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: September 11, 2000.

John P. Burke III,
HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301)-443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students Program—(OMB No. 0915-0149)—Reinstatement, with change.

The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) Program has as its purpose the provision of funds to eligible schools to provide scholarships to full-time, financially needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds enrolled in health professions and nursing programs.

To qualify for participation in the SDS program, a school must be carrying out a program for recruiting and retaining students from disadvantaged backgrounds, including students who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups (section 737(d)(1)(B) of the PHS Act). A school must meet the eligibility criteria to demonstrate that the program has achieved success based on the number and/or percentage of disadvantaged students who graduate from the school. In awarding SDS funds to eligible schools, funding priorities must be given to schools based on the proportion of graduating students going into primary care, the proportion of underrepresented minority students, and the proportion of graduates working in medically underserved communities (section 737(c) of the PHS Act).

The estimated response burden is as follows:

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total your burden
SDS	450	1	28	12,600

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: John Morrall, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 15, 2000.

Jane Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by agencies 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.

ADDRESSES: Licensing information and copies of the U.S. patent applications listed below may be obtained by writing to the indicated licensing contact at the Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852-3804; telephone: 301/496-7057; fax: 301/402-0220. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent applications.

A Combined Growth Factor-Deleted and Thymidine Kinase-Deleted Vaccinia Virus Vector for Cancer Therapy

J. Andrea McCart (NCI), David L. Bartlett (NCI), and Bernard Moss (NIAID)

DHHS Reference Nos. E-181-99/0 filed 28 May 1999 and E-181-99/1 filed 26 May 2000 (PCT/US00/14679)

Licensing Contact: Elaine White; 301/496-7056 ext. 282; e-mail: gesee@od.nih.gov.

Tumor-selective, replicating viruses may infect and kill cancer cells and

efficiently express therapeutic genes in cancer cells. The current invention embodies mutant vaccinia virus expression vectors. These vectors, which are vaccinia virus growth factor-deleted and thymidine-kinase deleted, are substantially incapable of replicating in non-dividing cells, and as such have specificity for cancer cells. It is therefore believed that the vectors will be of value for cancer therapy either by directly killing cancer cells or by expressing therapeutic agents in cancer cells while sparing normal, non-dividing cells.

Retroviral Vectors

MA Eglitis JA Thompson WF Anderson (NHLBI)

Serial No. 08/340,805 filed Nov 17, 1994, now US Patent 5,672,510 issued Sep 30, 1997, which is a continuation of 07/919,062 filed July 23, 1992, which is a CIP of 07/686,167 filed April 16, 1991, which is a CIP of 07/467,791 filed Jan 19, 1990.

Licensing Contact: Susan S. Rucker; 301/496-7056 ext. 245; e-mail: ruckers@od.nih.gov.

This patent relates to the field of gene therapy. More, particularly the patent claims two different retroviral vectors which may be used to deliver heterologous genes in gene therapy or other applications requiring the delivery of a heterologous gene to a host. The patent also claims a cloning system which utilizes the vectors to accomplish the transfer of genes from a shuttle vector to the retroviral vector.

The first retroviral vector utilizes a multiple cloning site (MCS) comprising at least four restriction enzyme sites and a length of about 70bp. The restriction enzyme sites are preferably rare restriction enzyme sites. The second vector, known as a SIN (self-inactivating) vector, contains mutations, rather than deletions, in the promoter or the promoter and enhancer regions of the 3' LTR and may also contain a MCS such as that found in the first vector.

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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 Institute of Health

Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council.

Date: October 5-6, 2000.

Time: October 5, 2000, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: International research priorities to address the global AIDS pandemic and the role of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in this critical research area.

Place: 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Time: October 6, 2000 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: Vaccine Clinical Trials.

Place: 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Linda Reck, Head, Program, Planning and Evaluation, Office of AIDS Research, NIH, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402-8655.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 93.187, Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.22, Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.232, Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally; 93.39, Academic Research Enhancement Award; 93.936, NIH Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: September 12, 2000.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Fogarty International Center; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice