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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License, Inter-Institutional Agreement-Institution Lead: Antibody Specifically Binding to Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Virus Antigen and Use Thereof

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, an institute of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive, sublicensable patent license to Korea National Institute of Health, located in Cheongju-si, Chungcheongbuk-do, South Korea to practice the invention embodied in the patent application listed in the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases on or before **[INSERT DATE 15 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]** will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent application, inquiries, and comments relating to the contemplated exclusive patent license should be directed to: Brian Bailey, Ph.D., Senior Technology Transfer and Patent Specialist, Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, 5601 Fishers Lane, Suite 2G, MSC9804, Rockville, MD 20852-9804, phone number 240-669-5128, or brian.bailey@nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The following represents the intellectual property to be licensed under the prospective agreement: Korean Patent Application No. 10-2025-0196127, filed December 11, 2025, titled "An Antibody Specifically Binding to Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Virus

Antigen and Use thereof" (NIH Tracking Number E-102-2025-0). All rights in this invention have been assigned to Korea National Institute of Health and the Government of the United States of America.

The prospective patent license will be for the purpose of consolidating the patent rights with Korea National Institute of Health, the co-owner of said rights, for commercial development and marketing. Consolidation of these co-owned rights is intended to expedite development of the invention, consistent with the goals of the Bayh-Dole Act codified as 35 U.S.C. 200-212.

The prospective interinstitutional agreement will include an exclusive license for NIAID's rights in these jointly owned patent rights. It will be sublicensable, and any sublicenses granted by Korea National Institute of Health will be subject to the provisions of 37 CFR part 404.

The subject patent rights are related to novel antibodies and antigen-binding fragments that specifically bind the Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (SFTS) virus envelope glycoprotein antigen, including Gn- and Gc-targeting antibodies, together with related pharmaceutical and diagnostic compositions for prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, or treatment of SFTS virus infection. The invention arose from a research collaboration between NIAID and Korea National Institute of Health.

This notice is made in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty bearing, and may be granted unless within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published notice, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404.

In response to this Notice, the public may file comments or objections. Comments and objections, other than those in the form of a license application, will not be treated confidentially, and may be made publicly available.

License applications submitted in response to this Notice will be presumed to contain business confidential information and any release of information in these license applications

will be made only as required and upon a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: October 6, 2026.

Surekha Vathyam,

Director,

Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office,

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

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