

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
JOINT BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY/CLINICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**MINUTES OF THE FALL 2006 MEETING OF THE MERIT REVIEW  
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR IMMUNOLOGY-B**

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m. and recessed at 4:30 p.m. on December 7, 2006. The meeting was held in the Kalorama West Meeting Room at the Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The Chairperson, Dale L. Greiner, Ph.D., presided throughout the meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kohtaro Fujihashi, D.D.S., Ph.D.  
Dale L. Greiner, Ph.D.  
Mark L. Jordan, M.D.  
David H. Margulies, M.D., Ph.D.

Bimal K. Ray, Ph.D.  
P. Sriram Rao, Ph.D.  
Tong Zhou, M.D.

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT**

Stefano Fiore, M.D. (Teleconference)

**AD HOC CONSULTANT(S)**

Michael Frank, M.D., Duke University, Durham, NC (Teleconference)  
Stefania Gallucci, M.D., University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
Ruby Ghadially, M.D., Ch.B., FRCP, VA Medical Center, San Francisco, CA  
David Ucker, Ph.D., University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, IL

**VACO STAFF PRESENT**

Susan Stern, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager, Merit Review Subcommittee for Immunology-B,  
Research and Development  
Verna Cozier-Louis, Program Assistant, Research and Development  
Lisa Holmes, Program Assistant, Research and Development

**OBSERVER(S)**

None

The minutes of the last meeting of the Subcommittee were read and approved.

Dr. Stern welcomed the Subcommittee members and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. She apprised the Subcommittee members of the conflict of interest policy and the confidentiality of the proceedings and recommendations pertaining to the merit review of component research programs.

Dr. Stern asked them to focus on the scientific merit of the proposals and use the full range of priority scores. She then emphasized the importance of explicit and detailed Summary Statements, especially for those proposals that receive scores outside the funding range.

The date of June 5, 2007, was set for the Spring 2007 meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of 16 Merit Review Programs.

Full details of all Subcommittee actions are contained in the Summary Statements prepared by the Subcommittee.

**SUBMITTED:**

Susan A. Stern  
(Signature)

SUSAN STERN, PH.D.  
Portfolio Manager

1/30/2007  
(Date)

**APPROVED:**

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DALE L. GREINER, PH.D.  
Chairperson

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(Date)