

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
September 15, 2011

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: License Agreement between the University of Michigan and Diapin Therapeutics, LLC

Action Requested: Approval of License Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Office of Technology Transfer while reviewing the technology transfer agreement that then triggered a review by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest was then developed and approved by this Board and agreed to by the parties involved in this plan.

This proposed license agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Professor Yuqing (Eugene) Chen is both an employee of the University of Michigan ("University") and a partial owner of Diapin Therapeutics, LLC. The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the executive officers and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote of the Regents of the University of Michigan.

Background:

Dr. Yuqing (Eugene) Chen, a professor in Department of Internal Medicine in the Medical School, is a partial owner of a for-profit company called Diapin Therapeutics, LLC (the "Company"). The Company was formed recently to commercialize peptide-based therapies for the treatment of type 2 diabetes and desires to license from the University the University's rights associated with the following technology:

UM OTT File No. 4781, entitled: "A Novel Tripeptide (Diapin) to Treat Diabetes and Associated Complications" (Inventors: Yuqing (Eugene) Chen, Changyong Xue, Jifeng Zhang)

The Office of Technology Transfer selected the Company as a University partner and negotiated the terms of the proposed Agreement in accordance with University policy and its accepted licensing principles.

Parties to the Agreement:

The Regents of the University of Michigan and Diapin Therapeutics, LLC

Agreement Terms Include:

Agreement terms include granting the Company an exclusive license with the right to grant sublicenses. The Company will pay a royalty on sales and reimburse patent costs. The University will retain ownership of the licensed technology and may continue to further develop it and use it internally. No use of University services or facilities, nor any assignment of University employees, is obligated or contemplated under the Agreement. Standard disclaimers of warranties and indemnification apply, and the Agreement may be amended by consent of the parties, such as adding related technology. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

Pecuniary Interest:

The pecuniary interests of Dr. Yuqing (Eugene) Chen arise from his ownership in Diapin Therapeutics, LLC.

Net Effect:

The Office of Technology Transfer has negotiated and finalized the terms of a worldwide exclusive license agreement for patents related to UM OTT File No. 4781 for all fields of use.

Diapin Therapeutics, LLC will obtain use and commercialization rights to the above listed University technology.

Recommendations:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. In light of this disclosure and our finding that the Agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the License Agreement between the University and Diapin Therapeutics, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,



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Vice President for Research

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