

NATIONAL PROCESSED RASPBERRY COUNCIL

Research Committee

Teleconference

May 14, 2015, 10:00 a.m., PST

Committee Members Participating:

William Beadle

Adam Enfield

Val Shepler

Sukh Kahlon

Rob Dhaliwal

Rolf Haugen

Jon Cotton

Erin Thoeny

Others Participating:

Tom Krugman

Tarun Harit

Britt Burton-Freeman

Tom Skilton

Allison Beadle

x = present

o = absent

A. Call to Order; Establish Quorum; Approve Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Adam at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was not present at this time, so approval of the April 9, 2015 minutes was deferred. It was decided to proceed with the call so that a consensus of agreement on potential new FY 2016 projects could be presented to the Council.

B. FY 2016 Response to Request for Proposal

Tom summarized the recommendations to the Committee as a result of discussion between Britt, Allison, and himself. He said there had been agreement to not recommend any cell or cellular studies regardless of their merit, as there was a strong body of cellular evidence within the priority research areas established by the Committee, and that funds could be better allocated towards animal or human/clinical studies. On this basis, the group put forward three projects for the Committee to consider, plus three more projects that required additional discussion before a recommendation could be made. The first three projects were: Ana Rodrigues-Mateos, Impact of Raspberry Polyphenol Consumption on Vascular Function in Healthy Individuals; Barbara Shukitt-Hale, The Effects of Raspberries on the Interaction Between Inflammation, Psychomotor, and Cognitive Behavior; and Amanda Carey, Effects of Red Raspberry Supplementation on High Fat Diet-Associated Alterations in Behavior, Inflammation, and Brain Plasticity. These three projects addressed priority concerns, and were either human clinical trials or animal studies. After committee discussion, two additional projects were supported by the committee for inclusion into the FY 2016 Research budget: Shanil Juma, Effect of Red Raspberry Juice on Range of Motion, Pain Symptoms, and Cartilage /Inflammatory Markers in Individuals with Symptomatic Knee Osteoarthritis; and Min Du, Browning of White Fat to Prevent Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome: the Role of

Raspberry Polyphenols. Together, it was felt that these five projects would contribute to the overall body of science in the areas of vascular function, chronic inflammation, arthritic inflammation, and metabolic syndrome.

Although without a quorum no action could be taken, Tom said that he would adjust the proposed research budget and narrative to reflect these projects, and present the research budget to the Council as supported by consensus.

C. Adjourn

As there was no further business to discuss, the conference call adjourned at 10:50 a.m. on a call from the Chair.