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Re: FOIA Case Number: 17-FOI-00038-NCATS; NIH Case Number: 45716

Dear Ms. Bragg:

This acknowledges your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) FOIA Office, dated and received on October 19, 2016. Your request was forwarded to our office because of our responsibilities under the FOIA for the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS). You requested records pertaining to 1) NIH employee participation, including instances that were not part of official NIH duties, on or with Vtesse advisory committees, 2) Forbes Porter and Elizabeth Ottinger's involvement as Co-Chair and Member of Vtesse's Scientific Advisory Board, 3) negotiation and initiation of contractual/CRADA relationship between NIH and Vtesse, 4) NIH employee travel paid for by Vtesse, 5) the date VTS-270 was first administered to a patient at the Clinical Center, and 6) NIH involvement with, and support of, pre-clinical work on VTS-270.

We have queried the NCATS Office of Communications. If any documents responsive to your request are located, they will be reviewed for releasability, and all releasable information will be sent to you. We will do everything possible to comply with your request in a timely manner. Please feel free to call me at 301-827-6263 (direct) or 301-496-9737 (main office) for additional information or to inquire about the status of your request.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) FOIA Regulations as they apply to commercial-use requesters; you will be charged for duplication at 10-cents per page; and for search and review time at the hourly rate (\$23.00, \$46.00 and \$83.00) of the searcher and reviewer. Please be advised that the DHHS FOIA Regulations allow us to charge for search time even if we do not locate any responsive records or if we determine that some or all of the responsive records are exempt under one of the FOIA's nine exemptions. If there are any fees associated with processing this request, you will be sent an invoice with our final response.

At any time during the processing of your request, you may seek assistance from the NCATS FOIA Public Liaison:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Minneman".

Kim Minneman

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