

## 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Initial Review Group

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

### 2. Fiscal Year

2024

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin  
Diseases Initial Review Group

### 3b. GSA

### Committee

### No.

792

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

11/24/1996

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

### 13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee Grant Review Committee

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

### 17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

### Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next  
FY FY

<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide first-level merit review of funding applications and proposals, including but not limited to grant and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals for research projects and for research and training activities in areas relevant to arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases, including sports-related disorders. During this reporting period the committee reviewed 228 applications for \$186,532,509.00.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its**

**membership?**

The members of this committee are authorities knowledgeable in the fields of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases, including sports-related disorders.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Initial Review Group held six FACA meetings during this report period.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide first-level merit review of funding applications and proposals, including but not limited to grant and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals for research projects and for research and training activities. These evaluations and recommendations cannot be obtained from other sources because the specialized, complex nature of the applications and proposals requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established sources.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

The meetings of the Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Initial Review Group were closed to the public for the review of grant applications and contract proposals. Sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permit the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal confidential trade

secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

## **21. Remarks**

This committee does not have a public website.

This committee did not produce any reports during this fiscal year. The DFO and the Committee

Decision Maker positions are held by the same individual based on the responsibilities within this

Institute. Drs. Ali Guermazi, Keith Baar, and

Robert Paul Dellavalle are part-time federal

employees. They signed the Certification of

Outside Activity Approval, stating they will not

engage in NIH Peer Review committee and

related activities while on official duty or

administrative leave or while using the resources

or supplies of his employing agency. Dr. Riddle's

chair term was reported incorrectly on the 2022

ACR. His correct term is 10/19/2022 through

6/30/2024. Members: In general, initial/integrated

review group (IRG) members serve up to six

years, which is documented in the Members list.

The permanent membership of this IRG may be

supplemented at any meeting with temporary

members who have experience or expertise in the

disciplines and fields related to the IRG's function

and are appointed to review some or all of the

applications considered at that meeting.

Therefore, the Members list reflects meeting

dates, not appointment start and end dates for

these members. While only one meeting date is

listed as an appointment start and end date, an

IRG temporary member may have attended

several meetings throughout the fiscal year.

Meeting rosters, including members' affiliations

and zip codes are available online at

<https://public.era.nih.gov/pubroster/>.

## Designated Federal Officer

Kathy Salaita Chief, Scientific Review Branch

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Assassi, Shervin	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Baar, Keith	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Behen, Susan	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	Volunteer Advocate	Peer Review Consultant Member
Beynnon, Bruce	07/01/2020	06/30/2024	McClure Professor of Musculoskeletal Research and Director	Peer Review Consultant Member
Blemker, Silvia	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Bonewald, Lynda	07/01/2020	06/30/2024	Professor and Director	Peer Review Consultant Member
Brunner, Hermine	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	Professor and Director	Peer Review Consultant Member
Chong, Benjamin	08/04/2022	06/30/2026	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Crosbie, Rachelle	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	Professor and Chair	Peer Review Consultant Member
Dellavalle, Robert	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	Professor and Chief	Peer Review Consultant Member
Fritz, Julie	08/05/2022	06/30/2026	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Ganesan, Anand	07/01/2019	06/30/2024	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Gassman, Jennifer	07/01/2020	06/30/2024	Biostatistician and Staff Scientist	Peer Review Consultant Member
Gitajn, Ida	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Glass, Donald	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member

Gravare Silbernagel, Karin	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	Professor and Associate Chair	Peer Review Consultant Member
Guerhazi, Ali	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Jones, Morgan	08/08/2022	06/30/2028	Clinical Investigator	Peer Review Consultant Member
Kim, Brian	07/01/2020	06/30/2024	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Larkin, Lisa	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Lavalley, Michael	07/01/2022	06/30/2028	Professor of Biostatistics	Peer Review Consultant Member
Lee, Yvonne	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Liu, Ziyue	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Makambi, Kepher	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Mi, Qing-Sheng	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Noehren, Brian	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Ogdie-Beatty, Alexis	07/01/2020	06/30/2024	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Ramirez-Ortiz, Zaida	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Riddle, Daniel	07/01/2020	06/30/2024	Professor and Chair	Peer Review Consultant Member
Sangeorzan, Bruce	07/01/2020	06/30/2026	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Seiden, Richard	07/01/2020	06/30/2024	Health Care Lawyer (Retired)	Peer Review Consultant Member
Slobogean, Gerard	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	Associate Professor and Director	Peer Review Consultant Member
Tang, Jean	07/01/2018	06/30/2024	Professor and Chair	Peer Review Consultant Member

WEISMAN, MICHAEL	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Distinguished Professor of Medicine	Peer Review Consultant Member
Wang, Chenchen	07/19/2021	06/30/2027	Professor and Director	Peer Review Consultant Member
Wright, Nicole	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	Associate Professor and Vice Chair	Peer Review Consultant Member
Wright, Rick	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	Professor and Chair	Peer Review Consultant Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 37**

### **Narrative Description**

NIH's mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. NIH works toward that mission by supporting the research of non-Federal scientists in universities, medical schools, hospitals, and research institutions throughout the country and abroad. Section 492 of the PHS Act states that The Secretary ...shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of (A) applications...; and (B) biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts...

### **What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

## What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Cost Savings Comments

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

## What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

3,950

## Number of Recommendations Comments

Grant Review

## What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

## % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.



**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

#### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

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**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

#### **Agency Feedback Comments**

Information resulting from closed initial peer review meetings is subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The public can view information on research projects funded by NIH on the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### **Action Comments**

An action of approved or recommended for grants receiving initial peer review by this committee does not infer that the grant will be or has been funded. Research grant applications submitted to NIH must go through a two-step review process that includes the initial peer review for scientific and technical merit and a second step of review and approval by a National Advisory Council for program relevance. In addition, prior to an award or funding being made, NIH staff must conduct an administrative review for a

number of other considerations. These include alignment with NIH's funding principles, review of the project budget, assessment of the applicant's management systems, determination of applicant eligibility, and compliance with public policy requirements. After all these steps have been completed, NIH officials make funding decisions on individual grant applications.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 228

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 228

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$186,532,509

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

N/A