

Response Form for the Final Performance Review Report— Hepatitis B Foundation 2009F*

1. Name of Grantee: Hepatitis B Foundation
2. Year of Grant: 2009 Formula Grant

A. For the overall grant, briefly describe your grant oversight process. How will you ensure that future health research grants and projects are completed and required reports (Annual Reports, Final Progress Reports, Audit Reports, etc.) are submitted to the Department in accordance with Grant Agreements? If any of the research projects contained in the grant received an “unfavorable” rating, please describe how you will ensure the Principal Investigator is more closely monitored (or not funded) when conducting future formula funded health research.

The HBF has a documented oversight process for all health research grants and projects. Routine key personnel meetings ensure that goals and objectives are met in a timely manner, that barriers to project success are overcome, and that all reports are submitted on deadline. Key personnel are monitored by the Principal Investigator, the HBF Executive Director, and President to provide oversight to ensure that all Principal Investigators are monitored, as well. To date, HBF has met or exceeded all goals of projects funded through formula funded health research.

For each research project contained in the grant, please provide a response to items B-D as listed on the following page(s). When submitting your response please include the responses for all projects in one document. The report cannot be submitted as a ZIP file, because the Department’s exchange server will remove it from the email. If the report exceeds 2MB, please contact the Health Research Program for transmittal procedures: 717-783-2548.

* Please note that for grants ending on or after July 1, 2007, grantees’ Final Performance Review Reports, Response Forms, and Final Progress Reports ***will be made publicly available on the CURE Program’s Web site.***

Project Number: 0989701

Project Title: Identifying Novel Antiviral Agents against Hepatitis B Virus

Investigator: Cohen, Chari

B. Briefly describe your plans to address each specific weakness and recommendation in Section B using the following format. As you prepare your response please be aware that the Final Performance Review Report, this Response Form, and the Final Progress Report will be made publicly available on the CURE Program's Web site.

Reviewer 1:

None.

Reviewer 2:

This was a great mechanism for promoting basic and translational research leading to the discovery of new antiviral drugs for treatment of viral hepatitis.

Reviewer 3:

Summer undergraduate research programs are important for the development of the next generation of scientists in Pennsylvania. This is especially true when the goal of such a program includes attracting underrepresented populations into careers in science. The major limitation on the impact of this project was the very modest funding level, which only supported a single student. A larger multi-year program to fund a greater number of students is warranted and should be considered.

Response:

HBF appreciates the positive feedback from the reviewers. We agree that training of future scientists in Pennsylvania should be a priority, and we continue to fund 6-8 summer research students each year. We look forward to additional funding opportunities in the future which will allow us to expand this important program.

C. If the research project received an "unfavorable" rating, please indicate the steps that you intend to take to address the criteria that the project failed to meet and to modify research project oversight so that future projects will not receive "unfavorable" ratings.

Response: N/A.

D. Additional comments in response to the Final Performance Review Report (OPTIONAL):

Response: None.