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**UAMS' Alan Tackett, Ph.D., Named to NIH Mechanisms of
Cancer Therapeutics Study Section**

LITTLE ROCK — Alan Tackett, Ph.D., was recently named a member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Mechanisms of Cancer Therapeutics-1 (MCT1) Study Section, one of the major review boards for evaluation of cancer research by the NIH Center for Scientific Review.

Tackett is a professor in the UAMS College of Medicine Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and associate director of basic research for the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute.

Tackett's research focuses on the identification of biomarkers and drug targets to treat melanoma. He serves as the Scharlau Family Endowed Chair in Cancer Research at UAMS.

He is the recipient of multiple NIH grants, including a recent \$10.6 million award to establish the IDeA (Institutional Development Award) National Resource for Quantitative Proteomics as the first NIH National Resource in Arkansas, which will serve biomedical researchers across the country.

The MCT1 Study Section reviews applications addressing the mechanisms of action of anticancer agents including the effects of therapy on tumor cell growth, cell death, gene expression and signaling networks, as well as mechanisms of resistance to anticancer agents and therapeutic methods such as resistance to conventional, targeted and immunotherapy.

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