

4G10 is a monoclonal antibody raised against a synthetic peptide derived from the N-terminus of CXCR4 that may prove useful in the context of the above CXCR4 functions, 4G10 is an excellent reagent for detection and quantitation of CXCR4 by Western blot, immunoprecipitation, ELISA, and flow cytometry. It can also be used to purify CXCR4 by affinity chromatography. With these known characteristics, it would also function in immuno-histochemical assays as well. Thus, this invention is a good research tool and is available for licensing through a Biological Materials License Agreement as no patent application has been filed.

Decreased Side Effects of DRYVAX® Vaccination by Prior Immunization With Highly Attenuated Poxvirus in Immune-Compromised and Competent Hosts

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The invention describes new data relating to a vaccine against smallpox. Smallpox was once worldwide in scope; before vaccination was practiced almost everyone eventually contracted the disease. Variole virus is the etiological agent of smallpox. Symptoms of smallpox begin 12-14 days after exposure to the virus and are characterized by the appearance of multiple, eruptive pustules that cover the entire body. The eradication of smallpox was brought about by the use of the vaccinia virus vaccine, known as DRYVAX®. DRYVAX® is a replication competent vaccinia virus distinct from smallpox. Although the vaccine is highly efficacious, it is also associated with significant serious adverse effects. Specifically, DRYVAX® can cause serious side effects in immunocompromised patients, such as AIDS patients. The last natural case of smallpox occurred in 1977. In 1980 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the global eradication of smallpox and recommended that all countries cease vaccination. The recent events of September 11, 2001, however, brought the issue of smallpox vaccination to the forefront of the national homeland security efforts.

The current invention describes the use of DRYVAX® in conjunction with (modified vaccinia Ankara strain) MVA or NYVAC, an attenuated poxvirus vector obtained from Connaught Technology Corporation (CTC), an Aventis company. Specifically, the inventors demonstrate, with animal studies, that prior immunization with

NYVAC or MVA appear to help contain the adverse effects of the DRYVAX® vaccine. The adverse effects were tempered in immune-competent as well as in immune-compromised hosts. The overall concept of the invention is to immunize first with an attenuated poxvirus or an attenuated vaccinia virus and then with DRYVAX® to overcome the side effects of the latter vaccination.

gp64 Pseudotyped Vectors and Uses Thereof

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This invention relates to a general gene therapy technology which uses an HIV-1 based vector containing a baculovirus gp64 protein. HIV-1 based gene therapy vectors hold great promise due to their ability to deliver genes to non-dividing cells including hematopoietic stem cells. However native HIV only binds to cells with a CD4 receptor, while gene therapy vectors would need to be delivered to a variety of cells. Various different envelope proteins have been tried to replace the native envelope protein of HIV with a new envelope protein whose origin is another enveloped virus (pseudotyping) that has more general binding capabilities. However, to date, no one has been successful for practical purposes, due to either low titers or cytotoxic effects of the expressed proteins. The inventors have developed a family of nontoxic vectors using baculovirus gp64 protein (which binds to a variety of cells) and HIV proteins that efficiently deliver genes of interest to target cells. Furthermore, since gp64 expression in producer cells is not accompanied by cytotoxic side effects, this protein is an ideal candidate for the development of cell lines for constitutive expression of gp64 for the process of construction of the hybrid HIV (packaging cell lines).

Novel Acylthiol Compositions and Methods of Making and Using Them

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This invention provides a novel family of acylthiols and uses thereof. More specifically, this invention provides effective inhibitors of HIV that

selectively target its highly conserved nucleocapsid protein (NCp7) by interacting with metal chelating structures of a zinc finger-containing protein. Because of the mutationally intolerant nature of NCp7, drug resistance is much less likely to occur with compounds attacking this target. In addition, these drugs should inactivate all types and strains of HIV and could also inactivate other retroviruses, since most retroviruses share one or two highly conserved zinc fingers that have the CCHC motif of the HIV NCp7. Finally, this invention could be very useful for the large-scale practical synthesis of HIV inhibitors, because these compounds can be prepared by using inexpensive starting materials and facile reactions. Thus, it opens the possibility that an effective drug treatment for HIV could be made available to much larger populations than is now the case.

This research has been described in Turpin *et al.*, *J. Med. Chem.* 42: 67-86, 1999; Basrur *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* 275: 14890-14897, 2000; Song *et al.*, *Biorganic and Medicinal Chemistry* 10: 1263-1273, 2002; Goel *et al.*, *Biorganic and Medicinal Chemistry Letters* 12: 767-770, 2002; Schito *et al.*, *AIDS Research and Human Retroviruses*, in press.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 ALT-X-4.

Date: February 14, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Wyndham City Center, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, Washington, DC 20037.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Signaling Pathways Involved in Tumorigenesis.

Date: February 20, 2003.

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Syed M. Quadri, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6210, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1211.

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Name of Committee: Oncological Sciences Integrated Review Group. Metabolic Pathology Study Section.

Date: February 23-25, 2003.

Time: 6 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean, VA 22102.

Contact Person: Angela Y. Ng, MBA, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6200, MSC 7804, (For courier delivery, use MD 20817), Bethesda, MD 20892-7804. 301-435-1715, nga@csr.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Genetic Sciences Integrated Review Group. Genome Study Section.

Date: February 23-25, 2003.

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda. One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Sally Ann Amero, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, Genetic Sciences Integrated Review Group, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2206, MSC-7890, Bethesda, MD 20892-7890, 301-435-1159, ameros@csr.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Endocrinology and Reproductive Sciences Integrated Review Group, Reproductive Biology Study Section.

Date: February 24-25, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda. One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Dennis Leszczynski, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6170, MSC7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1044.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel. ZRG1 SSS W 10B:Small Business:Cardiovascular Devices.

Date: February 24-25, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Name of Committee: Cardiovascular Sciences Integrated Review Group, Cardiovascular and Renal Study Section.

Date: February 24-25, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 SSS 8 10: Small Business: Bioengineering and Physiology.

Date: February 24-25, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 SSS 3 (03).

Date: February 24, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Washington Monarch Hotel, 2401 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

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Name of Committee: Endocrinology and Reproductive Sciences Integrated Review Group, Human Embryology and Development Subcommittee 1.

Date: February 24-25, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Michael Knecht, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6176, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1046.

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Name of Committee: Musculoskeletal and Dental Sciences Integrated Review Group, Orthopedics and Musculoskeletal Study Section.

Date: February 24-25, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hilton Silver Spring, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

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Name of Committee: Biobehavioral and Behavioral Process Initial Review Group, Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes 4, Cognition and Perception.

Date: February 24-25, 2003.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road, NW., Washington, DC 20015.

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Name of Committee: Biophysical and Chemical Sciences Integrated Review Group, Physical Biochemistry Study Section.

Date: February 24–25, 2003.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Double Tree Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

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Name of Committee: Biobehavioral and Behavioral Process Initial Review Group, Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes 6, Developmental Disabilities and Child Psychopathology.

Date: February 24–25, 2003.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hilton Washington Embassy Row, 2015 Massachusetts Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Adult Psychopathology and Disorders of Aging.

Date: February 24–25, 2003.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hilton Garden Inn, 815 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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Name of Committee: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neurosciences Integrated

Review Group, Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neurosciences 7.

Date: February 25–26, 2003.

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hilton Washington Embassy Row, 2015 Massachusetts Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Nursing Research: Child and Family.

Date: February 25–26, 2003.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn, Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22102.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, General Medicine A-1.

Date: February 25–26, 2003.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: One Washington Circle Hotel, One Washington Circle, Washington, DC 20037.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 IFCN3 (01) Biological Rhythms and Sleep Mechanisms.

Date: February 25, 2003.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Biomedical Information and Nanotechnology.

Date: February 25, 2003.

Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 SSS2(02) Nonviral and Viral Vectors for Liver-Mediated Gene Therapy.

Date: February 25, 2003.

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone Conference Call).

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 SSS W 50R:PA02-125:Bioengineering Nanotechnology Initiative.

Date: February 25, 2003.

Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Novel Vaccinia Virus Vector for the Treatment of Human Cancers

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Services, HHS.

ACTION: None.

SUMMARY: This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license to practice the inventions embodied in U.S. provisional patent application 60/137,126 (DHHS ref. no. E-181-1999/0-US-01) filed May 28, 1999 and entitled, "Combined growth factor-deleted and thymidine kinase-