

accessible (e.g., lymphocytic alveolitis amenable to inhalation therapy).

It is anticipated that the commercial collaborator will participate in ongoing studies to determine whether modifying ADP-ribosyltransferase activity and cell surface ADP-ribosylation can affect the immune system (e.g., mononuclear cell function) and cardiac skeletal and muscle function, and hence the progression of some hematological, pulmonary, cardiac, and musculoskeletal diseases. It is expected that the collaborator will assist in the development of specific inhibitors. These would be focussed on the structure of known NAD-binding sites that participate in ADP-ribosylation reactions, taking into account the facts that a cell surface enzyme is being targeted and the enzyme is preferentially located on lymphocytes, and cardiac and skeletal muscle. In diseases of the pulmonary system characterized by lymphocytic infiltration, one route for selective targeting of the transferase may involve the use of inhalation therapies that minimize systemic toxicity. Collaborator may also be expected to contribute funding for supplies and personnel to support this project. The NHLBI has applied for patents, both domestic and foreign, claiming this core technology. Non-exclusive and/or exclusive licenses for these patents covering core aspects of this project are available to interested parties.

Capability statements should be submitted to: Ms. Lili M. Portilla, Technology Transfer Specialist, National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Technology Transfer and Commercialization Team, 31 Center Drive MSC 2490, Room 31/5A48 Bethesda, MD 20892-2490. Capability statements must be received by NHLBI 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register.

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AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.

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SUMMARY: The invention listed below is owned by the Department of Health and Human Services and is available for licensing in the U.S. in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 to achieve expeditious

commercialization of results of federally-funded research and development.

U.S. Patent 4,405,712, issued on September 20, 1983 and entitled "LTR Vectors"—This patent broadly claims processes of obtaining the expression of any gene via the use of retroviral expression vectors containing long terminal repeat (LTR) sequences. The processes claimed in this patent are of fundamental significance for the retroviral mediated expression of genes *in vitro* for research and biopharmaceutical production and *in vivo* for research, biopharmaceutical production, and therapeutic applications such as somatic cell gene therapy. The invention claimed in this patent is available for licensing on a nonexclusive basis.

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ADDRESSES: Licensing information may be obtained by writing to: George H. Keller, Ph.D., Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804 (telephone 301/496-7057; fax: 301/402-0220).

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Antipsychotic Composition and Method for Treatment

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This invention comprises a novel treatment method for patients suffering from serious psychotic mental illness that offers to significantly improve the treatment of such illnesses. Conventional antipsychotic drugs are effective in improving symptoms of schizophrenia, but a significant number of patients have proven resistant to such treatments. Recently, the drug clozapine has been found effective in treating such drug-resistant patients; however, clozapine has severe toxic side effects. This newly developed treatment method, which combines the use of an α_2 -adrenergic receptor antagonist with a standard antipsychotic drug, is effective in treating psychosis without serious side effects. It is especially effective in patients who previously had been resistant to treatment with standard antipsychotic drugs alone. (portfolio: Central Nervous System—Therapeutics, psychotherapeutics, antipsychotics)

Amino Acid Sequencing Peptides and Methods for Their Use

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The present invention provides a novel internal standard for amino acid sequencing which consist of a peptide containing at least two different unnatural amino acid residues, such as ornithine, norvaline, norleucine and α -aminobutyric acid. The PTH-derivatives of these have retention times distinct from those of natural amino acids. This peptide can be sequenced simultaneously with an unknown peptide or protein without interfering with the analysis. Simultaneous sequencing of this standard provides information which allows for the determination of repetitive yields, lags, N-terminal blockage and discrimination between blank cycles caused by missed injection and blank cycles caused by faulty delivery of chemicals during the sequencing reactions. (portfolio: Gene-