

technology, as outlined in the CRADA Collaborator's proposal.

6. The demonstration of expertise in the commercial development and production of products related to this area of technology.

7. The level of financial support the CRADA Collaborator will provide for CRADA-related Government activities.

8. The willingness to cooperate with the National Cancer Institute in the timely publication of research results.

9. The agreement to be bound by the appropriate DHHS regulations relating to human subjects and to all PHS policies relating to the use and care of laboratory animals.

10. The willingness to accept the legal provisions and language of the CRADA with appropriate modifications pertaining to the software-based technology sought to be developed. These provisions govern the distribution of future patent rights to CRADA inventions. Generally, the rights of ownership are retained by the organization that is the employer of the inventor with (1) the grant of a license for research and other Government purposes to the Government when the CRADA Collaborator's employee is the sole inventor, or (2) the grant of an option to elect an exclusive or nonexclusive license to the CRADA Collaborator when the Government employee is the sole inventor.

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#### Methods and Compositions for Correlating CCR5 Expression With Essential Hypertension

Dr. Thomas O'Brien (NCI)  
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filed October 14, 1999

Hypertension is a disease which afflicts as many as 1 in 5 persons in the United States and is the most common cause of visits to physicians. Once diagnosed with hypertension, treatment of the disease is lifelong. There is mounting evidence that lifestyle changes can prevent the usual rise in blood pressure with age, but for patients whose hypertension cannot be adequately treated by lifestyle changes, drug therapy must be instigated which can be difficult to control and have adverse side effects.

The present invention mutation in the CC-chemokine receptor 5 (CCR5) gene and an increased risk of developing hypertension. This technology will allow for the screening of individuals for the presence of the CCR5-D32/D32 genotype which correlates with an increased risk of developing hypertension and possibly prevent its occurrence through adequate antihypertensive therapy.

This technology may lead to a method of treating or preventing hypertension through the administration of: (1) an effective amount of a CCR5 expression enhancing agent; (2) CCR5 activity enhancing agent; (3) an effective amount of CCR5; or (4) an effective amount of a nucleic acid encoding CCR5. Also, this technology can be employed as a method of identifying an agent that could be used to treat or prevent hypertension through the above identified processes.

#### Cloning of the Human Nuclear Receptor Co-Repressor Gene

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Alteration in the expression of human genes is critical to the development and progression of many diseases. These

include, among others, cancer, inflammation, cardiovascular disease, hypercholesterolemia, high blood pressure, and diabetes. The Human Nuclear Receptor Co-Repressor (HuN-Cor) gene represents a technology that may be used to alter the transcription of genes. It provides a general mechanism by which many genes may be modulated throughout the entire range of being turned on to being completely turned off. The Hun-Cor gene is a ubiquitously expressed gene that codes for a protein that silences other genes. It does this by recruiting an enzyme complex that causes local folding of chromatin, not allowing other transcription factors to work. Hun-Cor represents a powerful research tool that can be used to study gene expression and characterization for many different genes. It may also be useful as a target for the isolation of pharmaceutical compounds that enhance or inhibit expression of genes.

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