

in the prevention of gene silencing and replication delay.

Claims are directed to specific constructs and methods of using replicators and transgene constructs to inhibit, delay or prevent gene silencing and are available for licensing. The addition of these sequences to non-replicating or self-replicating gene delivery systems may be key in the development of effective gene delivery vectors.

Related portfolios available for licensing include: (1) the Mammalian Artificial Chromosome Portfolio [HHS Ref. No. E-128-2005/0-US-01, U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/669,589 filed 08 Apr 2005 and HHS Ref. No. E-253-2000/0-US-03, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. U.S. 2004/0245317 filed 08 Apr 2002] and (2) the TAR Cloning Portfolio (HHS Ref. No. E-121-1996/0-US-06 and HHS Ref. No. E-158-2001/0-US-02, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. U.S. 2004/0248289 filed 04 Oct 2002).

In addition to licensing, the technology is available for further development through collaborative research opportunities with the inventors.

#### **TNF-alpha Converting Enzyme Inhibitory Agents and Stimulatory Agents**

Stewart J. Levine *et al.* (NHLBI). U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/505,394 filed 24 Sep 2003 (HHS Reference No. E-208-2003/0-US-01); PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/031608 filed 24 Sep 2004, which published as WO 2005/030798 on 07 Apr 2005 (HHS Reference No. E-208-2003/0-PCT-02).

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The action of Tumor Necrosis Factor alpha (TNF-alpha) has been implicated in such diseases as arthritis, sepsis, ulcerative colitis, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, septic shock, graft rejection, cachexia, insulin resistance, post-ischemic reperfusion injury, tumor metastasis, tissue ulceration, abnormal wound healing, periodontal disease, bone disease, proteinuria, aneurismal aortic disease, degenerative cartilage loss, demyelinating diseases of the nervous system, and HIV infection. TNF-alpha converting enzyme (TACE) or ADAM 17 (A Disintegrin And Metalloprotease) is a member of a family of zinc metalloproteases, and is an important regulator of inflammation, immune regulation, and cellular proliferation as a consequence of its ability to catalyze the activation of TNF-alpha from a membrane bound to a soluble form.

The NIH announces the identification of a protein, corresponding to the amino-terminus of the TACE prodomain, that possesses a TACE inhibitory activity that is independent of a cysteine-switch mechanism. This TACE inhibitory protein could be used as a new therapeutic agent against chronic inflammatory diseases that are mediated by TNF-alpha.

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#### **National Center for Research Resources; Notice of Closed Meeting**

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*Name of Committee:* National Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel, SEPA Review.

*Date:* March 14-15, 2006.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Gaithersburg Hilton, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

*Contact Person:* Bonnie Dunn, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Review, National Center for Research Resources, National Institutes of Health, 6705 Democracy Blvd., Dem. 1, Room 1074, MSC 4874, Bethesda, MD 20892-4874, (301) 435-0824, [dunnbo@mail.nih.gov](mailto:dunnbo@mail.nih.gov).

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*Name of Committee:* National Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel, Biotechnology SEP.

*Date:* March 2-3, 2006.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Marriott Suites, 6711 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

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