

#### Series of Interim Discussions at RAC Meetings

- At the December 2002 RAC meeting, RAC members proposed a list of many issues from different fields for possible discussion at a future safety symposium.
- To allow the RAC to explore some of these issues in the interim, one or two topics could be discussed per meeting.
- These discussions could inform the selection of topics for future safety symposia.



### Potential Topics Vectors

- State of the art of retroviral vectors:
  - Safety modifications: SIN, tissue specific promoters, suicide transgenes, chromatin insulators, etc.
  - Status of basic research into targeted integration
- Issues of adopting new vector technology into the clinic
- Alternative integrating vectors (e.g., transposon, phage integrase)



## Potential Topics Target Cells

- Stem cell issues
- Other cell types
  - selective advantage
  - cell persistence
- Determination of transduction level or vector copy number that increases efficacy and decreases oncogenecity.



### Other Potential Topics

- Integration preferences of different retroviruses (e.g., recent MLV study by S. Burgess)
- Animal Models
  - appropriate large animal models
  - models for specific diseases
- Specific study issues:
  - Risk:benefit determination
  - Marking studies

What topics would the RAC like to discuss first?