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(57)ABSTRACT

The present invention relates generally to immunotherapy for preventing HIV infection in HIV-negative individuals. In particular, the methods include in vivo and/or ex vivo enrichment of HIV-specific CD4+ T cells.

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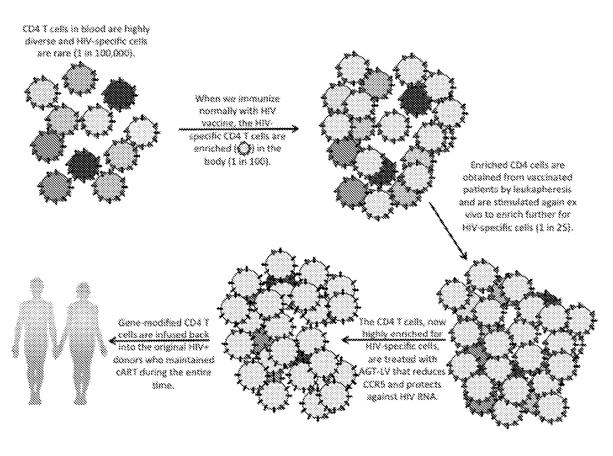
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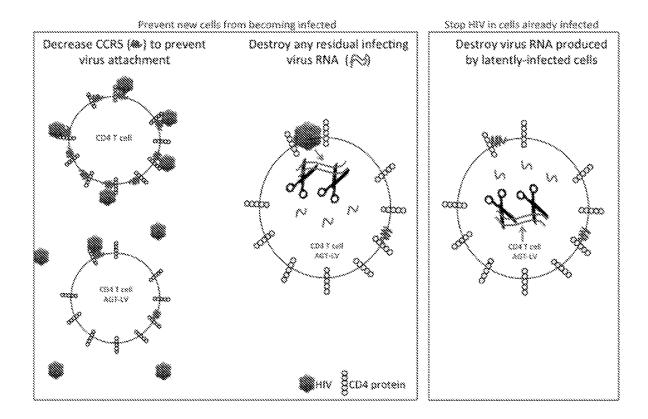
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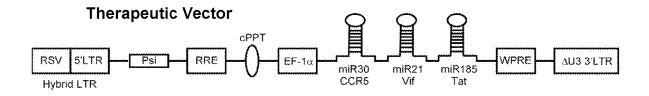
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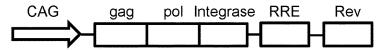
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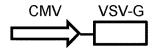


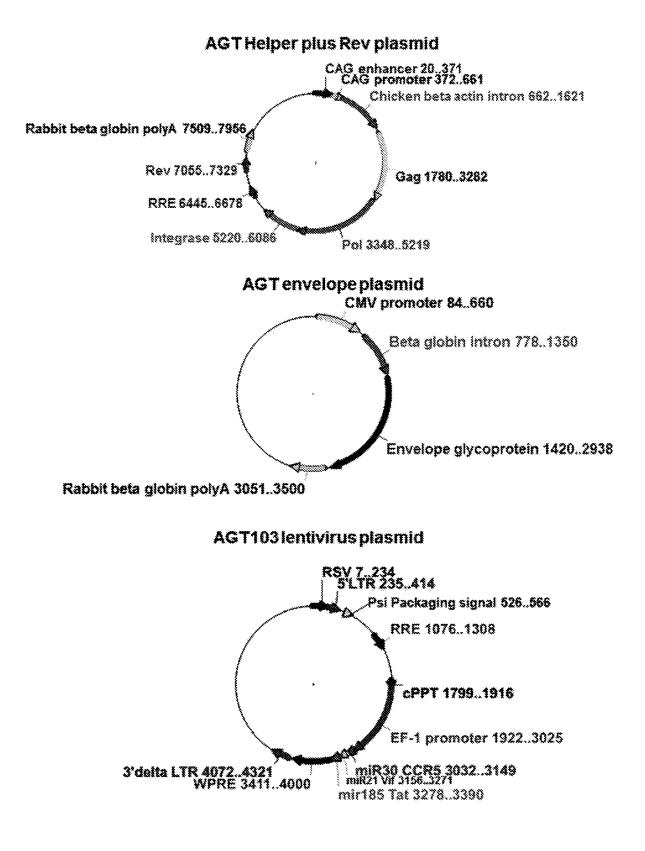


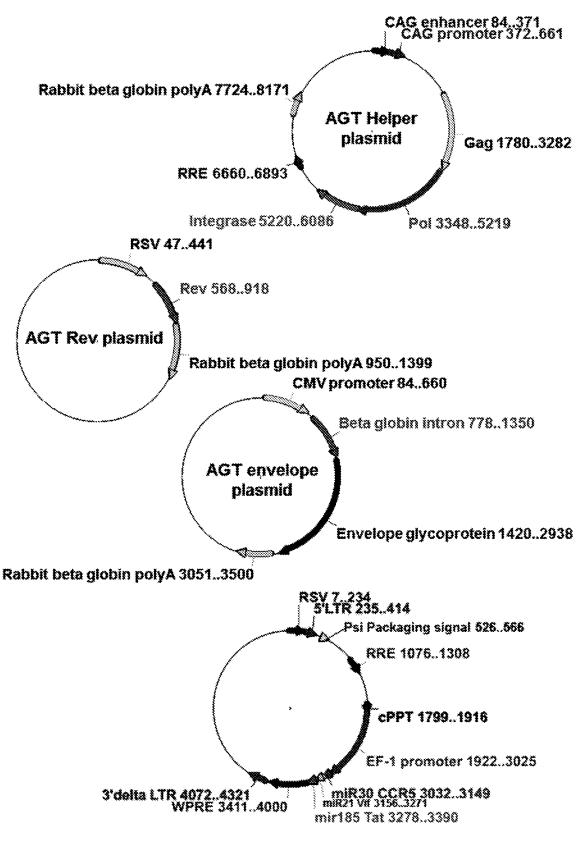
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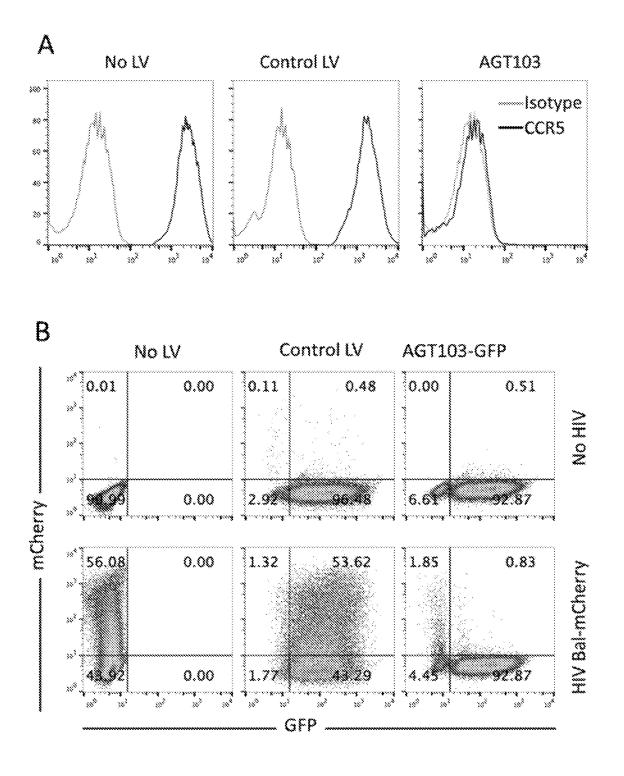
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miR21 Vif (SEQ ID NO: 106)

miR185 Tat (SEQ ID NO: 107)

Vector 1
Long Terminal Repeat H1 shCCR5 WPRE Long Terminal Repeat
Vector 2
Long Terminal Repeat H1 - shRev/Tat - H1 - shCCR5 - WPRE - Long Terminal Repeat
Vector 3
Long Terminal Repeat H1 shGag H1 shCCR5 WPRE Long Terminal Repeat
Vector 4
Long Terminal Repeat 7SK - shRev/Tat - H1 - shCCR5 - WPRE - Long Terminal Repeat
Vector 5
Long Terminal EF1 miR30 miR21 miR185 UPRE Long Terminal Repeat Vif Tat WPRE Repeat
Vector 6
Long Terminal EF1 miR30 miR21 miR155 VPRE Long Terminal Repeat Vif Tat VPRE Repeat
Vector 7
Long Terminal EF1 miR30 miR21 miR185 WPRE Long Terminal Repeat Vif Tat short Repeat
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Vector 9
Long Terminal Repeat CD4 miR30 miR21 miR185 WPRE Long Terminal CCR5 Vif Tat WPRE Repeat



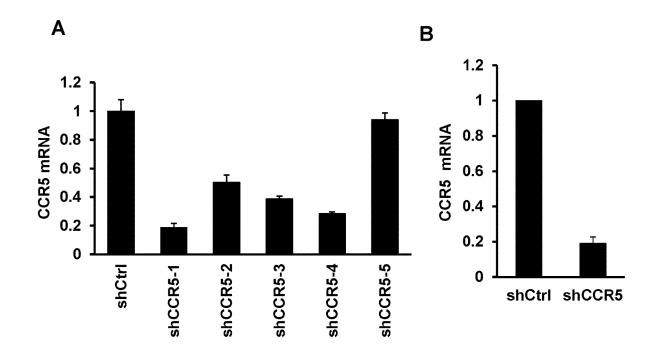


Figure 9

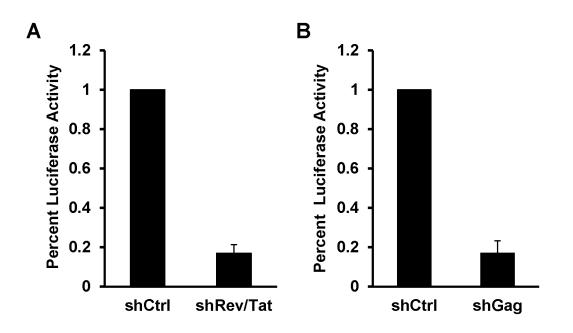
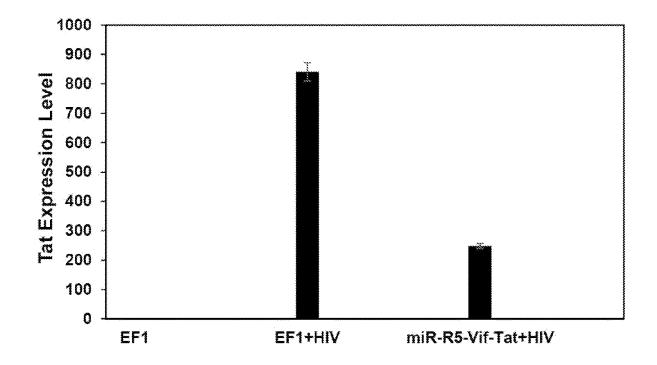
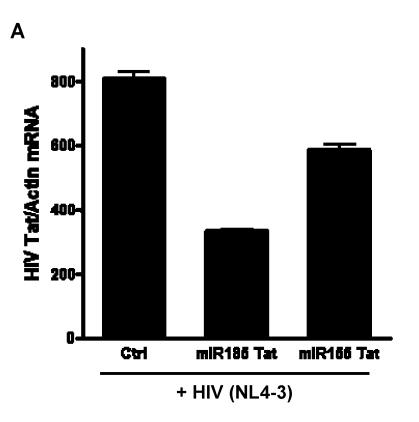


Figure 10





B - - + EF1-miR-R5-Vif-Tat - + + HIV expression plasmid Vif Actin

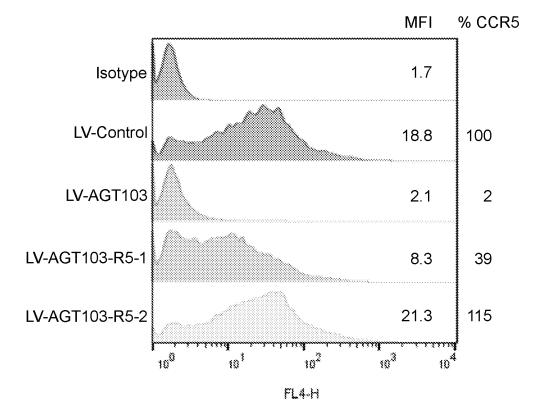


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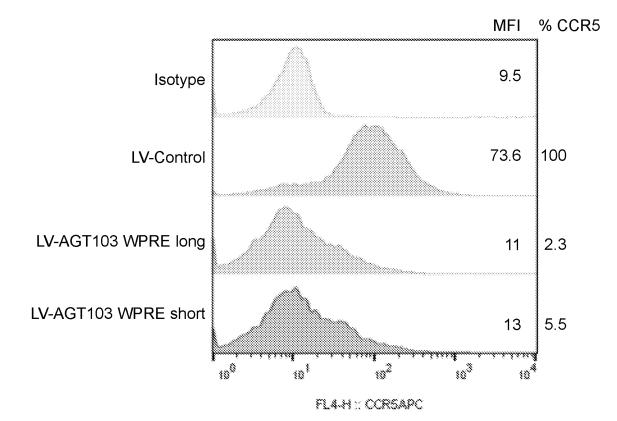


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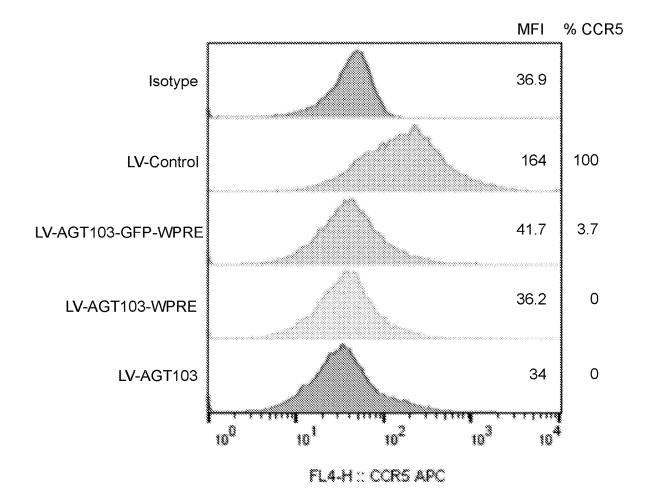
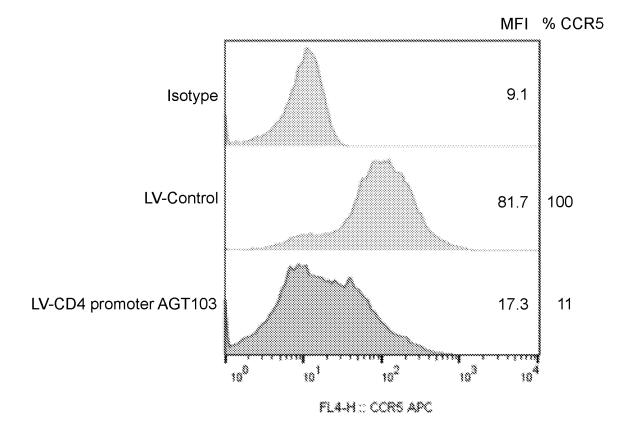
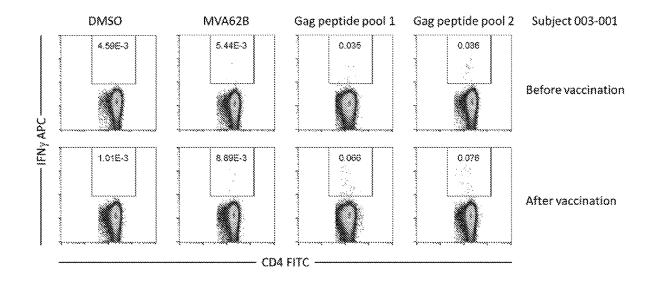
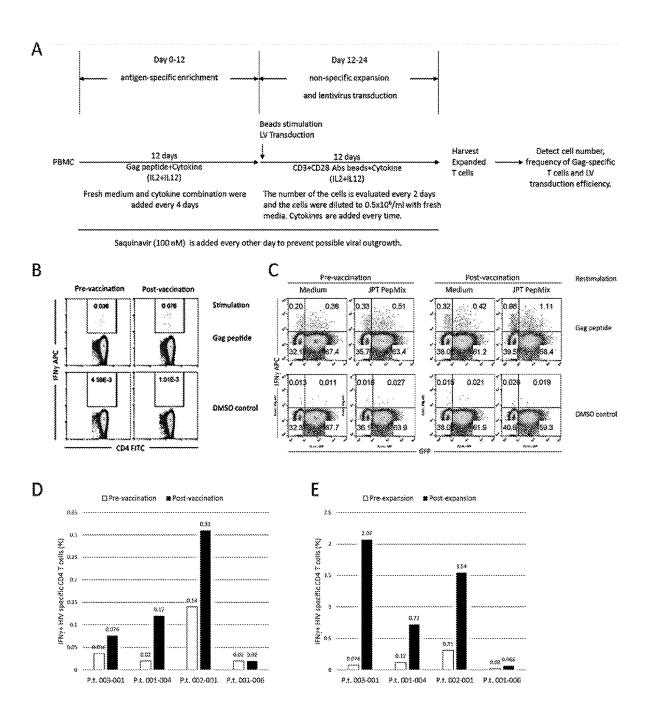


Figure 15









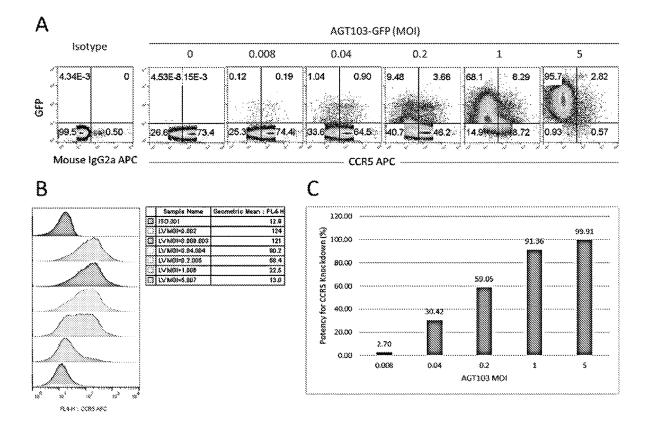
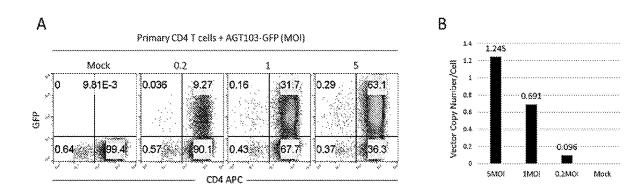
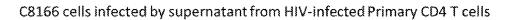


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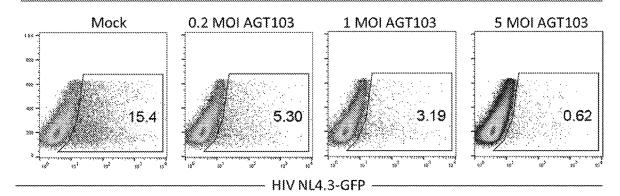
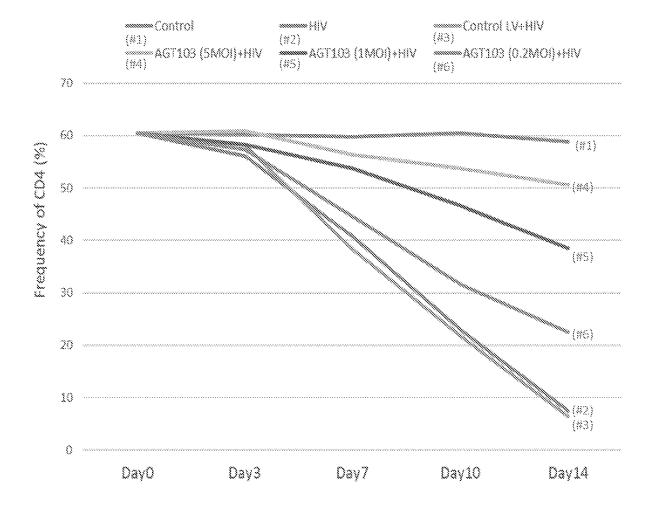
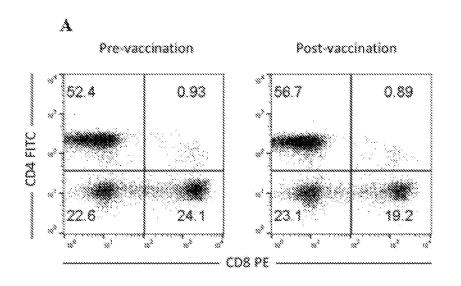
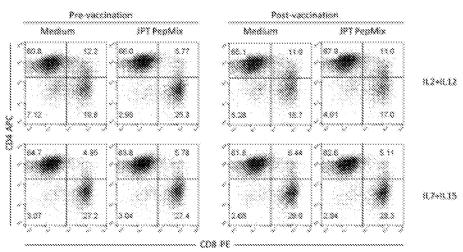


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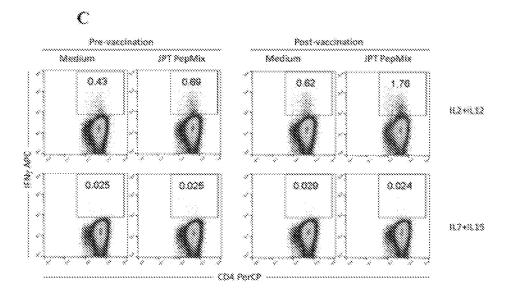














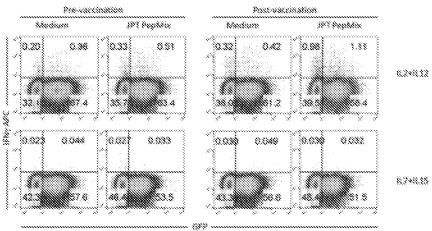


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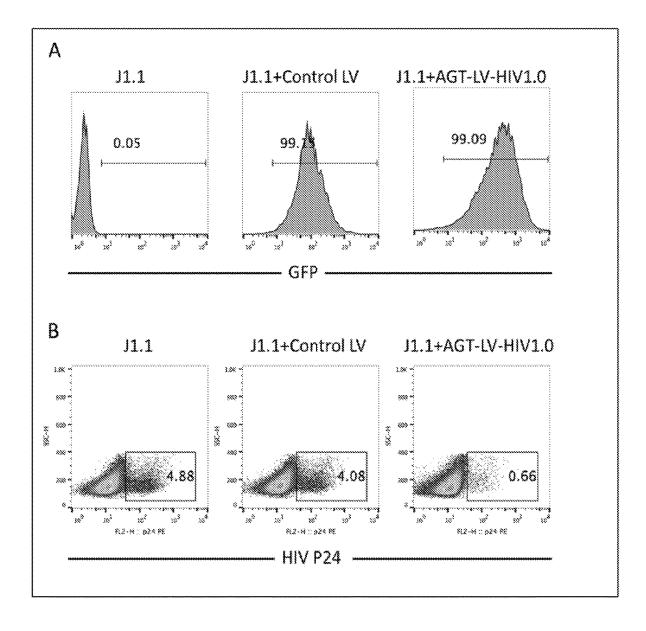


Figure 24

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METHOD OF PRODUCING CELLS **RESISTANT TO HIV INFECTION**

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. national phase filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/US2017/013024 filed on Jan. 11, 2017, entitled "HIV VACCINATION AND IMMUNO-THERAPY," which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Pat-10 ent Application No. 62/292,748 filed on Feb. 8, 2016, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

SEQUENCE LISTING

The Sequence Listing originally submitted in this application is incorporated herein by reference. The text file of the Sequence Listing is named 7061200400 SL.txt, the file size is 87.7 kilobytes, and the text file was submitted electronically via EFS-Web on Apr. 30, 2020. On Oct. 14, 2020 a 20 Substitute Sequence Listing was submitted and is incorporated herein by reference. The text file of the Substitute Sequence Listing is named 7061200400_SubSL.txt, the file size is 91 kilobytes. 25

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to the field of vaccination and immunotherapy for the prevention of HIV. In particular, the disclosed methods of prevention relate to 30 the administration of viral vectors and systems for the delivery of genes and other therapeutic, diagnostic, or research uses.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Extensive laboratory and clinical research has failed to produce an HIV vaccine with durable protection against the disease. In the course of these studies, nearly all aspects of viral immunity have been studied, including antibody and 40 cytolytic T cell responses, and implicated in the mechanisms for protection. The breadth of protective mechanisms implies that the key impact of HIV and the mechanisms that allows HIV to evade the immune system and establish persistent infection, is largely focused on the destruction of 45 overcome for viral vectors to be used in vivo for the virus-specific, CD4+ helper T cells.

Upon exposure to HIV, virus-specific helper T cells recognize peptides derived from HIV and these cells become highly activated and begin to proliferate. The activated state, in response to the presence of a pathogen, makes CD4 T 50 cells especially susceptible to HIV attachment and invasion. Activated T cells produce the highest levels of virus after infection and become the major drivers of virus growth and dissemination in the body. The capacity for HIV to both cause CD4 T cell activation and benefit from this response, 55 while killing virus-specific cells and disabling host immunity in the process, is a key mechanism for disease.

Vaccination is an important public health tool for preventing disease outbreaks, pandemics and epidemics. There has been a substantial international effort focused on HIV 60 preventive vaccines, but so far, this effort has failed to discover products that are sufficiently potent to justify mass immunization programs. In the most successful study to date (known as the "Thai trial"), a complex vaccine requiring multiple injections provided a level of temporary protection 65 against HIV infection. While this vaccine was not suitable for mass use, the successful clinical trial demonstrated the

feasibility of generating preventive HIV vaccines. Most importantly, the Thai trial revealed that qualitative features of the vaccine response, including types of antibodies that were produced, were within the expectations for a successful product. However, the durability of protection was far too short for practical use.

The concept behind vaccination is that the host gains an advantage over the infecting pathogen because their immune system already has sufficient numbers of virus-specific cells, especially CD4 T cells, ready to respond once exposure occurs. If the virus, in this case HIV, can attack and diminish the levels of virus-specific CD4 T cells, the advantages of vaccination are lost quickly and the infection is not prevented.

Viral vectors can be used to transduce genes into target cells owing to specific virus envelope-host cell receptor interactions and viral mechanisms for gene expression. As a result, viral vectors have been used as vehicles for the transfer of genes into many different cell types including whole T cells or other immune cells as well as embryos, fertilized eggs, isolated tissue samples, tissue targets in situ and cultured cells. The ability to introduce and express foreign or altered genes in a cell is useful for therapeutic interventions such as gene therapy, somatic cell reprogramming of induced pluripotent stem cells, and various types of immunotherapy.

Gene therapy is one of the ripest areas of biomedical research with the potential to create new therapeutics that may involve the use of viral vectors. In view of the wide variety of potential genes available for therapy, an efficient means of delivering these genes is needed to fulfill the promise of gene therapy as a means of treating infectious and non-infectious diseases. Several viral systems including murine retrovirus, adenovirus, parvovirus (adeno-associated 35 virus), vaccinia virus, and herpes virus have been proposed as therapeutic gene transfer vectors.

There are many factors that must be considered when developing viral vectors, including tissue tropism, stability of virus preparations, stability and control of expression, genome packaging capacity, and construct-dependent vector stability. In addition, in vivo application of viral vectors is often limited by host immune responses against viral structural proteins and/or transduced gene products.

Thus, toxicity and safety are key hurdles that must be treatment of subjects. There are numerous historical examples of gene therapy applications in humans that have met with problems associated with the host immune responses against the gene delivery vehicles or the therapeutic gene products. Viral vectors (e.g., adenovirus) which co-transduce several viral genes together with one or more therapeutic gene(s) are particularly problematic.

Although lentiviral vectors do not generally induce cytotoxicity and do not elicit strong host immune responses, some lentiviral vectors such as HIV-1, which carry several immunostimulatory gene products, have the potential to cause cytotoxicity and induce strong immune responses in vivo. However, this may not be a concern for lentiviral derived transducing vectors that do not encode multiple viral genes after transduction. Of course, this may not always be the case, as sometimes the purpose of the vector is to encode a protein that will provoke a clinically useful immune response.

Another important issue related to the use of lentiviral vectors is that of possible cytopathogenicity upon exposure to some cytotoxic viral proteins. Exposure to certain HIV-1 proteins may induce cell death or functional unresponsive-

ness in T cells. Likewise, the possibility of generating replication-competent, virulent virus by recombination is often a concern.

Clearly, there is a need in the art for improving the potency and durability of vaccine protection against HIV with gene therapy and immunotherapy, and the present disclosure satisfies this need by preventing the rapid depletion of virus-specific CD4 T cells through combining immunization with a gene therapeutic, thus improving the protective effect of vaccines against HIV.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In one aspect, a method of preventing HIV infection in a HIV-negative subject is disclosed. The method variously 15 includes immunizing the subject with an effective amount of a first stimulatory agent; removing leukocytes from the subject and obtaining peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC). The method further includes contacting the PBMC ex vivo with a therapeutically effective amount of a second ²⁰ stimulatory agent; transducing the PBMC ex vivo with a viral delivery system encoding at least one genetic element; culturing the transduced PBMC for a sufficient period of time to ensure adequate transduction; and infusing the transduced PBMC into the subject. In embodiments, the 25 transduced PBMC may be cultured from about 1 to about 35 days. The subject may be a human. The first and second stimulatory agents may be the same or different. The stimulatory agents may include any agent suitable for stimulating a T cell response in a subject. In embodiments, at least one 30 of the first and second stimulatory agents is a peptide or mixture of peptides. In embodiments, at least one of the first and second stimulatory agents includes a gag peptide. In embodiments, the at least one of the first and second stimulatory agents may also include a vaccine. The vaccine 35 or may be a HIV vaccine, and in embodiments, the HIV vaccine is a MVA/HIV62B vaccine or a variant thereof. In embodiments, the viral delivery system includes a lentiviral particle. In embodiments, the at least one genetic element includes a small RNA capable of inhibiting production of 40 chemokine receptor CCR5. In further embodiments, the at least one genetic element includes at least one small RNA capable of targeting an HIV RNA sequence. In further embodiments, the at least one genetic element may include a small RNA capable of inhibiting production of chemokine 45 receptor CCR5 and at least one small RNA capable of targeting an HIV RNA sequence. The HIV RNA sequence includes any HIV sequence suitable for targeting by a viral delivery system. In embodiments, the HIV RNA sequence includes one or more of a HIV Vif sequence, a HIV Tat 50 sequence, or a variant thereof. The at least one genetic element includes any genetic element capable of being expressed by a viral delivery system. In embodiments, the at least one genetic element includes a microRNA or a shRNA. In further embodiments, the at least one genetic element 55 comprises a microRNA cluster.

In another aspect, the at least one genetic element includes a microRNA having at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 95% percent identity with

(SEQ ID NO: 1) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT

GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC

In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element comprises:

(SEQ ID NO: 1) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT

GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC

TCGGACTTCAAGGGGGCTT.

In another aspect, the at least one genetic element includes a microRNA having at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 95% percent identity with

CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTT

GTGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTG

GTATCTTTCATCTGACCA

or at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 95% percent identity with

In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element includes

(SEQ ID NO: 2)

CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTG

TGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGT

ATCTTTCATCTGACCA;

CCGCGTCTTCGTCG.

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In another aspect, the microRNA cluster includes a sequence having at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 95% percent identity with

In a preferred embodiment, the microRNA cluster includes:

AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT

GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC

⁽SEQ ID NO: 31)

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In another aspect, a method of producing cells that are resistant to HIV is provided. The method variously includes contacting peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) isolated from a subject that is HIV-negative with a therapeu- 15 tically effective amount of a stimulatory agent, wherein the contacting is carried out ex vivo; transducing the PBMC ex vivo with a viral delivery system encoding at least one genetic element; and culturing the transduced PBMC for a sufficient period of time to ensure adequate transduction. In 20 embodiments, the transduced PBMC may be cultured from about 1 to about 35 days. The method may further include infusing the transduced PBMC into a subject. The subject may be a human. The stimulatory agent may include a 25 peptide or mixture of peptides, and in embodiments includes a gag peptide. The stimulatory agent may include a vaccine. The vaccine may be a HIV vaccine, and in embodiments, the HIV vaccine is a MVA/HIV62B vaccine or a variant thereof. In embodiments, the viral delivery system includes a lenti- $_{30}$ viral particle. In embodiments, the at least one genetic element may include a small RNA capable of inhibiting production of chemokine receptor CCR5 or at least one small RNA capable of targeting an HIV RNA sequence. In embodiments, the at least one genetic element includes a 35 small RNA capable of inhibiting production of chemokine receptor CCR5. In embodiments, the at least one genetic element includes at least one small RNA capable of targeting an HIV RNA sequence. The HIV RNA sequence may include a HIV Vif sequence, a HIV Tat sequence, or a variant 40 thereof. The at least one genetic element may include a microRNA or a shRNA. In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element comprises a microRNA cluster.

In another aspect, the at least one genetic element includes $_{45}$ a microRNA having at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 95% percent identity with

(SEQ ID NO: 1) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT
GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC
TCGGACTTCAAGGGGCTT.
In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element comprises:
(SEQ ID NO: 1) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT
GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC

TCGGACTTCAAGGGGGCTT.

a microRNA having at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 95% percent identity with

CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTT

GTGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTG

GTATCTTTCATCTGACCA

or at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 95% percent identity with

CGTGG

In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element includes

(SEO ID NO: 2) CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTG

TGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGT

ATCTTTCATCTGACCA; or

(SEQ ID NO: 3)

CCGCGTCTTCGTCG.

In another aspect, the microRNA cluster includes a sequence having at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 95% percent identity with

(SEO ID NO: 31) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC TCGGACTTCAAGGGGCTTCCCCGGGCATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTC GGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTGTGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGA ACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGTATCTTTCATCTGACCAGCTAGCGGGC GTCTTCGTC.

In a preferred embodiment, the microRNA cluster includes:

(SEQ ID NO: 31) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC TCGGACTTCAAGGGGCTTCCCGGGCATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTC GGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTGTGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGA ACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGTATCTTTCATCTGACCAGCTAGCGGGC GTCTTCGTC.

In another aspect, a lentiviral vector is disclosed. The In another aspect, the at least one genetic element includes 65 lentiviral vector includes at least one encoded genetic element, wherein the at least one encoded genetic element comprises a small RNA capable of inhibiting production of

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chemokine receptor CCR5. The at least one encoded genetic element may also comprise at least one small RNA capable of targeting an HIV RNA sequence. In another aspect, the at least one encoded genetic element comprises a small RNA capable of inhibiting production of chemokine receptor 5 CCR5 and at least one small RNA capable of targeting an HIV RNA sequence. The HIV RNA sequence may include a HIV Vif sequence, a HIV Tat sequence, or a variant thereof. The at least one encoded genetic element may include a microRNA or a shRNA. The at least one encoded 10 genetic element may include a microRNA cluster.

In another aspect, the at least one genetic element includes a microRNA having at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 95% percent identity with

(SEQ ID NO: 1) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT

GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC

TCGGACTTCAAGGGGCTT.

In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element comprises:

(SEQ ID NO: 1) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT

GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC

TCGGACTTCAAGGGGCTT.

In another aspect, the at least one genetic element includes a microRNA having at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 95% percent identity with

CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTT

GTGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTG

GTATCTTTCATCTGACCA

or at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 95% percent identity with

In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element includes

(SEQ ID NO: 2) CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTG

TGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGT

ATCTTTCATCTGACCA; or

CCGCGTCTTCGTCG.

In another aspect, the microRNA cluster includes a 65 sequence having at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 95% percent identity with

In a preferred embodiment, the microRNA cluster includes:

In another aspect, a lentiviral vector system for expressing a lentiviral particle is disclosed. The system includes a lentiviral vector as described herein; an envelope plasmid ³⁵ for expressing an envelope protein preferably optimized for infecting a cell; and at least one helper plasmid for expressing genes of interest. In embodiments, the genes of interest include one or more of gag, pol, and rev genes. In embodiments, the lentiviral vector, the envelope plasmid, and the at 40 least one helper plasmid are transfected into a packaging cell line. In further embodiments, a lentiviral particle is produced by the packaging cell line. In embodiments, the lentiviral particle is capable of modulating production of a target of interest. In embodiments, the target of interest is any of 45 chemokine receptor CCR5 or an HIV RNA sequence. The system may further include a first helper plasmid and a second helper plasmid. In embodiments, a first helper plasmid expresses the gag and pol genes, and a second helper 50 plasmid expresses the rev gene.

In another aspect, a lentiviral particle capable of infecting a cell is provided. The lentiviral particle includes an envelope protein preferably optimized for infecting a cell, and a lentiviral vector as described herein. In embodiments, the envelope protein may be optimized for infecting a T cell. In a preferred embodiment, the envelope protein is optimized for infecting a CD4+ T cell.

In another aspect, a modified cell is provided. The modified cell includes any cell capable of being infected with a lentiviral vector system for use in accordance with present aspects and embodiments. In embodiments, the cell is a CD4+ T cell that is infected with a lentiviral particle. In embodiments, the CD4+ T cell also has been selected to recognize an HIV antigen. In embodiments, the HIV antigen includes a gag antigen. In embodiments, the CD4+ T cell expresses a decreased level of CCR5 following infection with the lentiviral particle.

In another aspect, a method of selecting a subject for a therapeutic treatment regimen is provided. The method variously includes immunizing the subject with an effective amount of a first stimulatory agent; removing leukocytes from the subject and purifying peripheral blood mononu- 5 clear cells (PBMC) and determining a first quantifiable measurement associated with at least one factor associated with the PBMC; contacting the PBMC ex vivo with a therapeutically effective amount of a second stimulatory agent, and determining a second measurement associated 10 with the at least one factor associated with the PBMC, whereby when the second quantifiable measurement is higher than the first quantifiable measurement, the subject is selected for the treatment regimen. Optionally, the treatment regimen is a prophylactic treatment regimen. The at least 15 one factor may include any of T cell proliferation or IFN gamma production.

The foregoing general description and following brief description of the drawings and detailed description are exemplary and explanatory and are intended to provide 20 further explanation of the invention as claimed. Other objects, advantages, and novel features will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art from the following brief description of the drawings and detailed description of the invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 depicts a flow diagram of an ex vivo treatment method of the present disclosure.

FIG. 2 depicts CD4+ T cell alteration and prevention of new infection in accordance with the present disclosure.

FIG. 3 depicts an exemplary lentiviral vector system comprised of a therapeutic vector, a helper plasmid, and an envelope plasmid. The therapeutic vector shown here is a 35 preferred therapeutic vector, which is also referred to herein as AGT103, and contains miR30CCR5-miR21Vif-miR185-Tat

FIG. 4 depicts an exemplary 3-vector lentiviral vector system in a circularized form.

FIG. 5 depicts an exemplary 4-vector lentiviral vector system in a circularized form.

FIG. 6 depicts exemplary vector sequences. Positive (i.e., genomic) strand sequences of the promoter and miR cluster were developed for inhibiting the spread of CCR5-tropic 45 HIV strains. Sequences that are not underlined comprise the EF-1alpha promoter of transcription that was selected as being a preferable promoter for this miR cluster. Sequences that are underlined show the miR cluster consisting of miR30 CCR5, miR21 Vif, and miR185 Tat (as shown 50 collectively in SEQ ID NO: 33).

FIG. 7 depicts exemplary lentiviral vector constructs according to various aspects of this disclosure.

FIGS. 8(A) and 8(B) show knockdown of CCR5 by an experimental vector and corresponding prevention of 55 R5-tropic HIV infection in AGTc120 cells. FIG. 8(A) shows CCR5 expression in AGTc120 cells with or without AGT103 lentivirus vector. FIG. 8(B) shows the sensitivity of transduced AGTc120 cells to infection with a HIV BaL virus stock that was expressing green fluorescent protein (GFP) 60 fused to the Nef gene of HIV.

FIGS. 9(A) and 9(B) depict data demonstrating regulation of CCR5 expression by shRNA inhibitor sequences in a lentiviral vector of the present disclosure. FIG. 9(A) shows screening data for potential candidates. In FIG. 9(B) CCR5 65 knock-down data following transduction with CCR5 shRNA-1 (SEQ ID NO: 16) is shown.

FIGS. 10(A) and 10(B) depict data demonstrating regulation of HIV components by shRNA inhibitor sequences in a lentiviral vector of the present disclosure. FIG. 10(A) shows knock-down data for the rev/tat target gene. FIG. 10(B) shows knock-down data for the gag target gene.

FIG. 11 depicts data demonstrating that AGT103 reduces expression of Tat protein expression in cells transfected with an HIV expression plasmid, as described herein.

FIGS. 12(A) and 12(B) depict data demonstrating regulation of HIV components by synthetic microRNA sequences in a lentiviral vector of the present disclosure. In FIG. 12(A) Tat knock-down data is shown. In FIG. 12 (B) Vif knock-down data is shown.

FIG. 13 depicts data demonstrating regulation of CCR5 expression by synthetic microRNA sequences in a lentiviral vector of the present disclosure.

FIG. 14 depicts data demonstrating regulation of CCR5 expression by synthetic microRNA sequences in a lentiviral vector of the present disclosure containing either a long or short WPRE sequence.

FIG. 15 depicts data demonstrating regulation of CCR5 expression by synthetic microRNA sequences in a lentiviral vector of the present disclosure with or without a WPRE sequence.

FIG. 16 depicts data demonstrating regulation of CCR5 expression by a CD4 promoter regulating synthetic microRNA sequences in a lentiviral vector of the present disclosure.

FIG. 17 depicts data demonstrating detection of HIV Gag-specific CD4 T cells.

FIGS. 18(A)-18(E) depict data demonstrating HIV-specific CD4 T cell expansion and lentivirus transduction. FIG. 18(A) shows an exemplary schedule of treatment. In FIG. 18(B) IFN-gamma production in CD4-gated T cells is shown, as described herein. In FIG. 18(C) IFN-gamma production and GFP expression in CD4-gated T cells is shown, as described herein. In FIG. 18(D) a frequency of 40 HIV-specific CD4+ T cells is shown, as described herein. In FIG. 18(E) IFN-gamma production from PBMCs postvaccination is shown, as described herein.

FIGS. 19(A)-19(C) depict data demonstrating a functional assay for a dose response of increasing AGT103-GFP and inhibition of CCR5 expression. FIG. 19(A) shows dose response data for increasing amounts of AGT103-GFP. FIG. 19(B) shows normally distributed populations in terms of CCR5 expression. FIG. 19(C) shows percentage inhibition of CCR5 expression with increasing doses of AGT103-GFP.

FIGS. 20(A) and 20(B) depict data demonstrating AGT103 transduction efficiency for primary human CD4+T cells. In FIG. 20(A) frequency of transduced cells (GFPpositive) is shown by FACS, as described herein. In FIG. 20(B) number of vector copies per cell is shown, as described herein.

FIG. 21 depicts data demonstrating AGT103 inhibition of HIV replication in primary CD4+ T cells, as described herein.

FIG. 22 depicts data demonstrating AGT103 protection of primary human CD4⁺ T cells from HIV-induced depletion.

FIGS. 23(A)-20(D) depict data demonstrating generation of a CD4+ T cell population that is highly enriched for HIV-specific, AGT103-transduced CD4 T cells. FIG. 23(A) shows CD4 and CD8 expression profiles for cell populations, as described herein. FIG. 23(B) shows CD4 and CD8 expression profiles for cell populations, as described herein. FIG. 23(C) shows IFN-gamma and CD4 expression profiles

for cell populations, as described herein. FIG. **23**(D) shows IFN-gamma and GFP expression profiles for cell populations, as described herein.

FIG. **24** depicts data demonstrating that AGT-LV-HIV1.0 (LV-R5TatVif in these figures) inhibits HIV replication in a ⁵ cell model (J1.1) for latent, inducible HIV.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Overview

Disclosed herein are methods and compositions for preventing human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease to achieve a functional cure. The methods and compositions include integrating lentivirus, non-integrating lentivirus, and related viral vector technology as described below.

Disclosed herein are therapeutic viral vectors (e.g., lentiviral vectors), immunotherapies, and methods for their use for treating or preventing HIV infection. As depicted in FIG. 1 herein, various aspects and embodiments include a first stimulation event, for example a first therapeutic immuni- 20 zation with vaccines intended to produce strong immune responses against HIV in HIV-infected patients, for example with stable suppression of viremia due to daily administration of HAART. In embodiments, the first stimulation event enriches the fraction of HIV-specific CD4 T cells. This is 25 followed by (1) isolating peripheral leukocytes by leukapheresis or purifying PBMC from venous blood, (2) a second stimulating event, for example re-stimulating CD4 T cells ex vivo with a suitable stimulatory agent, such as any vaccine or protein, for example, HIV or HIV-related pep- 30 tides, (3) performing therapeutic lentivirus transduction, ex vivo T cell culture, and (4) re-infusion back into the original patient. The above-described strategy can also be employed in HIV-negative patients to provide a vaccine or prophylactic effect to prevent HIV.

The various methods and compositions can be used to prevent new cells, such as CD4+ T cells, from becoming infected with HIV. For example, as illustrated in FIG. **2**, to prevent new cells from becoming infected, CCR5 expression can be targeted to prevent virus attachment. Further, 40 destruction of any residual infecting viral RNA can also be targeted. In respect of the foregoing, and in reference to FIG. **2** herein, compositions and methods are provided to stop the HIV viral cycle in cells that have already become infected with HIV. To stop the HIV viral cycle, viral RNA produced 45 by latently-infected cells, such as latently-infected CD4+ T cells, is targeted.

Previous efforts to achieve a cure for HIV have fallen short due to, among others, the failure to obtain sufficient numbers of HIV-specific CD4 T cells with protective genetic 50 modifications. When this number is below a critical threshold, a functional cure as described herein is not achieved. For example, upon termination of antiretroviral therapy HIV re-emergence generally follows. Thereafter, patients often experience rapid destruction of HIV-specific CD4 T cells, 55 and often return to progression of disease despite prior genetic therapy. By employing therapeutic immunization in accordance with the compositions and methods described herein, a new HIV treatment regimen has been developed including, in various embodiments, a functional cure. 60 Definitions and Interpretation

Unless otherwise defined herein, scientific and technical terms used in connection with the present disclosure shall have the meanings that are commonly understood by those of ordinary skill in the art. Further, unless otherwise required 65 by context, singular terms shall include pluralities and plural terms shall include the singular. Generally, nomenclature

used in connection with, and techniques of, cell and tissue culture, molecular biology, immunology, microbiology, genetics and protein and nucleic acid chemistry and hybridization described herein are those well-known and commonly used in the art. The methods and techniques of the present disclosure are generally performed according to conventional methods well-known in the art and as described in various general and more specific references that are cited and discussed throughout the present specification unless otherwise indicated. See, e.g.: Sambrook J. & Russell D. Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, 3rd ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (2000); Ausubel et al., Short Protocols in Molecular Biology: A Compendium of Methods from Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Wiley, John & Sons, Inc. (2002); Harlow and Lane Using Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual; Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (1998); and Coligan et al., Short Protocols in Protein Science, Wiley, John & Sons, Inc. (2003). Any enzymatic reactions or purification techniques are performed according to manufacturer's specifications, as commonly accomplished in the art or as described herein. The nomenclature used in connection with, and the laboratory procedures and techniques of, analytical chemistry, synthetic organic chemistry, and medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry described herein are those well-known and commonly used in the art.

As used herein, the term "about" will be understood by 30 persons of ordinary skill in the art and will vary to some extent depending upon the context in which it is used. If there are uses of the term which are not clear to persons of ordinary skill in the art given the context in which it is used, "about" will mean up to plus or minus 10% of the particular 35 term.

As used herein, the terms "administration of" or "administering" an active agent means providing an active agent of the invention to the subject in need of treatment in a form that can be introduced into that individual's body in a therapeutically useful form and therapeutically effective amount.

As used herein, the term "AGT103" refers to a particular embodiment of a lentiviral vector that contains a miR30-CCR5/miR21-Vif/miR185-Tat microRNA cluster sequence, as detailed herein.

As used herein, the term "AGT103T" refers to a cell that has been transduced with a lentivirus that contains the AGT103 lentiviral vector.

Throughout this specification and claims, the word "comprise," or variations such as "comprises" or "comprising," will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated integer or group of integers but not the exclusion of any other integer or group of integers. Further, as used herein, the term "includes" means includes without limitation.

As used herein, the term "engraftment" refers to the ability for one skilled in the art to determine a quantitative level of sustained engraftment in a subject following infusion of a cellular source (see for e.g.: Rosenberg et al., *N. Engl. J. Med.* 323:570-578 (1990); Dudley et al., *J. Immu-nother.* 24:363-373 (2001); Yee et al., *Curr. Opin. Immunol.* 13:141-146 (2001); Rooney et al., *Blood* 92:1549-1555 (1998)).

The terms, "expression," "expressed," or "encodes" refer to the process by which polynucleotides are transcribed into mRNA and/or the process by which the transcribed mRNA is subsequently being translated into peptides, polypeptides, or proteins. Expression may include splicing of the mRNA

in a eukaryotic cell or other forms of post-transcriptional modification or post-translational modification.

The term "functional cure", as referenced above, and further defined herein, refers to a state or condition wherein HIV+ individuals who previously required ongoing HIV therapies such as cART or HAART, may survive with low or undetectable virus replication using lower doses, intermittent doses, or discontinued dosing of such HIV therapies. An individual may be said to have been "functionally cured" while still requiring adjunct therapy to maintain low level virus replication and slow or eliminate disease progression. A possible outcome of a functional cure is the eventual eradication of all or virtually all HIV such that no recurrence is detected within a specified time frame, for example, 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 1 year, 3 years, and 5 years, and 15 all other time frames as may be defined.

The term "HIV vaccine" encompasses immunogens plus vehicle plus adjuvant intended to elicit HIV-specific immune responses. The term "HIV vaccine" is within the meaning of the term "stimulatory agent" as described herein. A "HIV 20 vaccine" may include purified or whole inactivated virus particles that may be HIV or a recombinant virus vectors capable of expressing HIV proteins, protein fragments or peptides, glycoprotein fragments or glycopeptides, in addition to recombinant bacterial vectors, plasmid DNA or RNA

capable of directing cells to producing HIV proteins, glycoproteins or protein fragments able to elicit specific immunity. Alternately, specific methods for immune stimulation including anti-CD3/CD28 beads, T cell receptor-specific antibodies, mitogens, superantigens and other chemical or biological stimuli may be used to activate dendritic, T or B cells for the purposes of enriching HIV-specific CD4 T cells prior to transduction or for in vitro assay of lentivirustransduced CD4 T cells. Activating substances may be soluble, polymeric assemblies, liposome or endosome-based or linked to beads. Cytokines including interleukin-2, 6, 7, 12, 15, 23 or others may be added to improve cellular responses to stimuli and/or improve the survival of CD4 T cells throughout the culture and transduction intervals. Alternately, and without limiting any of the foregoing, the term "HIV vaccine" encompasses the MVA/HIV62B vaccine and variants thereof. The MVA/HIV62B vaccine is a known highly attenuated double recombinant MVA vaccine. The MVA/HIV62B vaccine was constructed through the insertion of HIV-1 gag-pol and env sequences into the known MVA vector (see: for e.g.: Goepfert et al. (2014) J. Infect. Dis. 210(1): 99-110, and see WO2006026667, both of which are incorporated herein by reference). The term "HIV vaccine" also includes any one or more vaccines provided in Table 1, below.

TABLE 1

IAVI Clinical Trial ID*	Prime**
HVTN 704 AMP	VRC-HIVMAB060-00-AB
VAC89220HPX2004	Ad26.Mos.HIV Trivalent
01-I-0079	VRC4302
04/400-003-04	APL 400-003 GENEVAX-HIV
10-1074	10-1074
87 I-114	gp160 Vaccine (Immuno-AG)
96-I-0050	APL 400-003 GENEVAX-HIV
ACTG 326; PACTG 326	ALVAC vCP1452
Ad26.ENVA.01	Ad26.EnvA-01
Ad26.ENVA.01 Mucosal/IPCAVD003	Ad26.EnvA-01
Ad5HVR48.ENVA.01	Ad5HVR48.ENVA.01
ANRS VAC 01	ALVAC vCP125
ANRS VAC 02	rgp 160 + peptide V3 ANRS VAC 02
ANRS VAC 03	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205)
ANRS VAC 04	LIPO-6
ANRS VAC 04 bis	LIPO-6
ANRS VAC 05	ALVAC vCP125
ANRS VAC 06	ALVAC vCP125
ANRS VAC 07	ALVAC vCP300
ANRS VAC 08	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205)
ANRS VAC 09	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205)
ANRS VAC 09 bis	LIPO-6
ANRS VAC 10	ALVAC vCP1452
ANRS VAC 12	LPHIV1
ANRS VAC 14	gp160 MN/LAI
ANRS VAC 16	LPHIV1
ANRS VAC 17	LIPO-6
ANRS VAC 18	LIPO-5
APL 400-003RX101	APL 400-003 GENEVAX-HIV
AVEG 002	HIVAC-1e
AVEG 002A	HIVAC-1e
AVEG 002B	HIVAC-1e
AVEG 003	VaxSyn gp160 Vaccine (MicroGeneSys)
AVEG 003A	VaxSyn gp160 Vaccine (MicroGeneSys)
AVEG 003B	VaxSyn gp160 Vaccine (MicroGeneSys)
AVEG 004	gp160 Vaccine (Immuno-AG)
AVEG 004A	gp160 Vaccine (Immuno-AG)
AVEG 004B	gp160 Vaccine (Immuno-AG)
AVEG 005A/B	Env 2-3
AVEG 005C	Env 2-3
AVEG 006X; VEU 006	MN rgp120
AVEG 007A/B	rgp120/HIV-1 SF-2
AVEG 007C	rgp120/HIV-1 SF-2
AVEG 008	HIVAC-1e
AVEG 009	MN rgp120
AVEG 010	HIVAC-1e

IAVI Clinical Trial ID*	Prime**
AVEG 011	UBI HIV-1 Peptide Immunogen, Multivalent
AVEG 012A/B	ALVAC vCP125
AVEG 013A	gp160 Vaccine (Immuno-AG)
AVEG 013B	gp160 Vaccine (Immuno-AG)
AVEG 014A/B	TBC-3B
AVEG 014C	TBC-3B
AVEG 015	rgp120/HIV-1 SF-2
AVEG 016	MN rgp120
AVEG 016A AVEG 016B	MN rgp120
AVEG 010B AVEG 017	MN rgp120 UBI HIV-1 Peptide Vaccine, Microparticulate
	Monovalent
AVEG 018	UBI HIV-1 Peptide Vaccine, Microparticulate
	Monovalent
AVEG 019	p17/p24:Ty- VLP
AVEG 020	gp120 C4-V3
AVEG 021	P3C541b Lipopeptide
AVEG 022	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205)
AVEG 022A	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205)
AVEG 023	UBI HIV-1 Peptide Immunogen, Multivalent
AVEG 024	rgp120/HIV-1 SF-2
AVEG 026	ALVAC vCP300
AVEG 027	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205)
AVEG 028	Salmonella typhi CVD 908-HIV-1 LAI gp 120
AVEG 029 AVEG 031	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205) APL 400-047
AVEG 032 AVEG 033	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205) ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205)
AVEG 033/034A	ALVAC - HIV MINI201 MG strain (VCF203) ALVAC vCP1433
AVEG 034/034A AVEG 036	MN rgp120
AVEG 038	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205)
AVEG 201	rgp120/HIV-1 SF-2
AVEG 202/HIVNET 014	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205)
C060301	GTU-MultiHIV
C86P1	HIV gp140 ZM96
Cervico-vaginal CN54gp140-hsp70	CN54gp140
Conjugate Vaccine (TL01)	or
CM235 and SF2gp120	CM235 (ThaiE) gp120 plus SF2(B) gp120
CM235gp120 and SF2gp120	CM235 (ThaiE) $gp120$ plus $SF2(B)$ $gp120$
CombiHIVvac (KombiVIChvak)	CombiHIVvac
CRC282	P2G12
CRO2049/CUT*HIVAC001	GTU-MultiHIV
CUTHIVAC002	DNA-C CN54ENV
DCVax-001	DCVax-001
DNA-4	DNA-4
DP6?001	DP6?001 DNA
DVP-1	EnvDNA
EN41-UGR7C	EN41-UGR7C
EnvDNA	EnvDNA
EnvPro	EnvPro
EuroNeut41	EN41-FPA2
EV01	NYVAC-C
EV02 (EuroVacc 02)	DNA-C
EV03/ANRSVAC20	DNA-C
Extention HVTN 073E/SAAVI 102	Sub C gp140
F4/AS01	F4/AS01
FIT Biotech	GTU-Nef
Guangxi CDC DNA vaccine	Chinese DNA
HGP-30 memory responses	HGP-30
HIV-CORE002	ChAdV63.HIVconsv
HIV-POL-001	MVA-mBN32
HIVIS 01	HIVIS-DNA
HIVIS 02	MVA-CMDR
HIVIS 03	HIVIS-DNA
HIVIS 05	HIVIS-DNA
HIVIS06	HIVIS-DNA
HIVIS07	HIVIS-DNA
HIVNET 007	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205)
HIVNET 026	ALVAC vCP1452
HPTN 027	ALVAC-HIV vCP1521
HVRF-380-131004	Vichrepol
HVTN 039	ALVAC vCP1452
HVTN 040	AVX101
HVTN 041	rgp120w61d
HVTN 042/ANRS VAC 19	ALVAC vCP1452
HVTN 044	VRC-HIVDNA009-00-VP
HVTN 045	pGA2/JS7 DNA
HVTN 048	EP HIV-1090

IAVI Clinical Trial ID*	Prime**
HVTN 049	Gag and Env DNA/PLG microparticles
HVTN 050/Merck 018	MRKAd5 HIV-1 gag
HVTN 052 HVTN 054	VRC-HIVDNA009-00-VP VRC-HIVADV014-00-VP
HVTN 055	TBC-M335
HVTN 056	MEP
HVTN 057	VRC-HIVDNA009-00-VP
HVTN 059 HVTN 060	AVX101 HIV 1 gag DNA
HVTN 063	HIV-1 gag DNA HIV-1 gag DNA
HVTN 064	EP HIV-1043
HVTN 065	pGA2/JS7 DNA
HVTN 067	EP-1233
HVTN 068 HVTN 069	VRC-HIVADV014-00-VP VRC-HIVDNA009-00-VP
HVTN 070	PENNVAX-B
HVTN 071	MRKAd5 HIV-1 gag
HVTN 072	VRC-HIVDNA044-00-VP
HVTN 073	SAAVI DNA-C2
HVTN 076 HVTN 077	VRC-HIVDNA016-00-VP VRC-HIVADV027-00-VP
HVTN 078	NYVAC-B
HVTN 080	PENNVAX-B
HVTN 082	VRC-HIVDNA016-00-VP
HVTN 083	VRC-HIVADV038-00-VP
HVTN 084	VRC-HIVADV054-00-VP
HVTN 085 HVTN 086, SAAVI 103	VRC-HIVADV014-00-VP SAAVI MVA-C
HVTN 080, SAAVI 105	HIV-MAG
HVTN 088	Oligomeric gp140/MF59
HVTN 090	VSV-Indiana HIV gag vaccine
HVTN 092	DNA-HIV-PT123
HVTN 094	GEO-D03
HVTN 096 HVTN 097	DNA-HIV-PT123 ALVAC-HIV vCP1521
HVTN 098	PENNVAX-GP
HVTN 100	ALVAC-HIV-C (vCP2438)
HVTN 101	DNA-HIV-PT123
HVTN 102	DNA-HIV-PT123
HVTN 104 HVTN 105	VRC-HIVMAB060-00-AB AIDSVAX B/E
HVTN 106	DNA Nat-B env
HVTN 110	Ad4-mgag
HVTN 112	HIV-1 nef/tat/vif, env pDNA vaccine
HVTN 114; GOVX-B11	AIDSVAX B/E
HVTN 116 HVTN 203	VRC-HIVMAB060-00-AB
HVTN 203	ALVAC vCP1452 VRC-HIVDNA016-00-VP
HVTN 205	pGA2/JS7 DNA
HVTN 502/Merck 023 (Step Study)	MRKAd5 HIV-1 gag/pol/nef
HVTN 503 (Phambili)	MRKAd5 HIV-1 gag/pol/nef
HVTN 505	VRC-HIVDNA016-00-VP
HVTN 702 HVTN 703 AMP	ALVAC-HIV-C (vCP2438)
HVTN 703 AMP HVTN 908	VRC-HIVMAB060-00-AB pGA2/JS7 DNA
IAVI 001	DNA.HIVA
IAVI 002	DNA.HIVA
IAVI 003	MVA.HIVA
IAVI 004	MVA.HIVA DNA HIVA
IAVI 005 IAVI 006	DNA.HIVA DNA.HIVA
IAVI 000	MVA.HIVA
LAVI 009	DNA.HIVA
IAVI 010	DNA.HIVA
IAVI 011	MVA.HIVA
IAVI 016 IAVI A001	MVA.HIVA tgAAC09
IAVI A001 IAVI A002	tgAAC09
IAVI A003	AAV1-PG9
IAVI B001	Ad35-GRIN/ENV
IAVI B002	Adjuvanted GSK investigational HIV vaccine
	formulation 1
IAVI B003	Ad26.EnvA-01 HIV-MAG
IAVI B004 IAVI C001	HIV-MAG ADVAX
IAVI C002	ADWAA
IAVI C003	ADMVA
	ADVAX

TABLE 1-continued

IAVI Clinical Trial ID*	Prime**
IAVI D001	TBC-M4
IAVI N004 HIV-CORE 004	Ad35-GRIN
IAVI P001	ADVAX
IAVI P002 IAVI R001	ADVAX
IAVI K001 IAVI S001	rcAd26.MOS1.HIVEnv SeV-G
IAVI V001	VRC-HIVDNA016-00-VP
IAVI V002	VRC-HIVDNA016-00-VP
IDEA EV06	DNA-HIV-PT123
IHV01	Full-Length Single Chain (FLSC)
IMPAACT P1112	VRC-HIVMAB060-00-AB
IPCAVD006	MVA mosaic
IPCAVD008 IPCAVD009	Trimeric gp140 Ad26.Mos.HIV Trivalent
IPCAVD010	Ad26.Mos.HIV Trivalent
ISS P-001	Tat vaccine
ISS P-002	Tat vaccine
LFn-p24 vaccine	LFn-p24
MCA-0835	3BNC117
Merck V520-007	Ad-5 HIV-1 gag (Merck)
MRC V001 MRK Ad5	rgp120w61d Ad-5 HIV-1 gag (Merck)
MRKAd5 + ALVAC	MRKAd5 HIV-1 gag
Mucovac2	CN54gp140
MV1-F4	Measles Vector - GSK
MYM-V101	Virosome-Gp41
NCHECR-AE1	pHIS-HIV-AE
PACTG 230	AIDSVAX B/E
PAVE100	VRC-HIVDNA016-00-VP
PEACHI-04 PedVacc001 & PedVacc002	ChAdV63.HIVconsv MVA.HIVA
PolyEnv1	PolyEnv1
PXVX-HIV-100-001	Ad4-mgag
RISVAC02	MVA-B
RisVac02 boost	MVA-B
RV 124	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205)
RV 132	ALVAC-HIV vCP1521
RV 135 RV 138; B011	ALVAC-HIV vCP1521
RV 138; B011 RV 144	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205) ALVAC-HIV vCP1521
RV 151/WRAIR 984	LFn-p24
RV 156	VRC-HIVDNA009-00-VP
RV 156A	VRC-HIVDNA009-00-VP
RV 158	MVA-CMDR
RV 172	VRC-HIVDNA016-00-VP
RV 305	ALVAC-HIV vCP1521
RV 306 RV 328	ALVAC-HIV vCP1521 AIDSVAX B/E
RV 365	MVA-CMDR
RV262	Pennvax-G
SG06RS02	HIV gp140 ZM96
ГАВ9	TAB9
TaMoVac II	HIVIS-DNA
TAMOVAC-01-MZ	HIVIS-DNA
Fiantan vaccinia HIV Vaccine	Chinese DNA Chinese DNA
Tiantan vaccinia HIV Vaccine and DNA TMB-108	Ibalizumab
UBI HIV-1 MN China	UBI HIV-1 Peptide Immunogen, Multivalen
UBI HIV-1MN octameric - Australia study	UBI HIV-1 Peptide Immunogen, Multivalen
UBI V106	UBI HIV-1 Peptide Vaccine, Microparticula
	Monovalent
UCLA MIG-001	TBC-3B
UCLA MIG-003	ALVAC-HIV MN120TMG strain (vCP205)
UKHVCSpoke003 V24P1	DNA - CN54ENV and ZM96GPN HIV p24/ME59 Vaccine
V24P1 V3-MAPS	HIV p24/MF59 Vaccine V3-MAPS
V520-016	MRKAd5 HIV-1 gag/pol/nef
V520-027	MRKAd5 HIV-1 gag/pol/nef
V 320-027	MRKAd5 HIV-1 gag/pol/nef
V526-027 V526-001 MRKAd5 and MRKAd6 HIV-1	
V526-001 MRKAd5 and MRKAd6 HIV-1 Trigene Vaccines	
V526-001 MRKAd5 and MRKAd6 HIV-1 Trigene Vaccines VAX 002	AIDSVAX B/B
V526-001 MRKAd5 and MRKAd6 HIV-1 Trigene Vaccines VAX 002 VAX 003	AIDSVAX B/E
V526-001 MRKAd5 and MRKAd6 HIV-1 Trigene Vaccines VAX 002 VAX 003 VAX 004	AIDSVAX B/E AIDSVAX B/B
V526-001 MRKAd5 and MRKAd6 HIV-1 Trigene Vaccines VAX 002 VAX 003 VAX 004 VRC 004 (03-I-0022)	AIDSVAX B/E AIDSVAX B/B VRC-HIVDNA009-00-VP
V526-001 MRKAd5 and MRKAd6 HIV-1 Trigene Vaccines VAX 002 VAX 003 VAX 004 VAC 004 (03-I-0022) VRC 006 (04-I-0172)	AIDSVAX B/E AIDSVAX B/B VRC-HIVDNA009-00-VP VRC-HIVADV014-00-VP
V526-001 MRKAd5 and MRKAd6 HIV-1 Trigene Vaccines VAX 002 VAX 003 VAX 004 VRC 004 (03-I-0022)	AIDSVAX B/E AIDSVAX B/B VRC-HIVDNA009-00-VP

IAVI Clinical Trial ID*	Prime**
VRC 010 (05-I-0140)	VRC-HIVADV014-00-VP
VRC 011(06-I-0149)	VRC-HIVDNA016-00-VP
VRC 012 (07-I-0167)	VRC-HIVADV027-00-VP
VRC 015 (08-I-0171)	VRC-HIVADV014-00-VP
VRC 016	VRC-HIVDNA016-00-VP
VRC 602	VRC-HIVMAB060-00-AB
VRC 607	VRCHIVMAB080-00-AB
VRC01LS	VRCHIVMAB080-00-AB
VRI01	MVA-B
X001	CN54gp140

*IAVI is the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, whose clinical trials database is publicly available at

 http://www.avio.org/rinals-database/trials.
 **As used herein, the term "Prime" refers to the composition initially used as an immunological inoculant in a given clinical trial as referenced in Table 1 herein.

The term "in vivo" refers to processes that occur in a living organism. The term "ex vivo" refers to processes that occur outside of a living organism. For example, in vivo treatment refers to treatment that occurs within a patient's ²⁰ body, while ex vivo treatment is one that occurs outside of a patient's body, but still uses or accesses or interacts with tissues from that patient. Thereafter, an ex vivo treatment step may include a subsequent in vivo treatment step. 25

The term "miRNA" refers to a micro RNA, and also may be referred to herein as a "miR". The term "microRNA cluster" refers to at least two microRNAs that are situated on a vector in close proximity to each other and are coexpressed.

The term "packaging cell line" refers to any cell line that can be used to express a lentiviral particle.

The term "percent identity," in the context of two or more nucleic acid or polypeptide sequences, refer to two or more sequences or subsequences that have a specified percentage 35 of nucleotides or amino acid residues that are the same, when compared and aligned for maximum correspondence, as measured using one of the sequence comparison algorithms described below (e.g., BLASTP and BLASTN or other algorithms available to persons of ordinary skill in the 40 art) or by visual inspection. Depending on the application, the "percent identity" can exist over a region of the sequence being compared, e.g., over a functional domain, or, alternatively, exist over the full length of the two sequences to be compared. For sequence comparison, typically one sequence 45 acts as a reference sequence to which test sequences are compared. When using a sequence comparison algorithm, test and reference sequences are input into a computer, subsequence coordinates are designated, if necessary, and sequence algorithm program parameters are designated. The 50 sequence comparison algorithm then calculates the percent sequence identity for the test sequence(s) relative to the reference sequence, based on the designated program parameters.

Optimal alignment of sequences for comparison can be 55 conducted, e.g., by the local homology algorithm of Smith & Waterman, Adv. Appl. Math. 2:482 (1981), by the homology alignment algorithm of Needleman & Wunsch, J. Mol. Biol. 48:443 (1970), by the search for similarity method of Pearson & Lipman, Proc. Nat'l. Acad. Sci. USA 85:2444 60 (1988), by computerized implementations of these algorithms (GAP, BESTFIT, FASTA, and TFASTA in the Wisconsin Genetics Software Package, Genetics Computer Group, 575 Science Dr., Madison, Wis.), or by visual inspection (see generally Ausubel et al., infra). 65

One example of an algorithm that is suitable for determining percent sequence identity and sequence similarity is the BLAST algorithm, which is described in Altschul et al., J. Mol. Biol. 215:403-410 (1990). Software for performing BLAST analyses is publicly available through the National Center for Biotechnology Information website.

The percent identity between two nucleotide sequences can be determined using the GAP program in the GCG software package (available at www.gcg.com), using a NWSgapdna.CMP matrix and a gap weight of 40, 50, 60, 70, or 80 and a length weight of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6. The percent identity between two nucleotide or amino acid sequences can also be determined using the algorithm of E. Meyers and W. Miller (CABIOS, 4:11-17 (1989)) which has been incorporated into the ALIGN program (version 2.0), using a PAM120 weight residue table, a gap length penalty of 12 and a gap penalty of 4. In addition, the percent identity between two amino acid sequences can be determined using the Needleman and Wunsch (J. Mol. Biol. (48):444-453 (1970)) algorithm which has been incorporated into the GAP program in the GCG software package (available at www.gcg. com), using either a Blossum 62 matrix or a PAM250 matrix, and a gap weight of 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, or 4 and a length weight of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6.

The nucleic acid and protein sequences of the present disclosure can further be used as a "query sequence" to perform a search against public databases to, for example, identify related sequences. Such searches can be performed using the NBLAST and XBLAST programs (version 2.0) of Altschul, et al. (1990) J Mol. Biol. 215:403-10. BLAST nucleotide searches can be performed with the NBLAST program, score=100, word length=12 to obtain nucleotide sequences homologous to the nucleic acid molecules of the invention. BLAST protein searches can be performed with the XBLAST program, score=50, word length=3 to obtain amino acid sequences homologous to the protein molecules of the invention. To obtain gapped alignments for comparison purposes, Gapped BLAST can be utilized as described in Altschul et al., (1997) Nucleic Acids Res. 25(17):3389-3402. When utilizing BLAST and Gapped BLAST programs, the default parameters of the respective programs (e.g., XBLAST and NBLAST) can be used. See www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov.

As used herein, "pharmaceutically acceptable" refers to those compounds, materials, compositions, and/or dosage forms which are, within the scope of sound medical judgment, suitable for use in contact with the tissues, organs, and/or bodily fluids of human beings and animals without excessive toxicity, irritation, allergic response, or other problems or complications commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio.

As used herein, a "pharmaceutically acceptable carrier" refers to, and includes, any and all solvents, dispersion media, coatings, antibacterial and antifungal agents, isotonic and absorption delaying agents, and the like that are physiologically compatible. The compositions can include a phar- 5 maceutically acceptable salt, e.g., an acid addition salt or a base addition salt (see, e.g., Berge et al. (1977) J Pharm Sci 66:1-19).

As used herein, the term "SEQ ID NO" is synonymous with the term "Sequence ID No." As used herein, "small 10 RNA" refers to non-coding RNA that are generally less than about 200 nucleotides or less in length and possess a silencing or interference function. In other embodiments, the small RNA is about 175 nucleotides or less, about 150 nucleotides or less, about 125 nucleotides or less, about 100 15 nucleotides or less, or about 75 nucleotides or less in length. Such RNAs include microRNA (miRNA), small interfering RNA (siRNA), double stranded RNA (dsRNA), and short hairpin RNA (shRNA). "Small RNA" of the disclosure should be capable of inhibiting or knocking-down gene 20 expression of a target gene, for example through pathways that result in the destruction of the target gene mRNA.

As used herein, the term "stimulatory agent" means any exogenous agent that can be used to stimulate an immune response, and includes, without limitation, a vaccine, a HIV 25 vaccine, and HIV or HIV-related peptides. A stimulatory agent can preferably stimulate a T cell response.

As used herein, the term "subject" includes a human patient but also includes other mammals. The terms "subject," "individual," "host," and "patient" may be used inter- 30 changeably herein.

The term "therapeutically effective amount" refers to a sufficient quantity of the active agents of the present invention, in a suitable composition, and in a suitable dosage form to treat or prevent the symptoms, progression, or onset of the 35 complications seen in patients suffering from a given ailment, injury, disease, or condition. The therapeutically effective amount will vary depending on the state of the patient's condition or its severity, and the age, weight, etc., of the subject to be treated. A therapeutically effective 40 AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT amount can vary, depending on any of a number of factors, including, e.g., the route of administration, the condition of the subject, as well as other factors understood by those in the art.

mous with a lentiviral vector such as the AGT103 vector.

The term "treatment" or "treating" generally refers to an intervention in an attempt to alter the natural course of the subject being treated, and can be performed either for prophylaxis or during the course of clinical pathology. 50 Desirable effects include, but are not limited to, preventing occurrence or recurrence of disease, alleviating symptoms, suppressing, diminishing or inhibiting any direct or indirect pathological consequences of the disease, ameliorating or palliating the disease state, and causing remission or 55 improved prognosis.

The term "vaccine", which is used interchangeably with the term "therapeutic vaccine" refers to an exogenous agent that can elicit an immune response in an individual and includes, without limitation, purified proteins, inactivated 60 viruses, virally vectored proteins, bacterially vectored proteins, peptides or peptide fragments, or virus-like particles (VLPs).

Description of Aspects of the Disclosure

As detailed herein, in one aspect, a method of producing 65 cells that are resistant to HIV infection is provided. The method generally includes contacting peripheral blood

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mononuclear cells (PBMC) isolated from an HIV-negative subject with a therapeutically effective amount of a stimulatory agent, wherein the contacting step is carried out ex vivo; transducing the PBMC ex vivo with a viral delivery system encoding at least one genetic element; and culturing the transduced PBMC for a period of time sufficient to achieve such transduction. In embodiments, the transduced PBMC are cultured from about 1 to about 35 days. The method may further include infusing the transduced PBMC into a subject. The subject may be a human. The stimulatory agent may include a peptide or mixture of peptides, and in a preferred embodiment includes a gag peptide. The stimulatory agent may include a vaccine. The vaccine may be a HIV vaccine, and in a preferred embodiment, the HIV vaccine is a MVA/HIV62B vaccine or a variant thereof. In embodiments, the viral delivery system includes a lentiviral particle. In embodiments, the at least one genetic element may include a small RNA capable of inhibiting production of chemokine receptor CCR5. In embodiments, the at least one genetic element includes at least one small RNA capable of targeting an HIV RNA sequence. In other embodiments, the at least one genetic element include a small RNA capable of inhibiting production of chemokine receptor CCR5 and at least one small RNA capable of targeting an HIV RNA sequence. The HIV RNA sequence may include a HIV Vif sequence, a HIV Tat sequence, or variants thereof. The at least one genetic element may include at least one of a microRNA or a shRNA. In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element comprises a microRNA cluster.

In another aspect, the at least one genetic element includes a microRNA having at least 80%, at least 81%, at least 82%, at least 83%, at least 84%, at least 85%, at least 86%, at least 87%, at least 88%, at least 89%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95% or more percent identity with

(SEQ ID NO: 1)

GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC

TCGGACTTCAAGGGGCTT.

As used herein, the term "therapeutic vector" is synony- 45 In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element comprises:

> (SEO ID NO: 1) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT

GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC

TCGGACTTCAAGGGGCTT

In another aspect, the at least one genetic element includes a microRNA having at least 80%, at least 81%, at least 82%, at least 83%, at least 84%, at least 85%, at least 86%, at least 87%, at least 88%, at least 89%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95% or more percent identity with

(SEO ID NO: 2) CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTG

TGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGT

ATCTTTCATCTGACCA;

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(SEO ID NO: 3)

or at least 80%, at least 81%, at least 82%, at least 83%, at least 84%, at least 85%, at least 86%, at least 87%, at least 88%, at least 89%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95% or more percent identity with

CGTGGTCCCCCCCCTATGGCAGGCAGAAGCGGCACCTTCCCCTCCCAAT

GACCGCGTCTTCGT

In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element includes

(SEQ ID NO: 2) CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTG

TGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGT

ATCTTTCATCTGACCA or

CCGCGTCTTCGTCG

In another aspect, the microRNA cluster includes a sequence having at least 80%, at least 81%, at least 82%, at least 83%, at least 84%, at least 85%, at least 86%, at least 30 87%, at least 88%, at least 89%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95% or more percent identity with

(SEQ ID NO: 31) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC TCGGACTTCAAGGGGCTTCCCGGGCATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTC GGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTGTGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGA ACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGTATCTTTCATCTGACCAGCTAGCGGGC GTCTTCGTC .

In a preferred embodiment, the microRNA cluster includes: $_{50}$

(SEQ ID NO: 31) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC TCGGACTTCAAGGGGCTTCCCGGGCATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTC GGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTGTGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGA ACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGTATCTTTCATCTGACCAGCTAGCGGGC GTCTTCGTC

In another aspect, a method of preventing HIV infection in a HIV-negative subject is disclosed. The method generally

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includes immunizing the subject with an effective amount of a first stimulatory agent; removing leukocytes from the subject and purifying peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC). The method further includes contacting the PBMC ex vivo with a therapeutically effective amount of a second stimulatory agent; transducing the PBMC ex vivo with a viral delivery system encoding at least one genetic element: and culturing the transduced PBMC for a period of time sufficient to achieve transduction. The method may further include further enrichment of the PBMC, for example, by preferably enriching the PBMC for CD4+ T cells. In embodiments, the transduced PBMC are cultured from about 1 to about 35 days. The method may further involve infusing the transduced PBMC into a subject. The subject may be a human. The first and second stimulatory agents may be the same or different from each other. The at least one of the first and second stimulatory agents may include a peptide or mixture of peptides. In embodiments, at least 20 one of the first and second stimulatory agents includes a gag peptide. The at least one of the first and second stimulatory agents may include a vaccine. The vaccine may be a HIV vaccine, and in a preferred embodiment, the HIV vaccine is a MVA/HIV62B vaccine or a variant thereof. In embodiments, the first stimulatory agent is a HIV vaccine and the second stimulatory agent is a gag peptide.

In embodiments, the viral delivery system includes a lentiviral particle. In embodiments, the at least one genetic element includes a small RNA capable of inhibiting production of chemokine receptor CCR5. In embodiments, the at least one genetic element includes at least one small RNA capable of targeting an HIV RNA sequence. In embodiments, the at least one genetic element includes a small RNA capable of inhibiting production of chemokine receptor ³⁵ CCR5 and at least one small RNA capable of targeting an HIV RNA sequence. The HIV RNA sequence may include a HIV Vif sequence, a HIV Tat sequence, or variants thereof. The at least one genetic element may include a microRNA or a shRNA, or a cluster thereof. In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element comprises a microRNA cluster.

In another aspect, the at least one genetic element includes a microRNA having at least 80%, at least 81%, at least 82%, at least 83%, at least 84%, at least 85%, at least 86%, at least 87%, at least 88%, at least 89%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95% or more percent identity with

(SEQ ID NO: 1) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT

GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC

TCGGACTTCAAGGGGCTT.

In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element comprises:

(SEO ID NO: 1) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT

GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC

TCGGACTTCAAGGGGGCTT.

In another aspect, the at least one genetic element includes 65 a microRNA having at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 95% percent identity with

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(SEQ ID NO: 2) CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTG	
TGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGT	
ATCTTTCATCTGACCA;	5
or at least 80%, at least 81%, at least 82%, at least 83%, at least 84%, at least 85%, at least 86%, at least 87%, at least 88%, at least 89%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95% or more percent identity with	10
(SEQ ID NO: 3) GGGCCTGGCTCGAGCAGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG	15
GTGGTCCCCTCCCCTATGGCAGGCAGAAGCGGCACCTTCCCTCCC	
CCGCGTCTTCGTCG.	
In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element includes	20
(SEQ ID NO: 2) CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTG	25
TGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGT	
ATCTTTCATCTGACCA; or	
(SEQ ID NO: 3) GGGCCTGGCTCGAGCAGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG	30
GTGGTCCCCTCCCCTATGGCAGGCAGAAGCGGCACCTTCCCTCCC	
CCGCGTCTTCGTCG.	35
In another aspect, the microRNA cluster includes a sequence having at least 80%, at least 81%, at least 82%, at least 83%, at least 84%, at least 85%, at least 86%, at least 87%, at least 88%, at least 89%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95% or more percent identity with	
(SEQ ID NO: 31)	

In a preferred embodiment, the microRNA cluster includes:

(SEQ ID NO: 31) ACTGTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTACCGCTGCCTAC TGCCTCGGACTTCAAGGGGCTTCCCGGGCATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACC TTGTCGGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTGTGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTC

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AGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGTATCTTTCATCTGACCAGCT

AATGACCGCGTCTTCGTC.

In another aspect, a lentiviral vector is disclosed. The lentiviral vector includes at least one encoded genetic element, wherein the at least one encoded genetic element comprises a small RNA capable of inhibiting production of chemokine receptor CCR5 or at least one small RNA capable of targeting an HIV RNA sequence. In another aspect a lentiviral vector is disclosed in the at least one encoded genetic element comprises a small RNA capable of inhibiting production of chemokine receptor CCR5 and at least one small RNA capable of targeting an HIV RNA sequence. The HIV RNA sequence may include a HIV Vif sequence, a HIV Tat sequence, or a variant thereof. The at least one encoded genetic element may include a microRNA or a shRNA. The at least one encoded genetic element may include a microRNA cluster.

In another aspect, the at least one genetic element includes a microRNA having at least 80%, at least 81%, at least 82%, at least 83%, at least 84%, at least 85%, at least 86%, at least 87%, at least 88%, at least 89%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95% or more percent identity with

AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTAC

TGTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTG

CCTCGGACTTCAAGGGG

In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element comprises:

(SEQ ID NO: 1)

AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTAC

TGTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTG

CCTCGGACTTCAAGGGGGCTT.

In another aspect, the at least one genetic element includes a microRNA having at least 80%, at least 81%, at least 82%, at least 83%, at least 84%, at least 85%, at least 86%, at least 87%, at least 88%, at least 89%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95% or more percent identity with

CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTT

GTGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTG

GTATCTTTCATCTGACCA

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or at least 80%, at least 81%, at least 82%, at least 83%, at least 84%, at least 85%, at least 86%, at least 87%, at least 65 88%, at least 89%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95% or more percent identity with

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GACCGCGTCTTCGT

In a preferred embodiment, the at least one genetic element includes

(SEQ ID NO: 2) CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTT

GTGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTG

GTATCTTTCATCTGACCA;

or

(SEQ ID NO: 3)

GACCGCGTCTTCGTCG.

In another aspect, the microRNA cluster includes a sequence having at least 80%, at least 81%, at least 82%, at 25 least 83%, at least 84%, at least 85%, at least 86%, at least 87%, at least 88%, at least 89%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95% or more percent identity with

(SEQ ID NO: 31) AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTACT GTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCC TCGGACTTCAAGGGGCTTCCCGGGCATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTC GGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTGTGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGA ACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGTATCTTTCATCTGACCAGCTAGCGGGC GTCTTCGTC .

In a preferred embodiment, the microRNA cluster includes: 45

(SEQ ID NO: 31) ACTGTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGAGCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTAC TGCCTCGGACTTCAAGGGGGCTTCCCGGGCATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACC TTGTCGGGGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTGTGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTC AGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGTATCTTTCATCTGACCAGCT AATGACCGCGTCTTCGTC.

In another aspect, a lentiviral vector system for expressing 60 a lentiviral particle is provided. The system includes a lentiviral vector as described herein; at least one envelope plasmid for expressing an envelope protein preferably optimized for infecting a cell; and at least one helper plasmid for expressing a gene of interest, for example any of gag, pol, 65 and rev genes, wherein when the lentiviral vector, the at least one envelope plasmid, and the at least one helper plasmid

are transfected into a packaging cell, wherein a lentiviral particle is produced by the packaging cell, wherein the lentiviral particle is capable of modulating a target sequence of interest, for example inhibiting production of chemokine receptor CCR5 or targeting an HIV RNA sequence.

In another aspect, a lentiviral particle capable of infecting a cell is disclosed. The lentiviral particle includes at least one envelope protein preferably optimized for infecting a cell, and a lentiviral vector as described herein. The envelope protein may be optimized for infecting a T cell. In a preferred embodiment, the envelope protein is optimized for infecting a CD4+ T cell.

In another aspect, a modified cell is disclosed. In embodiments, the modified cell is a CD4+ T cell. In embodiments, 15 the CD4+ T cell is infected with a lentiviral particle as described herein. In embodiments, the CD4+ T cell also has been selected to recognize an HIV antigen based on the prior immunization with a stimulatory agent. In a further preferred embodiment, the HIV antigen that is recognized by the 20 CD4+ T cell includes a gag antigen. In a further preferred embodiment, the CD4+ T cell expresses a decreased level of CCR5 following infection with the lentiviral particle.

In another aspect, a method of selecting a subject for a therapeutic treatment regimen is disclosed. The method generally includes immunizing the subject with an effective amount of a first stimulatory agent; removing leukocytes from the subject and purifying peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) and determining a first quantifiable measurement associated with at least one factor associated with the PBMC; contacting the PBMC ex vivo with a therapeutically effective amount of a second stimulatory agent, and determining a second measurement associated with the at least one factor associated with the PBMC, whereby when the second quantifiable measurement is different (e.g., higher) than the first quantifiable measurement, 35 the subject is selected for the treatment regimen. The at least one factor may be T cell proliferation or IFN gamma

production.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

Human Immunodeficiency Virus, which is also commonly referred to as "HIV", is a retrovirus that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in humans. AIDS is a condition in which progressive failure of the immune system allows life-threatening opportunistic infections and cancers to thrive. Without treatment, average survival time after infection with HIV is estimated to be 9 to 11 years, depending upon the HIV subtype. Infection with HIV occurs by the transfer of bodily fluids, including but not limited to blood, semen, vaginal fluid, pre-ejaculate, saliva, 50 tears, lymph or cerebro-spinal fluid, or breast milk. HIV may be present in an infected individual as both free virus particles and within infected immune cells.

HIV infects vital cells in the human immune system such as helper T cells, although tropism can vary among HIV 55 subtypes. Immune cells that may be specifically susceptible to HIV infection include but are not limited to CD4+ T cells, macrophages, and dendritic cells. HIV infection leads to low levels of CD4+ T cells through a number of mechanisms, including but not limited to apoptosis of uninfected bystander cells, direct viral killing of infected cells, and killing of infected CD4+ T cells by CD8 cytotoxic lymphocytes that recognize infected cells. When CD4+ T cell numbers decline below a critical level, cell-mediated immunity is lost, and the body becomes progressively more susceptible to opportunistic infections and cancer.

Structurally, HIV is distinct from many other retroviruses. The RNA genome consists of at least seven structural landmarks (LTR, TAR, RRE, PE, SLIP, CRS, and INS), and at least nine genes (gag, pol, env, tat, rev, nef, vif, vpr, vpu, and sometimes a tenth tev, which is a fusion of tat, env and rev), encoding 19 proteins. Three of these genes, gag, pol, and env, contain information needed to make the structural ⁵ proteins for new virus particles.

HIV replicates primarily in CD4 T cells, and causes cellular destruction or dysregulation to reduce host immunity. Because HIV establishes infection as an integrated provirus and may enter a state of latency wherein virus ¹⁰ expression in a particular cell decreases below the level for cytopathology affecting that cell or detection by the host immune system, HIV is difficult to treat and has not been eradicated even after prolonged intervals of highly active ¹⁵ antiretroviral therapy (HAART). HIV is also difficult to prevent in HIV-negative individuals. In the vast majority of cases, HIV infection causes fatal disease although survival may be prolonged by HAART.

Major goals in the fight against HIV are to develop 20 strategies for curing and/or preventing the disease. Prolonged HAART has not accomplished this goal, so investigators have turned to alternative procedures. Early efforts to improve host immunity by therapeutic immunization (e.g., using a vaccine after infection has occurred) had marginal or 25 no impact. Likewise, treatment intensification had moderate or no impact.

Some progress has been made using genetic therapy, but positive results are sporadic and found only among rare human beings carrying defects in one or both alleles of the 30 gene encoding CCR5 (chemokine receptor), which plays a critical role in viral penetration of host cells. However, many investigators are optimistic that genetic therapy holds the best promise for eventually achieving an HIV cure.

As disclosed herein, the methods and compositions of the 35 disclosure are able to achieve a functional cure that may or may not include complete eradication of all HIV from the body. As mentioned above, a functional cure is defined as a state or condition wherein HIV+ individuals who previously required HAART, may survive with low or undetectable 40 virus replication and using lower or intermittent doses of HAART, or are potentially able to discontinue HAART altogether. As used herein, a functional cure may still possibly require adjunct therapy to maintain low level virus replication and slow or eliminate disease progression. A 45 possible outcome of a functional cure is the eventual eradication of HIV to prevent all possibility of recurrence. Moreover, the methods and compositions of the disclosure are able to prevent HIV infection in HIV-negative individuals.

The primary obstacles to achieving a functional cure lie in the basic biology of HIV itself. Virus infection deletes CD4 T cells that are critical for nearly all immune functions. Most importantly, HIV infection and depletion of CD4 T cells requires activation of individual cells. Activation is a spe-55 cific mechanism for individual CD4 T cell clones that recognize pathogens or other molecules, using a rearranged T cell receptor.

In the case of HIV, infection activates a population of HIV-specific T cells that become infected and are consequently depleted before other T cells that are less specific for the virus, which effectively cripples the immune system's defense against the virus. The capacity for HIV-specific T cell responses is rebuilt during prolonged HAART; however, when HAART is interrupted the rebounding virus infection 65 repeats the process and again deletes the virus-specific cells, resetting the clock on disease progression.

Clearly, a functional cure is only possible if enough HIV-specific CD4 T cells are protected to allow for a host's native immunity to confront and control HIV once HAART is interrupted. Similarly, a successful vaccine or prophylactic strategy also requires sufficient HIV-specific CD4 T cells to be present to confront and kill HIV when a HIV-negative individual first encounters the virus. In one embodiment, the present disclosure provides methods and compositions for improving the effectiveness of genetic therapy to provide a functional cure of HIV disease. In another embodiment, the present disclosure provides methods and compositions for enhancing host immunity against HIV to provide a functional cure. In yet another embodiment, the present disclosure provides methods and compositions for enriching HIV-specific CD4 T cells in a patient to achieve a functional cure.

In one embodiment, treatment results in enriching a subject's HIV-specific CD4 T cells by about 100%, about 200%, about 300%, about 400%, about 500%, about 600%, about 700%, about 800%, about 900%, or about 1000%. Gene Therapy

Viral vectors are used to deliver genetic constructs to host cells for the purposes of disease therapy or prevention.

Genetic constructs can include, but are not limited to, functional genes or portions of genes to correct or complement existing defects, DNA sequences encoding regulatory proteins, DNA sequences encoding regulatory RNA molecules including antisense, short homology RNA, long noncoding RNA, small interfering RNA or others, and decoy sequences encoding either RNA or proteins designed to compete for critical cellular factors to alter a disease state. Gene therapy involves delivering these therapeutic genetic constructs to target cells to provide treatment or alleviation of a particular disease.

st promise for eventually achieving an HIV cure. As disclosed herein, the methods and compositions of the sclosure are able to achieve a functional cure that may or ay not include complete eradication of all HIV from the dy. As mentioned above, a functional cure is defined as a te or condition wherein HIV+ individuals who previously the or condition wherein HIV+ individuals who previously the term of the treatment successes were obtained in rare HIV patients carrying a spontaneous deletion of the CCR5 gene (an allele known as CCR5delta32).

> Lentivirus-delivered nucleases or other mechanisms for gene deletion/modification may be used to lower the overall expression of CCR5 and/or help to lower HIV replication. At least one study has reported having success in treating the disease when lentivirus was administered in patients with a genetic background of CCR5delta32. However, this was only one example of success, and many other patients without the CCR5delta32 genotype have not been treated as successfully. Consequently, there is a substantial need to improve the performance of viral genetic therapy against HIV, both in terms of performance for the individual viral vector construct and for improved use of the vector through a strategy for achieving functional HIV cure.

> For example, some existing therapies rely on zinc finger nucleases to delete a portion of CCR5 in an attempt to render cells resistant to HIV infection. However, even after optimal treatment, only 30% of T cells had been modified by the nuclease at all, and of those that were modified, only 10% of the total CD4 T cell population had been modified in a way that would prevent HIV infection. In contrast, the disclosed methods result in virtually every cell carrying a lentivirus transgene having a reduction in CCR5 expression below the level needed to allow HIV infection.

For the purposes of the disclosed methods, gene therapy can include, but is not limited to, affinity-enhanced T cell receptors, chimeric antigen receptors on CD4 T cells (or alternatively on CD8 T cells), modification of signal transduction pathways to avoid cell death cause by viral proteins,

increased expression of HIV restriction elements including TREX, SAMHD1, MxA or MxB proteins, APOBEC complexes, TRIMS-alpha complexes, tetherin (BST2), and similar proteins identified as being capable of reducing HIV replication in mammalian cells. Immunotherapy

Historically, vaccines have been a go-to weapon against deadly infectious diseases, including smallpox, polio, measles, and yellow fever. Unfortunately, there is no currently approved vaccine for HIV. The HIV virus has unique ways of evading the immune system, and the human body seems incapable of mounting an effective immune response against it. As a result, scientists do not have a clear picture of what is needed to provide protection against HIV.

However, immunotherapy may provide a solution that was previously unaddressed by conventional vaccine approaches. Immunotherapy, also called biologic therapy, is a type of treatment designed to boost the body's natural defenses to fight infections or cancer. It uses materials either 20 made by the body or in a laboratory to improve, target, or restore immune system function.

In some embodiments of the disclosure, immunotherapeutic approaches may be used to enrich a population of HIV-specific CD4 T cells for the purpose of increasing the 25 host's anti-HIV immunity. This is beneficial for both HIVnegative and HIV-positive individuals. In some embodiments of the disclosure, integrating or non-integrating lentivirus vectors may be used to transduce a host's immune cells for the purposes of increasing the host's anti-HIV 30 immunity. In yet another embodiment of the disclosure, a vaccine comprising HIV proteins including but not limited to a killed particle, a virus-like particle, HIV peptides or peptide fragments, a recombinant viral vector, a recombinant bacterial vector, a purified subunit or plasmid DNA 35 combined with a suitable vehicle and/or biological or chemical adjuvants to increase a host's immune responses may be used to enrich the population of virus-specific T cells or antibodies, and these methods may be further enhanced through the use of HIV-targeted genetic therapy using len- 40 tivirus or other viral vector.

Methods

In one aspect, the disclosure provides methods for using viral vectors to achieve a functional cure for HIV disease. The methods generally include immunotherapy to enrich the 45 proportion of HIV-specific CD4 T cells, followed by lentivirus transduction to deliver inhibitors of HIV and CCR5 and CXCR4 as required. These methods can be used in association with both HIV-negative and HIV-positive individuals. 50

In one embodiment, the methods include a first stimulation event to enrich a proportion of HIV-specific CD4 T cells. The first stimulation can include administration of one or more of any agent suitable for enriching a patient's HIV-specific CD4+ T cells including but not limited to a 55 vaccine.

Therapeutic vaccines can include one or more HIV protein with protein sequences representing the predominant viral types of the geographic region where treatment is occurring. Therapeutic vaccines will include purified proteins, inactivated viruses, virally vectored proteins, bacterially vectored proteins, peptides or peptide fragments, viruslike particles (VLPs), biological or chemical adjuvants including cytokines and/or chemokines, vehicles, and methods for immunization. Vaccinations may be administered 65 according to standard methods known in the art and HIV patients may continue antiretroviral therapy during the inter-

val of immunization and subsequent ex vivo lymphocyte culture including lentivirus transduction.

In some embodiments, HIV- or HIV+ patients are immunized with an HIV vaccine, increasing the frequency of HIV-specific CD4 T cells by about 2, about 25, about 250, about 500, about 750, about 1000, about 1250, or about 1500-fold (or any amount in between these values). The vaccine may be any clinically utilized or experimental HIV vaccine, including the disclosed lentiviral, other viral vectors or other bacterial vectors used as vaccine delivery systems. In another embodiment, the vectors encode viruslike particles (VLPs) to induce higher titers of neutralizing antibodies. In another embodiment, the vectors encode peptides or peptide fragments associated with HIV including but not limited to gag, pol, and env, tat, rev, nef, vif, vpr, vpu, and tev, as well as LTR, TAR, RRE, PE, SLIP, CRS, and INS. Alternatively, the HIV vaccine used in the disclosed methods may comprise purified proteins, inactivated viruses, virally vectored proteins, bacterially vectored proteins, peptides or peptide fragments, virus-like particles (VLPs), or biological or chemical adjuvants including cytokines and/or chemokines.

In one embodiment, the methods include ex vivo restimulation of CD4 T cells from persons or patients previously immunized by therapeutic vaccination, using purified proteins, inactivated viruses, virally vectored proteins, bacterially vectored proteins, biological or chemical adjuvants including cytokines and/or chemokines, vehicles, and methods for re-stimulation. Ex vivo re-stimulation may be performed using the same vaccine or immune stimulating compound used for in vivo immunization, or it may be performed using a different vaccine or immune stimulating compound than those used for in vivo immunization. Moreover, in some embodiments, the patient does not require prior therapeutic vaccination or re-stimulation of CD4 T cells if the individual has sufficiently high antigen-specific CD4 T cell responses to HIV proteins. In these embodiments, such a patient may only require administration of the disclosed viral vectors to achieve a functional cure.

In embodiments, peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) are obtained by leukapheresis and treated ex vivo to obtain about 1×10¹⁰ CD4 T cells of which about 0.1%, about 1%, about 5% or about 10% or about 30% are both HIV-specific in terms of antigen responses, and HIV-resistant by virtue of carrying the therapeutic transgene delivered by the disclosed lentivirus vector. Alternatively, about 1×10⁷, about 1×10⁸, about 1×10⁹, about 1×10¹⁰, about 1×10¹¹, or about 1×10¹² CD4 T cells may be isolated for re-stimulation. Importantly, any suitable amount of CD4 T 50 cells are isolated for ex vivo re-stimulation.

The isolated CD4 T cells can be cultured in appropriate medium throughout re-stimulation with HIV vaccine antigens, which may include antigens present in the prior therapeutic vaccination. Antiretroviral therapeutic drugs including inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, protease or integrase may be added to prevent virus re-emergence during prolonged ex vivo culture. CD4 T cell re-stimulation is used to enrich the proportion of HIV-specific CD4 T cells in culture. The same procedure may also be used for analytical objectives wherein smaller blood volumes with peripheral blood mononuclear cells obtained by purification, are used to identify HIV-specific T cells and measure the frequency of this sub-population.

The PBMC fraction may be enriched for HIV-specific CD4 T cells by contacting the cells with HIV proteins matching or complementary to the components of the vaccine previously used for in vivo immunization. Ex vivo

re-stimulation can increase the relative frequency of HIVspecific CD4 T cells by about 5, about 10, about 25, about 50, about 75, about 100, about 125, about 150, about 175, or about 200-fold.

The methods additionally include combining in vivo 5 therapeutic immunization and ex vivo re-stimulation of CD4 T cells with ex vivo lentiviral transduction and culturing. As detailed herein, these methods can be used to vaccinate or provide a prophylactic (i.e., preventative) treatment to HIVnegative individuals.

Thus, in one embodiment, the re-stimulated PBMC fraction that has been enriched for HIV-specific CD4 T cells can be transduced with therapeutic anti-HIV lentivirus or other vectors and maintained in culture for a sufficient period of time for such transduction, for example from about 1 to 15 about 21 days, including up to about 35 days. Alternatively, the cells may be cultured for about 1-about 18 days, about 1-about 15 days, about 1-about 12 days, about 1-about 9 days, or about 3-about 7 days. Thus, the transduced cells may be cultured for about 1, about 2, about 3, about 4, about 20 5, about 6, about 7, about 8, about 9, about 10, about 11, about 12, about 13, about 14, about 15, about 16, about 17, about 18, about 19, about 20, about 21, about 22, about 23, about 24, about 25, about 26, about 27, about 28, about 29, about 30, about 31, about 32, about 33, about 34, or about 25 35 days.

In further embodiments, once the transduced cells have been cultured for a sufficient period of time, transduced CD4 T cells are infused back into the original patient. Infusion can be performed using various devices and methods known 30 in the art. In some embodiments, infusion may be accompanied by pre-treatment with cyclophosphamide or similar compounds to increase the efficiency of re-engraftment. The regrafted cells can provide an effective prophylactic immune response for a subject who is HIV-negative, and then sub- 35 sequently encounters the HIV virus.

In some embodiments, a CCR5-targeted therapy may be added to a subject's antiretroviral therapy regimen, which was continued throughout the treatment process. Examples of CCR5-targeted therapies include but are not limited to 40 Maraviroc (a CCR5 antagonist) or Rapamycin (immunosuppressive agent that lowers CCR5). In some embodiments, the antiretroviral therapy may be ceased and the subject can be tested for virus rebound. If no rebound occurs, adjuvant therapy can also be removed and the subject can be tested 45 again for virus rebound.

In various embodiments, continued virus suppression with reduced or no antiretroviral therapy including cART or HAART, and reduced or no adjuvant therapy for about 26 weeks can be considered a functional cure for HIV. Other 50 definitions of a functional cure are described herein.

The lentiviral and other vectors used in the disclosed methods may encode at least one, at least two, at least three, at least four, or at least five genes, or at least six genes, or at least seven genes, or at least eight genes, or at least nine 55 genes, or at least ten genes, or at least eleven genes, or at least twelve genes of interest. Given the versatility and therapeutic potential of HIV-targeted gene therapy, a viral vector of the invention may encode genes or nucleic acid sequences that include but are not limited to (i) an antibody 60 directed to an antigen associated with an infectious disease or a toxin produced by the infectious pathogen, (ii) cytokines including interleukins that are required for immune cell growth or function and may be therapeutic for immune dysregulation encountered in HIV and other chronic or acute 65 human viral or bacterial pathogens, (iii) factors that suppress the growth of HIV in vivo including CD8 suppressor factors,

(iv) mutations or deletions of chemokine receptor CCR5, mutations or deletions of chemokine receptor CXCR4, or mutations or deletions of chemokine receptor CXCR5, (v) antisense DNA or RNA against specific receptors or peptides associated with HIV or host protein associated with HIV, (vi) small interfering RNA against specific receptors or peptides associated with HIV or host protein associated with HIV, or (vii) a variety of other therapeutically useful sequences that may be used to treat HIV or AIDS.

Additional examples of HIV-targeted gene therapy that can be used in the disclosed methods include, but are not limited to, affinity-enhanced T cell receptors, chimeric antigen receptors on CD4 T cells (or alternatively on CD8 T cells), modification of signal transduction pathways to avoid cell death cause by viral proteins, increased expression of HIV restriction elements including TREX, SAMHD1, MxA or MxB proteins, APOBEC complexes, TRIMS-alpha complexes, tetherin (BST2), and similar proteins identified as being capable of reducing HIV replication in mammalian cells.

In some embodiments, a patient may be undergoing cART or HAART concurrently while being treated according to the methods of the invention. In other embodiments, a patient may undergo cART or HAART before or after being treated according to the methods of the invention. In some embodiments, cART or HAART is maintained throughout treatment according to the methods of the invention and the patient may be monitored for HIV viral burden in blood and frequency of lentivirus-transduced CD4 T cells in blood. Preferably, a patient receiving cART or HAART prior to being treated according to the methods of the invention is able to discontinue or reduce cART or HAART following treatment according to the methods of the invention. In other embodiments, the patient is HIV-negative and has not yet encountered the HIV-virus.

For efficacy purposes, the frequency of transduced, HIVspecific CD4 T cells, which is a novel surrogate marker for gene therapy effects, may be determined, as discussed in more detail herein.

Compositions

In various aspects, the disclosure provides lentiviral vectors capable of delivering genetic constructs to inhibit HIV penetration of susceptible cells. For instance, one mechanism of action in accordance herein is to reduce mRNA levels for CCR5 and/or CXCR4 chemokine receptors for reducing the rates for viral entry into susceptible cells.

Alternatively, the disclosed lentiviral vectors are capable of inhibiting the formation of HIV-infected cells by reducing the stability of incoming HIV genomic RNA. And in yet another embodiment, the disclosed lentivirus vectors are capable of preventing HIV production from a latently infected cell, wherein the mechanism of action is to cause instability of viral RNA sequences through the action of inhibitory RNA including short-homology, small-interfering or other regulatory RNA species.

The therapeutic lentiviruses disclosed generally comprise at least one of two types of genetic cargo. First, the lentiviruses may encode genetic elements that direct expression of small RNA capable of inhibiting the production of chemokine receptors CCR5 and/or CXCR4 that are important for HIV penetration of susceptible cells. The second type of genetic cargo includes constructs capable of expressing small RNA molecules targeting HIV RNA sequences for the purpose of preventing reverse transcription, RNA splicing, RNA translation to produce proteins, or packaging of viral genomic RNA for particle production and spreading infection. An exemplary structure is diagrammed in FIG. 3.

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As shown in FIG. **3** (top panel), an exemplary construct may comprise numerous sections or components. For example, in one embodiment, an exemplary LV construct may comprise the following sections or components:

RSV-a Rous Sarcoma virus long terminal repeat;

- 5'LTR—a portion of an HIV long terminal repeat that can be truncated to prevent replication of the vector after chromosomal integration;
- Psi—a packaging signal that allows for incorporation of the vector RNA genome into viral particles during packaging;
- RRE—a Rev Responsive element can be added to improve expression from the transgene by mobilizing RNA out of the nucleus and into the cytoplasm of cells; 15
- cPPT—a Poly purine tract that facilitates second strand DNA synthesis prior to integration of the transgene into the host cell chromosome;
- Promoter—a promoter initiates RNA transcription from the integrated transgene to express micro-RNA clusters 20 (or other genetic elements of the construct), and in some embodiments, the vectors may use an EF-1 promoter;
- Anti-CCR5—a micro RNA targeting messenger RNA for the host cell factor CCR5 to reduce its expression on 25 the cell surface;
- Anti-Rev/Tat—a micro RNA targeting HIV genomic or messenger RNA at the junction between HIV Rev and Tat coding regions, which is sometimes designated miRNA Tat or given a similar description in this 30 application;
- Anti-Vif—a micro RNA targeting HIV genomic or messenger RNA within the Vif coding region;
- WPRE—a woodchuck hepatitis virus post-transcriptional regulatory element is an additional vector component 35 that can be used to facilitate RNA transport of the nucleus; and
- deltaU3 3'LTR—a modified version of a HIV 3' long terminal repeat where a portion of the U3 region has been deleted to improve safety of the vector.

One of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that the above components are merely examples, and that such components may be reorganized, substituted with other elements, or otherwise changed, so long as the construct is able to prevent expression of HIV genes and decrease the 45 spread of infection.

Vectors of the invention may include either or both of the types of genetic cargo discussed above (i.e., genetic elements that direct expression of a gene or small RNAs, such as siRNA, shRNA, or miRNA that can prevent translation or ⁵⁰ transcription), and the vectors of the invention may also encode additionally useful products for the purpose of treatment or diagnosis of HIV. For instance, in some embodiments, these vectors may also encode green fluores-cent protein (GFP) for the purpose of tracking the vectors or ⁵⁵ antibiotic resistance genes for the purposes of selectively maintaining genetically-modified cells in vivo.

The combination of genetic elements incorporated into the disclosed vectors is not particularly limited. For example, a vector herein may encode a single small RNA, 60 two small RNAs, three small RNA, four small RNAs, five small RNAs, six small RNAs, seven small RNAs, eight small RNAs, nine small RNAs, or ten small RNAs, or eleven small RNAs, or twelve small RNAs. Such vectors may additionally encode other genetic elements to function in 65 concert with the small RNAs to prevent expression and infection of HIV. 38

Those of ordinary skill in the art will understand that the therapeutic lentivirus may substitute alternate sequences for the promoter region, targeting of regulatory RNA, and types of regulatory RNA. Further, the therapeutic lentivirus of the disclosure may comprise changes in the plasmids used for packaging the lentivirus particles; these changes are required to increase levels of production in vitro.

Lentiviral Vector System

A lentiviral virion (particle) accordance with various aspects and embodiments herein is expressed by a vector system encoding the necessary viral proteins to produce a virion (viral particle). In various embodiments, one vector containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding the lentiviral poi proteins is provided for reverse transcription and integration, operably linked to a promoter. In another embodiment, the pol proteins are expressed by multiple vectors. In other embodiments, vectors containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding the lentiviral gag proteins for forming a viral capsid, operably linked to a promoter, are provided. In embodiments, this gag nucleic acid sequence is on a separate vector than at least some of the poi nucleic acid sequence. In other embodiments, the gag nucleic acid is on a separate vector from all the pol nucleic acid sequences that encode pol proteins.

Numerous modifications can be made to the vectors herein, which are used to create the particles to further minimize the chance of obtaining wild type revertants. These include, but are not limited to deletions of the U3 region of the LTR, tat deletions and matrix (MA) deletions.

In embodiments, the gag, pol and env vector(s) do not contain nucleotides from the lentiviral genome that package lentiviral RNA, referred to as the lentiviral packaging sequence.

35 The vector(s) forming the particle preferably do not contain a nucleic acid sequence from the lentiviral genome that expresses an envelope protein. Preferably, a separate vector that contains a nucleic acid sequence encoding an envelope protein operably linked to a promoter is used. This 40 env vector also does not contain a lentiviral packaging sequence. In one embodiment the env nucleic acid sequence encodes a lentiviral envelope protein.

In another embodiment the envelope protein is not from the lentivirus, but from a different virus. The resultant particle is referred to as a pseudotyped particle. By appropriate selection of envelopes one can "infect" virtually any cell. For example, one can use an env gene that encodes an envelope protein that targets an endocytic compartment such as that of the influenza virus, VSV-G, alpha viruses (Semliki forest virus, Sindbis virus), arenaviruses (lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus), flaviviruses (tick-borne encephalitis virus, Dengue virus, hepatitis C virus, GB virus), rhabdoviruses (vesicular stomatitis virus, rabies virus), paramyxoviruses (mumps or measles) and orthomyxoviruses (influenza virus). Other envelopes that can preferably be used include those from Moloney Leukemia Virus such as MLV-E, MLV-A and GALV. These latter envelopes are particularly preferred where the host cell is a primary cell. Other envelope proteins can be selected depending upon the desired host cell. For example, targeting specific receptors such as a dopamine receptor can be used for brain delivery. Another target can be vascular endothelium. These cells can be targeted using a filovirus envelope. For example, the GP of Ebola, which by post-transcriptional modification become the GP, and GP2 glycoproteins. In another embodiment, one can use different lentiviral capsids with a pseudotyped envelope (for example, FIV or SHIV [U.S. Pat. No. 5,654,

195]). A SHIV pseudotyped vector can readily be used in animal models such as monkeys.

Lentiviral vector systems as provided herein typically include at least one helper plasmid comprising at least one of a gag, pol, or rev gene. Each of the gag, pol and rev genes 5 may be provided on individual plasmids, or one or more genes may be provided together on the same plasmid. In one embodiment, the gag, pol, and rev genes are provided on the same plasmid (e.g., FIG. 4). In another embodiment, the gag and pol genes are provided on a first plasmid and the rev 10 gene is provided on a second plasmid (e.g., FIG. 5). Accordingly, both 3-vector and 4-vector systems can be used to produce a lentivirus as described herein. In embodiments, the therapeutic vector, at least one envelope plasmid and at least one helper plasmid are transfected into a packaging 15 cell, for example a packaging cell line. A non-limiting example of a packaging cell line is the 293T/17 HEK cell line. When the therapeutic vector, the envelope plasmid, and at least one helper plasmid are transfected into the packaging cell line, a lentiviral particle is ultimately produced.

In another aspect, a lentiviral vector system for expressing a lentiviral particle is disclosed. The system includes a lentiviral vector as described herein; an envelope plasmid for expressing an envelope protein optimized for infecting a cell; and at least one helper plasmid for expressing gag, pol, 25 and rev genes, wherein when the lentiviral vector, the envelope plasmid, and the at least one helper plasmid are transfected into a packaging cell line, a lentiviral particle is produced by the packaging cell line, wherein the lentiviral particle is capable of inhibiting production of chemokine 30 receptor CCR5 or targeting an HIV RNA sequence.

In another aspect, the lentiviral vector, which is also referred to herein as a therapeutic vector, includes the following elements: hybrid 5' long terminal repeat (RSV/5' LTR) (SEQ ID NOS: 34-35), Psi sequence (RNA packaging 35 site) (SEQ ID NO: 36), RRE (Rev-response element) (SEQ ID NO: 37), cPPT (polypurine tract) (SEQ ID NO: 38), EF-la promoter (SEQ ID NO: 4), miR30CCR5 (SEQ ID NO: 1), miR21Vif (SEQ ID NO: 2), miR185Tat (SEQ ID NO: 3), Woodchuck Post-Transcriptional Regulatory Element 40 (WPRE) (SEQ ID NOS: 32 or 80), and Δ U3 3' LTR (SEQ ID NO: 39). In another aspect, sequence variation, by way of substitution, deletion, addition, or mutation can be used to modify the referenced sequences.

In another aspect, a helper plasmid has been designed to 45 include the following elements: CAG promoter (SEQ ID NO: 41); HIV component gag (SEQ ID NO: 43); HIV component pol (SEQ ID NO: 44); HIV Int (SEQ ID NO: 45); HIV RRE (SEQ ID NO: 46); and HIV Rev (SEQ ID NO: 47). In another aspect, the helper plasmid may be 50 modified to include a first helper plasmid for expressing the gag and pol genes, and a second and separate plasmid for expressing the rev gene. In another aspect, sequence variation, by way of substitution, deletion, addition, or mutation can be used to modify the referenced sequences. 55

In another aspect, an envelope plasmid includes the following elements: RNA polymerase II promoter (CMV) (SEQ ID NO: 60) and vesicular stomatitis virus G glycoprotein (VSV-G) (SEQ ID NO: 62). In another aspect, sequence variation, by way of substitution, deletion, addi-60 tion, or mutation can be used to modify the referenced sequences.

In various aspects, the plasmids used for lentiviral packaging are modified by substitution, addition, subtraction or mutation of various elements without loss of vector func-55 tion. For example, and without limitation, the following elements can replace similar elements in the plasmids that

comprise the packaging system: Elongation Factor-1 (EF-1), phosphoglycerate kinase (PGK), and ubiquitin C (UbC) promoters can replace the CMV or CAG promoter. SV40 poly A and bGH poly A can replace the rabbit beta globin poly A. The HIV sequences in the helper plasmid can be constructed from different HIV strains or clades. The VSV-G glycoprotein can be substituted with membrane glycoproteins from feline endogenous virus (RD114), gibbon ape leukemia virus (GALV), Rabies (FUG), lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV), influenza A fowl plague virus (FPV), Ross River alphavirus (RRV), murine leukemia virus 10A1 (MLV), or Ebola virus (EboV).

Various lentiviral packaging systems can be acquired 15 commercially (e.g., Lenti-vpak packaging kit from OriGene Technologies, Inc., Rockville, Md.), and can also be designed as described herein. Moreover, it is within the skill of a person ordinarily skilled in the art to substitute or modify aspects of a lentiviral packaging system to improve 20 any number of relevant factors, including the production efficiency of a lentiviral particle.

Bioassays

In various aspects, the present invention includes bioassays for determining the success of HIV treatment for achieving a functional cure. These assays provide a method for measuring the efficacy of the disclosed methods of immunization and treatment by measuring the frequency of transduced, HIV specific CD4 T cells in a patient. HIVspecific CD4 T cells are recognizable because, among others, they proliferate, change the composition of cell surface markers, induce signaling pathways including phosphorylation, and/or nuclear components. Specific responding CD4 T cells are recognized for example, using labeled monoclonal antibodies or specific in situ amplification of mRNA sequences, that allow sorting of HIV-specific cells using flow cytometry sorting, magnetic bead separation or other recognized methods for antigen-specific CD4 T cell isolation. The isolated CD4 T cells are tested to determine the frequency of cells carrying integrated therapeutic lentivirus. Single cell testing methods may also be used including microfluidic separation of individual cells that are coupled with mass spectrometry, PCR, ELISA or antibody staining to confirm responsiveness to HIV and presence of integrated therapeutic lentivirus.

Thus, in various embodiments, following application of a treatment according to the invention (e.g., (a) immunization, (b) ex vivo leukocyte/lymphocyte culture; (c) re-stimulation with purified proteins, inactivated viruses, virally vectored proteins, bacterially vectored proteins, biological or chemical adjuvants including cytokines and/or chemokines, vehicles; and (d) infusion of the enriched, transduced T cells), a patient may be subsequently assayed to determine the efficacy of the treatment. A threshold value of target T cells in the body may be established to measure a functional 55 cure at a determined value, for example, at 1×10⁸ HIVspecific CD4 T cells bearing genetic modification from therapeutic lentivirus. Alternatively, the threshold value may be about 1×10^5 , about 1×10^6 , about 1×10^7 , about 1×10^8 , about 1×10^9 , or about 1×10^{10} CD4 T cells in the body of the patient.

HIV-specific CD4 T cells bearing genetic modification from therapeutic lentivirus can be determined using any suitable method, such as but not limited to flow cytometry, cell sorting, FACS analysis, DNA cloning, PCR, RT-PCR or Q-PCR, ELISA, FISH, western blotting, southern blotting, high throughput sequencing, RNA sequencing, oligonucleotide primer extension, or other methods known in the art. While methods for defining antigen specific T cells with genetic modifications are known in the art, utilizing such methods to combine identifying HIV-specific T cells with integrated or non-integrated gene therapy constructs as a standard measure for efficacy is a novel concept in the field 5 of HIV treatment, as described variously herein. Doses and Dosage Forms

The disclosed methods and compositions can be used for treating HIV+ patients during various stages of their disease. Accordingly, dosing regimens may vary based upon the 10 condition of the patient and the method of administration.

In various embodiments, HIV-specific vaccines for the initial in vivo immunization are administered to a subject in need in varying doses. In general, vaccines delivered by intramuscular injection include about 10 µg to about 300 µg, 15 about 25 µg to about 275 µg, about 50 µg to about 250 µg, about 75 µg to about 225, or about 100 µg to about 200 µg of HIV protein, either total virus protein prepared from inactivated virus particles, virus-like particles or purified virus protein from recombinant systems or purified from 20 virus preparations. Recombinant viral or bacterial vectors may be administered by any and all of the routes described. Intramuscular vaccines will include about 1 µg to about 100 μg, about 10 μg to about 90 μg, about 20 μg to about 80 μg, about 30 µg to about 70 µg, about 40 µg to about 60 µg, or 25 about 50 µg of suitable adjuvant molecules and be suspended in oil, saline, buffer or water in volumes of 0.1 to 5 ml per injection dose, and may be soluble or emulsion preparations. Vaccines delivered orally, rectally, bucally, at genital mucosal or intranasally, including some virally- 30 vectored or bacterially-vectored vaccines, fusion proteins, liposome formulations or similar preparations, may contain higher amounts of virus protein and adjuvant. Dermal, sub-dermal or subcutaneous vaccines utilize protein and adjuvant amounts more similar to oral, rectal or intranasal- 35 delivered vaccines. Depending on responses to the initial immunization, vaccination may be repeated 1-5 times using the same or alternate routes for delivery. Intervals may be of 2-24 weeks between immunizations. Immune responses to vaccination are measured by testing HIV-specific antibodies 40 in serum, plasma, vaginal secretions, rectal secretions, saliva or bronchoalveolar lavage fluids, using ELISA or similar methodology. Cellular immune responses are tested by in vitro stimulation with vaccine antigens followed by staining for intracellular cytokine accumulation followed by flow 45 cytometry or similar methods including lymphoproliferation, expression of phosphorylated signaling proteins or changes in cell surface activation markers. Upper limits of dosing may be determined based on the individual patient and will depend on toxicity/safety profiles for each indi- 50 vidual product or product lot.

Immunization may occur once, twice, three times, or repeatedly. For instance, an agent for HIV immunization may be administered to a subject in need once a week, once every other week, once every three weeks, once a month, 55 every other month, every three months, every six months, every nine months, once a year, every eighteen months, every two years, every 36 months, or every three years.

Immunization will generally occur at least once before ex vivo expansion and enrichment of CD4 T cells, and immunization may occur once, twice, three times, or more after ex vivo lymphocyte culture/re-stimulation and infusion.

In one embodiment, HIV-vaccines for immunization are administered as a pharmaceutical composition. In one embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition comprising an 65 HIV vaccine is formulated in a wide variety of nasal, pulmonary, oral, topical, or parenteral dosage forms for

clinical application. Each of the dosage forms can comprise various disintegrating agents, surfactants, fillers, thickeners, binders, diluents such as wetting agents or other pharmaceutically acceptable excipients. The pharmaceutical composition comprising an HIV vaccine can also be formulated for injection.

HIV vaccine compositions for the purpose of immunization can be administered using any pharmaceutically acceptable method, such as intranasal, buccal, sublingual, oral, rectal, ocular, parenteral (intravenously, intradermally, intramuscularly, subcutaneously, intracisternally, intraperitoneally), pulmonary, intravaginal, locally administered, topically administered, topically administered after scarification, mucosally administered, via an aerosol, or via a buccal or nasal spray formulation.

Further, the HIV vaccine compositions can be formulated into any pharmaceutically acceptable dosage form, such as a solid dosage form, tablet, pill, lozenge, capsule, liquid dispersion, gel, aerosol, pulmonary aerosol, nasal aerosol, ointment, cream, semi-solid dosage form, and a suspension. Further, the composition may be a controlled release formulation, sustained release formulation, immediate release formulation, or any combination thereof. Further, the composition may be a transdermal delivery system.

In another embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition comprising an HIV vaccine is formulated in a solid dosage form for oral administration, and the solid dosage form can be powders, granules, capsules, tablets or pills. In yet another embodiment, the solid dosage form includes one or more excipients such as calcium carbonate, starch, sucrose, lactose, microcrystalline cellulose or gelatin. In addition, the solid dosage form can include, in addition to the excipients, a lubricant such as talc or magnesium stearate. In some embodiments, the oral dosage form is in immediate release or a modified release form. Modified release dosage forms include controlled or extended release, enteric release, and the like. The excipients used in the modified release dosage forms are commonly known to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

In a further embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition comprising a HIV vaccine is formulated as a sublingual or buccal dosage form. Such dosage forms comprise sublingual tablets or solution compositions that are administered under the tongue and buccal tablets that are placed between the cheek and gum.

In yet a further embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition comprising an HIV vaccine is formulated as a nasal dosage form. Such dosage forms of the present invention comprise solution, suspension, and gel compositions for nasal delivery.

In one embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition is formulated in a liquid dosage form for oral administration, such as suspensions, emulsions or syrups. In other embodiments, the liquid dosage form can include, in addition to commonly used simple diluents such as water and liquid paraffin, various excipients such as humectants, sweeteners, aromatics or preservatives. In particular embodiments, the composition comprising HIV vaccine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is formulated to be suitable for administration to a pediatric patient.

In one embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition is formulated in a dosage form for parenteral administration, such as sterile aqueous solutions, suspensions, emulsions, non-aqueous solutions or suppositories. In other embodiments, the non-aqueous solutions or suspensions include propyleneglycol, polyethyleneglycol, vegetable oils such as olive oil or injectable esters such as ethyl oleate. As a base for suppositories, witepsol, macrogol, tween 61, cacao oil, laurin oil or glycerinated gelatin can be used.

The dosage of the pharmaceutical composition can vary depending on the patient's weight, age, gender, administration time and mode, excretion rate, and the severity of 5 disease.

For the purposes of re-stimulation, lymphocytes, PBMCs, and/or CD4 T cells are generally removed from a patient and isolated for re-stimulation and culturing. The isolated cells may be contacted with the same HIV vaccine or activating 10 agent used for immunization or a different HIV vaccine or activating agent. In one embodiment, the isolated cells are contacted with about 10 ng to 5 μ g of an HIV vaccine or activating agent per about 106 cells in culture (or any other suitable amount). More specifically, the isolated cells may 15 be contacted with about 50 ng, about 100 ng, about 200 ng, about 300 ng, about 400 ng, about 500 ng, about 200 ng, about 700 ng, about 800 ng, about 900 ng, about 1 μ g, about 1.5 μ g, about 2 μ g, about 2.5 μ g, or about 3 μ g, about 3.5 μ g, about 4 μ g, about 4.5 μ g, or about 5 μ g of an HIV vaccine 20 or activating agent per about 106 cells in culture.

Activating agents or vaccines are generally used once for each in vitro cell culture but may be repeated after intervals of about 15 to about 35 days. For example, a repeat dosing could occur at about 15, about 16, about 17, about 18, about 25 19, about 20, about 21, about 22, about 23, about 24, about 25, about 26, about 27, about 28, about 29, about 30, about 31, about 32, about 33, about 34, or about 35 days.

For transduction of the enriched, re-stimulated cells, the cells may be transduced with lentiviral vectors or with other 30 known vector systems as disclosed, for example, in FIG. **4**. The cells being transduced may be contacted with about 1-1,000 viral genomes (measured by RT-PCR assay of culture fluids containing lentivirus vector) per target cell in culture (or any other suitable amount). Lentivirus transduc- 35 tion may be repeated 1-5 times using the same range of 1-1,000 viral genomes per target cell in culture. Cellular Enrichment

In various embodiments, cells such as T cells are obtained from an HIV infected patient and cultured. Culturing can 40 occur in multiwell plates in a culture medium comprising conditioned media ("CM"). The levels of supernatant p24gag ("p24") and viral RNA levels may be assessed by standard means. Those patients whose CM-cultured cells have peak p24 supernatant levels of less than 1 ng/ml may be suitable 45 patients for large-scale T-cell expansion in CM with or without the use of additional anti-viral agents. Additionally, different drugs or drug combinations of interest may be added to different wells and the impact on virus levels in the sample may be assessed by standard means. Those drug 50 combinations providing adequate viral suppression are therapeutically useful combinations. It is within the capacity of a competent technician to determine what constitutes adequate viral suppression in relation to a particular subject. In order to test the effectiveness of drugs of interest in 55 limiting viral expansion, additional factors such as anti-CD3 antibodies may be added to the culture to stimulate viral production. Unlike culture methods for HIV infected cell samples known in the art, CM allows the culture of T cells for periods of over two months, thereby providing an 60 effective system in which to assay long term drug effectiveness.

This approach allows the inhibition of gene expression driven by the HIV LTR promoter region in a cell population by the culture of cells in a medium comprising the CM. 65 Culture in CM4 likely inhibits HIV LTR driven gene expression by altering one or more interactions between transcrip-

tion mediating proteins and HIV gene expression regulatory elements. Transcription-mediating proteins of interest include host cell encoded proteins such as AP-1, NFkappaB, NF-AT, IRF, LEF-1 and Sp1, and the HIV encoded protein Tat. HIV gene expression regulatory elements of interest include binding sites for AP-1, NFkappaB, NF-AT, IRF, LEF-1 and Sp1, as well as the transacting responsive element ("TAR") which interacts with Tat.

In a preferred embodiment, the HIV infected cells are obtained from a subject with susceptible transcription mediating protein sequences and susceptible HIV regulatory element sequences. In a more preferred embodiment, the HIV infected cells are obtained from a subject having wild-type transcription-mediating protein sequences and wild-type HIV regulatory sequences.

Another method of enriching T cells utilizes immunoaffinity-based selection. This method includes the simultaneous enrichment or selection of a first and second population of cells, such as a CD4+ and CD8+ cell population. Cells containing primary human T cells are contacted with a first immunoaffinity reagent that specifically binds to CD4 and a second immunoaffinity reagent that specifically binds to CD8 in an incubation composition, under conditions whereby the immunoaffinity reagents specifically bind to CD4 and CD8 molecules, respectively, on the surface of cells in the sample. Cells bound to the first and/or the second immunoaffinity reagent are recovered, thereby generating an enriched composition comprising CD4+ cells and CD8+ cells. This approach may include incubation of the composition with a concentration of the first and/or second immunoaffinity reagent that is at a sub-optimal yield concentration. Notably, in some embodiments, transduced cells are a mixed T cell population, and in other embodiments transduced cells are not a mixed T cell population.

In some embodiments, immunoaffinity-based selection is used where the solid support is a sphere, such as a bead, such as a microbead or nanobead. In other embodiments, the bead can be a magnetic bead. In another embodiment, the antibody contains one or more binding partners capable of forming a reversible bond with a binding reagent immobilized on the solid surface, such as a sphere or chromatography matrix, wherein the antibody is reversibly mobilized to the solid surface. In some embodiments, cells expressing a cell surface marker bound by the antibody on said solid surface are capable of being recovered from the matrix by disruption of the reversible binding between the binding reagent and binding partner. In some embodiments, the binding reagent is streptavidin or is a streptavidin analog or mutant.

Stable transduction of primary cells of the hematopoietic system and/or hematopoietic stem cells may be obtained by contacting, in vitro or ex vivo, the surface of the cells with both a lentiviral vector and at least one molecule which binds the cell surface. The cells may be cultured in a ventilated vessel comprising two or more layers under conditions conducive to growth and/or proliferation. In some embodiments, this approach may be used in conjunction with non-CD4+ T cell depletion and/or broad polyclonal expansion.

In another approach to T cell enrichment, PBMCs are stimulated with a peptide and enriched for cells secreting a cytokine, such as interferon-gamma. This approach generally involves stimulating a mixture of cells containing T cells with antigen, and effecting a separation of antigenstimulated cells according to the degree to which they are labeled with the product. Antigen stimulation is achieved by exposing the cells to at least one antigen under conditions

effective to elicit antigen-specific stimulation of at least one T cell. Labeling with the product is achieved by modifying the surface of the cells to contain at least one capture moiety. culturing the cells under conditions in which the product is secreted, released and specifically bound ("captured" or 5 "entrapped") to said capture moiety; and labeling the captured product with a label moiety, where the labeled cells are not lysed as part of the labeling procedure or as part of the separation procedure. The capture moiety may incorporate detection of cell surface glycoproteins CD3 or CD4 to refine 10 the enrichment step and increase the proportion of antigenspecific T cells in general, of CD4+ T cells in specific.

The following examples are given to illustrate aspects of the present invention. It should be understood, however, that the invention is not to be limited to the specific conditions 15 or details described in these examples. All printed publications referenced herein are specifically incorporated by reference.

EXAMPLES

Example 1: Development of a Lentiviral Vector System

A lentiviral vector system was developed as summarized 25 in FIG. 3 (linear form) and FIG. 4 (circularized form). Referring first to the top portion of FIG. 3, a representative therapeutic vector has been designed and produced with the following elements being from left to right: hybrid 5' long terminal repeat (RSV/5' LTR) (SEQ ID NOS: 34-35), Psi 30 sequence (RNA packaging site) (SEQ ID NO: 36), RRE (Rev-response element) (SEQ ID NO: 37), cPPT (polypurine tract) (SEQ ID NO: 38), EF-la promoter (SEQ ID NO: 4), miR30CCR5 (SEQ ID NO: 1), miR21Vif (SEQ ID NO: 2), miR185Tat (SEQ ID NO: 3), Woodchuck Post-Transcrip- 35 tional Regulatory Element (WPRE) (SEQ ID NOS: 32 or 80), and $\Delta U3$ 3' LTR (SEQ ID NO: 39). The therapeutic vector detailed in FIG. 3 is also referred to herein as AGT103.

Referring next to the middle portion of FIG. 3, a helper 40 plasmid has been designed and produced with the following elements being from left to right: CAG promoter (SEQ ID NO: 41); HIV component gag (SEQ ID NO: 43); HIV component pol (SEQ ID NO: 44); HIV Int (SEQ ID NO: 45); HIV RRE (SEQ ID NO: 46); and HIV Rev (SEQ ID 45 GAATTCATGAATTTGCCAGGAAGATGGAAACCAAAAATGATAGGGGGGAAT NO: 47).

Referring next to the lower portion of FIG. 3, an envelope plasmid has been designed and produced with the following elements being from left to right: RNA polymerase II promoter (CMV) (SEQ ID NO: 60) and vesicular stomatitis 50 ATAATTGGAAGAAATCTGTTGACTCAGATTGGCTGCACTTTAAATTTTCC virus G glycoprotein (VSV-G) (SEQ ID NO: 62).

Lentiviral particles were produced in 293T/17 HEK cells (purchased from American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, Va.) following transfection with the therapeutic vector, the envelope plasmid, and the helper plasmid (as shown in 55 GTAGAAATTTGTACAGAAATGGAAAAGGAAGGAAAAATTTCAAAAATTGG FIG. 3). The transfection of 293T/17 HEK cells, which produced functional viral particles, employed the reagent Poly(ethylenimine) (PEI) to increase the efficiency of plasmid DNA uptake. The plasmids and DNA were initially added separately in culture medium without serum in a ratio 60 of 3:1 (mass ratio of PEI to DNA). After 2-3 days, cell medium was collected and lentiviral particles were purified by high-speed centrifugation and/or filtration followed by anion-exchange chromatography. The concentration of lentiviral particles can be expressed in terms of transducing 65 units/ml (TU/ml). The determination of TU was accomplished by measuring HIV p24 levels in culture fluids (p24

protein is incorporated into lentiviral particles), measuring the number of viral DNA copies per cell by quantitative PCR, or by infecting cells and using light (if the vectors encode luciferase or fluorescent protein markers).

As mentioned above, a 3-vector system (i.e., a 2-vector lentiviral packaging system) was designed for the production of lentiviral particles. A schematic of the 3-vector system is shown in FIG. 4. The schematic of FIG. 4 is a circularized version of the linear system previously described in FIG. 3. Briefly, and with reference to FIG. 4, the top-most vector is a helper plasmid, which, in this case, includes Rev. The vector appearing in the middle of FIG. 4 is the envelope plasmid. The bottom-most vector is the previously described therapeutic vector.

Referring more specifically to FIG. 4, the Helper plus Rev plasmid includes a CAG enhancer (SEQ ID NO: 40); a CAG promoter (SEQ ID NO: 41); a chicken beta actin intron (SEQ ID NO: 42); a HIV gag (SEQ ID NO: 43); a HIV Pol (SEQ ID NO: 44); a HIV Int (SEQ ID NO: 45); a HIV RRE

(SEQ ID NO: 46); a HIV Rev (SEQ ID NO: 47); and a rabbit beta globin poly A (SEQ ID NO: 48).

The Envelope plasmid includes a CMV promoter (SEQ ID NO: 60); a beta globin intron (SEQ ID NO: 61); a VSV-G (SEQ ID NO: 62); and a rabbit beta globin poly A (SEQ ID NO: 63).

Synthesis of a 2-Vector Lentiviral Packaging System Including Helper (Plus Rev) and Envelope Plasmids.

Materials and Methods:

Construction of the Helper Plasmid:

The helper plasmid was constructed by initial PCR amplification of a DNA fragment from the pNL4-3 HIV plasmid (NIH Aids Reagent Program) containing Gag, Pol, and Integrase genes. Primers were designed to amplify the fragment with EcoRI and NotI restriction sites which could be used to insert at the same sites in the pCDNA3 plasmid (Invitrogen). The forward primer was (5'-TAAGCAGAATTC ATGAATTTGCCAGGAAGAT-3') (SEQ ID NO: 81) and reverse primer was (5'-CCATACAAT-GAATGGACACTAGGCGGCCGCACGAAT-3') (SEQ ID NO: 82). The sequence for the Gag, Pol, Integrase fragment was as follows:

(SEO TD NO · 83) TGGAGGTTTTATCAAAGTAAGACAGTATGATCAGATACTCATAGAAATCT GCGGACATAAAGCTATAGGTACAGTATTAGTAGGACCTACACCTGTCAAC ${\tt CATTAGTCCTATTGAGACTGTACCAGTAAAATTAAAGCCAGGAATGGATG$ GCCTGAAAATCCATACAATACTCCAGTATTTGCCATAAAGAAAAAAGACA GTACTAAATGGAGAAAATTAGTAGATTTCAGAGAACTTAATAAGAGAACT CAAGATTTCTGGGAAGTTCAATTAGGAATACCACATCCTGCAGGGTTAAA ACAGAAAAAATCAGTAACAGTACTGGATGTGGGGCGATGCATATTTTTCAG TTCCCTTAGATAAAGACTTCAGGAAGTATACTGCATTTACCATACCTAGT ATAAACAATGAGACACCAGGGATTAGATATCAGTACAATGTGCTTCCACA GGGATGGAAAGGATCACCAGCAATATTCCAGTGTAGCATGACAAAAATCT

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TAGAGCCTTTTAGAAAACAAAATCCAGACATAGTCATCTATCAATACATG GATGATTTGTATGTAGGATCTGACTTAGAAATAGGGCAGCATAGAACAAA AATAGAGGAACTGAGACAACATCTGTTGAGGTGGGGATTTACCACACCAG ACAAAAAACATCAGAAAGAACCTCCATTCCTTTGGATGGGTTATGAACTC CATCCTGATAAATGGACAGTACAGCCTATAGTGCTGCCAGAAAAGGACAG CTGGACTGTCAATGACATACAGAAATTAGTGGGAAAATTGAATTGGGCAA GTCAGATTTATGCAGGGATTAAAGTAAGGCAATTATGTAAACTTCTTAGG GGAACCAAAGCACTAACAGAAGTAGTACCACTAACAGAAGAAGCAGAGCT AGAACTGGCAGAAAACAGGGAGATTCTAAAAGAACCGGTACATGGAGTGT ATTATGACCCATCAAAAGACTTAATAGCAGAAATACAGAAGCAGGGGCAA GGCCAATGGACATATCAAATTTATCAAGAGCCATTTAAAAAATCTGAAAAC AGGAAAGTATGCAAGAATGAAGGGTGCCCACACTAATGATGTGAAACAAT TAACAGAGGCAGTACAAAAAATAGCCACAGAAAGCATAGTAATATGGGGA AAGACTCCTAAATTTAAATTACCCATACAAAAGGAAACATGGGAAGCATG GTGGACAGAGTATTGGCAAGCCACCTGGATTCCTGAGTGGGAGTTTGTCA ATAGGAGCAGAAACTTTCTATGTAGATGGGGCAGCCAATAGGGAAACTAA ATTAGGAAAAGCAGGATATGTAACTGACAGAGGAAGACAAAAAGTTGTCC CCCTAACGGACACAAAATCAGAAGACTGAGTTACAAGCAATTCATCTA GCTTTGCAGGATTCGGGATTAGAAGTAAACATAGTGACAGACTCACAATA TGCATTGGGAATCATTCAAGCACAACCAGATAAGAGTGAATCAGAGTTAG TCAGTCAAATAATAGAGCAGTTAATAAAAAAGGAAAAAGTCTACCTGGCA TGGGTACCAGCACAAAGGAATTGGAGGAAATGAACAAGTAGATAAATT GGTCAGTGCTGGAATCAGGAAAGTACTATTTTTAGATGGAATAGATAAGG CCCAAGAAGAACATGAGAAATATCACAGTAATTGGAGAGCAATGGCTAGT GATTTTAACCTACCACCTGTAGTAGCAAAAGAAATAGTAGCCAGCTGTGA TAAATGTCAGCTAAAAGGGGAAGCCATGCATGGACAAGTAGACTGTAGCC CAGGAATATGGCAGCTAGATTGTACACATTTAGAAGGAAAAGTTATCTTG GTAGCAGTTCATGTAGCCAGTGGATATATAGAAGCAGAAGTAATTCCAGC AGAGACAGGGCAAGAAACAGCATACTTCCTCTTAAAATTAGCAGGAAGAT GGCCAGTAAAAACAGTACATACAGACAATGGCAGCAATTTCACCAGTACT ACAGTTAAGGCCGCCTGTTGGTGGGCGGGGGATCAAGCAGGAATTTGGCAT TCCCTACAATCCCCAAAGTCAAGGAGTAATAGAATCTATGAATAAAGAAT TAAAGAAAATTATAGGACAGGTAAGAGATCAGGCTGAACATCTTAAGACA GCAGTACAAATGGCAGTATTCATCCACAATTTTAAAAGAAAAGGGGGGGAT TGGGGGGTACAGTGCAGGGGAAAGAATAGTAGACATAATAGCAACAGACA TACAAACTAAAGAATTACAAAAAACAAATTACAAAAATTCAAAAATTTCGG GTTTATTACAGGGACAGCAGAGATCCAGTTTGGAAAGGACCAGCAAAGCT CCTCTGGAAAGGTGAAGGGGGCAGTAGTAATACAAGATAATAGTGACATAA AAGTAGTGCCAAGAAGAAAAGCAAAGATCATCAGGGATTATGGAAAACAG ATGGCAGGTGATGATTGTGTGGCAAGTAGACAGGATGAGGATTAA

Next, a DNA fragment containing the Rev, RRE, and rabbit beta globin poly A sequence with XbaI and XmaI flanking restriction sites was synthesized by MWG Operon. The DNA fragment was then inserted into the plasmid at the XbaI and XmaI restriction sites The DNA sequence was as follows:

(SEQ ID NO: 84)

10 TCTAGAATGGCAGGAAGAAGCGGAGACAGCGACGAAGAGCTCATCAGAAC AGTCAGACTCATCAAGCTTCTCTATCAAAGCAACCCACCTCCCAATCCCG CAGAGACAGATCCATTCGATTAGTGAACGGATCCTTGGCACTTATCTGGG ACGATCTGCGGAGCCTGTGCCTCTTCAGCTACCACCGCTTGAGAGACTTA AGCCCTCAAATATTGGTGGAATCTCCTACAATATTGGAGTCAGGAGCTAA 20 AGAATAGAGGAGCTTTGTTCCTTGGGTTCTTGGGAGCAGCAGGAAGCACT ATGGGCGCAGCGTCAATGACGCTGACGGTACAGGCCAGACAATTATTGTC TGGTATAGTGCAGCAGCAGAACAATTTGCTGAGGGCTATTGAGGCGCAAC 25 AGCATCTGTTGCAACTCACAGTCTGGGGGCATCAAGCAGCTCCAGGCAAGA ATCCTGGCTGTGGAAAGATACCTAAAGGATCAACAGCTCCTAGATCTTT TCCCTCTGCCAAAAATTATGGGGACATCATGAAGCCCCTTGAGCATCTGA 30 CTTCTGGCTAATAAAGGAAATTTATTTTCATTGCAATAGTGTGTTGGAAT TTTTTGTGTCTCTCACTCGGAAGGACATATGGGAGGGCAAATCATTTAAA ACATCAGAATGAGTATTTGGTTTAGAGTTTGGCAACATATGCCATATGCT 35 GGCTGCCATGAACAAAGGTGGCTATAAAGAGGTCATCAGTATATGAAACA GCCCCCTGCTGTCCATTCCTTATTCCATAGAAAAGCCTTGACTTGAGGTT AAATTTTCCTTACATGTTTTACTAGCCAGATTTTTCCTCCTCCTCGACT ACTCCCAGTCATAGCTGTCCCTCTTCTCTTATGAAGATCCCTCGACCTGC AGCCCAAGCTTGGCGTAATCATGGTCATAGCTGTTTCCTGTGTGAAATTG 45 TTATCCGCTCACAATTCCACACAACATACGAGCCGGAAGCATAAAGTGTA AAGCCTGGGGTGCCTAATGAGTGAGCTAACTCACATTAATTGCGTTGCGC TCACTGCCCGCTTTCCAGTCGGGAAACCTGTCGTGCCAGCGGATCCGCAT 50 CTCAATTAGTCAGCAACCATAGTCCCGCCCCTAACTCCGCCCATCCCGCC CCTAACTCCGCCCAGTTCCGCCCATTCTCCGCCCCATGGCTGACTAATTT TTTTTATTTATGCAGAGGCCGAGGCCGCCTCGGCCTCTGAGCTATTCCAG 55 AAGTAGTGAGGAGGCTTTTTTGGAGGCCTAGGCTTTTGCAAAAAGCTAAC TTGTTTATTGCAGCTTATAATGGTTACAAATAAAGCAATAGCATCACAAA TTTCACAAATAAAGCATTTTTTTCACTGCATTCTAGTTGTGGTTTGTCCA 60 AACTCATCAATGTATCTTATCAGCGGCCGCCCCGGG

Finally, the CMV promoter of pCDNA3.1 was replaced with the CAG enhancer/promoter plus a chicken beta actin 65 intron sequence. A DNA fragment containing the CAG enhancer/promoter/intron sequence with MluI and EcoRI flanking restriction sites was synthesized by MWG Operon.

The DNA fragment was then inserted into the plasmid at the MluI and EcoRI restriction sites. The DNA sequence was as follows:

(SEO ID NO: 85) ACGCGTTAGTTATTAATAGTAATCAATTACGGGGTCATTAGTTCATAGCC CATATATGGAGTTCCGCGTTACATAACTTACGGTAAATGGCCCGCCTGGC TGACCGCCCAACGACCCCCGCCCATTGACGTCAATAATGACGTATGTTCC CATAGTAACGCCAATAGGGACTTTCCATTGACGTCAATGGGTGGACTATT TACGGTAAACTGCCCACTTGGCAGTACATCAAGTGTATCATATGCCAAGT ACGCCCCCTATTGACGTCAATGACGGTAAATGGCCCGCCTGGCATTATGC CCAGTACATGACCTTATGGGACTTTCCTACTTGGCAGTACATCTACGTAT TAGTCATCGCTATTACCATGGGTCGAGGTGAGCCCCACGTTCTGCTTCAC CGGCGGCAGCCAATCAGAGCGGCGCGCCCCGAAAGTTTCCTTTTATGGCG GACGGCCCTTCTCCTCCGGGCTGTAATTAGCGCTTGGTTTAATGACGGCT CGTTTCTTTTCTGTGGCTGCGTGAAAGCCTTAAAGGGCTCCGGGAGGGCC GGGGAGCGCCGCGTGCGGCCCGCGCTGCCCGGCGGCTGTGAGCGCTGCGG CGGGGGGGGGGGGCGGCGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGAACAAAGGCTG TCGGGCTGTAACCCCCCCTGCACCCCCCCCCCGAGTTGCTGAGCACGG CCCGGCTTCGGGTGCGGGGGCTCCGTGCGGGGCGTGGCGCGGGGGCTCGCCG GGCGGCTGTCGAGGCGCGGCGAGCCGCAGCCATTGCCTTTTATGGTAATC GTGCGAGAGGGCGCAGGGACTTCCTTTGTCCCAAATCTGGCGGAGCCGAA ATCTGGGAGGCGCCGCCGCACCCCCTCTAGCGGGCGCGGGGGGAAGCGGTG CGGCGCCGGCAGGAAGGAAATGGGCGGGGGGGGGGGCCTTCGTGCGTCGCCGC GCCGCCGTCCCCTTCTCCATCTCCAGCCTCGGGGCTGCCGCAGGGGGACG ACCGGCGGGAATTC

Construction of the VSV-G Envelope Plasmid:

The vesicular stomatitis Indiana virus glycoprotein (VSV-G) sequence was synthesized by MWG Operon with flanking EcoRI restriction sites. The DNA fragment was then inserted into the pCDNA3.1 plasmid (Invitrogen) at the EcoRI restriction site and the correct orientation was determined by sequencing using a CMV specific primer. The DNA sequence was as follows:

(SEQ ID NO: 86) GAATTCATGAAGTGCCTTTTGTACTTAGCCTTTTTATTCATTGGGGTGAA TTGCAAGTTCACCATAGTTTTTCCACACAACCAAAAAGGAAACTGGAAAA ATGTTCCTTCTAATTACCATTATTGCCCGTCAAGCTCAGATTTAAATTGG CATAATGACTTAATAGGCACAGCCTTACAAGTCAAAATGCCCAAGAGTCA CAAGGCTATTCAAGCAGACGGTTGGATGTGTCATGCTTCCAAATGGGTCA 10 CTACTTGTGATTTCCGCTGGTATGGACCGAAGTATATAACACATTCCATC CGATCCTTCACTCCATCTGTAGAACAATGCAAGGAAAGCATTGAACAAAC GAAACAAGGAACTTGGCTGAATCCAGGCTTCCCTCCTCAAAGTTGTGGAT 15 ATGCAACTGTGACGGATGCCGAAGCAGTGATTGTCCAGGTGACTCCTCAC CATGTGCTGGTTGATGAATACACAGGAGAATGGGTTGATTCACAGTTCAT CAACGGAAAATGCAGCAATTACATATGCCCCACTGTCCATAACTCTACAA 20 CCTGGCATTCTGACTATAAGGTCAAAGGGCTATGTGATTCTAACCTCATT TCCATGGACATCACCTTCTTCTCAGAGGACGGAGAGCTATCATCCCTGGG AAAGGAGGGCACAGGGTTCAGAAGTAACTACTTTGCTTATGAAACTGGAG 25 gcaaggcctgcaaaatgcaatactgcaagcattggggagtcagactccca TCAGGTGTCTGGTTCGAGATGGCTGATAAGGATCTCTTTGCTGCAGCCAG ATTCCCTGAATGCCCAGAAGGGTCAAGTATCTCTGCTCCATCTCAGACCT 30 CAGTGGATGTAAGTCTAATTCAGGACGTTGAGAGGATCTTGGATTATTCC CTCTGCCAAGAAACCTGGAGCAAAATCAGAGCGGGTCTTCCAATCTCTCC AGTGGATCTCAGCTATCTTGCTCCTAAAAACCCAGGAACCGGTCCTGCTT TCACCATAATCAATGGTACCCTAAAATACTTTGAGACCAGATACATCAGA 35 GTCGATATTGCTGCTCCAATCCTCTCAAGAATGGTCGGAATGATCAGTGG AACTACCACAGAAAGGGAACTGTGGGATGACTGGGCACCATATGAAGACG TGGAAATTGGACCCAATGGAGTTCTGAGGACCAGTTCAGGATATAAGTTT 40 CCTTTATACATGATTGGACATGGTATGTTGGACTCCGATCTTCATCTTAG CTCAAAGGCTCAGGTGTTCGAACATCCTCACATTCAAGACGCTGCTTCGC AACTTCCTGATGATGAGAGTTTATTTTTTGGTGATACTGGGCTATCCAAA 45 AATCCAATCGAGCTTGTAGAAGGTTGGTTCAGTAGTTGGAAAAGCTCTAT TGCCTCTTTTTTCTTTATCATAGGGTTAATCATTGGACTATTCTTGGTTC TCCGAGTTGGTATCCATCTTTGCATTAAATTAAAGCACACCAAGAAAAGA 50 CAGATTTATACAGACATAGAGATGAGAATTC

A 4-vector system (i.e., a 3-vector lentiviral packaging system) has also been designed and produced using the methods and materials described herein. A schematic of the 4-vector system is shown in FIG. **5**. Briefly, and with reference to FIG. **5**, the top-most vector is a helper plasmid, which, in this case, does not include Rev. The vector second from the top is a separate Rev plasmid. The vector second from the bottom is the envelope plasmid. The bottom-most vector is the previously described therapeutic vector.

Referring, in part, to FIG. **5**, the Helper plasmid includes a CAG enhancer (SEQ ID NO: 49); a CAG promoter (SEQ ID NO: 50); a chicken beta actin intron (SEQ ID NO: 51); a HIV gag (SEQ ID NO: 52); a HIV Pol (SEQ ID NO: 53); a HIV Int (SEQ ID NO: 54); a HIV RRE (SEQ ID NO: 55); and a rabbit beta globin poly A (SEQ ID NO: 56).

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The Rev plasmid includes a RSV promoter (SEQ ID NO: 57); a HIV Rev (SEQ ID NO: 58); and a rabbit beta globin poly A (SEQ ID NO: 59).

The Envelope plasmid includes a CMV promoter (SEQ ID NO: 60); a beta globin intron (SEQ ID NO: 61); a VSV-G⁻⁵ (SEQ ID NO: 62); and a rabbit beta globin poly A (SEQ ID NO: 63).

Synthesis of a 3-Vector Lentiviral Packaging System Including Helper, Rev, and Envelope Plasmids.

Materials and Methods:

Construction of the Helper Plasmid without Rev:

The Helper plasmid without Rev was constructed by inserting a DNA fragment containing the RRE and rabbit beta globin poly A sequence. This sequence was synthesized 15 by MWG Operon with flanking XbaI and XmaI restriction sites. The RRE/rabbit poly A beta globin sequence was then inserted into the Helper plasmid at the XbaI and XmaI restriction sites. The DNA sequence is as follows:

(SEQ ID NO: 87) TCTAGAAGGAGCTTTGTTCCTTGGGTTCTTGGGAGCAGCAGGAAGCACTA TGGGCGCAGCGTCAATGACGCTGACGGTACAGGCCAGACAATTATTGTCT GGTATAGTGCAGCAGCAGAACAATTTGCTGAGGGCTATTGAGGCGCAACA GCATCTGTTGCAACTCACAGTCTGGGGGCATCAAGCAGCTCCAGGCAAGAA TCCTGGCTGTGGAAAGATACCTAAAGGATCAACAGCTCCTAGATCTTTT CCCTCTGCCAAAAATTATGGGGGACATCATGAAGCCCCTTGAGCATCTGAC TTCTGGCTAATAAAGGAAATTTATTTCATTGCAATAGTGTGTGGGAATT TTTTGTGTCTCTCACTCGGAAGGACATATGGGAGGGCAAATCATTTAAAA CATCAGAATGAGTATTTGGTTTAGAGTTTGGCAACATATGCCATATGCTG GCTGCCATGAACAAAGGTGGCTATAAAGAGGTCATCAGTATATGAAACAG CCCCCTGCTGTCCATTCCTTATTCCATAGAAAAGCCTTGACTTGAGGTTA AATTTTCCTTACATGTTTTACTAGCCAGATTTTTCCTCCTCTCCTGACTA CTCCCAGTCATAGCTGTCCCTCTTCTCTTATGAAGATCCCTCGACCTGCA GCCCAAGCTTGGCGTAATCATGGTCATAGCTGTTTCCTGTGTGAAATTGT TATCCGCTCACAATTCCACACAACATACGAGCCGGAAGCATAAAGTGTAA AGCCTGGGGTGCCTAATGAGTGAGCTAACTCACATTAATTGCGTTGCGCT CACTGCCCGCTTTCCAGTCGGGAAACCTGTCGTGCCAGCGGATCCGCATC TCAATTAGTCAGCAACCATAGTCCCGCCCCTAACTCCGCCCATCCCGCCC CTAACTCCGCCCAGTTCCGCCCATTCTCCGCCCCATGGCTGACTAATTTT TTTTATTTATGCAGAGGCCGAGGCCGCCTCGGCCTCTGAGCTATTCCAGA AGTAGTGAGGAGGCTTTTTTGGAGGCCTAGGCTTTTGCAAAAAGCTAACT TGTTTATTGCAGCTTATAATGGTTACAAATAAAGCAATAGCATCACAAAT TTCACAAATAAAGCATTTTTTTCACTGCATTCTAGTTGTGGTTTGTCCAA ACTCATCAATGTATCTTATCACCCGGG

Construction of the Rev Plasmid:

The RSV promoter and HIV Rev sequence was synthesized as a single DNA fragment by MWG Operon with 65 flanking MfeI and XbaI restriction sites. The DNA fragment was then inserted into the pCDNA3.1 plasmid (Invitrogen)

at the MfeI and XbaI restriction sites in which the CMV promoter is replaced with the RSV promoter. The DNA sequence was as follows:

(SEO ID NO: 88) CAATTGCGATGTACGGGCCAGATATACGCGTATCTGAGGGGACTAGGGTG TGTTTAGGCGAAAAGCGGGGGCTTCGGTTGTACGCGGTTAGGAGTCCCCTC 10 AGGATATAGTAGTTTCGCTTTTGCATAGGGAGGGGGAAATGTAGTCTTAT GCAATACACTTGTAGTCTTGCAACATGGTAACGATGAGTTAGCAACATGC CTTACAAGGAGAGAAAAAGCACCGTGCATGCCGATTGGTGGAAGTAAGGT GGTACGATCGTGCCTTATTAGGAAGGCAACAGACAGGTCTGACATGGATT GGACGAACCACTGAATTCCGCATTGCAGAGATAATTGTATTTAAGTGCCT AGCTCGATACAATAAACGCCATTTGACCATTCACCACATTGGTGTGCACC TCCAAGCTCGAGCTCGTTTAGTGAACCGTCAGATCGCCTGGAGACGCCAT 20 CCACGCTGTTTTGACCTCCATAGAAGACACCGGGACCGATCCAGCCTCCC CTCGAAGCTAGCGATTAGGCATCTCCTATGGCAGGAAGAAGCGGAGACAG CGACGAAGAACTCCTCAAGGCAGTCAGACTCATCAAGTTTCTCTATCAAA 25 GCAACCCACCTCCCAATCCCGAGGGGGACCCGACAGGCCCGAAGGAATAGA AGAAGAAGGTGGAGAGAGAGACAGAGACAGATCCATTCGATTAGTGAACG GATCCTTAGCACTTATCTGGGACGATCTGCGGAGCCTGTGCCTCTTCAGC 30 TACCACCGCTTGAGAGACTTACTCTTGATTGTAACGAGGATTGTGGAACT TCTGGGACGCAGGGGGGGGGGGAGCCCTCAAATATTGGTGGAATCTCCTAC AATATTGGAGTCAGGAGCTAAAGAATAGTCTAGA

The plasmids for the 2-vector and 3-vector packaging systems could be modified with similar elements and the intron sequences could potentially be removed without loss of vector function. For example, the following elements could replace similar elements in the 2-vector and 3-vector packaging system:

Promoters: Elongation Factor-1 (EF-1) (SEQ ID NO: 64), phosphoglycerate kinase (PGK) (SEQ ID NO: 65), and ubiquitin C (UbC) (SEQ ID NO: 66) can replace the CMV (SEQ ID NO: 60) or CAG promoter (SEQ ID NO: 100).

Poly A sequences: SV40 poly A (SEQ ID NO: 67) and bGH poly A (SEQ ID NO: 68) can replace the rabbit beta globin poly A (SEQ ID NO: 48).

HIV Gag, Pol, and Integrase sequences: The HIV 50 sequences in the Helper plasmid can be constructed from different HIV strains or clades. For example, HIV Gag (SEQ ID NO: 69); HIV Pol (SEQ ID NO: 70); and HIV Int (SEQ ID NO: 71) from the Bal strain can be interchanged with the gag, pol, and int sequences contained in the helper/helper plus Rev plasmids as outlined herein.

Envelope: The VSV-G glycoprotein can be substituted with membrane glycoproteins from feline endogenous virus (RD114) (SEQ ID NO: 72), gibbon ape leukemia virus (GALV) (SEQ ID NO: 73), Rabies (FUG) (SEQ ID NO: 74), 60 lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV) (SEQ ID NO: 75), influenza A fowl plague virus (FPV) (SEQ ID NO: 76), Ross River alphavirus (RRV) (SEQ ID NO: 77), murine leukemia virus 10A1 (MLV) (SEQ ID NO: 78), or Ebola virus (EboV) (SEQ ID NO: 79). Sequences for these envelopes are identified in the sequence portion herein.

In summary, the 3-vector versus 4-vector systems can be compared and contrasted, in part, as follows. The 3-vector lentiviral vector system contains: 1. Helper plasmid: HIV Gag, Pol, Integrase, and Rev/Tat; 2. Envelope plasmid: VSV-G/FUG envelope; and 3. Therapeutic vector: RSV 5'LTR, Psi Packaging Signal, Gag fragment, RRE, Env fragment, cPPT, WPRE, and 3'delta LTR. The 4-vector ⁵ lentiviral vector system contains: 1. Helper plasmid: HIV Gag, Pol, and Integrase; 2. Rev plasmid: Rev; 3. Envelope plasmid: VSV-G/FUG envelope; and 4. Therapeutic vector: RSV 5'LTR, Psi Packaging Signal, Gag fragment, RRE, Env fragment, cPPT, WPRE, and 3' delta LTR. Sequences cor-¹⁰ responding with the above elements are identified in the sequence listings portion herein.

Example 2: Development of an Anti-HIV Lentivirus Vector

The purpose of this example was to develop an anti-HIV lentivirus vector.

Inhibitory RNA Designs.

The sequence of Homo sapiens chemokine C-C motif 20 receptor 5 (CCR5) (GC03P046377) mRNA was used to search for potential siRNA or shRNA candidates to knockdown CCR5 levels in human cells. Potential RNA interference sequences were chosen from candidates selected by siRNA or shRNA design programs such as from the Broad 25 Institute or the BLOCK-iT RNAi Designer from Thermo Scientific. Individual selected shRNA sequences were inserted into lentiviral vectors immediately 3' to a RNA polymerase III promoter such as H1, U6, or 7SK to regulate shRNA expression. These lentivirus-shRNA constructs were 30 used to transduce cells and measure the change in specific mRNA levels. The shRNA most potent for reducing mRNA levels were embedded individually within a microRNA backbone to allow for expression by either the CMV or EF-1alpha RNA polymerase II promoters. The microRNA 35 backbone was selected from mirbase.org. RNA sequences were also synthesized as synthetic siRNA oligonucleotides and introduced directly into cells without using a lentiviral vector.

The genomic sequence of Bal strain of human immuno- 40 deficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1 85US_BaL, accession number AY713409) was used to search for potential siRNA or shRNA candidates to knockdown HIV replication levels in human cells. Based on sequence homology and experience, the search focused on regions of the Tat and Vif genes of 45 HIV although an individual of skill in the art will understand that use of these regions is non-limiting and other potential targets might be selected. Importantly, highly conserved regions of gag or pol genes could not be targeted by shRNA because these same sequences were present in the packaging 50 system complementation plasmids needed for vector manufacturing. As with the CCR5 (NM 000579.3, NM 001100168.1-specific) RNAs, potential HIV-specific RNA interference sequences were chosen from candidates selected by siRNA or shRNA design programs such as from 55 the Gene-E Software Suite hosted by the Broad Institute (broadinstitute.org/mai/public) or the BLOCK-iT RNAi Designer from Thermo Scientific (madesigner.thermofisher.com/rnaiexpress/

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backbone to allow for expression by either the CMV or EF-1alpha RNA polymerase II promoters

Vector Constructions.

For CCR5, Tat or Vif shRNA, oligonucleotide sequences containing BamHI and EcoRI restriction sites were synthesized by Eurofins MWG Operon, LLC. Overlapping sense and antisense oligonucleotide sequences were mixed and annealed during cooling from 70 degrees Celsius to room temperature. The lentiviral vector was digested with the restriction enzymes BamHI and EcoRI for one hour at 37 degrees Celsius. The digested lentiviral vector was purified by agarose gel electrophoresis and extracted from the gel using a DNA gel extraction kit from Invitrogen. The DNA concentrations were determined and vector to oligo (3:1 15 ratio) were mixed, allowed to anneal, and ligated. The ligation reaction was performed with T4 DNA ligase for 30 minutes at room temperature. 2.5 microliters of the ligation mix were added to 25 microliters of STBL3 competent bacterial cells. Transformation was achieved after heatshock at 42 degrees Celsius. Bacterial cells were spread on agar plates containing ampicillin and drug-resistant colonies (indicating the presence of ampicillin-resistance plasmids) were recovered, purified and expanded in LB broth. To check for insertion of the oligo sequences, plasmid DNA were extracted from harvested bacteria cultures with the Invitrogen DNA mini prep kit. Insertion of the shRNA sequence in the lentiviral vector was verified by DNA sequencing using a specific primer for the promoter used to regulate shRNA expression. Exemplary vector sequences that were determined to restrict HIV replication can be found in FIG. 6. For example, the shRNA sequences with the highest activity against CCR5, Tat or Vif gene expression were then assembled into a microRNA (miR) cluster under control of the EF-1alpha promoter. The promoter and miR sequences are depicted in FIG. 6.

Further, and using standard molecular biology techniques (e.g., Sambrook; Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, 4th Ed.) as well as the techniques described herein, a series of lentiviral vectors have been developed as depicted in FIG. 7 herein.

Vector 1 was developed and contains, from left to right: a long terminal repeat (LTR) portion (SEQ ID NO: 35); a H1 element (SEQ ID NO: 101); a shCCR5 (SEQ ID NOS: 16, 18, 20, 22, or 24-Y); a posttranscriptional regulatory element of woodchuck hepatitis virus (WPRE) (SEQ ID NOS: 32, 80); and a long terminal repeat portion (SEQ ID NO: 102).

Vector 2 was developed and contains, from left to right: a long terminal repeat (LTR) portion (SEQ ID NO: 35); a H1 element (SEQ ID NO: 101); a shRev/Tat (SEQ ID NO: 10); a H1 element (SEQ ID NO: 101); a shCCR5 (SEQ ID NOS: 16, 18, 20, 22, or 24); a posttranscriptional regulatory element of woodchuck hepatitis virus (WPRE) (SEQ ID NOS: 32, 80); and a long terminal repeat portion (SEQ ID NO: 102).

Vector 3 was developed and contains, from left to right: a long terminal repeat (LTR) portion (SEQ ID NO: 35); a H1 element (SEQ ID NO: 101); a shGag (SEQ ID NO: 12); a H1 element (SEQ ID NO: 101); a shCCR5 (SEQ ID NOS: 16,
18, 20, 22, or 24); a posttranscriptional regulatory element of woodchuck hepatitis virus (WPRE) (SEQ ID NOS: 32, 80); and a long terminal repeat portion (SEQ ID NO: 102).

Vector 4 was developed and contains, from left to right: a long terminal repeat (LTR) portion (SEQ ID NO: 35); a 7SK element (SEQ ID NO: 103); a shRev/Tat (SEQ ID NO: 10); a H1 element (SEQ ID NO: 101); a shCCR5 (SEQ ID NOS: 16, 18, 20, 22, or 24); a posttranscriptional regulatory element of woodchuck hepatitis virus (WPRE) (SEQ ID NOS: 32, 80); and a long terminal repeat portion (SEQ ID NO: 102).

Vector 5 was developed and contains, from left to right: a long terminal repeat (LTR) portion (SEQ ID NO: 35); a 5 EF1 element (SEQ ID NO: 4); miR30CCR5 (SEQ ID NO: 1); MiR21Vif (SEQ ID NO: 2); miR185Tat (SEQ ID NO: 3); a posttranscriptional regulatory element of woodchuck hepatitis virus (WPRE) (SEQ ID NOS: 32, 80); and a long terminal repeat portion (SEQ ID NO: 102). 10

Vector 6 was developed and contains, from left to right: a long terminal repeat (LTR) portion (SEQ ID NO: 35); a EF1 element (SEQ ID NO: 4); miR30CCR5 (SEQ ID NO: 1); MiR21Vif (SEQ ID NO: 2); miR155Tat (SEQ ID NO: 104); a posttranscriptional regulatory element of woodchuck 15 hepatitis virus (WPRE) (SEQ ID NOS: 32, 80); and a long terminal repeat portion (SEQ ID NO: 102).

Vector 7 was developed and contains, from left to right: a long terminal repeat (LTR) portion (SEQ ID NO: 35); a EF1 element (SEO ID NO: 4); miR30CCR5 (SEO ID NO: 20 1); MiR21Vif (SEQ ID NO: 2); miR185Tat (SEQ ID NO: 3); a posttranscriptional regulatory element of woodchuck hepatitis virus (WPRE) (SEQ ID NOS: 32, 80); and a long terminal repeat portion (SEQ ID NO: 102).

Vector 8 was developed and contains, from left to right: 25 a long terminal repeat (LTR) portion (SEQ ID NO: 35); a EF1 element (SEQ ID NO: 4); miR30CCR5 (SEQ ID NO: 1); MiR21Vif (SEQ ID NO: 2); miR185Tat (SEQ ID NO: 3); and a long terminal repeat portion (SEQ ID NO: 102).

Vector 9 was developed and contains, from left to right: 30 a long terminal repeat (LTR) portion (SEQ ID NO: 35); a CD4 element (SEQ ID NO: 30); miR30CCR5 (SEQ ID NO: 1); miR21Vif (SEQ ID NO: 2); miR185Tat (SEQ ID NO: 3); a posttranscriptional regulatory element of woodchuck hepatitis virus (WPRE) (SEQ ID NOS: 32, 80); and a long 35 terminal repeat portion (SEQ ID NO: 102). Development of Vectors

It should be noted that not all vectors developed for these experiments necessarily worked as might be predicted. More specifically, a lentivirus vector against HIV might include 40 three main components: 1) inhibitory RNA to reduce the level of HIV binding proteins (receptors) on the target cell surface to block initial virus attachment and penetration; 2) overexpression of the HIV TAR sequence that will sequester viral Tat protein and decrease its ability to transactivate viral 45 gene expression; and 3) inhibitory RNA that attack important and conserved sequences within the HIV genome.

With respect to the first point above, a key cell surface HIV binding protein is the chemokine receptor CCR5. HIV particles attach to susceptible T cells by binding to the CD4 50 and CCR5 cell surface proteins. Because CD4 is an essential glycoprotein on the cell surface that is important for the immunological function of T cells, this was not chosen as a target to manipulate its expression levels. However, people born homozygous for null mutations in the CCR5 gene and 55 completely lacking receptor expression, live normal lives save for enhanced susceptibility to a few infectious diseases and the possibility of developing rare autoimmunity. Thus, modulating CCR5 was determined to be a relatively safe approach and was a primary target in the development of 60 anti-HIV lentivirus vectors.

With respect to the second point above, the viral TAR sequence is a highly structured region of HIV genomic RNA that binds tightly to viral Tat protein. The Tat: TAR complex is important for efficient generation of viral RNA. Over- 65 expression of the TAR region was envisioned as a decoy molecule that would sequester Tat protein and decrease the

levels of viral RNA. However, TAR proved toxic to most mammalian cells including cells used for manufacturing lentivirus particles. Further, TAR was inefficient for inhibiting viral gene expression in other laboratories and has been discarded as a viable component in HIV gene therapy.

In various embodiments, viral gene sequences have been identified that meet 3 criteria: i) Sequences that are reasonably conserved across a range of HIV isolates representative of the epidemic in a geographic region of interest; ii) reduction in RNA levels due to the activity of an inhibitory RNA in a viral vector will reduce the corresponding protein levels by an amount sufficient to meaningfully reduce HIV replication; and iii) the viral gene sequence(s) targeted by inhibitory RNA are not present in the genes required for packaging and assembling viral vector particles during manufacturing. In various embodiments, a sequence at the junction of HIV Tat and Rev genes and a second sequence within the HIV Vif gene have been targeted by inhibitory RNA. The Tat/Rev targeting has an additional benefit of reducing HIV envelope glycoprotein expression because this region overlaps with the envelope gene in the HIV genome.

Various methods for vector development and testing relies first on identifying suitable targets (as described herein) followed by constructing plasmid DNAs expressing individual or multiple inhibitory RNA species for testing in cell models, and finally constructing lentivirus vectors containing inhibitory RNA with proven anti-HIV function. The lentivirus vectors are tested for toxicity, yield during in vitro production, and effectiveness against HIV in terms of reducing CCR5 expression levels or lowering viral gene products to inhibit virus replication.

Table 2 below demonstrates progression through multiple versions of inhibitory constructs until arriving at a clinical candidate. Initially, shRNA (short homology RNA) molecules were designed and expressed from plasmid DNA constructs.

Plasmids 1-4, as detailed in Table 2 below, tested shRNA sequences against Gag, Pol and RT genes of HIV. While each shRNA was active for suppressing viral protein expression in a cell model, there were two important problems that prevented further development. First, the sequences were targeted to a laboratory isolate of HIV that was not representative of Clade B HIV strains currently circulating in North America and Europe. Second, these shRNA targeted critical components in the lentivirus vector packaging system and would severely reduce vector yield during manufacturing. Plasmid 5, as detailed in Table 2, was selected to target CCR5 and provided a lead candidate sequence. Plasmids 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, as detailed in Table 2, incorporated the TAR sequence and it was found they produced unacceptable toxicity for mammalian cells including cells used for lentivirus vector manufacturing. Plasmid 2, as detailed in Table 2, identified a lead shRNA sequence capable of reducing Tat RNA expression. Plasmid 12, as detailed in Table 2, demonstrated the effectiveness of shCCR5 expressed as a microRNA (miR) in a lentiviral vector and confirmed it should be in the final product. Plasmid 13, as detailed in Table 2, demonstrated the effectiveness of a shVif expressed as a microRNA (miR) in a lentiviral vector and confirmed it should be in the final product. Plasmid 14, as detailed in Table 2, demonstrated the effectiveness of shTat expressed as a microRNA (miR) in a lentiviral vector and confirmed it should be in the final product. Plasmid 15, as detailed in Table 2, contained the miR CCR5, miR Tat and miR Vif in the form of a miR cluster expressed from a single promoter. These miR do not

target critical components in the lentivirus vector packaging system and proved to have negligible toxicity for mammalian cells. The miR within the cluster were equally effective as individual miR that were tested previously, and the overall impact was a substantial reduction in replication of a CCR5-tropic HIV BaL strain.

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	Development of HIV Vectors				
	Internal Code	Material	Description	Remarks	Decision
1	SIH-H1- shRT-1,3	Lentiviral vector	shRNA construct for RT of LAI strain	Wrong target, lab virus, no virus test	Abandon
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	Internal Code	Material	Description	Remarks	Decision
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TT-3') (SEQ ID NO: 91). This vector could express TAR and knockdown RT. The 75K

promoter was also substituted for the H1 promoter to regulate shRT expression. Another

vector was constructed containing U6 TAR, H1 shRT, and H1 shCCR5. The H1 shCCR5 sequence was inserted into the SpeI site of the plasmid containing U6 TAR and H1 shRT. The H1 CCR5 sequence is (5'-

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Functional Assays.

Individual lentivirus vectors containing CCR5, Tat or Vif shRNA sequences and, for experimental purposes, expressing green fluorescent protein (GFP) under control of the CMV Immediate Early Promoter, and designated AGT103/ CMV-GFP were tested for their ability to knockdown CCR5, Tat or Vif expression. Mammalian cells were transduced with lentiviral particles either in the presence or absence of polybrene. Cells were collected after 2-4 days; protein and RNA were analyzed for CCR5, Tat or Vif expression. Protein levels were tested by Western blot assay or by labeling cells with specific fluorescent antibodies (CCR5 assay), followed by analytical flow cytometry comparing 65 modified and unmodified cell fluorescence using either the CCR5-specific or isotype control antibodies. Starting Testing of Lentivirus.

T cell culture medium was made using RPMI 1640 supplemented with 10% FBS and 1% penicillin—streptomycin. Cytokine stocks of IL2 10,000 units/ml, IL-12 μg/ml, IL-7 μg/ml, IL-15 μg/ml were also prepared in advance.

Prior to transduction with the lentivirus, an infectious viral titer was determined and used to calculate the amount of virus to add for the proper multiplicity of infection (MOI). Day 0-12: Antigen-Specific Enrichment.

On day 0, cryopreserved PBMC were thawed, washed with 10 ml 37° C. medium at 1200 rpm for 10 minutes and resuspended at a concentration of 2×10^6 /ml in 37° C. medium. The cells were cultured at 0.5 ml/well in a 24-well plate at 37° C. in 5% CO2. To define the optimal stimulation conditions, cells were stimulated with combinations of reagents as listed in Table 3 below:

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TABLE 3					
1	2	3	4	5	6
IL-2 + IL-12	IL-7 + IL-15	Peptides + IL-2 + IL-12	Peptides + IL-7 + IL-15	MVA + IL-2 + IL-12	MVA + IL-7 + IL-15

Final concentrations: IL-2=20 units/ml, IL-12=10 ng/ml, IL-7=10 ng/ml, IL-15=10 ng/ml, peptides=5 μ g/ml individual peptide, MVA MOI=1.

On days 4 and 8, 0.5 ml fresh medium and cytokine at listed concentrations (all concentrations indicate the final concentration in the culture) were added to the stimulated cells.

Day 12-24: Non-Specific Expansion and Lentivirus Transduction.

On day 12, the stimulated cells were removed from the plate by pipetting and resuspended in fresh T cell culture medium at a concentration of 1×106 /ml. The resuspended $_{20}$ cells were transferred to T25 culture flasks and stimulated with DYNABEADS® Human T-Activator CD3/CD28 following the manufacturer's instruction plus cytokine as listed above; flasks were incubated in the vertical position.

On day 14, AGT103/CMV-GFP was added at MOI 20 and 25 cultures were returned to the incubator for 2 days. At this time, cells were recovered by pipetting, collected by centrifugation at 1300 rpm for 10 minutes, resuspended in the same volume of fresh medium, and centrifuged again to form a loose cell pellet. That cell pellet was resuspended in 30 fresh medium with the same cytokines used in previous steps, with cells at 0.5×10^6 viable cells per ml.

From days 14 to 23, the number of the cells was evaluated every 2 days and the cells were diluted to 0.5×10^6 /ml with fresh media. Cytokines were added every time.

On day 24, the cells were collected and the beads were removed from the cells. To remove the beads, cells were transferred to a suitable tube that was placed in the sorting magnet for 2 minutes. Supernatant containing the cells was transferred to a new tube. Cells were then cultured for 1 day 40 in fresh medium at 1×10^{6} /ml. Assays were performed to determine the frequencies of antigen-specific T cells and lentivirus transduced cells.

To prevent possible viral outgrowth, amprenavir (0.5 ng/ml) was added to the cultures on the first day of stimu- 45 lation and every other day during the culture.

Examine Antigen-Specific T Cells by Intracellular Cytokine Staining for IFN-Gamma.

Cultured cells after peptide stimulation or after lentivirus transduction at 1×10^6 cells/ml were stimulated with medium 50 alone (negative control), Gag peptides (5 µg/ml individual peptide), or PHA (5 µg/ml, positive control). After 4 hours, BD GolgiPlugTM (1:1000, BD Biosciences) was added to block Golgi transport. After 8 hours, cells were washed and stained with extracellular (CD3, CD4 or CD8; BD Biosci-55 ences) and intracellular (IFN-gamma; BD Biosciences) antibodies with BD Cytofix/CytopermTM kit following the manufacturer's instruction. Samples were analyzed on a BD FACSCaliburTM Flow Cytometer. Control samples labeled with appropriate isotype-matched antibodies were included 60 in each experiment. Data were analyzed using Flowjo software.

Lentivirus transduction rate was determined by the frequency of GFP+ cells. The transduced antigen-specific T cells are determined by the frequency of CD3+CD4+GFP+ 65 IFN gamma+cells; tests for CD3+CD8+GFP+IFN gamma+ cells are included as a control.

These results indicate that CD4 T cells, the target T cell population, can be transduced with lentiviruses that are designed to specifically knock down the expression of HIV-specific proteins, thus producing an expandable population of T cells that are immune to the virus. This example serves as a proof of concept indicating that the disclosed lentiviral constructs can be used in combination with vaccination to produce a functional cure in HIV patients, and can also be used to prophylactically treat an HIV-negative subject.

Example 4: CCR5 Knockdown with Experimental Vectors

AGTc120 is a Hela cell line that stably expresses large amounts of CD4 and CCR5. AGTc120 was transduced with or without LV-CMV-mCherry (the red fluorescent protein mCherry expressed under control of the CMV Immediate Early Promoter) or AGT103/CMV-mCherry. Gene expression of the mCherry fluorescent protein was controlled by a CMV (cytomegalovirus immediate early promoter) expression cassette. The LV-CMV-mCherry vector lacked a microRNA cluster, while AGT103/CMV-mCherry expressed therapeutic miRNA against CCR5, Vif, and Tat.

As shown in FIG. 8A, transduction efficiency was >90%. After 7 days, cells were collected and stained with fluorescent monoclonal antibody against CCR5 and subjected to analytical flow cytometry. Isotype controls are shown in gray on these histograms plotting Mean Fluorescence Intensity of CCR5 APC (x axis) versus cell number normalized to mode (y axis). After staining for cell surface CCR5, cells treated with no lentivirus or control lentivirus (expressing only the mCherry marker) showed no changes in CCR5 density while AGT103 (right section) reduced CCR5 staining intensity to nearly the levels of isotype control. After 7 days, cells were infected with or without R5-tropic HIV reporter virus Bal-GFP. 3 days later, cells were collected and analyzed by flow cytometry. More than 90% of cells were transduced. AGT103-CMV/CMVmCherry reduced CCR5 expression in transduced AGTc120 cells and blocked R5-tropic HIV infection compared with cells treated with the Control vector.

FIG. **8**B shows the relative insensitivity of transfected AGTc120 cells to infection with HIV. As above, the lentivirus vectors express mCherry protein and a transduced cell that was also infected with HIV (expressing GFP) would appear as a double positive cell in the upper right quadrant of the false color flow cytometry dot plots. In the absence of HIV (upper panels), there were no GFP+ cells under any condition. After HIV infection (lower panels), 56% of cells were infected in the absence of lentivirus transduction and 53.6% of cells became infected in AGTc120 cells transduced with the LV-CMV-mCherry. When cells were transduced with the therapeutic AGT103/CMV-mCherry vector, only 0.83% of cells appeared in the double positive quadrant indicating they were transduced and infected.

Dividing 53.62 (proportion of double positive cells with control vector) by 0.83 (the proportion of double positive cells with the therapeutic vector) shows that AGT103 provided greater than 65-fold protection against HIV in this experimental system.

Example 5: Regulation of CCR5 Expression by shRNA Inhibitor Sequences in a Lentiviral Vector

Inhibitory RNA Design.

The sequence of *Homo sapiens* chemokine receptor CCR5 (CCR5, NC 000003.12) was used to search for potential siRNA or shRNA candidates to knockdown CCR5 levels in human cells. Potential RNA interference sequences

were chosen from candidates selected by siRNA or shRNA design programs such as from the Broad Institute or the BLOCK-IT RNA iDesigner from Thermo Scientific. A shRNA sequence may be inserted into a plasmid immediately after a RNA polymerase III promoter such as H1, U6, 5 or 7SK to regulate shRNA expression. The shRNA sequence may also be inserted into a lentiviral vector using similar promoters or embedded within a microRNA backbone to allow for expression by an RNA polymerase II promoter such as CMV or EF-1 alpha. The RNA sequence may also 10 be synthesized as a siRNA oligonucleotide and utilized independently of a plasmid or lentiviral vector.

Plasmid Construction.

For CCR5 shRNA, oligonucleotide sequences containing BamHI and EcoRI restriction sites were synthesized by 15 MWG Operon. Oligonucleotide sequences were annealed by incubating at 70° C. then cooled to room temperature. Annealed oligonucleotides were digested with the restriction enzymes BamHI and EcoRI for one hour at 37° C., then the enzymes were inactivated at 70° C. for 20 minutes. In 20 parallel, plasmid DNA was digested with the restriction enzymes BamHI and EcoRI for one hour at 37° C. The digested plasmid DNA was purified by agarose gel electrophoresis and extracted from the gel using a DNA gel extraction kit from Invitrogen. The DNA concentration was 25 determined and the plasma to oligonucleotide sequence was ligated in the ratio 3:1 insert to vector. The ligation reaction was done with T4 DNA ligase for 30 minutes at room temperature. 2.5 μ L of the ligation mix were added to 25 μ L of STBL3 competent bacterial cells. Transformation 30 required heat shock at 42° C. Bacterial cells were spread on agar plates containing ampicillin and colonies were expanded in L broth. To check for insertion of the oligo sequences, plasmid DNA was extracted from harvested bacterial cultures using the Invitrogen DNA Miniprep kit 35 and tested by restriction enzyme digestion. Insertion of the shRNA sequence into the plasmid was verified by DNA sequencing using a primer specific for the promoter used to regulate shRNA expression.

Functional Assay for CCR5 mRNA Reduction:

The assay for inhibition of CCR5 expression required co-transfection of two plasmids. The first plasmid contains one of five different shRNA sequences directed against CCR5 mRNA. The second plasmid contains the cDNA sequence for human CCR5 gene. Plasmids were co-trans- 45 fected into 293T cells. After 48 hours, cells were lysed and RNA was extracted using the RNeasy kit from Oiagen. cDNA was synthesized from RNA using a Super Script Kit from Invitrogen. The samples were then analyzed by quantitative RT-PCR using an Applied Biosystems Step One PCR 50 machine. CCR5 expression was detected with SYBR Green from Invitrogen using the forward primer (5'-AGGAATT-GATGGCGAGAAGG-3') (SEQ ID NO: 93) and reverse (5'-CCCCAAAGAAGGTCAAGGTAATCA-3') primer (SEQ ID NO: 94) with standard conditions for polymerase 55 chain reaction analysis. The samples were normalized to the mRNA for beta actin gene expression using the forward primer (5'-AGCGCGGCTACAGCTTCA-3') (SEQ ID NO: reverse (5'-95) and primer GGCGACGTAGCACAGCTTCP-3') (SEQ ID NO: 96) with 60 standard conditions for polymerase chain reaction analysis. The relative expression of CCR5 mRNA was determined by its Ct value normalized to the level of actin messenger RNA for each sample. The results are shown in FIG. 9.

As shown in FIG. **9**A, CCR5 knock-down was tested in 65 293T cells by co-transfection of the CCR5 shRNA construct and a CCR5-expressing plasmid. Control samples were

transfected with a scrambled shRNA sequence that did not target any human gene and the CCR5-expressing plasmid. After 60 hours post-transfection, samples were harvested and CCR5 mRNA levels were measured by quantitative PCR. Further, as shown in FIG. **9**B, CCR5 knock-down after transduction with lentivirus expressing CCR5 shRNA-1 (SEQ ID NO: 16).

Example 6: Regulation of HIV Components by shRNA Inhibitor Sequences in a Lentiviral Vector

Inhibitory RNA Design.

The sequences of HIV type 1 Rev/Tat (5'-GCGGA-GACAGCGACGAAGAGC-3') (SEQ ID NO: 9) and Gag (5'-GAAGAAATGATGACAGCAT-3') (SEQ ID NO: 11) were used to design: Rev/Tat: (5'GCGGA-GACAGCGACGAAGAGCTT-

CAAGAGAGCTCTTCGTCGCCGCTGTCTCCGCTTTTT-3') (SEQ ID NO: 10) and Gag: (5'GAAGAAATGATGACAG-CATTTCAAGAGAATGCTGTCATCATTTCTTCTTTTT-3') (SEQ ID NO: 12) shRNA that were synthesized and cloned into plasmids as described above.

Plasmid Construction.

The Rev/Tat or Gag target sequences were inserted into the 3'UTR (untranslated region) of the firefly luciferase gene used commonly as a reporter of gene expression in cells or tissues. Additionally, one plasmid was constructed to express the Rev/Tat shRNA and a second plasmid was constructed to express the Gag shRNA. Plasmid constructions were as described above.

Functional Assay for shRNA Targeting of Rev/Tat or Gag mRNA:

Using plasmid co-transfection we tested whether a shRNA plasmid was capable of degrading luciferase messenger RNA and decreasing the intensity of light emission in 40 co-transfected cells. A shRNA control (scrambled sequence) was used to establish the maximum yield of light from luciferase transfected cells. When the luciferase construct containing a Rev/Tat target sequence inserted into the 3'-UTR (untranslated region of the mRNA) was co-trans-45 fected with the Rev/Tat shRNA sequence there was nearly a 90% reduction in light emission indicating strong function of the shRNA sequence. A similar result was obtained when a luciferase construct containing a Gag target sequence in the 3'-UTR was co-transfected with the Gag shRNA 50 sequence. These results indicate potent activity of the shRNA sequences.

As shown in FIG. **10**A, knock-down of the Rev/Tat target gene was measured by a reduction of luciferase activity, which was fused with the target mRNA sequence in the 3'UTR, by transient transfection in 293T cells. As shown in FIG. **10**B, knock-down of the Gag target gene sequence fused with the luciferase gene. The results are displayed as the mean±SD of three independent transfection experiments, each in triplicate.

Example 7: AGT103 Decreases Expression of Tat and Vif

Cells were transfected with exemplary vector AGT103/ CMV-GFP. AGT103 and other exemplary vectors are defined in Table 3 below.

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Vector Designation	Composition
AGT103	EF1-miR30CCR5-miR21Vif- miR185-Tat-WPRE
Control-mCherry	CMV-mCherry
AGT103/CMV-mCherry	CMV-mCherry-EF1-miR30CCR5- miR21Vif-miR185-Tat-WPRE-
Control-GFP	CMV-mCherry
AGT103/CMV-GFP	CMV-GFP-EF1-miR30CCR5- miR21Vif-miR185-Tat-WPRE-

Abbreviations:

EF-1: elongation factor 1 transcriptional promoter

miR30CCR5—synthetic microRNA capable of reducing CCR5 protein on cell surfaces miR21Vif—synthetic microRNA capable of reducing levels of HIV RNA and Vif protein expression expression.

miR185Tat—synthetic micro RNA capable of reducing levels of HIV RNA and Tat protein 15

expression CMV—Immediate early transcriptional promoter from human cytomegalovirus

mCherry-coding region for the mCherry red fluorescent protein

GFP-coding region for the green fluorescent protein

WPRE—Woodchuck hepatitis virus post transcriptional regulatory element

A T lymphoblastoid cell line (CEM; CCRF-CEM; Ameri-²⁰ can Type Culture Collection Catalogue number CCL119) was transduced with AGT103/CMV-GFP. 48 hours later the cells were transfected with an HIV expression plasmid encoding the entire viral sequence. After 24 hours, RNA was extracted from cells and tested for levels of intact Tat sequences using reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction. Relative expression levels for intact Tat RNA were reduced from approximately 850 in the presence of control lentivirus vector, to approximately 200 in the presence of ₃₀ AGT103/CMV-GFP for a total reduction of >4 fold, as shown in FIG. **11**.

Example 8: Regulation of HIV Components by Synthetic MicroRNA Sequences in a Lentiviral Vector

Inhibitory RNA Design.

The sequence of HIV-1 Tat and Vif genes were used to search for potential siRNA or shRNA candidates to knock- 40 down Tat or Vif levels in human cells. Potential RNA interference sequences were chosen from candidates selected by siRNA or shRNA design programs such as from the Broad Institute or the BLOCK-IT RNA iDesigner from Thermo Scientific. The selected shRNA sequences most 45 potent for Tat or Vif knockdown were embedded within a microRNA backbone to allow for expression by an RNA polymerase II promoter such as CMV or EF-I alpha. The RNA sequence may also be synthesized as a siRNA oligonucleotide and used independently of a plasmid or lentiviral 50 vector.

Plasmid Construction.

The Tat target sequence (5'-TCCGCTTCTTCCTGC-CATAG-3') (SEQ ID NO: 7) was incorporated into the miR185 backbone to create a Tat miRNA (5'- 55 GGGCCTGGCTCGAGCAGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGATTCCGC-TTCTTCCTGCCATAGCGTGGTCCCCTCCCCTATGGC-AGGCAGAAGCGGCACCTTCCCTCCCAATGACCGC-GTCTTCGTCG-3') (SEQ ID NO: 3) that was inserted into a lentivirus vector and expressed under control of the EF-1 60 alpha promoter. Similarly, the Vif target sequence (5'-GG-GATGTGTACTTCTGAACTT-3') (SEQ ID NO: 6) was incorporated into the miR21 backbone to create a Vif miRNA (5'-CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGG-GGGATGTGTACTTCTGAACTTGTGTTGAATCTCAT-65 GGAGTTCAGAAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTT-GGTATCTTTCATCTGACCA-3') (SEQ ID NO: 2) that was

inserted into a lentivirus vector and expressed under control of the EF-1 alpha promoter. The resulting Vif/Tat miRNAexpressing lentivirus vectors were produced in 293T cells using a lentiviral vector packaging system. The Vif and Tat miRNA were embedded into a microRNA cluster consisting of miR CCR5, miR Vif, and miR Tat all expressed under control of the EF-1 promoter.

Functional Assay for miR185Tat Inhibition of Tat mRNA Accumulation.

A lentivirus vector expressing miR185 Tat (LV-EF1-miR-CCR5-Vif-Tat) was used at a multiplicity of infection equal to 5 for transducing 293T cells. 24 hours after transduction the cells were transfected with a plasmid expressing HIV strain NL4-3 (pNL4-3) using Lipofectamine2000 under standard conditions. 24 hours later RNA was extracted and levels of Tat messenger RNA were tested by RT-PCR using Tat-specific primers and compared to actin mRNA levels for a control.

Functional Assay for miR21 Vif Inhibition of Vif Protein Accumulation.

A lentivirus vector expressing miR21 Vif (LV-EF1-miR-CCR5-Vif-Tat) was used at a multiplicity of infection equal to 5 for transducing 293T cells. 24 hours after transduction, the cells were transfected with a plasmid expressing HIV strain NL4-3 (pNL4-3) using Lipofectamine2000. 24 hours later cells were lysed and total soluble protein was tested to measure the content of Vif protein. Cell lysates were separated by SDS-PAGE according to established techniques. The separated proteins were transferred to nylon membranes and probed with a Vif-specific monoclonal antibody or actin control antibody.

As shown in FIG. **12**A, Tat knock-down was tested in 293T cells transduced with either a control lentiviral vector or a lentiviral vector expressing either synthetic miR185 Tat or miR155 Tat microRNA. After 24 hours, the HIV vector pNL4-3 was transfected with Lipofectamine2000 for 24 hours and then RNA was extracted for qPCR analysis with primers for Tat. As shown in FIG. **12**B, Vif knock-down was tested in 293T cells transduced with either a control lentiviral vector or a lentiviral vector expressing a synthetic miR21 Vif microRNA. After 24 hours, the HIV vector pNL4-3 was transfected with Lipofectamine2000 for 24 hours and then protein was extracted for immunoblot analysis with an antibody for HIV Vif.

Example 9: Regulation of CCR5 Expression by Synthetic microRNA Sequences in a Lentiviral Vector

CEM-CCR5 cells were transduced with a lentiviral vector containing a synthetic miR30 sequence for CCR5 (AGT103: TGTAAACTGAGCTTGCTCTA (SEQ ID NO: 97), AGT103-R5-1: TGTAAACTGAGCTTGGTCGC (SEQ ID NO: 98), or AGT103-R5-2: CATAGATTGGACTTGACAC (SEQ ID NO: 99). After 6 days, CCR5 expression was determined by FACS analysis with an APC-conjugated CCR5 antibody and quantified by mean fluorescence intensity (MFI). CCR5 levels were expressed as % CCR5 with LV-Control set at 100%. The target sequence of AGT103 and AGT103-R5-1 is in the same region as CCR5 target sequence #5. The target sequence of AGT103-R5-2 is the same as CCR5 target sequence #1. AGT103 (2% of total CCR5) is most effective at reducing CCR5 levels as compared with AGT103-R5-1 (39% of total CCR5) and

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AGT103-R5-2 which does not reduce CCR5 levels. The data is demonstrated in FIG. **13** herein.

Example 10: Regulation of CCR5 Expression by Synthetic microRNA Sequences in a Lentiviral Vector Containing Either a Long or Short WPRE Sequence

Vector Construction.

Lentivirus vectors often require an RNA regulatory ele-¹⁰ ment for optimal expression of therapeutic genes or genetic constructs. A common choice is to use the Woodchuck hepatitis virus post transcriptional regulatory element (WPRE). We compared AGT103 that contains a full-length WPRE: ¹⁵

(SEQ ID NO: 32) (5'AATCAACCTCTGATTACAAAATTTGTGAAAGATTGACTGGTATT

with a modified AGT103 vector containing a shortened WPRE element (SEQ ID NO: 80)

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Functional Assay for Modulating Cell Surface CCR5 Expression as a Function of Long Versus Short WPRE Element in the Vector Sequence.

AGT103 containing long or short WPRE elements were 60 used for transducing CEM-CCR5 T cells a multiplicity of infection equal to 5. Six days after transduction cells were collected and stained with a monoclonal antibody capable of detecting cell surface CCR5 protein. The antibody was conjugated to a fluorescent marker and the intensity of 65 staining is directly proportional to the level of CCR5 on the cell surface. A control lentivirus had no effect on cell surface

CCR5 levels resulting in a single population with a mean fluorescence intensity of 73.6 units. The conventional AGT103 with a long WPRE element reduced CCR5 expression to a mean fluorescence intensity level of 11 units. AGT103 modified to incorporate a short WPRE element resulted in a single population of cells with mean fluorescence intensity of 13 units. Accordingly, substituting a short WPRE element had little or no effect on the capacity for AGT103 to reduce cell surface CCR5 expression.

As shown in FIG. **14**, CEM-CCR5 cells were transduced with AGT103 containing either a long or short WPRE sequence. After 6 days, CCR5 expression was determined by FACS analysis with an APC-conjugated CCR5 antibody and quantified as mean fluorescence intensity (MFI). CCR5 levels were expressed as % CCR5 with LV-Control set at 100%. The reduction in CCR5 levels was similar for AGT103 with either the short (5.5% of total CCR5) or long (2.3% of total CCR5) WPRE sequence.

Example 11: Regulation of CCR5 Expression by Synthetic microRNA Sequences in a Lentiviral Vector with or without a WPRE Sequence

Vector Construction.

In order to test whether WPRE was required for AGT103 down regulation of CCR5 expression we constructed a modified vector without WPRE element sequences.

Functional Assay for Modulating Cell Surface CCR5 Expression as a Function of Including or not Including a ³⁰ Long WPRE Element in the AGT103 Vector.

In order to test whether WPRE was required for AGT103 modulation of CCR5 expression levels we transduced CEM-CCR5 T cells with AGT103 or a modified vector lacking WPRE using a multiplicity of infection equal to 5. Six days 35 after transduction cells were collected and stained with a monoclonal antibody capable of recognizing cell surface CCR5 protein. The monoclonal antibody was directly conjugated to a fluorescent marker and the intensity of staining is directly proportional to the number of CCR5 molecules 40 per cell surface. A lentivirus control vector had no effect on cell surface CCR5 levels resulting in a uniform population with mean fluorescence intensity of 164. The lentivirus vector (AGT103 with a long WPRE and also expressing GFP marker protein), AGT103 lacking GFP but containing 45 a long WPRE element, or AGT103 lacking both GFP and WPRE all were similarly effective for modulating cell surface CCR5 expression. After removing GFP, AGT103 with or without WPRE elements were indistinguishable in terms of their capacity for modulating cell surface CCR5 expression. 50

CEM-CCR5 cells were transduced with AGT103 with or without GFP and WPRE. After 6 days, CCR5 expression was determined by FACS analysis with an APC-conjugated CCR5 antibody and quantified as mean fluorescence intensity (MFI). CCR5 levels were expressed as % CCR5 with LV-Control set at 100%. The reduction in CCR5 levels was similar for AGT103 with (0% of total CCR5) or without (0% of total CCR5) the WPRE sequence. This data is demonstrated in FIG. **15**.

Example 12: Regulation of CCR5 Expression by a CD4 Promoter Regulating Synthetic microRNA Sequences in a Lentiviral Vector

Vector Construction.

A modified version of AGT103 was constructed to test the effect of substituting alternate promoters for expressing the

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microRNA cluster that suppresses CCR5, Vif and Tat gene expression. In place of the normal EF-1 promoter we substituted the T cell-specific promoter for CD4 glycoprotein expression using the sequence:

(SEO ID NO: 30) (5'TGTTGGGGTTCAAATTTGAGCCCCAGCTGTTAGCCCTCTGCAAA GAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGGGCCTAGATTTCCCTTCTGAGCC CCACCCTAAGATGAAGCCTCTTCTTTCAAGGGAGTGGGGTTGGGGTGGAG GCGGATCCTGTCAGCTTTGCTCTCTCTGTGGCTGGCAGTTTCTCCAAAGG GTAACAGGTGTCAGCTGGGCTGAGCCTAGGCTGAACCCTGAGACATGCTAC CTCTGTCTTCTCATGGCTGGAGGCAGCCTTTGTAAGTCACAGAAAGTAGC TGAGGGGCTCTGGAAAAAAGACAGCCAGGGTGGAGGTAGATTGGTCTTTG ACTCCTGATTTAAGCCTGATTCTGCTTAACTTTTTCCCTTGACTTTGGCA CCAGCTGGTGACGTTTGGGGGCCGGCCCAGGCCTAGGGTGTGGAGGAGCCT TGCCATCGGGCTTCCTGTCTCTCTTCATTTAAGCACGACTCTGCAGA-

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Functional Assay Comparing EF-1 and CD4 Gene Promoters in Terms of Potency for Reducing Cell Surface CCR5 Protein Expression.

AGT103 modified by substituting the CD4 gene promoter 30 for the normal EF-1 promoter was used for transducing CEM-CCR5 T cells. Six days after transduction cells were collected and stained with a monoclonal antibody capable of recognizing cell surface CCR5 protein. The monoclonal antibody was conjugated to a fluorescent marker and stain- 35 ing intensity is directly proportional to the level of cell surface CCR5 protein. A control lentivirus transduction resulted in a population of CEM-CCR5 T cells that were stained with a CCR5-specific monoclonal antibody and produced a mean fluorescence intensity of 81.7 units. The 40 modified AGT103 using a CD4 gene promoter in place of the EF-1 promoter for expressing microRNA showed a broad distribution of staining with a mean fluorescence intensity roughly equal to 17.3 units. Based on this result, the EF-1 promoter is at least similar and likely superior to 45 the CD4 gene promoter for microRNA expression. Depending on the desired target cell population, the EF-1 promoter is universally active in all cell types and the CD4 promoter is only active in T-lymphocytes.

CEM-CCR5 cells were transduced with a lentiviral vector 50 containing a CD4 promoter regulating a synthetic microRNA sequence for CCR5, Vif, and Tat (AGT103). After 6 days, CCR5 expression was determined by FACS analysis with an APC-conjugated CCR5 antibody and guantified as mean fluorescence intensity (MFI). CCR5 levels 55 were expressed as % CCR5 with LV-Control set at 100%. In cells transduced with LV-CD4-AGT103, CCR5 levels were 11% of total CCR5. This is comparable to that observed for LV-AGT103 which contains the EF1 promoter. This data is demonstrated in FIG. 16. 60

Example 13: Detecting HIV Gag-Specific CD4 T Cells

Cells and Reagents.

Viable frozen peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) were obtained from a vaccine company. Data were 74

obtained with a representative specimen from an HIV+ individual who was enrolled into an early stage clinical trial (TRIAL **REGISTRATION:** clinicaltrials.gov NCT01378156) testing a candidate HIV therapeutic vaccine. Two specimens were obtained for the "Before vaccination" and "After vaccination" studies. Cell culture products, supplements and cytokines were from commercial suppliers. Cells were tested for responses to recombinant Modified Vaccinia Ankara 62B from Geovax Corporation as described in Thompson, M., S. L. Heath, B. Sweeton, K. Williams, P. Cunningham, B. F. Keele, S. Sen, B. E. Palmer, N. Chomont, Y. Xu, R. Basu, M. S. Hellerstein, S. Kwa and H. L. Robinson (2016). "DNA/MVA Vaccination of HIV-1 Infected Participants with Viral Suppression on Antiretroviral Therapy, followed by Treatment Interruption: Elicitation of Immune Responses without Control of Re-Emergent Virus." PLoS One 11(10): e0163164. Synthetic peptides representing the entire HIV-1 Gag polyprotein were obtained from GeoVax or the HIV (GAG) Ultra peptide sets were obtained from JPT Peptide Technologies GmbH 20 (www.jpt.com), Berlin, Germany. HIV (GAG) Ultra contains 150 peptides each being 15 amino acids in length and overlapping by 11 amino acids. They were chemically synthesized then purified and analyzed by liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry. Collectively these peptides represent major immunogenic regions of the HIV Gag polyprotein and are designed for average coverage of 57.8% among known HIV strains. Peptide sequences are based on the HIV sequence database from the Los Alamos National Laboratory (www.hiv.lanl.gov/content/sequence/ NEWALIGN/align.html). Peptides are provided as dried trifluoroacetate salts, 25 micrograms per peptide, and are dissolved in approximately 40 microliters of DMSO then diluted with PBS to final concentration. Monoclonal antibodies for detecting CD4 and cytoplasmic IFN-gamma were obtained from commercial sources and intracellular staining was done with the BD Pharmingen Intracellular Staining Kit for interferon-gamma. Peptides were resuspended in DMSO and we include a DMSO only control condition.

Functional Assay for Detecting HIV-Specific CD4+ T Cells.

Frozen PBMC were thawed, washed and resuspended in RPMI medium containing 10% fetal bovine serum, supplements and cytokines. Cultured PBMC collected before or after vaccination were treated with DMSO control, MVA GeoVax (multiplicity of infection equal to 1 plaque forming unit per cell), Peptides GeoVax (1 microgram/ml) or HIV (GAG) Ultra peptide mixture (1 microgram/ml) for 20 hours in the presence of Golgi Stop reagent. Cells were collected, washed, fixed, permeabilized and stained with monoclonal antibodies specific for cell surface CD4 or intracellular interferon-gamma. Stained cells were analyzed with a FACSCalibur analytical flow cytometer and data were gated on the CD4+ T cell subset. Cells highlighted within boxed regions are double-positive and designated HIV-specific CD4 T cells on the basis of interferon-gamma expression after MVA or peptide stimulation. Numbers within the boxed regions show the percentage of total CD4 that were identified as HIV-specific. We did not detect strong responses to DMSO or MVA. Peptides from GeoVax elicited fewer responding cells compared to HIV (GAG) Ultra peptide mixture from JPT but differences were small and not significant.

As shown in FIG. 17, PBMCs from a HIV-positive patient before or after vaccination were stimulated with DMSO (control), recombinant MVA expressing HIV Gag from GeoVax (MVA GeoVax), Gag peptide from GeoVax (Pep

GeoVax, also referred to herein as Gag peptide pool 1) or Gag peptides from JPT (HIV (GAG) Ultra peptide mixture, also referred to herein as Gag peptide pool 2) for 20 hours. IFNg production was detected by intracellular staining and flow cytometry using standard protocols. Flow cytometry data were gated on CD4 T cells. Numbers captured in boxes are the percentage of total CD4 T cells designated "HIVspecific" on the basis of cytokine response to antigenspecific stimulation.

Example 14: HIV-Specific CD4 T Cell Expansion and Lentivirus Transduction

Designing and Testing Methods for Enriching PBMC to Increase the Proportion of HIV- Specific CD4 T Cells and Transducing these Cells with AGT103 to Produce the Cellular Product AGT103T.

The protocol was designed for ex vivo culture of PBMC (peripheral blood mononuclear cells) from HIV-positive 20 patients who had received a therapeutic HIV vaccine. In this example, the therapeutic vaccine consisted of three doses of plasmid DNA expressing HIV Gag, Pol and Env genes followed by two doses of MVA 62-B (modified vaccinia Ankara number 62-B) expressing the same HIV Gag, Pol, 25 and Env genes. The protocol is not specific for a vaccine product and only requires a sufficient level of HIV-specific CD4+ T cells after immunization. Venous blood was collected and PBMC were purified by Ficoll-Paque density 30 gradient centrifugation. Alternately, PBMC or defined cellular tractions can be prepared by positive or negative selection methods using antibody cocktails and fluorescence activated or magnetic bead sorting. The purified PBMC are washed and cultured in standard medium containing supple-35 ments, antibiotics and fetal bovine serum. To these cultures, a pool of synthetic peptides was added representing possible T cell epitopes within the HIV Gag polyprotein. Cultures are supplemented by adding cytokines interleukin-2 and interleukin-12 that were selected after testing combinations of 40 HIV-specific CD4 T cells was 0.036% in this representative interleukin-2 and interleukin-12, interleukin 2 and interleukin-7, interleukin 2 and interleukin-15. Peptide stimulation is followed by a culture interval of approximately 12 days. During the 12 days culture, fresh medium and fresh cytokine supplements were added approximately once every 45 four days.

The peptide stimulation interval is designed to increase the frequency of HIV-specific CD4 T cells in the PBMC culture. These HIV-specific CD4 T cells were activated by prior therapeutic immunization and can be re-stimulated and 50 caused to proliferate by synthetic peptide exposure. Our goal is to achieve greater than or equal to 1% of total CD4 T cells being HIV-specific by end of the peptide stimulation culture period.

On approximately day 12 of culture cells are washed to 55 remove residual materials then stimulated with synthetic beads decorated with antibodies against CD4 T cell surface proteins CD3 and CD28. This well-established method for polyclonal stimulation of T cells will reactivate the cells and make them more susceptible for AGT103 lentivirus trans- 60 duction. The lentivirus transduction is performed on approximately day 13 of culture and uses a multiplicity of infection between 1 and 5. After transduction cells are washed to remove residual lentivirus vector and cultured in media containing interleukin-2 and interleukin-12 with fresh 65 medium and cytokines added approximately once every four days until approximately day 24 of culture.

Throughout the culture interval the antiretroviral drug Saquinavir is added at a concentration of approximately 100 nM to suppress any possible outgrowth of HIV.

On approximately day 24 of culture cells are harvested, washed, a sample is set aside for potency and release assay, then the remaining cells are suspended in cryopreservation medium before freezing in single aliquots of approximately 1×10^{10} cells per dose that will contain approximately 1×10^{8} HIV-specific CD4 T cells that are transduced with AGT103.

Potency of the cell product (AGT103T) is tested in one of two alternate potency assays. Potency assay 1 tests for the average number of genome copies (integrated AGT103 vector sequences) per CD4 T cell. The minimum potency is approximately 0.5 genome copies per CD4 T cell in order to release the product. The assay is performed by positive selection of CD3 positive/CD4 positive T cells using magnetic bead labeled monoclonal antibodies, extracting total cellular DNA and using a quantitative PCR reaction to detect sequences unique to the AGT103 vector. Potency assay 2 tests for the average number of genome copies of integrated AGT103 within the subpopulation of HIV-specific CD4 T cells. This essay is accomplished by first stimulating the PBMC with the pool of synthetic peptides representing HIV Gag protein. Cells are then stained with a specific antibody reagent capable of binding to the CD4 T cell and also capturing secreted interferon-gamma cytokine. The CD4 positive/interferon-gamma positive cells are captured by magnetic bead selection, total cellular DNA is prepared, and the number of genome copies of AGT103 per cell is determined with a quantitative PCR reaction. Release criterion based on potency using Assay 2 require that greater than or equal to 0.5 genome copies per HIV-specific CD4 T-cell are present in the AGT103 cell product.

Functional Test for Enriching and Transducing HIV-Specific CD4 T Cells from PBMC of HIV-Positive Patients that Received a Therapeutic HIV Vaccine.

The impact of therapeutic vaccination on the frequency of HIV-specific CD4 T cells was tested by a peptide stimulation assay (FIG. 14 panel B). Before vaccination the frequency of individual. After vaccination, the frequency of HIV-specific CD4 T cells was increased approximately 2-fold to the value of 0.076%. Responding cells (HIV-specific) identified by accumulation of cytoplasmic interferon-gamma, were only detected after specific peptide stimulation.

We also tested whether peptide stimulation to enrich for HIV-specific CD4 T cells followed by AGT103 transduction would reach our goal of generating approximately 1% of total CD4 T cells in culture that were both HIV-specific and transduced by AGT103. In this case, we used an experimental version of AGT103 that expresses green fluorescence protein (see GFP). In FIG. 14, panel C the post-vaccination culture after peptide stimulation (HIV(GAG) Ultra) and AGT103 transduction demonstrated that 1.11% of total CD4 T cells were both HIV-specific (based on expressing interferon-gamma in response to peptide stimulation) and AGT103 transduced (based on expression of GFP).

Several patients from a therapeutic HIV vaccine study were tested to assess the range of responses to peptide stimulation and to begin defining eligibility criteria for entering a gene therapy arm in a future human clinical trial. FIG. 18 Panel D shows the frequency of HIV-specific CD4 T cells in 4 vaccine trial participants comparing their preand post-vaccination specimens. In three cases the postvaccination specimens show a value of HIV-specific CD4 T cells that was greater than or equal to 0.076% of total CD4 T cells. The ability to reach this value was not predicted by

the pre-vaccination specimens as patient 001-004 and patient 001-006 both started with pre-vaccination values of 0.02% HIV-specific CD4 T cells but one reached an eventual post-vaccination value of 0.12% HIV-specific CD4 T cells while the other individual fail to increase this value after 5 vaccination. The same three patients that responded well to vaccine, in terms of increasing the frequency of HIV-specific CD4 T cells, also showed substantial enrichment of HIVspecific CD4 T cells after peptide stimulation and culture. In the three cases shown in FIG. 18 Panel E, peptide stimula-10 tion and subsequent culture generated samples where 2.07%, 0.72% or 1.54% respectively of total CD4 T cells were HIV-specific. These values indicate that a majority of individuals responding to a therapeutic HIV vaccine will have a sufficiently large ex vivo response to peptide stimulation in 15 order to enable our goal of achieving approximately 1% of total CD4 T cells that are HIV-specific and transduced with AGT103 in the final cell product.

As shown in FIG. 18, Panel A describes the schedule of treatment. Panel B demonstrates that PBMCs were stimu- 20 lated with Gag peptide or DMSO control for 20 hours. IFN gamma production was detected by intracellular staining by FACS. CD4⁺ T cells were gated for analysis. Panel C demonstrates CD4⁺ T cells were expanded and transduced with AGT103-GFP using the method as shown in Panel A. 25 Expanded CD4⁺ T cells were rested in fresh medium without any cytokine for 2 days and re-stimulated with Gag peptide or DMSO control for 20 hours. IFN gamma production and GFP expression was detected by FACS. CD4⁺ T cells were gated for analysis. Panel D demonstrates frequency of 30 HIV-specific CD4⁺ T cells (IFN gamma positive, pre- and post-vaccination) were detected from 4 patients. Panel E demonstrates Post-vaccination PBMCs from 4 patients were expanded and HIV-specific CD4⁺ T cells were examined. 35

Example 15: Dose Response

Vector Construction.

A modified version of AGT103 was constructed to test the dose response for increasing AGT103 and its effects on cell 40 surface CCR5 levels. The AGT103 was modified to include a green fluorescent protein (GFP) expression cassette under control of the CMV promoter. Transduced cells expression the miR30CCR5 miR21Vif miR185Tat micro RNA cluster and emit green light due to expressing GFP. 45

Functional Assay for Dose Response of Increasing AGT103-GFP and Inhibition of CCR5 Expression.

CEM-CCR5 T cells were transduced with AGT103-GFP using multiplicity of infection per cell from 0 to 5. Transduced cells were stained with a fluorescently conjugated 50 (APC) monoclonal antibody specific for cell surface CCR5. The intensity of staining is proportional to the number of CCR5 molecules per cell surface. The intensity of green fluorescence is proportional to the number of integrated AGT103-GFP copies per cell. 55

As shown in FIG. **19**, Panel A demonstrates the dose response for increasing AGT103-GFP and its effects on cell surface CCR5 expression. At multiplicity of infection equal to 0.4 only 1.04% of cells are both green (indicating transduction) and showing significantly reduced CCR5 expression. At multiplicity of infection equal to 1 the number of CCR5low, GFP+ cells increases to 68.1%/At multiplicity of infection equal to 5 the number of CCR5low, GFP+ cells increased to 95.7%. These data are presented in histogram form in FIG. **19**, Panel B that shows a normally distribution 65 population in terms of CCR5 staining, moving toward lower mean fluorescence intensity with increasing doses of

AGT103-GFP. The potency of AGT103-GFP is presented in graphical form in FIG. **19**, Panel C showing the percentage inhibition of CCR5 expression with increasing doses of AGT103-GFP. At multiplicity of infection equal to 5, there was greater than 99% reduction in CCR5 expression levels.

Example 16: AGT103 Efficiently Transduces Primary Human CD4⁺ T Cells

Transducing Primary CD4 T Cells with AGT103 Lentivirus Vector.

A modified AGT103 vector containing the green fluorescence protein marker (GFP) was used at multiplicities of infection between 0.2 and 5 for transducing purified, primary human CD4 T cells.

Functional Assay for Transduction Efficiency of AGT103 in Primary Human CD4 T Cells.

CD4 T cells were isolated from human PBMC (HIVnegative donor) using magnetic bead labeled antibodies and standard procedures. The purified CD4 T cells were stimulated ex vivo with CD3/CD28 beads and cultured in media containing interleukin-2 for 1 day before AGT103 transduction. The relationship between lentivirus vector dose (the multiplicity of infection) and transduction efficiency is demonstrated in FIG. 20, Panel A showing that multiplicity of infection equal to 0.2 resulted in 9.27% of CD4 positive T cells being transduced by AGT103 and that value was increased to 63.1% of CD4 positive T cells being transduced by AGT103 with a multiplicity of infection equal to 5. In addition to achieving efficient transduction of primary CD4 positive T cells it is also necessary to quantify the number of genome copies per cell. In FIG. 20, Panel B total cellular DNA from primary human CD4 T cells transduced at several multiplicities of infection were tested by quantitative PCR to determine the number of genome copies per cell. In a multiplicity of infection equal to 0.2 we measured 0.096 genome copies per cell that was in good agreement with 9.27% GFP positive CD4 T cells in panel A. Multiplicity of infection equal to 1 generated 0.691 genome copies per cell and multiplicity of infection equal to 5 generated 1.245 genome copies per cell.

As shown in FIG. **20**, CD4⁺ T cells isolated from PBMC were stimulated with CD3/CD28 beads plus IL-2 for 1 day and transduced with AGT103 at various concentrations. After 2 days, beads were removed and CD4⁺ T cells were collected. As shown in Panel A, frequency of transduced cells (GFP positive) were detected by FACS. As shown in Panel B, the number of vector copies per cell was determined by qPCR. At a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 5, 63% of CD4⁺ T cells were transduced with an average of 1 vector copy per cell.

Example 17: AGT103 Inhibits HIV Replication in Primary CD4⁺ T Cells

Protecting Primary Human CD4 Positive T Cells from HIV Infection by Transducing Cells with AGT103.

Therapeutic lentivirus AGT103 was used for transducing primary human CD4 positive T cells at multiplicities of infection between 0.2 and 5 per cell. The transduced cells were then challenged with a CXCR4-tropic HIV strain NL4.3 that does not require cell surface CCR5 for penetration. This assay tests the potency of microRNA against Vif and Tat genes of HIV in terms of preventing productive infection in primary CD4 positive T cells, but uses an indirect method to detect the amount of HIV released from infected, primary human CD4 T cells.

Functional Assay for AGT103 Protection Against CXCR4-Tropic HIV Infection of Primary Human CD4 Positive T Cells.

CD4 T cells were isolated from human PBMC (HIVnegative donor) using magnetic bead labeled antibodies and 5 standard procedures. The purified CD4 T cells were stimulated ex vivo with CD3/CD28 beads and cultured in media containing interleukin-2 for 1 day before AGT103 transduction using multiplicities of infection between 0.2 and 5. Two days after transduction the CD4 positive T cell cultures were 10 challenged with HIV strain NL4.3 that was engineered to express the green fluorescent protein (GFP). The transduced and HIV-exposed primary CD4 T cell cultures were maintained for 7 days before collecting cell-free culture fluids containing HIV. The cell-free culture fluids were used to 15 infect a highly permissive T cell line C8166 for 2 days. The proportion of HIV-infected C8166 cells was determined by flow cytometry detecting GFP fluorescence. With a mock lentivirus infection, the dose of 0.1 multiplicity of infection for NL4.3 HIV resulted in an amount of HIV being released 20 into culture fluids that was capable of establishing productive infection in 15.4% of C8166 T cells. With the dose 0.2 multiplicity of infection for AGT103, this value for HIV infection of C8166 cells is reduced to 5.3% and multiplicity of infection equal to 1 for AGT103 resulted in only 3.19% 25 of C8166 T cells being infected by HIV. C8166 infection was reduced further to 0.62% after AGT103 transduction using a multiplicity of infection equal to 5. There is a clear dose response relationship between the amount of AGT103 used for transduction and the amount of HIV released into 30 the culture medium.

As shown in FIG. 21, CD4⁺ T cells isolated from PBMC were stimulated with CD3/CD28 beads plus IL-2 for 1 day and transduced with AGT103 at various concentrations (MOI). After 2 days, beads were removed and CD4⁺ T cells ³⁵ were infected with 0.1 MOI of HIV NL4.3-GFP. 24 hours later, cells were washed 3 times with PBS and cultured with IL-2 (30U/ml) for 7 days. At the end of the culture, supernatant was collected to infect the HIV permissive cell line C8166 for 2 days. HIV-infected C8166 cells (GFP positive) 40 an HIV therapeutic vaccine trial were cultured for 12 days were detected by FACS. There was a reduction in viable HIV with an increase in the multiplicity of infection of AGT103 as observed by less infection of C8166 cells MOI 0.2=65.6%, MOI 1=79.3%, and MOI 5=96%).

Example 18: AGT103 Protects Primary Human CD4⁺ T Cells from HIV-Induced Depletion

AGT103 Transduction of Primary Human CD4 T Cells to Protect Against HIV-Mediated Cytopathology and Cell 50 Depletion.

PBMC were obtained from healthy, HIV-negative donors and stimulated with CD3/CD28 beads then cultured for 1 day in medium containing interleukin-2 before AGT103 transduction using multiplicities of infection between 0.2 55 and 5.

Functional Assay for AGT103 Protection of Primary Human CD4 T Cells Against HIV-Mediated Cytopathology.

AGT103-transduced primary human CD4 T cells were infected with HIV NL 4.3 strain (CXCR4-tropic) that does 60 not require CCR5 for cellular entry. When using the CXCR4-tropic NL 4.3, only the effect of Vif and Tat microRNA on HIV replication is being tested. The dose of HIV NL 4.3 was 0.1 multiplicity of infection. One day after HIV infection, cells were washed to remove residual virus 65 and cultured in medium plus interleukin-2. Cells were collected every three days during a 14-day culture then

stained with a monoclonal antibody that was specific for CD4 and directly conjugated to a fluorescent marker to allow measurement of the proportion of CD4 positive T cells in PBMC. Untreated CD4 T cells or CD4 T cells transduced with the control lentivirus vector were highly susceptible to HIV challenge and the proportion of CD4 positive T cells in PBMC fell below 10% by day 14 culture. In contrast, there was a dose-dependent effect of AGT103 on preventing cell depletion by HIV challenge. With an AGT103 dose of 0.2 multiplicity of infection more than 20% of PBMC were CD4 T cells by day 14 of culture and this value increased to more than 50% of PBMC being CD4 positive T cells by day 14 of culture with an AGT103 dose of multiplicity of infection equal to 5. Again, there is a clear dose response effect of AGT103 on HIV cytopathogenicity in human PBMC.

As shown in FIG. 22, PBMCs were stimulated with CD3/CD28 beads plus IL-2 for 1 day and transduced with AGT103 at various concentrations (MOI). After 2 days, beads were removed and cells were infected with 0.1 MOI of HIV NL4.3. 24 hours later, cells were washed 3 times with PBS and cultured with IL-2 (30U/ml). Cells were collected every 3 days and the frequency of CD4⁺ T cells was analyzed by FACS. After 14 days of exposure to HIV, there was an 87% reduction in CD4+ T cells transduced with LV-Control, a 60% reduction with AGT103 MOI 0.2, a 37% reduction with AGT103 MOI 1, and a 17% reduction with AGT103 MOI 5.

Example 19: Generating a Population of CD4+ T Cells Enriched for HIV-Specificity and Transduced with AGT103/CMV-GFP

Therapeutic vaccination against HIV had minimal effect on the distribution of CD4+, CD8+ and CD4+/CD8+ T cells. As shown in FIG. 23A, the CD4 T cell population is shown in the upper left quadrant of the analytical flow cytometry dot plots, and changes from 52% to 57% of total T cells after the vaccination series. These are representative data.

Peripheral blood mononuclear cells from a participant in in medium+/-interleukin-2/interleukin-12 or +/-interleukin-7/interleukin-15. Some cultures were stimulated with overlapping peptides representing the entire p55 Gag protein of HIV-1 (HIV (GAG) Ultra peptide mixture) as a source of 45 epitope peptides for T cell stimulation. These peptides are 10-20 amino acids in length and overlap by 20-50% of their length to represent the entire Gag precursor protein (p55) from HIV-1 BaL strain. The composition and sequence of individual peptides can be adjusted to compensate for regional variations in the predominant circulating HIV sequences or when detailed sequence information is available for an individual patient receiving this therapy. At culture end, cells were recovered and stained with anti-CD4 or anti-CD8 monoclonal antibodies and the CD3+ population was gated and displayed here. The HIV (GAG) Ultra peptide mixture stimulation for either pre- or post-vaccination samples was similar to the medium control indicating that HIV (GAG) Ultra peptide mixture was not toxic to cells and was not acting as a polyclonal mitogen. The results of this analysis can be found in FIG. 23B.

HIV (GAG) Ultra peptide mixture and interleukin-2/ interleukin-12 provided for optimal expansion of antigenspecific CD4 T cells. As shown in the upper panels of FIG. **23**C, there was an increase in cytokine (interferon-gamma) secreting cells in post-vaccination specimens exposed to HIV (GAG) Ultra peptide mixture. In the pre-vaccination sample, cytokine secreting cells increased from 0.43 to

0.69% as a result of exposure to antigenic peptides. In contrast, the post-vaccination samples showed an increase of cytokine secreting cells from 0.62 to 1.76% of total CD4 T cells as a result of peptide stimulation. These data demonstrate the strong impact of vaccination on the CD4 T cell 5 responses to HIV antigen.

Finally, AGT103/CMV-GFP transduction of antigen-expanded CD4 T cells produced HIV-specific and HIV-resistant helper CD4 T cells that are needed for infusion into patients as part of a functional cure for HIV (in accordance with other various aspects and embodiments, AGT103 alone is used; for example, clinical embodiments may not include the CMV-GFP segment). The upper panels of FIG. 23C show the results of analyzing the CD4+ T cell population in $_{15}$ culture. The x axis of FIG. 23C shows Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP) emission indicating that individual cells were transduced with the AGT103/CMV-GFP. In the post-vaccination samples 1.11% of total CD4 T cells that were both cytokine secreting was recovered, indicating that the cells 20 are responding specifically to HIV antigen, and transduced with AGT103/CMV-GFP. This is the target cell population and the clinical product intended for infusion and functional cure of HIV. With the efficiency of cell expansion during the antigen stimulation and subsequent polyclonal expansion 25 phases of ex vivo culture, 4×10^8 antigen-specific, lentivirus transduced CD4 T cells can be produced. This exceeds the target for cell production by 4-fold and will allow achievement of a count of antigen-specific and HIV-resistant CD4 T cells of approximately 40 cells/microliter of blood or 30 around 5.7% of total circulating CD4 T cells.

Table 4 below shows the results of the ex vivo production of HIV-specific and HIV-resistant CD4 T cells using the disclosed vectors and methods.

TABLE 4

Material/manipulation	Total CD4 T cells	Percentage HIV-specific	Percentage HIV-specific and HIV-resistant	
Leukapheresis pack	$\sim 7 \times 10^8$	~0.12	N/A	40
from HIV+ patient Peptide expansion ex vivo	$\sim 8 \times 10^8$	~2.4	N/A	
Mitogen expansion Lentivirus transduction	$\sim 1.5 \times 10^{10}$ $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{10}$	~2.4 ~2.4	N/A ~1.6	45

Example 20: Clinical Study for Prophylactic Treatment of HIV-Negative Individuals

AGT103T is a genetically modified autologous PBMC containing $>5 \times 10^7$ HIV-specific CD4 T cells that are also transduced with AGT103 lentivirus vector.

A Phase I clinical trial will test the safety and feasibility of infusing ex vivo modified autologous CD4 T cells 55 (AGT103T) in HIV-negative adult research participants. Up to 40 study participants receive a candidate HIV preventive vaccine according to the established dose, route and formulation for the specific product. The vaccine must include the HIV Gag polyprotein and be capable of eliciting HIV- 60 specific CD4+ T cells. For example, the vaccine may consist of 3 doses of plasmid DNA via electroporation where the plasmid encodes expression of HIV Gag, Pol and Env proteins. Subsequently, 2 doses of recombinant MVA (rMVA) encoding HIV Gag, Pol and Env are delivered by 65 intramuscular immunization. Seven to 10 days after the second rMVA immunization a blood sample is collected for 82

in vitro testing to measure the frequency of CD4+ T-cells that respond to stimulation with a pool of overlapping, synthetic peptides representing the HIV-1 Gag polyprotein. Subjects developing a strong HIV-specific CD4 T cell response are eligible to receive AGT103T cell therapy. The criterion for receiving AGT103T is a HIV-specific CD4+ T cell frequency ≥0.065% of total CD4 T cells after immunization, measured by in vitro peptide stimulation and intracellular staining for interferon-gamma cytokine expression. Trial participants undergo leukapheresis followed by purification of PBMC (using Ficoll density gradient centrifugation or negative selection with antibodies) and PBMC are cultured ex vivo and stimulated with HIV Gag peptides plus interleukin-2 and interleukin-12 for 12 days, then stimulated again with beads decorated with CD3/CD28 bispecific antibody. One day after CD3/CD28 stimulation cells are transduced with lentivirus vector AGT103 (LV-EF-1-miRCCR5mirVif-miRTat) at multiplicity of infection between 1 and 10. The transduced cells are cultured for an additional 7-14 days during which time they expand by polyclonal proliferation. The culture period is ended by harvesting and washing cells, setting aside aliquots for potency and safety release assays, and resuspending the remaining cells in cryopreservation medium. A single dose is $\leq 1 \times 10^{10}$ autologous PBMC. The potency assay measures the frequency of CD4 T cells that respond to peptide stimulation by expressing interferon-gamma. Other release criteria include the product must include ≥0.5×10⁷ HIV-specific CD4 T cells that are also transduced with AGT103. Another release criterion is that the number of AGT103 genome copies per cell must not exceed 3. Five days before infusion with AGT103T subjects receive one dose of busulfuram (or 35 Cytoxan) conditioning regimen followed by infusion of ≤1×10¹⁰ PBMC containing genetically modified CD4 T

cells.

Patient Selection

Inclusion Criteria:

- Aged between 18 and 60 years.
- Documented HIV-negative by serology and viral RNA assay within 1 week prior to study entry.
- No prior immunization with MVA or other smallpox vaccines within the past 25 years.
- Must be willing to comply with study-mandated evaluations and agree not to use pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV during the study period.
- CD4+ T-cell count >600 cell per millimeter cubed (cells/ mm3)

Exclusion Criteria:

Any viral hepatitis

HIV infection

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- Cancer or malignancy that has not been in remission for at least 5 years with the exception of successfully treated basal cell carcinoma of the skin
- Current diagnosis of NYHA grade 3 or 4 congestive heart failure or uncontrolled angina or arrhythmias

History of bleeding problems

Use of chronic steroids in past 30 days

Pregnant or breast feeding

Active drug or alcohol abuse

Serious illness in past 30 days

Currently participating in another clinical trial or any prior gene therapy

65 Safety Assessments

Acute infusion reaction

Post-infusion safety follow-up

Efficacy Assessments-Phase I

Number and frequency of modified CD4 T cells.

Durability of modified CD4 T cells.

In vitro response to Gag peptide restimulation (ICS assay) as a measure of memory T cell function.

Lack of autoimmunity or chronic inflammatory condition related to AGT103T.

No change or improvement in antibody responses to vaccine.

No change or improvement in CD8 cytotoxic T cell 10 responses to vaccine.

AGT103T Consists of Up to 1×1010 Genetically Modified, Autologous CD4+ T Cells Containing $\geq 5 \times 10^7$ HIV-Specific CD4 T Cells that are Also Transduced with AGT103 Lentivirus Vector.

A Phase I clinical trial will test the safety and feasibility of infusing ex vivo modified autologous CD4 T cells (AGT103T) in HIV-negative adult research participants. Up to 40 study participants receive a candidate HIV preventive vaccine according to the established dose, route and formu- 20 lation for the specific product. The vaccine must include the HIV Gag polyprotein and be capable of eliciting HIVspecific CD4+ T cells. For example, the vaccine may consist of 3 doses of plasmid DNA via electroporation where the plasmid encodes expression of HIV Gag, Pol and Env 25 proteins. Subsequently, 2 doses of recombinant MVA (rMVA) encoding HIV Gag, Pol and Env are delivered by intramuscular immunization. Seven to 10 days after the second rMVA immunization a blood sample is collected for in vitro testing to measure the frequency of CD4+ T-cells 30 that respond to stimulation with a pool of overlapping, synthetic peptides representing the HIV-1 Gag polyprotein. Subjects developing a strong HIV-specific CD4 T cell response are eligible to receive AGT103T cell therapy. The criterion for receiving AGT103T is a HIV-specific CD4+ T 35 cell frequency ≥0.065% of total CD4 T cells after immunization, measured by in vitro peptide stimulation and intracellular staining for interferon-gamma cytokine expression. Trial participants undergo leukapheresis followed by purification of PBMC (using Ficoll density gradient centrifuga- 40 tion or negative selection with antibodies) and enrichment for CD4+ T cells via antibody-based negative selection. Enriched CD4+ T cells are mixed 10:1 with the CD4negative fraction (to provide antigen-presenting cells), cultured ex vivo and stimulated with HIV Gag peptides plus

interleukin-2 and interleukin-12 for 12 days, then stimulated again with beads decorated with CD3/CD28 bispecific antibody. One day after CD3/CD28 stimulation cells are transduced with lentivirus vector AGT103 (LV-EF-1-miRCCR5mirVif-miRTat) at multiplicity of infection between 1 and 10. The transduced cells are cultured for an additional 7-14 days during which time they expand by polyclonal proliferation. The culture period is ended by harvesting and washing cells, setting aside aliquots for potency and safety release assays, and resuspending the remaining cells in cryopreservation medium. A single dose is $\leq 1 \times 10^{10}$ autologous CD4+ T cells. The potency assay measures the frequency of CD4 T cells that respond to peptide stimulation by expressing interferon-gamma. Other release criteria include the product must include $\ge 0.5 \times 10^7$ HIV-specific CD4 T cells that are also transduced with AGT103. Another release criterion is that the number of AGT103 genome copies per cell must not exceed 3. Five days before infusion with AGT103T subjects receive one dose of busulfuram (or Cytoxan) conditioning regimen followed by infusion of ≤1×10¹⁰ PBMC containing genetically modified CD4 T cells.

Example 21—AGT-LV-HIV1.0 Efficiently Inhibits HIV Replication in a Cell Model (J1.1) for Latent, Inducible HIV

J1.1 cells carry a silent copy of HIV proviral DNA and are activated to produce very high amounts of cell-free HIV by treatment with the cytokine TNF-alpha. Panel (A) of FIG. 24 shows J1.1 cells that were transduced with AGT-T-HIV1.0-GFP (another designation for LV-R5TatVif) or a control lentivirus vector carrying GFP, as seen by the green fluorescence in >99% of transduced cells. Panel (B) of FIG. 24 shows transduced cells that were treated with TNF-alpha (50 ng/ml) to induce HIV production. The supernatants were collected after 7 days and used to infect purified, PHA/IL2stimulated tonsil CD4 T cells. HIV infection was detected by intracellular p24 staining (KC57-RD1, Beckman Coulter) and flow cytometry assay. The vector AGT-LV-HIV1.0 significantly reduced HIV production by activated J1.1 cells. This assay validates the activity of miRNA against HIV genes Tat and Vif that are essential for virus production and infectivity.

Sequences

The following sequences are referred to herein:

SEQ II NO:	D Description	Sequence
1	miR30 CCR5	AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACT GAGCTTGCTCTACTGTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGA GCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCCTACTGCCTCGGACT TCAAGGGGCTT
2	miR21 Vif	CATCTCCATGGCTGTACCACCTTGTCGGGGGATGTG TACTTCTGAACTTGTGTTGAATCTCATGGAGTTCAG AAGAACACATCCGCACTGACATTTTGGTATCTTTCA TCTGACCA
3	miR185 Tat	GGGCCTGGCTCGAGCAGGGGGGCGAGGGATTCCGCT TCTTCCTGCCATAGCGTGG TCCCCTCCCC
4	Elongation Factor-1 alpha (EF1-alpha) promoter	CCGGTGCCTAGAGAAGGTGGCGCGGGGTAAACTGG GAAAGTGATGTCGTGTACTGGCTCCGCCTTTTTCCC GAGGGTGGGGGGAGAACCGTATATAAGTGCAGTAGT CGCCGTGAACGTTCTTTTTCGCAACGGGTTTGCCGC CAGAACACAGGTAAGTGCCGTGTGTGGTTCCCGCG GGCCTGGCCT

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25	<i>Homo sapiens</i> CCR5 gene, sequence 1	ATGGATTATCAAGTGTCAAGTCCAATCTATGACATC AATTATTATACATCGGAGCCCTGCCAAAAAATCAAT GTGAAGCAAATCGCAGCCCGCCTCCTGCCTCCGCTC TACTCACTGGTGTTCATCTTTGGTTTTGTGGGC
26	<i>Homo sapiens</i> CCR5 gene, sequence 2	AACATGCTGGTCATCCTCATCCTGATAAACTGCAAA AGGCTGAAGAGCATGACTGACATCTACCTGCTCAAC CTGGCCATCTTGACCTGTTTTTCCTTCTTACTGTCC CCTCTGGGGTCACTATGCTGCCGCCCAGTGGGACT TTGGAATACAATGGTGCTAACTCTTGACAGGGCTCT ATTTTATAGGCTTCTTCTCATCGAACCTTGTCATCAT CCTCCTGACAATCGATAGGTACCTGGCTGTCGTCCA TGCGTGTTTGCTTTAAAAGCCAGGACGGTCACCTT TGGGGTGGGCACAGTGGTCTCCCAGGAATCATCTGGCGTGCT CTCCAAAAAGAAGGTCTTCATTACACCTGCAGGCG TGTGTTTCCATACAGTCAGTACCATTCTGGAAGAA TTCCCAAAAAGAAGGTCTTCATTACACCTGCAAGCC CCTGCGCGCGCTGTGTCACTGGTACTCGGAAGAA TTCCCAAAAAGAAGACGTCTCGGTACTCGCGAACGC CCTGCCGCTGCTTGCCAGGTCACTCTGCGAAGAA GAAGAGGCACAGGGCTGTGAGGCTTACTTCACCAT CATGATTGTTTATTTTCCTTCTGGGCCCCCTACAAC
27	<i>Homo sapiens</i> CCR5 gene, sequence 3	ACCTTCCAGGAATTCTTTGGCCTGAATAATTGCAGT AGCTCTAACAGGTTGGACCAAGCTATGCAGGTGA
28	<i>Homo sapiens</i> CCR5 gene, sequence 4	CAGAGACTCTTGGGATGACGCACTGCTGCATCAACC CCATCATCTATGCCTTTGTCGGGGAGAAGTTCAGAA ACTACCTCTTAGTCTTCTTCCAAAAGCACATTGCCA AACGCTTCTGCAAATGCTGTTCTATTTTCCAG
29	<i>Homo sapiens</i> CCR5 gene, sequence 5	CAAGAGGCTCCCGAGCGAGCAAGCTCAGTTTACAC CCGATCCACTGGGGAGCAGGAAATATCTGTGGGCTT GTGA
30	CD4 promoter sequence	TGTTGGGGTTCAAATTTGAGCCCAGCTGTTAGCCC TCTGCAAAGAAAAAAAAAA
31	miR30- CCR5/miR21- Vif/miR185 Tat microRNA cluster sequence	AGGTATATTGCTGTTGACAGTGAGCGACTGTAAACT GAGCTTGCTCTACTGTGAAGCCACAGATGGGTAGA GCAAGCACAGTTTACCGCTGCTACTGCCTCGGACT TCAAGGGGCTTCCCGGGCATCTCCCATGGCTGTACCA CCTTGTCGGGGGGATGTGTGTGTGTG AATCTCATGGAGTTCAGAAGAACACCATCCGCACTG ACATTTGGTATCTTTCATCTGACCAGCTAGCGGGC CTGGCTCGAGCAGGGGGCGAGGGATTCCGCTTCTTC CTGCCATAGCGTGGTCCCCTCCCC

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33	Elongation Factor-1 alpha (EF1-alpha) promoter; miR30CCR5; miR21Vif; miR185 Tat	CCGGTGCCTAGAGAAGGTGGCGCGGGGTAAACTGG GAAAGTGATGTCGTGTACTGGCTCCGCCTTTTCCC GAGGGTGGGGGAGAACCGTATATAAGTGCAGTAGT CGCCGTGAACGTTCTTTTCGCAACGGGTTTGCCGC CAGAACACAGGTAAGTGCCGTGTGTGGTTCCCGCG GGCCTGGCCT
34	Rous Sarcoma virus (RSV) promoter	GTAGTCTTATGCAATACTCTTGTAGTCTTGCAACAT GGTAACGATGAGTTAGCAACATGCCTTACAAGGAG AGAAAAAGCACCGTGCATGCCGATTGGTGGAAGTA AGGTGGTACGATCGTGCCTTATTAGGAAGGCAACA GACGGGTCTGACATGGATTGGACGAACCACTGAAT TGCCGCATTGCAGAGAATATTGTATTTAAGTGCCTAG CTCGATACAATAAACG
35	5' Long terminal repeat (LTR)	GGTCTCTCTGGTTAGACCAGATCTGAGCCTGGGAGC TCTCTGGCTAACTAGGGAACCCACTGCTTAAGCCTC AATAAAGCTTGCCTTGAGTGCTTCAAGTAGTGTGTG CCCGTCTGTTGTGTGACTCTGGTAACTAGAGATCCC TCAGACCCTTTTAGTCAGTGTGGAAAATCTCTAGCA
36	Psi Packaging signal	TACGCCAAAAATTTTGACTAGCGGAGGCTAGAAGG AGAGAG

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37	Rev response element (RRE)	AGGAGCTTTGTTCCTTGGGTTCTTGGGAGCAGCAG AAGCACTATGGGCGCAGCCTCAATGACGCTGACGG TACAGGCCAGACAATTATTGTCTGGTATAGTGCAGC AGCAGAACAATTTGCTGAGGGCTATTGAGGCGCAA CAGCATCTGTTGCAACTCACAGTCTGGGGCATCAAG CAGCTCCAGGCAAGAATCCTGGCTGTGGAAAGATA CCTAAAGGATCAACAGCTCC
38	Central polypurine tract (cPPT)	TTTTAAAAGAAAAGGGGGGATTGGGGGGTACAGTG CAGGGGAAAGAATAGTAGACATAATAGCAACAGAC ATACAAACTAAAGAATTACAAAAACAAATTACAAA ATTCAAAATTTTA
39	3' delta LTR	TGGAAGGGCTAATTCACTCCCAACGAAGATAAGAT CTGCTTTTTGCTTGTACTGGGTCTCTCTGGGTAGACC AGATCTGAGCCTGGGAGCTCTCTGGCTAACTAGGGA ACCCACTGCTTAAGCCTCAATAAAGCTTGCCTTGAG TGCTTCAAGTAGTGTGTGTGCCCGTCTGTTGTGTGACT CTGGTAACTAGAGATCCCTCAGACCCTTTTAGTCAG TGTGGAAAATCTCTAGCAGTAGTAGTTCATGTCA
40	Helper/Rev; CMV early (CAG) enhancer; Enhance Transcription	TAGTTATTAATAGTAATCAATTACGGGGTCATTAGT TCATAGCCCATATATGGAGTTCCGCGTTACATAACT TACGGTAAATGGCCCGCCTGGCTGACCGCCCAACG ACCCCCGCCCATTGACGTCAATAATGACGTATGTTC CCATAGTAACGCCAATAGGGACTTTCCATTGACGTC AATGGGTGGACTATTACGGTAAACTGCCCACTTGG CAGTACATCAAGTGTATCATTAGCCAAGTACGCCCC CTATTGACGTCAATGACGGTAAATGGCCCGCCTGGC ATTATGCCCAGTACATGACCTTATGGGACTTTCCTA CTTGGCAGTACATCACGTATTAGTCATC
41	Helper/Rev; Chicken beta actin (CAG) promoter; Transcription	GCTATTACCATGGTCGAGGTGAGCCCCACGTTCTG CTTCACTCTCCCCATCTCCCCCCCCCC
42	Helper/Rev; Chicken beta actin intron; Enhance gene expression	GGAGTCGCTGCGTTGCCTTCGCCCGGGCCGGCGGCGGGCCGGCCGCGCCGC
43	Helper/Rev; HIV Gag; Viral capsid	ATGGGTGCGAGAGCGTCAGTATTAAGCGGGGGAGA ATTAGATCGATGGGAAAAAATTCGGTTAAGGCCAG GGGGAAAGAAAAAATATAAATTAAAACATATAGTA

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44 Helper/Rev; HIV Pol; Protease and reverse transcriptase	GCGACCCCTCGTCACAATAA ATGAATTTGCCAGGAAGATGGAAACCAAAAATGAT AGGGGAATTGGAGGTTTTATCAAAGTAGGACAGT ATGATCAGATACTCATAGAAAATCTGCGGGACATAAA GCTATAGGTACAGTATTAGTAGGACCTACACCTGTC AACATAATTGGAAGAATCTGTTGACCCAGATGGC TGCCAGTAAAATTTACCCATTAGTCGACTGGACTG	

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45	Helper Rev; HIV Integrase; Integration of viral RNA	TTTTTAGATGGAATAGATAAGGCCCAAGAAGAACA TGAGAAATATCACAGTAATTGGAGAGCAATGGCTA GTGATTTTAACCTACCACTGTAGTAGCAAAAGAAA TAGTAGCCAGCTGTGATAAATGTCAGCTAAAAGGG GAAGCCATGCATGGACAAGTAGACTGTAGCCCAGG AATATGGCAGCTAGATTGTACACATTTAGAAGGA AAGTATCTTGGTAGCAGTTCATGTAGCCAGTGGAT ATATAGAAGCAGAAGTAATTCCAGCTAGAAGACAGGG CAAGAAACAGCATACTTCCTCTTAAAATTAGCAGGA AGATGGCCAGTAAAAACAGTACATACAGACAATGG CAGCAATTCACCAGTACATACAGGAATTTGGCAGTC TTGGTGGGCGGGGATCAAGCAGGAATTTGGCATTCC CTACAATCCCCCAAAGTCAAGGAGATATAGGACAGGG GAGACTAGGCTGAACATCTTAAGGACAGGCAATTC GAATAAAGAATTAAAGAAAATTATAGGACAGGTAA GAGATCAGGCTGAACAATCTTAAGGACAGGAAATG TAGGCAGTAATACACCAGACATGTAAGGACAGGAAA ATTACAAAACAAA
46	Helper/Rev; HIV RRE; Binds Rev element	AGGAGCTTTGTTCCTTGGGTTCTTGGGAGCAGCAGG AAGCACTATGGGCGCAGCGTCAATGACGCTGACGG TACAGGCCAGACAATTATTGTCTGGTATAGTGCAGC AGCAGAACAATTTGCTGAGGGCTATTGAGGCGCAA CAGCATCTGTTGCAACTCACAGTCTGGGGCATCAAG CAGCTCCAGGCAAGAATCCTGGCTGTGGAAAGATA CCTAAAGGATCAACAGCTCCT
47	Helper/Rev; HIV Rev; Nuclear export and stabilize viral mRNA	ATGGCAGGAAGAAGCGGAGGAGACAGCGACGAAGAAC TCCTCAAAGGCAGTCAGACTCATCAAGTTTCTCTATC AAAGCAACCCACCTCCCAATCCCGAGGGGACCCGA CAGGCCCGAAGGAATAGAAGAAGAAGGAGGAGAG AGAGACAGAGACAGATCCATTCGATTAGTGAACGG ATCCTTAGCACTTATCTGGGACGATCTGCGGAGCCT GTGCCTCTTCAGCTACCACCGCTTGAGAGACTTACT GTGGATGTAACGAGGATTGTGGAACTTCTGGGACG CAGGGGGTGGGAAGCCCTCAAATATTGGTGGAATC TCCTACAATATTGGAGCCAGAGCTAAAGAATAG
48	Helper/Rev; Rabbit beta globin poly A; RNA stability	AGATCTTTTTCCCTCTGCCAAAAATTATGGGGACAT CATGAAGCCCCTTGAGCATCTGACTTCTGGCTAATA AAGGAAATTTATTTTCATTGCAATAGTGTGTGGAA TTTTTTGTGTCTCTCACTCGGAAGGACATATGGGAG GGCAAATCATTTAAAACATCAGAATGAGTATTTGGT TTAGAGTTTGGCAACATATGCCATATGCTGCTGCC ATGAACAAAGGTGGCTATAAAGAGGTCATCAGTAT AGAAACAGCCCCCTGCTGTCCATTCCTTATTCCAT AGAAAAGCCTTGACTTGA

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49	Helper; CMV early (CAG) enhancer; Enhance transcription	TAGTTATTAATAGTAATCAATTACGGGGTCATTAGT TCATAGCCCATATATGGAGTTCCGCGTTACATAACT TACGGTAAATGGCCCGCCTGGCTGACCGCCCAACG ACCCCCGCCCATTGACGTCAATAATGACGTATGTTC CCATAGTAACGCCAATAGGGACTTTCCCATTGACGTC AATGGGTGGACTATTACGGTAAACTGCCCACTTGG CAGTACATCAAGTGTATCATATGCCAAGTACGCCCC CTATTGACGTCAATGACGGTAAATGGCCCGCCTGGC ATTATGCCCAGTACATGACCTTATGGGACTTTCCTA CTTGGCAGTACATCTACGTATTAGTCATC
50	Helper; Chicken beta actin (CAG) promoter; Transcription	GCTATTACCATGGGTCGAGGTGAGCCCCACGTTCTG CTTCACTCTCCCCATCTCCCCCCCCCC
51	Helper; Chicken beta actin intron; Enhance gene expression	GGAGTCGCTGCGTTGCCTTCGCCCGTGCCCGCCCGCCCGC
52	Helper; HIV Gag; Viral capsid	ATGGGTGCGAGAGCGTCAGTATTAAGCGGGGGAGA ATTAGATCGATGGGAAAAAATTCGGTTAAGGCCAG GGGAAAGAAAAATATAAATTAAAACATATAGTA TGGGCAAGCAGGGAGGTAGAACGATTCGCAGTTAA ACCTGGCCTGTTAGAAACATCAGAAGGCTGTAGACA AATACTGGGACAGCTACAACCATCCCTTCAGACAG GATCAGAAGATTAGATCATTATATATACAGTAG CAACCCTCTATTGTGTGCATCAAAGGATAGAGAAA AAGACACCAAGGAAGCTTTAGACAGGATAGAGAAA GAGCAAAACAAAA

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53 Helper; HIV Pol; Protease and reverse transcriptase	ATGAATTTGCCAGGAAGATGGAAACCAAAAATGAT AGGGGGAATGGAGGTTTATCACAAGTAGGACAGT ATGATCAGATACTCATAGAAATCTGCGGGACATAAA GCTATAGGTACAGTATTAGTAGGACCTACACCTGTC AACATAATTGGAAGAAATCTGTTGACTCAGATTGGC TGCCACTTTAAATTTTCCCATTAGTCCTATTGAGACGG TACCAGTAAAATTAAAGCCAGGAATGGACAGCCA AAAGTTAAACAATGGCCATTGACAGAAGAAAAAT AAAAGCATTAGTAGAAATTGGCCAGAAAAGAC CCATACAATACTCCAGTATTGCCATAAAGAAAT CCATACAATACTCCAGTATTGGCCATAAAGAAAAA AGGAAGGAAAAATTCCCAGTACTGGACGGCTCAAAAAAA CGCAGTACTAAATGGAGAAATTGGCCAGAGAAAA GACAGTACTAAATGGAGAAAATTGGCCATAAAGAAAT CCATCAAATACTCCAGTACTGGAGGGTTAAAC AGAACATTACGAACAGTACCGGACTGGGGCGAT GCATATTTTCCAGTTCCCTTAGATAAAGACTTCCAG AGAACAAAATCCGCATCTCCCAGCAATATCCCA GCATATTTTTCCAGTCCCTAGATAAAGACTTCCAG AAGTATACTGCATTTACCATACCA
54 Helper; HIV Integrase; Integration of	GGTTGGTCAGTGCTGGAATCAGGAAAGTACTA TTTTTAGATGGAATAAGATAAG

Integration of viral RNA

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55	Helper; HIV RRE; Binds Rev element	AGGAGCTTTGTTCCTTGGGTTCTTGGGAGCAGCAGG AAGCACTATGGGCGCAGCGTCAATGACGCTGACGG TACAGGCCAGACAATTATTGTCTGGTATAGTGCAGC AGCAGAACAATTTGCTGAGGGCTATTGAGGCGCAA CAGCATCTGTTGCAACTCACAGTCTGGGGCATCAAG CAGCTCCAGGCAAGAATCCTGGCTGTGGAAAGATA CCTAAAGGATCAACAGCTCCT
56	Helper; Rabbit beta globin poly A; RNA stability	AGATCTTTTTCCCTCTGCCAAAAATTATGGGGACAT CATGAAGCCCCTTGAGCATCTGACTTCTGGCTAATA AAGGAAATTTATTTTCATTGCAATAGTGTGTGGAA TTTTTTGTGTCTCTCACTCGGAAGGACATATGGGAG GGCAAATCATTTAAAACATCAGAAATGAGTATTTGGT TTAGAGTTTGGCAACATATGCCATATGCTGGCTGCC ATGAACAAAGGTGGCTATAAAGAGGTCATCAGTAT ATGAAACAGCCCCCTGCTGTCCATTCCTTATCCAT AGAAAAGCCTTGACTTGA
57	Rev; RSV promoter; Transcription	ATGGCAGGAAGAAGCGGGAGACAGCGACGAAGAAC TCCTCAAGGCAGTCAGACTCATCAAGTTTCTCTATC AAAGCAACCCACCTCCCAATCCCGAGGGGACCCGA CAGGCCCGAAGGAATAGAAGAAGAAGGTGGAGAG AGAACAGAGACAAGTCCATTCGATTAGTGAACG ATCCTTAGCACTTATCTGGGACGATCTGCGGAGCCT GTGCCTCTTCAGCTACCACCGCTTGAGAGAGACTTACT CTTGATTGTAACGAGGATCTGGGAACTTCTGGGAGC CAGGGGGTGGGAAGCCCTCAAATATTGGTGGAATC TCCTACAATATTGGAGTCAGGAGCTAAAGAATAG
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What is claimed is:

1. A method of producing cells that are resistant to HIV ¹⁰ infection, the method comprising:

- (a) contacting peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) isolated from a subject that is HIV-negative with a therapeutically effective amount of a stimulatory agent, wherein the contacting is carried out ex vivo; 15
- (b) transducing the PBMC ex vivo with a viral delivery system encoding at least one genetic element, wherein the at least one genetic element comprises a microRNA capable of at least one of inhibiting production of chemokine receptor CCR5 or targeting an HIV RNA ₂₀ sequence,

wherein the microRNA comprises a sequence having at least about 90% identity with SEQ ID NO: 31; and

(c) culturing the transduced PBMC for at least 1 day.

2. The method of claim **1**, further comprising infusing the ₂₅ transduced PBMC into a subject.

3. The method of claim **1**, wherein the stimulatory agent comprises a gag peptide.

4. The method of claim **1**, wherein the stimulatory agent comprises an HIV vaccine.

5. The method of claim **4**, wherein the HIV vaccine comprises a MVA/HIV62B vaccine or a variant thereof.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the viral delivery system comprises a lentiviral particle.

7. The method of claim **1**, wherein the HIV RNA ₃₅ sequence comprises an HIV Vif sequence, an HIV Tat sequence, or a variant thereof.

8. The method of claim **1**, wherein the microRNA comprises SEQ ID NO: 31.

9. A method of inhibiting HIV infection in a HIV-negative subject, the method comprising:

- (a) immunizing the subject with an effective amount of a first stimulatory agent;
- (b) removing leukocytes from the subject and purifying peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC);
- (c) contacting the PBMC ex vivo with a therapeutically effective amount of a second stimulatory agent;
- (d) transducing the PBMC ex vivo with a viral delivery system encoding at least one genetic element, wherein the at least one genetic element comprises a microRNA capable of at least one of inhibiting production of chemokine receptor CCR5 or targeting an HIV RNA sequence, and wherein the microRNA comprises a sequence having at least about 90% identity with SEQ ID NO: 31;

(e) culturing the transduced PBMC for at least 1 day; and (f) infusing the transduced PBMC into the subject.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein at least one of the first and second stimulatory agents comprises a gag peptide.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein at least one of the first and second stimulatory agents comprises an HIV vaccine.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the HIV vaccine comprises a MVA/HIV62B vaccine or a variant thereof.

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