

PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING AND PURIFYING NUCLEIC ACID-CONTAINING COMPOSITIONS

SUMMARY

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PRODUCT TYPE

- Therapeutics
- Vaccines

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITY

This invention is available for licensing and co-development.

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DESCRIPTION OF TECHNOLOGY

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POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS

- Large-scale manufacturing for producing highly purified, live virus.

- Improved viral purification process that:

- increases the yield and/or purity of the resulting product, while decreasing the purification time;
- is generally applicable to purification of any nucleic acid molecule-containing composition, such as virus-based composition, and can be used for the purification of live native or recombinant viruses necessary for clinical applications.

☒- Improved process for generating viral template plasmid (such as one that includes a DNA template for an RNA virus), which addresses the problem of genetic instability of the plasmids containing the viral genome (e.g., of a recombinant polio virus) in host (e.g., bacterial) cells, in which the plasmids are typically propagated.

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

- Cost and time effective means of producing highly purified virus-based GMP products, such as oncolytic viruses, for regulatory approval.

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THERAPEUTIC AREA

- Cancer/Neoplasm
- Central Nervous System, Mental and Behavioral, Pain
- Immune System and Inflammation
- Infectious Diseases