

bypasses the human metabolic machinery needed to convert the drug into its active metabolite(s).

- Decreased CNS side effects.

Development Stage: In vivo data available (animal).

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Publications:

1. Moaddel R, *et al.* A parallel chiral-achiral liquid chromatographic method for the determination of the stereoisomers of ketamine and ketamine metabolites in the plasma and urine of patients with complex regional pain syndrome. *Talanta*. 2010 Oct. 15;82(5):1892–1904. [PMID 20875593]
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Related Technologies: HHS Reference No. E-174-2006/0—

- U.S. Patent Application No. 11/688,603 filed 20 Mar. 2007
- Related international applications

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Collaborative Research Opportunity: The National Institute on Aging, Laboratory of Clinical Investigation, Bioanalytical Chemistry and Drug Discovery Section, is seeking statements of capability or interest from parties interested in collaborative research to further develop, evaluate or commercialize this technology. For collaboration opportunities, please contact Nicole Guyton, Ph.D. at darackn@mail.nih.gov.

Improved DNA-Protein Vaccination Protocols

Description of Technology: Nucleic acid based vaccines are attractive alternatives to conventional vaccines for a number of reasons. One of the issues with nucleic acid based vaccines is the poor immunogenicity in humans. The subject technology is a method for eliciting improved immune responses with DNA based vaccines. The method involves co-administration of a nucleic acid vaccine with a protein vaccine for the same antigen of interest that is encoded by the DNA vaccine in a prime-boost protocol. This methodology increased the immune responses in a SIV macaque model to examine DNA based vaccines of HIV and vaccine protocols. The methodology can potentially be applied to other disease indications to elicit greater immune responses.

Potential Commercial Applications: Improve immunogenicity of nucleic acid based vaccines.

Competitive Advantages: The methodology increases the immune response of DNA based vaccines.

Development Stage:

- Early-stage
- Pre-clinical
- In vitro data available
- In vivo data available (animal)

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programs and projects conducted by the National Eye Institute, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performances, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Eye Institute.

Date: March 4–5, 2012.

Time: 7:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: www.nei.nih.gov, where an agenda and any additional information will be posted when available. (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.867, Vision Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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