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# Use Of Viral II-6 To Modulate Monocyte Differentiation To Boost Anti-Tumor Immunity

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Researchers at the University of California, Davis have developed a virally derived homolog to increase the inflammatory response desirable in cancer immunotherapy.

#### **FULL DESCRIPTION**

Researchers at the University of California Davis have developed the use of a virally derived homolog of interleukin-6 (vIL-6) to increase the inflammatory response desirable in cancer immunotherapy. The technology promotes dendritic cell differentiation and M1 macrophage differentiation from monocytes, unlike human IL-6, and doesn't trigger anti-inflammatory negative feedback mechanisms. The technology includes the RNA- and viral vector-based delivery of vIL-6-encoding nucleic acids.

Unlike IL-6, vIL-6 does not trigger negative feedback regulation, thus providing a unique benefit when it's used therapeutically as it does not limit its own efficacy by self-downregulation. This new technology aims to enhance cancer therapy by combining the administration of vIL-6 with an anti-cancer therapeutic agent, especially an anti-cancer immunotherapeutic agent.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- ▶ Development of new medication and treatments for cancer
- ▶ Potential use in research and development in the medical and pharmaceutical industry
- ▶ Useful in the field of cancer therapeutics, specifically in immunotherapy
- ▶ Potential application in the manufacturing of cell culture mediums
- ▶ May be incorporated into various delivery systems such as viral vector-based delivery, liposomal formulations, transdermal patches, etc for treating cancer

# FEATURES/BENEFITS

- ► Increases the inflammatory response desirable in cancer therapies
- ▶ Promotes dendritic cell differentiation and M1 macrophage differentiation
- ▶ Utilizes RNA- and viral vector-based delivery for effective implementation
- Does not self-downregulate which is an issue with existing therapies that are limited by negative feedback mechanisms
- ▶ Can be applied in various formats such as protein form or nucleic acid form
- ▶ Potential supplement for cell culture to enhance the recovery and efficacy of dendritic cells

# **PATENT STATUS**

Country Type Number Dated Case

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# OTHER INFORMATION

#### **CATEGORIZED AS**

- Medical
  - ▶ Disease: Cancer
  - Gene Therapy
  - New Chemical
  - Entities, Drug Leads
  - ▶ Therapeutics
- **▶** Research Tools
  - Nucleic

#### Acids/DNA/RNA

Protein Synthesis

### **RELATED CASES**

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# **ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES BY THESE INVENTORS**

- ▶ Transcription Active Complex Targeting Cancer Drug From Viral Protein Sequence
- ▶ CHD4 Targeting Peptide Isolated From Viral Protein For Cancer Therapeutics
- ► Cellular Protein CDH4 Inhibiting Peptide

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