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Introduction: Cardiovascular and

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myocardial gene transfer, Gene delivery strategies to the cardiovascular system, Gene vector design, Adenovirus-mediated immunity and cardiovascular gene transfer, Myocardial gene transfer to target myocardial ischemia -

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reperfusion injury; Specific aims;  
Materials and methods:  
Construction of recombinant virus,  
Myocardial transfer and anti-  
adenoviral immunity, Gene transfer  
and myocardial ischemia-  
reperfusion injury, Statistical

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analysis; Results: Anti-adenoviral immunity and myocardial adenoviral gene transfer, Gene transfer and myocardial ischemia-reperfusion injury; Discussion: Pre-existing anti-adenoviral immunity and adenovirus-mediated

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myocardial gene transfer,  
Intramyocardial NOS3 gene transfer  
and adenovirus-mediated immune  
responses, Cardioselective NOS3  
gene transfer and myocardial  
protection from reperfusion injury;  
General conclusions.

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Cancer is the most common cause of death in developed countries, and as such is a massive burden on society. As new techniques and knowledge became available, a shift from the use of gene therapy solely to target monogenetic disorders towards its

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additional use as a cancer treatment was observed. The culmination being that cancer gene therapy is now the most studied application of the gene therapy field with a significant portion of these studies focused on immune-based therapies

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for various cancer types. While Adeno-associated virus (AAV) vectors have shown great promise in the course of research into treatment of numerous indications ranging from cystic fibrosis to haemophilia B, only in recent years have they

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begun to be investigated in a cancer setting. This thesis seeks to examine the use of AAV2 as a vector in a cancer gene therapy setting, from initial vector characterisation and optimisation through to the use of AAV2 to deliver therapeutics in

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preclinical tumour trials. Initial work focused on the identification of the optimal a) parameters for AAV2 titration, b) in vitro and in vivo models and c) in vivo vector administration regimen. Chapter 2 deals with a broad range of

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parameters relating to AAV2 mediated gene transfer and expression compared with other commonly used delivery methods. This study demonstrated that AAV2-mediated delivery and expression was generally superior to

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other methods examined. Chapter 3 deals with the efficacy of AAV2-mediated cancer therapeutic strategies, specifically an immune based strategy, an anti-angiogenic/anti-metastatic strategy or a combination of both strategies.

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AAV2 mediated immune therapy focused on the delivery of the cytokine granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF) and the co-stimulatory molecule B7-1 to growing tumours in vivo.

AAV2 mediated anti-

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angiogenic/anti-metastatic therapy focused on the use of the bifunctional molecule Nk4 for the local or systemic treatment of growing tumours in vivo.

Significant anti-tumour effects were observed, with decreases in tumour

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burden and increased survival.

Chapter 4 assessed the influence of a mouse parvovirus on AAV2 vector related expression in murine models.

An interaction between mouse parvovirus-1 (MPV-1) and AAV2 vectors was demonstrated both in

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vivo and in vitro resulting in increased gene expression featuring replication of vector DNA. Specific AAV2 and MPV-1 sequences were identified to be involved in the interaction Overall, the data presented here advance the field of

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exploration of AAV2-mediated cancer gene therapy strategies as well as demonstrate pre-clinically the potential for novel anti-cancer therapies.

First published in 1996, liposomes have become an important model in

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fundamental biomembrane research, including biophysical, biochemical, and cell biological studies of membranes and cell function. They are thoroughly studied in several applications, such as drug delivery systems in medical applications and

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as controlled release systems, microencapsulating media, signal carriers, support matrices, and solubilizers in other applications. While medical applications have been extensively reviewed in recent literature, there is a need for easily

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accessible information on applications for liposomes beyond pharmacology and medicine. The Handbook of Nonmedical Applications of Liposomes fills this void. This unique new handbook series presents recent developments

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in the use of liposomes in many scientific disciplines, from studies on the origin of life, protein function, and vesicle shapes, to applications in cosmetics, diagnostics, ecology, bioreclamation, and the food

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industry. In these volumes many of the top experts contribute extensive reviews of their work.

Adenoviral Vectors for Gene Therapy, Second Edition provides detailed, comprehensive coverage of the gene delivery vehicles that are

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based on the adenovirus that is emerging as an important tool in gene therapy. These exciting new therapeutic agents have great potential for the treatment of disease, making gene therapy a fast-growing field for research. This

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book presents topics ranging from the basic biology of adenoviruses, through the construction and purification of adenoviral vectors, cutting-edge vectorology, and the use of adenoviral vectors in preclinical animal models, with final

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consideration of the regulatory issues surrounding human clinical gene therapy trials. This broad scope of information provides a solid overview of the field, allowing the reader to gain a complete understanding of the development

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and use of adenoviral vectors.

Provides complete coverage of the basic biology of adenoviruses, as well as their construction, propagation, and purification of adenoviral vectors Introduces common strategies for the

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development of adenoviral vectors, along with cutting-edge methods for their improvement Demonstrates noninvasive imaging of adenovirus-mediated gene transfer Discusses utility of adenoviral vectors in animal disease models Considers

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Federal Drug Administration  
regulations for human clinical trials  
Exploring Genome Structure and  
Gene Regulation Related to  
Virulence in Fungal Phytopathogens  
Using Next Generation Sequencing  
Techniques

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Strategies for National  
Competitiveness

Adenoviral Vectors for Gene  
Therapy

Evolutionary Approach to Machine  
Learning and Deep Neural Networks

Gene Sequencing and Mapping

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## Gene Transfer in the Cardiovascular System

Examines the ethical and policy dimensions of testing novel medical interventions in human beings for the first time.

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A practical resource for everyone involved in the gene therapy field and in the design of effective gene delivery systems, this volume presents an overview and update of recent advances in the field of non-

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viral methods for the in vivo transfer of therapeutic genes to biological targets using conventional routes of administration. Methods to control the spatial and temporal modulation of gene function in vivo as well as

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the level, duration, specificity, and fidelity of gene expression are described. The rational design and the applications of a variety of non-viral gene delivery systems, such as cationic lipid-,

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polymer-, and (poly) peptide-based systems, are exemplified for the control of location of therapeutic genes administered by various routes. Current and potential clinical applications of gene-based

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medicines are presented for the prevention, correction or modulation of diseases. Examples of current applications of plasmid-based systems for genetic vaccination, treatment of genetic disorders such as

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cystic fibrosis, and treatment of acquired diseases such as cancer are also provided.

PART I Molecular Biology 1.  
Molecular Biology and Genetic Engineering  
Definition, History and

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Scope 2. Chemistry of the Cell: 1. Micromolecules (Sugars, Fatty Acids, Amino Acids, Nucleotides and Lipids) Sugars (Carbohydrates) 3. Chemistry of the Cell . 2. Macromolecules (Nucleic

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Acids; Proteins and Polysaccharides) Covalent and Weak Non-covalent Bonds

4. Chemistry of the Gene: Synthesis, Modification and Repair of DNA DNA Replication: General Features 5. Organisation of

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Genetic Material 1.

Packaging of DNA as  
Nucleosomes in Eukaryotes

Techniques Leading to

Nucleosome Discovery 6.

Organization of Genetic

Material 2. Repetitive and

Unique DNA Sequences 7.

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Organization of Genetic Material: 3. Split Genes, Overlapping Genes, Pseudogenes and Cryptic Genes Split Genes or .Interrupted Genes 8. Multigene Families in Eukaryotes 9. Organization

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of Mitochondrial and Chloroplast Genomes 10. The Genetic Code 11. Protein Synthesis Apparatus Ribosome, Transfer RNA and Aminoacyl-tRNA Synthetases Ribosome 12. Expression of Gene . Protein Synthesis 1.

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Transcription in Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes 13.

Expression of Gene: Protein Synthesis: 2. RNA Processing (RNA Splicing, RNA Editing and Ribozymes)

Polyadenylation of mRNA in Prokaryotes Addition of Cap

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(m7G) and Tail (Poly A) for mRNA in Eukaryotes 14.

Expression of Gene: Protein Synthesis: 3. Synthesis and Transport of Proteins

(Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes)

Formation of Aminoacyl tRNA

15. Regulation of Gene

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Expression: 1. Operon  
Circuits in Bacteria and  
Other Prokaryotes 16.  
Regulation of Gene  
Expression . 2. Circuits for  
Lytic Cycle and Lysogeny in  
Bacteriophages 17.  
Regulation of Gene

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Expression 3. A Variety of Mechanisms in Eukaryotes (Including Cell Receptors and Cell Signalling) PART II Genetic Engineering 18. Recombinant DNA and Gene Cloning 1. Cloning and Expression Vectors 19.

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Recombinant DNA and Gene Cloning 2. Chimeric DNA, Molecular Probes and Gene Libraries 20. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Gene Amplification 21. Isolation, Sequencing and Synthesis of Genes 22.

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Proteins: Separation, Purification and Identification 23.

Immunotechnology 1. B-Cells, Antibodies, Interferons and Vaccines 24.

Immunotechnology 2. T-Cell Receptors and MHC

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Restriction 25.

Immunotechnology 3.

Hybridoma and Monoclonal Antibodies (mAbs) Hybridoma Technology and the Production of Monoclonal Antibodies 26. Transfection Methods and Transgenic

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Animals 27. Animal and Human Genomics: Molecular Maps and Genome Sequences Molecular Markers 28. Biotechnology in Medicine: I.Vaccines, Diagnostics and Forensics Animal and Human Health Care 29. Biotechnology in

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Medicine 2. Gene Therapy  
Human Diseases Targeted for  
Gene Therapy Vectors and  
Other Delivery Systems for  
Gene Therapy 30.

Biotechnology in Medicine:  
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Pharmacogenomics and

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Phannacogenetics and  
Personalized 31. Plant Cell  
and Tissue Culture'  
Production and Uses of  
Haploids 32. Gene Transfer  
Methods in Plants 33.  
Transgenic Plants .

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Genetically Modified (GM)  
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Microbes (GEMs) and  
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Neuroscience Perspectives

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provides multidisciplinary reviews of topics in one of the most diverse and rapidly advancing fields in the life sciences. Whether you are a new recruit to neuroscience, or an established expert, look to this series for 'one-

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stop' sources of the historical, physiological, pharmacological, biochemical, molecular biological and therapeutic aspects of chosen research areas. The recent development of Gene Therapy

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procedures which allow specific genes to be delivered to human patients who lack functional copies of them is of major therapeutic importance. In addition such gene delivery methods can be used in other

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organisms to define the function of particular genes. These studies are of particular interest in the nervous system where there are many incurable diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases which

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may benefit from therapies of this kind. Unfortunately gene delivery methods for use in the nervous system have lagged behind those in other systems due to the fact that the methods developed in other systems

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are often not applicable to cells like neurons which do not divide. This book discusses a wide range of methods which have now been developed to overcome these problems and allow safe and efficient delivery of

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particular genes to the brain. Methods discussed include virological methods, physical methods (such as liposomes) and the transplantation of genetically modified cells. In a single volume therefore

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this book provides a complete view of these methods and indicates how they can be applied to the development of therapies for treating previously incurable neurological disorders.

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Challenges in Delivery of  
Therapeutic Genomics and  
Proteomics

Oversight and Review of  
Clinical Gene Transfer  
Protocols

Transgenic Crop Plants

An Atomic Force Microscopy

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Study

Cardioselective Nitric Oxide Synthase Gene Transfer to Target Myocardial Ischemia Gene Therapy

Transgenesis involves injecting foreign genetic material into an animal's own genetic material to produce specific,

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economically significant traits. This book details the techniques necessary for the production of transgenic animals and the industrial application of these techniques.

This volume examines the advantages and limitations of the major gene delivery systems and offers guidelines

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to select the most appropriate viral or synthetic delivery system for specific therapeutic applications. It discusses advances in the design, optimization, and adaptation of gene delivery systems for the treatment of cancerous, cardiovascular, pulmonary, genetic, and infectious diseases.

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Executive summary and recommendations. Scientific aspects. Funding and institutions. Training. Technology transfer. Delivery of therapeutic proteomics and genomics represent an important area of drug delivery research. Genomics and proteomics approaches could be

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used to direct drug development processes by unearthing pathways involved in disease pathogenesis where intervention may be most successful. This book describes the basics of genomics and proteomics and highlights the various chemical, physical and biological approaches to

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protein and gene delivery. Covers a diverse array of topics from basic sciences to therapeutic applications of proteomics and genomics delivery Of interest to researchers in both academia and industry Highlights what ' s currently known and where further research is needed

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**Assists policymakers in evaluating the appropriate scientific methods for detecting unintended changes in food and assessing the potential for adverse health effects from genetically modified products. In this**

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**book, the committee recommended that greater scrutiny should be given to foods containing new compounds or unusual amounts of naturally occurring substances, regardless of the method used to create**

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**them. The book offers a framework to guide federal agencies in selecting the route of safety assessment. It identifies and recommends several pre- and post-market approaches to guide the assessment of unintended**

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**translational medicine is explained so that this textbook can serve as a companion to a student beginning molecular biology research. Highlighted techniques include PCR, Sanger DNA sequencing, next-**

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**generation DNA sequencing, genetic engineering of plasmids, iGEM gene assembly, principles of gene expression, gene transfer into bacteria and mammalian cells, strategies in drug design, human gene therapy,**

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**CRISPR and other genome editing techniques. Human disease is explored from the standpoint of understanding its basic science in order to develop effective treatments. CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO BIOCHEMISTRY**

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**AND CELL BIOLOGY: Organic  
Molecules; The  
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Organic Molecules and  
Thermodynamics in the Cell;  
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Alternative Energy.CHAPTER  
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DNA REPLICATION, REPAIR AND  
GENETIC ENGINEERING;  
Chromosomes; DNA  
Biochemistry; DNA**

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**Replication; DNA Repair  
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Engineering. CHAPTER 4: THE  
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EXPRESSION: The Regulation  
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Organization of a Gene;  
Posttranscriptional**

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**Regulation of mRNA Levels in  
Eukaryotes; The Programming  
of Transcriptional Patterns  
During Development;  
Measuring Levels of Gene  
Expression. CHAPTER 5: GENOME  
EVOLUTION: Genome Evolution;  
Cancer; Mutation and**

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System. CHAPTER 6: EMERGING  
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY,  
BIOTECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE:  
Precision Medicine:  
Analyzing Individual Genomes  
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dominant (gain of function,  
dominant negative,  
haploinsufficiency) and  
recessive phenotypes,  
protein misfolding and  
aggregation disorders, prion**

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in mitosis, Sanger DNA  
sequencing, next generation  
DNA sequencing, the Human  
Genome Project, DNA  
fingerprinting, mechanisms  
of mutation and DNA repair,  
NHEJ, homologous

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hallmarks of cancer,  
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**studies to illustrate how this influential tool is used in practice.**

**Genetic analysis of microbial systems provided us with the foundation for understanding gene structure, expression, and**

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**regulation. It was long felt that the ability to generate mutants and conduct genetic studies in mammalian systems would prove to be equally useful. However, genetic analysis based on sexual systems is difficult in**

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mammals because of the long generation times and the inability to perform controlled matings. As a result, genetic analysis of mammalian systems had to await the development of parasexual systems. This

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**book is an attempt to bring together descriptions of a number of these parasexual systems. A common theme of all the parasexual systems is the transfer of genetic information from a defined source into a specific cell**

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**type. This volume deals with a number of methods of gene transfer into mammalian cells. The early methods of gene transfer involved transfer of relatively large amounts of genetic information. These include**

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somatic cell hybridization,  
microcell fusion, and  
chromosome transfer, which  
constitute the first part of  
this book. Each of these  
methods has already proven  
to be of enormous value in  
arriving at a genetic

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**understanding of the mammalian genome.**

**Development of recombinant DNA methods, and the ability to introduce purified DNA into mammalian cells, has had a significant impact on our ability to dissect**

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**important aspects of mammalian gene expression and regulation. The second part of this book deals with gene transfer systems involving defined nucleic acid sequences.**

**Horizontal Gene Transfer**

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**The genetic manipulation of  
plants**

**Advanced Gene Delivery**

**Lost in Translation**

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From the pre-historic era to modern times, cereal grains have been the most important source of human nutrition, and have helped sustain the increasing population and the development of human civilization. In order to meet the food needs of

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the 21st century, food production must be doubled by the year 2025, and nearly tripled by 2050. Such enormous increases in food productivity cannot be brought about by relying entirely on conventional breeding methods, especially on less

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land per capita, with poor quality and quantity of water, and under rapidly deteriorating environmental conditions. Complementing and supplementing the breeding of major food crops, such as the cereals, which together account for 66% of

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the world food supply, with molecular breeding and genetic manipulation may well provide a grace period of about 50 years in which to control population growth and achieve sustainable development. In this volume, leading

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world experts on cereal biotechnology describe the production and commercialization of the first generation of transgenic cereals designed to substantially reduce or prevent the enormous losses to cereal productivity caused

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by competition with weeds, and by various pests and pathogens, which is an important first step in that direction.

Biology as a subject not only plays a major role within the scientific world but has broader implications

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that cross many boundaries. This work takes a modern and innovative approach to teaching introductory biology; it presents fundamental biological concepts within the context of current social issues. How do scientists affect our society at

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large? How are ethics and morals applied to the scientific world? Why are we racing to complete the human genome project, and who are we racing against? How do economic disparities between people and nations influence habitat

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destruction? Can plant science feed the world? Are the causes of cancer more genetic or environmental? The book seeks to help students think critically about these questions and to explore and assess the role that science plays in their world.

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This book focuses on technologies used to study horizontal gene transfer (HGT) in prokaryotes. Beginning with a section on the detection and isolation of mobile genetic elements (MGEs), the volume continues with sections

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concentrating on the analysis of conjugation, transformation, and transduction in HGT as well as a series of methods to analyze the adaptation and evolution of MGEs, with special attention paid to bioinformatics tools. Written for the

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highly successful Methods in Molecular Biology series, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on

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troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and practical, *Horizontal Gene Transfer: Methods and Protocols* serves as an ideal guide to the further study of this pervasive, all-important mechanism of genetic originality.

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The three sections of this volume present currently available cancer gene therapy techniques. Part I describes the various aspects of gene delivery. In Part II, the contributors discuss strategies and targets for the treatment of cancer. Finally, in Part

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III, experts discuss the difficulties inherent in bringing gene therapy treatment for cancer to the clinic. This book will prove valuable as the volume of preclinical and clinical data continues to increase.

From Gene Delivery and Diagnosis

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to Ecology

Concepts for Inquiry

Gene Transfer and the Ethics of

First-in-Human Research

Gene Transfer to Plants

Handbook of Nonmedical

Applications of Liposomes

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## Diagnostic Molecular Biology

*In vivo transfer of DNA to mammalian cells is now a viable therapeutic strategy. Non-viral gene therapy strategies, utilising plasmids, are an attractive, potentially safer alternative to viral delivery. This thesis investigates non-viral plasmid gene delivery in vivo. Bacterial-mediated*

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*transfer of plasmid DNA into mammalian cells has significant clinical potential.*

*Other species of bacteria appear to possess natural tumour specificity.*

*Parameters influencing transgene expression from delivered plasmid are also examined. Furthermore, the combined use of physical methods of*

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*delivery in the absence of therapeutic agent was assessed as an anti-tumour treatment. Chapter 2 demonstrates that Listeria monocytogenes can invade and spread within tumours, and establishes for the first time the use of Listeria to deliver genes intracellularly to growing tumours. Chapter 3 shows that oral administration*

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*of Bifidobacteria to mice resulted in gastro-intestinal translocation with replication specifically in tumours. These findings indicate potential for safe and efficient treatment/detection of tumours via ingestion of non-pathogenic engineered bacteria. Chapter 4 assessed plasmid transgene expression variables.*

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*Gene expression associated with viral promoters, silenced in tumour and liver within one week of administration, unlike that of a mammalian promoter, which persisted up to 25 days. No reduction in expression was evident with either promoter in skeletal muscle. The potential for plasmid delivery to muscle in the*

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*context of tissue healing was further investigated in chapter 5. Employment of an inducible promoter cassette permitted regulation of gene expression on a temporal basis. An ex vivo patient tissue culture system was developed and used to demonstrate luciferase expression in human muscle, tendon, ligament and*

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*periosteal tissue. Chapter 6 of this thesis describes the use of a combination of physical delivery methods to directly induce tumour cell killing, in the context of human basal cell carcinomas, with objective favourable responses noted in the nodular histological subtype.*

*I entered the gene therapy field in the*

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*mid-1990s, being fascinated by the immense potential of genes as drugs for the treatment of human disease. Since then, I have experienced the ups and downs of this discipline, and tried to contribute with my work and that of my laboratory to the development of innovative approaches to the treatment of*

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*cardiovascular disorders. During these years, I have had several opportunities to speak on gene therapy at lectures and academic lessons, and have often noticed that the field is very attractive to scientists of all disciplines. However, as yet no comprehensive book on the subject has been published. Indeed, most books in the*

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*field are either a collection of gene transfer laboratory protocols or deal with the subject in a rather superficial manner. Hence the idea to write a gene therapy textbook that is broad and comprehensive, but at the same time provides sufficient molecular and clinical detail to be of interest to students, professors, and*

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*specialists in the various disciplines that contribute to gene therapy. I have tried to keep the language plain and, whenever possible, non-technical. Since the book is intended to be a textbook in the field of gene therapy in both the basic science and clinical areas, whenever technical descriptions are required, they are*

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*provided.*

*This special issue of the Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology presents much of the research described at the recent 2nd International Tissue Engineering Conference held in Crete in May 2005. The conference brought together over 150 researchers from*

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*boosting methods, clustering techniques (affinity propagation), and belief networks, among others. The development of such tools contributes to better optimizing methodologies. Beginning with the essentials of*

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*evolutionary algorithms and covering interdisciplinary research topics, the contents of this book are valuable for different classes of readers: novice, intermediate, and also expert readers from related fields.*

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*Following the chapters on introduction and basic methods, Chapter 3 details a new research direction, i.e., neuro-evolution, an evolutionary method for the generation of deep neural networks, and also describes how*

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*evolutionary methods are extended in combination with machine learning techniques. Chapter 4 includes novel methods such as particle swarm optimization based on affinity propagation (PSOAP), and*

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*transfer learning for differential evolution (TRADE), another machine learning approach for extending differential evolution. The last chapter is dedicated to the state of the art in gene regulatory network (GRN)*

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*research as one of the most interesting and active research fields. The author describes an evolving reaction network, which expands the neuro-evolution methodology to produce a type of genetic network suitable for*

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*biochemical systems and has  
succeeded in designing genetic  
circuits in synthetic biology. The  
author also presents real-world  
GRN application to several  
artificial intelligent tasks,  
proposing a framework of motion*

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*generation by GRNs (MONGERN), which evolves GRNs to operate a real humanoid robot.*

*Gene transfer to animal cells was first achieved more than thirty years ago. Since then, transformation technology has*

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*developed rapidly, resulting in a multitude of techniques for cell transformation and the creation of transgenic animals. As with any expanding technology, it becomes difficult to keep track of all the developments and to find a*

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*concise and comprehensive source of information that explains all the underlying principles. Gene Transfer to Animals Cells addresses this problem by describing the principles behind gene transfer*

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*technologies, how gene expression is controlled in animal cells and how advanced strategies can be used to add, exchange or delete sequences from animal genomes in a conditional manner. A final chapter provides an*

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*With Regard To Food Crops. The  
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*Scientific Indications That, By Favoring Certain Aspects Of A Plant S Development, Other Aspects May Be Retarded. The Emphasis May Shift From Gene Mapping And Genome Analysis To The Analysis Of Gene Function*

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Chapter 13: Critical Role Of Plant  
Biotechnology.*

*The goal of gene transfer is  
protein expression. a process  
brought about by the insertion of  
a gene coding for a foreign*

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*protein into target cells resulting in the synthesis of the foreign protein For gene therapy, a transferred therapeutic gene must be expressed at a level beneficial for the patient. This chapter provides an introductory overview*

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*of the rapidly evolving field of non-viral approaches for gene delivery to mammalian cells. Although currently there are fewer ongoing clinical trials using non-viral approaches than those using viral based systems, the number of non-*

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*viral trials is increasing. The long range goal of some research groups is the development of a genetically engineered artificial virus targeted to specific cells in the human body. An annual conference, organized by*

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*Cambridge Healthtech Institute entitled "Artificial Self-Assembling Systems for Gene Transfer", brings together researchers interested in this field [1]. Assembly of an artificial virus is very complex; other research*

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*groups aim to develop simpler delivery systems consisting of a plasmid combined with delivery agents. Viral-based systems are very successful for gene delivery, but despite their successes, viral-based systems have some geneml*

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*limitations and system-specific limitations. When employing a viml-based system, the following limitations should be considered:*

- size limitation of the inserted gene due to packaging constraints (e. g. adenovirus, retrovirus) . •*

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*potential tumorigenesis (e. g. retrovirus) • potential for insertional mutagenesis (greater than plasmid based systems) • potential immunogenicity (e. g. Agricultural Biotechnology Gene Transfer to Animal Cells*

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*Experimental Approaches and  
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## *Foods*

Over the last decade, a technological revolution has provided enormous advances in the knowledge of complex biological processes largely enabled

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by the development of next-generation sequencing (NGS) techniques.

Applications of NGS include studies of entire genomes, characterization of the entire

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transcriptome (RNA-Seq), and detection of protein-DNA binding sites (ChIP-Seq). The cost of sequencing a fungal genome, for example, has decreased from more than

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one hundred thousand dollars to currently only three thousand dollars. With the development of the applications and the affordable cost, NGS is changing the way

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biologists designing and carrying out research. This dissertation describes developed analysis pipelines of NGS data in the field of fungal phytopathogens

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using four different projects as examples. In a genome comparison project, sequenced short reads are de novo assembled to form a genome draft, then gene models are predicted

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either ab initial or assisted by RNA-Seq, followed by the comparison between genomes at different resolutions such as the nucleotide level and the genome structural

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level. Two chapters in this dissertation serve as examples of our genome comparison pipeline put to work to address biological questions. In Chapter 2, the *Alternaria arborescens*

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sequences of the unique conditionally dispensable chromosome (CDC) were separated from essential chromosomes (EC) using a novel bioinformatics approach. A pair-wise

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comparison between the CDC and ECs showed that CDC sequences had significant variation and that it may have been originally acquired through a horizontal gene transfer

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event. In Chapter 4, seven field isolates of *Magnaporthe oryzae* were sequenced and their genome content compared. Over 10,000 SNP and Indel locations were identified

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as well as genes under strong positive selection, which are considered potential virulence related genes. While in a RNA-Seq analysis pipeline, sequence reads are first

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assembled de novo or mapped to a reference genome, and the expression level for individual genes in each sequencing library is calculated to identify differentially expressed

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genes. Chapter 3 describes a RNA-Seq analysis project, in which the transcriptome profile in the dollar spot pathosystem has been sequenced using a

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combination of Illumina and Roche 454 NGS technologies. A large number of genes were found up-regulated during the interaction between *Sclerotinia homoeocarpa*

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and *Agrostis stolonifera* with some having annotations suggesting their roles in virulence related processes. With regard to protein-DNA binding, reads from ChIP-

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Seq experiment are mapped to the reference genome and the "peak regions" of mapped reads are identified as candidate binding regions, within which binding motifs are

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predicted. Chapter 5 describes the identifications of the binding sites and motifs of the *M. oryzae* transcription factor MoCRZ1 using a combination

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of ChIP-chip and microarray data, and then the prediction accuracy is improved by a novel approach utilizing the spatial distribution pattern of the candidate

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motifs. Finally, the last chapter summarizes a large scale mutagenesis project to identify two avirulence genes in *M. oryzae* by generating random mutants, followed by a

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pathogenicity screen on rice cultivars containing the corresponding resistance genes. Although imperfections and challenges remain, this dissertation shows four

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successful NGS applications in fungal phytopathogens. With the continued development of sequencing techniques and bioinformatics tools, NGS based projects with more

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sophisticated experimental designs will undoubtedly produce larger and more accurate data to biologists in the near future.

Biology is the study of

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living things. The classical approach might be described as holistic and descriptive, whereas the modern molecular - proach aims to be investigative,

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reductionist, and mechanistic . Genes contain all the information for the structure of all living things ; thus, the understanding of how genes

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are regulated is an important step toward understanding the nature of living things. The study of gene regulation has been made more tractable by the design of

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simple experimental models in which a single gene can be isolated from the milieu of the organism.

The new science of molecular biology has introduced techniques that

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permit the design of such experimental models. In - sence, the genome of the organism is dissected in such a manner that specific genes may now be introduced into an

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appropriate cell line .  
Subsequent analysis of the proteins expressed from the genes under study results in the identification of the regulatory DNA sequences .

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Genetic engineering and biotechnology along with conventional breeding have played an important role in developing superior cultivars by transferring economically important

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traits from distant, wild and even unrelated species to the cultivated varieties which otherwise could not have been possible with conventional breeding. There is a vast

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amount of literature pertaining to the genetic improvement of crops over last few decades. However, the wonderful results achieved by crop scientists in food

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legumes' research and development over the years are scattered in different journals of the World. The two volumes in the series 'Alien Gene Transfer in Crop Plants' address this

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issue and offer a comprehensive reference on the developments made in major food crops of the world. These volumes aim at bringing the contributions from

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globally renowned scientists at one platform in a reader-friendly manner. The 1st volume entitled, 'Alien Gene Transfer in Crop Plants: Innovations, Methods and

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Risk Assessment" will deal exclusively with the process and methodology. The contents of this volume have been designed to appraise the readers with all the theoretical

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and practical aspects of wide hybridization and gene transfer like processes and methods of gene transfer, role of biotechnology with special reference to embryo

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rescue, genetic transformation, protoplast fusion and molecular marker technology, problems such as cross incompatibility and barriers to distant

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hybridization and solutions to overcome them. Since wild and weedy relatives of crop plants may have negative traits associated with them, there are always

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possibilities of linkage drag while transferring alien alleles. Therefore, problems and limitations of alien gene transfer from these species will also be discussed in this

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series. Further, the associated risks with this and assessment of risks will also be given due weightage.

Diagnostic Molecular Biology describes the

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fundamentals of molecular biology in a clear, concise manner to aid in the comprehension of this complex subject. Each technique described in this book is explained

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knowledge of nucleic acids, proteins, and genomes as well as the basic techniques and instrumentations that are often used in the field of molecular biology with

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detailed procedures and explanations. This book also covers the applications of the principles and techniques currently employed in the clinical laboratory. •

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Provides an understanding of which techniques are used in diagnosis at the molecular level • Explains the basic principles of molecular biology and their application in the

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clinical diagnosis of diseases • Places protocols in context with practical applications  
Gene Therapy for Cancer  
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Development of Non-viral  
Gene Delivery Strategies  
I-Modified Nucleosides as  
DNA-Sugar Centered Radical  
Precursors II-DNA Excess  
Electron Transfer Studies  
III-A new Direct DNA

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Detection Method: DNA-  
Photography  
Proceedings of the  
Symposium on Transgenic  
Technology in Medicine and  
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Liposomes have become an important model in fundamental biomembrane research, including biophysical, biochemical, and cell biological studies of membranes and cell function. They are thoroughly studied in

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applications, such as drug delivery systems in medical applications and as controlled release systems, microencapsulating media, signal carriers, support matrices, and solubilizers in other applications.

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While medical applications have been extensively reviewed in recent literature, there is a need for easily accessible information on applications for liposomes beyond pharmacology and medicine.

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Gene transfer research is a rapidly advancing field that involves the introduction of a genetic sequence into a human subject for research or diagnostic purposes. Clinical gene transfer trials are subject to regulation by

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the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at the federal level and to oversight by institutional review boards (IRBs) and institutional biosafety committees (IBCs) at the local level before human subjects can

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be enrolled. In addition, at present all researchers and institutions funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are required by NIH guidelines to submit human gene transfer protocols for advisory

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review by the NIH Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee (RAC). Some protocols are then selected for individual review and public discussion. Oversight and Review of Clinical Gene Transfer Protocols provides an

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assessment of the state of existing gene transfer science and the current regulatory and policy context under which research is investigated. This report assesses whether the current oversight of individual

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gene transfer protocols by the RAC continues to be necessary and offers recommendations concerning the criteria the NIH should employ to determine whether individual protocols should receive public review.

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The focus of this report is on the standards the RAC and NIH should use in exercising its oversight function. Oversight and Review of Clinical Gene Transfer Protocols will assist not only the RAC, but also research

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institutions and the general public with respect to utilizing and improving existing oversight processes.

Modern neuroscience research is inherently multidisciplinary, with a wide variety of cutting edge

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Development of transgenic crop plants, their utilization for improved agriculture, health, ecology and environment and their socio-political impacts are

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currently important fields in education, research and industries and also of interest to policy makers, social activists and regulatory and funding agencies. This work prepared with a class-room approach on

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basic concepts, strategies and tools for development of transgenic crop plants, including topics such as: explants used for the generation of transgenic plants, gene transfer methods, organelle transformation,

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selection and screening strategies, expression and stability of transgenes, silencing undesirable genes, transgene integration, biosynthesis and biotransformation and metabolic engineering of pathways and

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oxygen to water in the mitochondria, a small fraction of the oxygen is reductively converted into superoxide ( $O_2 \bullet^-$ ) as a by product.

Through complex biochemical processes, superoxide may

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be converted into various reactive oxygen species (ROS), e.g. hydroxyl radicals ( $\bullet\text{OH}$ ),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ,  $^1\text{O}_2$ , etc. These ROS and in particular the highly diffusible  $\bullet\text{OH}$  are known to cause chemical

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modifications on DNA through the formation of strand breaks and nucleobase modifications. DNA damage and strand breaks may also be induced through other environmental influences such

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as ionizing radiation, photooxidation and naturally occurring or synthetic chemical mutagens. Oxidative DNA damage can be produced by the oxidation of the nucleobases or of the sugar

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units. In the last case carbon centered radicals are formed by direct or indirect hydrogen abstraction. In the first part of this thesis (Chapter 1), the fate of the carbon centered radicals C5' and pseudo C4'

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of the sugar was investigated at the nucleoside level. The syntheses of new thermal or photolabile C5' and pseudo C4' radical precursors were achieved to this end and the mechanistic aspects were

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studied under various conditions. Kinetic data were obtained as well and the access to biological lesions was possible through these studies. In section 1.2.1, the synthesis of a novel perester

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radical precursor was achieved. The unprecedented selective generation of the pseudo C4' radical was established as well. The radical was studied in solution under various conditions and

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the pathways of base releasing and degradation were proved and described. In section 1.2.2 a short and efficient synthetic sequence for the preparation of cyclonucleosides has been

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disclosed, based on consecutive radical reactions followed by a photochemical desilylation. The C5' radicals, generated by the addition of a  $(\text{TMS})_3\text{Si}\cdot$  radical to the corresponding 5'

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carboxaldehyde, are the key intermediates in these transformations. The rate constant  $k_C$  of the subsequent cyclisation reaction was estimated for the first time in such systems

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through a radical clock reaction setup. The value of  $k_C = 7 \times 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  at  $25^\circ \text{C}$  found here is strictly correlated with the C5' radical repair reaction. In section 1.2.3 a new synthetic

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route for the preparation of (5 ' R) tert butyl ketones was disclosed. Photolysis experiments selectively afforded the corresponding C5 ' radical. In the presence of a physiological

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concentration of alkanethiol, the thymidin 5' yl radical is efficiently reduced. Under these conditions the half life of the thymidin 5' yl radical was calculated to be  $t_{1/2} = 6.6$  min. without any

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cyclisation product being observed. The resulting C5 ' radical could be obtained either by Norrish Type I photocleavage or by initial formation of an acyl radical that decarbonylates with a

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rate constant in the range of  $10^5 - 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The presence of a thiol prevents subsequent reactions such as the intramolecular attack onto the C6 - C5 double bond of thymine. When an electron

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donor injects electrons into a duplex, negative charges move to an acceptor site in DNA. Investigations on how charges move through DNA and studies of how the electron transfer can be

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accelerated and controlled is an active field of research. In the second part of the thesis (Chapter 2) the study of the excess electron transfer (EET) through the DNA was undertaken. A flavin used as

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electron donor was alternated with a single electron injector in order to establish diverse EET features. A CPD lesion (T = T dimer) and one of three bromo nucleosides were used as electron

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acceptors enabling the evaluation of the sequence dependence and the donor/acceptor system influence on the EET. Three series of five flavin containing hairpins were prepared. They

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contained the flavin electron injector placed in the loop region of the hairpin and one of the three electron acceptors positioned in the stem region at a distance of about 17 Å to the flavin. The

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nature of the acceptor influences the debromination yield and therefore the EET process analysis. Moreover, the differences shown by the traps indicate that the reduction of the acceptor can

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indeed be the rate determining step. Thus, in the process of electron migration through DNA, which involves electron injection, migration and capture, the latter step might determine the final

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efficiency of the whole process. As a result of these studies, a G:C bp between the donor and the acceptor reduces the excess electron transfer efficiency approximately by a factor of

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two. More important is the unprecedented observation that the position of G:C base pairs between the donor and the acceptor strongly influences the efficiency of the process. Although every

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G:C bp reduces the EET efficiency by about 50 %, the position of a single G:C bp in proximity to the trap can decrease the efficiency by more than 85 %. To further investigate the EET through

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DNA, it was chosen to initiate the process by the injection of one single electron per strand using a single electron donor (SED). In section 2.2.2 the use of SED was alternated with the use of the

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flavin donor in systems containing two electron acceptors in a row. The irradiation at 320 nm of SED containing double strands initiates a cascade of homolysis, charge

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translocation and deprotonation enabling the final electron injection into the DNA base stack. This process is initiated by a Norrish type I photolysis of the tert butyl hydroxy

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ketone of the SED moiety. On the other hand, the results observed upon irradiation of a flavin containing hairpin, provide an astonishing outcome. The chemistry that is triggered by a charge in

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DNA depends on how the charge was initially injected. In excited state systems, the injected electron feels the efficient charge recombination process, which seems to limit and bias

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charge propagation. If, however, ground state chemistry is employed to inject the charge, no recombination trap is present. In this case, the charge can move freely. Excess

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electrons injected by such a system can trigger more than one reaction, establishing a catalytic electron, and they can hop over acceptors if their triggering mechanism is slower than the hopping step.

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Strong efforts are under way to create DNA based nanoelectronic materials with self organizing properties. The long term goal is that such a novel material may self assemble into complex

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conductive nano wire networks with computing or diagnostic potential. Recently, a controlled assembly of metallised DNA in which one or more natural base pairs are replaced by nucleosides

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carrying flat metal complexes was reported. The design and the synthesis of DNA structures containing an internal metal complex between an electron donor and an acceptor opened the

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access to the study of EET through metal base pairs (metal mediated EET, MMEET). A series of DNA hairpins containing the light dependent flavin electron donor and the fast electron

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acceptor BrdU were designed. A salen metal complex between the donor and the electron acceptor was introduced via the oligonucleotide solid phase synthesis in order to

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establish the influence of one metal in the electron transfer process. The hairpins design was aimed at exploring the electron transfer through the salen metal complexes in the context of mixed sequences.

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The effect of only one metal per DNA was investigated in this proof of concept study, in which only the nature of the metal and the irradiation conditions were systematically changed. In

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the third part of the thesis (Chapter 3) a new direct DNA detection method was established based on the principle of the black and white photography, called DNA photography, DP. A

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detection limit lower than 300 attomoles of DNA ( $10^{-18}$  mol) was achieved with a simple setup in a photography dark room. Moreover the detection of 600 femtomoles ( $10^{-15}$ mol) of a sequence

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associated with a gene of *Y. pestis*, which causes the mortal disease plague, was achieved. In the latter case, molecular beacons (MBs) were used in order to use the FRET principle together with

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the DP method.

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Unintended Health Effects  
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