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(57) ABSTRACT

Genetically modified CCNT1 and XPO1 genes encoding proteins that inhibit virus infection in cells. The genetically modified CCNT1 gene encodes a protein with a C261Y substitution with respect to the human CCNT1 protein. The genetically modified XPO1 gene encodes a protein with P411T, M412V, and/or F414S substitutions with respect to the human XPO1 protein. The genetically modified CCNT1 and XPO1 genes can be introduced in cells. The cells comprising the genetically modified CCNT1 and XPO1 genes can be introduced in a subject with a virus infection to treat the infection.

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CLUSTAL O(1.2.4) multiple sequence alignment

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FIG. 1A

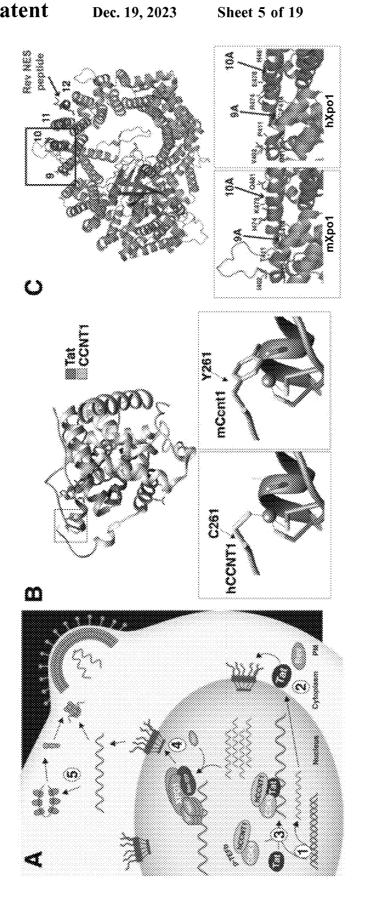
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FIG. 1B

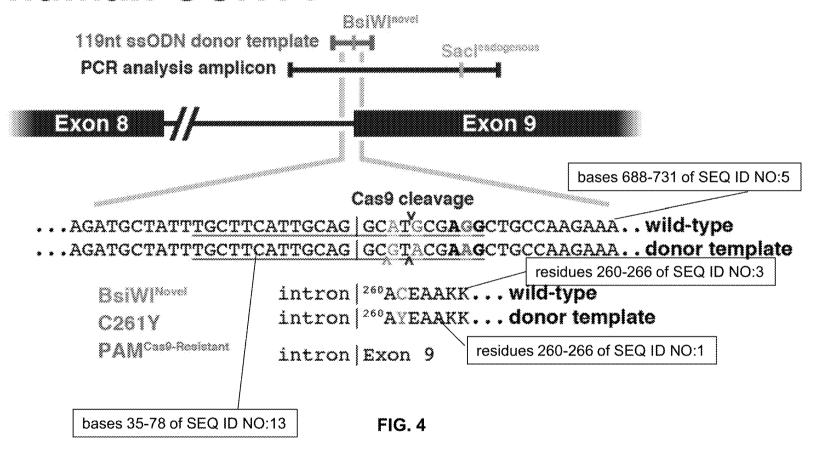
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FIG. 2A

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human CCNT1



human XPO1 (V2, Single gRNA)

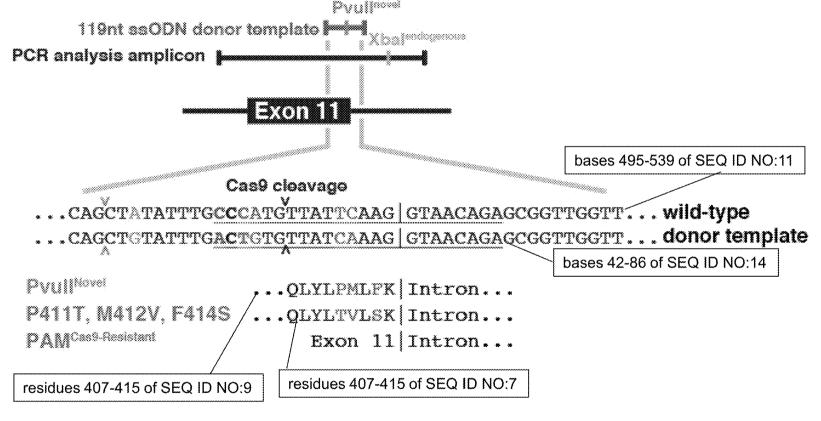


FIG. 5A

human XPO1 (V1, Double gRNA)

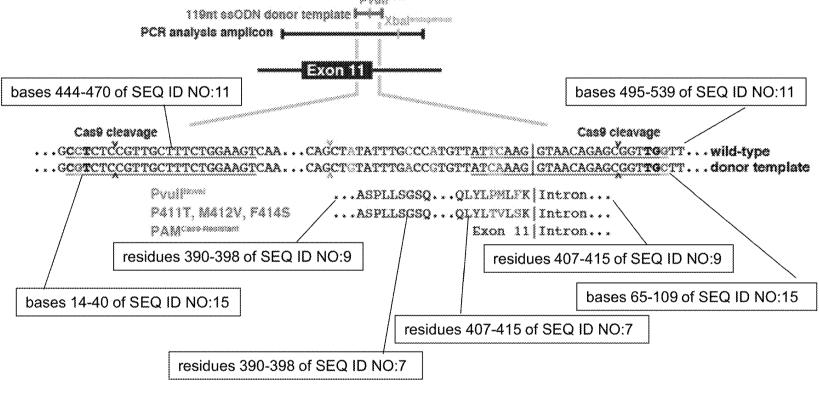


FIG. 5B

CD4+ T cells, HSCs, iPS cells, etc.

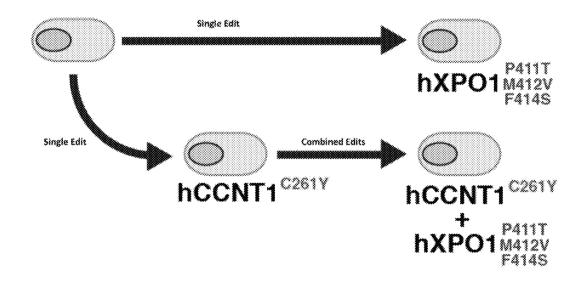


FIG. 6

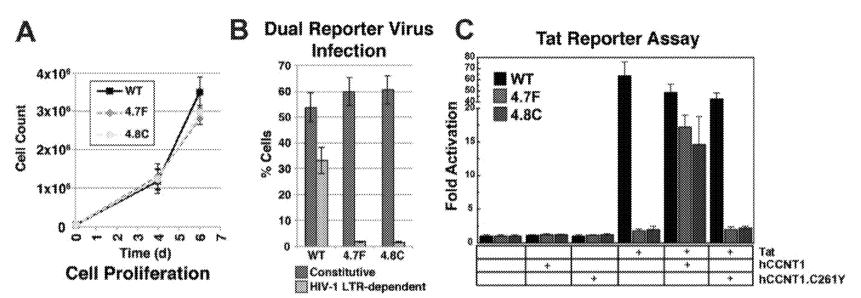
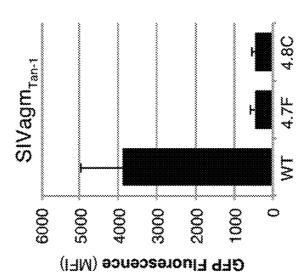
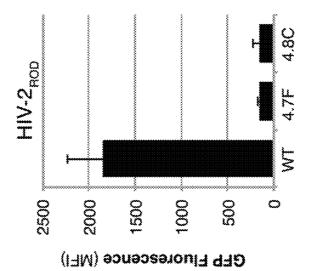
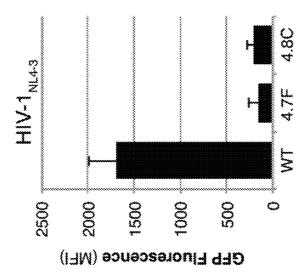
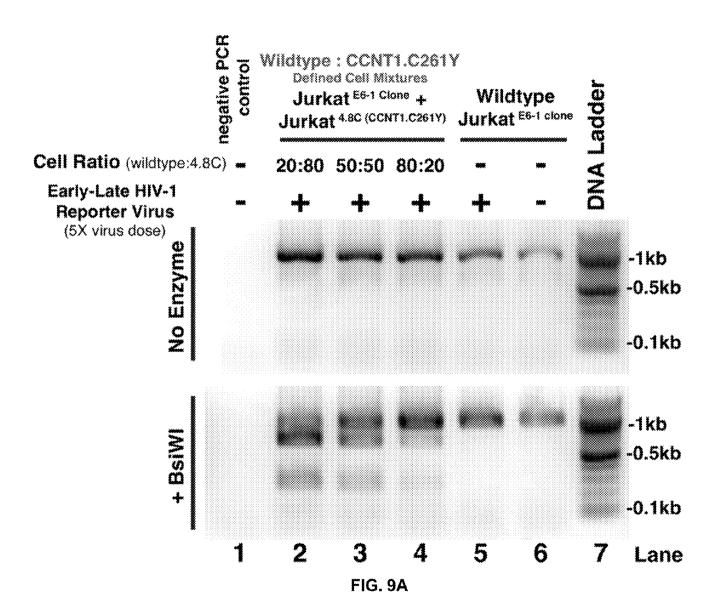


FIG. 7





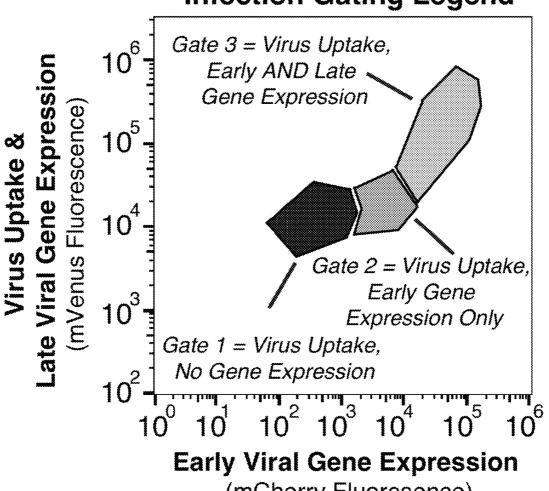




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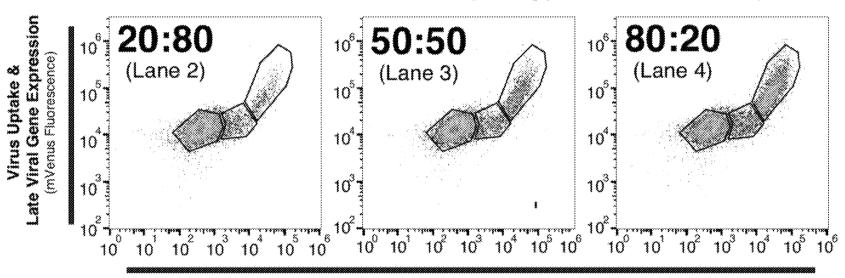
Early-Late HIV-1 Reporter Virus Infection Gating Legend



(mCherry Fluoresence)

FIG. 9B

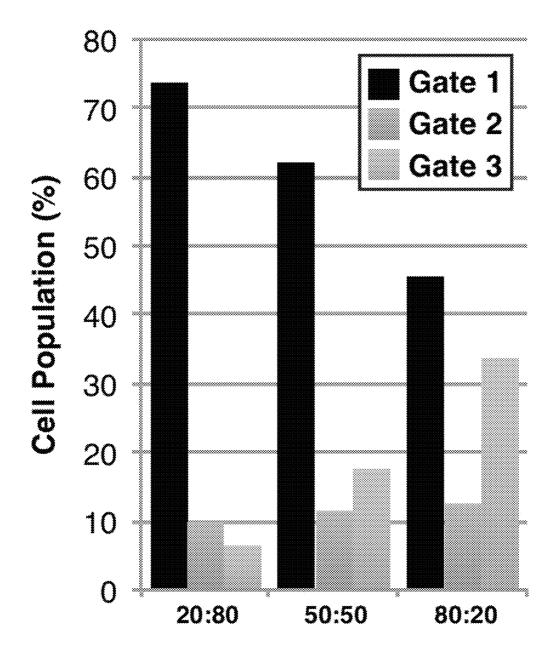
Jurkat Cell Mixture Ratio (wildtype: CCNT1-C261Y)



Early Viral Gene Expression (mCherry Fluoresence)

FIG. 9C

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Jurkat Cell Mixture Ratio

(wildtype: CCNT1-C261Y)

FIG. 9D

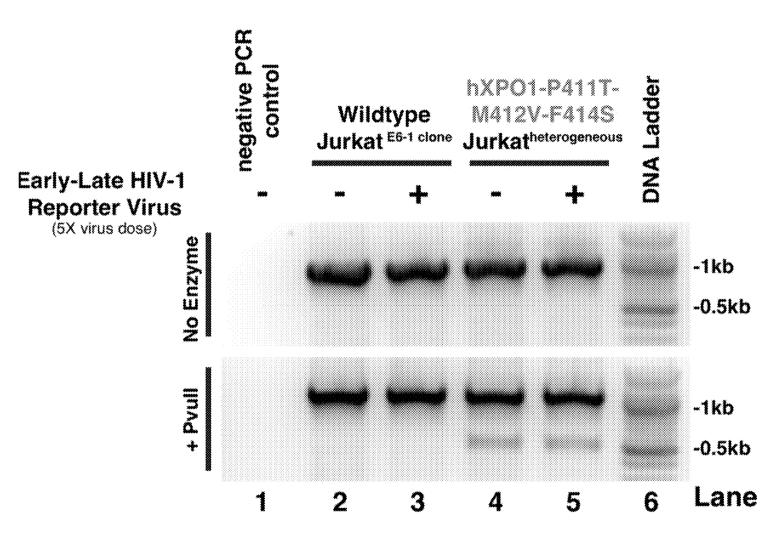
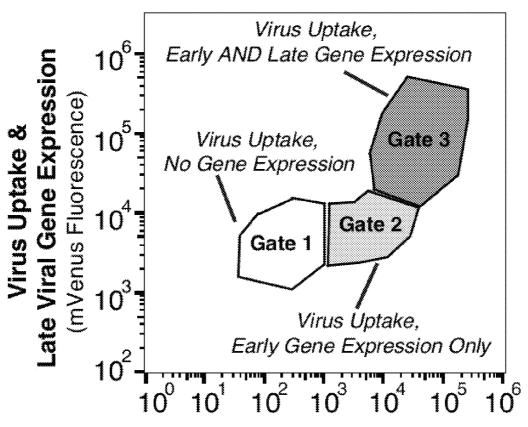


FIG. 10A

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Early-Late HIV-1 Reporter Virus Infection Gating Legend



Early Viral Gene Expression

(mCherry Fluoresence)

FIG. 10B

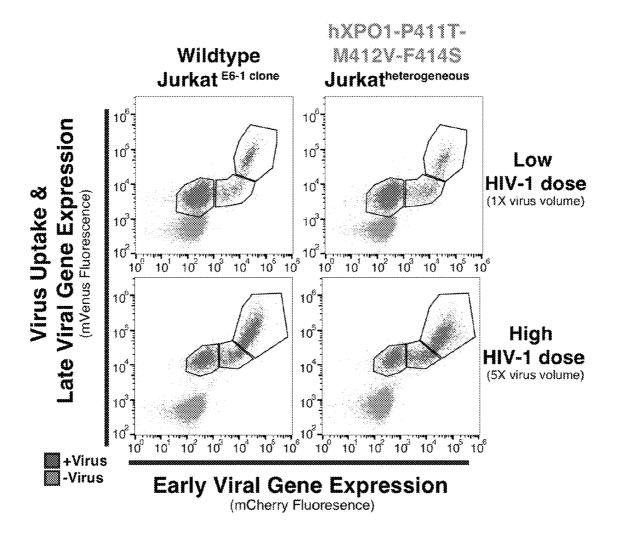
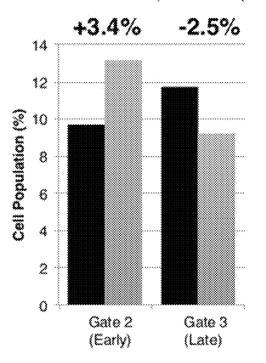


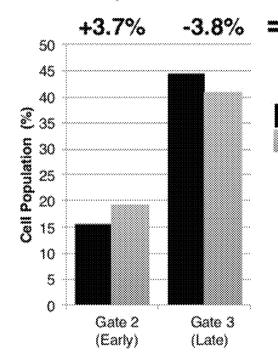
FIG. 10C

Early vs. Late Viral Gene Expression

(% Cell Population Per Gate)



Low HIV-1 dose (1X virus volume)



High HIV-1 dose (5X virus volume)

% change in hXPO1-P411T-M412V-F414S population relative to wildtype

Wildtype, Jurkat ^{£6-1 don•} hXPO1-P411T-M412V-F414S, **Jurkat**heterogeneous

FIG. 10D

GENETICALLY MODIFIED GENES AND CELLS, AND METHODS OF USING SAME FOR SILENCING VIRUS GENE EXPRESSION

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH

This invention was made with government support under AI110221 and AI143800 awarded by the National Institutes of Health. The government has certain rights in the invention

SEQUENCE LISTING

The instant application contains a Sequence Listing which has been submitted in ASCII format via EFS-Web and is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. The ASCII copy, created on Sep. 4, 2019, is named USPTO-190905-Nonpro_Patent_App-P180284US02-SEQ_LIST.txt and is ²⁰ 65,821 bytes in size.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Methods and tools for autologous T cell transplant to ²⁵ introduce amino acid changes in CCNT1 and/or XPO1 that permanently suppress HIV-1 gene expression in patient cells, and other purposes.

BACKGROUND

The human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) is the causative agent of the acquired immunodeficiency syndromes (AIDS). HIV-1 infects more than 1 million people in the United States and more than 35 million worldwide, 35 causing ~1 million deaths annually. While combined antiretroviral therapy (cART) can reduce viral load and slow progression AIDS, there is no vaccine or cure for life-long, persistent infection.

Highly active anti-retroviral therapy (HAART) was a 40 major breakthrough in the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection as it can effectively reduce viral load and support regeneration of cellular immunity, thereby considerably prolonging survival of HIV-infected patients. However, despite the effective suppression of virus 45 replication, HIV persists, integrated into the host genome, and rebounds as soon as treatment is interrupted or drugresistant virus emerges. Even with the most effective antiviral drug combinations, it has not been possible to "cure" HIV infection, and life-long antiviral therapy is required to 50 prevent progression of immunodeficiency. This vital longterm treatment is expensive and limited by drug toxicity and viral resistance, and the number of patients for whom HAART fails is increasing. Moreover, even prolonged periods of successful HAART have failed to restore HIV- 55 specific immune responses. Thus, novel therapeutic approaches are still urgently required.

Several therapeutic strategies involving the transfer of antiviral genes have been developed for HIV-1 infection. In clinical trials, T cells and hematopoietic stem cells have been 60 targeted. See Tricket et al. 2002 (Trickett A E, Kwan Y L, Cameron B, Dwyer J M. Ex vivo expansion of functional T lymphocytes from HIV-infected individuals. J Immunol Methods. 2002 Apr. 1; 262(1-2):71-83), Lieberman et al. 1997 (Lieberman J, Skolnik P R, Parkerson G R 3rd, Fabry 65 J A, Landry B, Bethel J, Kagan J. Safety of autologous, ex vivo-expanded human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-spe-

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cific cytotoxic T-lymphocyte infusion in HIV-infected patients. Blood. 1997 Sep. 15; 90(6):2196-206), van Lunzen et al. 2007 (van Lunzen J, Glaunsinger T, Stahmer I, von Baehr V, Baum C, Schilz A, Kuehlcke K, Naundorf S, Martinius H, Hermann F, Giroglou T, Newrzela S, Muller I, Brauer F, Brandenburg G, Alexandrov A, von Laer D. Transfer of autologous gene-modified T cells in HIV-infected patients with advanced immunodeficiency and drugresistant virus. Mol Ther. 2007 May; 15(5):1024-33), Tebas et al. 2014 (Tebas P, Stein D, Tang W W, Frank I, Wang S Q, Lee G, Spratt S K, Surosky R T, Giedlin M A, Nichol G, Holmes M C, Gregory P D, Ando D G, Kalos M, Collman R G, Binder-Scholl G, Plesa G, Hwang W T, Levine B L, June C H. Gene editing of CCRS in autologous CD4 T cells of persons infected with HIV. N Engl J Med. 2014 Mar. 6; 370(10):901-10), von Laer et al. 2006, (von Laer, D, Hasselmann, S and Hasselmann, K (2006). Gene therapy for HIV infection: what does it need to make it work? J Gene Med 8: 658-667), and Levine et al. 2006 (Levine, B L, Humeau, L M, Boyer J, Macgregor, R R, Rebello, T, Lu, X et al. (2006). Additional strategies are needed.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention builds on observations that rodents and their cells are refractory to HIV-1 infection, due to structural differences in the rodent proteins that render them incompatible for complexing with HIV-1 regulatory proteins. The human CCNT1 (hCCNT1) transcription factor is 30 recruited by the HIV-1 Tat protein to activate robust viral mRNA transcription in human cells, but mouse CCNT1 (mCCNT1) interacts poorly with Tat due to a single amino acid difference: a tyrosine at mCCNT1 position 261 that is a cysteine in hCCNT1. The human XPO1 (hXPO1, aka CRM1) nuclear export receptor is recruited by the viral Rev protein to intron-retaining viral mRNAs in human cells to activate mRNAs nuclear export, but murine XPO1 (mXPO1) interacts poorly with Rev/RNA complexes, a defect that maps to a cluster of mXPO1 species-specific amino acids: threonine-411, valine-412, and serine-414.

The present invention relates to tools and methods for permanently suppressing HIV-1 gene expression in cells through surgical editing of cellular genes to express CCNT1 and/or XPO1 with refractory residues. One method is based on autologous cell transplant, in which cells are removed from a patient, modified (edited) in vitro, and returned to the patient, where they can outcompete the infected cells. The method can be performed with patient-derived primary CD4+ T cells, precursors thereof, hematopoietic stem or progenitor cells, or other types of cells. The native hCCNT1 and/or hXPO1 can be edited to express hCCNT1 with a C261Y substitution and/or hXPO1 with P411T, M412V, and/or F414S substitutions, respectively. These edits render the cells resistant to HIV-1 gene expression in vivo, thus providing an HIV-1 cure-targeted strategy. Editing multiple target genes in the same cells or cell lines (e.g., both hCCNT1 and hXPO1) inactivates multiple essential virushost interactions with even greater suppression of viral replication and reduces the chances of developing resistance.

The genes can be edited using gene editing tools such as CRISPR/Cas9, TALENs, etc., thereby generating permanent, homozygous edits that are heritable and can be introduced in any cell type, including hematopoietic stem cells or their HIV-susceptible progeny cells (including but not limited to CD4+ T cells, macrophages, dendritic cells, and astrocytes). The edits have little to no discernible impact on

the natural cellular functions of these proteins outside the context of infection. Thus, the strategy yields low to no cytotoxicity.

The mutations proposed also offer resistance to other viruses (e.g., in humans, primates, and other animals or 5 mammals), since those host factors are relevant for other lentiviral pathogens including HIV-2 and simian immunodeficiency viruses (SIVs) commonly used for AIDS vaccine research in NHP models; and also deltaretroviruses such as human T lymphotropic virus type 1 (HTLV-1).

To date, there are no approved therapies for targeting HIV-1 following integration of the HIV-1 provirus (i.e., "after" infection). The present approach abolishes viral gene expression, virus particle production, and productive spread among cells, tissues, or people. Moreover, targeting species- 15 specific protein features of CCNT1 or XPO1 is superior (i.e., less toxic) than other antiviral approaches that target virushost interfaces because these particular protein features inhibit viral replication but do not play other essential roles in cell signaling.

The objects and advantages of the invention will appear more fully from the following detailed description of the preferred embodiment of the invention made in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by the 30 Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.

FIGS. 1A and 1B. An alignment of hCCNT1-C261Y (SEQ ID NO:1, shown as hCCNT1*), hCCNT1 (SEQ ID NO:3), and mCCNT1 (SEQ ID NO:6) as aligned by Clustal Omega (world wide web at ebi.ac.uk) (Sievers F, Wilm A, 35 Dineen D, Gibson T J, Karplus K, Li W, Lopez R, McWilliam H, Remmert M, Riding J, Thompson J D, Higgins DG. Fast, scalable generation of high-quality protein multiple sequence alignments using Clustal Omega. Mol Syst Biol. 2011 Oct. 11; 7:539). An "*" (asterisk) indicates positions 40 HIV-1 and other retroviruses. The approach modifies which have a single, fully conserved residue. A ":" (colon) indicates conservation between groups of strongly similar properties (scoring >0.5 in the Gonnet PAM 250 matrix). A "." (period) indicates conservation between groups of weakly similar properties (scoring=<0.5 in the Gonnet PAM 45 250 matrix).

FIGS. 2A and 2B. An alignment of hXPO1-P411T-M412V-F414S (SEQ ID NO:7, shown as hXPO1*), hXPO1 (SEQ ID NO:9), and mXPO1 (SEQ ID NO:12) as aligned by Clustal Omega.

FIG. 3. Species-specific differences underpinning defects to HIV-1 Tat-CCNT1 and Rev-XPO1 interactions. (A) Summary of HIV-1's post-integration stages. (1) Host transcription factors activate low level HIV-1 transcription. (2) Early fully spiced viral mRNAs are translated to generate Tat and 55 Rev. (3) Tat and Rev both translocate to the nucleus where Tat recruits pTEFb to upregulate transcriptional elongation and (4) Rev activates the nuclear export of late-stage, intron-retaining viral mRNAs and RNA genomes. (5) Fulllength viral mRNAs are translated to generate Gag and 60 Gag-Pol that encapsidate RNA genomes at virion assembly sites at the plasma membrane. B. Depiction of Tat (green) bound to CCNT1 (gold). In hCCNT1, C261 is thought to promote Tat activity by stabilizing a zinc bridge (purple). Figure based on PDB: 40R5. C. Depiction of XPO1 species- 65 specific "patch" domain located between HEAT repeats 9 and 10. Mutation of hXPO1 T411, V412, and S414 to P411,

M412, and F414 (as found in mXpo1) causes a reduction in Rev activity, potentially due to destabilization of a Revbound hXPO1 dimer.

FIG. 4. Editing of hCCNT1 using CRISPR-Cas9 to introduce C261Y substitution. The AGA TGC TAT TTG CTT CAT TGC AGG CAT GCG AGG CTG CCA AGA AA sequence corresponds to bases 688-731 of SEQ ID NO:5. The AGA TGC TAT TTG CTT CAT TGC AGG CgT aCG AaG CTG CCA AGA AA sequence corresponds to bases 10 35-78 of SEQ ID NO:13. The ACEAAKK sequence corresponds to residues 260-266 of SEQ ID NO:3. The AYEAAKK sequence corresponds to residues 260-266 of SEO ID NO:1.

FIGS. 5A and 5B. Editing hXPO1 using CRISPR-Cas9 to introduce P411T, M412V, and F414S substitutions. The CAG CTA TAT TTG CCC ATG TTA TTC AAG GTA ACA GAG CGG TTG GTT sequence in FIG. 5A corresponds to bases 495-539 of SEQ ID NO:11. The CAG CTG TAT TTG ACT GTG TTA TCA AAG GTA ACA GAG CGG TTG GTT 20 sequence in FIG. 5A corresponds to bases 42-86 of SEO ID NO:14. The QLYLPMLFK sequence in FIG. 5A corresponds to residues 407-415 of SEQ ID NO:9. The QLYLTVLSK sequence in FIG. 5A corresponds to residues 407-415 of SEQ ID NO:7. The GCC TCT CCG TTG CTT TCT GGA AGT CAA sequence in FIG. 5B corresponds to bases 444-470 of SEQ ID NO:11. The CAG CTA TAT TTG CCC ATG TTA TTC AAG GTA ACA GAG CGG TTG GTT sequence in FIG. 5B corresponds to bases 495-539 of SEQ ID NO:11. The GCG TCT CCG TTG CTT TCT GGA AGT CAA sequence in FIG. 5B corresponds to bases 14-40 of SEQ ID NO:15. The CAG CTG TAT TTG ACC GTG TTA TCA AAG GTA ACA GAG CGG TTG CTT sequence in FIG. 5B corresponds to bases 65-109 of SEQ ID NO:15. The ASPLLSGSQ sequences in FIG. 5B correspond to residues 390-398 of each of SEQ ID NO:9 and SEQ ID NO:7. The QLYLPMLFK sequence in FIG. 5B corresponds to residues 407-415 of SEQ ID NO:9. The QLYLTVLSK sequence in FIG. 5B corresponds to residues 407-415 of SEQ ID NO:7.

FIG. 6. Stacking species-informed gene changes to block CCNT1 (C261Y) and XPO1 (edits P411T, M412V, F414S) either separately or in tandem to generate cells resistant to infection by HIV-1 and other retroviruses including HIV-2 and potentially HTLV.

FIG. 7. Human T cells can be rendered resistant to HIV-1 by modifying a single, species-specific hCCNT1 codon. A and B: Jurkat T cell lines bearing homozygous hCCNT1 alleles encoding the C261Y mutation (cell lines 4.7F and 4.8C) proliferate similarly to the parental cell line (A) but exhibit profound resistance to HIV-1 gene expression after infection with a dual fluorescent reporter virus expressing a constitutive (EF1a promoter-driven) RFP reporter (red, that confirms infection) and a Tat/LTR-driven GFP reporter (green) (B). C: Tat function is lost in hCCNT1-C261Y cells unless wild-type hCCNT1 is co-expressed in trans after transient transfection of these cells with plasmids encoding a Tat/LTR-driven firefly luciferase reporter with or without Tat and the indicated transgenes.

FIG. 8. Modified T cells exhibit broad-spectrum antiviral properties. Modified hCCNT1-C261Y cells (cell lines 4.7F and 4.8C) are refractory to HIV-2 and SIVagm gene expres-

FIGS. 9A-9D. Population-level analysis of HIV-1 resistance in heterogeneous cell mixtures. FIG. 9A: Genomic DNA analysis of prescribed mixtures of wild-type and modified hCCNT1-C261Y cells (cell line 4.8C). The relative abundance of hCCNT1-C261Y cells in each defined mixture

(lanes 2, 3, and 4) is confirmed by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) targeting hCCNT1 genomic locus and subsequent DNA cleavage using BsiWI enzyme. BsiWI restriction enzyme sites are only present in DNA amplicons from hCCNT1-C261Y cells (compare lanes 5 and 6 to lanes 2, 3, 5 and 4; also see FIG. 4 design scheme). FIG. 9B: Flow cytometric characterization of HIV-1 resistance. Using a HIV-1 reporter virus (encoding genes expressing mVenus and mCherry proteins) and the gating scheme shown, the number of infected cells exhibiting virus uptake (Gate 1, black), virus uptake with early gene expression only (Gate 2, orange), and virus uptake with early and late gene expression (Gate 3, gray) are quantified. FIGS. 9C and 9D: Flow cytometric analysis of defined mixtures of wild-type and modified hCCNT1-C261Y cells infected with a HIV-1 reporter virus. Example flow cytometry dot plots (FIG. 9C) and the percentage of infected cells present within each gate (FIG. 9D) are shown. Consistent with the previous data showing that hCCNT1-C261Y cells are resistant to both 20 HTHVVKCTQLVRASKDLAQTSYFMATNSLHLTTFSLQYTPPVVACVCIHLA early and late HIV-1 gene expression (FIGS. 7B and 7C), cell mixtures containing a high abundance of hCCNT1-C261Y cells (e.g., 20:80, left panel) have a higher relative proportion of infected cells in Gate 1 (FIG. 9D, black bars). Conversely, cell mixtures containing a high abundance of 25 wild-type cells (e.g., 80:20, right panel) have a higher relative proportion of infected cells in Gates 2 and 3 (FIG. 9D, orange and gray bars).

FIGS. 10A-10D. Human T cells treated to express hXPO1-P411T-M412V-F414S are refractory to viral late 30 gene expression. FIG. 10A: Genomic DNA analysis of wild-type and heterogeneous, modified hXPO1-P411T-M412V-F414S cells. CRISPR-treated T cells exhibit detectable editing at XPO1 genomic locus in a subset of cells (0.97 kb DNA amplicons are digested by PvuII restriction enzyme 35 and yield smaller ~0.49kb bands, lanes 4 and 5) but not in untreated, wild-type cells (lanes 2 and 3) (also see FIGS. 5A and/or 5B for design scheme). FIG. 10B: Flow cytometric characterization of HIV-1 resistance (as previously described in FIG. 9B). FIGS. 10C and 10D: Flow cytometric 40 represented by SEQ ID NO:2: analysis of infected, heterogeneous human T cell populations treated to produce the hXPO1-P411T-M412V-F414S modification. Example flow cytometry dot plots (FIG. 10C) are shown, with uninfected control cell populations in blue and infected cell populations in red for both low (1x) and 45 cagctggaaaatagcccatcccgtcgttttggcgtggacccagataaagaa high (5x) HIV-1 reporter virus doses. The percentage of infected cells present within the early (Gate 2) and late (Gate 3) viral gene expression gates are shown (FIG. 10D) for each HIV-1 reporter virus dose. CRISPR-treated or wild-type control cells exhibiting early gene expression only or early 50 ttctacatgattcagtccttcacacagttccctggaaattctgtggctcca and late gene expression were quantified (FIG. 10D, orange and black bars, respectively). At both infectious doses, treated cell populations had fewer cells expressing both early and late genes (late phase, gate 3) compared to the number of cells expressing only early genes (early phase, 55 gate 2), consistent with a block to HIV-1 Rev function (i.e., the XPO1-mediated transition from early gene expression to early and late gene expression).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Genetically Modified Genes

One aspect of the invention is a genetically modified CCNT1 gene. The genetically modified CCNT1 gene of the 65 invention encodes a protein comprising a sequence with a sequence identity of at least about 80% with respect to SEQ

ID NO:1 and includes a tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 261 of SEQ ID NO:1.

SEQ ID NO:1 represents hCCNT1-C261Y, which is a modified version of the human CCNT1 protein (hCCNT1, CCNT1, Cyclin-T1) comprising a substitution of a cysteine to a tyrosine at position 261 of hCCNT1 (C261Y). The genetically modified CCNT1 gene encoding SEQ ID NO:1 can be generated from the human CCNT1 gene encoding hCCNT1 by modifying the codon encoding the cysteine at position 261 in hCCNT1 to a codon encoding a tyrosine.

SEO ID NO:1 is:

(SEO ID NO: 1) 15 MEGERKNNNKRWYFTREQLENSPSRRFGVDPDKELSYRQQAANLLQDMGQR LNVSQLTINTAIVYMHRFYMIQSFTQFPGNSVAPAALFLAAKVEEQPKKLE HVIKVAHTCLHPQESLPDTRSEAYLQQVQDLVILESIILQTLGFELTIDHP CKWSNWEIPVSTDGKHWWEYVDATVTLELLDELTHEFLOILEKTPNRLKRI WNWRAYEAAKKTKADDRGTDEKTSEQTILNMISQSSSDTTIAGLMSMSTST TSAVPSLPVSEESSSNLTSVEMLPGKRWLSSQPSFKLEPTQGHRTSENLAL TGVDHSLPODGSNAFISOKONSKSVPSAKVSLKEYRAKHAEELAAOKROLE NMEANVKSOYAYAAONLLSHHDSHSSVILKMPIEGSENPERPFLEKADKTA LKMRIPVAGGDKAASSKPEEIKMRIKVHAAADKHNSVEDSVTKSREHKEKH KTHPSNHHHHHNHHSHKHSHSQLPVGTGNKRPGDPKHSSQTSNLAHKTYSL SSSFSSSSTRKRGPSEETGGAVFDHPAKIAKSTKSSSLNFSFPSLPTMGO ${\tt MPGHSSDTSGLSFSQPSCKTRVPHSKLDKGPTGANGHNTTQTIDYQDTVNM}$ LHSLLSAOGVOPTOPTAFEFVRPYSDYLNPRSGGISSRSGNTDKPRPPPLP SEPPPPLPPLPK

An exemplary coding sequence encoding SEQ ID NO:1 is

(SEO ID NO: 2) $\verb"atggaggagagagagaacaacaacaacggtggtatttcactcgagaa"$ ctttcttatcgccagcaggcggccaatctgcttcaggacatggggcagcgt cttaacgtctcacaattgactatcaacactgctatagtatacatgcatcga $\tt gcagccttgtttctagcagctaaagtggaggagcagcccaaaaaattggaa$ catqtcatcaaqqtaqcacatacttqtctccatcctcaqqaatcccttcct gatactagaagtgaggcttatttgcaacaagttcaagatctggtcatttta gaaagcataattttgcagactttaggctttgaactaacaattgatcaccca gcacagacttcttacttcatggcaaccaacagcctgcatttgaccacattt agcctqcaqtacacacctcctqtqqtqqcctqtqtctqcattcacctqqct ${\tt tgcaagtggtccaattgggagatcccagtctcaactgacgggaagcactgg}$ tgggagtatgttgacgccactgtgaccttggaacttttagatgaactgaca catqaqtttctacaqattttqqaqaaaactcccaacaqqctcaaacqcatt

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The amino acid sequence of an exemplary hCCNT1 is represented by SEQ ID NO:3:

(SEQ ID NO: 3)
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LHSLLSAQGVQPTQPTAFEFVRPYSDYLNPRSGGISSRSGNTDKPRPPPLP

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Various isoforms or variants of hCCNT1 include modifications to SEQ ID NO:3 in which positions 181-184 include a sequence or arginine-threonine-aspartic acid-threonine (RTDT) in place of serine-leucine-histidine-leucine (SLHL), position 77 includes arginine (R) in place of glutamine (Q), position 362 includes arginine (R) in place of histidine (H), and/or position 541 includes cysteine (C) in place of arginine (R). Any of these modifications can be included in the protein encoded by the genetically modified CCNT1 gene of the invention.

A coding sequence of the exemplary hCCNT1 is represented by SEQ ID NO:4:

(SEQ ID NO: 4)

 $\verb"atggaggagagagagaacaacaacaacggtggtatttcactcgagaa"$ cagctggaaaatagcccatcccgtcgtttttggcgtggacccagataaagaa ctttcttatcgccagcaggcggccaatctgcttcaggacatggggcagcgt cttaacqtctcacaattqactatcaacactqctataqtatacatqcatcqa ttctacatgattcagtccttcacacagttccctggaaattctgtggctcca gcagccttgtttctagcagctaaagtggaggagcagcccaaaaaattggaa catqtcatcaaqqtaqcacatacttqtctccatcctcaqqaatcccttcct gatactagaagtgaggcttatttgcaacaagttcaagatctggtcatttta gaaagcataattttgcagactttaggctttgaactaacaattgatcaccca gcacagacttcttacttcatggcaaccaacagcctgcatttgaccacattt ${\tt agcctgcagtacacacctcctgtggtggcctgtgtctgcattcacctggct}$ tgcaagtggtccaattgggagatcccagtctcaactgacgggaagcactgg tgggagtatgttgacgccactgtgaccttggaacttttagatgaactgaca catgagtttctacagattttggagaaaactcccaacaggctcaaacgcatt $50 \ {\tt tggaattggaggcatgcgaggctgccaagaaaacaaaagcagatgaccga}$ ggaacagatgaaaagacttcagagcagacaatcctcaatatgatttcccag agctcttcagacacaaccattgcaggtttaatgagcatgtcaacttctacc $_{55}$ acaagtgcagtgccttccctgccagtctccgaagagtcatccagcaactta ${\tt accagtgtggagatgttgccgggcaagcgttggctgtcctcccaaccttct}$ $\verb|ttcaaactagaacctactcagggtcatcggactagtgagaatttagcactt|\\$ caqaaqcaqaataqtaaqaqtqtqccatcaqctaaaqtqtcactqaaaqaa $\verb|taccgcgcgaagcatgcagaagaattggctgcccagaagaggcaactggag|$ aacatggaagccaatgtgaagtcacaatatgcatatgctgcccagaatctc ctttctcatcatqataqccattcttcaqtcattctaaaaatqcccataqaq

qqttcaqaaaaccccqaqcqqccttttctqqaaaaqqctqacaaaacaqct ctcaaaatgagaatcccagtggcaggtggagataaagctgcgtcttcaaaa ccagaggagataaaaatgcgcataaaagtccatgctgcagctgataagcac aattctgtagaggacagtgttacaaagagccgagagcacaaagaaaagcac aagactcacccatctaatcatcatcatcatcataatcaccactcacacaag cactctcattcccaacttccaqttqqtactqqqaacaaacqtcctqqtqat ccaaaacatagtagccagacaagcaacttagcacataaaacctatagcttg ${\tt tctagttctttttcctcttccagttctactcgtaaaaggggaccctctgaa}$ gagactggagggctgtgtttgatcatccagccaaqattqccaaqaqtact aaatcctcttccctaaatttctccttcccttcacttcctacaatgggtcag atgectgggeatageteagacacaagtggeettteetttteacageeeage tgtaaaactcgtgtccctcattcgaaactggataaagggcccactggggcc aatggtcacaacacgacccagacaatagactatcaagacactgtgaatatg $\verb"cttcactccctgctcagtgcccagggtgttcagcccactcagcctactgca"$ tttgaatttgttcgtccttatagtgactatctgaatcctcggtctggtgga atctcctcgagatctggcaatacagacaaaccccggccaccacctctgcca tcagaacctcctccaccacttccaccccttcctaagtaa

CCNT1 gene that can be edited to generate an exemplary modified CCNT1 gene is represented by SEQ ID NO:5:

(SEQ ID NO: 5) 35 TGAGATTAGAAGTAGGCTTGAGAGGCCGGGCATGGTGGCTCATGCCTGTAG ${\tt TCCCAGCACTTTGGGAGGCCAAGGCAGGCGGATCAACTGAGGTCAGGAGTT}$ CGAGACCAGCCTGGCCAACATGGTGAAACCTCGTCTCTACTAAAAATACAA AAATTAGCCAGGCATGGTGATGCACACCTGTAGTTCCAGCTACTTGGGAGG CTGAGACAGGAGAATCGCTTGAACTCGGGACGTTAGGTTGCAGTGAGCCGA GATTGTGCCACTGCACTCCAGCCTGGATGACAAAGTGAGACTCTGTCTCAA ACAAACAAACAAACAAAAAAACAACAGTAACAACAAAAAAAGAAGTAGGCTTG AGAGCACATCTTTTACTTTAGCATAAAACCTCACCAAAATTTCTAGAACTC AGTTATGGACTAACTATAATCATAAGCGAAGGCATGGATGTTCATGTATGA ${\tt ATTTTAGATAAGCATAGATTCTTTGTTGTTATTATTGCTTTGTAACGTTTG} \quad 50$ GATAGATTGCTGTGACTCTTAATTGAAGGTTTTAAAATCTTCTCTTGATGG ${\tt AGAACTTCCAGTGTTGCTGCAAGTACAATCTACTCATCTCAGTGTTTTTTT}$ $\tt ATTTAGTAAATTACCTAAGTAAAGAGATGCTATTTGCTTCATTGCAGGCAT$ GCGAGGCTGCCAAGAAAACAAAAGCAGATGACCGAGGAACAGATGAAAAGA CTTCAGAGCAGACAATCCTCAATATGATTTCCCAGAGCTCTTCAGACACAA CCATTGCAGGTTTAATGAGCATGTCAACTTCTACCACAAGTGCAGTGCCTT CCCTGCCAGTCTCCGAAGAGTCATCCAGCAACTTAACCAGTGTGGAGATGT TGCCGGGCAAGCGTTGGCTGTCCTCCCAACCTTCTTTCAAACTAGAACCTA

CTCAGGGTCATCGGACTAGTGAGAATTTAGC

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Exemplary methods for performing the editing are described in the following examples.

The tyrosine at position 261 of the protein encoded by the genetically modified CCNT1 gene of the invention is modeled after the tyrosine at position 261 of the mouse CCNT1 protein (mCCNT1, Ccnt1), which is represented by SEQ ID NO:6:

(SEO ID NO: 6) ${\tt MEGERKNNNKRWYFTREQLENSPSRRFGVDSDKELSYRQQAANLLQDMGQR}$ LNVSOLTINTAIVYMHRFYMIOSFTOFHRYSMAPAALFLAAKVEEOPKKLE HVIKVAHTCLHPQESLPDTRSEAYLQQVQDLVILESIILQTLGFELTIDHP HTHVVKCTOLVRASKDLAOTSYFMATNSLHLTTFSLOYTPPVVACVCIHLA CKWSNWEIPVSTDGKHWWEYVDATVTLELLDELTHEFLOILEKTPSRLKRI RNWRAYOAAMKTKPDDRGADENTSEOTILNMISOTSSDTTIAGLMSMSTAS TSAVPSLPSSEESSSSLTSVDMLQGERWLSSQPPFKLEAAQGHRTSESLAL IGVDHSLQQDGSSAFGSQKQASKSVPSAKVSLKEYRAKHAEELAAQKRQLE NMEANVKSQYAYAAQNLLSHDSHSSVILKMPIESSENPERPFLDKADKSAL KMRLPVASGDKAVSSKPEEIKMRIKVHSAGDKHNSIEDSVTKSREHKEKOR THPSNHHHHHNHHSHRHSHLQLPAGPVSKRPSDPKHSSQTSTLAHKTYSLS ${\tt STLSSSSSTRKRGPPEETGAAVFDHPAKIAKSTKSSLNFPFPPLPTMTQLP}$ The sequence of a portion of an exemplary human 30 GHSSDTSGLPFSQPSCKTRVPHMKLDKGPPGANGHNATQSIDYQDTVNMLH SLLSAOGVOPTOAPAFEFVHSYGEYMNPRAGAISSRSGTTDKPRPPPLPSE PPPPLPPLPK

> An alignment of hCCNT1-C261Y (SEQ ID NO:1, shown as hCCNT1*), hCCNT1 (SEQ ID NO:3), and mCCNT1 (SEQ ID NO:6) as aligned by Clustal Omega using default parameters is shown in FIGS. 1A and 1B.

With the exception of Y261, the genetically modified 40 CCNT1 gene may encode a number of differences with respect to mCCNT1 or native CCNT1 proteins. These differences may comprise at least one, some, or all of: an amino acid other than glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 3 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 29 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 31 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine and/or asparagine at a position corresponding to position 37 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than histidine at a position corresponding to position 79 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than arginine and glutamine and/or tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 80 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 81 55 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than methionine at a position corresponding to position 83 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 110 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 113 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 250 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than arginine at a position corresponding to position 256 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glutamine at a position corresponding to position 262 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than methionine, arginine, and/or glutamine at a position corresponding to position 265 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline

at a position corresponding to position 269 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 274 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine and/or alanine at a position corresponding to position 276 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than 5 asparagine at a position corresponding to position 277 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine at a position corresponding to position 290 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 304 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than 10 alanine and/or threonine at a position corresponding to position 305 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 306 of SEO ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 307 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino 15 acid other than arginine and/or valine at a position corresponding to position 313 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine, alanine, and/or valine at a position corresponding to position 315 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 322 20 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than asparagine at a position corresponding to position 325 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 327 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glutamine at a position corresponding to position 330 of 25 SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 332 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 340 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 345 of SEQ 30 ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 346 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 354 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than isoleucine and/or methionine at a position corresponding to position 3 358 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glutamine at a position corresponding to position 365 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 370 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 373 of SEQ 40 ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 378 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 443 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 453 of SEQ ID NO:1; 45 an amino acid other than serine and/or alanine at a position corresponding to position 458 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 464 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 468 of SEQ ID 50 NO:1; an amino acid other than valine at a position corresponding to position 473 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 488 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 490 of SEQ ID NO:1; an 55 amino acid other than isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 496 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glutamine at a position corresponding to position 510 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than arginine at a position corresponding to position 511 of SEQ ID NO:1; an 60 amino acid other than arginine at a position corresponding to position 527 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 531 of SEO ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 535 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino 65 acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 537 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than valine

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at a position corresponding to position 538 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 539 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 543 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine at a position corresponding to position 553 of SEO ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine at a position corresponding to position 564 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 565 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 577 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 582 of SEO ID NO:1: an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 603 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 606 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine and/or alanine at a position corresponding to position 611 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 613 of SEO ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 624 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than methionine at a position corresponding to position 637 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 644 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 651 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 654 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 678 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 679 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 682 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than histidine at a position corresponding to position 685 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 686 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 688 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 689 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than methionine at a position corresponding to position 691 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 695 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 697 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than methionine at a position corresponding to position 698 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine at a position corresponding to position 704 of SEQ ID NO:1; and an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 710 of SEQ ID NO:1.

In some versions, the differences encoded by the genetically modified CCNT1 gene with respect to mCCNT1 or other native CCNT1 proteins may comprise at least one, some, or all of: proline at a position corresponding to position 31 of SEQ ID NO:1; tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 37 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 79 of SEO ID NO:1: glycine at a position corresponding to position 80 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 81 of SEQ ID NO:1; valine at a position corresponding to position 83 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 110 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 250 of SEQ ID NO:1; tryptophan at a position corresponding to position 256 of SEQ ID NO:1; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 262 of SEQ ID NO:1; lysine at a position corresponding to position 265 of SEQ ID NO:1; alanine at a position corresponding to position 269 of SEQ ID NO:1;

threonine at a position corresponding to position 274 of SEQ ID NO:1; lysine at a position corresponding to position 277 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 290 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 305 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a 5 position corresponding to position 306 of SEO ID NO:1: threonine at a position corresponding to position 307 of SEQ ID NO:1; leucine at a position corresponding to position 313 of SEQ ID NO:1; valine at a position corresponding to position 315 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corre- 10 sponding to position 316 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 322 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 325 of SEO ID NO:1; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 327 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to 15 position 330 of SEQ ID NO:1; lysine at a position corresponding to position 332 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 340 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 345 of SEQ ID NO:1: threonine at a position corresponding to position 20 346 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 354 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 358 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 365 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 370 of 25 SEQ ID NO:1; isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 373 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 378 of SEQ ID NO:1; histidine at a position corresponding to position 429 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 443 of SEQ 30 ID NO:1; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 453 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 458 of SEQ ID NO:1; isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 464 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 468 of SEQ 33 ID NO:1; alanine at a position corresponding to position 473 of SEQ ID NO:1; alanine at a position corresponding to position 488 of SEQ ID NO:1; alanine at a position corresponding to position 490 of SEQ ID NO:1; valine at a position corresponding to position 496 of SEQ ID NO:1; 40 histidine at a position corresponding to position 510 of SEQ ID NO:1; lysine at a position corresponding to position 511 of SEQ ID NO:1; lysine at a position corresponding to position 527 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 531 of SEQ ID NO:1; valine at a 45 position corresponding to position 535 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 537 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 538 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 539 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corre- 50 sponding to position 543 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 553 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 564 of SEQ ID NO:1; phenylalanine at a position corresponding to position 565 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to 55 position 577 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 582 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 599 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 603 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 606 of 60 SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 611 of SEQ ID NO:1; methionine at a position corresponding to position 613 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 624 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 637 of SEQ ID 65 NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 644 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to

position 651 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 654 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 678 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 679 of SEQ ID NO:1; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 682 of SEQ ID NO:1; arginine at a position corresponding to position 685 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 686 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 688 of SEQ ID NO:1; aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 689 of SEQ ID NO:1; leucine at a position corresponding to position 691 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 695 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 697 of SEQ ID NO:1; isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 698 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 704 of SEQ ID NO:1; and proline at a position corresponding to position 710 of SEQ ID NO:1.

In some versions, the genetically modified CCNT1 gene encodes a protein comprising a sequence with a sequence identity of at least about 85%, at least about 90%, at least about 91%, at least about 92%, at least about 93%, at least about 94%, at least about 95.0%, at least about 95.1%, at least about 95.2%, at least about 95.3%, at least about 95.4%, at least about 95.5%, at least about 95.6%, at least about 95.7%, at least about 95.8%, at least about 95.9%, 96.0%, at least about 96.1%, at least about 96.2%, at least about 96.3%, at least about 96.4%, at least about 96.5%, at least about 96.6%, at least about 96.7%, at least about 96.8%, at least about 96.9%, 97.0%, at least about 97.1%, at least about 97.2%, at least about 97.3%, at least about 97.4%, at least about 97.5%, at least about 97.6%, at least about 97.7%, at least about 97.8%, at least about 97.9%, 98.0%, at least about 98.1%, at least about 98.2%, at least about 98.3%, at least about 98.4%, at least about 98.5%, at least about 98.6%, at least about 98.7%, at least about 98.8%, at least about 98.9%, 99.0%, at least about 99.1%, at least about 99.2%, at least about 99.3%, at least about 99.4%, at least about 99.5%, at least about 99.6%, at least about 99.7%, at least about 99.8%, at least about 99.9% or more with respect to SEQ ID NO:1.

Another aspect of the invention is a genetically modified XPO1 gene. The genetically modified XPO1 gene of the invention encodes a protein comprising a sequence with a sequence identity of at least about 80% with respect to SEQ ID NO:7 and includes at least one of a threonine at a position corresponding to position 411 of SEQ ID NO:7, a valine at a position corresponding to position 412 of SEQ ID NO:7, and a serine at a position corresponding to position 414 of SEQ ID NO:7.

SEQ ID NO:7 represents hXPO1-P411T-M412V-F414S, which is a modified version of the human XPO1 protein (hXPO1, XPO1, Exportin-1) comprising a substitution of a proline to a threonine at position 411 of hXPO1 (P411T), a substitution of a methionine to a valine at position 412 of hXPO1 (M412V), and a substitution of a phenylalanine to a serine at position 414 of hXPO1 (F414S). The genetically modified XPO1 gene encoding SEQ ID NO:7 can be generated from the human XPO1 gene encoding hXPO1 by modifying the codon encoding the proline at position 411 in hXPO1 to a codon encoding a threonine, modifying the codon encoding the methionine at position 412 in hXPO1 to a codon encoding a valine, and modifying the codon encoding the phenylalanine at position 414 in hXPO1 to a codon encoding a serine.

SEQ ID NO:7 is:

(SEO ID NO: 7) MPAIMTMLADHAARQLLDFSQKLDINLLDNVVNCLYHGEGAQQRMAQEVLT HLKEHPDAWTRVDTILEFSONMNTKYYGLOILENVIKTRWKILPRNOCEGI KKYVVGLIIKTSSDPTCVEKEKVYIGKLNMILVOILKOEWPKHWPTFISDI VGASRTSESLCQNNMVILKLLSEEVFDFSSGQITQVKSKHLKDSMCNEFSQ IFQLCQFVMENSQNAPLVHATLETLLRFLNWIPLGYIFETKLISTLIYKFL NVPMFRNVSLKCLTEIAGVSVSQYEEQFVTLFTLTMMQLKQMLPLNTNIRL AYSNGKDDEONFIONLSLFLCTFLKEHDOLIEKRLNLRETLMEALHYMLLV SEVEETEIFKICLEYWNHLAAELYRESPFSTSASPLLSGSOHFDVPPRROL YLTVLSKVRLLMVSRMAKPEEVLVVENDOGEVVREFMKDTDSINLYKNMRE TLVYLTHLDYVDTERIMTEKLHNOVNGTEWSWKNLNTLCWAIGSISGAMHE EDEKRFLVTVIKDLLGLCEOKRGKDNKAIIASNIMYIVGOYPRFLRAHWKF LKTVVNKLFEFMHETHDGVQDMACDTFIKIAQKCRRHFVQVQVGEVMPFID $\verb"EILNNINTIICDLQPQQVHTFYEAVGYMIGAQTDQTVQEHLIEKYMLLPNQ"$ VWDSIIQOATKNVDILKDPETVKOLGSILKINVRACKAVGHPFVIOLGRIY LDMLNVYKCLSENISAAIOANGEMVTKOPLIRSMRTVKRETLKLISGWVSR SNDPQMVAENFVPPLLDAVLIDYQRNVPAAREPEVLSTMAIIVNKLGGHIT AEIPQIFDAVFECTLNMINKDFEEYPEHRTNFFLLLQAVNSHCFPAFLAIP $\verb"PTQFKLVLDSIIWAFKHTMRNVADTGLQILFTLLQNVAQEEAAAQSFYQTY"$ FCDTLOHTFSVVTDTSHTAGLTMHASTLAYMFNLVEEGKTSTSLNPGNPVN NOIFLOEYVANLLKSAFFHLODAOVKLFVTGLFSLNODIPAFKEHLRDFLV 35 QIKEFAGEDTSDLFLEEREIALRQADEEKHKRQMSVPGIFNPHEIPEEMCD

(SEO ID NO: 8) ATGCCAGCAATTATGACAATGTTAGCAGACCATGCAGCTCGTCAGCTGCTT GATTTCAGCCAAAAACTGGATATCAACTTATTAGATAATGTGGTGAATTGC TTATACCATGGAGAGGAGCCCAGCAAAGAATGGCTCAAGAAGTACTGACA CATTTAAAGGAGCATCCTGATGCTTGGACAAGAGTCGACACAATTTTGGAA TTTTCTCAGAATATGAATACGAAATACTATGGACTACAAATTTTGGAAAAT GTGATAAAAACAAGGTGGAAGATTCTTCCAAGGAACCAGTGCGAAGGAATA AAAAAATACGTTGTTGGCCTCATTATCAAGACGTCATCTGACCCAACTTGT GTAGAGAAAGAAAGGTGTATATCGGAAAATTAAATATGATCCTTGTTCAG ATACTGAAACAAGAATGGCCCAAACATTGGCCAACTTTTATCAGTGATATT GTTGGAGCAAGTAGGACCAGCGAAAGTCTCTGTCAAAATAATATGGTGATT CTTAAACTCTTGAGTGAAGAAGTATTTGATTTCTCTAGTGGACAGATAACC CAAGTCAAATCTAAGCATTTAAAAGACAGCATGTGCAATGAATTCTCACAG ATATTTCAACTGTGTCAGTTTGTAATGGAAAATTCTCAAAATGCTCCACTT GTACATGCAACCTTGGAAACATTGCTCAGATTTCTGAACTGGATTCCCCTG GGATATATTTTTGAGACCAAATTAATCAGCACATTGATTTATAAGTTCCTG

An exemplary coding sequence encoding SEQ ID NO:7 is

represented by SEQ ID NO:8:

AATGTTCCAATGTTTCGAAATGTCTCTCTGAAGTGCCTCACTGAGATTGCT GGTGTGAGTGTAAGCCAATATGAAGAACAATTTGTAACACTATTTACTCTG ACAATGATGCAACTAAAGCAGATGCTTCCTTTAAATACCAATATTCGACTT TTGTTTCTCTGCACCTTTCTTAAGGAACATGATCAACTTATAGAAAAAAGA 10 TTAAATCTCAGGGAAACTCTTATGGAGGCCCTTCATTATATGTTGTTGGTA TCTGAAGTAGAAGAAACTGAAATCTTTAAAATTTGTCTTGAATACTGGAAT CATTTGGCTGCTGAACTCTATAGAGAGAGTCCATTCTCTACATCTGCGTCT CCGTTGCTTTCTGGAAGTCAACATTTTGATGTTCCTCCCAGGAGACAGCTG TATTTGACCGTGTTATCAAAGGTCCGTTTATTAATGGTTAGTCGAATGGCT AAACCAGAGGAAGTATTGGTTGTAGAGAATGATCAAGGAGAAGTTGTGAGA GAATTCATGAAGGATACAGATTCCATAAATTTGTATAAGAATATGAGGGAA ACAGAGAAGCTTCACAATCAAGTGAATGGTACAGAGTGGTCATGGAAAAAT TTGAATACATTGTGTTGGGCAATAGGCTCCATTAGTGGAGCAATGCATGAA GAGGACGAAAAACGATTTCTTGTTACTGTTATAAAGGATCTATTAGGATTA TGTGAACAGAAAAGAGGCAAAGATAATAAAGCTATTATTGCATCAAATATC ATGTACATAGTAGGTCAATACCCACGTTTTTTGAGAGCTCACTGGAAATTT GGAGTCCAGGATATGGCTTGTGATACTTTCATTAAAATAGCCCAAAAATGC $\tt CGCAGGCATTTCGTTCAGGTTCAGGTTGGAGAAGTGATGCCATTTATTGAT$ GAAATTTTGAACAACATTAACACTATTATTTGTGATCTTCAGCCTCAACAG GTTCATACGTTTTATGAAGCTGTGGGGTACATGATTGGTGCACAAACAGAT CAAACAGTACAAGAACACTTGATAGAAAAGTACATGTTACTCCCTAATCAA GTGTGGGATAGTATAATCCAGCAGGCAACCAAAAATGTGGATATACTGAAA GCCTGCAAAGCTGTTGGACACCCCTTTGTAATTCAGCTTGGAAGAATTTAT 45 TTAGATATGCTTAATGTATACAAGTGCCTCAGTGAAAATATTTCTGCAGCT ATCCAAGCTAATGGTGAAATGGTTACAAAGCAACCATTGATTAGAAGTATG CGAACTGTAAAAAGGGAAACTTTAAAGTTAATATCTGGTTGGGTGAGCCGA 50 TCCAATGATCCACAGATGGTCGCTGAAAATTTTGTTCCCCCTCTGTTGGAT GCAGTTCTCATTGATTATCAGAGAAATGTCCCAGCTGCTAGAGAACCAGAA GTGCTTAGTACTATGGCCATAATTGTCAACAAGTTAGGGGGACATATAACA GCTGAAATACCTCAAATATTTGATGCTGTTTTTTGAATGCACATTGAATATG $\tt CTACTTCAGGCTGTCAATTCTCATTGTTTCCCAGCATTCCTTGCTATTCCA$ $\tt CCTACACAGTTTAAACTTGTTTTGGATTCCATCATTTGGGCTTTCAAACAT$ ACTATGAGGAATGTCGCAGATACGGGCTTACAGATACTTTTTACACTCTTA CAAAATGTTGCACAAGAAGAAGCTGCAGCTCAGAGTTTTTATCAAACTTAT ACTGCTGGTTTAACAATGCATGCATCAATTCTTGCATATATGTTTAATTTG

A coding sequence of the exemplary hXPO1 is represented by SEQ ID NO:10:

GTTGAAGAAGGAAAAATAAGTACATCATTAAATCCTGGAAATCCAGTTAAC

AACCAAATCTTTCTTCAGGAATATGTGGCTAATCTCCTTAAGTCGGCCTTC

CCTCACCTACAAGATGCTCAAGTAAAGCTCTTTGTGACAGGGCTTTTCAGC

TTAAATCAAGATATTCCTGCTTTCAAGGAACATTTAAGAGATTTCCTAGTT

CAAATAAAGGAATTTGCAGGTGAAGACACTTCTGATTTGTTTTTTGGAAGAG

AGAGAAATAGCCCTACGGCAGGCTGATGAAGAGAAACATAAACGTCAAATG

TCTGTCCCTGGCATCTTTAATCCACATGAGATTCCAGAAGAAAATGTGTGAT

TAA

The amino acid sequence of an exemplary hXPO1 is represented by SEQ ID NO:9:

(SEO ID NO: 9) MPAIMTMLADHAAROLLDFSQKLDINLLDNVVNCLYHGEGAQORMAQEVLT HLKEHPDAWTRVDTILEFSONMNTKYYGLOILENVIKTRWKILPRNOCEGI KKYVVGLIIKTSSDPTCVEKEKVYIGKLNMILVOILKOEWPKHWPTFISDI VGASRTSESLCQNNMVILKLLSEEVFDFSSGQITQVKSKHLKDSMCNEFSQ I FOLCOFVMENSONAPLVHATLETLLRFLNWIPLGY I FETKLISTLIYKFL NVPMFRNVSLKCLTEIAGVSVSOYEEOFVTLFTLTMMOLKOMLPLNTNIRL AYSNGKDDEQNFIQNLSLFLCTFLKEHDQLIEKRLNLRETLMEALHYMLLV SEVEETEIFKICLEYWNHLAAELYRESPFSTSASPLLSGSQHFDVPPRRQL YLPMLFKVRLLMVSRMAKPEEVLVVENDOGEVVREFMKDTDSINLYKNMRE TLVYLTHLDYVDTERIMTEKLHNOVNGTEWSWKNLNTLCWAIGSISGAMHE EDEKRFLVTVIKDLLGLCEQKRGKDNKAIIASNIMYIVGQYPRFLRAHWKF LKTVVNKLFEFMHETHDGVQDMACDTFIKIAQKCRRHFVQVQVGEVMPFID EILNNINTIICDLOPOOVHTFYEAVGYMIGAOTDOTVOEHLIEKYMLLPNO VWDSIIQQATKNVDILKDPETVKQLGSILKTNVRACKAVGHPFVIQLGRIY LDMLNVYKCLSENISAAIQANGEMVTKQPLIRSMRTVKRETLKLISGWVSR SNDPOMVAENFVPPLLDAVLIDYORNVPAAREPEVLSTMAIIVNKLGGHIT AEIPQIFDAVFECTLNMINKDFEEYPEHRTNFFLLLQAVNSHCFPAFLAIP PTQFKLVLDSIIWAFKHTMRNVADTGLQILFTLLQNVAQEEAAAQSFYQTY FCDILOHIFSVVTDTSHTAGLTMHASILAYMFNLVEEGKISTSLNPGNPVN NOIFLOEYVANLLKSAFFHLODAOVKLFVTGLFSLNODIPAFKEHLRDFLV OIKEFAGEDTSDLFLEEREIALROADEEKHKROMSVPGIFNPHEIPEEMCD

(SEO ID NO: 10) ATGCCAGCAATTATGACAATGTTAGCAGACCATGCAGCTCGTCAGCTGCTT GATTTCAGCCAAAAACTGGATATCAACTTATTAGATAATGTGGTGAATTGC TTATACCATGGAGAAGGAGCCCAGCAAAGAATGGCTCAAGAAGTACTGACA CATTTAAAGGAGCATCCTGATGCTTGGACAAGAGTCGACACAATTTTGGAA TTTTCTCAGAATATGAATACGAAATACTATGGACTACAAATTTTGGAAAAT GTGATAAAACAAGGTGGAAGATTCTTCCAAGGAACCAGTGCGAAGGAATA AAAAAATACGTTGTTGGCCTCATTATCAAGACGTCATCTGACCCAACTTGT GTAGAGAAAGAAAGGTGTATATCGGAAAATTAAATATGATCCTTGTTCAG ATACTGAAACAAGAATGGCCCAAACATTGGCCAACTTTTATCAGTGATATT 20 GTTGGAGCAAGTAGGACCAGCGAAAGTCTCTGTCAAAATAATATGGTGATT CTTAAACTCTTGAGTGAAGAAGTATTTGATTTCTCTAGTGGACAGATAACC CAAGTCAAATCTAAGCATTTAAAAGACAGCATGTGCAATGAATTCTCACAG $25 \quad \mathtt{ATATTTCAACTGTGTCAGTTTGTAATGGAAAATTCTCAAAATGCTCCACTT}$ GTACATGCAACCTTGGAAACATTGCTCAGATTTCTGAACTGGATTCCCCTG GGATATATTTTGAGACCAAATTAATCAGCACATTGATTTATAAGTTCCTG AATGTTCCAATGTTTCGAAATGTCTCTCTGAAGTGCCTCACTGAGATTGCT $\tt GGTGTGAGTGTAAGCCAATATGAAGAACAATTTGTAACACTATTTACTCTG$ ACAATGATGCAACTAAAGCAGATGCTTCCTTTAAATACCAATATTCGACTT TTGTTTCTCTGCACCTTTCTTAAGGAACATGATCAACTTATAGAAAAAAGA TTAAATCTCAGGGAAACTCTTATGGAGGCCCCTTCATTATATGTTGTTGGTA TCTGAAGTAGAAGAAACTGAAATCTTTAAAATTTGTCTTGAATACTGGAAT CATTTGGCTGCTGAACTCTATAGAGAGAGTCCATTCTCTACATCTGCCTCT $\tt CCGTTGCTTTCTGGAAGTCAACATTTTGATGTTCCTCCCAGGAGACAGCTA$ TATTTGCCCATGTTATTCAAGGTCCGTTTATTAATGGTTAGTCGAATGGCT AAACCAGAGGAAGTATTGGTTGTAGAGAATGATCAAGGAGAAGTTGTGAGA GAATTCATGAAGGATACAGATTCCATAAATTTGTATAAGAATATGAGGGAA ACAGAGAAGCTTCACAATCAAGTGAATGGTACAGAGTGGTCATGGAAAAAT TTGAATACATTGTGTTGGGCAATAGGCTCCATTAGTGGAGCAATGCATGAA GAGGACGAAAAACGATTTCTTGTTACTGTTATAAAGGATCTATTAGGATTA TGTGAACAGAAAAGAGCCAAAGATAATAAAGCTATTATTGCATCAAATATC ATGTACATAGTAGGTCAATACCCACGTTTTTTGAGAGCTCACTGGAAATTT GGAGTCCAGGATATGGCTTGTGATACTTTCATTAAAATAGCCCAAAAATGC $\tt CGCAGGCATTTCGTTCAGGTTCAGGTTGGAGAAGTGATGCCATTTATTGAT$ GAAATTTTGAACAACATTAACACTATTATTTGTGATCTTCAGCCTCAACAG

continued CAAACAGTACAAGAACACTTGATAGAAAAGTACATGTTACTCCCTAATCAA GTGTGGGATAGTATAATCCAGCAGGCAACCAAAAATGTGGATATACTGAAA GATCCTGAAACAGTCAAGCAGCTTGGTAGCATTTTGAAAACAAATGTGAGA GCCTGCAAAGCTGTTGGACACCCCTTTGTAATTCAGCTTGGAAGAATTTAT TTAGATATGCTTAATGTATACAAGTGCCTCAGTGAAAATATTTCTGCAGCT ATCCAAGCTAATGGTGAAATGGTTACAAAGCAACCATTGATTAGAAGTATG CGAACTGTAAAAAGGGAAACTTTAAAGTTAATATCTGGTTGGGTGAGCCGA TCCAATGATCCACAGATGGTCGCTGAAAATTTTGTTCCCCCCTCTGTTGGAT GCAGTTCTCATTGATTATCAGAGAAATGTCCCAGCTGCTAGAGAACCAGAA GTGCTTAGTACTATGGCCATAATTGTCAACAAGTTAGGGGGACATATAACA GCTGAAATACCTCAAATATTTGATGCTGTTTTTTGAATGCACATTGAATATG CTACTTCAGGCTGTCAATTCTCATTGTTTCCCAGCATTCCTTGCTATTCCA CCTACACAGTTTAAACTTGTTTTTGGATTCCATCATTTGGGCTTTCAAACAT ${\tt ACTATGAGGAATGTCGCAGATACGGGCTTACAGATACTTTTTACACTCTTA}$ CAAAATGTTGCACAAGAAGAAGCTGCAGCTCAGAGTTTTTATCAAACTTAT ACTGCTGGTTTAACAATGCATGCATCAATTCTTGCATATATGTTTAAT $\tt GTTGAAGAAGGAAAAATAAGTACATCATTAAATCCTGGAAATCCAGTTAAC$ AACCAAATCTTTCTTCAGGAATATGTGGCTAATCTCCTTAAGTCGGCCTTC CCTCACCTACAAGATGCTCAAGTAAAGCTCTTTGTGACAGGGCTTTTCAGC TTAAATCAAGATATTCCTGCTTTCAAGGAACATTTAAGAGATTTCCTAGTT CAAATAAAGGAATTTGCAGGTGAAGACACTTCTGATTTGTTTTTTGGAAGAG AGAGAAATAGCCCTACGGCAGGCTGATGAAGAGAAACATAAACGTCAAATG ${\tt TCTGTCCCTGGCATCTTTAATCCACATGAGATTCCAGAAGAAATGTGTGAT} \quad {\tt 40}$

The sequence of a portion of an exemplary human XPO1 gene that can be edited to generate an exemplary genetically modified XPO1 gene is represented by SEQ ID NO:11:

(SEQ ID NO: 11)
TTCTCTCCTCTGTGATGGTACATTTGGGTTGTGATACCACTTATTGGCACC
CAAGGCCTTTTAAATAAATGTCGTTCCATTAGGAGACATGATAAAAATACA
TATTGATCAACTACTATGTGAGAGATTTTTGAAGTGCTTTAGGGCATGTCA
GAAGAAGCAGAGTTACTCCAGAGTTTGCTGTCTATTTGATAAGTATTGAAA
TCTGAGTTGTGATGAATAAAACATGAATTTTTATTTTCCCTTAAGGTGTAA
CAAGTGAAAAGCAATTTGAAGTTGGTAATGTTTAAGAATTATTTTAACAGT
TTTGGTCTTCTGTGTAGGCCCTTCATTATATGTTGTTGGTATCTGAAGTAG
CTGAACTCTATAGAGAGTCATTCTCTACATCTGCCTCCCGTTGCTTT
CTGGAAGTCAACATTTTGATGTTCCTCCCAGGAGACAGCTATATTTGCCCA
TGTTATTCAAGGTAACAGAGCGGTTGGTTGGTTGCATAC

Exemplary methods for performing the editing are described in the following examples.

The threonine at position 411, the valine at position 412, and/or the serine at position 414 of the protein encoded by the genetically modified XPO1 gene of the invention are modeled after the threonine at position 411, the valine at position 412, and/or the serine at position 414 of the mouse XPO1 protein (mXPO1, Xpo1), which is represented by SEQ ID NO:12:

(SEO ID NO: 12) MPAIMTMLADHAARQLLDFSQKLDINLLDNVVNCLYHGEGAQQRMAQEVLT 30 HLKEHPDAWTRVDTILEFSQNMNTKYYGLQILENVIKTRWKILPRNQCEGI KKYVVGLIIKTSSDPTCVEKEKVYIGKLNMILVQILKQEWPKHWPTFISDI VGASRTSESLCONNMVILKLLSEEVFDFSSGOITOVKAKHLKDSMCNEFSO IFOLCOFVMENSONAPLVHATLETLLRFLNWIPLGYIFETKLISTLIYKFL NVPMFRNVSLKCLTEIAGVSVSQYEEQFETLFTLTMMQLKQMLPLNTNIRL AYSNGKDDEQNFIQNLSLFLCTFLKEHGQLLEKRLNLREALMEALHYMLLV SEVEETEIFKICLEYWNHLAAELYRESPFSTSASPLLSGSOHFDIPPRROL YLTVLSKVRLLMVSRMAKPEEVLVVENDQGEVVREFMKDTDSINLYKNMRE TLVYLTHLDYVDTEIIMTKKLQNQVNGTEWSWKNLNTLCWAIGSISGAMHE EDEKRFLVTVIKDLLGLCEQKRGKDNKAIIASNIMYIVGQYPRFLRAHWKF LKTVVNKLFEFMHETHDGVODMACDTFIKIAOKCRRHFVOVOVGEVMPFID EILNNINTIICDLOPOOVHTFYEAVGYMIGAOTDOTVOEHLIEKYMLLPNO VWDSIIQQATKNVDILKDPETVKQLGSILKTNVRACKAVGHPFVIQLGRIY LDMLNVYKCLSENISAAIOANGEMVTKOPLIRSMRTVKRETLKLISGWVSR SNDPQMVAENFVPPLLDAVLIDYQRNVPAAREPEVLSTMAIIVNKLGGHIT AEIPQIFDAVFECTLNMINKDFEEYPEHRTNFFLLLQAVNSHCFPAFLAIP PAQFKLVLDSIIWAFKHTMRNVADTGLQILFTLLQNVAQEEAAAQSFYQTY FCDILOHIFSVVTDTSHTAGLTMHASILAYMFNLVEEGKISTPLNPGNPVN NQMFIQDYVANLLKSAFFHLQDAQVKLFVTGLFSLNQDIPAFKEHLRDFLV QIKEFAGEDTSDLFLEERETALRQAQEEKHKLQMSVPGILNPHEIPEEMCD

An alignment of hXPO1-P411T-M412V-F414S (SEQ ID NO:7, shown as hXPO1*), hXPO1 (SEQ ID NO:9), and mXPO1 (SEQ ID NO:12) as aligned by Clustal Omega using default parameters is shown in FIGS. **2**A and **2**B.

With the exception of T411, V412, and/or S414, the genetically modified XPO1 gene may encode a number of

differences with respect to mXPO1 or other native XPO1 proteins. These differences may comprise at least one, some, or all of: an amino acid other than aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 100 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to 5 position 118 of SEO ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 151 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 191 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 10 215 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 284 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than valine at a position corresponding to position 306 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 15 334 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 337 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 346 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 402 of 20 SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 474 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than lysine at a position corresponding to position 478 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glutamine at a position corresponding to position 481 of 25 SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 869 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 909 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 961 of SEQ 30 ID NO:7; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 966 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 969 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than valine and/or methionine at a position corresponding to position 972 of 35 SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 974 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 976 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than threonine at a position corresponding to position 1040 40 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 1043 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glutamine at a position corresponding to position 1046 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 1052 of SEQ 45 ID NO:7; and an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 1060 of SEQ ID NO:7.

In some versions, the differences encoded by the genetically modified XPO1 gene with respect to mXPO1 or other native XPO1 proteins may comprise at least one, some, or all 50 of: glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 100 of SEQ ID NO:7; threonine at a position corresponding to position 118 of SEQ ID NO:7; serine at a position corresponding to position 151 of SEQ ID NO:7; serine at a position corresponding to position 191 of SEQ ID NO:7; 55 asparagine at a position corresponding to position 215 of SEQ ID NO:7; valine at a position corresponding to position 284 of SEQ ID NO:7; leucine at a position corresponding to position 306 of SEQ ID NO:7; aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 334 of SEQ ID NO:7; isoleucine 60 at a position corresponding to position 337 of SEQ ID NO:7; threonine at a position corresponding to position 346 of SEQ ID NO:7: valine at a position corresponding to position 402 of SEQ ID NO:7; arginine at a position corresponding to position 474 of SEQ ID NO:7; glutamic acid at a position 65 corresponding to position 478 of SEQ ID NO:7; histidine at a position corresponding to position 481 of SEQ ID NO:7;

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threonine at a position corresponding to position 869 of SEQ ID NO:7; alanine at a position corresponding to position 909 of SEQ ID NO:7; serine at a position corresponding to position 961 of SEQ ID NO:7; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 966 of SEQ ID NO:7; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 969 of SEQ ID NO:7; isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 972 of SEQ ID NO:7; leucine at a position corresponding to position 974 of SEQ ID NO:7; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 976 of SEQ ID NO:7; isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 1040 of SEQ ID NO:7; arginine at a position corresponding to position 1043 of SEQ ID NO:7; aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 1046 of SEQ ID NO:7; arginine at a position corresponding to position 1052 of SEQ ID NO:7; and phenylalanine at a position corresponding to position 1060 of SEQ ID NO:7.

In some versions, the genetically modified XPO1 gene encodes a protein comprising a sequence with a sequence identity of at least about 85%, at least about 90%, at least about 91%, at least about 92%, at least about 93%, at least about 94%, at least about 95.0%, at least about 95.1%, at least about 95.2%, at least about 95.3%, at least about 95.4%, at least about 95.5%, at least about 95.6%, at least about 95.7%, at least about 95.8%, at least about 95.9%, 96.0%, at least about 96.1%, at least about 96.2%, at least about 96.3%, at least about 96.4%, at least about 96.5%, at least about 96.6%, at least about 96.7%, at least about 96.8%, at least about 96.9%, 97.0%, at least about 97.1%, at least about 97.2%, at least about 97.3%, at least about 97.4%, at least about 97.5%, at least about 97.6%, at least about 97.7%, at least about 97.8%, at least about 97.9%, 98.0%, at least about 98.1%, at least about 98.2%, at least about 98.3%, at least about 98.4%, at least about 98.5%, at least about 98.6%, at least about 98.7%, at least about 98.8%, at least about 98.9%, 99.0%, at least about 99.1%, at least about 99.2%, at least about 99.3%, at least about 99.4%, at least about 99.5%, at least about 99.6%, at least about 99.7%, at least about 99.8%, at least about 99.9% or more with respect to SEQ ID NO:7.

Throughout the specification, a reference may be made using an abbreviation of a gene name or a polypeptide name, but it is understood that such an abbreviated gene or polypeptide name represents the genus of genes or polypeptides, respectively. Such gene names include all genes encoding the same polypeptide and homologous polypeptides having the same physiological function. Polypeptide names include all polypeptides that have the same activity (e.g., that catalyze the same fundamental chemical reaction).

Unless otherwise indicated, the accession numbers referenced herein are derived from the NCBI database (National Center for Biotechnology Information) maintained by the National Institute of Health, U.S.A.

EC numbers are established by the Nomenclature Committee of the International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (NC-IUBMB) (available on the world wide web at chem.qmul/ac/uk/iubmb/enzyme/. The EC numbers referenced herein are derived from the KEGG Ligand database, maintained by the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomics, sponsored in part by the University of Tokyo.

The term "alignment" refers to a method of comparing two or more polynucleotides or polypeptide sequences for the purpose of determining their relationship to each other. Alignments are typically performed by computer programs that apply various algorithms; however it is also possible to perform an alignment by hand. Alignment programs typi-

cally iterate through potential alignments of sequences and score the alignments using substitution tables, employing a variety of strategies to reach a potential optimal alignment score. Commonly-used alignment algorithms include, but are not limited to, CLUSTALW, (see, Thompson J. D., 5 Higgins D. G., Gibson T. J., CLUSTAL W: improving the sensitivity of progressive multiple sequence alignment through sequence weighting, position-specific gap penalties and weight matrix choice, Nucleic Acids Research 22: 4673-4680, 1994); CLUSTALV, (see, Larkin M. A., et al., 10 CLUSTALW2, ClustalW and ClustalX version 2, Bioinformatics 23(21): 2947-2948, 2007); Jotun-Hein, Muscle et al., MUSCLE: a multiple sequence alignment method with reduced time and space complexity, BMC Bioinformatics 5: 113, 2004); Mafft, Kalign, ProbCons, and T-Coffee (see Notredame et al., T-Coffee: A novel method for multiple sequence alignments, Journal of Molecular Biology 302: 205-217, 2000). Exemplary programs that implement one or more of the above algorithms include, but are not limited to MegAlign from DNAStar (DNAStar, Inc. 3801 Regent St. 20 Madison, Wis. 53705), MUSCLE, T-Coffee, CLUSTALX, CLUSTALV, JalView, Phylip, and Discovery Studio from Accelrys (Accelrys, Inc., 10188 Telesis Ct, Suite 100, San Diego, Calif. 92121). In a non-limiting example, MegAlign is used to implement the CLUSTALW alignment algorithm 25 with the following parameters: Gap Penalty 10, Gap Length Penalty 0.20, Delay Divergent Seqs (30%) DNA Transition Weight 0.50, Protein Weight matrix Gonnet Series, DNA Weight Matrix IUB.

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The term "consensus sequence" or "canonical sequence" 30 refers to an archetypical amino acid sequence against which all variants of a particular protein or sequence of interest are compared. Either term also refers to a sequence that sets forth the nucleotides that are most often present in a polynucleotide sequence of interest. For each position of a 35 protein, the consensus sequence gives the amino acid that is most abundant in that position in the sequence alignment.

The term "conservative substitutions" or "conserved substitutions" refers to, for example, a substitution of an amino acid with a conservative variant. The proteins encoded by 40 the genetically modified CCNT1 and XPO1 genes may comprise one or more conservative substitutions for any residue at any position, except for the tyrosine at the position corresponding to position 261 of SEQ ID NO:1 in the genetically modified CCNT1 gene and the threonine at the 45 position corresponding to position 411 of SEQ ID NO:7, the valine at the position corresponding to position 412 of SEQ ID NO:7, and the serine at the position corresponding to position 414 of SEQ ID NO:7 in the genetically modified XPO1 gene.

"Conservative variant" refers to residues that are functionally similar to a given residue. Amino acids within the following groups are conservative variants of one another: glycine, alanine, serine, and proline (very small); alanine, isoleucine, leucine, methionine, phenylalanine, valine, proline, and glycine (hydrophobic); alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine, methionine (aliphatic-like); cysteine, serine, threonine, asparagine, tyrosine, and glutamine (polar); phenylalanine, tryptophan, tyrosine (aromatic); lysine, arginine, and histidine (basic); aspartate and glutamate (acidic); alanine and glycine; asparagine and glutamine; arginine and lysine; isoleucine, leucine, methionine, and valine; and serine and threonine.

The terms "corresponds to" or "corresponding to" refer to an amino acid residue or position in a first protein sequence 65 being positionally equivalent to an amino acid residue or position in a second reference protein sequence by virtue of 24

the fact that the residue or position in the first protein sequence aligns to the residue or position in the reference sequence using bioinformatic techniques, for example, using the methods described herein for preparing a sequence alignment. The corresponding residue in the first protein sequence is then assigned the position number in the second reference protein sequence.

The term "deletion," when used in the context of an amino acid sequence, means a deletion in or a removal of one or more residues from the amino acid sequence of a precursor protein, resulting in a mutant protein having at least one less amino acid residue as compared to the precursor protein. The term can also be used in the context of a nucleotide sequence, which means a deletion in or removal of a nucleotide from the polynucleotide sequence of a precursor polynucleotide.

The term "expressed genes" refers to genes that are transcribed into messenger RNA (mRNA) and then translated into protein, as well as genes that are transcribed into types of RNA, such as transfer RNA (tRNA), ribosomal RNA (rRNA), and regulatory RNA, which are not translated into protein.

"Gene" refers to a polynucleotide (e.g., a DNA segment), which encodes a polypeptide, and may include regions preceding and following the coding regions as well as intervening sequences (introns) between individual coding segments (exons).

The term "homologous genes" refers to a pair of genes from different but related species, which correspond to each other and which are identical or similar to each other. The term encompasses genes that are separated by the speciation process during the development of new species) (e.g., orthologous genes), as well as genes that have been separated by genetic duplication (e.g., paralogous genes).

The term "endogenous protein" refers to a protein that is native to or naturally occurring in a cell. "Endogeneous polynucleotide" refers to a polynucleotide that is in the cell and was not introduced into the cell using recombinant engineering techniques, for example, a gene that was present in the cell when the cell was originally isolated from nature. Conversely, the term "heterologous" refers to a protein or a polynucleotide that does not naturally occur in a host cell.

The term "homologous recombination" refers to the exchange of DNA fragments between two DNA molecules or paired chromosomes at sites of identical or nearly identical nucleotide sequences. In certain embodiments, chromosomal integration is homologous recombination.

The term "homologous sequences" as used herein refers to a polynucleotide or polypeptide sequence having, for example, about 100%, about 99% or more, about 98% or more, about 97% or more, about 96% or more, about 95% or more, about 94% or more, about 93% or more, about 92% or more, about 91% or more, about 90% or more, about 88% or more, about 85% or more, about 80% or more, about 75% or more, about 70% or more, about 65% or more, about 60% or more, about 55% or more, about 50% or more, about 45% or more, or about 40% or more sequence identity to another polynucleotide or polypeptide sequence when optimally aligned for comparison. In particular embodiments, homologous sequences can retain the same type and/or level of a particular activity of interest. In some embodiments, homologous sequences have between 85% and 100% sequence identity, whereas in other embodiments there is between 90% and 100% sequence identity. In particular embodiments, there is 95% and 100% sequence identity.

"Homology" refers to sequence similarity or sequence identity. Homology is determined using standard techniques

known in the art (see, e.g., Smith and Waterman, Adv. Appl. Math., 2:482, 1981; Needleman and Wunsch, J. Mol. Biol., 48:443, 1970; Pearson and Lipman, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 85:2444, 1988; programs such as GAP, BESTFIT, FASTA, and TFASTA in the Wisconsin Genetics Software 5 Package (Genetics Computer Group, Madison, Wis.); and Devereux et al., Nucl. Acid Res., 12:387-395, 1984). A non-limiting example includes the use of the BLAST program (Altschul et al., Gapped BLAST and PSI-BLAST: a new generation of protein database search programs, 10 Nucleic Acids Res. 25:3389-3402, 1997) to identify sequences that can be said to be "homologous." A recent version such as version 2.2.16, 2.2.17, 2.2.18, 2.2.19, or the latest version, including sub-programs such as blastp for protein-protein comparisons, blastn for nucleotide-nucleo- 15 tide comparisons, tblastn for protein-nucleotide comparisons, or blastx for nucleotide-protein comparisons, and with parameters as follows: Maximum number of sequences returned 10,000 or 100,000; E-value (expectation value) of le-2 or le-5, word size 3, scoring matrix BLOSUM62, gap 20 cost existence 11, gap cost extension 1, may be suitable. An E-value of 1e-5, for example, indicates that the chance of a homologous match occurring at random is about 1 in 10,000, thereby marking a high confidence of true homology.

The term "identical," in the context of two polynucleotide 25 or polypeptide sequences, means that the residues in the two sequences are the same when aligned for maximum correspondence, as measured using a sequence comparison or analysis algorithm such as those described herein. For example, if when properly aligned, the corresponding segments of two sequences have identical residues at 5 positions out of 10, it is said that the two sequences have a 50% identity. Most bioinformatic programs report percent identity over aligned sequence regions, which are typically not the entire molecules. If an alignment is long enough and 35 contains enough identical residues, an expectation value can be calculated, which indicates that the level of identity in the alignment is unlikely to occur by random chance.

The term "insertion," when used in the context of a polypeptide sequence, refers to an insertion in the amino 40 acid sequence of a precursor polypeptide, resulting in a mutant polypeptide having an amino acid that is inserted between two existing contiguous amino acids, i.e., adjacent amino acids residues, which are present in the precursor polypeptide. The term "insertion," when used in the context of a polynucleotide sequence, refers to an insertion of one or more nucleotides in the precursor polynucleotide between two existing contiguous nucleotides, i.e., adjacent nucleotides, which are present in the precursor polynucleotides.

The term "introduced" refers to, in the context of introducing a polynucleotide sequence into a cell, any method suitable for transferring the polynucleotide sequence into the cell. Such methods for introduction include but are not limited to protoplast fusion, transfection, transformation, conjugation, and transduction (see, e.g., Ferrari et al., Genetics, in Hardwood et al, (eds.), Bacillus, Plenum Publishing Corp., pp. 57-72, 1989).

The term "isolated" or "purified" means a material that is removed from its original environment, for example, the natural environment if it is naturally occurring. A material is said to be "purified" when it is present in a particular composition in a higher or lower concentration than the concentration that exists prior to the purification step(s). For example, with respect to a composition normally found in a naturally occurring or wild type organism, such a composition is "purified" when the final composition does not include some material from the original matrix. As another

example, a naturally occurring polynucleotide or polypeptide present in a living animal is not isolated, but the same polynucleotide or polypeptide, separated from some or all of the coexisting materials in the natural system, is isolated, whether such process is through genetic engineering or mechanical separation. Such polynucleotides can be parts of vectors. Alternatively, such polynucleotides or polypeptides can be parts of compositions. Such polynucleotides or polypeptides can be considered "isolated" because the vectors or compositions comprising thereof are not part of their natural environments. In another example, a polynucleotide or protein is said to be purified if it gives rise to essentially one band in an electrophoretic gel or a blot.

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The term "mutation" refers to, in the context of a polynucleotide, a modification to the polynucleotide sequence resulting in a change in the sequence of a polynucleotide with reference to a precursor polynucleotide sequence. A mutant polynucleotide sequence can refer to an alteration that does not change the encoded amino acid sequence, for example, with regard to codon optimization for expression purposes, or that modifies a codon in such a way as to result in a modification of the encoded amino acid sequence. Mutations can be introduced into a polynucleotide through any number of methods known to those of ordinary skill in the art, including random mutagenesis, site-specific mutagenesis, oligonucleotide directed mutagenesis, gene shuffling, directed evolution techniques, combinatorial mutagenesis, site saturation mutagenesis among others.

"Mutation" or "mutated" means, in the context of a protein, a modification to the amino acid sequence resulting in a change in the sequence of a protein with reference to a precursor protein sequence. A mutation can refer to a substitution of one amino acid with another amino acid, an insertion or a deletion of one or more amino acid residues. A mutation can also be a truncation (e.g., a deletion or interruption) in a sequence or a subsequence from the precursor sequence. A mutation may also be an addition of a subsequence (e.g., two or more amino acids in a stretch, which are inserted between two contiguous amino acids in a precursor protein sequence) within a protein, or at either terminal end of a protein, thereby increasing the length of (or elongating) the protein. A mutation can be made by modifying the DNA sequence corresponding to a precursor protein. Mutations can be introduced into a protein sequence by known methods in the art, for example, by creating synthetic DNA sequences that encode the mutation with reference to precursor proteins, or chemically altering the protein itself. A "mutant" as used herein is a protein comprising a mutation.

A "naturally-occurring equivalent," in the context of the present invention, refers to a naturally occurring gene or protein, or a portion thereof that comprises a naturally occurring residue.

The term "operably linked," in the context of a polynucleotide sequence, refers to the placement of one polynucleotide sequence into a functional relationship with another polynucleotide sequence. For example, a DNA encoding a secretory leader (e.g., a signal peptide) is operably linked to a DNA encoding a polypeptide if it is expressed as a preprotein that participates in the secretion of the polypeptide. A promoter or an enhancer is operably linked to a coding sequence if it affects the transcription of the sequence. A ribosome binding site is operably linked to a coding sequence if it is positioned so as to facilitate translation. Generally, "operably linked" means that the DNA sequences being linked are contiguous, and, in the case of a secretory leader, contiguous and in the same reading frame.

The term "optimal alignment" refers to the alignment giving the highest overall alignment score.

"Overexpressed" or "overexpression" in a host cell occurs if the enzyme is expressed in the cell at a higher level than the level at which it is expressed in a corresponding wildtype cell.

The terms "percent sequence identity," "percent amino acid sequence identity," "percent gene sequence identity," and/or "percent polynucleotide sequence identity," with respect to two polypeptides, polynucleotides and/or gene 10 sequences (as appropriate), refer to the percentage of residues that are identical in the two sequences when the sequences are optimally aligned. Thus, 80% amino acid sequence identity means that 80% of the amino acids in two optimally aligned polypeptide sequences are identical.

A "promoter" is a polynucleotide sequence that functions to direct transcription of a downstream coding sequence. In preferred embodiments, the promoter is appropriate to the host cell in which the target coding sequence is being expressed. The promoter, together with other transcriptional 20 and translational regulatory polynucleotide sequences (also termed "control sequences") is necessary to express a given coding sequence in a gene. In general, the transcriptional and translational regulatory sequences include, but are not limited to, promoter sequences, ribosomal binding sites, 25 transcriptional start and stop sequences, translational start and stop sequences, and enhancer or activator sequences.

The terms "protein" and "polypeptide" are used interchangeably herein. The 3-letter code as well as the 1-letter code for amino acid residues as defined in conformity with 30 the IUPAC-IUB Joint Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature (JCBN) is used throughout this disclosure. It is also understood that a polypeptide may be coded for by more than one polynucleotide sequence due to the degeneracy of the genetic code.

The term "recombinant," when used to modify the term "gene" or "protein" herein, is used synonymously with "genetically modified" and refers to a gene or protein comprising a heterologous (i.e., non-native or non-naturally occurring) sequence. The term "recombinant," when used to 40 modified cells. modify the term "cell" herein, is used synonymously with "genetically modified" and refers to a cell that has been modified to comprise a heterologous polynucleotide sequence, or that the cell is derived from a cell so modified. Thus, for example, recombinant cells express genes that are 45 not found in identical form within the native (non-recombinant) form of the cells or express, as a result of deliberate human intervention, native genes that are otherwise abnormally expressed, underexpressed or not expressed at all. The terms "recombination," "recombining," and generating a 50 "recombined" polynucleotide refer generally to the assembly of two or more polynucleotide fragments wherein the assembly gives rise to a chimeric polynucleotide made from the assembled parts.

The terms "regulatory segment," "regulatory sequence," 55 or "expression control sequence" refer to a polynucleotide sequence that is operatively linked with another polynucleotide sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide chain to effect the expression of that encoded amino acid sequence. The regulatory sequence can inhibit, 60 repress, promote, or even drive the expression of the operably linked polynucleotide sequence encoding the amino acid sequence.

The term "substantially identical," in the context of two polynucleotides or two polypeptides refers to a polynucle- 65 otide or polypeptide that comprises at least 70% sequence identity, for example, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least

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85%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95%, at least 96%, at least 97%, at least 98%, or at least 99% sequence identity as compared to a reference sequence using the programs or algorithms (e.g., BLAST, ALIGN, CLUSTAL) using standard parameters.

"Substantially purified" means molecules that are at least about 60% free, preferably at least about 75% free, about 80% free, about 85% free, and more preferably at least about 90% free from other components with which they are naturally associated. As used herein, the term "purified" or "to purify" also refers to the removal of contaminants from a sample.

"Substitution" means replacing an amino acid in the sequence of a precursor protein with another amino acid at 15 a particular position, resulting in a mutant of the precursor

The term "transformed" or "stably transformed" cell refers to a cell that has a non-native (heterologous) polynucleotide sequence integrated into its genome or as an episomal plasmid that is maintained for at least two genera-

'Variant" is used interchangeably herein with "mutant." "Vector" refers to a polynucleotide construct designed to introduce polynucleotides into one or more cell types. Vectors include cloning vectors, expression vectors, shuttle vectors, plasmids, cassettes and the like. In some embodiments, the polynucleotide construct comprises a polynucleotide sequence encoding a thioesterase (e.g., a precursor or a mature thioesterase) that is operably linked to a suitable prosequence (e.g., a secretory pro-sequence) capable of effecting the expression of the polynucleotide or gene in a suitable host.

"Wild-type" means, in the context of gene or protein, a polynucleotide or protein sequence that occurs in nature. In some embodiments, the wild-type sequence refers to a sequence of interest that is a starting point for protein engineering.

Genetically Modified Cells

Another aspect of the invention is directed to genetically

The genetically modified cells of the invention are cells comprising one or more copies of the genetically modified genes of the invention. Specifically, the genetically modified cells of the invention may comprise one or more genetically modified CCNT1 genes of the invention, one or more genetically modified XPO1 genes of the invention, or one or more genetically modified CCNT1 genes of the invention and one or more genetically modified XPO1 genes of the invention. The genetically modified cells of the invention may comprise two or more, three or more, or four or more of one or both of the genetically modified CCNT1 and XPO1 genes of the invention. Each genetically modified CCNT1 and XPO1 gene present in the cell may be identical or different with respect to any other genetically modified CCNT1 and XPO1 gene(s) present in the cell.

The genetically modified CCNT1 and XPO1 genes may be incorporated in a chromosome in the cell or may be present extrachromosomally, such as on an extrachromo-

In some versions, the genetically modified cell is devoid of any native CCNT1 and/or XPO1 genes. Accordingly, the genetically modified cell may be devoid of any CCNT1 gene having an amino acid other than a tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 261 of SEQ ID NO:1; any XPO1 gene having an amino acid other than a threonine at a position corresponding to position 411 of SEQ ID NO:7, an amino acid other than a methionine at a position correspond-

ing to position 412 of SEQ ID NO:7, and/or an amino acid other than a phenylalanine at a position corresponding to position 414 of SEQ ID NO:7; or any CCNT1 gene having an amino acid other than a tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 261 of SEQ ID NO:1 and any XPO1 gene 5 having an amino acid other than a threonine at a position corresponding to position 411 of SEQ ID NO:7, an amino acid other than a methionine at a position corresponding to position 412 of SEQ ID NO:7, and/or an amino acid other than a phenylalanine at a position corresponding to position 414 of SEQ ID NO:7.

The genetically modified CCNT1 and/or XPO1 genes may replace one, some, or all or the native CCNT1 and/or XPO1 genes in the cell. In some versions, one, some or all of the native CCNT1 and/or XPO1 genes in the cell are 15 directly edited to generate the genetically modified CCNT1 and/or XPO1 genes of the invention. The native genes can be edited using any gene editing tools known in the art, including CRISPR/Cas9, TALENS, etc. Exemplary methods of editing native CCNT1 and XPO1 genes to genetically 20 modified CCNT1 and XPO1 genes of the invention are provided in the following examples.

The genetically modified cell may be a mammalian cell. In some versions, the cell is a primate cell. In some versions, the cell is a simian cell. In some versions, the cell is a human 25 cell. In some versions, the cell is a non-human simian cell. In some versions, the cell is a feline cell. In some versions, the cell is a bovine cell.

The genetically modified cell may be a primary cell or may be an immortalized or transformed cell from a cell line. 30

The genetically modified cell may be an immune cell or a precursor of an immune cell. Exemplary immune cells (in various levels of generality) include white blood cells, leukocytes, lymphocytes, granulocytes, agranulocytes, myeloid cells, lymphoid cells, innate lymphoid cells, neutrophils, eosinophils (acidophilus), basophils, lymphocytes, monocytes, B cells, T cells, natural killer cells, macrophages, Kupffer cells, dendritic cells, mast cells, CD4+ T cells, CD8+ T cells, γδ T cells, regulatory (suppressor) T cells. Markers for the above-referenced immune cells are 40 well known in the art.

"Precursor" as applied to a particular cell type herein refers to a cell capable of differentiating (whether in vivo, in vitro, or ex vivo) into a particular given cell. Exemplary immune cell precursors include hematopoietic stem cells, 45 pluripotent stem cells, multipotent progenitors, myeloid progenitors, lymphoid progenitors, myeloblasts, monocytes, small lymphocytes, B cell progenitors, and T cell progenitors. Markers for the above-referenced cells are well known in the art.

In some versions of the invention, the genetically modified cell is a T cell or a precursor thereof. Exemplary T cells include CD4+ T cells, CD8+ T cells, $\gamma\delta$ T cells, regulatory (suppressor) T cells. Exemplary precursors of T cells include hematopoietic stem cells, pluripotent stem cells, multipotent progenitors, lymphoid progenitors, and T cell progenitors. Markers for the above-referenced cells are well known in the art

In some versions, the genetically modified cell may be a neuron or a precursor of a neuron and/or a glial cell or a 60 precursor of a glial cell. In some versions, the genetically modified cell may be an astrocyte.

In some versions of the invention, the genetically modified cell is of a cell type susceptible to infection with a virus or a precursor of a cell type susceptible to infection with a 65 virus. The phrase "of a cell type susceptible to infection with a virus" as applied to a particular genetically modified cell

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means that the cell type in unmodified form is susceptible to infection with the virus, whether or not the particular genetically modified cell itself is susceptible to infection with the virus. The term "susceptible" in the phrase "of a cell type susceptible to infection with a virus" means that the cell is capable of being infected with a virus. The term "infected" in the phrase "of a cell type susceptible to infection with a virus" means that the virus is capable of entering a cell of the cell type and, at least in the case of retroviruses, integrating part or all of its genome (in DNA form) into the cell's genome as a provirus.

In some versions, the virus to which the cell type of the genetically modified cell is susceptible to infection is a lentivirus. In some versions, the lentivirus is a primate immunodeficiency virus. Exemplary primate immunodeficiency viruses to which the cell type of the genetically modified cell is susceptible to infection include human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), such as HIV-1 and HIV-2, and simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV). In some versions, the lentivirus is a feline immunodeficiency virus. In some versions, the lentivirus is a bovine immunodeficiency virus.

In some versions, the virus to which the cell type of the genetically modified cell is susceptible to infection is a deltaretrovirus. In some versions, the deltaretrovirus is a primate T-lymphotropic virus. Exemplary primate T-lymphotropic viruses to which the cell type of the genetically modified cell is susceptible to infection include human T-lymphotropic virus (HTLV), including HTLV-1, HTLV-2, HTLV-3, and HTLV-4, and simian T-lymphotropic virus (STLV), including STLV-1, STLV-2, STLV-3, and STLV-5. Methods of Treatment

Another aspect of the invention is directed to methods of treating subjects infected with a lentivirus. The methods include introducing a genetically modified cell of the invention in a subject infected with a lentivirus.

The lentivirus to which the treated subject is infected may comprise any lentivirus, including any of those explicitly described herein.

The term "introduce" used with respect to treating a subject encompasses introducing genetically modified cells generated outside the body of the subject (in vitro or ex vivo) into the body, as well as generating genetically modified cells inside the body of the subject (in vivo). In some versions, the introducing comprises introducing the cell into the bloodstream of the subject. In some versions, the introducing comprises injecting or infusing the cell into the bloodstream of the subject.

The genetically modified cell introduced in the subject may comprise any genetically modified cell of the invention.

The genetically modified cell introduced in the subject is preferably of a cell type susceptible to infection with the lentivirus or a precursor of a cell type susceptible to infection with the lentivirus.

The genetically modified subject may be a mammal. In some versions, the subject is a primate. In some versions, the subject is a simian. In some versions, the subject is a human. In some versions, the subject is a non-human simian. In some versions, the subject is a feline. In some versions, the subject is a canine.

The genetically modified cell may be a mammalian cell. In some versions, the cell is a primate cell. In some versions, the cell is a simian cell. In some versions, the cell is a human cell. In some versions, the cell is non-human simian cell. In some versions the cell is a feline cell. In some versions the cell is a bovine cell. In some versions, the cell is a canine cell.

In some versions, the genetically modified cell is autologous to the treated subject. In some versions, the genetically modified cell is non-autologous to the treated subject.

The terms "treating," or "ameliorating" and similar terms used herein may include prophylaxis and full or partial 5 treatment. The terms may also include reducing symptoms, ameliorating symptoms, reducing the severity of symptoms, reducing the incidence of the disease, or any other change in the condition of the patient, which improves the therapeutic outcome. In some versions of the invention, the treating 10 comprises increasing the proportion of genetically modified cells in the subject over a period of time. The period of time may comprise from 1 day, to a month, several months, or a year or more. In some versions of the invention, the treating comprises reducing the viral load of the lentivirus in the 15 subject.

Some versions of the invention comprise isolating a cell from the subject, genetically modifying a native CCNT1 and/or XPO1 gene in the cell to generate a genetically modified cell of the invention, and introducing the genetically modified cell in the subject. Some versions may further comprise expanding the genetically modified cells ex vivo prior to introducing the expanded genetically modified cells in the subject. In exemplary versions, the subject is a human, the lentivirus is a primate immunodeficiency virus, such as 25 HIV-1 or HIV-2, and the cell is a CD4+ T cell.

Methods for isolating cells from a subject, expanding the cells ex vivo after genetic modification, and introducing the expanded cells in the subject are well known in the art. See Tricket et al. 2002 (Trickett A E, Kwan Y L, Cameron B, 30 Dwyer J M. Ex vivo expansion of functional T lymphocytes from HIV-infected individuals. J Immunol Methods. 2002 Apr. 1; 262(1-2):71-83), Lieberman et al. 1997 (Lieberman J, Skolnik P R, Parkerson G R 3rd, Fabry J A, Landry B, Bethel J, Kagan J. Safety of autologous, ex vivo-expanded 35 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-specific cytotoxic T-lymphocyte infusion in HIV-infected patients. Blood. 1997 Sep. 15; 90(6):2196-206), van Lunzen et al. 2007 (van Lunzen J, Glaunsinger T, Stahmer I, von Baehr V, Baum C, Schilz A, Kuehlcke K, Naundorf S, Martinius H, Hermann 40 F, Giroglou T, Newrzela S, Müller I, Brauer F, Brandenburg G, Alexandrov A, von Laer D. Transfer of autologous gene-modified T cells in HIV-infected patients with advanced immunodeficiency and drug-resistant virus. Mol Ther. 2007 May. 15(5):1024-33), Tebas et al. 2014 (Tebas P, 45 Stein D, Tang W W, Frank I, Wang S Q, Lee G, Spratt S K, Surosky R T, Giedlin M A, Nichol G, Holmes M C, Gregory P D, Ando D G, Kalos M, Collman R G, Binder-Scholl G, Plesa G, Hwang WT, Levine BL, June CH. Gene editing of CCR5 in autologous CD4 T cells of persons infected with 50 HIV. N Engl J Med. 2014 Mar. 6; 370(10):901-10), von Laer et al. 2006, (von Laer, D, Hasselmann, S and Hasselmann, K (2006). Gene therapy for HIV infection: what does it need to make it work? J Gene Med 8: 658-667), and Levine et al. 2006 (Levine, B L, Humeau, L M, Boyer J, Macgregor, R R, 55 Rebello, T, Lu, X et al. (2006). Gene transfer in humans using a conditionally replicating lentiviral vector. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 103: 17372-17377).

An exemplary method for isolating cells from a subject, expanding the cells ex vivo after genetic modification, and 60 introducing the expanded cells is as follows. Patients undergo lymphapheresis, and about 1.0×10^{10} or more mononuclear cells are collected. After overnight storage, cells are washed with a CytoMate device (Baxter, Heidelberg, Germany) and incubated with magnetic beads labeled with 65 anti-CD8 antibodies (Miltenyi Biotech, Bergisch-Gladbach, Germany) for 30 minutes. After a second wash step, CD8+

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cells are depleted using the CliniMacs (Miltenyi Biotech). A maximum of 2.5×10⁸ CD3+ cells are then incubated with anti-CD³/_anti-CD28-coated Xcyte Dynabeads (Xcyte Therapies, Seattle, WA) at a CD3+cell to bead ratio of 1:3 for 30 minutes on a lab rotator. Labeled cells are then enriched via the MaxSep permanent magnet (Baxter) and carefully resuspended in X-Vivo 15 medium (Cambrex) complemented with 100 U/ml rhIL-2 (Chiron, Munich, Germany), 2 mM 1-glutamine (Cambrex), 5% human serum (Cambrex), and 20 mM HEPES (Invitrogen, Karlsruhe, Germany) at a cell density of 5×10⁵ cells/ml and seeded into tissue culture bags (Baxter). A mixture of antivirals (1 μM nelfinavir (Viracept), Roche, Basel, Switzerland; 0.33 µM amprenavir (Agenerase), GlaxoSmithKline, Munich, Germany; 10 µg/ml T-20 (Fuzeon), Roche) are added to the cell suspension to avoid viral replication. After 4 days of culture at 37° C. and 5% CO₂, Xcyte Dynabeads are removed from the cell suspension. Cells are then subject to gene editing to generate the genetically modified cells of the invention. After gene editing, the cells are expanded for a maximum of 7 days in a static culture until the required cell number is achieved. Finally, the remaining Xcyte Dynabeads are removed and cells are harvested with a Cyto-Mate device and cryopreserved in dimethyl sulfoxide (WAK Chemie, Steinbach, Germany), PlasmaLyte A (Baxter), Plasmasteril (6% hydroxyethyl starch; Fresenius Kabi, Bad Homburg, Germany), and human serum albumin (20%, Baxter) for longterm storage. The genetically modified cells are infused in the patient in an amount of from about 1×10^8 to about 1×10^{12} , such as from about 1×10^9 to about 1×10^{11} . Amounts above and below these amounts are also acceptable.

The elements and method steps described herein can be used in any combination whether explicitly described or not.

All combinations of method steps as used herein can be performed in any order, unless otherwise specified or clearly implied to the contrary by the context in which the referenced combination is made.

As used herein, the singular forms "a," "an," and "the" include plural referents unless the content clearly dictates otherwise.

Numerical ranges as used herein are intended to include every number and subset of numbers contained within that range, whether specifically disclosed or not. Further, these numerical ranges should be construed as providing support for a claim directed to any number or subset of numbers in that range. For example, a disclosure of from 1 to 10 should be construed as supporting a range of from 2 to 8, from 3 to 7, from 5 to 6, from 1 to 9, from 3.6 to 4.6, from 3.5 to 9.9, and so forth.

All patents, patent publications, and peer-reviewed publications (i.e., "references") cited herein are expressly incorporated by reference to the same extent as if each individual reference were specifically and individually indicated as being incorporated by reference. In case of conflict between the present disclosure and the incorporated references, the present disclosure controls.

It is understood that the invention is not confined to the particular construction and arrangement of parts herein illustrated and described, but embraces such modified forms thereof as come within the scope of the claims.

EXAMPLES

Editing Host Factors to Silence HIV Gene Expression Methods

Cell lines and cell culture. Jurkat E6.1 T-lymphocyte (J.E6-1) cells were obtained from the American Type Cul-

ture Collection (ATCC) and were cultured in RPMI 1640 medium (Gibco) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS, Sigma), 1% L-glutamine (Sigma), and 1% penicillinstreptomycin antibiotics. 293T cells were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) supplemented 5 with 10% fetal bovine serum, 1% L-glutamine and penicillin-streptomycin antibiotics. Cells were maintained at 37° C. and 5% CO₂ in a humidified incubator.

Gene Editing. CRISPR-Cas9 and homology directed repair (HDR) were used to edit hCCNT1 and hXPO1 to 10 generate genetically modified CCNT1 and XPO1 genes of the invention.

The method used for editing hCCNT1 is depicted in FIG. 4. The HDR donor template for editing hCCNT1 had a sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:13

(SEQ ID NO: 13)

 ${\tt TTGCAGGCgTaCGAaGCTGCCAAGAAAACAAAAGCAGATGACCGAGGAACA} \quad 20$

GATGAAAAGACTTCAGA

Methods for editing hXPO1 are depicted in FIGS. 5A and 5B. These methods used two different donor templates. The donor template used in the method depicted in FIG. 5A had 25 a sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:14:

(SEG ID NO: 14) TGCTTTCTGGAAGTCAACATTTTGATGTTCCTCCCAGGAGACAGCTGTAT

TTGACTGTGTTATCAAAGGTAACAGAGCGGITGGITGAGTGTTCTICCTG

TTGCATACTGTGGTTTTGA

had a sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:15:

(SEO ID NO: 15)

ATTCTCTACATCTGCgTCTCCGTTGCTTTCTGGAAGTCAACATTTTGATGT

TCCTCCCAGGAGACAGCTgTATTTGaccgtgttatcaAAGGTAACAGAGCG

GTTGcTTGAGTGTTCTT

Alt-RTM recombinant S.p. Cas9 nuclease-3NLS (IDT, #1074181), Alt-RTM CRISPR-Cas9 crRNA (IDT, custom 45 ordered), ATTOTM-550 labeled Alt-RTM tracrRNA (IDT, #1075928), and Alt-RT^M Cas9 Electroporation Enhancer reagent (IDT, #1075915), and nuclease-free IDTE pH 7.5 buffer (IDT, #11-01-02-02) were prepared according to the manufacturer's instructions as described in Integrated fDNA 50 Technologies User Guide ("Alt-R™ CRISPR-Cas9 System: Delivery of ribonucleoprotein complexes in Jurkat T cells using Neon® Transfection System," published on the world wide web at idtdna.com). The indicated 119-nt singlestranded oligodeoxynucleotide (ssODN) templates for 55 homology-directed repair (HDR) were custom ordered (Sigma) and prepared as a 100 uM stock solution in TE buffer.

Jurkat cell culture preparations, crRNA:tracrRNA duplex preparations, and ribonucleoprotein (RNP) complex prepa- 60 rations were performed according to the reagent manufacturer's instructions in the Integrated DNA Technologies User Guide. The electroporations and final delivered material mixtures were performed according to the manufacturer's instructions in the Integrated DNA Technologies User 65 Guide with slight modification to include ssODN HDR donor templates.

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For each electroporation reaction, the crRNA:tracrRNA duplexes were assembled by combining 2.2 µL 200 µM crRNA stock, 2.2 µL 200 µM tracrRNA stock, and 5.6 nuclease-free IDTE buffer for a final volume of 10 μL . Combined reagents were heated to 95° C. for 5 minutes in a bench-top thermocycler and removed to passively cool to room temperature.

For each electroporation reaction, the ribonucleoprotein (RNP) complexes were assembled by combining 0.3 µL rCas9 and 0.2 μL resuspension buffer R for a final volume of $0.5 \mu L$ which was subsequently mixed with $0.5 \mu L$ of the prepared crRNA:tracrRNA duplex mixtures. This 1 μL total RNP mixture was incubated for approximately 15 minutes at room temperature.

For each electroporation reaction, 5×10⁵ Jurkat cells were washed with 1× PBS and resuspended in 8 μL resuspension buffer R (Invitrogen). 8 μL cell suspensions were combined with 1 µL of the prepared total RNP mixture, 2 µL of the prepared 10.8 µM Electroporation Enhancer, and 1 uL 100 μM ssODN HDR template for a total of 12 μL total. Negative controls for genome editing were included by substituting the crRNA:tracrRNA duplexes from the total RNP mixture with 10 µL nuclease-free IDTE buffer.

These reagents were delivered to J.E6-1 cells using the Neon® Transfection System and Neon® Transfection 10 µL Kit (Invitrogen) according to manufacturer's instructions in the Integrated DNA Technologies User Guide. Electroporation parameters were 1600 V, 10-ms pulse width, 3 pulses and electroporated cells were cultured post-electroporation in pre-warmed antibiotic-free media (RPMI 1640 supplemented with 10% FBS) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Cells were subsequently either bulk-sorted by fluorescence-associated cell sorting (FACS) to concentrate ATTOTM-550 positive cells in antibiotic-replete media The donor template used in the method depicted in FIG. 5B 35 (RPMI 1640 supplemented with 10% FBS and 1% penicillin-streptomycin-L-glutamine) or unsorted cell cultures were directly screened for ssODN-mediated HDR. Cell populations exhibiting positive HDR sequences based on described screening strategies were subsequently single-cell 40 cloned, screened, and subsequently analyzed.

> Cell proliferation assays. 5.0×10⁴ cells per 1 mL were plated in 12-well tissue culture dishes and maintained under normal (37° C./5% CO₂) culture conditions. At 4 and 6 days post-plating, cells were resuspended to homogenized suspensions and stained with trypan blue (Sigma) to label any dead cells with unstained cells and enumerated using a hemacytometer.

> Preparation of virus stocks. 2-color HIV-1 latency reporter virus ("Dual Reporter Virus") stocks were generated by co-transfecting 293T producer cells using polyethylenimine (PEI; catalog no. 23966. Polysciences, Inc.) and the following plasmids at a 4:2:1 ratio: pE-/EF1a-mChe/ eGFP reporter (Calvanese et al. 2013), 2000 ng psPax2, and 1000 ng pMD.G encoding VSV-G (Ory et al. 1996). Media was exchanged 6 h post-transfection with cell culture supernatants harvested at 48 h, filtered to prevent cell contamination, aliquoted, and stored at -20° C.

> For single-round primate lentivirus reporter stocks, 293T cells were co-transfected with plasmids encoding HIV-2.ROD and SIVagm.Tan-1 Env-deficient eGFP-encoding lentiviral reporters (Kane et al. 2013) at a 9:1 ratio with pMD.G encoding VSV-G.

> 2-color HIV-1 gene expression reporter virus ("Early-Late Reporter Virus") stocks were generated by co-transfecting 293T producer cells using PEI, as above, and the following plasmids at a 4:4:1 ratio: pNL4-3 E-R-/Gag(MA-mVenus-CA)/mChe (Knoener et al., 2017; 3×CFP gene cassette

exchanged for a single mVenus reporter gene using standard molecular cloning techniques), psPax2, and pMD.G encoding VSV-G.

For all virus preparation transfections, media was exchanged at approximately 4 hours post-transfection with 5 cell culture supernatants harvested at approximately 48 hours post-transfection, filtered to prevent cell contamination, aliquoted, and stored at $\sim 20^{\circ}$ C.

Viral infectivity and gene expression assays. For reporter virus experiments, 1.0×10⁶ cells were infected with equivalent amounts of virus at a multiplicity of infection of ~0.5, with cells transferred to microcentrifuge tubes at 24 hours post-infection, pelleted by centrifugation (500×G for 10 min at RT), washed with 1× PBS, and resuspended in fresh medium. 36 h post-treatment with DMSO, cells were transferred to fresh microcentrifuge tubes and pelleted by centrifugation (500×G for 10 min at RT). Supernatants were removed and cells were subsequently washed twice with 1× PBS, stained with Ghost 780 cell viability dye (Tonbo Biosciences) and washed according to the manufacturer's 20 instructions, fixed with 4% reconstituted paraformaldehyde (PFA) and washed thrice with 1× PBS. Cells were analyzed using an analysis flow cytometer (LSRII, BD biosciences) gating for single, viable cells.

For early-late reporter virus experiments, 1.0×10^6 cells 25 were infected with equivalent amounts of virus at a multiplicity of infection of ~0.1 or ~0.5. 48 hours post-infection, cells were transferred to microcentrifuge tubes and pelleted by centrifugation (500×G for 10 min at RT). Supernatants were removed and cells were subsequently washed twice 30 with 1× PBS, stained with Ghost 780 cell viability dye (Tonbo Biosciences, San Diego, CA), and washed according to the manufacturer's instructions, fixed with 4% reconstituted paraformaldehyde (PFA) and washed thrice with 1× PBS. Cells were analyzed using an analysis flow cytometer (Attune N×T, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) gating for single, viable cells.

All flow cytometry plots and gated cell statistics were generated using flow cytometry analysis software (FlowJo, world wide web at flojo.com).

Transfection-based Tat activity assay. For transient promoter activation assays, Jurkat cells (5.0×10⁵ cells per well) were transfected using the Neon electroporation system (Invitrogen) following manufacturer's instructions using 1600 volts, a pulse width of 10 ms and 3 pulses. Each 45 transfection mix consisted of 75 ng of plasmid encoding an HIV-1 U3 Tat/TAR-responsive secreted gaussia luciferase (gLuc) reporter (Nekhai et al. 2006), 250 ng of pmCherry expression plasmid (pmCherry-C1, Takara Bio), 75 ng of a cypridina expression plasmid (tk-Cluc, New England Bio- 50 labs, NEB) with or without plasmids encoding CCNT1 variants or Tat expression plasmids at 1200 and 25 ng/well, respectively. Vector plasmid DNA or Calf thymus DNA (NEB) was used to maintain a constant 2.5 plasmid DNA per transfection. 24 hours post-transfection, 10 µl of media was 55 removed, diluted with 40 ul of PBS and assayed for secreted gaussia luciferase (gluc) by injecting 30 µl coelenterazine solution (Renilla luciferase assay system, Promega, Madison, WI), waiting 1.6 s and then reading luminescence for 1 s. Secreted cypridina luciferase (cLuc) activity from the 60 internal control plasmid was determined using the cypridina Luciferase kit (NEB) according to the manufacturer's instructions using the same injection conditions as for gLuc. The activity of the retroviral promoter in each well was then determined as the ratio of gLuc:cLuc.

Analysis of genomic DNA modifications to CCNT1 and XPO1. Genomic DNA was extracted from prepared bulk

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heterogeneous or clonal Jurkat cell lines. Briefly, Jurkat cells were washed with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) in microcentrifuge tubes, resuspended in 10 μL 1× polymerase chain reaction (PCR) buffer (GoTaq Green Buffer, Promega) in standard PCR tubes, and subjected to a single freeze-thaw cycle at -80° C. 1 μL proteinase K (New England BioLabs, NEB) were added to each tube and incubated at 65° C. for 60 min, 95° C. for 15 min, and were maintained at 4° C. During 4° C. hold, the remaining 40 μL for a 50 μL PCR reaction (GoTaq Flexi Kit, Promega) were added to each tube, using the following CCNT1 or XPO1 primer sets:

CCNT1 forward screening primer: 5'-TGA GAT TAG AAG TAG GCT TGA GAG G-3' (SEQ ID NO:16). CCNT1 reverse screening primer: 5'-GCT AAA TTC TCA CTA GTC CGA TGA C-3' (SEQ ID NO:17). XPO1 forward screening primer: 5'-TTC TCT CCT CTG TGA TGG TAC ATT T-3' (SEQ ID NO:18). XPO1 reverse screening primer: 5'-TCA AGA TTG TAG TGA GCT ATG ACC A-3' (SEQ ID NO:19).

CCNT1 or XPO1 genomic loci amplicons were amplified using the following PCR cycle conditions: CCNT1 PCR cycle conditions: 98° C. for 2 min, 98° C. for 15 sec, 66° C. for 45 sec, 72° C. for 2 min, repeat steps 2-4 an additional 35 times, 72° C. for 10 min, 4° C. hold. XPO1 PCR cycle conditions: 98° C. for 2 min, 98° C. for 15 sec, 60° C. for 45 sec, 72° C. for 2 min, repeat steps 2-4 an additional 35 times, 72° C. for 10 min, 4° C. hold.

Restriction enzyme digestion reactions containing candidate CCNT1 genomic DNA amplicons were carried out following the manufacturer's recommended protocol with BsiWI-HF enzyme (NEB) or no enzyme controls. Predicted BsiWI digestion products were based on the FIG. 4 design scheme: 712 bp and 288 bp. Restriction enzyme digestion reactions containing candidate XPO1 genomic DNA amplicons were carried out following the manufacturer's recommended protocol with PvuII enzyme (NEB) or no enzyme controls. Predicted PvuII digestion products were based on the FIG. 5A or FIG. 5B design scheme: 497 bp and 480 bp.

DNA amplicons and/or DNA products following restric-40 tion enzyme digestion were resolved using standard agarose gel electrophoresis. Results

The invention encompasses the generation of primary mammalian cells or cell lines wherein orthologs of conserved genes known to regulate human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) gene expression are altered at their native loci within chromosomes in order to render the cells intrinsically resistant to HIV-1 replication in vitro and in vivo. This strategy also blocks replication of other important human retroviral pathogens including HIV type 2 (HIV-2) and human T lymphotropic virus types 1 and 2 (HTLV-1 and HTLV-2), as well as related retroviruses of the genuses lentiviridae and deltaretoviridae that cause immunodeficiency, cancers, or other diseases in other animals. The invention is premised on our discovery that blocks to HIV-1 replication observed in mice can be made manifest in human cells using a gene knock-in strategy, with little to no discernable effect on host biology.

In people infected with HIV-1, the human CCNT1 (hCCNT1) transcription factor is recruited by the viral Tat protein to the viral promoter in order to activate robust viral mRNA transcription (Nekhai et al. 2006, Wei et al. 1998) (FIG. 3, panel A). By contrast, in mice mouse CCNT1 (mCcnt1) binds poorly to Tat, a defect previously mapped to a single species-specific amino acid (tyrosine at position 261 instead of cysteine as found in hCCNT1; a difference herein referred to as "C261Y") (Bieniasz et al. 1998, Garber et al.

1998) (FIG. 3, panel B). Similarly, the human XPO1 (hXPO1) nuclear export receptor is recruited by the viral Rev protein to intron-retaining viral mRNAs to mediate their nuclear export and hence ensure late stage gene expression needed to accomplish infectious virion production 5 (Fornerod et al. 1997, Neville et al. 1997, Pollard et al. 1998) (FIG. 3, panel A). By contrast, mouse XPO1 (mXpo1) interacts poorly with Rev/RNA complexes due to a species-specific cluster of three mXPo1-specific amino acids; threo-nine-411 instead of proline, valine-412 instead of methionine, and serine-414 instead of phenylalanine (Elinav et al. 2012, Sherer et al. 2011) (FIG. 3, panel C). Thus, in mouse cells HIV-1 is unable to express viral gene products and infectious virus particles cannot be generated.

To determine if naturally-occurring, species-specific 15 genetic blocks to HIV-1 gene expression can be made manifest in human cells, we designed and engineered CRISPR/Cas9 clonal human Jurkat E6-1 T cell lines carrying homozygous hCCNT1-C261Y alleles and compared them to wild-type parental cells in HIV-1 gene expression 20 assays. A depiction of how the hCCNT1-C261Y Jurkat cells were modified is shown in FIGS. 4 and 6. A depiction of how cells can similarly be modified to encode hXPO1-P411T-M412V-F414S is shown in FIGS. 5 and 6. FIG. 6 also shows how two or more gene edits (e.g., modifying both hCCNT1 25 and hXPO1) can be multiplexed to block multiple stages of the HIV-1 replication cycle in the same cell. Two hCCNT1-C261Y cell lines (clones 4.7F and 4.8C) were isolated and characterized. These cells proliferated identically to parental cells, thus demonstrating that the C261Y hCCNT1 codon 30 change has no effect on basic features of cellular metabolism (FIG. 7, panel A). In contrast, clones 4.7F and 4.8C potently restricted HIV-1 Tat-dependent gene expression (FIG. 7, panels B and C).

We confirmed that the hCCNT1-C261Y block specifically 35 inhibited HIV-1 Tat function using two independent HIV-1 gene reporter assays (FIG. 7, panels B and C). First, wildtype and hCCNT1-C261Y cells were infected using "singleround" HIV-1 reporter viruses that report on both HIV-1 Tat-dependent gene expression (based on GFP synthesis) 40 and Tat-independent gene expression (based on mCherry synthesis) (Calvanese et al. 2013). Similar percentages of cells for all three cell lines exhibited constitutive mCherry reporter gene expression at 2.5 days post-infection, thus confirming equivalent levels of infection (FIG. 7, panel B, 45 red bars). By contrast, the hCCNT1-C261Y cells were highly resistant to Tat activity as illustrated by a >16-fold drop to Tat-dependent GFP expression (FIG. 7, panel B, green bars). Second, to address specificity we co-transfected wild-type or hCCNT1-C261Y cell lines with DNA gene 50 expression plasmids encoding Tat and a Tat-responsive Luciferase reporter, with or without plasmids encoding wild-type hCCNT1 (FIG. 7, panel C). Tat activity was almost completely abolished in both hCCNT1-C261Y cell lines compared to parental cells but could be rescued by 55 co-expressing wild-type hCCNT1 (FIG. 7, panel C). Collectively, these data demonstrate that Tat-dependent viral gene expression is largely abolished in human cells simply by altering a single codon in CCNT1 to encode tyrosine and not cysteine.

Because many if not all lentiviruses resemble HIV-1 in their dependence on Tat-CCNT1 interactions in order to activate viral gene expression, we also tested if hCCNT1-C261Y modified cells could suppress HIV-2 and the simian immunodeficiency virus of the African green monkey 65 (SIVagm) Tat-dependent viral gene expression using previously validated GFP reporter viruses (Kane et al. 2013)

(FIG. 8). HIV-2 and SIVagm Tat-dependent viral gene expression was highly suppressed in the 4.7F hCCNT1-C261Y Jurkat T cell line. These results illustrate broad-spectrum antiviral potential for hCCNT1-C261Y gene modifications.

C261Y alleles predict similar results with hXPO1, wherein clonal human Jurkat E6-1 T cell lines carrying homozygous hXPO1 genes encoding hXPO1 with either a P411T mutation (hXPO1-P411V), a M412V mutation (hXPO1-M412V), a F414S mutation (hXPO1-F414S), P411T and M412V mutations (hXPO1-P411T-M412V), P411T and F414S mutations (hXPO1-P411T-F414S), M412V and F414S mutations (hXPO1-M412V-F414S), or P411T, M412V-F414S) are predicted to proliferate identically to parental cells with one or more combination of the three variant amino acids restricting HIV-1, HIV-2, and SIV late stage gene expression.

We sought to define an analytical method by which HIV-1 resistance profiles can be resolved and characterized in non-clonal T cell populations. To this end, we mixed wildtype and hCCNT1-C261Y cells at defined ratios (20:80, 50:50, and 80:20) to simulate a heterogeneous cell mixture using known clonal cell lines. Next, we infected these mixed cultures with a HIV-1 reporter virus that distinguishes between early and late viral gene expression (Early-Late Reporter Virus) and examined the HIV resistance profile at a population level by flow cytometric analyses (FIGS. 9B-D). We confirmed the relative abundance of wild-type and hCCNT1-C261Y alleles in each cell mixture by PCR and restriction enzyme digestion reactions (FIG. 9A). In this analysis, we defined a gating strategy (FIG. 9B) that enables us to resolve population-level changes to the percentages of cells expressing no viral genes, only early viral genes, or early and late viral genes ("Gate 1", "Gate 2", and "Gate 3". respectively). Given the ability of hCCNT1-C261Y cells to resist HIV-1 gene expression, we observed a striking and titratable reduction to the percentages of cells expressing both early and late viral genes as the relative abundance of the resistant cell population in the mixtures is increased (FIGS. 9C and 9D). In conclusion, we present a method to quantify HIV resistance in heterogeneous cell populations using defined mixtures clonal Jurkat populations.

Using the population-level flow cytometry analysis described (FIGS. 9A-9D), we examined whether cells modified to produce hXPO1-P411T-M412V-F414S could also imbue HIV-1 resistance to Jurkat T cells. According to the design scheme presented above (FIGS. 5A and 6), we carried out CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing in a similar manner to induce hXPO1-P411T-M412V-F414S gene modifications, and infected the heterogeneous cell mixtures, or wild-type control cells, with the early-late reporter virus with two virus doses. We confirmed the presence of hXPO1-P411T-M412V-F414S modifications in the CRISPR/Cas9-treated cells by PCR and restriction enzyme digestion reactions (FIG. 10A) and evaluated the infected cell populations according to the gating strategy described for FIG. 10B. Consistent with a block to HIV-1 Rev function, we observed a reduction to the percentages of cells expressing both early and late genes and an approximately similar increase to the 60 cells expressing only early genes (FIGS. 10C and 10D). In sum, we demonstrate that species-informed modifications to hXPO1 can be employed to repress HIV-1 gene expression.

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EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

Embodiment 1. A genetically modified CCNT1 gene encoding a protein comprising a sequence with at least 80%,

at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:1 and comprising a tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 261 of SEQ ID NO:1.

Embodiment 2. The genetically modified CCNT1 gene of embodiment 1, wherein the protein encoded by the geneti- 5 cally modified CCNT1 gene comprises one, some, or all of: an amino acid other than glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 3 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 29 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position 10 corresponding to position 31 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine and/or asparagine at a position corresponding to position 37 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than histidine at a position corresponding to position 79 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than 15 arginine and glutamine and/or tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 80 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 81 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than methionine at a position corresponding to position 83 of SEO ID NO:1; an 20 amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 110 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 113 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 250 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino 25 acid other than arginine at a position corresponding to position 256 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glutamine at a position corresponding to position 262 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than methionine, arginine, and/or glutamine at a position corresponding to posi- 30 tion 265 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 269 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 274 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine and/or alanine at a position corresponding to 3 position 276 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than asparagine at a position corresponding to position 277 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine at a position corresponding to position 290 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to 40 position 304 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine and/or threonine at a position corresponding to position 305 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 306 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position 45 corresponding to position 307 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than arginine and/or valine at a position corresponding to position 313 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine, alanine, and/or valine at a position corresponding to position 315 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid 50 other than serine at a position corresponding to position 322 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than asparagine at a position corresponding to position 325 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 327 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other 55 than glutamine at a position corresponding to position 330 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 332 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 340 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than 60 alanine at a position corresponding to position 345 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 346 of SEO ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 354 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than isoleucine 65 and/or methionine at a position corresponding to position 358 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glutamine at

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a position corresponding to position 365 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 370 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 373 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 378 of SEO ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 443 of SEO ID NO:1; an amino acid other than aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 453 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine and/or alanine at a position corresponding to position 458 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 464 of SEO ID NO:1: an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 468 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than valine at a position corresponding to position 473 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 488 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 490 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 496 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glutamine at a position corresponding to position 510 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than arginine at a position corresponding to position 511 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than arginine at a position corresponding to position 527 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 531 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 535 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 537 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than valine at a position corresponding to position 538 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 539 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 543 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine at a position corresponding to position 553 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine at a position corresponding to position 564 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 565 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 577 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 582 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 603 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 606 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine and/or alanine at a position corresponding to position 611 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 613 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 624 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than methionine at a position corresponding to position 637 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 644 of SEO ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 651 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 654 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 678 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 679 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 682 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than histidine at a position corresponding to position 685 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 686 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than

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Embodiment 3. The genetically modified CCNT1 gene of any prior embodiment, wherein the protein encoded by the 15 genetically modified CCNT1 gene comprises one, some or all of: proline at a position corresponding to position 31 of SEQ ID NO:1; tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 37 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 79 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a 20 position corresponding to position 80 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 81 of SEQ ID NO:1; valine at a position corresponding to position 83 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 110 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position 25 corresponding to position 250 of SEQ ID NO:1; tryptophan at a position corresponding to position 256 of SEQ ID NO:1; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 262 of SEQ ID NO:1; lysine at a position corresponding to position 265 of SEQ ID NO:1; alanine at a position corresponding to 30 position 269 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 274 of SEQ ID NO:1; lysine at a position corresponding to position 277 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 290 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 305 of 35 SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 306 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 307 of SEQ ID NO:1; leucine at a position corresponding to position 313 of SEQ ID NO:1; valine at a position corresponding to position 315 of SEQ ID 40 NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 316 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 322 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 325 of SEQ ID NO:1; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 327 of SEQ ID NO:1; 45 proline at a position corresponding to position 330 of SEQ ID NO:1; lysine at a position corresponding to position 332 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 340 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 345 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a 50 position corresponding to position 346 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 354 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 358 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 365 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a 55 position corresponding to position 370 of SEO ID NO:1; isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 373 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 378 of SEQ ID NO:1; histidine at a position corresponding to position 429 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at 60 a position corresponding to position 443 of SEQ ID NO:1; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 453 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 458 of SEQ ID NO:1; isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 464 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at 65 a position corresponding to position 468 of SEQ ID NO:1; alanine at a position corresponding to position 473 of SEQ

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Embodiment 4. A genetically modified XPO1 gene encoding a protein comprising a sequence with at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:7 and having at least one, at least two, or all three of: threonine at a position corresponding to position 411 of SEQ ID NO:7; valine at a position corresponding to position 412 of SEQ ID NO:7; and serine at a position corresponding to position 414 of SEQ ID NO:7.

Embodiment 5. The genetically modified XPO1 gene of embodiment 4, wherein the protein encoded by the genetically modified XPO1 gene comprises one, some, or all of: an amino acid other than aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 100 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 118 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 151 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 191 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than

serine at a position corresponding to position 215 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 284 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than valine at a position corresponding to position 306 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glycine at a 5 position corresponding to position 334 of SEO ID NO:7; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 337 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 346 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than isoleucine at a position 10 corresponding to position 402 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 474 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than lysine at a position corresponding to position 478 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glutamine at a position 15 corresponding to position 481 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 869 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 909 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than proline at a position 20 corresponding to position 961 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 966 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 969 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than valine and/or methionine at a position 25 corresponding to position 972 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 974 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 976 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than threonine at a 30 position corresponding to position 1040 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 1043 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glutamine at a position corresponding to position 1046 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than leucine at a position 35 corresponding to position 1052 of SEQ ID NO:7; and an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 1060 of SEQ ID NO:7.

Embodiment 6. The genetically modified XPO1 gene of any one of embodiments 4-5, wherein the protein encoded 40 by the genetically modified XPO1 gene comprises one, some, or all of: glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 100 of SEQ ID NO:7; threonine at a position corresponding to position 118 of SEQ ID NO:7; serine at a position corresponding to position 151 of SEQ ID NO:7; 45 serine at a position corresponding to position 191 of SEQ ID NO:7; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 215 of SEQ ID NO:7; valine at a position corresponding to position 284 of SEQ ID NO:7; leucine at a position corresponding to position 306 of SEQ ID NO:7; aspartic acid at 50 a position corresponding to position 334 of SEQ ID NO:7; isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 337 of SEQ ID NO:7; threonine at a position corresponding to position 346 of SEQ ID NO:7; valine at a position corresponding to position 402 of SEQ ID NO:7; arginine at a 55 position corresponding to position 474 of SEO ID NO:7; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 478 of SEQ ID NO:7; histidine at a position corresponding to position 481 of SEQ ID NO:7; threonine at a position corresponding to position 869 of SEQ ID NO:7; alanine at 60 a position corresponding to position 909 of SEQ ID NO:7; serine at a position corresponding to position 961 of SEQ ID NO:7; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 966 of SEQ ID NO:7; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 969 of SEQ ID NO:7; isoleucine at a position 65 corresponding to position 972 of SEQ ID NO:7; leucine at a position corresponding to position 974 of SEQ ID NO:7;

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glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 976 of SEQ ID NO:7; isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 1040 of SEQ ID NO:7; arginine at a position corresponding to position 1043 of SEQ ID NO:7; aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 1046 of SEQ ID NO:7; arginine at a position corresponding to position 1052 of SEQ ID NO:7; and phenylalanine at a position corresponding to position 1060 of SEQ ID NO:7.

Embodiment 7. A genetically modified cell comprising at least one of: one or more copies of the genetically modified gene of any one of embodiments 1-3; and one or more copies of the genetically modified gene of embodiments 4-6.

Embodiment 8. The cell of embodiment 7, wherein the cell is an immune cell or a precursor of an immune cell.

Embodiment 9. The cell of any one of embodiments 7-8, wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of a hematopoietic stem cell, a myeloid progenitor cell, a lymphoid progenitor cell, a myeoblast, a monocyte, a macrophage, a dendritic cell, a small lymphocyte, a T cell, and an astrocyte.

Embodiment 10. The cell of any one of embodiments 7-9, wherein the cell is a T cell or a precursor thereof.

Embodiment 11. The cell of any one of embodiments 7-10, wherein the cell is a CD4+ T cell or a precursor thereof

Embodiment 12. The cell of any one of embodiments 7-11, wherein the cell is a mammalian cell.

Embodiment 13. The cell of any one of embodiments 7-12, wherein the cell comprises at least one of: two copies of the genetically modified CCNT1 gene; and two copies of the genetically modified XPO1 gene.

Embodiment 14. The cell of any one of embodiments 7-13, wherein the cell is devoid of at least one of: a CCNT1 gene having an amino acid other than a tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 261 of SEQ ID NO:1; and an XPO1 gene having at least one, at least two, or all three of an amino acid other than a threonine at a position corresponding to position 411 of SEQ ID NO:7, an amino acid other than a methionine at a position corresponding to position 412 of SEQ ID NO:7, and an amino acid other than a phenylalanine at a position corresponding to position 414 of SEQ ID NO:7.

Embodiment 15. A method of treating a subject infected with a virus, the method comprising introducing the genetically modified cell of any one of embodiments 7-14 in the subject, wherein the genetically modified cell is of a cell type susceptible to infection with the virus or a precursor of a cell type susceptible to infection with the virus.

Embodiment 16. The method of embodiment 15, wherein the subject is a mammal.

Embodiment 17. The method of any one of embodiments 15-16, wherein the subject is a human.

Embodiment 18. The method of any one of embodiments 15-17, wherein the virus is selected from the group consisting of a lentivirus and a deltaretrovirus.

Embodiment 19. The method of any one of embodiments 15-18, wherein the virus is selected from the group consisting of a primate immunodeficiency virus and a primate T-lymphotropic virus.

Embodiment 20. The method of any one of embodiments 15-19, wherein the virus is selected from the group consisting of a human immunodeficiency virus and a human T-lymphotropic virus.

Embodiment 21. The method of any one of embodiments 15-20, wherein the virus is a human immunodeficiency virus.

Embodiment 22. The method of any one of embodiments 5 15-21, wherein the cell is autologous to the subject.

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Embodiment 23. The method of any one of embodiments 15-22, wherein the introducing comprises introducing the cell into the bloodstream of the subject.

Embodiment 24. The method of any one of embodiments 15-23, wherein the introducing comprises injecting or infusing the cell into the bloodstream of the subject.

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What is claimed is:

- 1. A genetically modified cell comprising one or more copies of a genetically modified CCNT1 gene encoding a protein comprising a sequence with at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:1 and comprising a tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 261 of SEQ ID NO:1, 20 wherein the cell is a human cell and is an immune cell or a precursor of an immune cell, and wherein the cell is devoid of any native CCNT1 genes.
- 2. The cell of claim 1, wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of a hematopoietic stem cell, a myeloid 25 progenitor cell, a lymphoid progenitor cell, a myeoblast, a monocyte, a macrophage, a dendritic cell, a small lymphocyte, a T cell, and an astrocyte.
- **3**. The cell of claim **1**, wherein the cell is a T cell or a precursor thereof.
- **4**. The cell of claim **1**, wherein the cell is a CD4+ T cell or a precursor thereof.
- 5. The cell of claim 1, wherein the cell comprises two copies of the genetically modified CCNT1 gene.
- 6. The cell of claim 1, wherein the protein encoded by the 35 genetically modified CCNT1 gene comprises one or more of: an amino acid other than glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 3 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 29 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a 40 position corresponding to position 31 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine and/or asparagine at a position corresponding to position 37 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than histidine at a position corresponding to position 79 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than 45 arginine and glutamine and/or tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 80 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 81 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than methionine at a position corresponding to position 83 of SEQ ID NO:1; an 50 amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 110 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 113 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 250 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino 55 acid other than arginine at a position corresponding to position 256 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glutamine at a position corresponding to position 262 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than methionine, arginine, and/or glutamine at a position corresponding to position 265 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 269 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 274 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine and/or alanine at a position corresponding to 65 position 276 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than asparagine at a position corresponding to position 277 of

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position 510 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than arginine at a position corresponding to position 511 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than arginine at a position corresponding to position 527 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine at a position 5 corresponding to position 531 of SEO ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 535 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 537 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than 10 valine at a position corresponding to position 538 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 539 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 543 of SEQ ID NO:1; an 15 amino acid other than threonine at a position corresponding to position 553 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine at a position corresponding to position 564 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 565 of 20 SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 577 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 582 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position correspond- 25 ing to position 603 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 606 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine and/or alanine at a position corresponding to position 611 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than 30 leucine at a position corresponding to position 613 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 624 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than methionine at a position corresponding to position 637 of SEQ ID NO:1; an 35 amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 644 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 651 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 654 of 40 SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 678 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 679 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than aspartic acid at a position cor- 45 responding to position 682 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than histidine at a position corresponding to position 685 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 686 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glycine at a 50 position corresponding to position 688 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 689 of SEO ID NO:1; an amino acid other than methionine at a position corresponding to position 691 of SEQ ID NO:1; an 55 amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 695 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 697 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than methionine at a position corresponding to position 698 60 of SEQ ID NO:1; an amino acid other than threonine at a position corresponding to position 704 of SEQ ID NO:1; and an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 710 of SEQ ID NO:1

7. The cell of claim 1, wherein the protein encoded by the genetically modified CCNT1 gene comprises one or more

of: proline at a position corresponding to position 31 of SEQ ID NO:1; tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 37 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 79 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 80 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 81 of SEQ ID NO:1; valine at a position corresponding to position 83 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 110 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 250 of SEQ ID NO:1; tryptophan at a position corresponding to position 256 of SEQ ID NO:1; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 262 of SEQ ID NO:1; lysine at a position corresponding to position 265 of SEQ ID NO:1; alanine at a position corresponding to position 269 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 274 of SEQ ID NO:1; lysine at a position corresponding to position 277 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 290 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 305 of SEO ID NO:1: threonine at a position corresponding to position 306 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 307 of SEQ ID NO:1; leucine at a position corresponding to position 313 of SEQ ID NO:1; valine at a position corresponding to position 315 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 316 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 322 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 325 of SEQ ID NO:1; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 327 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 330 of SEQ ID NO:1; lysine at a position corresponding to position 332 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 340 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 345 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 346 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 354 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 358 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 365 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 370 of SEQ ID NO:1; isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 373 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 378 of SEQ ID NO:1; histidine at a position corresponding to position 429 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 443 of SEQ ID NO:1; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 453 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 458 of SEQ ID NO:1; isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 464 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 468 of SEQ ID NO:1; alanine at a position corresponding to position 473 of SEO ID NO:1; alanine at a position corresponding to position 488 of SEQ ID NO:1; alanine at a position corresponding to position 490 of SEQ ID NO:1; valine at a position corresponding to position 496 of SEQ ID NO:1; histidine at a position corresponding to position 510 of SEO ID NO:1; lysine at a position corresponding to position 511 of SEQ ID NO:1; lysine at a position corresponding to position 527 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 531 of SEQ ID NO:1; valine at a position corresponding to position 535 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 537 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 538 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 539 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 543 of SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 553 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a

position corresponding to position 564 of SEQ ID NO:1; phenylalanine at a position corresponding to position 565 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 577 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 582 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 599 of SEO ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 603 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 606 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 611 of SEQ ID NO:1; methionine at a position corresponding to 10 position 613 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 624 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 637 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 644 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 15 651 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 654 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 678 of SEQ ID NO:1; threonine at a position corresponding to position 679 of SEQ ID NO:1; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 682 of 20 SEQ ID NO:1; arginine at a position corresponding to position 685 of SEQ ID NO:1; proline at a position corresponding to position 686 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 688 of SEQ ID NO:1; aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 689 of 25 SEQ ID NO:1; leucine at a position corresponding to position 691 of SEQ ID NO:1; serine at a position corresponding to position 695 of SEQ ID NO:1; glycine at a position corresponding to position 697 of SEQ ID NO:1; isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 698 of 30 SEQ ID NO:1; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 704 of SEQ ID NO:1; and proline at a position corresponding to position 710 of SEQ ID NO:1.

- **8**. The cell of claim **1**, wherein the cell is devoid of a CCNT1 gene encoding an amino acid other than a tyrosine 35 at a position corresponding to position 261 of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 9. The cell of claim 8, wherein the cell is a T cell or a precursor thereof.
- 10. The cell of claim 1, wherein the cell is devoid of any CCNT1 genes encoding a cysteine at a position corresponding to position 261 of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 11. The cell of claim 1, further comprising one or more copies of a genetically modified XPO1 gene encoding a protein comprising a sequence with at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:7 and having at least one, at least 45 two, or all three of:

threonine at a position corresponding to position 411 of SEQ ID NO:7;

valine at a position corresponding to position 412 of SEQ ID NO:7; and

serine at a position corresponding to position 414 of SEQ ID NO:7.

- 12. The cell of claim 11, wherein the cell comprises two copies of the genetically modified XPO1 gene.
- 13. The cell of claim 11, wherein the cell is devoid of an 55 XPO1 gene having at least one, at least two, or all three of an amino acid other than a threonine at a position corresponding to position 411 of SEQ ID NO:7, an amino acid other than a methionine at a position corresponding to position 412 of SEQ ID NO:7, and an amino acid other than a phenylalanine at a position corresponding to position 414 of SEO ID NO:7.
- 14. The cell of claim 11, wherein the protein encoded by the genetically modified XPO1 gene comprises one or more of: an amino acid other than aspartic acid at a position 65 corresponding to position 100 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to

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position 118 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 151 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 191 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 215 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 284 of SEQ ID NO:7:

an amino acid other than valine at a position corresponding to position 306 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 334 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 337 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 346 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 402 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 474 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than lysine at a position corresponding to position 478 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glutamine at a position corresponding to position 481 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than alanine at a position corresponding to position 869 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 909 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than proline at a position corresponding to position 961 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 966 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than serine at a position corresponding to position 969 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than valine and/or methionine at a position corresponding to position 972 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 974 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 976 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than threonine at a position corresponding to position 1040 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glycine at a position corresponding to position 1043 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than glutamine at a position corresponding to position 1046 of SEQ ID NO:7; an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 1052 of SEQ ID NO:7; and an amino acid other than leucine at a position corresponding to position 1060 of SEQ ID NO:7.

15. The cell of claim 11, wherein the protein encoded by the genetically modified XPO1 gene comprises one or more 50 of: glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 100 of SEQ ID NO:7; threonine at a position corresponding to position 118 of SEQ ID NO:7; serine at a position corresponding to position 151 of SEQ ID NO:7; serine at a position corresponding to position 191 of SEQ ID NO:7; asparagine at a position corresponding to position 215 of SEO ID NO:7; valine at a position corresponding to position 284 of SEQ ID NO:7; leucine at a position corresponding to position 306 of SEQ ID NO:7; aspartic acid at a position corresponding to position 334 of SEQ ID NO:7; isoleucine at a position corresponding to position 337 of SEQ ID NO:7; threonine at a position corresponding to position 346 of SEQ ID NO:7; valine at a position corresponding to position 402 of SEO ID NO:7; arginine at a position corresponding to position 474 of SEQ ID NO:7; glutamic acid at a position corresponding to position 478 of SEQ ID NO:7; histidine at a position corresponding to position 481 of SEQ ID NO:7; threonine at a position corresponding to position 869 of SEQ

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- **16**. The cell of claim **11**, wherein the cell is devoid of at least one of:
 - a CCNT1 gene having an amino acid other than a tyrosine at a position corresponding to position 261 of SEQ ID NO:1; and
 - an XPO1 gene having at least one, at least two, or all three of an amino acid other than a threonine at a position corresponding to position 411 of SEQ ID NO:7, an amino acid other than a methionine at a position corresponding to position 412 of SEQ ID NO:7, and an amino acid other than a phenylalanine at a position corresponding to position 414 of SEQ ID NO:7.

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- 17. A method of treating a subject infected with a virus selected from the group consisting of a primate immunode-ficiency virus and a primate T-lymphotropic virus, the method comprising introducing the genetically modified cell of claim 1 in the subject, wherein the genetically modified cell is of a cell type susceptible to infection with the virus or a precursor of a cell type susceptible to infection with the virus
- 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the subject is a mammal.
- 19. The method of claim 17, wherein the subject is a human.
- **20**. The method of claim **17**, wherein the virus is selected from the group consisting of a human immunodeficiency virus and a human T-lymphotropic virus.
- 21. The method of claim 17, wherein the virus is a human immunodeficiency virus.
- 22. The method of claim 17, wherein the cell is autolo-20 gous to the subject.
 - 23. The method of claim 17, wherein the introducing comprises introducing the cell into the bloodstream of the subject.
 - **24**. The method of claim **17**, wherein the introducing comprises injecting or infusing the cell into the bloodstream of the subject.

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