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### To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that, we,

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have invented certain new and useful improvements in

METHOD FOR GENETIC MODIFICATION OF HEMATOPOETIC PROGENITOR ("HP") CELLS AND USES OF THE MODIFIED CELLS

of which the following is a full, clear and exact description.



## METHODS FOR GENETIC MODIFICATION OF HEMATOPOETIC PROGENITOR ("HP") CELLS AND USES OF THE MODIFIED CELLS

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Throughout this application various publications are referenced in parenthesis. Full citations for these publications may be found listed alphabetically at the end of the specification immediately preceding the claims. The disclosures of these publications in their entireties are hereby incorporated by reference into this application in order to more fully describe the state of the art to which this invention pertains.

#### 15 FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to gene therapy, particularly as applied to hematopoietic progenitor (HP) cells, to transduced cells and methods of obtaining them, and to methods of using them.

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### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Gene therapy refers to the use of genetic sequences and their introduction into cells to alter the genetic makeup of the cells and thereby change the properties or functioning of those cells. Gene therapy may be used, for example, to correct a genetic defect by providing to the cells a good copy of a gene that functions as desired, or to provide a gene that encodes an RNA or protein that inhibits an undesired cellular or pathogen activity.

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Gene therapy may be aimed at any of a variety of diseases in which there is a genetic aspect. Of particular interest are diseases of the blood or immune systems since the hematopoietic cells are relatively easy to collect from a subject, allowing for ex vivo procedures to be used. These include hemoglobinopathies, defects of leukocyte production or function, immune deficiencies, lysosomal storage diseases



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