

## 基因药物研发及产业动向

The R&D of Gene Drugs in China,  
Today and Tomorrow

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## Summary

- **Current Status of R&D**
- **R&D Examples:**
  - Responsive R&D**
  - Breeding R&D**
  - Source R&D**
- **Need to Develop Public Technology Platform for Research**
- **Patent**
- **R&D Opportunity in China**
- **Development Trend in the Industry**



## What is Genetic Medicine?

**Genetic Medicine is: bio-based active material product based in functional gene or genetic outcome found in genomic research, produced with genetic technology including Biology, Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, BioProcess Engineering. Genetic Medicine controls the quality of finished products and intermediate products and is used in clinical treatment, prevention and diagnostic treatment of diseases .**



## Comparison between Genetic and Small Molecule Medicine

Small Molecule Medicine	Genetic Medicine
Organic compounds through chemical synthesis Molecular weight MW < 5 KDa Active to animals of many kinds Act on the target directly peculiar action mechanism Short duration Disappear through metabolism Induce toxicity due to hereditary compounds or metabolic results Stable, heat-insensitive	Protein or carbon compounds in living organisms Molecular weight MW > 5 kDa Active to responsive animals Relative to complex, temporary doses Much genetic effect Long duration Enzyme hydrolysis Pharmacologic mechanism Unstable, heat-sensitive, easy to polymerize



## Types of Genetic Medicine

- Growth Factor, Colony Stimulating Factor, Polypeptid Hormone
- Interferon, Interleukin
- Recombination Human Monoclonal Antibody
- Genetic Therapy
- Nuclear Acid: DNA, Complimentary RNA, SiRNA
- Vaccine (protein recombination, DNA vaccine)



## Approved Genetic Medicine

	US	EU	others
● Protein Recombination drug:	39	38	46
● Antibody Recombination drug:	18	13	6
● Nuclear acid Likeness:	4	0	3
● Recombination Vaccine:	3	5	4



## World Top 5 Genetic Medicine in 2003 and 2004



Rank	Class	Sales (US billion)	Efficacious disease	Release time	Major Producer
1	EPO	81/106*	Anemia	1989	Amgen, J&J, Ortho
2	IFN- $\alpha$ - $\beta$	28.9 27.7	Cancer, Hepatitis C	1986	Schering-Plough, Roche, Serono, Bioen
3	Insulin	42.6	Diabetes	1982	Eli Lilly, Novo
4	G-CSF	35	Neutral particle cell disease, Leukemia, HIV/AIDS	1991	Amgen
5	rhGH	20	Growth disorder	1987	Pharmacia, Serono, Genentech, Eli Lilly, Novo
	Total	235.2			

\* Sales in 2004

**Total sales of biotech product: \$48 billion**  
**Total sales of genetic medicine: \$33.6 billion**



## Crucial and Urgent Technical Problems in R&D



- To secure independent Intelligence Property Right through strengthening source research
- To secure the competitive edge through development of Core Technology and Public Platform Technology
- R&D of Breeding Genetic Drug is the breakthrough in Chinese biotech pharmacy



## Three Steps of R&D

- **Responsive R&D**
- **Breeding R&D**
- **Source R&D**



## Responsive R&D of Genetic Medicine

- **R&D of complete copy drug**
  - EPO, G-CSF, IL, Interferon, etc
- **R&D of clinically leading drug**
  - TPO, Hepatocyte Growth Factor, IL-18, etc
- **Re-R&D of genetic drug with few clinical research abroad**
  - P53 gene related Tumor Adenovirus Genetic therapy products (Gendicine, SiBiono)



## Breeding R&D of Genetic Drug

- **Chemical Protein Formula Medicine**
  - PEG formula, Lipid-embedded
- **Recombination Deformed Protein Medicine**
  - Rapid-acting, long-lasting Insulin: long-lasting EPO
- **Recombination Human Monoclonal Antibody**
- **Recombination Fusion Protein Medicine**
  - IgG (Fc)
  - Receptor
  - HSP (*CoVal*)
  - HSA



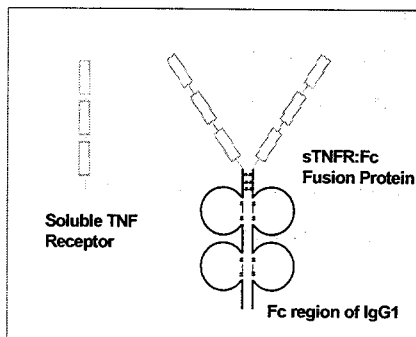
## Recombination Deformed Protein Medicine

### Insulin and Erythropoietin

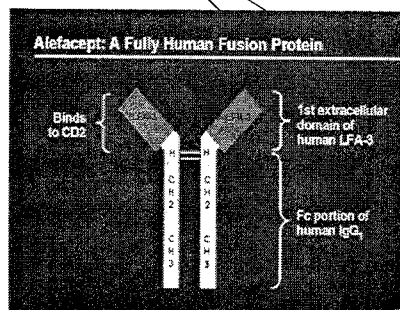
- **Rapid-acting Insulin :**
  - Humalog (B29/B28) (Eli Lilly)
  - Novolog (ProB28Asp) (Novo Nordisk)
- **Long-lasting Insulin :**
  - Lantus (Three AA changes) (Aventis Pharma.)
  - Detemir/NN304 (B30del/B29 fatty acid) (Novo Nordisk)
- **Long-lasting Erythropoietin**
  - Aranesp (Amgen)



## Recombination Fusion Protein Medicine-IgG/Receptor



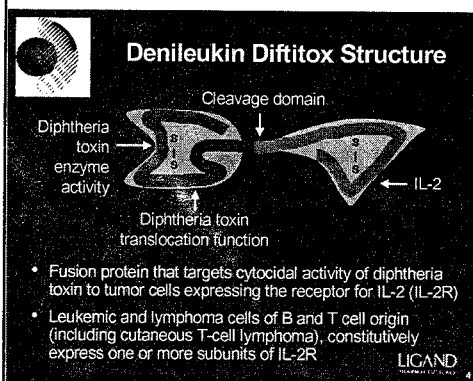
**ENBREL/etanercept**  
(Amgen/Wyeth) 01/2002



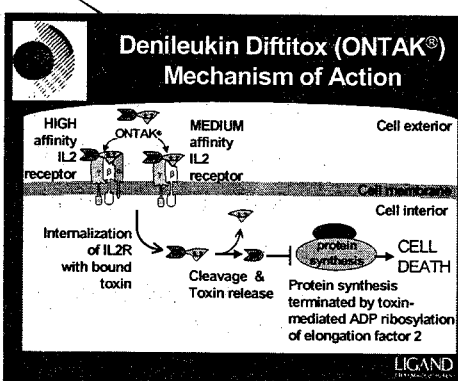
**AMEVIVE/alefacept**  
(Biogen, Inc.) 02/2003



## Recombination Fusion Protein Medicine – human/non-human protein



**ONTAK/Denileukin  
diffitox Seragen, Inc.**  
02/1999



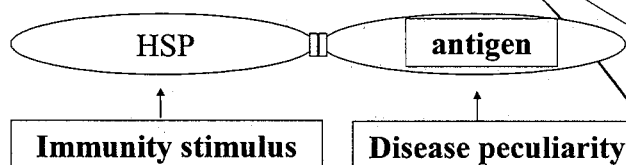
**•Fusion Protein of Diphtheria  
Toxoid piece A,B and human  
Interleukin-2**  
**•Treats lymphoma of T cell**





## Recombination Fusion Protein Medicine-HSP

From: Stressgen Biotechnologies Corp.  
**CoVal** fusion protein technology platform

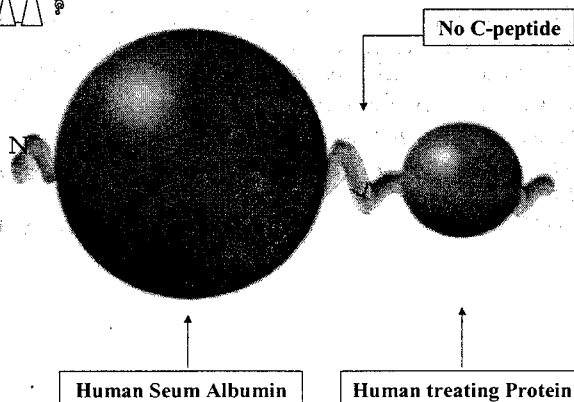


**Heat Shock Protein and an antigen form fusion protein to treat cancers, immune deficiency diseases and infectious diseases.**

**HspE7 (for HPV) already is going through the approval process of FDA.**



## Recombination Fusion Protein Medicine-HSA





## Recombination Fusion Protein Medicine – HSA

- FortuneRock, Inc.: Albugen-CPSFs,
  - Albugen platform technology product : long-lasting EPO, long-lasting ILs, long-lasting Interferons, long-lasting TPO, etc
- Human Genome Sciences Inc.:
  - Albuferon-Alpha, Albuleukin, Albutropin, Albugranin
- Delta Biotechnology Ltd.: Albfuse™
- Chinese Academy of Military Medical Sciences
  - HSA/GCSF, HSA/IFN- $\alpha$



## Recombination Fusion Protein Medicine-HSA

- 50% of protein in blood is human Serum Albumin
- Serum Albumin is globular and non-glycosylated protein
- Carrier to various structures in blood. Ex) protein, hormone, fatty acid, steroid, small molecule compounds, etc
- Important blood stabilizer and reproducer
- Important excipient and stabilizer for most protein drug
- Fusion Protein doesn't include any type of foreign polypeptide
- Ex) long-lasting Interferon, long-lasting EPO, long-lasting Interleukin



## Adenovirus Carrying Gene Therapy Medicine

### Substantial Tumor Treating Genetic Medicine

- Genetic Therapy Medicine for Human p53 Adenovirus (Shenzhen SiBiono GeneTech Co., Ltd.)
- Genetic Therapy Medicine for Anti-tumor Adenovirus (Shanghai Sanwei Biotech Co., Ltd.)
- Genetic Therapy Medicine for KTV series Human Rb or Rb2 adenovirus (Tianjin Fuying Co., Ltd.)
- Genetic Therapy Medicine for Human p16 Adenovirus (Shenzhen Taitai Genomics, Inc.)



## Development of Source Genetic Medicine

- Find New gene with bio function
- Add new bio function to the already known gene



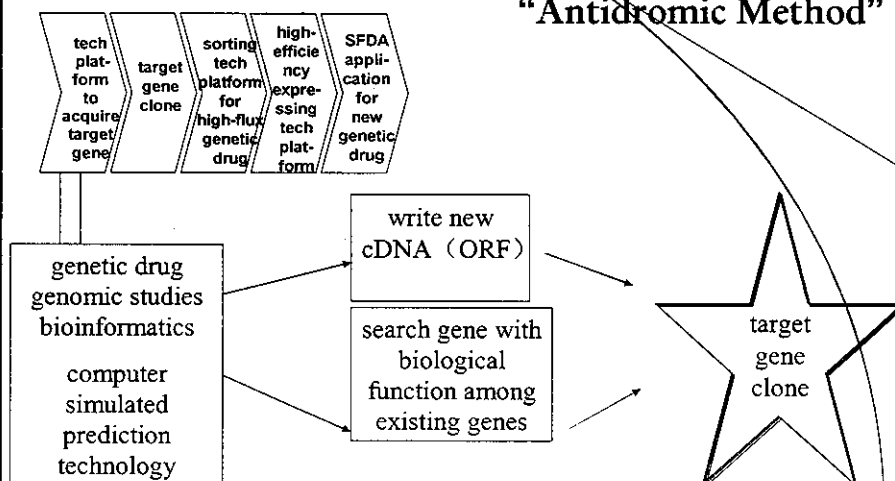
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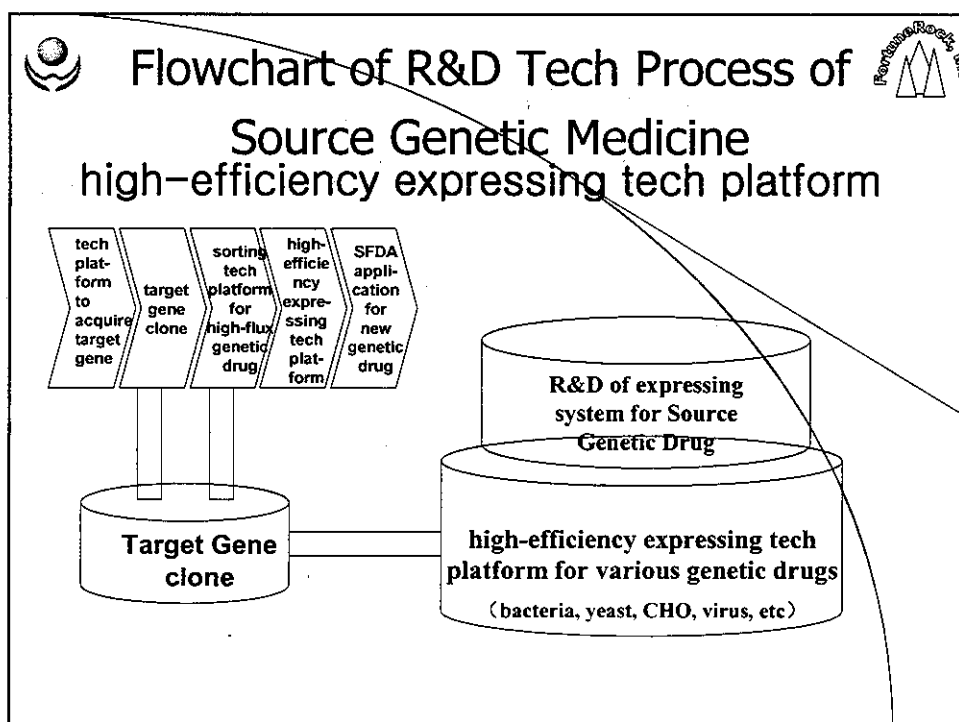
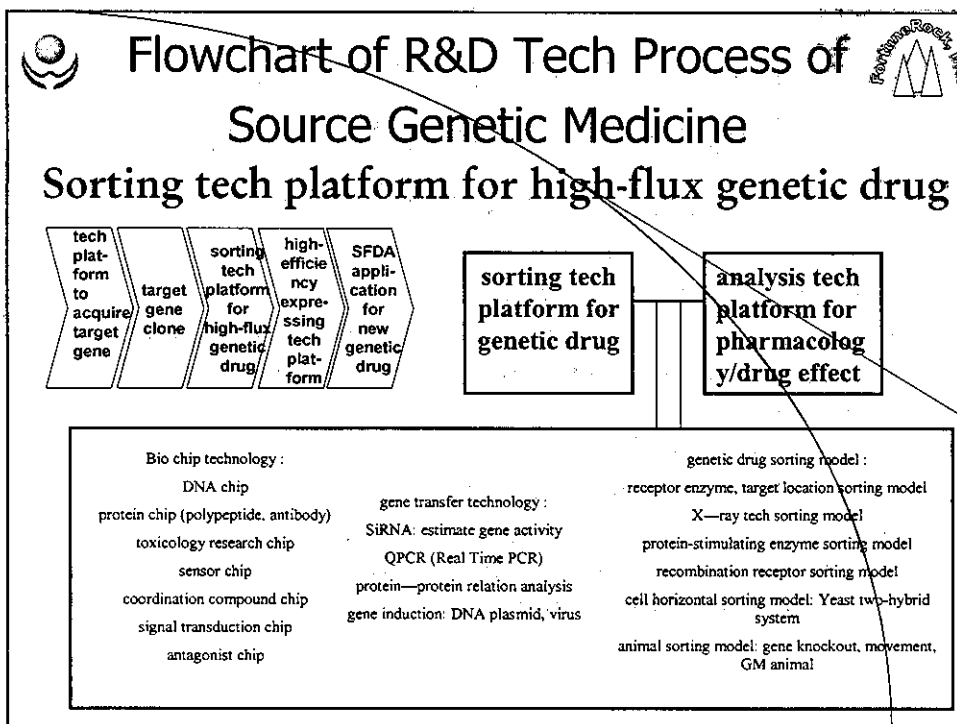
- Scientific background study/summary of literatures
- Use bioinformatic approaches to identify novel genes
- Disease relevance/hypothesis
- Competitive landscape
- Key decision points
- Experimental design
- Short and long term plans



## Flowchart of R&D Technology Process of Source Genetic Medicine

technical platform acquiring target gene by  
“Antidromic Method”







## **Research Needs for Public Technology Platform of Genetic Medicine**

- The trend of drug research is toward longer lasting drug in the body
- The most ideal existing technique is to realize durability of genetic drug's effect through recombination technology
- The high efficiency express tech is critical in producing recombination protein drug
- The trend of recombination protein drug research is inevitably toward the long-lasting recombination protein drug



## **Developments in Chinese Genetic Medicine Industry**

- Human Resources : very qualified and quantified
- Facility : standardized construction of GMP workshops
- Target Disease : cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, cancers, infectious diseases
- Performance & Development: more than 40 type of products released
- Issues to be taken carefully in the development process:

**High Technology ! Vigorous Investment !**

**High Risk ! Big Profit !**