

The discovery should also lead to the development of novel pharmaceutical products and methods for treating BHD skin lesions using creams containing the BHD gene product, folliculin. Such products and methods of treatment are expected to reduce the size and appearance of the benign hair follicle tumors.

The disclosed technology will provide new and exciting methodologies to correctly diagnose BHD syndrome and should lead to the development of novel pharmaceutical reagents for treatment of BHD skin lesions as well as other skin diseases.

This research is also described in: MB Warren *et al.*, *Mod Pathol.* (2004 Aug) 17(8):998–1011; ML Nickerson *et al.*, *Cancer Cell* (2002 Aug) 2(2):157–164; B Zbar *et al.*, *Cancer Epidem. Bio. Prev.* (2002 Apr) 11(4):393–400; LS Schmidt *et al.*, *Am. J. Hum. Genet.* (2001 Oct) 69(4):876–882; Toro *et al.*, *Arch. Dermatol.* (1999 Oct) 135(10): 1195–1202.

In addition to licensing, the technology is available for further development through collaborative research opportunities with the inventors.

Compositions Of Transforming Growth Factor Beta (TGF-beta) Which Promotes Wound Healing and Methods for Their Use

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U.S. Patent No. 5,104,977, granted April 14, 1992, entitled “Purified Transforming Growth Factor Beta” (DHHS Ref. No. E-070-1982/2-US-05);

U.S. Patent No. 5,656,587, granted August 12, 1997, entitled “Promotion Of Cell Proliferation By Use Of Transforming Growth Factor Beta (TGF-Beta)” (DHHS Ref. No. E-070-1982/2-US-07); and

U.S. Patent No. 5,705,477, granted January 6, 1998, entitled “Compositions Of Transforming Growth Factor Beta (TGF-Beta) Which Promotes Wound Healing And Methods For Their Use” (DHHS Ref. No. E-070-1982/2-US-08).

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There is a continuing need for the promotion of rapid cell proliferation at the site of wounds, burns, diabetic and decubitus ulcers, and other traumata. Prior to this invention, a number of “growth factors” were known to promote the rapid growth of cells. None of these growth factors, however, had been found to be pharmaceutically acceptable agents for the acceleration of wound healing.

This invention relates to compositions of Transforming Growth Factor beta (TGF-beta) which promote repair of tissue, particularly fibroblast cells, in animals and human beings. This invention also relates to a method of treating wounds by the topical or systemic administration of the compositions. The discovery of this invention initiated a worldwide field of research aimed at the characterization and development of TGF-beta in wound healing and disease. It is now known that TGF-beta’s role in wound healing is complex. Its diverse effects on the many individual participating cell types in a wound are integrated into a specific temporal sequence of events within a defined tissue architecture. In addition to its many roles in wound healing, TGF-beta is also implicated in the pathogenesis of diseases such as autoimmune disease, fibrosis, and cancer.

Current research in TGF-beta biology is leading to the development of novel wound healing and disease therapies related to the growth factor and its signaling pathways.

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Name of Committee: National Advisory Council for Nursing Research.

Date: May 17–18, 2005.

Open: May 17, 2005, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: For discussion of program issues and initiatives.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: May 18, 2005, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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Dated: April 15, 2005.

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