

Editorial

Welcome to the first print edition of the Gene Therapy Review. In this volume you can find all the educational articles, technical reviews, research descriptions and company pages submitted to the genetherapyreview.com website. The Gene Therapy Review was founded in 2008 as a comprehensive online source of information on all aspects of gene therapy and at present comprises the following features:

Gene Therapy News: All the breaking news in the gene therapy arena can be found in our news pages. You can read how the latest research will likely impact on the field in analysis. For those seeking employment in the sector, we have established a job bulletin board, where academics are invited to advertise for free.

Gene Therapy Research: We provide links to the home pages of all the academic research groups devoted to human genetics, gene therapy and stem cell research. In the companies section we detail the status of private sector DNA research. You can also follow their progress in our literature section where all the latest genetic engineering articles are listed

Gene Therapy Companies: We review the companies that are developing new gene transfer technologies and list the service providers that offer contract manufacturing or contract research to the field. Information on genetic disorders, cancer and infectious disease (current targets of gene therapy research) is also provided, with links to further reading on each topic.

Gene Transfer Vectors: Our gene vector pages to learn more about gene transfer into human cells. We describe all the current techniques used for gene delivery. Our technical pages also serve as a source for all commercial gene transfer vectors. These pages have links to plasmid maps, DNA sequences and manuals.

Gene Therapy Clinical Trials: Our clinical trial section contains a database containing all the published results from current and past clinical trials. For those considering enrolling in a clinical trial, a list of patient resources is also provided where we focus on genetic disorders, cancer and infectious disease. The regulatory pages provide links to the international bodies that control clinical trial research.

Gene Therapy Literature: Our literature section contains analysis of the latest articles published in the leading gene therapy journals. You can also search pubmed from this section. Activities of the various gene therapy societies are listed and we provide a calendar of all the annual international scientific congresses focussing on human genetics.

We encourage readers to submit articles to the genetherapyreview.com website, which will also be published in this print volume on a yearly basis. We hope that you find the articles in this volume useful and that you enjoy learning more about gene therapy.

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