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Modified polynucleotides for the production of oncology-related proteins and peptides

Abstract

The invention relates to compositions and methods for the preparation, manufacture and therapeutic use of oncology-related polynucleotides, oncology-related primary transcripts and oncology-related mmRNA molecules.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Described herein are compositions, methods, processes, kits and devices for the design, preparation, manufacture and/or formulation of modified mRNA (mmRNA) molecules encoding at least one oncology-related polypeptide of interest.

The present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder and/or condition in a subject in need thereof by increasing the level of an oncology-related polypeptide of interest comprising administering to said subject an isolated polynucleotide encoding said oncology-related polypeptide. The disease, disorder and/or condition may

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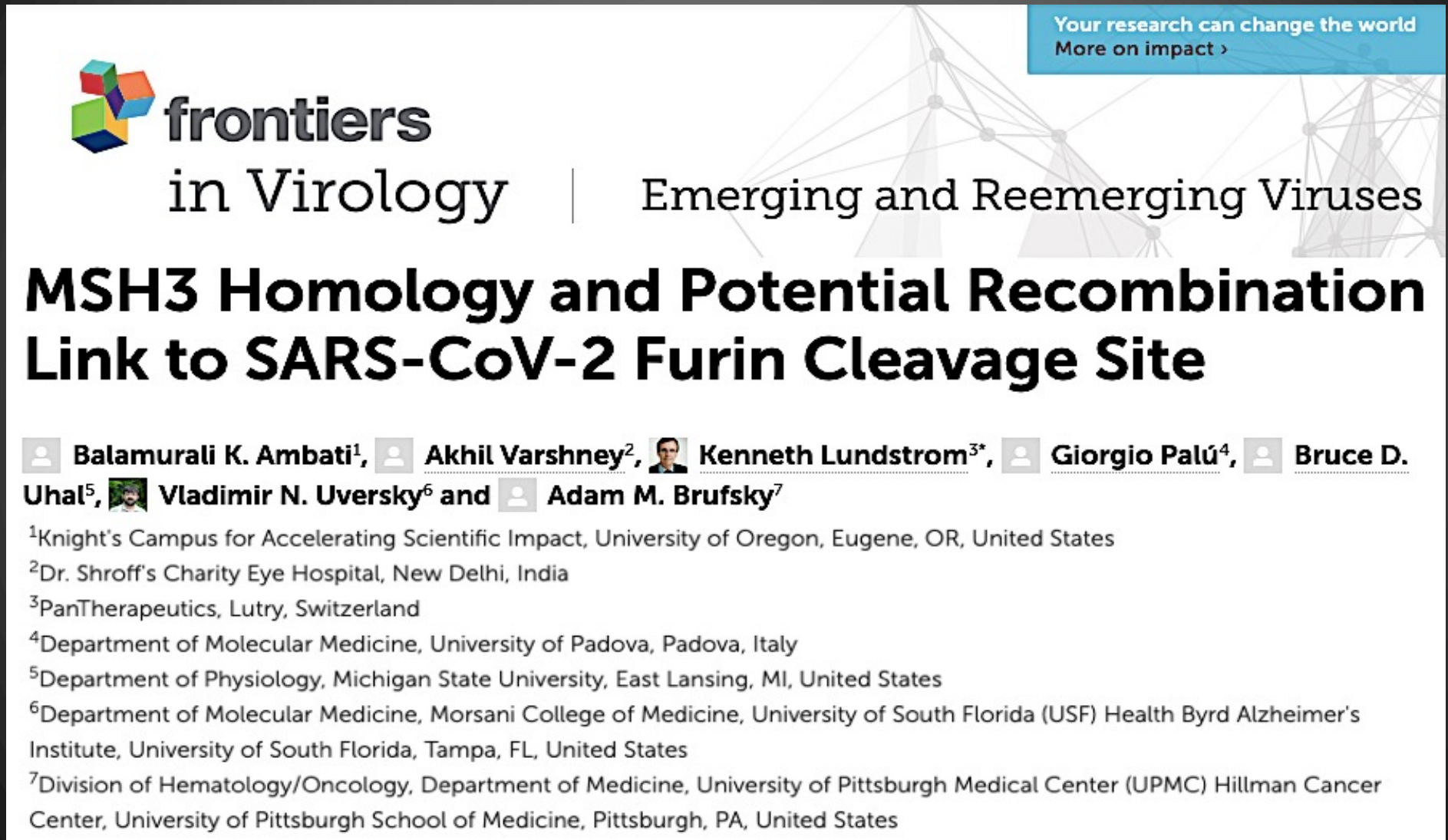
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1. In 2013 Moderna applied to patent a “modified polynucleotide” that contains a 19-base sequence that is the reverse compliment of a 19-base sequence in the COVID-19 virus.
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