



To whom it may concern

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Signing of Exclusive Licensing Agreement Concerning Gene Therapy with The University of Tokyo & TODAI TLO Ltd. and Re-granting Agreement with NOF Corporation Ltd.

NanoCarrier is pleased to announce that NanoCarrier and “The University of Tokyo and its TLO (TODAI TLO)” signed the licensing agreement of the patents for “Gene Therapy”, of which TODAI TLO has the right to grant license of use. In the agreement TODAI TLO grants NanoCarrier the right of exclusive use with the sub-licensing right of the patents in Japan as well as foreign countries NanoCarrier desires. Based on this agreement, NanoCarrier has granted to NOF Corporation the exclusive license limited to the “Gene Therapy” area with sub-licensing right.

This agreement is constituted by the technology of polymeric micelle carriers made of cationic polyamino acids invented by Prof. K. Kataoka of The University of Tokyo and his group. The technology is featured that the polymeric micelle carriers and negatively charged genes form macromolecular ionic complexes of nano-size particles.

NanoCarrier can add the area of “Gene Therapy” with this agreement to our patent line-up and receive “sub-licensing fees”, “running royalties” and “sub-sub-licensing fees” from NOF Corporation, whom NanoCarrier re-granted the license for use of “Gene Therapy using genes that express functional proteins.”

NOF Corporation (URL: <http://www.nof.co.jp>)

NOF is pursuing development and commercialization of materials and prescriptions for drug delivery and searching novel technologies applied to Gene Therapy.

Gene Therapy

Cells synthesize RNAs and functional proteins based on the genetic codes of DNAs when expression vectors with DNAs are transferred inside cells. Gene Therapy applies this system for the treatment of various diseases. Detoxified viruses are used as vectors but the novel method to transfer genes inside cells is desired.