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### **MODIFIED VIRUS**

### **Field of the Invention**

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The invention relates to an oncolytic immunotherapeutic agent and to the use of the oncolytic immunotherapeutic agent in treating cancer.

### **Background to the Invention**

Viruses have a unique ability to enter cells at high efficiency. After entry into cells, viral genes are expressed and the virus replicates. This usually results in the death of the infected cell and the release of the antigenic components of the cell as the cell ruptures as it dies. As a result, virus mediated cell death tends to result in an immune response to these cellular components, including both those derived from the host cell and those encoded by or incorporated into the virus itself. The immune response is also enhanced due to the recognition by the host of so called damage associated molecular patterns (DAMPs) which aid in the activation of the immune response.

Viruses also engage with various mediators of the innate immune response as part of the host response to the recognition of a viral infection through, for example, toll-like receptors, cGAS/STING signalling and the recognition of pathogen associated molecular patterns (PAMPs) resulting in the activation of interferon responses and inflammation which are also immunogenic signals to the host. These immune responses may result in the immunogenic benefit to cancer patients such that immune responses to tumor antigens provide a systemic overall benefit resulting in the treatment of tumors which have not been infected with the virus, including micro-metastatic disease, and providing vaccination against relapse.

The combined direct ('oncolytic') effects of the virus, and immune responses against tumor antigens (including non-self 'neo-antigens', i.e. derived from the particular mutated genes in individual tumors) is termed 'oncolytic immunotherapy'.

Viruses may also be used as delivery vehicles ('vectors') to express heterologous genes inserted into the viral genome in infected cells. These properties make viruses useful for a variety of biotechnology and medical applications. For example, viruses expressing heterologous therapeutic genes may be used for gene therapy. In the context of oncolytic immunotherapy, delivered genes may include those encoding specific tumor antigens, genes intended to induce immune responses or increase the immunogenicity of



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