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Box I	Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)
This Inte	ernational Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:
1. X	Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely: see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
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3.	Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).
Box II	Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)
This Inte	national Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
	see additional sheet
1.	As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2.	As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3.	As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1 - 16, 23 - 25 (complete); 22, 27 - 29 (partial)

Method of treating and preventing eye diseases comprising intraocular administration of a gene delivery vector which directs expression of a neurotrophic factor in the eye; and said gene delivery vector.

2. Claims: 17 - 21, 26 (complete); 22, 27 - 29 (partial)

Method of inhibiting neovascular disease of the eye comprising intraocular administration of a gene delivery vector which directs the expression of an anti-angiogenic factor to inhibit the neovascular disease of the eye; and said gene delivery vector.

3. Claims: 30 - 44 (complete)

A non-human animal model of neovascularisation of the eye comprising an animal having an angiogenic transgene in the eye:

a method of generating said non-human animal model; and methods using said non human-animal model.

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Although claims 1 - 21 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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