

# A Timetable for the Commercial Production of Compounds Using Genetically Engineered Micro-Organisms in Biotechnology

## Objectives

- The estimation of the proportions of various groups of commercial products and processes for which recombinant DNA (rDNA) technology could be applicable.
- The construction of timetables to indicate plausible sequences of commercial developments that would result from the application of rDNA technology.

## Approaches

The following five industries were evaluated:

1. pharmaceutical,
2. agricultural,
3. food,
4. chemical, and
5. energy .

The manufacturing processes that would result from the application of rDNA technology would be based on fermentation technology. Therefore, a set of parameters was developed to serve as a guide to assess the economics of applying fermentation technology to the manufacture of products currently manufactured by other means.

The chemical industry generates a large number of products that could be attributed to (and is in this study) the other four industries cited, this particular industry was focused on more closely than the others. The following factors were considered in constructing the timetables showing the applicability of rDNA technology:

- the current state of the art of genetic engineering;
- the current economic limitations of fermentation technology;
- the length of time to progress from a laboratory process to the pilot plant to large-scale production;
- the plant construction time; and
- the Government regulatory agency approval re-

quired (of the products and manufacturing processes, not of the rDNA technology per se).

## Sources of information

While much of the information compiled for this report was obtained from published sources, a considerable amount came from prior proprietary studies performed by Genex Corp. In the latter case, information is used that is not proprietary, although the sources must remain confidential. In this connection Genex has had numerous discussions with the technical and corporate management of more than 100 large companies (generally multibillion dollar companies), concerning research interests, product lines, and market trends. Production costs are extrapolated for four fermentation plants of various sizes and capabilities. (See table I-B-1.)

A group of Genex scientists, consisting of a biochemical engineer, two organic chemists, a biochemist, and four molecular geneticists rated the feasibility of devising micro-organisms to produce various chemicals in accordance with the fermentation conditions specified in table I-B-1. For those chemicals that appeared to be capable of being produced microbiologically, dates were assigned for the times when the necessary technology would be achieved in the laboratory. By combining both technical and economic factors, it then became possible to project a timetable for commercial production. (See table I-B-2.)

It should be emphasized that an extremely conservative approach was taken in considering fermentation economics over the next 10 years. Only the relatively poor economics of conventional batch fermentation was considered. Immobilized cell processes were projected to be 15 years away, and even then, the incremental cost savings projected (see table I-B-1) are lower than the incremental cost savings currently obtained with immobilized cell processes. The assumptions made here, however, did include reasonably high product yields and highly effi-

**Table I-B-1. Unit Cost Assumptions for the Production of Chemicals by Fermentation After Various Intervals of Time**

Earliest date (year)	Size of plant (lb)	Type of fermentation	Product yield (%)	Annual cost excluding precursor (\$ millions)	Unit cost excluding precursor (\$/lb)	Precursor	Complete unit cost (W/lb)
5	50	Ordinary batch	12	23.5	0.47	Petrochemical	0.66
10		Ordinary batch	40	24.5	0.25	Petrochemical	0.44
	200	Immobilized cells	40	25.5	0.13	Petrochemical	0.32 <sup>d</sup>
20	200	Immobilized cells	40	25.5	0.13	Carbohydrate	0.24 <sup>d</sup>

Annual costs for ordinary batch fermentation were estimated from proprietary data. Values obtained for the immobilized cell examples are computed at 31.2 percent below the comparable values for ordinary batch fermentation.

Average cost of petrochemical equals \$0.17/lb. For 90 percent conversion efficiency, cost contribution of petrochemical equals \$0.19/lb of product.

Average cost of carbohydrate assumed at \$0.04/lb of classes or \$0.02/lb of cellulose-containing pellets from biomass residue. For 70 percent free sugar content of molasses, cost of sugar equals \$0.08/lb. At 70 percent conversion efficiency from the sugar, cost contribution of molasses equals \$0.11/lb of product. For 50 percent cellulose content in the biomass pellets, cost of cellulose equals \$0.04/lb. For 50 percent conversion efficiency to free sugar, followed by 70 percent conversion efficiency from the sugar, cost contribution of the pellets also equals \$0.11/lb of product.

These unit costs may be further reduced to \$0.26 and \$0.17/lb., respectively, for products whose annual U.S. production currently exceeds 1 billion lb. Assumptions include reduction in precursor cost by 20 percent (presumably because manufacturer controls supply of precursor); reduction in unit cost of immobilized cell process by 13 percent (d) and 42 percent (e), respectively; maximum of 60 percent product yield (e); and a nearly 100 percent conversion efficiency from the petrochemical precursor.

SOURCE: Genex Corp.

**Table I-B-2. Basis for Estimating the Timetable for Manufacture of Chemicals by Means of Microbial Processes**

Earliest date for commercial production is:	And if bulk selling prices <sup>a</sup> (in 1979 dollars) equal or exceed:		Assuming unit costs <sup>b</sup> (in 1979 dollars) equal or exceed:
	by:	by:	by:
5 years	2 years	\$1.32/lb	\$0.66/lb
10	7	0.88	0.44
	12	0.64 (0.43)	0.32 (0.26)
20	17	0.48 (0.28)	0.24 (0.17)

<sup>a</sup> It is assumed that development of the appropriate manufacturing facilities will take at least 5 years prior to the onset of production.

<sup>b</sup> Technology refers to both genetic and biochemical engineering. Technology could be achieved on demonstrating that the chemical could be biologically produced in the laboratory at commercially desirable yields and reaction efficiencies.

<sup>c</sup> It is assumed that all bulk selling prices are marked up 20 percent from the corresponding unit costs, except for chemicals whose annual U.S. production currently exceeds 1 billion lb. In those cases the bulk selling prices (numbers in parentheses) are assumed to be marked up only 67 percent.

<sup>d</sup> Unit costs were obtained from table I-B-1. See footnote of table I-B-1 for explanation of numbers in parentheses.

SOURCE: Genex Corp.

cient transformations of precursor to product, but nothing exceptional with respect to current fermentation technology. Indeed, high product yields and highly efficient reactions would be expected with genetically engineered micro-organisms.

Two points should be stressed that place these projections on the low side. First, they exclude certain groups of products, the end products of which could not be microbially processed, although their basic constituents could be produced microbiologically (e.g., monomers of microbial origin could form chemically synthesized polymers). Second, the projections exclude naturally occurring products of

microbial origin, which could be effective or superior substitutes for chemically synthesized products that could not be manufactured microbiologically. As examples, dyes of microbial origin, such as prodigiosin, might advantageously replace those synthesized chemically, because their toxicity is lower than their chemical counterparts. In the case of plastics, a new generation of plastics of microbial origin, e.g., pullulans, would not have to be made from petrochemical feedstocks and would be biodegradable.

### Explanation of tables

Tables I-B-3 through I-B-32 present the compounds from two points of view. Tables I-B-3 to I-B-10 group the compounds by industry subgrouped by product category. Tables I-B-11 to I-B-32 group the compounds by product category irrespective of industry.

The tables based on industry present end use data for each compound; e.g., in the pharmaceutical industry aspirin is listed as an aromatic used as an analgesic, whereas in the chemical industry aniline is listed as an aromatic used as a cyclic intermediate. Thus, the similarities and differences between compounds of similar origin, i.e., product category, are revealed.

The tables based solely on product category are divided into two types; one type pertaining to market data (tables I-B-10, 11, and the subsequent odd numbered ones through table I-B-33), and the other pertaining to technical data (the even numbered tables from I-B-12 through I-B-32.)

The market data were obtained both from published sources and from prior proprietary studies

Table I-B-3.—Pharmaceuticals: Small Molecules

Product category	End use
<b>Amino acids</b>	
Phenylalanine . . . . .	Intravenous solutions
Tryptophan . . . . .	Intravenous solutions
Arginine . . . . .	Therapeutic: liver disease and hyperammonemia
Cysteine . . . . .	Therapeutic: bronchitis and nasal catarrh
<b>Vitamins</b>	
Vitamin E . . . . .	Intravenous solutions, prophylactic
Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> . . . . .	Intravenous solutions
<b>Aromatics</b>	
Aspirin . . . . .	Analgesic
p-acetaminophenol . . . . .	Analgesic
<b>Steroid hormones</b>	
<b>Corticoids</b>	
Cortisone . . . . .	Therapeutic: anti-inflammatory agent
Prednisone . . . . .	Therapeutic: anti-inflammatory agent
Prednisolone . . . . .	Therapeutic: anti-inflammatory agent
Aldosterone . . . . .	Therapeutic: control of electrolyte imbalance
<b>Androgens</b>	
Testosterone . . . . .	Therapeutic: infertility, hypogonadism, and hypopituitarism
<b>Estrogens</b>	
Estradiol . . . . .	Prophylactic, therapeutic: vaginitis
<b>Antibiotics</b>	
Penicillins . . . . .	Control of infectious diseases
Tetracycline . . . . .	Control of infectious diseases
Cephalosporins . . . . .	Control of infectious diseases
<b>Short peptides</b>	
Glycine-Histidine-Lysine . . . . .	Manufacturing processes: tissue culture

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performed by GeneX. In the latter case, data are those that are not proprietary although the sources must remain confidential. Market values were estimated by multiplying the market volume (total amount of product sold in 1979) by the bulk cost (unit bulk selling price in 1980). Except for aromatics and aliphatic aromatic markets that represent worldwide estimates, market data for aromatics and aliphatic are restricted to the United States. Data that could not be found were marked not available (N/A). Compounds with high market value were identified, and those that could be produced biologically were selected for this report.

High market values were relative to the industry 1111 (1 end of list in Table I-B-3) for each compound. For example, with respect to chemicals, a normalization cyclic di-

Table I-B-4.—Pharmaceuticals: Large Molecules

Product category	End use
<b>Peptide hormones</b>	
Insulin . . . . .	Control of diabetes
Endorphins . . . . .	Analgesics, narcotics, prophylactics
Enkephalins . . . . .	Analgesics, narcotics, prophylactics
ACTH <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	Diagnostic: adrenal instability
Glucagon . . . . .	Therapeutic: diabetes-induced hypoglycemia
Vasopressin . . . . .	Therapeutic: antidiuretic
Human growth hormone . . . . .	Therapeutic: dwarfism
<b>Enzymes</b>	
Glucose oxidase . . . . .	Diagnostic: measurement of blood sugar
Urokinase . . . . .	Therapeutic: antithrombotic
Asparaginase . . . . .	Therapeutic: antineoplastic
Tyrosine hydroxylase . . . . .	Therapeutic: Parkinson's disease
<b>Viral antigens</b>	
Hepatitis viruses . . . . .	Vaccine
Influenza viruses . . . . .	Vaccine
Herpes viruses . . . . .	Vaccine
Varicella virus . . . . .	Vaccine
Rubella virus . . . . .	Vaccine
Reoviruses . . . . .	Vaccine: common cold
Epstein-Barr virus . . . . .	Vaccine: infectious mononucleosis, nasopharyngeal carcinoma, Burkitt lymphoma
<b>Miscellaneous proteins</b>	
Interferon . . . . .	Control of infectious diseases
Human serum albumin . . . . .	Therapeutic: shock and burns
Monoclonal antibodies . . . . .	Diagnostics: hepatitis, cancer, etc; therapeutics
<b>Gene preparations</b>	
Sickle-cell anemia . . . . .	Control of hereditary disorder
Hemophilias . . . . .	Control of hereditary disorder
Thalassemias . . . . .	Control of hereditary disorder

<sup>a</sup>Adrenocorticotrop hormone.

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intermediate with production volumes (which differ from market volumes) exceeding 1.5 million lb were selected, 1.5 lb in the case of flavor and perfume material compounds with production values generally exceeding 1 million lb were selected. In the case of many pharmaceuticals, clinical importance was weighed heavily in their selection process.

The technical data were also obtained both from published and proprietary sources. With respect to the timetable of commercial production, the stated length of time is the time required to develop existing technology (including both genetic and biochemical engineering) to the point where it can be applied to appropriate manufacturing facilities for the large scale production of the desired compounds. These time intervals should be sufficient for undertaking

Table I- B-5.-Food Products

Product category	End use
<b>Amino acids</b>	
Glutamate . . . . .	Food enrichment agent, flavoring agent
Cysteine . . . . .	Food enrichment agent, manufacturing processes
Aspartame . . . . .	Flavoring agent
<b>Vitamins</b>	
Vitamin C . . . . .	Food additive, food enrichment agent
Vitamin D . . . . .	Food enrichment agent
<b>Aromatics</b>	
Benzoic acid . . . . .	Food preservative
<b>Aliphatics</b>	
Propionic acid . . . . .	Food preservative
<b>Short peptides</b>	
Aspartame . . . . .	Artificial sweetener
<b>Enzymes</b>	
Rennin . . . . .	Manufacturing processes
Amyloglucosidase . . . . .	Manufacturing processes
a-amylase . . . . .	Food enrichment agent, manufacturing processes
Glucose isomerase . . . . .	Manufacturing processes: sweetener
<b>Nucleotides</b>	
5'-IMP <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	Flavoring agent
5'-GMP <sup>b</sup> . . . . .	Flavoring agent

<sup>a</sup>5'-inosinic acid.  
<sup>b</sup>5'-guanylic acid.

SOURCE: Genex C Corp.

all the R&D starting from the current knowledge base necessary to demonstrate that the desired compounds can be biologically produced first in the laboratory and then in the pilot plant at commercially desirable yields and reaction efficiencies. The timetable does not consider delays caused by construction of new facilities nor delays required to obtain Government regulatory approval of new products.

It should be noted that in the technical data charts, when glucose is listed as an alternate precursor by fermentation, other carbohydrates, e.g., cellulose and cornstarch, could be used. Moreover, if glucose were the precursor of choice, the actual feedstock would probably be a commodity like molasses as opposed to pure glucose.

### Summary

Over 100 compounds representing 17 different product categories that span the five industries under evaluation are represented in table I-B-10. The current market value of all these products exceeds \$27 billion. One particular compound, methane, accounts for over \$12 billion. The even-numbered

Table I- B-6.-Agricultural Products

Product category	End use
<b>Amino acids</b>	
Lysine . . . . .	Feed additive
Methionine . . . . .	Feed additive
Threonine . . . . .	Feed additive
Tryptophan . . . . .	Feed additive
<b>Vitamins</b>	
Nicotinic acid . . . . .	Feed additive
Riboflavin (B <sub>2</sub> ) . . . . .	Feed additive
Vitamin C . . . . .	Feed additive
<b>Aliphatics</b>	
Sorbic acid . . . . .	Feed preservative
<b>Antibiotics</b>	
Penicillins . . . . .	Feed additive, prophylactic
Erythromycins . . . . .	Feed additive, prophylactic
<b>Peptide hormones</b>	
Bovine growth hormone . . . . .	Growth promoter
Porcine growth hormone . . . . .	Growth promoter
Ovine growth hormone . . . . .	Growth promoter
<b>Viral antigens</b>	
Foot-and-mouth disease virus . . . . .	Vaccine
Rous sarcoma virus . . . . .	Vaccine
Avian leukemiovirus . . . . .	Vaccine
Avian myeloblastosis virus . . . . .	Vaccine
<b>Enzymes</b>	
Papain . . . . .	Feed additive
Glucose oxidase . . . . .	Feed preservative
<b>Pesticides</b>	
Microbial . . . . .	Insecticide
Aromatic . . . . .	Insecticide
<b>Inorganic</b>	
Ammonia . . . . .	Fertilizer

SOURCE: Genex C Corp.

tables from 1-B-12 to I-B-32 project that within 20 years all these products could be manufactured using genetically engineered microbial strains on a more economical basis than using today's conventional technologies. In many cases, the time required to apply genetically engineered strains in commercial fermentations could be reduced to as little as 5 years.

The impact of genetic engineering on selected markets is shown in table I-B-33. Only five product categories are considered here, and in one, amino acids, only a few of the compounds comprising it are evaluated. The products represented in the five categories currently have a total market value exceeding \$800 million. However, within 20 years this market value could rise to over \$5 billion (in 1980 dollars) due largely to the application of genetic engineering. In a number of cases, the desired products would most likely not be available in significant quantities if not for the application of genetic engineering technology.

**Table I- B-7.—Chemicals: Aliphatics**

Compound	End use
Acetic acid <sup>a</sup>	Miscellaneous acyclic
Acrylic acid <sup>a</sup>	Miscellaneous acyclic
Adipic acid <sup>a</sup>	Miscellaneous acyclic
Bis (2-ethylhexyl) adipate	Plasticizer
Citronella	Flavor/perfume material
Citronellol	Flavor/perfume material
Ethanol <sup>a</sup>	Miscellaneous acyclic
Ethanolamine	Miscellaneous acyclic
Ethylene glycol <sup>a</sup>	Miscellaneous acyclic
Ethylene oxide <sup>a</sup>	Miscellaneous acyclic
Geraniol	Flavor/perfume material
Glycerol <sup>a</sup>	Miscellaneous acyclic
Isobutylene	Miscellaneous acyclic, flavor/perfume material
Itaconic acid	Plastics/resin
Linalool	Flavor/perfume material
Linalyl acetate	Flavor/perfume material
Methane	Primary petroleum product
Nerol	Flavor/perfume material
Pentaerythritol	Miscellaneous acyclic
Propylene glycol <sup>a</sup>	Miscellaneous acyclic
Sorbitol	Miscellaneous acyclic
a-terpineol	Flavor/perfume material
a-terpinylacetate	Flavor/perfume material

<sup>a</sup>Indicate: compounds also identified by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The following additional chemicals were identified by MIT as amenable to biotechnological production methods: acetaldehyde acetoin acetone, acetylene, acrylic acid, butadiene butanol butyl acetate, butyraldehyde dihydroxyacetone ethyl acetate, ethyl acrylate ethylene, formaldehyde, isoprene isopropanol methanol, methyl ethyl ketone, methyl acrylate propylene, propylene oxide, styrene vinyl acetate.

SOURCE: Gene Corp. and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Table I-B-8.—Chemicals: Aromatics and Miscellaneous**

Product category	End use
<b>Aromatics</b>	
Aniline	Cyclic intermediate
Benzoic acid	Cyclic intermediate
Cresols	Cyclic intermediate
Phenol	Cyclic intermediate
Phthalic anhydride	Cyclic intermediate
Cinnamaldehyde	Flavor/perfume material
Diisodecyl phthalate	Plasticizer
Diocetyl phthalate	Plasticizer
<b>Inorganic</b>	
Ammonia	Manufacturing processes
Hydrogen	Manufacturing processes
<b>Enzymes</b>	
Pepsin	Manufacturing processes
Bacillus protease	Manufacturing processes
<b>Mineral leaching</b>	
Transition metals (cobalt, nickel, manganese, iron)	Inorganic intermediates; catalysts
Biodegradation	Removal of organic phosphates, aryl sulfonates, and haloaromatics

SOURCE: Gene Corp.

**Table I- B-9.—Energy Products**

Product category	End use
<b>Enzymes</b>	
Ethanol dehydrogenase	Manufacturing processes
Hydrogenate	Manufacturing processes
Biodegradation	Petroleum byproducts removal
<b>Aliphatics</b>	
Methane	Fuel
Ethanol	Fuel
<b>Inorganic</b>	
Hydrogen	Fuel
<b>Mineral leaching</b>	
Uranium	Fuel

SOURCE: Genx Corp.

**Table I- B- 10.—Total Market Values for the Various Product Categories**

Product category	Number of compounds	Current value (\$ millions)
Amino acids	9	\$ 1,703.0
Vitamins	6	667.7
Enzymes	11	217.7
Steroid hormones	6	376.8
Peptide hormones	9	263.7
Viral antigens	9	N/A
Short peptides	2	4.4
Nucleotides	2	72.0
Miscellaneous proteins	2 <sup>a</sup>	300.0
Antibiotics	4 <sup>b</sup>	4,240.0
Gene preparations	3	N/A
Pesticides	2 <sup>b</sup>	100.0
<b>Aliphatics:</b>		
Methane		12,572.0
Other	24 <sup>c</sup>	2,737.5
Aromatics	10 <sup>c</sup>	1,250.9
Inorganic	2	2,681.0
Mineral leaching	5	N/A
Biodegradation	N/A	N/A
Totals	107	\$27,186.7 <sup>d</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Only two of a number of compounds are considered here.

<sup>b</sup>These numbers refer to major classes of compounds; not actual numbers of compounds.

<sup>c</sup>These numbers refer only to those compounds representing the largest market volume in classes specified in the text.

<sup>d</sup>Current value excluding methane = \$14,614,700,000

SOURCE: Genex Corp.

Table I-B-11.-Amino Acids: Market Information

Current market data			
Compound	Market volume 1,000 lb	Bulk cost \$/lb	Market value (\$ millions)
Arginine . . . . .	900	12.73	11.46
Aspartate . . . . .	3,000	2.86	8.6
Cysteine. . . . .	600	22.75	13.6
Glutamate. . . . .	600,000	1.80	1,080.0
Lysine . . . . .	129,000	2.10	258.0
Methionine. . . . .	210,000	1.40	294.0
Phertylalanine. . . .	300	38.18	11.46
Threonine. . . . .	300	58.18	16.2
Tryptophan. . . . .	225	43.18	9.71

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex Corp. from data in references 1,2, and 3.

Table I-B-12.—Amino Acids: Technical Information

Compound	Typical synthetic process	Typical precursor	Is precursor renewable/non-renewable limited	Alternate precursor by fermentation	Time to implement commercial fermentation by genetically engineered strain
Arginine . . . . .	fermentation	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	renewable		5 yrs.
Aspartate . . . . .	fermentation	fumaric acid and ammonia	limited		5 yrs.
Cysteine . . . . .	extraction	protein hydrolysis	renewable		5 yrs.
Glutamate. . . . .	fermentation	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	renewable		5 yrs.
Lysine. . . . .	fermentation	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	renewable		5 yrs.
Methionine. . . . .	chemical	B-methylmercapto propionaldehyde	nonrenewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	10 yrs.
Phenylalanine. . . .	chemical	a-acetaminocinnamic acid	limited	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	5 yrs. 5 yrs.
Threonine. . . . .	fermentation	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	renewable		5 yrs.
Tryptophan. . . . .	chemical	a-ketoglutaric phenylhydrazone	nonrenewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	5 yrs.

Ammonium ion.

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex Corp. from data in references 2,3,4, and 5

Table I-B-13.-Vitamins: Market Information

Current market data			
Compound	Market volume 1,000 lb	Bulk cost \$/lb	Market value (\$ millions)
Nicotinic acid. . . .	1,400	1.82	2.5
Riboflavin (B <sub>2</sub> ). . . .	22	15.40	0.34
Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> . . . . .		6,991.60	153.8
Vitamin C . . . . .	90,0%	4.50	405.0
Vitamin D . . . . .	12	42.50	0.51
Vitamin E . . . . .	3,641	29.00	105.6

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex Corp. from data in references 1,6,7,8, and 9.

Table I-B-14.—Vitamins: Technical Information

Compound	Typical synthetic process	Typical precursor	Is precursor renewable/non-renewable limited	Alternate precursor by fermentation	Time to implement commercial fermentation by genetically engineered strain
Nicotinic Acid . . .	chemical	alkyl a-subst.	nonrenewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup>	10 yrs.
Riboflavin (B <sub>2</sub> ). . . .	fermentation	pyridines glucose	renewable	—	10 yrs.
Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> . . . . .	fermentation	carbohydrates	renewable	—	10 yrs.
Vitamin C . . . . .	semisynthetic	glucose or sorbitol	renewable		10 yrs.
Vitamin D . . . . .	fermentation	glucose	renewable	glucose	10 yrs.
Vitamin E . . . . .	extraction	wheat germ oil	limited	glucose	15 yrs.

<sup>a</sup>Ammonium ion.

SOURCE: Compiled by Gene Corp. from data in references 4,7,8, 10,11, and 12.

Table I-B-15.—Enzymes: Market Information

Compound	Current market data		
	Market volume 1,000 lb	Bulk cost \$/lb	Market value (\$ millions)
a-amylase. . . . .	600	19.33	11.6
Amyloglucosidase	600		
Asparaginase. . . .	(Information not available)		
<i>Bacillus</i> protease.	1,000	8.28	8.2
Ethanol dehydrogenase .	(Information not available)		
Glucose isomerase	100	40000	400
Glucose oxidase . .			0.80
Hydrogenate . . . .	(Information not available)		
Papain. . . . .	200	59.00	11.8
Pepsin. . . . .	10	360.00	3.8
Rennin. . . . .	24	696.00	40.0
Tyrosine hydroxylase . . . .	(Information not available)		
Urokinase. . . . .		60,000 IU <sup>a</sup>	89.5

<sup>a</sup>1 : internation. units.

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex Corp. from data in references 9,13,14,15, and 16.

Table I- B-16.-Enzymes: Technical Information

Compound	Typical synthetic process	Typical precursor	IS precursor renewable/non-renewable limited	Alternate precursor by fermentation	Time to implement commercial fermentation by genetically engineered strain
a-amylase. . . . .	fermentation	molasses	renewable		5 yrs.
Amyloglucosidase	fermentation	molasses	renewable		5 yrs.
Asparaginase. . . .	extraction	tissue culture	renewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	5 yrs.
<i>Bacillus</i> protease.	fermentation	molasses	renewable		5 yrs.
Ethanol dehydrogenase		(Information not available)		glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	10 yrs.
Glucose isomerase. . . . .	fermentation	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	renewable		5 yrs.
Glucose oxidase . . . .	fermentation	molasses	renewable		5 yrs.
Hydrogenate . . . . .		(Information not available)		glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	10 yrs.
Papain. . . . .	extraction	papaya	renewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	5 yrs.
Pepsin. . . . .	fermentation	molasses	renewable		5 yrs.
Rennin. . . . .	fermentation	molasses	renewable		5 yrs.
Tyrosine . . . . .	extraction	tissue culture	renewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	5 yrs.
Urokinase. . . . .	extraction	tissue culture	renewable	glucose	5 yrs.

Ammonium ion.

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex Corp. from data in references 4,5,13,14,16,17, and 18.

Table I=B=17.-Steroid Hormones: Market information

Compound	Current market data		
	Market volume 1,000 lb	Bulk cost \$/lb	Market value (\$ millions)
Corticoids. . . . .			305.8
Cortisone . . . . .	N/A	208.84	N/A
Prednisone. . . . .	N/A	467.62	N/A
Prenisolone . . . . .	N/A	463.06	N/A
Aldosterone . . . . .	N/A	N/A	N/A
Androgens			10.8
Testosterone . . . . .	(Information not available)		
Estrogens. . . . .			60.2
Estradiol . . . . .	(Information not available)		

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex Corp. from data in references 1 and 4.

Table I-B-18.—Steroid Hormones: Technical Information

Compound	Typical synthetic process	Typical precursor	Is precursor renewable/non-renewable limited	Alternate precursor by fermentation	Time to implement commercial fermentation by genetically engineered strain
<b>Corticoids</b>					
Cortisone					
Prednisone. . . . .	semisynthetic	diosgenin or stigmasterol	renewable	glucose	10 yrs.
Predisolone					
Aldosterone					
<b>Androgens</b>					
Testosterone . . . . .	semisynthetic	chemical modification of cholesterol	renewable	glucose	10 yrs.
<b>Estrogens</b>					
Estradiol . . . . .	semisynthetic	chemical modification of cholesterol	renewable	glucose	10 yrs.

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex Corp. from data in references 4,19,20,21, and 22.

Table I- B-19.—Peptide Hormones: Market Information

Compound	Current market data		
	Market volume 1,000 lb	Bulk cost \$/lb	Market value (\$ millions)
ACTH <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	N/A	N/A	5.6
Bovine growth hormone. . . . .	0.0		0.0
Endorphins. . . . .	(Information not available)		
Enkephalins . . . . .	(Information not available)		
Glucagon . . . . .	(Information not available)		
Human growth hormone. . . . .	N/A	N/A	75.0
Insulin. . . . .	N/A	N/A	163.1
Ovine growth hormone. . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0
Porcine growth hormone. . . . .	0.0		0.0
Vasopressin. . . . .	(Information not available)		

<sup>a</sup>Adrenocorticotrop hormone.

SOURCE: Compiled by v Genex Corp. from data in reference 4.

**Table I- B-20.-Peptide Hormones: Technical Information**

Compound	Typical synthetic process	Typical precursor	Is precursor renewable/non-renewable limited	Alternate precursor by fermentation	Time to implement commercial fermentation by genetically engineered strain
ACTH <sup>a</sup> .....	extraction	adrenal cortex	limited	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>b</sup>	5 yrs.
Bovine growth hormone.....	extraction	anterior pituitary	limited	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	5 yrs.
Endorphins.....	extraction	brain	limited	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	5 yrs.
Enkephalins.....	extraction	brain	limited	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	5 yrs.
Glucagon.....	extraction	pancreas	limited	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	5 yrs.
Human growth hormone.....	extraction	anterior pituitary	limited	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	5 yrs.
Insulin.....	extraction	pancreas	limited	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	5 yrs.
Ovine growth hormone.....	extraction	anterior pituitary	limited	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	10 yrs.
Porcine growth hormone.....	extraction	anterior pituitary	limited	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	10 yrs.
Vasopressin.....	extraction	posterior pituitary	limited	glucose, and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	5 yrs.

<sup>a</sup>Adrenocorticotrophic h hormone.

<sup>b</sup>Ammonium ik ion.

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex C Corp. from data in references 4,23, and 24.

**Table I- B-21.—Vjral Antigens: Market Information**

Current market data			
Compound	Market volume 1,000 lb	Bulk cost \$/lb	Market value (\$ millions)
Avian leukemia virus.....	(Information not available)		
Avian myeloblastosis virus.....	(information not available)		
Epstein-Barr virus	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hepatitis virus . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0
Herpes virus. . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hoof and mouth disease virus . . .	0.0		
influenza virus...	(Information not available)		
Reoviruses . . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rous sarcoma virus.....	(Information not available)		
Rubella virus.....	(Information not available)		
Varicella virus . . .	(information not available)		

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex Corp. from data in reference 4.

**Table I-B-22.—Viral Antigens: Technical Information**

Compound	Typical synthetic process	Typical precursor	Is precursor renewable/non-renewable limited	Alternate precursor by fermentation	Time to implement commercial fermentation by genetically engineered strain
Avian leukemia . . . virus		(Information not available)		glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup>	5 yrs.
Avian myeloblastosis virus		(Information not available)		glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup>	5 yrs.
Epstein-Barr virus	tissue culture	lymphoblasts	renewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup>	5 yrs.
Hepatitis . . . . . viruses		(Information not available)		glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup>	5 yrs.
Herpes . . . . . viruses		(Information not available)		glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup>	5 yrs.
Hoof and mouth . . disease virus		(Information not available)		glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup>	5 yrs.
Influenza . . . . . viruses		(Information not available)		glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup>	10 yrs.
Reoviruses . . . . .		(Information not available)		glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup>	15 yrs.
Rous sarcoma . . . virus		(Information not available)		glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup>	5 yrs.
Rubella . . . . . virus	tissue culture	duck embryonic cells	renewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup>	5 yrs.
Varicella . . . . . virus		(Information not available)		glucose NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup>	5 yrs.

<sup>a</sup>Ammonium ion.

SOURCE: Compiled by iv Gen Corp. from data in references 4 and 25.

**Table I-B-23.—Short Peptides, Nucleotides, and Miscellaneous Proteins: Market Information**

Product category	Current market data		
	Market volume 1,000 lb	Bulk cost \$/lb	Market value (\$ millions)
<b>Short peptides<sup>a</sup></b>			
Aspartame . . . . .	40	110.00	4.4
Glycine-histidine-lysine . . . . .	(Information not available)		
<b>Nucleotides<sup>b</sup></b>			
5 <sup>1</sup> -IMP <sup>c</sup> . . . . .	4,000	12.00	48.0
5 <sup>1</sup> -GMP <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	2,000	12.00	24.0
<b>Miscellaneous proteins<sup>a</sup></b>			
Interferon . . . . .	N/A	N/A	50.0
Human serum albumin . . . . .	250	1,000.00	250.0
Monoclonal antibodies . . . . .	(Information not available)		

<sup>a</sup>D<sub>1</sub> from references 4 and 17f

<sup>b</sup>D<sub>1</sub> from references 4 and 27.

<sup>c</sup>5<sup>1</sup>-inosinic acid.

<sup>d</sup>5<sup>1</sup>-guanylic acid.

<sup>a</sup>Data from reference 4.

SOURCE: Compiled by hv Gen Corp.

**Table I- B-24.—Short Peptides, Nucleotides, and Miscellaneous Proteins: Technical information**

Product category	Typical synthetic process	Typical precursor	Is precursor renewable/non-renewable limited	Alternate precursor by fermentation	Time to implement commercial fermentation by genetically engineered strain
<b>Short peptides<sup>a</sup></b>					
Aspartame . . . . .	chemical	phenylalanine & aspartic acid	renewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	5 yrs.
Glycine-histidine-lysine . . . . .	extraction	human serum	renewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	5 yrs.
<b>Nucleotides<sup>c</sup></b>					
5'-IMP <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	extraction	yeast	renewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	10 yrs.
5'-GMP <sup>e</sup> . . . . .	extraction	yeast	renewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	10 yrs.
<b>Miscellaneous proteins<sup>f</sup></b>					
Interferon . . . . .	extraction or tissue culture	leukocytes, lymphoblasts, or fibroblasts	renewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	5 yrs.
Human serum albumin . . . . .	extraction	human serum	renewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	5 yrs.
Monoclonal antibodies . . . . .	somatic cell hybridization	various cells	renewable	glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	10 yrs.

<sup>a</sup>Data from reference 4 and 27.

<sup>b</sup>Ammonium ion.

<sup>c</sup>Data from references 4 and 5.

<sup>d</sup>5'-inosinic acid.

<sup>e</sup>5'-guanylic acid.

<sup>f</sup>Data from reference 4.

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex C Corp.

**Table I- B-25.-Antibiotics, Gene Preparations, and Pesticides: Market information**

Product category	Current market data		
	Market volume 1,000 lb	Bulk cost \$/lb	Market value (\$ millions)
<b>Antibiotic<sup>a</sup></b>			
Penicillins . . . . .	49,300	22.11	1,080.0
Tetracycline . . . . .	29,300	34.13	1,000.0
Cephalosporins . . . . .	4,210	114.00	460.0
Erythromycins . . . . .	(Information not available)		
<b>Gene preparations<sup>b</sup></b>			
Sickle cell anemia	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hemophilias . . . . .			0.0
Thalasemias . . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Pesticides<sup>c</sup></b>			
Microbial . . . . .	N/A	N/A	25.0
Aromatics . . . . .	N/A	N/A	75.0

<sup>a</sup>Data from references 4, 28, and 9.

<sup>b</sup>Data from references 4 and 5.

<sup>c</sup>Data from references 4 and 5.

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex C Corp.

**Table I- B-26.—Antibiotics, Gene Preparations, and Pesticides: Technical Information**

Product category	Typical synthetic process	Typical precursor	Is precursor renewable/non-renewable limited	Alternate precursor by fermentation	Time to implement commercial fermentation by genetically engineered strain
<b>Antibiotics</b>					
Penicillins . . . . .	fermentation semisynthetic	lactose & nitrogenous oils	limited		10 yrs.
Tetracycline . . . . .	fermentation	lactose & nitrogenous oils	limited	—	10 yrs.
Cephalosporins . . . . .	fermentation	lactose & nitrogenous oils	limited		10 yrs.
Erythromycins . . . . .	fermentation	lactose & nitrogenous oils	limited		10 yrs.
<b>Gene preparations<sup>b</sup></b>					
Sickle cell anemia		(No process exists currently)		glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	15 yrs.
Hemophilias . . . . .		(No process exists currently)		glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	20 yrs.
Thalasemias . . . . .		(No process exists currently)		glucose and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	20 yrs.
<b>Pesticides<sup>c</sup></b>					
Microbial . . . . .	fermentation	molasses & fishmeal	renewable		5 yrs.
Aromatics . . . . .	semi synthetic	naphthalene	non renewable	—	10 yrs.

<sup>a</sup>Dal from references 4,5,28, 1, 3 and 33

<sup>c</sup>Dal from references 4 and 33

<sup>b</sup>Dal from reference 4.

<sup>d</sup>Ammonium ion.

SOURCE: Compiled by *iv Gen Corp.*

**Table I= B-27. -Aliphatics: Market Information**

Current market data			
Compound	Market volume 1,000 lb	Bulk cost \$/lb	Market value (\$ millions)
Acetic acid . . . . .	823,274	0.23	189.4
Acrylic acid . . . . .	46,503	0.43	20.0
Adipic acid . . . . .	181,097	0.50	90.5
Bis (2-ethylehexyl) adipate	43,015	0.49	21.1
Citronella . . . . .	394	3.90	
Citronellol . . . . .	1,443	4.50	6.5
Ethanol . . . . .	1,048,000	0.24	251.5
Ethanolamine . . . . .	320,236	0.46	147.3
Ethylene glycol . . . . .	3,137,000	0.31	972.5
Ethylene oxide . . . . .	525,113		189.0
Geraniol . . . . .	2,307	3.25	7.5
Glycerol . . . . .	116,612	0.54	63.0
Isobutylene . . . . .	597,712	0.95	567.2
Itaconic acid . . . . .	200	0.83	0.2
Linalool . . . . .	3,341	2.60	8.7
Linalyl acetate . . . . .	1,535	3.50	5.4
Methane . . . . .	878,000,000	0.013	11,573.0
Nerol . . . . .	462	4.20	1.9
Pentaerythritol . . . . .	117,085	0.62	72.6
Propionic acid . . . . .	62,848	0.21	13.2
Propylene glycol . . . . .	525,527	0.73	173.4
Sorbic acid . . . . .	20,000	2.15	43.0
Sorbitol . . . . .	160,267	0.36	57.7
a-terpineol . . . . .	2,416	1.28	3.0
a-terpinyl acetate . . . . .	1,066	1.30	1.4

SOURCE: Compiled by *iv Gen Corp.* from data in references 1,4,9, and 33.

Table I- B-28.—Aliphatics: Technical Information

Compound	Typical synthetic process	Typical precursor	Is precursor renewable/non-renewable limited	Alternate precursor by fermentation	Time to implement commercial fermentation by genetically engineered strain <sup>b</sup>
Acetic acid . . . . .	chemical	methanol or ethanol	nonrenewable	glucose	10 yrs.
Acrylic acid . . . . .	chemical	ethylene	nonrenewable	glucose	10 yrs.
Adipic acid . . . . .	chemical	phenol	nonrenewable	glucose	10 yrs.
Bis (2-ethylhexyl) adipate . . . . .	chemical	phenol	nonrenewable	glucose	20 yrs.
Citronella . . . . .	chemical	isobutylene	nonrenewable	glucose	20 yrs.
Citronellol . . . . .	chemical	isobutylene	nonrenewable	glucose	20 yrs.
Ethanol . . . . .	chemical	ethylene	nonrenewable	glucose	5 yrs.
Ethanolamine . . . . .	chemical	ethylene	nonrenewable	glucose	10 yrs.
Ethylene glycol . . . . .	chemical	ethylene	nonrenewable	glucose	5 yrs.
Ethylene oxide . . . . .	chemical	ethylene	nonrenewable	glucose	5 yrs.
Geraniol . . . . .	chemical	isobutylene	nonrenewable	glucose	20 yrs.
Glycerol . . . . .	chemical	soap manuf.	nonrenewable	glucose	5 yrs.
Isobutylene . . . . .	chemical	petroleum	nonrenewable	glucose	10 yrs.
Itaconic acid . . . . .	fermentation	molasses	renewable	...	5 yrs.
Linalool . . . . .	chemical	isobutylene	nonrenewable	glucose	20 yrs.
Linalyl acetate . . . . .	chemical	isobutylene	nonrenewable	glucose	20 yrs.
Methane . . . . .	chemical	natural gas	nonrenewable	sewage	10 yrs.
Nerol . . . . .	chemical	isobutylene	nonrenewable	glucose	20 yrs.
Pentaerythritol . . . . .	chemical	acetaldehyde & formaldehyde	nonrenewable	glucose	10 yrs.
Propionic acid . . . . .	chemical	ethanol & carbon monoxide	limited	glucose	10 yrs.
Propylene glycol . . . . .	chemical	propylene	nonrenewable	glucose	10 yrs.
Sorbic acid . . . . .	chemical	crotonaldehyde & malonic acid	nonrenewable	glucose	15 yrs.
Sorbitol . . . . .	chemical	glucose	renewable		10 yrs.
a-terpineol . . . . .	chemical	isobutylene	nonrenewable	glucose	20 yrs.
a-terpinyl acetate . . . . .	chemical	isobutylene	nonrenewable	glucose	20 yrs.

Wherever glucose is mentioned, other carbohydrates may be substituted, including starch and cellulose. In many cases it is possible to use more readily developed fermentations using nonrenewable or limited hydrocarbons as Precursors.

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex Corp. from data in references 4,33,34, and 35.

Table I= B-29.-Aromatics: Market Information

Compound	Current market data		
	Market volume 1,000 lb	Bulk cost \$/lb	Market value (\$ millions)
Aniline . . . . .	187,767	0.42	78.9
Aspirin . . . . .	32,247	1.41	45.5
Benzoic acid . . . . .	36,822	0.47	17.3
Cinnamaldehyde . . . . .	1,098	2.10	3.4
Cresols . . . . .	94,932	0.54	51.2
Diisodecyl phthalate . . . . .	151,319	0.42	63.6
Diocetyl phthalate . . . . .	391,131	0.42	164.3
p-acetaminophenol . . . . .	20,000	2.65	53.0
Phenol . . . . .	1,431,000	0.36	515.2
Phthalic anhydride . . . . .	646,289	0.40	258.5

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex Corp. from data in references 1 and 9.

Table I- B-30.-Aromatics: Technical Information

Compound	Typical synthetic process	Typical precursor	Is precursor renewable/non-renewable limited	Alternate precursor by fermentation	Time to implement commercial fermentation by genetically engineered strain
Aniline . . . . .	chemical	benzene	nonrenewable	aromatic*	10 yrs.
Aspirin . . . . .	chemical	phenol	nonrenewable	aromatic	5 yrs.
Benzoic acid . . . . .	chemical	tar oil	nonrenewable	aromatic	10 yrs.
Cinnamaldehyde. . . . .	chemical	benzaldehyde acetaldehyde	nonrenewable	aromatic	20 yrs.
Cresols. . . . .	chemical	phthalic an hydride	nonrenewable	aromatic	10 yrs.
Diisodecyl . . . . . phthalate	chemical	coal tar	nonrenewable	aromatic	20 yrs.
Dioctyl . . . . . phthalate	chemical	coal tar	nonrenewable	aromatic	20 yrs.
p-acetaminophenol. . . . .	chemical	nitrobenzene	nonrenewable	aromatic	5 yrs.
Phenol . . . . .	chemical	coal tar	nonrenewable	aromatic	10 yrs.
Phthalic . . . . . anhydride	chemical	coal tar	nonrenewable	aromatic	15 yrs.

\*Aromatic refers to benzene or benzene derivative. Eventually it is anticipated that it might be a renewable resource and would then be a Precursor.

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex Corp. from data in references 4 and 35.

Table I-B-31.—Inorganics and Mineral Leaching: Market Information

Product category	Current market data		
	Market volume 1,000 lb	Bulk cost \$/lb	Market value (\$ millions)
<b>Inorganic</b>			
Ammonia . . . . .	33,400,000	0.06	2,004.0
Hydrogen . . . . .	451,000	0.15	677.0
<b>Mineral leaching</b>			
Uranium . . . . .	(Information not available)		
Transition metals. (cobalt, nickel, manganese, iron)	(Information not available)		

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex Corp. from data in reference 4.

Table I- B-32.-Inorganics and Mineral Leaching: Technical Information

Product category	Typical synthetic process	Typical precursor	Is precursor renewable/non-renewable limited	Alternate precursor by fermentation	Time to implement commercial fermentation by genetically engineered strain
<b>Inorganic</b>					
Ammonia . . . . .	chemical	water and coke	nonrenewable	nitrogen(air)	15 yrs.
Hydrogen . . . . .	catalytic reforming	petroleum	nonrenewable	water and air	15 yrs.
<b>Mineral leaching</b>					
Uranium . . . . .	(Information not available)				
Transition metals. (cobalt, nickel, manganese, iron)	(Information not available)				

SOURCE: Compiled by Genex Corp. from data in references 4 and 35.

Table I- B-33.-Projected Growth of Selected Markets Involving Applications of Genetic Engineering

Product category	Current market \$ millions	Projected market in 20 yrs. \$ millions
Amino acids <sup>a</sup> .....	300	1,000
Miscellaneous proteins.	300	1,000
Gene preparations .....	0	2,100
Short peptides .....	5	2,100
Peptide hormones .....		
Totals .....	865	5,100

<sup>a</sup>Only four amino acids are considered here.

SOURCE: Genentech Corp.

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