CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A miR-22 inhibitory composition comprising a nucleic acid having a sequence ~~comprising~~ consisting of CTTcaACtgGCAgCT (SEQ ID NO: 8), wherein the ~~captical~~ capital letters are LNA (locked nucleic acid)-modified nucleotides, and the lower-case letters are unmodified nucleotides.

2. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the nucleic acid of ~~any one of the above claims~~claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or carrier.

3. A vector or plasmid comprising a nucleic acid of any one of the above claims.

4. A host cell comprising a nucleic acid of any one of the above claims.

5. A miR-22 inhibitory composition according to claim 1 for inhibiting miR-22.