

[0009] Somatic gene therapy holds great promise for the treatment of hemophilia A because it would remedy the underlying under-expression functional Factor VIII activity (e.g., due to missense or nonsense mutations), rather than provide a one-time dose of Factor VIII activity to the individual. Because of this difference in the mechanism of action, as compared to Factor VIII replacement therapy, one-time administration of a Factor VIII gene therapy vector may provide an individual with Factor VIII for several years, reducing the cost of treatment and eliminating the need for continued patient compliance.

[0010] Coagulation Factor IX (FIX) gene therapy has been used effectively to treat individuals with hemophilia B, a related blood coagulation condition characterized by diminished Factor IX activity (Manno C.S., et al., Nat Med., 12(3):342-47 (2006)). However, Factor VIII gene therapy presents several unique challenges. For example, the full-length, wild-type Factor VIII polypeptide (2351 amino acids; UniProt accession number P00451) is five times larger than the full-length, wild-type Factor IX polypeptide (461 amino acids; UniProt accession number P00740). As such, the coding sequence of wild-type Factor VIII is 7053 base pairs, which is too large to be packaged in conventional AAV gene therapy vectors. Further, reported recombinant expression of B-domain deleted variants of Factor VIII (BDD-FVIII) has been poor. As such, several groups have attempted to alter the codon usage of BDD-FVIII constructs, with limited success.

SUMMARY

[0011] Accordingly, there is a need for Factor VIII variants whose coding sequences are more efficiently packaged into, and delivered via, gene therapy vectors. There is also a need for synthetic, codon-altered nucleic acids which express Factor VIII more efficiently. Such Factor VIII variants and codon-altered nucleic acids allow for improved treatment of Factor VIII deficiencies (e.g., hemophilia A). The above deficiencies and other problems associated with the treatment of Factor VIII deficiencies (e.g., hemophilia A) are reduced or eliminated by the disclosed codon-altered Factor VIII variants.

[0012] In accordance with some examples, the present disclosure provides nucleic acids encoding Factor VIII variants that have high sequence identity to the disclosed codon-altered sequences of the Factor VIII heavy chain (e.g., CS01-HC-NA, CS04-HC-NA, or CS23-HC-NA)

and light chain (CS01-LC-NA, CS04-LC-NA, or CS23-LC-NA). In some examples, these nucleic acids further include a sequence encoding a linker sequence that replaces the native Factor VIII B-domain (e.g., a linker sequences comprising a furin cleavage site), between the sequences coding for the Factor VIII heavy and light chains.

[0013] In one example, the disclosure provides a polynucleotide including a nucleotide sequence encoding a Factor VIII polypeptide. The Factor VIII polypeptide includes a light chain, a heavy chain, and a polypeptide linker joining the C-terminus of the heavy chain to the N-terminus of the light chain. The heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide is encoded by a first nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS04-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 3). The light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide is encoded by a second nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS04-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 4). The polypeptide linker comprises a furin cleavage site.

[0013a] In a first aspect, there is provided a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a Factor VIII polypeptide, the Factor VIII polypeptide comprising a light chain, a heavy chain, and a polypeptide linker joining the C-terminus of the heavy chain to the N-terminus of the light chain, wherein the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide is encoded by a first nucleotide sequence having at least 99% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID NO: 3; wherein the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide is encoded by a second nucleotide sequence having at least 99% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID NO: 4; and wherein the polypeptide linker comprises a furin cleavage site and a glycosylation peptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:55.

[0014] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polypeptide linker is encoded by a third nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to BDLO04 (SEQ ID NO: 6).

[0015] In one example, the disclosure provides a polynucleotide including a nucleotide sequence encoding a Factor VIII polypeptide. The Factor VIII polypeptide includes a light chain, a heavy chain, and a polypeptide linker joining the C-terminus of the heavy chain to the N-terminus of the light chain. The heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide is encoded by a first nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS01-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 24). The light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide is encoded by a second nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS01-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 25). The polypeptide linker comprises a furin cleavage site.

[0016] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polypeptide linker is encoded by a third nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to BDLO01 (SEQ ID NO: 5).

[0017] In one example, the disclosure provides a polynucleotide including a nucleotide sequence encoding a Factor VIII polypeptide. The Factor VIII polypeptide includes a light chain, a heavy

chain, and a polypeptide linker joining the C-terminus of the heavy chain to the N-terminus of the light chain. The heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide is encoded by a first nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS23-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 22). The light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide is encoded by a second nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS23-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 23). The polypeptide linker comprises a furin cleavage site.

[0018] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polypeptide linker is encoded by a third nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to BDLO23 (SEQ ID NO: 7).

[0019] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the first nucleotide sequence encoding the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has at least 96% identity to the respective heavy chain sequence (e.g., CS04-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 3), CS01-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 24), or CS23-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 22)), and the second nucleotide sequence encoding the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide has at least 96% identity to the respective light chain sequence (e.g., CS04-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 4), CS01-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 25), or CS23-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 23)).

[0020] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the first nucleotide sequence encoding the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has at least 97% identity to the respective heavy chain sequence (e.g., CS04-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 3), CS01-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 24), or CS23-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 22)), and the second nucleotide sequence encoding the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide has at least 97% identity to the respective light chain sequence (e.g., CS04-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 4), CS01-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 25), or CS23-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 23)).

[0021] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the first nucleotide sequence encoding the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has at least 98% identity to the respective heavy chain sequence (e.g., CS04-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 3), CS01-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 24), or CS23-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 22)), and the second nucleotide sequence encoding the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide has at least 98% identity to the respective light chain

sequence (e.g., CS04-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 4), CS01-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 25), or CS23-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 23)).

[0022] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the first nucleotide sequence encoding the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has at least 99% identity to the respective heavy chain sequence (e.g., CS04-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 3), CS01-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 24), or CS23-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 22)), and the second nucleotide sequence encoding the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide has at least 99% identity to the respective light chain sequence (e.g., CS04-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 4), CS01-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 25), or CS23-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 23)).

[0023] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the first nucleotide sequence encoding the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has at least 99.5% identity to the respective heavy chain sequence (e.g., CS04-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 3), CS01-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 24), or CS23-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 22)), and the second nucleotide sequence encoding the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide has at least 99.5% identity to the respective light chain sequence (e.g., CS04-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 4), CS01-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 25), or CS23-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 23)).

[0024] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the first nucleotide sequence encoding the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has at least 99.9% identity to the respective heavy chain sequence (e.g., CS04-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 3), CS01-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 24), or CS23-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 22)), and the second nucleotide sequence encoding the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide has at least 99.9% identity to the respective light chain sequence (e.g., CS04-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 4), CS01-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 25), or CS23-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 23)).

[0025] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the first nucleotide sequence encoding the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide is CS04-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 3), and the second nucleotide sequence encoding the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide is CS04-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 4).

[0026] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the first nucleotide sequence encoding the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide is CS01-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 24), and the second nucleotide sequence encoding the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide is CS01-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 25).

[0027] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the first nucleotide sequence encoding the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide is CS23-HC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 22), and the second nucleotide sequence encoding the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide is CS23-LC-NA (SEQ ID NO: 23).

[0028] In one example, the disclosure provides a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS04-FL-NA, wherein the polynucleotide encodes a Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0029] In one example, the disclosure provides a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS01-FL-NA, wherein the polynucleotide encodes a Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0030] In one example, the disclosure provides a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS23-FL-NA, wherein the polynucleotide encodes a Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0031] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 96% identity to the respective full-length polynucleotide sequence (e.g., CS04-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 1), CS01-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 13), or CS23-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 20)).

[0032] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 97% identity to the respective full-length polynucleotide sequence (e.g., CS04-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 1), CS01-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 13), or CS23-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 20)).

[0033] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 98% identity to the respective full-length polynucleotide sequence (e.g., CS04-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 1), CS01-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 13), or CS23-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 20)).

[0034] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 99% identity to the respective full-length polynucleotide sequence (e.g., CS04-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 1), CS01-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 13), or CS23-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 20)).

[0035] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 99.5% identity to the respective full-length polynucleotide sequence (e.g., CS04-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 1), CS01-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 13), or CS23-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 20)).

[0036] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 99.9% identity to the respective full-length polynucleotide sequence (e.g., CS04-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 1), CS01-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 13), or CS23-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 20)).

[0037] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence is CS04-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 1).

[0038] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence is CS01-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 13).

[0039] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence is CS23-FL-NA (SEQ ID NO: 20).

[0040] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polynucleotide encodes a Factor VIII polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to CS04-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 2).

[0041] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polynucleotide encodes a Factor VIII polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 96% identity to CS04-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 2).

[0042] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polynucleotide encodes a Factor VIII polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 97% identity to CS04-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 2).

[0043] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polynucleotide encodes a Factor VIII polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 98% identity to CS04-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 2).

[0044] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polynucleotide encodes a Factor VIII polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 99% identity to CS04-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 2).

[0045] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polynucleotide encodes a Factor VIII polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 99.5% identity to CS04-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 2).

[0046] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polynucleotide encodes a Factor VIII polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 99.9% identity to CS04-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 2).

[0047] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polynucleotide encodes a Factor VIII polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of CS04-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 2).

[0048] In one example, the disclosure provides a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS04-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 9), wherein the polynucleotide encodes a single-chain Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0049] In one example, the disclosure provides a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS04-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 11), wherein the polynucleotide encodes a single-chain Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0050] In one example, the disclosure provides a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS01-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 26), wherein the polynucleotide encodes a single-chain Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0051] In one example, the disclosure provides a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS01-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 27), wherein the polynucleotide encodes a single-chain Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0052] In one example, the disclosure provides a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS23-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 28), wherein the polynucleotide encodes a single-chain Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0053] In one example, the disclosure provides a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to CS23-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 29), wherein the polynucleotide encodes a single-chain Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0054] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 96% identity to the respective full-length polynucleotide sequence (e.g., CS04-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 9), CS04-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 11), CS01-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 26), CS01-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 27), CS23-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 28), or CS23-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 29)).

[0055] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 97% identity to the respective full-length polynucleotide sequence (e.g., CS04-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 9), CS04-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 11), CS01-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 26), CS01-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 27), CS23-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 28), or CS23-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 29)).

[0056] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 98% identity to the respective full-length polynucleotide sequence (e.g., CS04-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 9), CS04-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 11), CS01-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 26), CS01-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 27), CS23-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 28), or CS23-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 29)).

[0057] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 99% identity to the respective full-length polynucleotide sequence (e.g., CS04-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 9), CS04-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 11), CS01-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 26), CS01-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 27), CS23-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 28), or CS23-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 29)).

[0058] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 99.5% identity to the respective full-length polynucleotide sequence (e.g., CS04-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 9), CS04-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 11), CS01-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 26), CS01-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 27), CS23-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 28), or CS23-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 29)).

[0059] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 99.9% identity to the respective full-length polynucleotide sequence (e.g., CS04-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 9), CS04-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 11), CS01-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 26), CS01-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 27), CS23-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 28), or CS23-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 29)).

[0060] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence is CS04-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 9).

[0061] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence is CS04-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 11).

[0062] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence is CS01-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 26).

[0063] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence is CS01-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 27).

[0064] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence is CS23-SC1-NA (SEQ ID NO: 28).

[0065] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence is CS23-SC2-NA (SEQ ID NO: 29).

[0066] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 95% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of CS01-FL-NA, CS01-HC-NA, CS01-LC-NA, CS04-FL-NA, CS04-HC-NA, CS04-LC-NA, CS23-FL-NA, CS23-HC-NA, CS23-LC-NA, CS01m1-FL-NA, CS01m2-FL-NA, CS01m3-FL-NA, CS01m4-FL-NA, CS01m12-FL-NA, CS01m13-FL-NA, CS01m23-FL-NA, CS01m24-FL-NA, CS01m34-FL-NA, CS01m123-FL-NA, CS01m234-FL-NA, CS04m1-FL-NA, CS04m2-FL-NA, CS04m3-FL-NA, CS04m4-FL-NA, CS04m12-FL-NA, CS04m13-FL-NA, CS04m23-FL-NA, CS04m24-FL-NA, CS04m34-FL-NA, CS04m123-FL-NA, CS04m234-FL-NA, CS23m1-FL-NA, CS23m2-FL-NA, CS23m3-FL-NA, CS23m4-FL-NA, CS23m12-FL-NA, CS23m13-FL-NA, CS23m23-FL-NA, CS23m24-FL-NA, CS23m34-FL-NA, CS23m123-FL-NA, CS23m234-FL-NA, CS01-SC1-NA,

CS04-SC1-NA, CS23-SC1-NA, CS01m1-SC1-NA, CS01m2-SC1-NA, CS01m3-SC1-NA, CS01m4-SC1-NA, CS01m12-SC1-NA, CS01m13-SC1-NA, CS01m23-SC1-NA, CS01m24-SC1-NA, CS01m34-SC1-NA, CS01m123-SC1-NA, CS01m234-SC1-NA, CS04m1-SC1-NA, CS04m2-SC1-NA, CS04m3-SC1-NA, CS04m4-SC1-NA, CS04m12-SC1-NA, CS04m13-SC1-NA, CS04m23-SC1-NA, CS04m24-SC1-NA, CS04m34-SC1-NA, CS04m123-SC1-NA, CS04m234-SC1-NA, CS23m1-SC1-NA, CS23m2-SC1-NA, CS23m3-SC1-NA, CS23m4-SC1-NA, CS23m12-SC1-NA, CS23m13-SC1-NA, CS23m23-SC1-NA, CS23m24-SC1-NA, CS23m34-SC1-NA, CS23m123-SC1-NA, CS23m234-SC1-NA, CS01-SC2-NA, CS04-SC2-NA, CS23-SC2-NA, CS01m1-SC2-NA, CS01m2-SC2-NA, CS01m3-SC2-NA, CS01m4-SC2-NA, CS01m12-SC2-NA, CS01m13-SC2-NA, CS01m23-SC2-NA, CS01m24-SC2-NA, CS01m34-SC2-NA, CS01m123-SC2-NA, CS01m234-SC2-NA, CS04m1-SC2-NA, CS04m2-SC2-NA, CS04m3-SC2-NA, CS04m4-SC2-NA, CS04m12-SC2-NA, CS04m13-SC2-NA, CS04m23-SC2-NA, CS04m24-SC2-NA, CS04m34-SC2-NA, CS04m123-SC2-NA, CS04m234-SC2-NA, CS23m1-SC2-NA, CS23m2-SC2-NA, CS23m3-SC2-NA, CS23m4-SC2-NA, CS23m12-SC2-NA, CS23m13-SC2-NA, CS23m23-SC2-NA, CS23m24-SC2-NA, CS23m34-SC2-NA, CS23m123-SC2-NA, and CS23m234-SC2-NA.

[0067] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 96% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of CS01-FL-NA, CS01-HC-NA, CS01-LC-NA, CS04-FL-NA, CS04-HC-NA, CS04-LC-NA, CS23-FL-NA, CS23-HC-NA, CS23-LC-NA, CS01m1-FL-NA, CS01m2-FL-NA, CS01m3-FL-NA, CS01m4-FL-NA, CS01m12-FL-NA, CS01m13-FL-NA, CS01m23-FL-NA, CS01m24-FL-NA, CS01m34-FL-NA, CS01m123-FL-NA, CS01m234-FL-NA, CS04m1-FL-NA, CS04m2-FL-NA, CS04m3-FL-NA, CS04m4-FL-NA, CS04m12-FL-NA, CS04m13-FL-NA, CS04m23-FL-NA, CS04m24-FL-NA, CS04m34-FL-NA, CS04m123-FL-NA, CS04m234-FL-NA, CS23m1-FL-NA, CS23m2-FL-NA, CS23m3-FL-NA, CS23m4-FL-NA, CS23m12-FL-NA, CS23m13-FL-NA, CS23m23-FL-NA, CS23m24-FL-NA, CS23m34-FL-NA, CS23m123-FL-NA, CS23m234-FL-NA, CS01-SC1-NA, CS04-SC1-NA, CS23-SC1-NA, CS01m1-SC1-NA, CS01m2-SC1-NA, CS01m3-SC1-NA, CS01m4-SC1-NA, CS01m12-SC1-NA, CS01m13-SC1-NA, CS01m23-SC1-NA, CS01m24-SC1-NA, CS01m34-SC1-NA, CS01m123-SC1-NA, CS01m234-SC1-NA, CS04m1-SC1-NA, CS04m2-SC1-NA, CS04m3-SC1-NA, CS04m4-SC1-NA, CS04m12-SC1-NA, CS04m13-SC1-

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[0068] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 97% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of CS01-FL-NA, CS01-HC-NA, CS01-LC-NA, CS04-FL-NA, CS04-HC-NA, CS04-LC-NA, CS23-FL-NA, CS23-HC-NA, CS23-LC-NA, CS01m1-FL-NA, CS01m2-FL-NA, CS01m3-FL-NA, CS01m4-FL-NA, CS01m12-FL-NA, CS01m13-FL-NA, CS01m23-FL-NA, CS01m24-FL-NA, CS01m34-FL-NA, CS01m123-FL-NA, CS01m234-FL-NA, CS04m1-FL-NA, CS04m2-FL-NA, CS04m3-FL-NA, CS04m4-FL-NA, CS04m12-FL-NA, CS04m13-FL-NA, CS04m23-FL-NA, CS04m24-FL-NA, CS04m34-FL-NA, CS04m123-FL-NA, CS04m234-FL-NA, CS23m1-FL-NA, CS23m2-FL-NA, CS23m3-FL-NA, CS23m4-FL-NA, CS23m12-FL-NA, CS23m13-FL-NA, CS23m23-FL-NA, CS23m24-FL-NA, CS23m34-FL-NA, CS23m123-FL-NA, CS23m234-FL-NA, CS01-SC1-NA, CS04-SC1-NA, CS23-SC1-NA, CS01m1-SC1-NA, CS01m2-SC1-NA, CS01m3-SC1-NA, CS01m4-SC1-NA, CS01m12-SC1-NA, CS01m13-SC1-NA, CS01m23-SC1-NA, CS01m24-SC1-NA, CS01m34-SC1-NA, CS01m123-SC1-NA, CS01m234-SC1-NA, CS04m1-SC1-NA, CS04m2-SC1-NA, CS04m3-SC1-NA, CS04m4-SC1-NA, CS04m12-SC1-NA, CS04m13-SC1-NA, CS04m23-SC1-NA, CS04m24-SC1-NA, CS04m34-SC1-NA, CS04m123-SC1-NA, CS04m234-SC1-NA, CS23m1-SC1-NA, CS23m2-SC1-NA, CS23m3-SC1-NA, CS23m4-SC1-NA, CS23m12-SC1-NA, CS23m13-SC1-NA, CS23m23-SC1-NA, CS23m24-SC1-NA, CS23m34-SC1-NA, CS23m123-SC1-NA, CS23m234-SC1-NA, CS01-SC2-NA, CS04-SC2-NA,

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[0069] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 98% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of CS01-FL-NA, CS01-HC-NA, CS01-LC-NA, CS04-FL-NA, CS04-HC-NA, CS04-LC-NA, CS23-FL-NA, CS23-HC-NA, CS23-LC-NA, CS01m1-FL-NA, CS01m2-FL-NA, CS01m3-FL-NA, CS01m4-FL-NA, CS01m12-FL-NA, CS01m13-FL-NA, CS01m23-FL-NA, CS01m24-FL-NA, CS01m34-FL-NA, CS01m123-FL-NA, CS01m234-FL-NA, CS04m1-FL-NA, CS04m2-FL-NA, CS04m3-FL-NA, CS04m4-FL-NA, CS04m12-FL-NA, CS04m13-FL-NA, CS04m23-FL-NA, CS04m24-FL-NA, CS04m34-FL-NA, CS04m123-FL-NA, CS04m234-FL-NA, CS23m1-FL-NA, CS23m2-FL-NA, CS23m3-FL-NA, CS23m4-FL-NA, CS23m12-FL-NA, CS23m13-FL-NA, CS23m23-FL-NA, CS23m24-FL-NA, CS23m34-FL-NA, CS23m123-FL-NA, CS23m234-FL-NA, CS01-SC1-NA, CS04-SC1-NA, CS23-SC1-NA, CS01m1-SC1-NA, CS01m2-SC1-NA, CS01m3-SC1-NA, CS01m4-SC1-NA, CS01m12-SC1-NA, CS01m13-SC1-NA, CS01m23-SC1-NA, CS01m24-SC1-NA, CS01m34-SC1-NA, CS01m123-SC1-NA, CS01m234-SC1-NA, CS04m1-SC1-NA, CS04m2-SC1-NA, CS04m3-SC1-NA, CS04m4-SC1-NA, CS04m12-SC1-NA, CS04m13-SC1-NA, CS04m23-SC1-NA, CS04m24-SC1-NA, CS04m34-SC1-NA, CS04m123-SC1-NA, CS04m234-SC1-NA, CS23m1-SC1-NA, CS23m2-SC1-NA, CS23m3-SC1-NA, CS23m4-SC1-NA, CS23m12-SC1-NA, CS23m13-SC1-NA, CS23m23-SC1-NA, CS23m24-SC1-NA, CS23m34-SC1-NA, CS23m123-SC1-NA, CS23m234-SC1-NA, CS01-SC2-NA, CS04-SC2-NA, CS23-SC2-NA, CS01m1-SC2-NA, CS01m2-SC2-NA, CS01m3-SC2-NA, CS01m4-SC2-NA, CS01m12-SC2-NA, CS01m13-SC2-NA, CS01m23-SC2-NA, CS01m24-SC2-NA, CS01m34-SC2-NA, CS01m123-SC2-NA, CS01m234-SC2-NA, CS04m1-SC2-NA, CS04m2-SC2-NA, CS04m3-SC2-NA, CS04m4-SC2-NA, CS04m12-SC2-NA, CS04m13-SC2-NA, CS04m23-SC2-

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[0070] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 99% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of CS01-FL-NA, CS01-HC-NA, CS01-LC-NA, CS04-FL-NA, CS04-HC-NA, CS04-LC-NA, CS23-FL-NA, CS23-HC-NA, CS23-LC-NA, CS01m1-FL-NA, CS01m2-FL-NA, CS01m3-FL-NA, CS01m4-FL-NA, CS01m12-FL-NA, CS01m13-FL-NA, CS01m23-FL-NA, CS01m24-FL-NA, CS01m34-FL-NA, CS01m123-FL-NA, CS01m234-FL-NA, CS04m1-FL-NA, CS04m2-FL-NA, CS04m3-FL-NA, CS04m4-FL-NA, CS04m12-FL-NA, CS04m13-FL-NA, CS04m23-FL-NA, CS04m24-FL-NA, CS04m34-FL-NA, CS04m123-FL-NA, CS04m234-FL-NA, CS23m1-FL-NA, CS23m2-FL-NA, CS23m3-FL-NA, CS23m4-FL-NA, CS23m12-FL-NA, CS23m13-FL-NA, CS23m23-FL-NA, CS23m24-FL-NA, CS23m34-FL-NA, CS23m123-FL-NA, CS23m234-FL-NA, CS01-SC1-NA, CS04-SC1-NA, CS23-SC1-NA, CS01m1-SC1-NA, CS01m2-SC1-NA, CS01m3-SC1-NA, CS01m4-SC1-NA, CS01m12-SC1-NA, CS01m13-SC1-NA, CS01m23-SC1-NA, CS01m24-SC1-NA, CS01m34-SC1-NA, CS01m123-SC1-NA, CS01m234-SC1-NA, CS04m1-SC1-NA, CS04m2-SC1-NA, CS04m3-SC1-NA, CS04m4-SC1-NA, CS04m12-SC1-NA, CS04m13-SC1-NA, CS04m23-SC1-NA, CS04m24-SC1-NA, CS04m34-SC1-NA, CS04m123-SC1-NA, CS04m234-SC1-NA, CS23m1-SC1-NA, CS23m2-SC1-NA, CS23m3-SC1-NA, CS23m4-SC1-NA, CS23m12-SC1-NA, CS23m13-SC1-NA, CS23m23-SC1-NA, CS23m24-SC1-NA, CS23m34-SC1-NA, CS23m123-SC1-NA, CS23m234-SC1-NA, CS01-SC2-NA, CS04-SC2-NA, CS23-SC2-NA, CS01m1-SC2-NA, CS01m2-SC2-NA, CS01m3-SC2-NA, CS01m4-SC2-NA, CS01m12-SC2-NA, CS01m13-SC2-NA, CS01m23-SC2-NA, CS01m24-SC2-NA, CS01m34-SC2-NA, CS01m123-SC2-NA, CS01m234-SC2-NA, CS04m1-SC2-NA, CS04m2-SC2-NA, CS04m3-SC2-NA, CS04m4-SC2-NA, CS04m12-SC2-NA, CS04m13-SC2-NA, CS04m23-SC2-NA, CS04m24-SC2-NA, CS04m34-SC2-NA, CS04m123-SC2-NA, CS04m234-SC2-NA, CS23m1-SC2-NA, CS23m2-SC2-NA, CS23m3-SC2-NA, CS23m4-SC2-NA, CS23m12-SC2-NA, CS23m13-SC2-NA, CS23m23-SC2-NA, CS23m24-SC2-NA, CS23m34-SC2-NA, CS23m123-SC2-NA, and CS23m234-SC2-NA.

[0071] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 99.5% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of CS01-FL-NA, CS01-HC-NA, CS01-LC-NA, CS04-FL-NA, CS04-HC-NA, CS04-LC-NA, CS23-FL-NA, CS23-HC-NA, CS23-LC-NA, CS01m1-FL-NA, CS01m2-FL-NA, CS01m3-FL-NA, CS01m4-FL-NA, CS01m12-FL-NA, CS01m13-FL-NA, CS01m23-FL-NA, CS01m24-FL-NA, CS01m34-FL-NA, CS01m123-FL-NA, CS01m234-FL-NA, CS04m1-FL-NA, CS04m2-FL-NA, CS04m3-FL-NA, CS04m4-FL-NA, CS04m12-FL-NA, CS04m13-FL-NA, CS04m23-FL-NA, CS04m24-FL-NA, CS04m34-FL-NA, CS04m123-FL-NA, CS04m234-FL-NA, CS23m1-FL-NA, CS23m2-FL-NA, CS23m3-FL-NA, CS23m4-FL-NA, CS23m12-FL-NA, CS23m13-FL-NA, CS23m23-FL-NA, CS23m24-FL-NA, CS23m34-FL-NA, CS23m123-FL-NA, CS23m234-FL-NA, CS01-SC1-NA, CS04-SC1-NA, CS23-SC1-NA, CS01m1-SC1-NA, CS01m2-SC1-NA, CS01m3-SC1-NA, CS01m4-SC1-NA, CS01m12-SC1-NA, CS01m13-SC1-NA, CS01m23-SC1-NA, CS01m24-SC1-NA, CS01m34-SC1-NA, CS01m123-SC1-NA, CS01m234-SC1-NA, CS04m1-SC1-NA, CS04m2-SC1-NA, CS04m3-SC1-NA, CS04m4-SC1-NA, CS04m12-SC1-NA, CS04m13-SC1-NA, CS04m23-SC1-NA, CS04m24-SC1-NA, CS04m34-SC1-NA, CS04m123-SC1-NA, CS04m234-SC1-NA, CS23m1-SC1-NA, CS23m2-SC1-NA, CS23m3-SC1-NA, CS23m4-SC1-NA, CS23m12-SC1-NA, CS23m13-SC1-NA, CS23m23-SC1-NA, CS23m24-SC1-NA, CS23m34-SC1-NA, CS23m123-SC1-NA, CS23m234-SC1-NA, CS01-SC2-NA, CS04-SC2-NA, CS23-SC2-NA, CS01m1-SC2-NA, CS01m2-SC2-NA, CS01m3-SC2-NA, CS01m4-SC2-NA, CS01m12-SC2-NA, CS01m13-SC2-NA, CS01m23-SC2-NA, CS01m24-SC2-NA, CS01m34-SC2-NA, CS01m123-SC2-NA, CS01m234-SC2-NA, CS04m1-SC2-NA, CS04m2-SC2-NA, CS04m3-SC2-NA, CS04m4-SC2-NA, CS04m12-SC2-NA, CS04m13-SC2-NA, CS04m23-SC2-NA, CS04m24-SC2-NA, CS04m34-SC2-NA, CS04m123-SC2-NA, CS04m234-SC2-NA, CS23m1-SC2-NA, CS23m2-SC2-NA, CS23m3-SC2-NA, CS23m4-SC2-NA, CS23m12-SC2-NA, CS23m13-SC2-NA, CS23m23-SC2-NA, CS23m24-SC2-NA, CS23m34-SC2-NA, CS23m123-SC2-NA, and CS23m234-SC2-NA.

[0072] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence has at least 99.5% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of CS01-FL-NA, CS01-HC-NA, CS01-LC-NA, CS04-FL-NA, CS04-HC-NA, CS04-LC-NA, CS23-FL-NA, CS23-HC-NA, CS23-LC-NA, CS01m1-FL-NA, CS01m2-FL-NA, CS01m3-FL-NA, CS01m4-FL-NA,

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[0073] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the nucleotide sequence is selected from the group consisting of CS01-FL-NA, CS01-HC-NA, CS01-LC-NA, CS04-FL-NA, CS04-HC-NA, CS04-LC-NA, CS23-FL-NA, CS23-HC-NA, CS23-LC-NA, CS01m1-FL-NA, CS01m2-FL-NA, CS01m3-FL-NA, CS01m4-FL-NA, CS01m12-FL-NA, CS01m13-FL-NA, CS01m23-FL-NA, CS01m24-FL-NA, CS01m34-FL-NA, CS01m123-FL-NA, CS01m234-FL-NA, CS04m1-FL-NA, CS04m2-FL-NA, CS04m3-FL-NA, CS04m4-FL-NA, CS04m12-FL-NA, CS04m13-FL-NA, CS04m23-FL-NA, CS04m24-FL-NA, CS04m34-FL-NA, CS04m123-FL-NA, CS04m234-FL-NA, CS23m1-FL-NA, CS23m2-FL-NA, CS23m3-FL-NA, CS23m4-FL-

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[0074] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide comprises a glycosylation polypeptide positioned between two consecutive amino acids.

[0075] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the encoded polypeptide linker includes a glycosylation peptide with an amino acid sequence having at least 92% identity to a glycosylation peptide selected from the group consisting of NG1-AA, NG4-AA, NG5-AA, NG6-AA, NG7-AA, NG9-AA, NG10-AA, NG16-AA, NG17-AA, NG18-AA, NG19-AA, NG20-AA, NG21-AA and NGV-AA.

[0076] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the encoded polypeptide linker comprises a glycosylation peptide with an amino acid sequence selected from the group

consisting of NG1-AA, NG4-AA, NG5-AA, NG6-AA, NG7-AA, NG9-AA, NG10-AA, NG16-AA, NG17-AA, NG18-AA, NG19-AA, NG20-AA, NG21-AA and NGV-AA.

[0077] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the glycosylation peptide is encoded by a polynucleotide with a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of NG1-NA, NG4-NA, NG5-NA, NG6-NA, NG7-NA, NG9-NA, NG10-NA, NG16-NA, NG17-NA, NG18-NA, NG19-NA, NG20-NA, NG21-NA and NGV-NA.

[0078] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the glycosylation peptide is encoded by a polynucleotide with a nucleotide sequence selected from one of NG1-NA, NG4-NA, NG5-NA, NG6-NA, NG7-NA, NG9-NA, NG10-NA, NG16-NA, NG17-NA, NG18-NA, NG19-NA, NG20-NA, NG21-NA and NGV-NA.

[0079] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polypeptide linker is encoded by a third nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of BDLNG1-NA, BDLNG3-NA, BDLNG5-NA, BDLNG6-NA, BDLNG9-NA, BDLNG10-NA, BDLNG16-NA, BDLNG17-NA, BDLNG18-NA, BDLNG19-NA, BDLNG20-NA and BDLNG21-NA.

[0080] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide includes an F328S (SPI, F309S SPE) amino acid substitution, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19).

[0081] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide includes I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P (SPI; I86V, A108S, G132K, M147T, and L152P, SPE, respectively) amino acid substitutions, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19).

[0082] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide includes a) a deletion of amino acids AIEPR755-759, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and b) an insertion of amino acids TTYVNRSL (SEQ ID NO: 33) after N754, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19). In some examples (e.g., where the encoded FVIII molecule includes a portion of the N-terminal region of the wild-type B-domain), the

encoded Factor VIII polypeptide also includes a deletion of amino acids SF760-761, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19).

[0083] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide includes a) an F328S (SPI; F309S SPE) amino acid substitution, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and b) C1918G and C1922G (SPI; C1899G and C1903 SPE, respectively) amino acid substitutions, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19).

[0084] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide includes a) an F328S (SPI; F309S SPE) amino acid substitution, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and b) I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P (SPI; I86V, A108S, G132K, M147T, and L152P, SPE, respectively) amino acid substitutions, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19).

[0085] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide includes a) an F328S amino acid substitution, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), b) a deletion of amino acids AIEPR755-759, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and c) an insertion of amino acids TTYVNRSL (SEQ ID NO: 33) after N754, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19). In some examples (e.g., where the encoded FVIII molecule includes a portion of the N-terminal region of the wild-type B-domain), the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide also includes a deletion of amino acids SF760-761, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19).

[0086] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide includes a) I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P amino acid substitutions, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), b) a deletion of amino acids AIEPR755-759, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and c) an insertion of amino acids TTYVNRSL (SEQ ID NO: 33) after N754, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19). In some examples (e.g., where the encoded FVIII molecule includes a portion of the N-terminal region of the wild-type B-domain), the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide also includes a deletion of amino acids SF760-761, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19).

[0087] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide includes a) an F328S amino acid substitution, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), b) C1918G and C1922G amino acid substitutions, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and c) I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P amino acid substitutions, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19).

[0088] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide includes a) an F328S amino acid substitution, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), b) C1918G and C1922G amino acid substitutions, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), c) a deletion of amino acids A1EPR755-759, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and d) an insertion of amino acids TTYVNRSL (SEQ ID NO: 33) after N754, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19). In some examples (e.g., where the encoded FVIII molecule includes a portion of the N-terminal region of the wild-type B-domain), the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide also includes a deletion of amino acids SF760-761, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19).

[0089] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide includes a) I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P amino acid substitutions, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), b) an F328S amino acid substitution, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), c) C1918G and C1922G amino acid substitutions, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), d) a deletion of amino acids A1EPR755-759, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and e) an insertion of amino acids TTYVNRSL (SEQ ID NO: 33) after N754, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19). In some examples (e.g., where the encoded FVIII molecule includes a portion of the N-terminal region of the wild-type B-domain), the encoded Factor VIII polypeptide also includes a deletion of amino acids SF760-761, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19).

[0090] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polynucleotide also includes a promoter element operably linked to the polynucleotide encoding the Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0091] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polynucleotide also includes an enhancer element operably linked to the polynucleotide encoding the Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0092] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polynucleotide also includes a polyadenylation element operably linked to the polynucleotide encoding the Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0093] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the polynucleotide also includes an intron operatively linked to the nucleotide sequence encoding the Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0094] In one example of the polynucleotides described above, the intron is positioned between a promoter element and the translation initiation site (e.g., the first coding ATG) of the nucleotide sequence encoding a Factor VIII polypeptide.

[0095] In another example, the disclosure provides a mammalian gene therapy vector including a polynucleotide as described above.

[0096] In one example of the mammalian gene therapy vector described above, the mammalian gene therapy vector is an adeno-associated virus (AAV) vector.

[0096a] In a second aspect, there is provided an adeno-associated virus (AAV) vector comprising a polynucleotide according to the first aspect.

[0096b] In a third aspect, there is provided adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising a polynucleotide according to the first aspect.

[0096c] In a fourth aspect, there is provided a host cell infected with an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising a polynucleotide according to the first aspect.

[0096d] In a fifth aspect, there is provided a method for producing an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising introducing a polynucleotide according to the first aspect into a mammalian host cell, wherein the polynucleotide is competent for replication in the mammalian host cell.

[0096e] In a sixth aspect, there is provided use of an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle according to the third aspect in the manufacture of a medicament for treating hemophilia A in a patient in need thereof.

[0096f] In a seventh aspect, there is provided an *in vitro* method for transducing a host cell comprising contacting the host cell with an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle according to the third aspect.

[0097] In one example of the mammalian gene therapy vector described above, the AAV vector is an AAV-8 vector.

[0098] In another example, the disclosure provides a method for treating hemophilia A including administering, to a patient in need thereof, a mammalian gene therapy vector as described above.

[0099] In another example, the disclosure provides a mammalian gene therapy vector as described above for treating hemophilia A.

[00100] In another example, the disclosure provides the use of a mammalian gene therapy vector as described above for the manufacture of a medicament for treating hemophilia A.

[00101] In another example, the disclosure provides a Factor VIII polypeptide including a light chain, a heavy chain, and a polypeptide linker joining the C-terminus of the heavy chain to

the N-terminus of the light chain. The heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 95% identical to the sequence CS01-HC-AAm23. The light chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 95% identical to the sequence CS01-LC-AAm23. The polypeptide linker of the Factor VIII polypeptide includes a furin cleavage site. The Factor VIII polypeptide includes i) I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P amino acid substitutions, ii) a deletion of amino acids AIEPR755-759, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and iii) an insertion of amino acids TTYVNRSL (SEQ ID NO: 33) after N754, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19).

[00102] In another example, the disclosure provides a Factor VIII polypeptide including a light chain, a heavy chain, and a polypeptide linker joining the C-terminus of the heavy chain to the N-terminus of the light chain. The heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 95% identical to the sequence CS01-HC-AAm123. The light chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 95% identical to the sequence CS01-LC-AAm123. The polypeptide linker of the Factor VIII polypeptide includes a furin cleavage site. The Factor VIII polypeptide includes i) I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P amino acid substitutions, ii) a deletion of amino acids AIEPR755-759, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), iii) an insertion of amino acids TTYVNRSL (SEQ ID NO: 33) after N754, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and iv) an F328S amino acid substitution.

[00103] In another example, the disclosure provides a Factor VIII polypeptide including a light chain, a heavy chain, and a polypeptide linker joining the C-terminus of the heavy chain to the N-terminus of the light chain. The heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 95% identical to the sequence CS01-HC-AAm234. The light chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 95% identical to the sequence CS01-LC-AAm234. The polypeptide linker of the Factor VIII polypeptide includes a furin cleavage site. The Factor VIII polypeptide includes i) I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P amino acid substitutions, ii) a deletion of amino acids AIEPR755-759, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), iii) an insertion of amino acids TTYVNRSL (SEQ ID NO: 33) after N754, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and iv) F328S/C1918G/C1922G amino acid substitutions.

[00104] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described, the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 96% identical to the respective heavy chain sequence (e.g., CS01-HC-AAm23, CS01-HC-AAm123, or CS01-HC-AAm234), and the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 96% identical to the respective light chain sequence (e.g., CS01-LC-AAm23, CS01-LC-AAm123, or CS01-LC-AAm234).

[00105] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described, the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 97% identical to the respective heavy chain sequence (e.g., CS01-HC-AAm23, CS01-HC-AAm123, or CS01-HC-AAm234), and the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 97% identical to the respective light chain sequence (e.g., CS01-LC-AAm23, CS01-LC-AAm123, or CS01-LC-AAm234).

[00106] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described, the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 98% identical to the respective heavy chain sequence (e.g., CS01-HC-AAm23, CS01-HC-AAm123, or CS01-HC-AAm234), and the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 98% identical to the respective light chain sequence (e.g., CS01-LC-AAm23, CS01-LC-AAm123, or CS01-LC-AAm234).

[00107] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described, the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 99% identical to the respective heavy chain sequence (e.g., CS01-HC-AAm23, CS01-HC-AAm123, or CS01-HC-AAm234), and the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 99% identical to the respective light chain sequence (e.g., CS01-LC-AAm23, CS01-LC-AAm123, or CS01-LC-AAm234).

[00108] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described, the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 99.5% identical to the respective heavy chain sequence (e.g., CS01-HC-AAm23, CS01-HC-AAm123, or CS01-HC-AAm234), and the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 99.5% identical to the respective light chain sequence (e.g., CS01-LC-AAm23, CS01-LC-AAm123, or CS01-LC-AAm234).

[00109] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described, the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence identical to the respective heavy chain sequence (e.g., CS01-HC-AAm23, CS01-HC-AAm123, or CS01-HC-AAm234), and the light chain of the

Factor FVIII polypeptide has a sequence identical to the respective light chain sequence (e.g., CS01-LC-AAm23, CS01-LC-AAm123, or CS01-LC-AAm234).

[00110] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described above, the polypeptide linker has at least 95% identity to BDL-SQ-AA (SEQ ID NO: 30).

[00111] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described above, the polypeptide linker has the amino acid sequence of BDL-SQ-AA (SEQ ID NO: 30).

[00112] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described above, the polypeptide linker includes a glycosylation peptide with an amino acid sequence having at least 92% identity to a glycosylation peptide selected from the group consisting of NG1-AA, NG4-AA, NG5-AA, NG6-AA, NG7-AA, NG9-AA, NG10-AA, NG16-AA, NG17-AA, NG18-AA, NG19-AA, NG20-AA, NG21-AA and NGV-AA.

[00113] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described above, the polypeptide linker includes a glycosylation peptide selected from the group consisting of NG1-AA, NG4-AA, NG5-AA, NG6-AA, NG7-AA, NG9-AA, NG10-AA, NG16-AA, NG17-AA, NG18-AA, NG19-AA, NG20-AA, NG21-AA and NGV-AA.

[00114] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described above, the polypeptide linker has an amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of BDLNG1-AA, BDLNG3-AA, BDLNG5-AA, BDLNG6-AA, BDLNG9-AA, BDLNG10-AA, BDLNG16-AA, BDLNG17-AA, BDLNG18-AA, BDLNG19-AA, BDLNG20-AA and BDLNG21-AA.

[00115] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described above, the polypeptide linker has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of BDLNG1-AA, BDLNG3-AA, BDLNG5-AA, BDLNG6-AA, BDLNG9-AA, BDLNG10-AA, BDLNG16-AA, BDLNG17-AA, BDLNG18-AA, BDLNG19-AA, BDLNG20-AA and BDLNG21-AA.

[00116] In another example, the disclosure provides a Factor VIII polypeptide having an amino acid sequence with at least 95% identity to CS40-FL-AAm23 (SEQ ID NO: 104). The Factor VIII polypeptide includes i) I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P amino acid

substitutions, ii) a deletion of amino acids AIEPR755-759, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and iii) an insertion of amino acids TTYVNRSL (SEQ ID NO: 33) after N754, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19).

[00117] In another example, the disclosure provides a Factor VIII polypeptide having an amino acid sequence with at least 95% identity to CS40-FL-AAm123. The Factor VIII polypeptide includes i) I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P amino acid substitutions, ii) a deletion of amino acids AIEPR755-759, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), iii) an insertion of amino acids TTYVNRSL (SEQ ID NO: 33) after N754, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and iv) an F328S amino acid substitution.

[00118] In another example, the disclosure provides a Factor VIII polypeptide having an amino acid sequence with at least 95% identity to CS40-FL-AAm234. The Factor VIII polypeptide includes i) I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P amino acid substitutions, ii) a deletion of amino acids AIEPR755-759, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), iii) an insertion of amino acids TTYVNRSL (SEQ ID NO: 33) after N754, relative to FVIII-FL-AA (SEQ ID NO: 19), and iv) F328S/C1918G/C1922G amino acid substitutions.

[00119] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described, the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 96% identical to the respective full-length sequence (e.g., CS40-FL-AAm23 (SEQ ID NO: 104), CS40-FL-AAm123, or CS40-FL-AAm234).

[00120] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described, the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 97% identical to the respective full-length sequence (e.g., CS40-FL-AAm23 (SEQ ID NO: 104), CS40-FL-AAm123, or CS40-FL-AAm234).

[00121] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described, the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 98% identical to the respective full-length sequence (e.g., CS40-FL-AAm23 (SEQ ID NO: 104), CS40-FL-AAm123, or CS40-FL-AAm234).

[00122] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described, the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 99% identical to the respective full-length sequence (e.g., CS40-FL-AAm23 (SEQ ID NO: 104), CS40-FL-AAm123, or CS40-FL-AAm234).

[00123] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described, the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence at least 99.5% identical to the respective full-length sequence (e.g., CS40-FL-AAm23 (SEQ ID NO: 104), CS40-FL-AAm123, or CS40-FL-AAm234).

[00124] In one example of the Factor VIII polypeptides described, the Factor VIII polypeptide has a sequence identical to the respective full-length sequence (e.g., CS40-FL-AAm23 (SEQ ID NO: 104), CS40-FL-AAm123, or CS40-FL-AAm234).

[00124a] In an eighth aspect, there is provided a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 99% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID NO:1, wherein the polynucleotide encodes a Factor VIII polypeptide having I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P amino acid substitutions, relative to SEQ ID NO: 19.

[0124b] In a ninth aspect, there is provided an adeno-associated virus (AAV) vector comprising a polynucleotide according to the eighth aspect.

[0124c] In a tenth aspect, there is provided an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising a polynucleotide according to the eighth aspect.

[0124d] In an eleventh aspect, there is provided a host cell infected with an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising a polynucleotide according to the eighth aspect.

[0124e] In a twelfth aspect, there is provided a method for producing an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising introducing a polynucleotide according to the eighth aspect into a mammalian host cell, wherein the polynucleotide is competent for replication in the mammalian host cell.

[0124f] In a thirteenth aspect, there is provided use of an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle according to the tenth aspect in the manufacture of a medicament for treating hemophilia A in a patient in need thereof.

[0124g] In a fourteenth aspect, there is provided an *in vitro* method for transducing a host cell comprising contacting the host cell with an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle according to the tenth aspect.

[0124h] In a fifteenth aspect, there is provided a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a Factor VIII polypeptide, the Factor VIII polypeptide comprising a light chain, a heavy chain, and a polypeptide linker joining the C-terminus of the heavy chain to the N-terminus of the light chain, the Factor VIII polypeptide having I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P amino acid substitutions, relative to SEQ ID NO: 19, wherein the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide is encoded by a first nucleotide sequence having at least 99% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID NO: 3; wherein the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide is encoded by a second nucleotide sequence having at least 99% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID NO: 4; and wherein the polypeptide linker comprises a furin cleavage site and a glycosylation peptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:55.

[0124i] In a sixteenth aspect, there is provided an adeno-associated virus (AAV) vector comprising a polynucleotide according to the fifteenth aspect.

[0124j] In a seventeenth aspect, there is provided an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising a polynucleotide according to the fifteenth aspect.

[0124k] In an eighteenth aspect, there is provided a host cell infected with an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising a polynucleotide according to the fifteenth aspect.

[0124l] In a nineteenth aspect, there is provided a method for producing an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising introducing a polynucleotide according to the fifteenth aspect into a mammalian host cell, wherein the polynucleotide is competent for replication in the mammalian host cell.

[0124m] In a twentieth aspect, there is provided use of an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle according to the seventeenth aspect in the manufacture of a medicament for treating hemophilia A in a patient in need thereof.

[0124n] In a twenty first aspect, there is provided an *in vitro* method for transducing a host cell comprising contacting the host cell with an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle according to the seventeenth aspect.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[00125] Figure 1 shows schematic illustrations of the wild-type and ReFacto-type human Factor VIII protein constructs.

[00126] Figures 2A and 2B show the CS04 codon-altered nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1) encoding a Factor VIII variant in accordance with some embodiments (“CS04-FL-NA” for full-length coding sequence).

[00127] Figure 3 shows the Factor VIII variant amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 2) encoded by the CS04 codon-altered nucleotide sequence in accordance with some embodiments (“CS04-FL-AA” for full-length amino acid sequence).

[00128] Figure 4 shows the portion of the CS04 codon-altered nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 3) encoding the heavy chain of a Factor VIII variant in accordance with some embodiments (“CS04-HC-NA”).

[00129] Figure 5 shows the portion of the CS04 codon-altered nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 4) encoding the light chain of a Factor VIII variant in accordance with some embodiments (“CS04-LC-NA”).

[00130] Figure 6 shows exemplary coding sequences (SEQ ID NOS 5-7 and 36-48, respectively, in order of appearance) for B-domain substituted linkers in accordance with some embodiments. BDLO01 (SEQ ID NO: 5), BDLO04 (SEQ ID NO: 6), and BDLO23 (SEQ ID NO: 7) are the respective portions of the CS01, CS04, and CS23 codon-altered nucleotide sequences that encode a B-domain substituted linker, respectively.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a Factor VIII polypeptide, the Factor VIII polypeptide comprising a light chain, a heavy chain, and a polypeptide linker joining the C-terminus of the heavy chain to the N-terminus of the light chain,
wherein the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide is encoded by a first nucleotide sequence having at least 99% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID NO: 3;
wherein the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide is encoded by a second nucleotide sequence having at least 99% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID NO: 4; and
wherein the polypeptide linker comprises a furin cleavage site and a glycosylation peptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:55.
2. The polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide linker is encoded by a third nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID NO: 38.
3. The polynucleotide of claim 1 or 2, wherein the polypeptide linker is encoded by a third nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:38.
4. The polynucleotide of any one of claims 1-3, wherein:
the first nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO: 3; and
the second nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO: 4.
5. The polynucleotide of claim 4, wherein the polypeptide linker is encoded by a third nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:38.
6. The polynucleotide according to any one of claims 1 to 5, further comprising a promoter element operably linked to the polynucleotide encoding the Factor VIII polypeptide.
7. The polynucleotide of claim 6, wherein the promoter element is a liver-specific promoter sequence upstream of the nucleotide sequence encoding the Factor VIII polypeptide.

8. The polynucleotide of claim 7, further comprising an intron sequence positioned between the liver-specific promoter sequence and the nucleotide sequence encoding the Factor VIII polypeptide.

9. An adeno-associated virus (AAV) vector comprising a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 1 to 8.

10. An adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 1 to 8.

11. A host cell infected with an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 1 to 8.

12. A method for producing an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising introducing a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 1 to 8 into a mammalian host cell, wherein the polynucleotide is competent for replication in the mammalian host cell.

13. Use of an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle according to claim 10 in the manufacture of a medicament for treating hemophilia A in a patient in need thereof.

14. An *in vitro* method for transducing a host cell comprising contacting the host cell with an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle according to claim 10.

15. A polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 99% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID NO:1, wherein the polynucleotide encodes a Factor VIII polypeptide having I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P amino acid substitutions, relative to SEQ ID NO: 19.

16. The polynucleotide of claim 15, wherein:
the Factor VIII polypeptide comprises a light chain, a heavy chain, and a polypeptide linker joining the C-terminus of the heavy chain to the N-terminus of the light chain; and

the polypeptide linker includes a glycosylation peptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:55 inserted between the heavy chain and the light chain.

17. The polynucleotide of claim 15 or 16, comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:94.

18. The polynucleotide of any one of claims 15-17, further comprising a promoter element operably linked to the polynucleotide encoding the Factor VIII polypeptide.

19. The polynucleotide of claim 18, wherein the promoter element is a liver-specific promoter sequence upstream of the nucleotide sequence encoding the Factor VIII polypeptide.

20. The polynucleotide of claim 19, further comprising an intron sequence positioned between the liver-specific promoter sequence and the nucleotide sequence encoding the Factor VIII polypeptide.

21. An adeno-associated virus (AAV) vector comprising a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 15-20.

22. An adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 15-20.

23. A host cell infected with an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 15-20.

24. A method for producing an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising introducing a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 15-20 into a mammalian host cell, wherein the polynucleotide is competent for replication in the mammalian host cell.

25. Use of an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle according to claim 22 in the manufacture of a medicament for treating hemophilia A in a patient in need thereof.

26. An *in vitro* method for transducing a host cell comprising contacting the host cell with an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle according to claim 22.

27. A polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a Factor VIII polypeptide, the Factor VIII polypeptide comprising a light chain, a heavy chain, and a polypeptide linker joining the C-terminus of the heavy chain to the N-terminus of the light chain, the Factor VIII polypeptide having I105V, A127S, G151K, M166T, and L171P amino acid substitutions, relative to SEQ ID NO: 19,

wherein the heavy chain of the Factor VIII polypeptide is encoded by a first nucleotide sequence having at least 99% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID NO: 3;

wherein the light chain of the Factor FVIII polypeptide is encoded by a second nucleotide sequence having at least 99% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID NO: 4; and

wherein the polypeptide linker comprises a furin cleavage site and a glycosylation peptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:55.

28. The polynucleotide of claim 27, wherein the polypeptide linker is encoded by a third nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID NO:38.

29. The polynucleotide of claim 27 or 28, wherein the polypeptide linker is encoded by a third nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:38.

30. The polynucleotide of any one of claims 27-29, further comprising a promoter element operably linked to the polynucleotide encoding the Factor VIII polypeptide.

31. The polynucleotide of claim 30, wherein the promoter element is a liver-specific promoter sequence upstream of the nucleotide sequence encoding the Factor VIII polypeptide.

32. The polynucleotide of claim 31, further comprising an intron sequence positioned between the liver-specific promoter sequence and the nucleotide sequence encoding the Factor VIII polypeptide.

33. An adeno-associated virus (AAV) vector comprising a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 27-32.

34. An adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 27-32.

35. A host cell infected with an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 27-32.

36. A method for producing an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle comprising introducing a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 27-32 into a mammalian host cell, wherein the polynucleotide is competent for replication in the mammalian host cell.

37. Use of an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle according to claim 34 in the manufacture of a medicament for treating hemophilia A comprising in a patient in need thereof.

38. An *in vitro* method for transducing a host cell comprising contacting the host cell with an adeno-associated virus (AAV) particle according to claim 34.