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(54) Title: GENES AND POLYPEPTIDES RELATING TO HUMAN PANCREATIC CANCERS

(57) Abstract: The present application provides novel human genes C1958V1 or C1958V2 whose expression is markedly elevated in pancreatic cancers compared to corresponding non-cancerous tissues. The genes and polypeptides encoded by the genes can be used, for example, in the diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, and as target molecules for developing drugs against the disease.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 21, 22, 24-26
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 21, 22, 24-26 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. Claims Nos.: 20, 23
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
1-19, 21, 22, and 24-28 all partially

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 21, 22, 24-26 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 20, 23

Present claims 20 and 23 relate to products defined by reference to their method of isolation. The claims cover all products which could be isolated by such method, whereas the application provides no support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT nor disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for any of such products. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT) because the definition of the claimed products does not comprise any technical feature (structural and/or chemical properties). Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible.

Consequently, no search has been carried out for claims 20 and 23.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-19, 21, 22 and 24-28 (all partially)

Polypeptides comprising SEQ ID NO: 2 and related sequences. Antibodies directed against them. Polynucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 1 and related sequences. Vectors and host cells containing said polynucleotides. Antisense polynucleotides and siRNAs directed against said polynucleotides. Pharmaceutical compositions comprising said polypeptides, antisense polynucleotides, siRNAs or antibodies. Methods of diagnosing and treating pancreatic cancer using said polypeptides, polynucleotides and derived tools. Methods of screening for compounds for treatment of pancreatic cancer using said polypeptides, polynucleotides and derived tools.

2. claims: 1-19, 21, 22 and 24-28 (all partially)

Polypeptides comprising SEQ ID NO: 4 and related sequences. Antibodies directed against them. Polynucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 3 and related sequences. Vectors and host cells containing said polynucleotides. Antisense polynucleotides and siRNAs directed against said polynucleotides. Pharmaceutical compositions comprising said polypeptides, antisense polynucleotides, siRNAs or antibodies. Methods of diagnosing and treating pancreatic cancer using said polypeptides, polynucleotides and derived tools. Methods of screening for compounds for treatment of pancreatic cancer using said polypeptides, polynucleotides and derived tools.

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