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(54) Title: LANTIBIOTIC VARIANTS AND USES THEREOF

(57) Abstract: The disclosure relates to lantibiotic structural variants that have improved antimicrobial properties when compared to wild-type lantibiotics, and uses thereof. Embodiments include non-naturally occurring lantibiotics.

LANTIBIOTIC VARIANTS AND USES THEREOF

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Nos., 62/362,788 filed July 15, 2016, 62/362,809 filed July 15, 2016 and 62/420,328 filed November 10, 2016; each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

REFERENCE TO SEQUENCE LISTING

The present application contains a Sequence Listing which has been filed electronically in ASCII format and is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Said ASCII copy, created on July 12, 2017, is named 0100-0017WO1_SL.txt and is 421,465 bytes in size.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention is generally related to the fields of molecular biology, infectious disease and polypeptide-based antibiotics. More specifically, certain aspects of the invention are related to novel lantibiotic (polypeptide) variants and nucleic acid sequences encoding one or more lantibiotic (polypeptide) variants. Certain other aspects of the invention are related to recombinant vectors comprising one or more nucleic acid sequences encoding one or more lantibiotic variants, host cells transformed with said vectors, methods for producing lantibiotic variants and methods of use thereof.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] Many strains of disease-causing bacteria have become increasingly resistant to currently available antibiotics. Healthcare-associated infections caused by multi-drug resistant pathogens are particularly vexing. Worldwide, millions suffer from antibiotic-resistant infections, which results in immense cost to the healthcare system. The need for new antibiotics has become a critical, unmet need in the medical community.

[0003] Lantibiotics, a class of antibiotics with potential clinical relevance (reviewed in Smith & Hillman, (2008) *Curr. Opin. Microbial.* 11:401-408), acquired their name because of the characteristic lanthionine rings that are present. Lantibiotics are also known to have various

unusual amino acids such as 2,3-didehydroalanine (Dha), 2, 3-didehydrobutyryne (Dhb), S-amino vinyi-D-cysteine (AviCys), aminobutyrate (Abu), 2-oxopropionyl, 2-oxobutyryl, and hydroxypropionyl. Hasper *et al.* (2006) *Science* 313:1636-1637. Mutacin 1140 ("MU1140") is one type of lantibiotic that can be produced by a particular strain of the oral microorganism *Streptococcus mutans*. Smith *et al.* (2000) *Eur. J. Biochem.* 267:6810-6816.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] The present disclosure provides non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising a single amino acid mutation of MU1140, the lantibiotic having an amino acid sequence encoded by of any one of SEQ ID NOS:2 to 431.

[0005] The present disclosure also provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising multisite amino acid mutations of MU1140, the lantibiotic being a variant as described in Figure 7.

[0006] The present disclosure also provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising any variant as described in Figure 8: Group 1, Group 2 or Group 3. In some embodiments, the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprises any variant as described in Figure 8: Group 1.

[0007] The present disclosure also provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising a single amino acid mutation of MU1140 as described in Figure 6.

[0008] The present disclosure also provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprising a mutation that is: (a) arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N); (b) phenylalanine at position 17 changed to leucine (F17L) or tyrosine (F17Y); (c) asparagine at position 18 changed to alanine (N18A); (d) tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (Y20F); or (e) combinations thereof. In some embodiments, the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprises an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprises two mutations, wherein one mutation is: (a) arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N); (b) phenylalanine at position 17 changed to leucine (F17L) or tyrosine (F17Y); (c) asparagine at position 18 changed to alanine (N18A); (d) tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (Y20F); or (e) combinations thereof. In some embodiments, the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprises

an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprises two mutations, wherein one mutation is arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N).

[0009] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprises two mutations, wherein one mutation is: (a) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine (F1V); (b) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to alanine (F1A); (c) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine (F1I); (d) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine (F1L); (e) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to threonine (F1T); or (f) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to tyrosine (F1Y). In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprises two mutations, wherein one mutation is phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine (F1V). The present disclosure also provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprising two mutations including: (a) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to alanine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to: (i) alanine (F1A R13A), (ii) valine (F1A R13V), (iii) asparagine (F1A R13N), or (iv) serine (F1A R13S); (b) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to glycine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to: (i) glycine (F1G R13G); (c) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to histidine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to: (i) asparagine (F1H R13N); (d) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to: (i) alanine (F1I R13A), (ii) glycine (F1I R13G), (iii) isoleucine (F1I R13I), (iv) asparagine (F1I R13N), (v) proline (F1I R13P), (vi) glutamine (F1I R13Q), (vi) glutamic acid (F1I R13S), (vii) serine (F1I R13V), or (viii) valine (F1I R13E); (e) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to: (i) alanine (F1L R13A), (ii) aspartic acid (F1L R13D), (iii) glycine (F1L R13G), (iv) asparagine (F1L R13N), (v) proline (F1L R13P), or (vi) glutamine (F1L R13Q); (f) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to threonine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to: (i) alanine (F1T R13A), (ii) asparagine (F1T R13N), or (iii) valine (F1T R13V); (g) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to: (i) alanine (F1V R13A), (ii) asparagine (F1V R13N), (iii) glutamine (F1V R13Q), (iv) aspartic acid (F1V R13D), (v) valine (F1V R13V), or (vi) proline (F1V R13P); or (h) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to tyrosine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to: (i) aspartic acid

(F1Y R13D), or (ii) glycine (F1Y R13G). In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprising two mutations including phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to: (i) alanine (F1V R13A), (ii) asparagine (F1V R13N), (iii) glutamine (F1V R13Q), (iv) aspartic acid (F1V R13D), (v) valine (F1V R13V), or (vi) proline (F1V R13P). In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) having two mutations, wherein the two mutations consist of phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (F1V R13N) (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1157).

[00010] The present disclosure also provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprising three mutations including: (a) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with glycine at position 15 changed to alanine (F1I R13A G15A); (b) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid, in combination with glycine at position 15 changed to alanine (F1I R13D G15A); (c) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I W4I R13A); (d) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to methionine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid (F1I W4M R13D); (e) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to methionine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (F1I W4M R13N); (f) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I K2A R13A); (g) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with leucine at position 6 changed to valine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I L6V R13A); (h) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I R13A Y20F); (i) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid, in combination

with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I R13D Y20F); (j) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I R13N Y20F); (k) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1L R13N Y20F); (l) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1L R13A Y20F); or (m) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1L R13D Y20F).

[00011] The present disclosure also provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprising mutations including: (a) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to lysine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I K2A W4K R13A); and (b) phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to lysine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid (F1I K2A W4K R13D).

[00012] The present disclosure also provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprising mutations including: phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to methionine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I K2A W4K R13A Y20F).

[00013] In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to an antimicrobial composition comprising a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic as described herein and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, other diluent or excipient. In some embodiments, the composition further comprises an antifungal agent, an additional antimicrobial agent, a membrane disrupting agent, or a combination thereof. In some embodiments, the

additional antimicrobial agent has Gram negative bacteriostatic or bacteriocidal activity and the membrane disrupting agent renders Gram negative bacteria susceptible to the variant lantibiotic.

[00014] In some embodiments, the one or more isolated lantibiotics are present in the composition at about 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, or 1,000 mg/kg or mg/L.

[00015] In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to a method of reducing reproduction of bacteria or reducing numbers of bacteria present in or on a subject, comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the antimicrobial composition as described herein. In some embodiments, the subject is a human.

[00016] In some embodiments, the composition is administered orally, topically, nasally, buccally, sublingually, transmucosally, rectally, transdermally, by inhalation, by injection or intrathecally. In some embodiments, the injection is intramuscular, intravenous, intrapulmonary, intramuscular, intradermal, intraperitoneal, intrathecal, or subcutaneous injection.

[00017] In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to a preservative comprising an effective amount of the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic as described herein in a physiological solution at a pH of between 3 and 8.

[00018] In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to a food, beverage, gum, or dentifrice composition comprising an amount of the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic as described herein sufficient to reduce the reproduction of bacteria or numbers of bacteria in the composition.

[00019] In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to a method of reducing reproduction of bacteria or reducing numbers of bacteria present in or on a composition or object, comprising contacting the antimicrobial composition as described herein with the composition or object for a period effective to reduce reproduction of bacteria or reduce numbers of bacteria in or on the composition or object. In some embodiments, the composition is a food, beverage, gum, or dentifrice.

[00020] In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to a purified polynucleotide comprising any one of SEQ ID NOs: 2-431 or encoding a variant as described in Figure 7 or combinations thereof. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a purified polynucleotide comprising any one of SEQ ID NOs: 756, 757, 758, 559, 760, or 761. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a purified polynucleotide comprising any one of SEQ ID NOs: 709, 714, 716, 735, 747, 751, 754, or 758. In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to a purified polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: 758.

[00021] In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to a composition comprising a solid surface or a textile with the lantibiotic composition as described herein or coated onto, immobilized, linked, or bound to the solid surface or textile.

[00022] In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to a method of reducing a biofilm or biofouling condition comprising contacting the antimicrobial composition as described herein with the biofilm or biofouling condition for a period effective to reduce reproduction of bacteria or reduce numbers of bacteria in or on the biofilm or biofouling condition.

[00023] In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to a kit comprising the lantibiotic as described herein and one or more applicators.

[00024] In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to a method of preventing or treating a subject diagnosed with a bacterial infection, comprising administering the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic as described herein. In some embodiments, the subject is a human. In some embodiments, the subject is infected with a Gram-positive bacteria. In some embodiments, the Gram-positive bacteria is one or more of *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, vancomycin resistant *Enterococci*, vancomycin resistant *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterococcus faecium*, *Propionibacterium acnes*, *Streptococcus salivarius*, *Streptococcus sanguis*, *Streptococcus mitis*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Lactobacillus salivarius*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Actinomyces israelii*, *Actinomyces naeslundii*, *Actinomyces viscosus*, *Bacillus anthracis*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Streptococcus intermedius*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, *Clostridium sporogenes*, *Clostridium botulinum*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Clostridium tetani*, and *Clostridium difficile*. In some embodiments, the Gram-positive bacteria is *Clostridium difficile*.

[00025] In some embodiments, the subject is infected with a Gram-negative bacteria. In some embodiments, the Gram-negative bacteria is one or more of *Acinetobacter baumanii*, *Bordatella pertussis*, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, *Brucella abortus*, *Brucella canis*, *Brucella melitensis*, *Brucella suis*, *Campylobacter jejuni*, *Coxiella burnetii*, *Escherichia coli*, *Francisella tularensis*, *Haemophilus influenza*, *Helicobacter pylori*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Legionella pneumophila*, *Leptospira interrogans*, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Rickettsia rickettsii*, *Salmonella enteritidis*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Serratia marcescens*, *Shigella sonnei*, *Treponema pallidum*, *Vibrio cholera*, *Yersinia enterocolitica*, and *Yersinia pestis*. In some embodiments, the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic further comprises one or more additional antimicrobial agents, membrane disrupting agents, or combinations thereof.

[00026] In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to an isolated recombinant *Streptococcus mutans* strain comprising: (a) a mutation in a polynucleotide involved in lactic acid synthesis such that expression of lactic acid is diminished by about 80% or more as compared to a wildtype *S. mutans* strain; (b) a recombinant alcohol dehydrogenase polynucleotide; and (c) a recombinant polynucleotide encoding a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic as described in Figure 5 or Figure 7.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

[00027] **Figure 1** shows the primary amino acid sequence, secondary structure and macrocyclic rings of the wild-type (native) mature MU1140 lantibiotic polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:1156) (Figures 1A and 1B), and the primary amino acid sequence, secondary structure and macrocyclic rings of the multisite variant F1V R13N of mature MU1140 lantibiotic polypeptide, (SEQ ID NO: 1157) (Figures 1C and 1D). Abbreviations of amino acids include the following: Ala-S-Ala is lanthionine; Abu-S-Ala is 3-methyl lanthionine; Dha is α , β -didehydroalanine; Dhb is α , β -didehydrobutyryne (Smith *et al.*, *Biochemistry*, 42(35):10372-84 (2003)).

[00028] **Figure 2** shows a plasmid vector map of pLAN042.

[00029] **Figure 3** shows a plasmid map of pLAN126.

[00030] **Figure 4** is a listing of single amino acid variants of MU1140, including polynucleotides SEQ ID NO:1 (MU1140) and SEQ ID NOS:2-431 (variants of MU1140) which can encode the variants.

[00031] **Figure 5** is a listing of SEQ ID NO: 432 (MU1140) and single amino acid variants of MU1140.

[00032] **Figure 6** is a listing of single amino acid variants of MU1140 that were chromosomally integrated into *S. mutans*.

[00033] **Figure 7** is a listing of SEQ ID NO: 432 (MU1140) featuring single and multiple amino acid variants of MU1140.

[00034] **Figure 8:** Summary of zone clearing results of various mutants. The zone clearing ability is divided into six groups: Group 1: > activity than SM253 control strain ($>0.319\text{ cm}^2$ zone of clearing); Group 2: > activity than SM253 in 2 replicate experiments (1 replicate experiment); Group 3: > activity than SM253 in 1 replicate and \leq activity in 1 replicate experiment; Group 4: > activity than SM253 control strain ($>0.167\text{ cm}^2$ zone of clearing but $<0.319\text{ cm}^2$ zone of clearing); Group 5: \leq activity than SM253 control ($\leq0.167\text{ cm}^2$ zone of clearing); and Group 6: undetermined.

[00035] **Figure 9:** Example of sequences of post-translationally modified lantibiotic wild-type (SEQ ID NO: 1159) and lantibiotic variants F1V R13N (SEQ ID NO: 1158) without the secondary structures, e.g., rings, indicated.

[00036] **Figure 10A:** Sequence of full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein of MU1140 (SEQ ID NO:1160, denoting the “core peptide” residues which can be part of the mature, biologically active lantibiotic, and the “cleaved peptide” residues which are cleaved during post-translational modification. **Figure 10B:** Sequence of full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein of F1V R13N (SEQ ID NO:1161), also denoting the “core peptide” residues and the “cleaved peptide” residues.

[00037] **Figure 11A:** Nucleotide sequence of full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein of MU1140 (SEQ ID NO: 1162). **Figure 11B:** Nucleotide sequence of full-length 63 amino acid

pre-protein of variant F1V R13N (SEQ ID NO: 1163). **Figure 11C:** amino acid sequence of the cleaved protein, i.e., full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein minus the core peptide. **Figure 11D:** nucleotide sequence of the cleaved protein.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Lantibiotic MU1140 Variants

[00038] Wild-type MU1140 is shown in Figure 1A and Figure 1B. The term “MU1140” refers to (1) the translated, full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein of MU1140 (SEQ ID NO:1160), (2) the translated, cleaved 22 amino acid polypeptide of MU1140 (SEQ ID NO: 432), as well as (3) the post-translationally modified biologically active MU1140 with secondary structure rings indicated (SEQ ID NO: 1156), or without secondary structure rings indicated (SEQ ID NO: 1159). SEQ ID NO: 1160 is a pre-protein form of a lantibiotic which, after proteolytic cleavage and processing by other factors present in a host cell, results in the synthesis of MU1140 (SEQ ID NO:1156 or SEQ ID NO: 1159). SEQ ID NO: 432 is the cleaved 22 amino acid protein (“core peptide”) in which the post-translational modifications, e.g., positional mutations and ring formations, are not designated. For clarity, the phrase “lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140” refers to various forms of the polypeptide that includes (1) the full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein of MU1140, (2) the post translated, cleaved 22 amino acid polypeptide of MU1140, as well as (3) the post-translationally modified biologically active MU1140. MU1140 can include forms of polypeptides as described above that may or may not have “lantibiotic” activity. Thus, a full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein of MU1140 which may lack lantibiotic activity still is considered a “lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140,” because such a pre-protein can be post-translationally modified to obtain lantibiotic activity.

[00039] The term “post-translated cleaved polypeptide” refers to the polypeptide cleaved off during post-translational modification that is not part of the lantibiotic (SEQ ID NO: 1164). SEQ ID NO: 1156 refers to the cleaved, post-translationally modified biologically active MU1140. The post-translationally modified biologically active MU1140 has four rings labeled

A, B, C, and D. Two of these rings are formed by lanthionine (Ala-S-Ala) residues, including one in Ring A (Ala₃-S-Ala₇) and one in Ring C (Ala₁₆-S-Ala₂₁); there is a methyl-lanthionine residue (Abu-S-Ala) that forms Ring B comprised of the alpha-aminobutyrate residue in position 8 and the Ala in position 11 (Abu₈-S-Ala₁₁); and the fourth ring, D, is comprised of the Ala in position 19 linked to an aminovinyl group by a thioether linkage (Ala₁₉-S-CH=CH-NH-). The terms “ring” or “rings” may be used interchangeably with “bridge(s)” or “linkage(s).” The term “biologically active” or “biologically functional” refers to polypeptides which can kill or inhibit the growth of gram positive or gram negative bacteria, i.e., they have antimicrobial activity.

[00040] The variants of MU1140 described herein apply to the full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein (SEQ ID NO: 1160), the post-translated, cleaved 22 amino acid polypeptide (SEQ ID NO: 432), and/or the post-translationally modified biologically active MU1140 (SEQ ID NO: 1156). Variants of MU1140 are designated herein by specifying (1) the identity (1 letter designation) of the original amino acid being altered, (2) the location of the amino acid being altered, and (3) the identity of the amino acid in the variant. For clarity, the positional nomenclature used herein refers to the relative position of the 22 amino acid protein. Thus, even when referring to the full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein, “position 1” refers to the first amino acid that would be found in the 22 amino acid post-translated cleaved protein. Figure 10A, for example, depicts the positional nomenclature of amino acids in MU1140 designated 1 through 22. For example, a variant designated “R13T” refers to a MU1140 polypeptide wherein the 13th amino acid of the 22 amino acid polypeptide (which was originally an arginine, “R”) is substituted with a threonine, “T”). Likewise, if multiple amino acids of wildtype MU1140 are substituted, each of the substituted amino acid is designated in a similar way. For example, a variant designated “F1T R13T” refers to a MU1140 polypeptide wherein the 1st amino acid of the 22 amino acid polypeptide is changed from a phenylalanine, “F,” to a threonine, “T,” and the 13th amino acid of the 22 amino acid polypeptide is changed from an arginine, “R,” to a threonine, “T.” Similar naming conventions apply to variants having three, four, five or more amino acids which differ from wild-type MU1140.

[00041] In embodiments, the disclosure provides a lantibiotic comprising the following mutations of the amino acid sequence of the lantibiotic, MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156):

- a. arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N);
- b. phenylalanine at position 17 changed to leucine (F17L) or tyrosine (F17Y);
- c. asparagine at position 18 changed to alanine (N18A);
- d. tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (Y20F); and
- e. combinations thereof.

[00042] In some embodiments, the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprises an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprises two mutations, wherein one mutation is:

- a. arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N);
- b. phenylalanine at position 17 changed to leucine (F17L) or tyrosine (F17Y);
- c. asparagine at position 18 changed to alanine (N18A);
- d. tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (Y20F); or
- e. combinations thereof.

[00043] In some embodiments, the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprises an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprises two mutations, wherein one mutation is arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N).

[00044] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprises two mutations, wherein one mutation is:

- a. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine (F1V);
- b. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to alanine (F1A);
- c. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine (F1I);
- d. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine (F1L);
- e. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to threonine (F1T); or
- f. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to tyrosine (F1Y).

[00045] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprises two mutations, wherein one mutation is phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine (F1V).

[00046] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprises two mutations, wherein one mutation is at position 1 and one mutation is at position 13. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprises two mutations, wherein the phenylalanine at position 1 is changed to valine, and the arginine at position 13 is changed to asparagine (F1V R13N). See, e.g., SEQ ID NO: 550.

[00047] In embodiments, the disclosure provides variants of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) having two or more of the above mutations.

[00048] In embodiments, the disclosure provides non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising the following two mutations of the amino acid sequence of the lantibiotic MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156):

- a. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to alanine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1A R13A),
 - ii. valine (F1A R13V),
 - iii. asparagine (F1A R13N), or
 - iv. serine (F1A R13S),
- b. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to glycine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. glycine (F1G R13G);
- c. phenylalanine a position 1 changed to histidine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. asparagine (F1H R13N);
- d. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1I R13A);
 - ii. glycine (F1I R13G);
 - iii. isoleucine (F1I R13I);

- iv. asparagine (F1I R13N);
- v. proline (F1I R13P);
- vi. glutamine (F1I R13Q);
- vii. glutamic acid (F1I R13S);
- viii. serine (F1I R13V); or
- ix. valine (F1I R13E);

- e. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1L R13A);
 - ii. aspartic acid (F1L R13D);
 - iii. glycine (F1L R13G);
 - iv. asparagine (F1L R13N);
 - v. proline (F1L R13P); or
 - vi. glutamine (F1L R13Q);

- f. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to threonine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1T R13A);
 - ii. asparagine (F1T R13N); or
 - iii. valine (F1T R13V);

- g. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1V R13A);
 - ii. asparagine (F1V R13N);
 - iii. glutamine (F1V R13Q);
 - iv. aspartic acid (F1V R13D);
 - v. valine (F1V R13V); or
 - vi. proline (F1V R13P);

- h. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to tyrosine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. aspartic acid (F1Y R13D); or
 - ii. glycine (F1Y R13G).

[00049] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising the amino acid sequence of the lantibiotic MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156), wherein the phenylalanine at position 1 is changed to valine and arginine at position 13 changed to:

- i. alanine (F1V R13A);
- ii. asparagine (F1V R13N);
- iii. glutamine (F1V R13Q);
- iv. aspartic acid (F1V R13D);
- v. valine (F1V R13V); or
- vi. proline (F1V R13P).

[00050] In embodiments, the disclosure provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic having the following combination of three mutations of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156):

- a. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with glycine at position 15 changed to alanine (F1I R13A G15A);
- b. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid, in combination with glycine at position 15 changed to alanine (F1I R13D G15A);
- c. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I W4I R13A);
- d. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to methionine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid (F1I W4M R13D);
- e. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to methionine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (F1I W4M R13N);
- f. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I K2A R13A);

- g. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with leucine at position 6 changed to valine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I L6V R13A);
- h. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I R13A Y20F);
- i. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I R13D Y20F);
- j. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I R13N Y20F);
- k. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1L R13N Y20F);
- l. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1L R13A Y20F); or
- m. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1L R13D Y20F).

[00051] In embodiments, the disclosure provides variants of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) having the following combination of mutations:

- a. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to lysine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I K2A W4K R13A); and
- b. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed

to lysine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid (F1I K2A W4K R13D).

[00052] In embodiments, the disclosure provides variants of MU1140 (e.g., SEQ ID NO:1156) having the following combination of mutations including phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to methionine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I K2A W4K R13A Y20F).

[00053] In embodiments, the disclosure provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising a single amino acid mutation of MU1140, the lantibiotic having an amino acid sequence encoded by a polynucleotide comprising any one of SEQ ID NOS:2 to 431. The disclosure also provides a polynucleotide sequence encoding a full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein comprising an amino acid sequence encoded by of any one of SEQ ID NOS.: 2 to 431 or 708 to 763. For example, a polynucleotide sequence encoding a pre-protein polypeptide of SEQ ID NO. 764 can comprise SEQ ID NO. 1165 and SEQ ID NO. 2. In embodiments, the disclosure provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising one or more amino acid mutations of MU1140, the lantibiotic having an amino acid sequence comprising any one of SEQ ID NOS:433-707. In embodiments, the disclosure provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising any variant in **Figure 8**: Group 1, Group 2 or Group 3. In embodiments, the disclosure provides a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising any variant in **Figure 8**: Group 1. The disclosure also provides a non-naturally occurring full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein comprising any variant in Figure 8, Group 1, Group 2, or Group 3. The disclosure also provides a non-naturally occurring full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein comprising any variant in Figure 8, Group 1.

[00054] The lantibiotic variants in Figure 5 comprise single amino acid variants. In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising a single amino acid mutation of MU1140 as found in **Figure 5**. The disclosure also provides for a non-naturally occurring full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein form of the lantibiotic variants described in Figure 5. For example, a pre-protein form of SEQ ID NO: 766 can comprise SEQ

ID NO: 1164 and SEQ ID NO:766, a pre-protein form of SEQ ID NO: 767 can comprise SEQ ID NO: 1164 and SEQ ID NO: 767 and so on.

[00055] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a lantibiotic variant as found in **Figure 7**. The lantibiotic variants in Figure 7 comprise the “core peptide.” The disclosure also provides for a non-naturally occurring full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein form of the “core peptide” variants as described in Figure 7. For example, a pre-protein form of SEQ ID NO: 703 can comprise SEQ ID NO: 1164 and SEQ ID NO:703.

[00056] Lantibiotics of the disclosure comprise lantibiotic variants, which can be non-naturally occurring lantibiotic variants. The terms “lantibiotic variant,” “MU1140 variant,” “non-naturally occurring lantibiotics,” or “variant” are interchangeable and refer to an MU1140 (i.e., wild-type lantibiotic) polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:432), having one or more (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or more amino acid substitutions (including modified amino acid substitutions), deletions, or insertions. The term “modified amino acid substitutions” include a substitution of an amino acid with a modified amino acid. In some embodiments, the term “lantibiotic variant,” “MU1140 variant,” “non-naturally occurring lantibiotics,” or “variant” refers to the translated, full-length 63 amino acid pre-protein of MU1140 (SEQ ID NO:1160) having one or more (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or more amino acid substitutions (including modified amino acid substitutions), deletions, or insertions. In some embodiments, the term “lantibiotic variant,” “MU1140 variant,” “non-naturally occurring lantibiotics,” or “variant” refers to a mature, biologically active MU1140 (i.e., wild-type lantibiotic) polypeptide which has been post-translationally modified (SEQ ID NO: 1156) having one or more (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or more amino acid substitutions (including modified amino acid substitutions), deletions, or insertions. Modified amino acids include, for example, 2,3-didehydroalanine (Dha), 2, 3-didehydrobutyryne (Dhb), S-amino vinyl-D-cysteine (AviCys), aminobutyrate (Abu), 2-oxopropionyl, 2-oxobutyryl, and hydroxypropionyl. As used herein, “single-site variant(s)” refers to an MU1140 (i.e., wild-type lantibiotic) polypeptide (e.g., SEQ ID NOs:432 or 1156) having one amino acid substitution (including modified amino acid substitutions), deletion, or insertion and “multi-site variant(s)” refers to an MU1140 (i.e., wild-type lantibiotic) polypeptide (e.g., SEQ ID NOs: 432 or 1156) having more than one (e.g., 2, 3, 4, 5, or more amino acid substitutions (including modified amino acid substitutions), deletions, or insertions. In some embodiments, the “wild-type” lantibiotic MU1140 (i.e., wild-type

lantibiotic) polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:432) or any of the variants described herein can be post-translationally modified (e.g., SEQ ID NO: 1156). Post-translational modifications are described in U.S. Pat. No. 6,964,760, incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. Various post-translational modifications can include, e.g., the presence of dehydrated residues and lanthionine rings. In some embodiments, the modified residues 2,3-didehydroalanine (Dha) and 2,3-didehydrobutyryne (Dhb) can be formed from dehydration of serines and threonines, respectively. In some embodiments, the post-translational modification can include the modified residue S-2-aminobutyric acid (Abu) formed from threonine. In some embodiments, the post-translational modification can include the cyclization between a cysteine and either a Dha or a Dhb to form a lanthionine or a methyllanthionine ring, respectively. In some embodiments, the serine at position 3, 5, 16, and/or 19 are modified to Dha residues, position 8 is modified to Abu, and position 14 is modified to Dhb. In some embodiments, the post-translational modification occurs in any of the host cells described herein, e.g., in some embodiments, the lantibiotic variants as provided herein can be modified by *Streptococcus mutans*.

[00057] In some embodiments, the post-translation modification comprises Dha at position 5. In some embodiments, the post-translation modification comprises Abu at position 8. In some embodiments, the post-translation modification comprises Dhb at position 14. In some embodiments, the post-translation modification comprises Dha at position 5, Abu at position 8, and Dhb at position 14. In some embodiments, the post-translation modification comprises a ring formed by lanthionine (Ala-S-Ala) residues between (Ala₃-S-Ala₇) as described in Figure 1 (Ring A). In some embodiments, the post-translation modification comprises a methyl-lanthionine residue (Abu-S-Ala) forming a ring, Ring B, comprising the alpha-aminobutyrate residue in position 8 and the Ala in position 11 (Abu₈-S-Ala₁₁) as described in Figure 1. In some embodiments, the post-translation modification comprises a ring formed by lanthionine (Ala-S-Ala) residues between (Ala₁₆-S-Ala₂₁) as described in Figure 1 (Ring C). In some embodiments, the post-translation modification comprises Ala in position 19 linked to an aminovinyl group by a thioether linkage (Ala₁₉-S-CH=CH-NH-), Ring D, as described in Figure 1. In some embodiments, the post-translation modification comprises Ring A, B, C and D. In some embodiments, the post-translationally modified MU1140 variant comprises Ring A, Ring B, Ring C and Ring D, wherein: (a) two of these rings are formed by lanthionine (Ala-S-Ala) residues, including one in Ring A (Ala₃-S-Ala₇) and one in Ring C (Ala₁₆-S-Ala₂₁); (b) a methyl-

lanthionine residue (Abu-S-Ala) forms Ring B comprising the alpha-aminobutyrate residue in position 8 and the Ala in position 11 (Abu₈-S-Ala₁₁); and (c) the fourth ring, D, is comprised of the Ala in position 19 linked to an aminovinyl group by a thioether linkage (Ala₁₉-S-CH=CH-NH-), and wherein amino acid at position 5 is modified to Dha, the amino acid at position 8 is modified to Abu, and the amino acid at position 14 is modified to Dhb. In some embodiments, the isolated lantibiotic variant is produced in a host cell by expressing a polypeptide from a polynucleotide encoding a lantibiotic variant of Figure 5 or Figure 7, and wherein the expressed polypeptide is post-translationally modified in the host cell. In some embodiments, the host cell is *S. mutans*. In some embodiments, the post-translationally modified lantibiotic variant comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1157. In some embodiments, the post-translationally modified lantibiotic variant comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1158 (which does not designate secondary structures, e.g., rings). In some embodiments, the post-translationally modified lantibiotic variant comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1161.

[00058] For example, in some embodiments, the lantibiotic variant can include the polypeptide of Figure 1, SEQ ID NO: 1157. In some embodiments, the lantibiotic variant can include the polypeptide of Figure 9, SEQ ID NO: 1158. In some embodiments, the lantibiotic variant can include the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1161.

[00059] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides for an isolated lantibiotic variant, wherein the isolated lantibiotic variant is produced in a host cell by expressing a polypeptide from a polynucleotide encoding a lantibiotic of **Figure 5** or **Figure 7**, wherein the expressed polypeptide can be post-translationally modified in the host cell. Thus, for clarity, the disclosure provides for the lantibiotic variants described herein, as well as lantibiotic variants having post-translational modifications. In some embodiments, the host cell is *S. mutans*. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a post-translationally modified, non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1157.

[00060] In embodiments, biologically active equivalents of the lantibiotic variants of the disclosure also have one or more conservative amino acid variations or other minor modifications and retain biological activity in addition to the amino acid changes disclosed

above. A biologically active equivalent has substantially equivalent function when compared to the corresponding lantibiotic. In embodiments, a lantibiotic variant of the disclosure has about 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 conservative amino acid substitutions. A conservative substitution is one in which an amino acid is substituted for another amino acid that has similar properties, such that one skilled in the art of peptide chemistry would expect the secondary structure and general nature of the polypeptide to be substantially unchanged. Examples of conservative substitutions can be found, e.g., in Yampolsky, et al., *Genetics* 170(4): 1459–1472 (2005). In some embodiments, conservative substitutions can be characterized according to their class, e.g.,

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name of Amino Acids</u>
Aliphatic	Glycine, Alanine, Valine, Leucine, Isoleucine
Hydroxyl or Sulfur/Selenium-containing	Serine, Cysteine, Selenocysteine, Threonine, Methionine
Cyclic	Proline
Aromatic	Phenylalanine, Tyrosine, Tryptophan
Basic	Histidine, Lysine, Arginine
Acidic and their Amide	Aspartate, Glutamate, Asparagine, Glutamine

[00061] In some embodiments, the conservative substitutions can be made within the following groups:

- Group 1: charged positives (R-Arg, H-His and K-Lys)
- Group 2: charged negatives (D-Asp and E-Glu)
- Group 3: polar uncharged (S-Ser, T-Thr, N-Asn, Q-Gln)
- Group 4: hydrophobic (A-Ala, V-Val, I-Ile, L-Leu, M-Met, F-Phe, Y-Tyr, W-Trp)
- Group 5: “others” (C-Cys, G-Gly, P-Pro).

For example, a conservative substitution can be a substitution of H for R because both H and R are in Group 1. By way of example, in some embodiments, the disclosure provides for variants of lantibiotics wherein the phenylalanine of position 1 is substituted with an aliphatic class residue, e.g., glycine, alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine. The disclosure also provides for variants of lantibiotics wherein the arginine of position 13 is substituted with an acidic and their amide class residue, e.g., aspartate, glutamate, asparagine, glutamine.

[00062] In embodiments, the lantibiotics of the disclosure are polypeptides comprising post-translational modifications, i.e., chemical or biochemical modifications after the polypeptide has been translated.

[00063] A purified lantibiotic is a lantibiotic preparation that is substantially free of cellular material, other types of polypeptides, chemical precursors, chemicals used in synthesis of the polypeptide, or combinations thereof. A purified lantibiotic preparation that is substantially free of cellular material, culture medium, chemical precursors, chemicals used in synthesis of the polypeptide, etc., has less than about 30%, 20%, 10%, 5%, 1% of other polypeptides, culture medium, chemical precursors, and/or other chemicals used in synthesis. Therefore, a purified lantibiotic is about 70%, 80%, 90%, 95%, 99% or more pure. A purified lantibiotic does not include unpurified or semi-purified cell extracts or mixtures of polypeptides that are less than 70% pure.

[00064] A lantibiotic of the disclosure can be covalently or non-covalently linked to an amino acid sequence to which the lantibiotic is not normally associated with in nature, i.e., a heterologous amino acid sequence. For example, a heterologous amino acid sequence is from an organism that does not naturally produce a lantibiotic, a synthetic sequence, or a sequence not usually located at the carboxy or amino terminus of a naturally occurring lantibiotic. Additionally, a lantibiotic of the disclosure can be covalently or non-covalently linked to compounds or molecules other than amino acids such as indicator reagents. A lantibiotic of the disclosure can be covalently or non-covalently linked to an amino acid spacer, an amino acid linker, a signal sequence, a stop transfer sequence, transfer-messenger RNA (TMR) stop transfer sequence, a transmembrane domain, a protein purification ligand, or a combination thereof. A polypeptide can also be linked to a moiety (i.e., a functional group that can be a polypeptide or other compound) that facilitates purification (e.g., affinity tags such as a six-histidine tag (SEQ ID NO: 1166), trpE, glutathione-S-transferase, maltose binding protein, staphylococcal Protein A), or a moiety that facilitates polypeptide stability (e.g., polyethylene glycol; amino terminus protecting groups such as acetyl, propyl, succinyl, benzyl, benzyloxycarbonyl or t-butyloxycarbonyl; carboxyl terminus protecting groups such as amide, methylamide, and ethylamide). In one embodiment of the disclosure a protein purification ligand can be one or more amino acid residues at, for example, the amino terminus or carboxy terminus of a polypeptide of the disclosure. An amino acid spacer is a sequence of amino acids that are not associated with a polypeptide of the disclosure in nature. An amino acid spacer can comprise about 1, 5, 10, 20, 100, or 1,000 amino acids.

[00065] In embodiments, a lantibiotic of the disclosure is part of a fusion protein, which can contain heterologous amino acid sequences. Heterologous amino acid sequences can be present at the C or N terminus of a lantibiotic of the disclosure to form a fusion protein. In embodiments, more than one lantibiotic of the disclosure is present in a fusion protein. Fragments of lantibiotics of the disclosure can be present in a fusion protein of the disclosure. A fusion protein of the disclosure can comprise one or more lantibiotic of the disclosure, fragments thereof, or combinations thereof.

[00066] Pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, and prodrugs are carboxylate salts, amino acid addition salts, esters, amides, and prodrugs of the lantibiotics are part of the present disclosure. These compounds are suitable for use with subjects and do not cause undue toxicity, irritation, or allergic response, are commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio, and are effective for their intended use. Salts are the substantially non-toxic, inorganic and organic acid addition salts of lantibiotics of the disclosure. Salts include, for example, hydrobromide, hydrochloride, sulfate, bisulfate, nitrate, acetate, trifluoroacetate, formate, oxalate, valerate, oleate, palmitate, stearate, laurate, borate, benzoate, lactate, phosphate, tosylate, citrate, maleate, fumarate, succinate, tartrate, naphthylate mesylate, glucoheptonate, lactobionate and laurylsulphonate salts, and the like. These may include cations based on the alkali and alkaline earth metals, such as sodium, lithium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and the like, as well as non-toxic ammonium, quaternary ammonium and amine cations including, but not limited to ammonium, tetramethylammonium, tetraethylammonium, methylamine, dimethylamine, trimethylamine, triethylamine, ethylamine, and the like.

[00067] Pharmaceutically acceptable, non-toxic esters of lantibiotics of the disclosure include, for example, C1-C6 alkyl esters wherein the alkyl group is a straight or branched chain. Other esters include C5-C7 cycloalkyl esters as well as arylalkyl esters such as, but not limited to benzyl C1-C4 alkyl esters.

[00068] Pharmaceutically acceptable, non-toxic amides of lantibiotics of the disclosure include amides derived from ammonia, primary C1-C6 alkyl amines and secondary C1-C6 dialkyl amines wherein the alkyl groups are straight or branched chains. In the case of secondary amines, the amine may be in the form of a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle containing one nitrogen

atom. Also included are amides derived from ammonia, C1-C3 alkyl primary amines, and C1-C2 dialkyl secondary amines.

Systems for Producing Lantibiotics

[00069] In some embodiments, a lantibiotic polypeptide of the disclosure can be synthesized using DPOLT methodologies. See e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 7,521,529; U.S. Publ. No. 2009/0215985, each incorporated herein by reference in their entireties. A lantibiotic of the disclosure can be produced recombinantly. In embodiments, a polynucleotide encoding a lantibiotic of the disclosure is introduced into a recombinant expression vector, which is expressed in a suitable expression host cell system using techniques well known in the art. A variety of bacterial, yeast, plant, mammalian, and insect expression systems are available in the art and any such expression system can be used. A lantibiotic of the disclosure can also be purified from *S. mutans* cell culture.

[00070] As noted above, the disclosure provides lantibiotics that are produced recombinantly by expression in a suitable expression host cell system using techniques well known in the art. In embodiments, native lantibiotic-producing bacteria are used to produce the lantibiotics of the disclosure. Such bacteria include, but are not limited to, *Streptococcus mutans*, *Lactococcus lactis*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Staphylococcus gallinarium*, *Micrococcus varians*, *Streptococcus salivarius*, *Lactobacillus sakei*, *Streptomyces OH-4156*, *Lactobacillus plantarum*, *Butyrivibrio fibriosolvens*, *Streptomyces cinnamoneus*, *Streptoverticillium hachijoense*, *Streptoverticillium*, *Streptomyces griseoluteus*, *Bacillus* sp. strain *HIL Y-85*, *Actinoplanes linguria*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Ruminococcus gnatus*, *Carnobacterium piscicola*, *Streptococcus macedonicus*, *Streptococcus bovis*, *Staphylococcus warneri*, *Streptomyces coelicolor* and *Streptomyces* spp. In some embodiments, the lantibiotic variants described herein can be post-translationally modified by any of the bacteria listed above.

[00071] Systems for producing lantibiotics of the disclosure also include known bacteria or yeast that are genetically tractable hosts and are capable of heterologous production of lantibiotics, i.e., yeast or bacteria that do not natively produce lantibiotics. Such organisms include, but are not limited to, *E. coli* and bacteria of the genus *Pseudomonas*, a Gram-negative

bacteria, and yeasts of the genus *Saccharomyces* or *Pichia*. In embodiments, *P. fluorescens* is used to produce the lantibiotics of the disclosure.

[00072] In embodiments, the disclosure provides recombinant bacterial strains that produce a lantibiotic of the disclosure. For example, the disclosure provides recombinant bacterial strains that produce lantibiotics, as listed above, that comprise a polynucleotide that expresses a functional variant MU1140. Biological activity of a lantibiotic variant of MU1140 can be assayed using methods known in the art, e.g., zone of inhibition assays.

[00073] In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to an isolated recombinant *Streptococcus mutans* strain comprising: (a) a mutation in a polynucleotide involved in lactic acid synthesis such that expression of lactic acid is diminished by about 80% or more as compared to a wildtype *S. mutans* strain; (b) a recombinant alcohol dehydrogenase polynucleotide; and (c) a recombinant polynucleotide encoding a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic as described herein, e.g., a lantibiotic of **Figure 5** and **Figure 7**.

Polynucleotides

[00074] Polynucleotides of the disclosure contain less than an entire microbial genome and can be single- or double-stranded nucleic acids. A polynucleotide can be RNA, DNA, cDNA, genomic DNA, chemically synthesized RNA or DNA or combinations thereof. The polynucleotides can be purified free of other components, such as proteins, lipids and other polynucleotides. For example, the polynucleotide can be 50%, 75%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or 100% purified. A nucleic acid molecule existing among hundreds to millions of other nucleic acid molecules within, for example, cDNA or genomic libraries, or gel slices containing a genomic DNA restriction digest are not to be considered an isolated polynucleotide. The polynucleotides of the disclosure encode the polypeptides described above. SEQ ID NO: 1162 encodes the 63 amino acid pre-protein of MU1140. SEQ ID NO: 1 encodes the core protein of wild-type MU1140. SEQ ID NO: 1165 encodes the cleaved peptide as described herein. In embodiments, the disclosure provides purified polynucleotides shown in SEQ ID NOs: 2-431. In embodiments, the disclosure provides purified polynucleotides shown in SEQ ID NOs: 708-763. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a purified polynucleotide comprising any one of SEQ ID NOs: 756, 757, 758, 759, 760 or 761. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a purified polynucleotide comprising any one of SEQ ID NOs: 709, 714, 716, 735, 747, 751, 754, or 758. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a purified polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: 758 (FIV R13N). In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a purified polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: 1163 (FIV R13N).

[00075] The disclosure herein provides for polynucleotides encoding the 63 amino acid pre-protein variants of MU1140. Thus, the disclosure provides for any of the nucleotides described herein encoding the cleaved peptide (SEQ ID NO 1165).

[00076] Polynucleotides of the disclosure can consist of less than about 66, 60, 50, 45, 30, 15 (or any range between about 66 and 15) contiguous nucleotides. The purified polynucleotides can comprise additional heterologous polynucleotides. Polynucleotides of the disclosure can comprise other nucleotide sequences, such as sequences coding for linkers, signal sequences, TMR stop transfer sequences, transmembrane domains, or ligands useful in protein purification such as glutathione-S-transferase, histidine tag, and Staphylococcal protein A. One embodiment

of the disclosure provides a purified polynucleotide comprising at least about 6, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60, 66, or more contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NOs: 2-431. One embodiment of the disclosure provides a purified polynucleotide comprising at least about 6, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60, 66, or more contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 1163.

[00077] Polynucleotides of the disclosure can be isolated. An isolated polynucleotide is a naturally-occurring polynucleotide that is not immediately contiguous with one or both of the 5' and 3' flanking genomic sequences that it is naturally associated with. An isolated polynucleotide can be, for example, a recombinant DNA molecule of any length. Isolated polynucleotides also include non-naturally occurring nucleic acid molecules. Polynucleotides of the disclosure can encode full-length polypeptides, polypeptide fragments, and variant or fusion polypeptides.

[00078] Degenerate nucleotide sequences encoding polypeptides of the disclosure, as well as homologous nucleotide sequences that are at least about 80, or about: 90, 95, 96, 97, 98, or 99% identical to the polynucleotide sequences of the disclosure and the complements thereof are also polynucleotides of the disclosure. Degenerate nucleotide sequences are polynucleotides that encode a polypeptide of the disclosure or fragments thereof, but differ in nucleic acid sequence from the given polynucleotide sequence, due to the degeneracy of the genetic code. Percent sequence identity has an art recognized meaning and there are a number of methods to measure identity between two polypeptide or polynucleotide sequences. See, e.g., Lesk, Ed., Computational Molecular Biology, Oxford University Press, New York, (1988); Smith, Ed., Biocomputing: Informatics and Genome Projects, Academic Press, New York, (1993); Griffin & Griffin, Eds. Computer Analysis of Sequence Data, Part I, Humana Press, New Jersey, (1994); von Heinje, Sequence Analysis In Molecular Biology, Academic Press, (1987); and Gribskov & Devereux, Eds., Sequence Analysis Primer, M Stockton Press, New York, (1991). Methods for aligning polynucleotides or polypeptides are codified in computer programs, including the GCG program package (Devereux *et al.* (1984) Nuc. Acids Res. 12:387), BLASTP, BLASTN, FASTA (Atschul *et al.* (1990) J. Molec. Biol. 215:403), and Bestfit program (Wisconsin Sequence Analysis Package, Version 8 for Unix, Genetics Computer Group, University Research Park, 575 Science Drive, Madison, WI 53711) which uses the local homology algorithm of Smith and Waterman ((1981) Adv. App. Math., 2:482-489). For example, the computer program ALIGN

which employs the FAST A algorithm can be used, with an affine gap search with a gap open penalty of -12 and a gap extension penalty of -2.

[00079] When using any of the sequence alignment programs to determine whether a particular sequence is, for instance, about 95% identical to a reference sequence, the parameters are set such that the percentage of identity is calculated over the full length of the reference polynucleotide and that gaps in identity of up to 5% of the total number of nucleotides in the reference polynucleotide are allowed.

[00080] Polynucleotides of the disclosure can be isolated from nucleic acid sequences present in, for example, a bacterial sample. Polynucleotides can also be synthesized in the laboratory, for example, using an automatic synthesizer. An amplification method such as PCR can be used to amplify polynucleotides from either genomic DNA or cDNA encoding the polypeptides.

[00081] Polynucleotides of the disclosure can comprise coding sequences for naturally occurring polypeptides or can encode altered sequences that do not occur in nature. If desired, polynucleotides can be cloned into an expression vector comprising expression control elements, including for example, origins of replication, promoters, enhancers, or other regulatory elements that drive expression of the polynucleotides of the disclosure in host cells. An expression vector can be, for example, a plasmid. Minichromosomes such as MC and MC1, bacteriophages, phagemids, yeast artificial chromosomes, bacterial artificial chromosomes, virus particles, virus-like particles, cosmids (plasmids into which phage lambda cos sites have been inserted) and replicons (genetic elements that are capable of replication under their own control in a cell) can also be used.

[00082] Methods for preparing polynucleotides operably linked to an expression control sequence and expressing them in a host cell are well-known in the art. See, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 4,366,246. A polynucleotide of the disclosure is operably linked when it is positioned adjacent to or close to one or more expression control elements, which direct transcription and/or translation of the polynucleotide.

Compositions

[00083] In embodiments, one or more lantibiotics of the disclosure (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or more) are present in compositions that are antimicrobials, disinfectants, antibiotics, antiseptics, preservatives, antiviral or decontaminating agents. An antimicrobial composition kills microbes or slows the reproduction of microbes, such as bacteria. A disinfectant composition is applied to a non-living object to kill microbes or to slow the reproduction of microbes such as bacteria. An antibiotic kills microbes or slows the reproduction of microbes, such as bacteria, in the body of a subject or in cells or tissues. An antiseptic kills microbes or slows the reproduction of microbes, such as bacteria, on skin, tissue or organs. A preservative composition kills microbes or slows the reproduction of microbes in products such as paints, wood, foods, beverages, biological samples, cell or tissue cultures, or pharmaceutical compositions to prevent decomposition by microbes such as bacteria. A decontaminating agent is a cleaning agent that can be used to kill microbes or to reduce the reproduction of microbes, such as bacteria, in or on a living organism, cells, tissues, or objects.

[00084] In embodiments, the disclosure provides compositions comprising one or more lantibiotics of the disclosure that kill bacteria. In embodiments, the compositions comprising the variant MU1140 lantibiotics (i.e. the lantibiotics of the disclosure) kill about: 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, or 100% (or any range between about 5% and 100%) of the bacteria they come in contact with. The difference between whether a lantibiotic acts as bacteriostatic agent or a bacteriocidal agent can be the amount or concentration of lantibiotic delivered to the subject, composition, or object to be treated. In embodiments, the lantibiotics of the disclosure reduce the numbers of bacteria present in a composition, subject, cells, or tissues to be treated. In one embodiment of the disclosure, a composition comprising a lantibiotic of the disclosure reduces the number of bacteria by about 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, or 100% (or any range between about 5% and 100%).

[00085] In embodiments, variant lantibiotics of the disclosure are present in antimicrobial compositions comprising one or more isolated lantibiotics of the disclosure and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents or excipients (solids or liquids). In one embodiment of the disclosure, the variant lantibiotic is present in a composition in an amount effective to substantially reduce bacterial reproduction of at least one type of Gram-positive bacteria by about: 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 100% (or any range between about 5

and 100%). In embodiments of the disclosure, the variant MU1140 lantibiotic is present in a composition in an amount effective to substantially reduce the numbers of at least one type of Gram-positive bacteria by about: 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 100% (or any range between about 5 and 100%). In embodiments, the at least one type of Gram-positive bacteria is, for example, *Staphylococcus aureus*, methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus saprophyticus*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, vancomycin resistant *Enterococci*, vancomycin resistant *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterococcus faecium*, *Propionibacterium acnes*, *Streptococcus salivarius*, *Streptococcus sanguis*, *Streptococcus mitis*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Lactobacillus salivarius*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Actinomyces israelii*, *Actinomyces naeslundii*, *Actinomyces viscosus*, *Bacillus anthracis*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Streptococcus intermedius*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, *Clostridium sporogenes*, *Clostridium botulinum*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Clostridium tetani*, and *Clostridium difficile*. All Gram-positive species are susceptible to lantibiotic variants of the disclosure.

[00086] Furthermore, Gram-negative bacteria can be susceptible to lantibiotic variants of the disclosure. Optionally, the outer membrane of Gram-negative bacteria can be disrupted with, for example, a chelating agent such as Tris, Tris-EDTA, or EDTA. Any membrane disrupting compounds can be added to compositions of the disclosure to increase the sensitivity of Gram negative bacteria to the lantibiotic variants of the disclosure, for example, polymixins, membrane disrupting antibiotics, cecropins (e.g., *Musca domestica* cecropin, *hyalophora cecropins*, cecropin B, cecropin P1), G1 OKHc (see Eckert *et al.*, (2006) *Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.* 50:1480); alpha and beta defensins, ovine derived cathelicidine (see Anderson *et al.*, (2004) *Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.* 48:673), squalamine derivatives (e.g., SM-7, see Kikuchi *et al.*, (1997) *Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.* 41:1433), sodium hexametaphosphate, cellular enzymes of granulocytes (van den Broek, (1989) *Rev. Infect. Dis.* 11:213), EM49 (Rosenthal *et al.*, (1976) *Biochemistry*, 15:5783), and sodium lauryl sarcosinate. The combination of lantibiotic variants of the disclosure with a membrane disruption agent and/or other antibiotics or drugs that target Gram-negative species can provide a composition effective against both Gram-positive and Gram-negative species. Therefore, the disclosure includes compositions comprising one or more lantibiotics of the disclosure and one or more additional antimicrobial agents or membrane disrupting agents. The one or more additional antimicrobial agents can have Gram-negative

bacteriostatic or bacteriocidal activity. The membrane disrupting agent can render Gram-negative bacteria susceptible to a lantibiotic of the disclosure (i.e., the membrane disrupting agent in combination with one or more lantibiotic variants of the disclosure are bacteriostatic or bacteriocidal to Gram-negative bacteria). Gram-negative bacteria include, for example, *Acinetobacter baumanii*, *Bordatella pertussis*, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, *Brucella abortus*, *Brucella canis*, *Brucella melitensis*, *Brucella suis*, *Campylobacter jejuni*, *Coxiella burnetii*, *Escherichia coli*, *Francisella tularensis*, *Haemophilus influenza*, *Helicobacter pylori*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Legionella pneumophila*, *Leptospira interrogans*, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Rickettsia rickettsii*, *Salmonella enteritidis*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Serratia marcescens*, *Shigella sonnei*, *Treponema pallidum*, *Vibrio cholera*, *Yersinia enterocolitica*, and *Yersinia pestis*.

[00087] Gram-variable and Gram-indeterminate bacteria can also be susceptible to lantibiotic variants of the disclosure. Optionally, chelating agents such as EDTA can be added to compositions of the disclosure to disrupt the outer membrane of these organisms. Gram-variable and Gram-indeterminate bacteria include, for example, *Chlamydia pneumoniae*, *Chlamydia trachomatis*, *Chlamydia psittaci*, *Mycobacterium leprae*, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *Mycobacterium ulcerans*, and *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*.

[00088] A lantibiotic of the disclosure can be combined in a formulation with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, other carriers, diluents, adjuvants, excipients or encapsulating substances, which are suitable for administration to an animal, composition, or object. Exemplary pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, other carriers, diluents, adjuvants, excipients or encapsulating substances thereof include sugars, such as lactose, glucose, dextrose, and sucrose; starches, such as cornstarch and potato starch; cellulose and its derivatives, such as sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose, hydropropylmethylcellulose, and methyl cellulose; polysaccharides such as latex functionalized SEPHAROSE® and agarose; powdered tragacanth; glycerol; malt; gelatin; talc; solid lubricants, such as stearic acid and magnesium stearate; calcium sulfate; vegetable oils, such as peanut oil, cottonseed oil, sesame oil, olive oil, and corn oil; polyols such as propylene glycol, glycerine, sorbitol, mannitol, propylene glycol, and polyethylene glycol; proteins such as serum albumins, keyhole limpet hemocyanin, immunoglobulin molecules, thyroglobulin, ovalbumin, tetanus toxoid; alginic acid; emulsifiers,

such as the TWEEN®s (polysorbate); polylactic acids; polyglycolic acids; polymeric amino acids such as polyglutamic acid, and polylysine; amino acid copolymers; peptoids; lipitoids; inactive avirulent virus particles or bacterial cells; liposomes; hydrogels; cyclodextrins; biodegradable nanocapsules; bioadhesives; wetting agents, such sodium lauryl sulfate; coloring agents; flavoring agents; tableting agents; stabilizers; antioxidants; preservatives; pyrogen-free water; isotonic saline; ethanol; ethyl oleate; pyrrolidone; Ringer's solution, dextrose solution, Hank's solution; sodium alginate; polyvinylpyrrolidone; gum tragacanth; gum acacia; and sterile water and aqueous buffers and solutions such as physiological phosphate-buffered saline. Carriers, such as pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and diluents, for therapeutic use are well known in the art and are described in, for example, Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mack Publishing Co. (A.R. Gennaro ed. (1985)). Pharmaceutically acceptable salts can also be used in compositions of the disclosure, for example, mineral salts such as hydrochlorides, hydrobromides, phosphates, or sulfates, as well as salts of organic acids such as acetates, propionate, malonates, or benzoates.

[00089] Various dosage forms can comprise the lantibiotic compositions as described herein. In some embodiments, the dosage form can be adapted for oral, rectal, vaginal, urethral topical, (including transmucosal and transdermal), intramuscular, intravenous, intradermal, subcutaneous, intramuscular, or intraperitoneal delivery of the lantibiotic.

[00090] The variant lantibiotic compositions can be in a formulation in a form suitable for oral delivery, for example, as tablets, troches, lozenges, mouthwashes, dentifrices, buccal tablets, solutions, aqueous or oily suspensions, dispersible powders or granules, emulsions, hard or soft capsules, or syrups or elixirs. Such compositions can contain one or more agents, such as emulsifying agents, wetting agents, pH buffering agents, sweetening agents, flavoring agents, coloring agents and preserving agents. The lantibiotic compositions can be a dry product for reconstitution with water or other suitable liquid before use.

[00091] Lantibiotics of the disclosure can also be administered in the form of suppositories for rectal, vaginal, or urethral administration of the drug. These compositions can be prepared by mixing the variant lantibiotic with a suitable nonirritating carrier that is solid at

ordinary temperatures but liquid at the body temperature and will therefore melt in the rectum to release the drug. Such materials are cocoa butter and polyethylene glycols.

[00092] A lantibiotic of the disclosure can also be topically administered in the form of, e.g., lotions, gels, or liposome delivery systems, such as small unilamellar vesicles, large unilamellar vesicles, and multilamellar vesicles. Liposomes can be formed from a variety of phospholipids, such as cholesterol, stearylamine or phosphatidylcholines. Other dosage forms include, for example, injectable, sublingual, enema, and nasal dosage forms. Compositions for inhalation typically can be provided in the form of a solution, suspension or emulsion that can be administered as a dry powder or in the form of an aerosol using a conventional propellant (e.g., dichlorodifluoromethane or trichlorofluoromethane).

[00093] Formulations can contain between about 0.0001% and about 99.9999% by weight of one or more lantibiotic(s) of the disclosure and usually at least about 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, or 100% (weight %) of one or more lantibiotic variants of the present disclosure. Some embodiments contain from about 25% to about 50% or from 5% to 75% of a lantibiotic of disclosure.

[00094] One or more lantibiotics of the disclosure can be combined with one or more antimicrobials, antibiotics, bacteriocins, anti-viral compounds or molecules, virucidal compounds or molecules, or anti-fungal compounds or molecules to form a composition useful in the methods of the disclosure.

[00095] Antibiotics include, for example, penicillins, cephalosporins, polymixins, quinolones, sulfonamides, aminoglycosides, macrolides, tetracyclines, cyclic lipopeptides (e.g., daptomycin), glycylcyclines (e.g., tigecycline), and oxazolidinones (e.g., linezolid).

[00096] Bacteriocins include, for example, acidocin, actagardine, agrocin, alveicin, aureocin, carnocin, carnocyclin, colicin, curvaticin, divercin, duramycin, enterocin, enterolysin, epidermin, erwiniocin, gallidermin, glycinecin, halocin, haloduracin, lactococin, lacticin, leucocin, macedocin, mersacidin, mesentericin, microbisporicin, mutacin, nisin, paenibacillin, planosporicin, pediocin, pentocin, plantaricin, reutericin, sakacin, salivaricin, subtilin, sulfolobicin, thuricin, trifolitoxin, variacin, vibriocin, warnericin, and warnerin.

[00097] Antifungals include, for example, polyene antifungals (e.g., amphotericin B, natamycin, rimocidin, filipin, nystatin, candicin, hamycin), azole antifungals (e.g., imidazole, triazole, thiazole), imidazoles (e.g., miconazole, ketoconazole, clotrimazole, econazole, omoconazole, bifonazole, butoconazole, fenticonazole, isoconazole, oxiconazole, sertaconazole, sulconazole, tioconazole), triazoles (e.g., fluconazole, itraconazole, isavuconazole, raruconazole, posaconazole, voriconazole, terconazole, albaconazole), thiazoles (e.g., abagungin), allylamines (e.g., terbinafine, naftifine, butenafine), echinocandins (e.g., anidulafungin, caspofungin, micafungin), polygodial, benzoic acid, ciclopiroxolamine, tolnaftate, undecylenic acid, flucytosine, and griseofulvin.

[00098] Antivirals and virucidal agents include, for example, abacavir, aciclovire, acyclovir, adefovir, amantadine, amprenavir, ampligen, arbidol, atazanavir, atripla, boceprevir, cidofovir, combivir, delavirdine, didanosine, docosanol, efavirenz, emtricitabine, enfuvirtide, entecavir, entry inhibitors, famciclovir, fomivirsen, fosamprenavir, foscarnet, fosfonet, ganciclovir, ibacicabine, imunovir, idoxuridine, imiquimod, indinavir, inosine, integrase inhibitor, interferon types i, ii, or iii, interferon, lamivudine, lopinavir, loviride, maraviroc, moroxydine, methisazone, nelfinavir, nevirapine, nexavir, nucleoside analogues, oseltamivir, peginterferon alpha-2a, penciclovir, peramivir, pleconaril, podophyllotoxin, protease inhibitor, raltegravir, reverse transcriptase inhibitor, ribavirin, rimantadine, ritonavir, pyramidine, saquinavir, stavudine, tenofovir, tenofovir disoproxil, tipranavir, trifluridine, trizivir, tromantadine, truvada, valaciclovir, valganciclovir, viceriviroc, vidarabine, viramidine, zalcitabine, zanamivir, and zidovudine.

Compositions Comprising Recombinant *S. mutans*

[00099] Compositions of the disclosure can be expressed by one or more strains of recombinant *S. mutans* strains as described herein and a pharmaceutically acceptable or nutritionally acceptable carrier. For example, recombinant *S. mutans* strains can be characterized by: 1) a lactic acid deficiency, and 2) production of a recombinant ADH, 3) variant MU1140 production, 4) optionally, an auxotrophy for a specific organic substance (e.g., a D amino acid such as D-alanine), 5) optionally, a deficiency in ComE expression, or combinations thereof.

[000100] The carrier is physiologically compatible with the area of the subject to which it is administered. Carriers can be comprised of solid-based, dry materials for formulation into tablet, capsule, lozenge, or powdered form. A carrier can also be comprised of liquid or gel-based materials.

Uses of Lantibiotics

[000101] In some embodiments, the lantibiotics of the disclosure are used to reduce the growth of bacteria, prevent the growth of bacteria, prevent the reproduction of bacteria, reduce the reproduction of bacteria, or to reduce or eliminate the numbers of bacteria present in or on an object, composition or subject. In one embodiment of the disclosure, the bacteria are at least one type of Gram-positive bacteria, at least one type of Gram-negative bacteria, at least one type of Gram-variable or Gram-indeterminate bacteria, or a combination of at least one type of Gram-positive or at least one type of Gram-negative bacteria or at least one type of Gram-variable or Gram-indeterminate bacteria. In embodiments, the lantibiotics of the disclosure are administered to, added to, or contacted with a composition or subject in need of treatment.

[000102] In embodiments of the disclosure, the bacteriostatic action of a lantibiotic of the disclosure reduces reproduction of the bacteria by about: 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, or 100% (or any range between about 5% and 100%). In embodiments, the lantibiotics of the disclosure kill bacteria. In embodiments of the disclosure, the variant MU1140 lantibiotics kill about: 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, or 100% (or any range between about 5% and 100%) of the bacteria they come in contact with. The difference between whether a lantibiotic acts as bacteriostatic agent or a bacteriocidal agent can be the amount or concentration of lantibiotic delivered to the subject, composition, or object to be treated. Lantibiotics of the disclosure can reduce the numbers of bacteria present in a composition, subject, cells, or tissues to be treated. In one embodiment of the disclosure, variant MU1140 lantibiotics reduce the number of bacteria by about 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, or 100% (or any range between about 5% and 100%).

[000103] The disclosure therefore provides methods of treating, ameliorating, or preventing a disease, infection, or colonization. A disease is a pathological condition of a part, organ, or system of an organism resulting from infection and characterized by an identifiable group of signs and symptoms. An infection is invasion by and multiplication of pathogenic

microorganisms, such as bacteria, in a bodily part or tissue, which may produce a subsequent tissue injury and progress to overt disease through a variety of cellular or toxic mechanisms. Colonization is the act or process of a microorganism, such as bacteria, establishing itself on or within a host or object. Colonization may produce a subsequent biofilm or biofouling condition as described below. In embodiments, lantibiotics of the disclosure are used prophylactically to prevent disease, infection or colonization or to prevent the spread of a disease or infection. Examples of diseases, infections and colonizations that can be treated or prevented by the compositions and methods of the disclosure include, for example, septicemia, bacterial meningitis, cystic fibrosis, bovine mastitis, impetigo, bacterial vaginosis, bacterial pneumonia, urinary tract infections, bacterial gastroenteritis, erysipelas, cellulitis, anthrax, whooping cough, brucellosis, enteritis, opportunistic infections, community acquired respiratory infections, upper and lower respiratory infections, diphtheria, nosocomial infections, diarrhea, ulcer, bronchitis, listeriosis, tuberculosis, gonorrhea, pseudomonas infections, salmonellosis, shigellosis, *E. coli* infections, staphylococcal infections, streptococcal infections, recurrent or primary *C. difficile* associated infections, and necrotizing fasciitis.

[000104] In embodiments, the disclosure provides methods of treating a subject having a bacterial infection by administering a lantibiotic of the disclosure. In embodiments, the disclosure provides methods of treating a subject that has been diagnosed with a bacterial infection by a health care provider, such as a doctor, nurse or physician's assistant, by administering a lantibiotic of the disclosure. In embodiments, treating comprises reducing or eliminating the number of bacteria in or on the subject. In embodiments, the disclosure further provides methods of preventing a bacterial infection by administering a lantibiotic of the disclosure. In embodiments, the subject is infected with a Gram-positive bacteria. In embodiments, the Gram-positive bacteria is *Staphylococcus aureus*, methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus saprophyticus*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, vancomycin resistant *Enterococci*, vancomycin resistant *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterococcus faecium*, *Propionibacterium acnes*, *Streptococcus salivarius*, *Streptococcus sanguis*, *Streptococcus mitis*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Lactobacillus salivarius*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Actinomyces israelii*, *Actinomyces naeshlundii*, *Actinomyces viscosus*, *Bacillus anthracis*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Streptococcus intermedius*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, *Clostridium sporogenes*, *Clostridium botulinum*, *Clostridium*

petiringens, *Clostridium tetani*, and *Clostridium difficile*. In embodiments, the disclosure provides a method of treating a subject having a *C. difficile* infection, e.g., reducing the number of *C. difficile* bacteria in a subject, by administering to the subject a lantibiotic of the disclosure. In embodiments, the disclosure provides a method of preventing a *C. difficile* infection in a subject by administering to the subject a lantibiotic of the disclosure. In embodiments, the subject is a human. Methods of determining whether a subject has a bacterial infection are well-known in the art.

[000105] In embodiments, the subject is a mammal, such as a mouse, rabbit, guinea pig, macaque, baboon, chimpanzee, human, cow, sheep, pig, horse, dog, cat, or to a non-mammalian animal such as a chicken, duck, or fish. Lantibiotics of the disclosure can also be administered to plants, seeds, or plant media such as soil.

[000106] Administration of the lantibiotics of the disclosure can be by any means known in the art, including injection (e.g., intramuscular, intravenous, intrapulmonary, intramuscular, intradermal, intraperitoneal, intrathecal, or subcutaneous injection), aerosol, intranasal, infusion pump, suppository (rectal, vaginal, urethral), mucosally, topically, buccally, orally, parenterally, infusion techniques, by enemas, by inhalation, enemas, or spray, sublingually, transdermally, as an ophthalmic solution, intraspinal application, or by other means, in dosage unit formulations containing conventional non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents, excipients, adjuvants, and vehicles. A combination of administration methods can also be used.

[000107] In therapeutic applications, the lantibiotic compositions of the disclosure are administered to subjects to reduce the reproduction of bacteria or reduce the numbers of bacteria, or both. The particular dosages of lantibiotic in a composition will depend on many factors including, but not limited to the species, age, gender, severity of infection, concurrent medication, general condition of the subject to which the composition is administered, and the mode of administration of the composition. An effective amount of the composition of the disclosure can be readily determined using only routine experimentation. A therapeutically effective amount means the administration of that amount to a subject, either in a single dose or as part of a series, which is effective for treatment, amelioration, or prevention of bacterial infection or colonization. A therapeutically effective amount is also an amount effective in

alleviating or reducing the symptoms of an infection or in reducing the reproduction of bacteria in or on a subject or reducing the amount of bacteria in or on a subject.

[000108] The concentration of lantibiotic in a composition can vary, and will be selected primarily based on activity of the lantibiotic, body weight of the subject, overall health of the subject, etc. as described above, in accordance with the particular mode of administration selected and the subject's needs. Concentrations, however, will typically be selected to provide dosages ranging from about: 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 75, 100, 150 mg/kg/day (or any range between about 0.001 and 150 mg/kg/day) and sometimes higher. Typical dosages range from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about 5 mg/kg/day, from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about 15 mg/kg/day, from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about 20 mg/kg/day, and from about 0.1 mg/kg/day to about 50 mg/kg/day.

[000109] Lantibiotics of the disclosure are administered over time and several times per day (e.g., 1 day, 3 days, 1 week, 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 6 months, 1 year or more) or can be administered in maintenance doses for long periods of time to prevent or reduce disease, infection, colonization, biofilms or biofouling conditions.

[000110] Lantibiotics of the disclosure can be administered either to an animal that is not infected or colonized with bacteria or can be administered to a bacterially infected or colonized animal.

[000111] One embodiment of the disclosure provides a method for decontaminating or reducing bacterial growth on or in an inanimate object comprising contacting the object with a lantibiotic of the disclosure for a period effective to substantially inhibit bacterial growth of at least one type of bacteria. The contacting can be for 1, 15, 30, or 60 minutes, or 2, 3, 10, 12, 24, 36 or 48 hours (or any range between about 1 minute and 48 hours). An object can be, for example, a food preparation surface, food preparation equipment, industrial equipment, pipes, or a medical device such as catheter, scalpel, knife, scissors, spatula, expander, clip, tweezers, speculum, retractor, suture, surgical mesh, chisel, drill, level, rasp, saw, splint, caliper, clamp, forceps, hook, lancet, needle, cannula, curette, depressor, dilator, elevator, articulator, extractor, probe, staple, artificial joint, wound dressing, catheter, stent, tubing, bowl, tray, sponge, snare, spoon, syringe, pacemaker, screw, plate, pin, wire, guide wire, pacemaker lead, implant, sensor,

glucose sensor, blood bypass tubing, i.v. bag, ventricular assist device components, ophthalmic lens, and balloon.

[000112] Other objects that can be decontaminated include textiles such as a woven (woven from natural or non-natural materials or a blend of natural and synthetic materials) or nonwoven material (e.g., elastic or non-elastic thermoplastic polymers). The textiles can be used for, e.g., a protective article worn by patients, healthcare workers, or other persons who may come in contact with potentially infectious agents or microbes, such as a gown, robe, face mask, head cover, shoe cover, or glove. Other protective textiles can include surgical drapes, surgical covers, drapes, sheets, bedclothes or linens, padding, gauze dressing, wipe, sponge, and other antimicrobial articles for household, institutional, health care, and industrial applications.

[000113] In embodiments of the disclosure, a lantibiotic is coated onto, immobilized, linked, or bound to a solid surface such as a food preparation surface, food preparation equipment, industrial equipment, pipes, or a medical device such as catheter, scalpel, knife, scissors, spatula, expander, clip, tweezers, speculum, retractor, suture, surgical mesh, chisel, drill, level, rasp, saw, splint, caliper, clamp, forceps, hook, lancet, needle, cannula, curette, depressor, dilator, elevator, articulator, extractor, probe, staple, artificial joint, wound dressing, catheter, stent, tubing, bowl, tray, sponge, snare, spoon, syringe, pacemaker, screw, plate, pin, wire, guide wire, pacemaker lead, implant, sensor, glucose sensor, blood bypass tubing, i.v. bag, ventricular assist device components, ophthalmic lens, balloon, and textiles as described above.

[000114] In another embodiment of the disclosure, lantibiotic compositions of the disclosure are present in a transdermal formulation. A transdermal formulation can be designed so the lantibiotic composition acts locally at the point of administration or systemically by entering an animal or human's blood circulation. Therefore, delivery can occur by direct topical application of the lantibiotic composition in the form of an ointment or lotion, or by adhesion of a patch embedded with the lantibiotic composition or with a reservoir that holds the lantibiotic composition and releases it to the skin all at once or in a time-controlled fashion.

[000115] Optionally, lantibiotic compositions can be contained within vesicles such as microparticles, microspheres, liposomes, lipid vesicles, or transfersomes for transdermal or topical delivery. Ultrasound devices to generate shock waves to enlarge pores, use of electric

current to drive substances across skin, and the use of microneedles to pierce skin and deliver lantibiotic compositions into the bloodstream can also be used with transdermal or topical administration. Methods of coating, binding, or immobilizing peptides, such as the lantibiotics of the disclosure onto surfaces are well-known in the art. See e.g., Modern Methods of Protein Immobilization, William H. Scouten, First Ed. (2001) CRC Press; Protein Immobilization (Biotechnology and Bioprocessing), Richard F. Taylor (1991) CRC Press.

[000116] Methods of the disclosure can also be used to ameliorate, reduce, remove, or prevent biofouling or biofilms. Biofouling is the undesirable accumulation of microorganisms, such as bacteria on structures exposed to solvent. Biofouling can occur, for example on the hulls of ships, in membrane systems, such as membrane bioreactors and reverse osmosis spiral wound membranes, water cooling systems of large industrial equipment and power stations, and oil pipelines carrying, e.g., used oils, cutting oils, soluble oils or hydraulic oils.

[000117] A biofilm can cause biofouling and is an aggregate of organisms wherein the organisms are adhered to each other, to a surface, or a combination thereof. A biofilm can comprise one or more species of bacteria, fungi, filamentous fungi, yeasts, algae, cyanobacteria, viruses, and protozoa and combinations thereof. Microorganisms present in a biofilm can be embedded within a self-produced matrix of extracellular polymeric substances. When a microorganism switches to a biofilm mode of growth, it can undergo a phenotypic shift in behavior wherein large suites of genes are differentially regulated. Nearly every species of microorganism can form biofilms. Biofilms can be found on or in living organisms or in or on non-living structures. Biofilms can be present on structures contained in naturally occurring bodies of water or man-made bodies of water, on the surface of water, surfaces exposed to moisture, interiors of pipes, cooling water systems, marine systems, boat hulls, on teeth, on plant surfaces, inside plants, on human and animal body surfaces, inside humans and animals, on contact lenses, on catheters, prosthetic cardiac valves, other prosthesis, intrauterine devices, and other structures/devices.

[000118] Biofilms can cause corrosion of metal surfaces, inhibit vessel speed, cause plant diseases, and can cause human and animal diseases. Biofilms are involved in human and animal infections, including, for example, urinary tract infections, catheter infections, middle-ear

infections, dental plaque, gingivitis, dental caries, periodontal diseases, endocarditis, infections in cystic fibrosis, chronic sinusitis, and infections of permanent indwelling devices such as joint prostheses and heart valves. Biofilms can also impair cutaneous wound healing and reduce topical antibacterial efficiency in healing or treating infected skin wounds.

[000119] Some microorganisms that can form biofilms, cause biofouling and/or cause disease in humans and animals include, for example, bacteria, fungi, yeast, algae, protozoa, and viruses as described above. Biofilms can be treated in living organisms as described above. Biofilms and biofouling conditions on non-living surfaces can be treated by applying the lantibiotics of the disclosure onto the nonliving surface or to the area surrounding the surface. Lantibiotic of the disclosure can also be added to the water, oil, or other fluid surrounding and in contact with the nonliving surface.

[000120] The disclosure provides methods of ameliorating or preventing a biofouling condition or a biofilm condition, caused by one or more microorganisms, such as bacteria. The methods comprise administering one or more of the variant lantibiotics to the biofouling condition or biofilm condition, wherein the biofouling condition or biofilm condition is ameliorated.

[000121] The one or more lantibiotics can be administered to a surface that has a biofilm or biofouling condition or can be administered to a surface as a prophylactic measure. The lantibiotics can be in a dried form (e.g., lyophilized or tablet form) or a liquid solution or suspension form. The dried or liquid forms can be swabbed, poured, sprayed, flushed through the surface (e.g., pipes or membranes) or otherwise applied to the surface. Lantibiotics of the disclosure can be present in a composition with a carrier or diluent in an amount from about 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 75, 100, 150 mg/m² (or any range between about 0.001 and about 30 150 mg/m²) and sometimes higher.

[000122] Where the biofilm is present or potentially present on an artificial surface within a human or animal (e.g., a catheter or medical device), the artificial surface can be contacted with the one or more lantibiotics prior to insertion into the human or animal. Optionally, the lantibiotics can be delivered to the surface after the artificial surface is inserted into the human or animal.

[000123] In one embodiment of the disclosure, a variant lantibiotic can be used for decontaminating or reducing bacterial reproduction or bacterial numbers in a biological tissue or cell culture. The lantibiotic can be present in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient at the dosage rates as for pharmaceutical compositions described above. The lantibiotic or lantibiotic composition can be contacted with the tissue or cell culture for a period effective to substantially inhibit bacterial growth of at least one type of bacteria. The lantibiotic can be provided in an amount effective to maintain the physiological characteristics of the biological tissue or cells and/or in an amount effective to substantially maintain the viability of the biological tissue or cells.

[000124] One embodiment of the disclosure provides a method for preparing isograft organs, tissues or cells, autograft tissues or cells, allograft organs, tissues or cells, xenograft organs, tissues or cells, or other cells or tissue for transplantation. The method comprises contacting the organs, cells or tissues with a lantibiotic composition of the disclosure for a period effective to inhibit or reduce bacterial growth or bacterial numbers of at least one type of Gram-positive bacteria. The cells, organs or tissues can be, for example, a heart valve, a blood vessel, pericardium or musculoskeletal tissue, ligaments such as anterior cruciate ligaments, knee joints, hip joints, ankle joints, meniscal tissue, skin, cornea, heart, lung, small bowel, intestine, liver, kidney, bone marrow, bone, and tendons.

[000125] The contacting step can be performed at a temperature from about 2°C to about 42°C for about: 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 24, 36, or 48 hours. The lantibiotic composition can further comprise a physiological solution further comprising one or more broad spectrum antimicrobials and/or one or more antifungal agents, such as, for example vancomycin, imipenem, amikacin, and amphotericin B.

[000126] Lantibiotic compositions of the disclosure can also be used as a preservative for allograft and xenograft process solutions, and cell culture and tissue solutions. The solutions can comprise an effective amount of one or more lantibiotics in a physiological solution at a pH of between 3 and 8.

[000127] One or more lantibiotics of the disclosure can be added to foods or beverages as a preservative. Examples of foods include, processed cheese products, pasteurized dairy products,

canned vegetables, high moisture, hot baked flour products, pasteurized liquid egg, and natural cheese products. Lantibiotics of the disclosure can also be used to control *Listeria* in foods, to control spoilage by lactic acid bacteria in, e.g., beer, wine, alcohol production and low pH foods such as salad dressings. Lantibiotics of the disclosure can be used as an adjunct in food processing technologies such as higher pressure sterilization and electroporation. Lantibiotics can be present in a food or beverages in an amount from about: 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 75, 100, 150, 250, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1,000 or more mg/kg or mg/L (or any range between about 0.001 and about 1,000 mg/kg or 10 mg/l and sometimes higher.

[000128] Lantibiotics of the disclosure can also be used as molecular wires, molecular switches, or molecular based memory systems. Therefore, variant lantibiotics and wild-type lantibiotics have potential use for building nano-circuitry, as well as other nano-based applications. Molecular wires (also known as molecular nanowires) are molecular-scale substances that conduct electrical current, which are the fundamental building blocks for molecular electronic devices. The typical diameter of molecular wires is less than three nanometers, while the length can extend to centimeters or more. A molecular wire allows the flow of electrons from one end of the wire to the other end of the wire. Molecular wires can comprise at least two terminals for contacting additional components of a nano-electronic device.

[000129] A molecular switch (also known as a controllable wire) is a molecular structure where the electron flow can be turned on and off on demand. A molecular based memory system is one or more molecule wires or switches that have the ability to alter its conductivity by storing electrons. A molecular wire, switch, or molecular based memory system can be present on or anchored to substrates such as silicon wafers, synthetic polymer supports, glass, agarose, nitrocellulose, nylon, Au, Cu, Pd, Pt, Ni, Al, Al₂O₃, nickel grids or disks, carbon supports, aminosilane-treated silica, polylysine coated glass, mica, and semiconductors.

[000130] In embodiments, the disclosure provides recombinant *S. mutans* strains that produce one or more lantibiotic variants of the disclosure. Examples of such strains include JH1000 or JH1140. Recombinant *S. mutans* strains can further contain an erythromycin gene in the *mutA'* – *mutB* intergenic region. Examples of such strains include SM152. Recombinant *S.*

mutans strains can also be strains that produce for example, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X, 6X, 7X, 8X, 9X, 10X, 100X, 1000X more lantibiotic than wild type recombinant *S. mutans* strains.

[000131] In embodiments, the disclosure provides recombinant *S. mutans* strains that produce one or more lantibiotic variants of the disclosure to outcompete and substantially eliminate wild-type, cariogenic *S. mutans* from the oral cavity of a host (e.g., reduce the number of wild-type *S. mutans* by about: 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 90, 95, 99, or 100% (or any range between about 5 % and about 100%)). Production of lantibiotic variants of the invention with enhanced biological activity as compared to a wild-type MU1140 lantibiotic can therefore provide an *S. mutans* with a selective advantage over MU1140 producing, non-MU1140 lantibiotic producing, or non-lantibiotic producing *S. mutans* strains present in the oral cavity of a host. The lantibiotic variants of the disclosure, when expressed by a recombinant *S. mutans* strain of the disclosure, eliminates the resident, lantibiotic-susceptible *S. mutans* strains, thus interfering with colonization of lantibiotic-susceptible strains and promoting recombinant *S. mutans* colonization of the oral cavity. Since the wild-type, native *S. mutans* is displaced from the oral cavity, the incidence and/or severity of dental caries is reduced.

[000132] In one embodiment of the disclosure, the recombinant strain can additionally express lanB, lanC, lanD, lanE, lanF, lanG, lanK, lanM, lanP, lanR, lanT, lanI, mutR, mutAA', mutBCDPT, mutFEG or combinations of two or more of these *S. mutans* polypeptides.

[000133] In embodiments, the recombinant *S. mutans* strains of the disclosure are lactic acid deficient, meaning that a recombinant *S. mutans* strain produces substantially decreased amounts of lactic acid relative to wild-type *S. mutans*. Substantially decreased amounts of lactic acid are about 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 95, or 100% (or any range between about 40% and about 100%) less lactic acid than is produced by a wild-type *S. mutans* strain (e.g. *S. mutans* strain UA159 (ATCC 700610)) or other species belonging to the *Streptococcus* genus including *Streptococcus sobrinus* (e.g. *S. sobrinus* strain SL1 (ATCC 33478)), *Streptococcus rattus* (e.g., *S. rattus* strain FA1 (ATCC 19645)), *Streptococcus cricetus* (*S. cricetus* strain HS6 (ATCC 19642)), and *Streptococcus ferus* (*S. ferus* strain 8S1)). In one embodiment of the disclosure, a lactic acid deficient *S. mutans* effector strain produces no detectable lactic acid. Lactic acid expression can be detected as described in, e.g., Hillman *et al.*, Infect. Immun. 62:60 (1994);

Hillman *et al.*, Infect. Immun. 64:4319 (1996); Hillman *et al.*, 1990, Infect. Immun., 58:1290-1295.

[000134] Recombinant *S. mutans* strains of the disclosure can be lactic acid deficient as a result of a non-functional, inactivated, partially functional, or partially inactivated regulatory region, translational signal, transcriptional signal, or structural sequence in the lactic acid synthesis pathway as disclosed in International Application No. PCT/US2013/027340 or U.S. Patent No. 5,607,672, each of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

[000135] Because defects in lactic acid synthesis are lethal for *S. mutans*, the defect in the recombinant, lactic acid-deficient *S. mutans* strains must be complemented by the production of a recombinant alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH). *See e.g.*, Hillman *et al.*, Infect. Immun. 64:4319 (1996). Production of the recombinant ADH prevents accumulation of metabolites, *e.g.*, pyruvate, that otherwise causes the death of lactic acid-deficient *S. mutans*.

[000136] A *S. mutans* strain can be genetically engineered to express a recombinant alcohol dehydrogenase as disclosed in International Application No. PCT/US2013/027340, incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. Recombinant *S. mutans* strains of the disclosure can optionally be genetically engineered to be auxotrophic for an organic substance not normally present in the oral cavity or diet of a host so that the oral cavity colonization by the recombinant *S. mutans* strains can be controlled. That is, the recombinant *S. mutans* strains can optionally be genetically engineered so that they are unable to synthesize a particular organic compound required for growth, as disclosed in International Application No. PCT/US2013/027340.

[000137] Optionally, a recombinant *S. mutans* strain of the disclosure can comprise an inactivated or non-functional *comE* gene. "ComE deficient" or "deficiency in ComE production" means that a recombinant *S. mutans* strain produces substantially decreased amounts of ComE protein relative to wild-type *S. mutans*. Substantially decreased amounts of ComE are about 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 95, or 100% (or any range between about 40% and about 100%) less ComE protein than is produced by a wild-type *S. mutans* strain. In one embodiment of the disclosure, a ComE deficient recombinant *S. mutans* strain produces no detectable ComE protein. ComE expression can be assayed as described in, *e.g.*, Chen & Gotschlich, J. Bact. 183:3160 (2001). Recombinant *S. mutans* strains of the disclosure can be ComE deficient as a result of a non-

functional, inactivated, partially functional, or partially inactivated regulatory region, translational signal, transcriptional signal, or structural sequence in ComE synthesis, as disclosed in International Application No. PCT/US2013/027340.

[000138] In embodiments, the recombinant *S. mutans* of the disclosure are present in a composition of the disclosure in a therapeutically effective amount. Therapeutically effective means effective to prevent or reduce the number or incidence (e.g., 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 100% fewer cavities than controls that did not receive the composition) and/or reduce the severity (e.g., 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 100% less severe cavities than controls that did not receive the composition) of cavities.

[000139] A therapeutically effective amount or dosage is an amount or dosage of a composition of the disclosure at high enough levels to prevent caries and/or reduce caries number and/or caries severity, but low enough to avoid serious side effects (at a reasonable benefit/risk ratio), within the scope of sound medical/dental judgment. The compositions of the disclosure can be applied in a therapeutically effective amount to the oral cavity of a host for the treatment and/or prevention of cavities using methods known in the art.

[000140] In one embodiment of the disclosure a composition can comprise one or more isolated recombinant strains of the disclosure along with one or more isolated *Streptococcus oralis* strains, one or more isolated *S. rattus* strains, and/or one or more isolated *Streptococcus uberis* strains using methods known in the art.

[000141] One embodiment of the disclosure provides a method for treating dental caries comprising administering a composition comprising one or more recombinant *S. mutans* strains of the disclosure to the oral cavity of a subject in need thereof using methods known in the art.

[000142] The disclosure also provides a method of reducing the amount of bacteria that can cause dental caries in a subject. Another embodiment of the disclosure provides a method of preventing dental caries in a subject, for example, compositions comprising the recombinant *S. mutans* strains of the disclosure are administered to the oral cavity of a host or subject such as an animal, including a mammal, for example, a human, a non-human primate, a dog, a cat, a horse,

a bovine, a goat, or a rabbit using methods known in the art. The compositions of the disclosure can be orally administered using methods known in the art.

Kits

[000143] Compositions of the disclosure can be present in a kit comprising a container of one or more lantibiotics of the disclosure. The lantibiotics can be lyophilized and in the form of a lyophilized powder or tablet or can be in a solution or suspension optionally with buffers, excipients, diluents, adjuvants, or pharmaceutically acceptable carriers. A kit can also comprise one or more applicators for the one or more lantibiotics to a body part or tissue or surface. The applicator can be, for example, a swab, a syringe (with or without a needle), a dropper, a sprayer, a surgical dressing, wound packing, or a bandage. Optionally, the kit can comprise one or more buffers, diluents, adjuvants, therapeutically acceptable carriers, or pharmaceutically acceptable carriers for reconstituting, diluting, or preparing the one or more variant MU1140 lantibiotics.

[000144] A kit of the disclosure can contain a single dose, a one week, one month, two month, three month, four month, five month, six month, or 12 month supply of a composition of the disclosure. A composition of the disclosure can be packaged and, in turn, a plurality of the packaged compositions can be provided in a storage container or outer package or carton. Where the one or more strains of *S. mutans* are auxotrophic, the kit can include a bacterial auxotroph-maintaining amount of an organic substance, e.g., a composition comprising a D-amino acid such as D-alanine.

[000145] All patents, patent applications, and other scientific or technical writings referred to anywhere herein are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety. The disclosure illustratively described herein suitably can be practiced in the absence of any element or elements, limitation or limitations that are not specifically disclosed herein. Thus, for example, in each instance herein any of the terms "comprising", "consisting essentially of", and "consisting of" may be replaced with either of the other two terms, while retaining their ordinary meanings. The terms and expressions which have been employed are used as terms of description and not of limitation, and there is no intention that in the use of such terms and expressions of excluding any equivalents of the features shown and described or portions thereof, but it is recognized that various modifications are possible within the scope of the disclosure claimed. Thus, it should be

understood that although the present disclosure has been specifically disclosed by embodiments, optional features, modification and variation of the concepts herein disclosed may be resorted to by those skilled in the art, and that such modifications and variations are considered to be within the scope of this disclosure as defined by the description and the appended claims.

[000146] The following are provided for exemplification purposes only and are not intended to limit the scope of the disclosure described in broad terms above.

EXAMPLES

[000147] The present disclosure is further defined in the following Examples. The Examples set forth herein, represent certain features, elements and embodiments of the disclosure, and is not intended, nor should be construed, to limit the scope of the disclosure.

[000148] MU1140 variants (*i.e.*, MU1140 polypeptide variants including non-naturally occurring variants) with improved antimicrobial/antibiotic activity and/or stability were produced by mutating select single and multiple combinations of amino acids within the (mature) 22 amino acid native (wild-type) MU1140 polypeptide sequence (SEQ ID NO:1156, FIG. 1). The *mutA* variants were constructed using pLAN042, from which a linear amplicon was used to substitute the native *mutA* sequence with a *mutA* sequence containing codon substitutions. Following transformation of the *mutA* variant library into SM152 (JH1140 *lanA*'B::erm) and verification of codon substitution in *mutA*, *S. mutans* variant clones were picked, expressed and analyzed for antimicrobial activity (*see, Table 1 and Table 2*, below) and stability. Data was interpreted by qualitative comparison of the size of the zone of clearing for each lantibiotic variant producing strain with the *mutA* invariant control SM152 and the wild-type parent strain JH1140.

EXAMPLE 1

MU1140 SINGLE AND MULTI-SITE VARIANTS

Construction of mutA variant strains

[000149] A plasmid for construction of MU1140 variants was constructed using mutA, the primary structural gene encoding the MU1140 propeptide in *S. mutans*. The episomal plasmid was constructed using plasmid pMK4 (GenBank Accession No.: EU549778.1), which is a plasmid with a ColE1 origin of replication, ampicillin resistance in *E. coli*, and chloramphenicol resistance in *S. mutans*. A DNA fragment of *S. mutans* JH1140 (ATCC Deposit: 55676) containing the mutAA' locus was ligated into pMK4 and designated pLAN042 (**Figure 2**). Plasmid pLAN042 was used as a template to build mutA variants using PCR mutagenesis (Raman and Martin, *Nature Methods*, 11, 2014), using the codon substitutions listed in **Table 1A**.

[000150] A chromosomal integration strategy using homologous recombination was employed to produce MU1140 variants in *S. mutans* JH1140 by replacement of the native chromosomal mutA gene with mutA variants encoding codon substitutions. An integration arm upstream of mutAA', an integration arm downstream of mutAA', and an erythromycin resistance gene were amplified by PCR and assembled using splicing overlap extension PCR (SOE PCR). The SOE product was ligated to pMK4, transformed into *E. coli*, verified by DNA sequencing, and designated pLAN126 (**Figure 3**).

[000151] MutA variant libraries were constructed by PCR amplification of upstream and downstream recombination arms from the pLAN126 template and subsequent assembly with PCR amplified mutA variants from the pLAN042 mutA variant library (**Table 1A**) or an oligonucleotide library encoding mutA codon variants using SOE PCR (**Table 1B**). A final PCR reaction was used to amplify the single SOE product containing 750 bp recombination arms.

[000152] DNA vectors were transformed into *S. mutans* JH1140 using standard techniques (Biswas *et al.*, *Biotechniques* 42.4:487 (2007)). Transformants were plated onto TSYEX agar (Ghobrial 2008, Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of the lantibiotic MU1140. Ph.D. dissertation, University of Florida) containing 3 µg/mL erythromycin, and incubated in a candle

jar for 3 days at 37°C. PCR and Sanger DNA sequencing was utilized to confirm replacement of the chromosomal copy of mutA with the mutA variant encoded on the integration vector.

Table 1A: Nucleotide identities of mutA variants.

Mutation	Core peptide sequence											
MU1140 (Wild-type) SEQ ID NO: 1	TTC	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA
F1I SEQ ID NO: 19	ATT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA
F1L SEQ ID NO: 4	CTT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA
R13N SEQ ID NO: 241	TTC	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA
F17L SEQ ID NO: 316	TTC	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA
F17Y SEQ ID NO: 320	TTC	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA
N18A SEQ ID NO: 335	TTC	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA
Y20F SEQ ID NO: 384	TTC	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA

Table 1B: Nucleotide identities of multisite mutA variants and control strains (single site variants).

Mutation	Core peptide sequence											
MU1140 (Wild-type) SEQ ID NO: 1	TTC	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA
F1I SEQ ID NO: 19	ATT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA
F1L SEQ ID NO: 4	CTT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA
R13N SEQ ID NO: 241	TTC	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA
F17L SEQ ID NO: 316	TTC	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA
F17Y SEQ ID NO: 320	TTC	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA

N18A SEQ ID NO: 335	TTC	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	AGG	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	GCT	TGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
Y20F SEQ ID NO: 384	TTC	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	AGG	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TTT	TGT	TGC
F1A R13A SEQ ID NO: 1167	GCT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	GGT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1A R13G SEQ ID NO: 708	GCT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	GGT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1A R13N SEQ ID NO: 709	GCT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	AAT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1A R13S SEQ ID NO: 710	GCT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	AGT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1A R13V SEQ ID NO: 711	GCT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	GGT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1G R13A SEQ ID NO: 712	GGT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	GGT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1G R13G SEQ ID NO: 713	GGT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	GGT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1G R13N SEQ ID NO: 714	GGT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	AAT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1G R13V SEQ ID NO: 715	GGT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	GGT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1H R13N SEQ ID NO: 716	CAT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	AAT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1I R13A G15A SEQ ID NO: 717	ATT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	GGT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1I R13D G15A SEQ ID NO: 718	ATT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	GAT	ACA	GCT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1I R13N G15A SEQ ID NO: 719	ATT	AAA	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	AAT	ACA	GCT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1I W4I R13A SEQ ID NO: 720	ATT	AAA	AGT	ATT	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	GCT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1I W4I R13D SEQ ID NO: 721	ATT	AAA	AGT	ATT	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	GAT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1I W4M R13A SEQ ID NO: 722	ATT	AAA	AGT	ATG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	GCT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1I W4M R13N SEQ ID NO: 723	ATT	AAA	AGT	ATG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	AAT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1I K2A R13A SEQ ID NO: 724	ATT	GCT	AGT	TGG	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	GCT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC
F1I K2A W4K	ATT	GCT	AGT	AAA	AGC	CTT	TGT	ACG	CCT	GGT	TGT	GCA	GCT	ACA	GGT	AGT	TTC	AAT	AGT	TAC	TGT	TGC

[000153] In this manner, a plasmid library of 418 mutA variants was thus constructed using pLAN042 as the base vector. The mutA variant library was constructed in an addressable fashion, with each of the 418 vector designs containing a single codon mutation to confer a designated amino acid change. Confirmation of the codon change for each of the 418 variants was confirmed by DNA sequencing.

[000154] Multi-site mutA variants were also constructed using a similar genomic integration strategy to improve levels and consistency of MU1140 variant production.

EXAMPLE 2

Non-Normalized Testing of MU1140 Single and Multi-Site Variants

[000155] In order to determine if engineered *S. mutans* mutA variant strains produce MU1140 variants with antimicrobial activity, mutA variant strain culture supernatants were initially tested for their ability to induce formation of zones of clearing against *Micrococcus luteus* 272, an MU1140 sensitive antibiotic indicator strain.

High-Throughput (HTP) Growth

[000156] *S. mutans* colonies were picked into 2.2 mL 96 deep well plates containing 1 mL of TSYEX (3% tryptic soy broth and 0.3% yeast extract) and 3 µg/mL erythromycin. The plates were grown micro-aerobically overnight at 37°C without shaking. One hundred (100) µL of overnight culture was transferred to 2.2 mL 96 well deep well plates containing 900 µL Ghobrial expression media (5% Yeast Extract, 4% Glucose, 0.1% CaCl₂, 100 mM bis-tris Buffer pH 6.7; Ghobrial, 2008). The expression plates were sealed with porous seals and shaken for 20 hours at 37°C and 900 rpm. The cell cultures were centrifuged for 10 minutes at 3220 x g and the supernatant was removed for testing in the *Micrococcus luteus* bioassay. Freezer stocks were constructed by diluting overnight TSYEX cultures of *S. mutans* strains with 25% glycerol (final volume) and incubation at -80°C.

***Micrococcus luteus* HTP Bioassay**

[000157] *M. luteus* (ATCC Deposit No.: 272) was streaked onto an LB agar plate and grown at 30°C for 48 hours, then 5 mL of LB broth was transferred to a 14 mL culture tube. *M.*

luteus cells were inoculated from plate cultures and grown overnight at 30°C in a shaker at 250 rpm. Cells were diluted 1:100 using in a volume of 50 mL LB broth in a 250 mL Erlenmeyer flask and grown for 2 hours at 30°C. Subsequently, *M. luteus* cells were centrifuged for 5 minutes at 3220 x g, re-suspended in 5 mL of fresh LB, inoculated into 45°C molten 125 mL soft nutrient agar (5 g/L Bacto agar, 8 g/L Difco nutrient broth) at OD600 0.1 and poured into a QTray (Genetix). The QTray was dried with the lid removed in a laminar flow hood for 30 minutes. A QPIX™ 450 gridding robot equipped with a 96-metal pin head was used to replicate spot each variant 10 times from a 96-well source plate (shallow Greiner U-bottom) containing 150 µL medium to the QTray. The QTrays were incubated overnight at 30°C and imaged using an EPSON® Expression 10,000 XL optical scanner. Zones of clearing were scored as less than or equal activity to SM152 (indicated as “1”), and greater than SM152 activity (indicated as “2”).

Results of MU1140 Single Site Variants (expressed on episomal plasmid)

[000158] MU1140 variant producing strains were assessed for improvements in antimicrobial activity using the *M. luteus* zone of clearing assay using non-normalized culture supernatants obtained from overnight growth of *S. mutans* strains (**Table 2**). Consistent (well-to-well and plate-to-plate) zones of clearing were observed for both *S. mutans* strains JH1140 and SM152. Strain *S. mutans* SM152 (mutA invariant) and variant producing mutA variant strains contain an erythromycin resistance gene in the mutA' mutB intergenic region from the pLAN126-based integration vector (**Figure 3**). During validation of the SM152 mutA invariant strain, it was found that insertion of the erythromycin resistance cassette caused a consistent gain of function improvement in the size of the zone of activity observed compared to the size of the zone of activity observed in the parent strain JH1140 (**Table 2**). The increase in antimicrobial activity observed may be due to deregulation of the regulatory region leading to higher levels of expression of the upstream mutAA' or downstream mutBCDPT operons. Changes in the size of the zone of clearing in this assay could be due to increases in specific antimicrobial activity, stability, titer, and/or diffusibility, or a combination of such factors.

[000159] Multi-site MU1140 variant producing strains were subsequently tested to determine if mutation of more than one amino acid position would confer improved performance in the *M. luteus* zone of clearing assay (**Table 3**). Multi-site variants tested exhibited larger

zones of clearing than SM152 and the single amino acid variant strains F1I and F1L, indicating possible increases in specific antimicrobial activity, stability, titer, and/or diffusibility, or a combination of such factors.

TABLE 2: Non-normalized size of zones of clearing detected in *M. luteus* zone of clearing assay. A score of one (1) indicates size of zone of clearing produced by parental strain JH1140. A score of two (2) indicates zone of clearing greater in size than JH1140. Strains were replicated in a minimum of two independent experiments.

Variant	Zone of clearing 1	Zone of clearing 2
JH1140 (wt)	1	1
SM152	2	2
F1I	2	2
F1L	2	2
R13N	2	2
F17I	2	2
F17L	2	2
N18A	2	2
Y20F	2	2

TABLE 3: Non-normalized size of zones of clearing detected in *M. luteus* zone of clearing assay. A score of one (1) indicates size of zone of clearing produced by control strain SM152. A score of two (2) indicates zone of clearing greater in size than SM152. Strains were replicated in a minimum of two independent replicate experiments.

Variant	zone of clearing 1	zone of clearing 2
SM152	1	1
F1I	1	1
F1L	1	1
F1A R13A	2	2
F1A R13V	2	2
F1A R13G	2	2
F1A R13N	2	2
F1A R13S	2	2
F1G R13A	2	2
F1G R13G	2	2
F1G R13N	2	2
F1G R13V	2	2
F1H R13N	2	2
F1I R13A G15A	2	2

F1I R13D G15A	2	2
F1I R13N G15A	2	2
F1I W4I R13A	2	2
F1I W4I R13D	2	2
F1I W4M R13A	2	2
F1I W4M R13N	2	2
F1I K2A R13A	2	2
F1I K2A W4K R13A	2	2
F1I K2A W4K R13D	2	2
F1I K2A W4K R13A Y20F	2	2
F1I L6V R13A	2	2
F1I R13A	2	2
F1I R13A Y20F	2	2
F1I R13D	2	2
F1I R13D Y20F	2	2
F1I R13G	2	2
F1I R13I	2	2
F1I R13N	2	2
F1I R13N Y20F	2	2
F1I R13P	2	2
F1I R13Q	2	2
F1I R13S	2	2
F1I R13V	2	2
F1I R13E	1	1
F1L R13A	2	2
F1L R13A Y20F	2	2
F1L R13D	2	2
F1L R13G	2	2
F1L R13N	2	2
F1L R13P	2	2
F1L R13Q	2	2
F1L R13N Y20F	2	2
F1L R13D Y20F	2	2
F1S R13N	2	2
F1T R13A	2	2
F1T R13G	2	2
F1T R13N	2	2
F1T R13V	2	2
F1V R13A	2	2
F1V R13N	2	2
F1V R13Q	2	2
F1V R13D	2	2
F1V R13P	2	2

F1V R13V	2	2
F1Y R13D	2	2
F1Y R13G	2	2

[000160] Following transformation of the addressable 418 *mutA* variant library, two *S. mutans* SM126 ΔmutAA' pLAN042 variant clones per mutA variant were picked, expressed and analyzed for antimicrobial activity (see, **Table 4**, plates 1-6 below). Data was interpreted by qualitative comparison of the size of the zone of clearing for each variant producing strain with the positive control SM126 ΔmutAA' pLAN042 and the negative control SM126 ΔmutAA' pMK4 (empty vector). Forty one (41) variants exhibited greater antimicrobial activity than the positive control for at least one of the two clones (**Table 4**). Seventy three (73) variants exhibited antimicrobial activity equal to the control for at least one of the two clones. Eighty three (83) variants exhibited less activity than the positive control, but still generated a detectable zone of clearing. Two hundred twenty one (221) variants did not generate detectable zones of clearing for either clone tested.

[000161] Variation was observed from clone to clone and experiment to experiment using this plasmid-borne complementation system, as controls included in each 96-well plate experiment demonstrated significant variation, from no detectable antimicrobial activity to greater antimicrobial activity than control (**Table 5**). Individual clones were spot-sequenced to exclude DNA mutation of the pLAN042 plasmid as a source of experimental error.

TABLE 4 (Plate 1): ZONES OF CLEARING GENERATED BY MU1140 VARIANTS

Well	Mutation	<i>M luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 1	<i>M luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 2	Well	Mutation	<i>M luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 1	<i>M luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 2
A01	F1K	1	1	E01	F1L	3	2
A02	F1N	2	3	E02	F1Q	1	1
A03	F1R	2	2	E04	K2N	2	2
A04	K2A	2	2	E05	K2R	0	0
A05	K2P	0	0	E06	S3W	0	0
A06	K2T	0	0	E07	S3D	0	0
A07	S3M	0	0	E08	S3T	1	0
A08	S3G	0	0	E09	W4Y	2	1
A10	W4Q	1	1	E10	W4I	0	3
A11	S5V	0	0	E11	S5C	0	0
A12	S5D	0	0	E12	S5G	1	0
B01	F1V	3	3	F01	WT	2	2
B02	F1Y	2	1	F02	WT	2	2
B03	F1H	3	2	F03	WT	2	2
B04	K2L	2	1	F04	WT	2	2
B05	K2Q	2	1	F05	WT	2	2
B06	K2I	2	2	F06	WT	2	2
B07	S3C	0	0	F07	pMK4	0	0
B08	S3R	0	0	F08	pMK4	0	0
B09	W4M	3	3	F09	pMK4	0	0
B10	W4F	3	3	F10	pMK4	0	0
B11	S5W	0	2	F11	pMK4	0	0
B12	S5P	0	0	F12	pMK4	0	0
C01	F1W	0	1	G01	F1M	2	3
C02	F1D	0	0	G03	K2V	0	2
C03	F1S	3	3	G04	K2Y	0	1
C04	K2M	2	2	G05	K2H	1	2
C05	K2F	2	2	G06	S3A	0	0
C06	S3K	0	0	G07	S3P	0	0
C07	S3N	0	0	G08	W4K	1	1
C08	S3H	0	0	G09	W4P	0	0
C09	W4C	0	0	G10	S5K	0	0
C10	W4R	0	1	G11	S5N	1	0
C11	S5A	0	2	G12	S5R	0	0
C12	S5Q	1	2	H01	F1C	1	0
D01	F1A	3	1	H02	F1G	2	3
D02	F1P	3	2	H03	K2W	1	0
D03	F1T	2	3	H04	K2D	1	0
D04	K2C	1	2	H05	K2S	1	2
D05	K2G	1	0	H06	S3L	1	0
D06	S3V	0	0	H07	S3F	0	0

D07	S3Y	0	0	H08	W4V	0	2
D09	W4N	1	0	H09	EMPTY		
D10	W4H	3	2	H10	EMPTY		
D11	S5L	1	2	H11	EMPTY		
D12	S5F	1	0	H12	EMPTY		

Zones were scored as 0 (no zone of clearing), 1 (zone of clearing smaller than positive control), 2 (zone of clearing same as positive control), or 3 (zone of clearing larger than positive control).

TABLE 4 (Plate 2): ZONES OF CLEARING GENERATED BY MU1140 VARIANTS

Well	Mutation	<i>M. luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 1	<i>M. luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 2	Well	Mutation	<i>M. luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 1	<i>M. luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 2
A01	S5H	3	2	E01	L6W	3	1
A02	L6C	0	1	E02	L6P	0	1
A03	L6G	0	1	E03	L6I	0	2
A04	C7W	0	1	E04	C7D	0	0
A05	C7F	0	0	E05	C7S	0	0
A06	T8K	0	0	E06	T8L	0	0
A07	T8N	0	0	E07	T8Q	0	0
A08	T8R	0	0	E08	T8I	0	0
A09	P9A	0	0	E09	P9D	1	1
A10	P9F	0	0	E10	P9T	2	0
A11	G10K	0	0	E11	G10C	1	1
A12	G10Y	0	0	E12	G10F	1	1
B01	S5T	2	0	F01	WT	2	2
B02	L6N	2	2	F02	WT	2	2
B03	L6R	2	0	F03	WT	2	2
B04	C7A	1	0	F04	WT	2	2
B05	C7G	0	0	F05	WT	2	2
B06	T8V	0	0	F06	WT	2	2
B07	T8Y	0	1	F07	pMK4	0	0
B08	T8H	0	1	F08	pMK4	0	0
B09	P9L	0	1	F09	pMK4	0	0
B10	P9R	0	1	F10	pMK4	0	0
B11	G10V	0	0	F11	pMK4	0	0
B12	G10D	0	1	F12	pMK4	0	0
C01	S5I	2	0	G01	L6A	2	2
C02	L6Y	2	0	G02	L6Q	3	0
C03	L6H	2	2	G03	C7K	1	0
C04	C7L	0	1	G04	C7P	2	0
C05	C7R	0	2	G05	C7T	0	0
C06	T8W	0	1	G06	T8M	0	2
C07	T8D	0	1	G07	T8F	0	0
C08	T8S	2	2	G08	P9V	1	0

C09	P9M	1	2	G09	P9Q	0	1
C10	P9H	2	2	G10	P9I	0	1
C11	G10L	1	1	G11	G10N	0	1
C12	G10P	1	1	G12	G10R	0	1
D01	L6V	2	0	H02	L6F	1	1
D02	L6D	1	0	H03	C7V	1	0
D03	L6T	2	3	H04	C7Q	1	0
D04	C7M	0	2	H05	C7I	0	0
D05	C7H	0	1	H06	T8C	0	0
D06	T8A	0	2	H07	T8G	0	0
D07	T8P	0	1	H08	P9W	0	0
D09	P9N	1	2	H09	EMPTY		
D10	P9S	0	1	H10	EMPTY		
D11	G10M	0	1	H11	EMPTY		
D12	G10Q	0	1	H12	EMPTY		

Zones were scored as 0 (no zone of clearing), 1 (zone of clearing smaller than positive control), 2 (zone of clearing same as positive control), or 3 (zone of clearing larger than positive control).

TABLE 4 (Plate 3): ZONES OF CLEARING GENERATED BY MU1140 VARIANTS

Well	Mutation	<i>M Luteus</i> Zone of Clearing: Colony 1	<i>M Luteus</i> Zone of Clearing: Colony 2	Well	Mutation	<i>M Luteus</i> Zone of Clearing: Colony 1	<i>M Luteus</i> Zone of Clearing: Colony 2
A01	C21N	0	0	E01	C21Q	0	1
A02	C21R	1	0	E02	C21I	2	0
A03	C22W	0	0	E04	C22I	0	0
A04	C22F	0	0	E05	C7E	0	0
A05	S3E	0	0	E06	G15E	0	1
A06	G10E	0	0	E07	C22E	0	1
A07	N18E	0	0	E08	S5Y	2	0
A08	W4D	0	0	E09	P9C	2	1
A09	L6M	2	2	E10	G10I	2	1
A10	P9G	0	0	E11	R13V	1	1
A11	A12C	0	0	E12	G15A	1	3
B01	C21Y	0	0	F01	WT	2	2
B02	C21H	0	0	F02	WT	2	2
B03	C22A	0	0	F03	WT	2	2
B04	C22R	0	0	F04	WT	2	2
B05	W4E	0	0	F05	WT	2	2
B06	C11E	2	3	F06	WT	2	2
B07	S19E	0	0	F07	pMK4	0	0
B08	W4G	0	0	F08	pMK4	0	0
B09	L6S	1	1	F09	pMK4	0	0
B10	G10W	1	0	F10	pMK4	0	0
B11	A12P	1	1	F11	pMK4	0	0

B12	R13T	1	2	F12	pMK4	0	0
C01	C21D	0	1	G01	C21F	0	0
C02	C21S	0	1	G02	C22K	0	0
C03	C22L	1	0	G03	C22D	0	1
C04	C22S	0	0	G04	F1E	0	1
C05	S5E	0	0	G05	T8E	0	1
C06	R13E	0	3	G06	S16E	0	0
C07	Y20E	1	1	G07	S3Q	0	0
C08	W4S	0	1	G09	P9Y	1	0
C09	C7N	0	0	G10	C11A	2	3
C10	G10A	1	1	G11	R13N	2	1
C11	A12G	2	1	G12	G15D	1	0
C12	G15K	1	0	H01	C21G	0	2
D01	C21P	1	0	H02	C22V	0	0
D02	C21T	0	2	H03	C22P	0	0
D03	C22M	2	0	H04	K2E	2	3
D04	C22T	0	0	H05	P9E	1	2
D05	L6E	0	1	H06	F17E	1	0
D06	T14E	0	2	H07	W4L	1	3
D07	C21E	0	1	H08	L6K	0	0
D08	S5M	2	2	H09	EMPTY		
D09	P9K	1	2	H10	EMPTY		
D10	G10S	2	1	H11	EMPTY		
D11	A12T	1	3	H12	EMPTY		
D12	G15W	1	0				

Zones were scored as 0 (no zone of clearing), 1 (zone of clearing smaller than positive control), 2 (zone of clearing same as positive control), or 3 (zone of clearing larger than positive control).

TABLE 4 (Plate 4): ZONES OF CLEARING GENERATED BY MU1140 VARIANTS

Well	Mutation	<i>M. Luteus</i> Zone of Clearing: Colony 1	<i>M. Luteus</i> Zone of Clearing: Colony 2	Well	Mutation	<i>M. Luteus</i> Zone of Clearing: Colony 1	<i>M. Luteus</i> Zone of Clearing: Colony 2
A01	G10H	0	0	E01	C11W	0	0
A02	C11N	0	0	E02	C11Q	2	0
A03	C11R	0	0	E03	C11I	0	0
A04	A12W	0	0	E04	A12N	0	0
A05	A12Q	0	0	E05	A12S	0	0
A06	R13W	1	0	E06	R13C	0	0
A07	R13Q	0	0	E07	R13S	2	3
A08	T14A	0	0	E08	T14N	0	0
A09	T14P	0	0	E09	T14R	0	0
A10	T14S	0	0	E10	G15C	0	0
A11	G15Y	0	0	E11	G15H	0	0

A12	G15T	0	0	E12	S16A	0	0
B01	G10T	0	0	F01	WT	2	2
B02	C11Y	0	0	F02	WT	2	2
B03	C11H	0	0	F03	WT	2	2
B05	A12F	0	0	F04	WT	2	2
B06	R13A	2	0	F05	WT	2	2
B07	R13F	0	3	F06	WT	2	2
B08	T14L	0	0	F07	pMK4	0	0
B09	T14Q	2	0	F08	pMK4	0	0
B10	G15V	0	0	F09	pMK4	0	0
B11	G15P	0	0	F10	pMK4	0	0
B12	S16K	0	0	F11	pMK4	0	0
C01	C11K	0	0	F12	pMK4	0	0
C02	C11D	0	0	G01	C11L	0	0
C03	C11S	0	0	G02	C11F	0	0
C04	A12L	0	0	G03	A12K	0	0
C05	A12R	0	0	G04	A12Y	0	0
C06	R13L	0	0	G05	A12I	0	0
C08	T14M	0	0	G06	R13Y	0	0
C09	T14F	0	0	G07	R13I	0	0
C10	G15L	0	0	G08	T14Y	0	0
C11	G15Q	0	0	G09	T14H	0	0
C12	S16V	0	0	G10	G15N	2	3
D01	C11V	0	0	G11	G15S	2	3
D02	C11P	0	0	G12	S16L	0	0
D03	C11T	0	0	H01	C11M	0	0
D04	A12M	0	0	H02	C11G	2	0
D05	A12H	0	0	H03	A12V	2	0
D06	R13M	0	0	H04	A12D	2	0
D07	R13H	0	0	H05	R13K	0	0
D08	T14C	0	0	H06	R13P	0	0
D09	T14G	0	0	H07	T14K	0	0
D10	G15M	0	0	H08	T14D	0	0
D11	G15F	0	0	H09	EMPTY		
D12	S16W	0	0	H10	EMPTY		
				H11	EMPTY		
				H12	EMPTY		

Zones were scored as 0 (no zone of clearing), 1 (zone of clearing smaller than positive control), 2 (zone of clearing same as positive control), or 3 (zone of clearing larger than positive control).

TABLE 4 (Plate 5): ZONES OF CLEARING GENERATED BY MU1140 VARIANTS

Well	Mutation	<i>M luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 1	<i>M luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 2	Well	Mutation	<i>M luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 1	<i>M luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 2
A01	S16M	0	0	E01	S16D	0	0
A02	S16G	0	0	E02	S16I	0	0
A03	F17W	0	0	E03	F17Y	2	3
A04	F17Q	2	0	E04	F17S	0	0
A05	N18V	0	0	E05	N18M	0	0
A06	N18D	0	0	E06	N18G	0	0
A07	N18T	0	0	E07	S19C	0	0
A08	S19D	0	0	E08	S19G	0	0
A09	S19S	1	2	E09	Y20W	0	0
A10	Y20M	1	2	E10	Y20D	0	0
A11	Y20F	3	3	E11	Y20S	0	0
A12	Y20I	1	0	E12	C21L	1	0
B01	S16C	0	0	F01	WT	2	2
B02	S16R	0	0	F02	WT	2	2
B03	F17L	2	0	F03	WT	2	2
B05	N18W	0	0	F04	WT	2	2
B06	N18P	0	0	F05	WT	2	2
B07	S19V	0	0	F06	WT	2	2
B08	S19P	0	0	F07	pMK4	0	0
B09	S19T	0	0	F08	pMK4	0	0
B10	Y20C	0	0	F09	pMK4	0	0
B11	Y20G	0	0	F10	pMK4	0	0
B12	C21V	2	0	F11	pMK4	0	0
C01	S16N	0	0	F12	pMK4	0	0
C02	S16H	0	0	G01	S16P	0	0
C03	F17C	0	0	G02	F17K	0	0
C04	F17G	0	0	G03	F17D	0	0
C05	N18A	2	0	G04	F17T	2	0
C06	N18Q	0	0	G05	N18C	0	0
C07	S19A	0	0	G06	N18H	0	0
C08	S19Q	0	0	G07	S19N	0	0
C09	Y20K	0	0	G08	S19R	0	0
C10	Y20N	0	0	G09	Y20L	2	0
C11	Y20R	0	0	G10	Y20Q	0	0
C12	C21W	0	0	G11	Y20T	0	0
D01	S16Y	2	0	G12	C21M	0	0
D02	S16T	0	0	H01	S16Q	0	0
D03	F17N	0	0	H02	F17V	0	0
D04	F17H	2	3	H03	F17P	0	0
D05	N18L	0	0	H04	F17I	2	0

D06	N18F	0	0	H05	N18Y	0	0
D07	S19M	0	0	H06	N18S	0	0
D08	S19F	0	0	H07	S19Y	0	0
D09	Y20V	0	0	H08	S19H	0	0
D11	Y20H	0	0	H09	EMPTY		
D12	C21A	0	0	H10	EMPTY		
				H11	EMPTY		
				H12	EMPTY		

Zones were scored as 0 (no zone of clearing), 1 (zone of clearing smaller than positive control), 2 (zone of clearing same as positive control), or 3 (zone of clearing larger than positive control).

TABLE 4 (Plate 6): ZONES OF CLEARING GENERATED BY MU1140 VARIANTS

Well	Mutation	<i>M luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 1	<i>M luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 2	Well	Mutation	<i>M luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 1	<i>M luteus</i> Zone of Clearing Colony 2
A01	G15R	0	0	E01	F17A	3	0
A02	N18K	0	0	E02	S19W	0	0
A03	Y20A	1	0	E03	C22Q	0	0
A04	A12E	0	2	E04	R13G	0	0
A05	T14I	0	0	E05	EMPTY	0	0
A06	R13Q	1	3	E06	EMPTY	0	0
A07	T14P	0	3	E07	EMPTY	0	0
A08	T14S	2	0	E08	EMPTY	0	0
A09	G15Y	0	0	E09	EMPTY	0	0
A10	G15P	0	0	E10	EMPTY	0	0
A11	S16K	0	0	E11	EMPTY	0	0
A12	R13L	3	3	E12	EMPTY	0	0
B01	G15I	2	2	F01	WT	2	2
B02	N18R	0	0	F02	WT	2	2
B03	C21K	0	0	F03	WT	2	2
B04	S3I	0	0	F04	WT	2	2
B05	Y20P	0	0	F05	WT	2	2
B06	C11V	0	0	F06	WT	2	2
B07	R13M	0	0	F07	pMK4	0	0
B08	A12I	0	0	F08	pMK4	0	0
B09	T14H	2	1	F09	pMK4	0	0
B11	C21M	0	1	F10	pMK4	0	0
B12	EMPTY	0	0	F11	pMK4	0	0
C01	S16F	0	0	F12	pMK4	0	0
C02	N18I	0	1	G01	F17M	3	0
C03	C22N	0	1	G02	S19L	0	0
C04	W4T	1	0	G03	C22G	0	0
C05	EMPTY	0	0	G04	T14V	0	0

C06	EMPTY	0	0	G05	EMPTY	0	0
C07	EMPTY	0	0	G06	EMPTY	0	0
C08	EMPTY	0	0	G07	EMPTY	0	0
C09	EMPTY	0	0	G08	EMPTY	0	0
C10	EMPTY	0	0	G09	EMPTY	0	0
C11	EMPTY	0	0	G10	EMPTY	0	0
C12	EMPTY	0	0	G11	EMPTY	0	0
D02	S19K	0	0	G12	EMPTY	0	0
D03	C22Y	0	0	H01	F17R	3	2
D04	C7Y	0	0	H02	S19I	0	0
D05	EMPTY	0	0	H03	C22H	0	0
D06	EMPTY	0	0	H04	T14W	0	0
D07	EMPTY	0	0	H05	EMPTY	0	0
D08	EMPTY	0	0	H06	EMPTY	0	0
D09	EMPTY	0	0	H07	EMPTY	0	0
D10	EMPTY	0	0	H08	EMPTY	0	0
D11	EMPTY	0	0	H09	EMPTY	0	0
D12	EMPTY	0	0	H10	EMPTY	0	0
				H11	EMPTY	0	0
				H12	EMPTY	0	0

Zones were scored as 0 (no zone of clearing), 1 (zone of clearing smaller than positive control), 2 (zone of clearing same as positive control), or 3 (zone of clearing larger than positive control).

TABLE 5: INCONSISTENCY OBSERVED IN *M. LUTEUS* ZONE OF CLEARING SIZES BY IDENTICAL GENOTYPES GROWN IN DIFFERENT 96-WELL PLATES AND WELLS

plate 1	G02	F1F	1	2
plate 1	D08	S3S	2	0
plate 3	G08	S5S	3	2
plate 2	H01	L6L	1	1
plate 2	D08	T8T	0	1
plate 4	B04	A12A	0	0
plate 4	C07	R13R	0	0
Plate 6	D01	S16S	1	0
plate 5	B04	F17F	0	3
plate 5	A09	S19S	1	2
plate 5	D10	Y20Y	0	0
plate 3	E03	C22C	1	0

[000162] Construction and testing of the saturated scanning mutagenesis library containing 418 mutA variants enables unbiased sampling of the MU1140 amino acid sequence for screening of variants that confer improved antimicrobial activity against a sensitive indicator microbe (*i.e.*, *M. luteus*). The mutA variant plasmid expression system used in this study may not be

sufficiently robust for the determination of differential changes in antimicrobial activity, as experimental variation was observed using this plasmid-based system. Antimicrobial activity levels from plasmid-based mutA expression were low, inconsistent and not normalized against levels of protein production (e.g., see **Table 5**). Without wishing to be bound by any particular theory, Applicants contemplate that certain MU1140 variants set forth in **Table 1** may have such high levels of antibiotic/antimicrobial activity that these variants may severely inhibit or kill the *S. mutans* SM126 host cell.

[000163] In total, 41 mutA variants generated larger zones of clearing relative to the positive control strain (*i.e.*, SM126 Δ mutAA') for at least one of the two clones tested, representing 12 of the 22 possible amino acid positions of the MU1140 polypeptide. As set forth in Example 2 below, genomic integration of mutA variants was selected as an alternative expression strategy to improve levels and consistency of MU1140 variant production.

Results of MU1140 Single Site Variants (Stably Integrated into Chromosome)

[000164] A first generation library of 418 MU1140 variants was constructed and tested in *S. mutans* (see, Example 1), resulting in detection of 114 variants that demonstrated equal or improved antimicrobial activity against *M. luteus* (*i.e.*, relative to native (wild-type) MU1140). A 58 member subset of the 114 MU1140 variant producing strains were reconstructed using vectors designed to integrate site specifically at the mutA locus on the *S. mutans* chromosome, replacing the native copy of mutA. The 58 MU1140 variants were selected based on improved antimicrobial activity against *M. luteus*. See **Figure 6**.

[000165] The 58 MU1140 variant producing strains were assessed for improvements in antimicrobial activity using the *M. luteus* zone of clearing assay using non-normalized culture supernatants obtained from overnight growth of *S. mutans* strains. Consistent (well-to-well and plate-to-plate) zones of clearing were observed for both *S. mutans* strains JH1140 and SM152. Strains expressing twenty six (26) different variants that generated zones of clearing larger than the positive control (strain SM152) were identified for further analysis. Strains expressing an additional 15 variants (with zones of clearing of similar or smaller than the control strain SM152) were identified representing novel and/or underrepresented amino acid positions. In total, 41 variants were identified for further analysis based on antimicrobial activity and

positional diversity criteria (**Table 6**).

TABLE 6: STRAINS SELECTED FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS BASED ON THE SIZE OF THE NON-NORMALIZED ZONE OF CLEARING AND/OR POSITIONAL DIVERSITY

Zone of clearing		
Larger than SM152	Similar to SM152	Smaller than SM152
F1A	F1N	W4V
F1I	F1L	S5M
F1S	K2I	P9H
F1T	K2M	C11E
F1Y	S5A	
K2A	L6H	
K2E	L6N	
K2N	L6V	
K2Q	C11A	
W4A	R13S	
W4F	Y20F	
W4Y		
L6A		
L6T		
C11G		
R13A		
R13D		
R13L		
R13N		
R13Q		
R13T		
G15N		
G15S		
F17L		
F17Y		
N18A		

EXAMPLE 3

MASS SPECTRA OF NATIVE MU1140 and MU1140 VARIANTS

[000166] Mass Spectrometry was used to confirm identity of the MU1140 variants that were produced using codon substitutions of the mutA gene in *S. mutans* JH1140. The theoretical molecular weight of each variant was calculated based on the published 2,266 Dalton (Da) molecular weight of MU1140 (Chen *et al.*, *Microbiology*, 79(13), 4015–23, 2013), by subtraction of the molecular weight of the specific amino acid residue, addition of the molecular weight of the replacement amino acid residue, and adjustment for ring hydrolysis (18 Da) or 2, 3-didehydroalanine (DHA) substitution (2 Da) as appropriate.

Results

[000167] The multi-site codon MU1140 variants were independently resolved by LC-MS using standard methods. The results for the single site variants and the multi-site variants are provided in **Table 7** and **Table 8**, respectively.

Table 7: Mass spectral analysis of single site MU1140 variants

Mutation	Retention time for LC-MS	Calculated MW	MW by MS analysis
F1I	2.26	2232	2231.1
F1L	2.29	2232	2230.5
R13N	2.63	2223.9	2223
F17L	2.35	2232	2230.8
F17Y	2.16	2282	2280.6
N18A	2.42	2223	2220
Y20F	2.53	2268	2248.2

Table 8: Mass spectral analysis of multi-site MU1140 variants

Analogue	Calculated MW	Measured masses (monoisotopic)	Retention time LC-MS [min] ¹
F1I	2232	2231	16.06
F1A R13A	2104.8	2102.8	16.94
F1I R13D	2190.9	2189.9	17.58
F1T R13G	2120.8	2119.8	16.78
F1L R13D	2190.9	2188.9	17.73
F1I R13N	2189.9	2187.9	17.23
F1I R13N G15A	2203.9	2201.9	17.51
F1I W4M R13A	2091.9	2089.9	16.51
F1I R13A	2146.9	2144.9	17.58
F1E R13N	2189.9	2187.9	17.35
F1L R13A	2146.9	2144.9	17.68
F1S R13N	2163.8	2161.9	16.45
F1V R13N	2175.8	2173.9	16.93
F1G R13N	2133.8	2131.8	16.42
F1I R13N Y20F	2173.9	2171.9	17.91

[000168] Variant molecular weights were found to agree with the calculated molecular weight within 2.0 daltons. The agreement between the experimental and calculated molecular weights confirms production of the variants as engineered in *S. mutans*.

EXAMPLE 4

THERAPEUTIC PROPERTIES OF MU1140 VARIANTS

Scale-up and purification

[000169] *S. mutans* strains were grown in 1 L shake flasks or 1 L fermenters. Clarified culture supernatants were recovered using chloroform extraction (Chen *et al. Microbiology*, 79(13), 4015–23, 2013), and purified using flash chromatography to greater than 90% purity based on absorbance at 280 nm using standard techniques. Variants were lyophilized to dryness, quantified by dry weight and UPLC, and then assayed for activity using *C. difficile* MIC and simulated intestinal fluid stability assays.

[000170] Follow-up testing of MU1140 variant performance in an animal model required more than 200 mg pure variant per treatment. Select variants were scaled to 5 L fermenters and purified using two step chromatographic purification to greater than 90% purity based on absorbance at 280 nm.

***C. difficile* MIC assay**

[000171] A minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) assessment was performed using the anaerobic human gastrointestinal pathogen *Clostridium difficile*. A modification of the CLSI M11-A8 broth dilution method for *Bacteroides fragilis* susceptibility testing was used for *C. difficile*. (Methods for Dilution In Antimicrobial Susceptibility Tests for Bacteria That Grow Aerobically; Approved Standard-Eighth Edition. CLSI document M07-A8 (ISBN 1-56238-689-1). Vol. 29 No. 2. Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute, USA, 2009). The testing determined the MIC of vancomycin and MU1140 variants, defined as the lowest concentration of an antimicrobial agent that completely prevents visible growth of the bacteria in broth medium. *C. difficile* was streaked and incubated on blood agar plates under anaerobic conditions. Vancomycin and MU1140 variants were dissolved and diluted with 100% DMSO in 2-fold dilutions. *C. difficile* strains (ATCC 9689, BAA-1805, ATCC 70057, ATCC 43596, ATCC 43255, BI1 and BAA-1875 for selected single and/or multi-site variants and UNT103-1, UNT107-1, ATCC BAA 1874, ATCC 43597 & ATCC BAA-1808 for selected muti-site variants) were each tested at 11 concentrations by 2-fold serial dilutions from 64 to 0.0625 µg/mL of vanomycin or MU1140 variant. A 4 µL aliquot of each dilution was added to 196 µL of Reinforced Clostridial Medium (RCM), with test strains in wells of a 96 well plate. The final volume was 200 µL in each well. The assay plates were loosely wrapped in a plastic bag and incubated 46-48 hours at 36°C for *C. difficile* under anaerobic conditions and then visually examined and scored positive (+) for inhibition of growth or turbidity or negative (-) for no effect upon growth or turbidity.

MIC assay against other Gram Positive and Acid-fast Micro-organisms

A minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) assessment against a number of other Gram positive microorganisms and *Mycobacterium phlei* (an acid-fast organism) was done using the broth dilution assay as described by the CLSI (CLSI document M07-A8). Single site variants were

tested against three Vancomycin resistant Enterococci (VRE; two *Enterococcus faecalis* strains (ATCC 51575 and ATCC 51299), one *Enterococcus faecium* strain (ATCC 700221)), five *Staphylococcus aureus* strains (ATCC 29213, 19636, 33591, 700699 and BAA-1717), *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (ATCC 700675), and *Mycobacterium phlei* (ATCC 11758). Multi-site variants were tested against three VRE strains (two *Enterococcus faecalis* strains (CCUG 47775 and ATCC 700221), one *Enterococcus faecium* strain (ATCC 700221)), *Clostridium scindens* (ATCC 35704), *Bifidobacterium breve* (ATCC 15700), *Lactobacillus acidophilus* (CCUG 4356), *Peptostreptococcus anaerobius* (ATCC 27337) and *Eggerthella lenta* (ATCC 27337). Samples and a standard reference agent for each strain (Linezolid, Ampicillin, Gentamicin and Vancomycin, as applicable) were dissolved and diluted in 100% DMSO and 4 µL was added per well to 96-well plate with 196 µL of broth seeded with the test organism. Samples were tested at 11 concentrations from 64 to 0.0625 µg/mL. The assay plates were loosely wrapped in a plastic bag and incubated 20-24 hours at 36°C under aerobic conditions for *Enterococcus* Spp., *S. aureus*, *M. phlei* and *P. aeruginosa* and under 5% CO₂ for *S. pneumoniae*, *C. scindens*, *B. breve*, *L. acidophilus*, *P. anaerobius* and *E. lenta*, and then visually examined and scored positive (+) for inhibition of growth or turbidity or negative (-) for no effect upon growth or turbidity.

MIC against Gram Negatives (Including *H. pylori*)

[000172] A minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) assessment against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (a Gram negative bacterium) was performed for single site variants in the broth dilution assay as described by the CLSI (CLSI document M07-A8). Samples and Ofloxacin control were dissolved and serially diluted in 100% DMSO and 4 µL was added per well to 96-well plate with 196 µL of Cation Adjusted Mueller Hinton II Broth seeded with *P. aeruginosa*. The compounds were tested at 11 concentrations from 64 to 0.0625 µg/mL. The assay plates were loosely wrapped in a plastic bag and incubated 20-24 hours at 36°C (aerobic conditions) and then visually examined and scored positive (+) for inhibition of growth or turbidity or negative (-) for no effect upon growth or turbidity.

A minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) assessment against *Helicobacter pylori* (a Gram negative) was performed for multi-site variants in the broth dilution assay as described by the

CLSI (CLSI document M07-A8) with and without the addition of 0.05M EDTA (Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, a cell membrane sensitizing agent). Samples and Tetracycline control were dissolved and serially diluted in 100% DMSO and 4 μ L was added per well to 96-well plate with 196 μ L of Brucella Broth – 7% FBS seeded with *H. pylori* \pm 0.05 M EDTA. The compounds were tested at 11 concentrations from 64 to 0.0625 μ g/mL. The assay plates were loosely wrapped in a plastic bag and incubated 20-24 hours at 36°C under 5% CO₂ (anaerobic conditions) and then visually examined and scored positive (+) for inhibition of growth or turbidity or negative (-) for no effect upon growth or turbidity.

Simulated intestinal fluid assay

[000173] An *in vitro* simulated intestinal fluid stability assay was performed to simulate the stability of MU1140 variants in the gastrointestinal tract in the presence of simulated intestinal fluid and proteases. Assay incubation conditions included 475 μ L simulated intestinal fluid (FaSSIF-v2 (Ekarat *et al.*, Pharm Res. Vol.25, No.7, July 2008) containing 1% porcine pancreatin, 3 μ g/ml bovine trypsin, and 3 μ g/ml bovine chymotrypsin mixed with 25 μ L of 1 mg/mL variant for a final concentration of 50 μ g/ml variant in a 96 well format. Samples were incubated at 37°C and analyzed using LC-MS/MS for loss of substrate. The percent remaining, elimination rate constant (Ke), and *in vitro* protein half-lives were calculated.

Simulated Gastric Fluid Assay

[000174] An *in vitro* simulated gastric fluid stability assay was performed to simulate the stability of nine MU1140 variants in the gastric chamber in the presence of gastric fluid and proteases. Assay incubation conditions included 242.5 μ L simulated gastric fluid (SGF, USP 39 Test Solution; 2 g/L NaCl, 7 mL/L glacial HCl, pH 1.4) containing 1.75 mg/mL Pepsin (3200 – 4500 U/mg) mixed with 7.5 μ L of 10 mg/mL variant (or positive control, NH₂-Met-Arg-Phe-Ala-OH, MRFA, CAS# 67368-29-0) for a final concentration of 300 μ g/ml variant in a microfuge tube. Samples were incubated at 37°C and analyzed using HPLC or LC-MS for loss of substrate. The percent remaining, elimination rate constant (Ke), and *in vitro* protein half-lives were calculated. A control of SGF without enzyme was also run and analyzed in the same manner for each variant.

Animal study

[000175] A cannulated Syrian hamster *C. difficile* model was used to assess efficacy of MU1140 variants in the treatment of *C. difficile* infection. Following ileal cannulation surgery and recovery, male Golden Syrian hamsters were inoculated with *Clostridium difficile* UNT103-1 (VA11, non epidemic (cdtB-, REA group J) Curtis Donskey, Cleveland VA Hospital, Cleveland, OH). On Day 1, at 24 hrs after infection, all animals received a single subcutaneous injection of clindamycin (10 mg/kg). Test article formulations were administered three times per day (TID), starting on Day 2 at 18 hours after Clindamycin injection, for 5 consecutive days (Days 2 through 6). Vancomycin (positive control) was administered once a day at 20 mg/kg on Days 2 through 6, and followed until Day 22 to assess recurrence. The cecal contents from all hamsters that died on study or euthanized at the end (Day 21) were tested for *C. difficile* Toxin A and Toxin B (tgc BIOMICS ELISA Kit, cat# TGC-E002-1) and for *C. difficile* Spore counts. Spore titer was determined by incubating the cecal contents in 50% final concentration of ethanol for 60 minutes at room temperature, centrifuging and resuspending the pellet in nano-pure water. The resuspension is incubated at 65°C for 15 minutes, centrifuged again and the pellet resuspended again in nano-pure water. The sample is diluted and spotted onto Colombia agar plates with 7% laked horse blood, 0.5 mg/mL cycloserine, 15 µg/mL cefoxitin and 1 mg/mL taurocholate. After 48 hours of anaerobic incubation, spore counts are determined as colony forming units (CFUs).

[000176] A follow up non-cannulated Syrian hamster *C. difficile* infection model was used to assess efficacy of seven MU1140 variants in the treatment of *C. difficile* infection following an oral gavage regimen. Following the recovery phase, male Golden Syrian hamsters were inoculated with *Clostridium difficile* UNT103-1 (VA11, non epidemic (cdtB-, REA group J) Curtis Donskey, Cleveland VA Hospital, Cleveland, OH). On Day 1, at 24 hrs after infection, all animals received a single subcutaneous injection of clindamycin (10 mg/kg). Test article formulations were administered three times per day (TID), starting on Day 2 at 18 hours after Clindamycin injection, for 5 consecutive days (Days 2 through 6), and followed until Day 22 to assess recurrence. Vancomycin (positive control) was administered once a day at 20 mg/kg on Days 2 through 6. Cecal spore counts and Toxins A and B were determined as described above

[000177] A second non-cannulated Syrian hamster *C. difficile* infection model was used to better define the optimal therapeutic regimen of two MU1140 variants in the treatment of *C. difficile* infection following an oral gavage regimen. Following the recovery phase, male Golden Syrian hamsters were inoculated with *Clostridium difficile* UNT103-1 (VA11, non epidemic (cdtB-, REA group J) Curtis Donskey, Cleveland VA Hospital, Cleveland, OH). On Day 1, at 24 hrs after infection, all animals received a single subcutaneous injection of clindamycin (10 mg/kg). Test article formulated at 3 to 5 different doses were administered three times per day (TID), starting on Day 2 at 18 hours after Clindamycin injection, for 5 consecutive days (Days 2 through 6), and followed until Day 22 to assess recurrence. Vancomycin (positive control) was administered once a day at 20 mg/kg on Days 2 through 6. Cecal spore counts and Toxins A and B were determined as described above.

Results

[000178] Variants were tested for specific antimicrobial activity against the anaerobic Gram-positive pathogen *C. difficile* (**Table 9**) on a weight/volume basis. Three individual *C. difficile* strains were evaluated to assess the spectrum of activity of MU1140 variants against *C. difficile*. Although improvements in antimicrobial activity were observed in non-normalized culture supernatants against *M. luteus*, in a normalized assay the variants did not demonstrate improvements in antimicrobial activity against *C. difficile* relative to MU1140. Nevertheless, variants tested demonstrated specific antimicrobial activity that was better than vancomycin, a current standard of care for *C. difficile* infection.

[000179] Multisite variants were subsequently tested for specific antimicrobial activity in a *C. difficile* MIC assay (**Table 10**) (Methods for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing of Anaerobic Bacteria Approved Standard-Seventh Edition. CLSI document M11-A8 (ISBN 1-56238-790-1). Vol. 32 No. 5. Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute, USA, 2012).

Table 9: MIC assay single site variants to *C. difficile*

Variant/ Vancomycin	<i>C. difficile</i> MIC (µg/ml)						
	ATCC 9689	BAA- 1805	BAA- 1875	ATCC 43596	ATCC 43255	ATCC 70057	BI1
MU1140	1, 1	0.25	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.06, 0.1	0.11
F1I	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.06	0.49
F1L	4, 4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.07, 0.5	0.07
R13N	4, 4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.6, 0.5	0.81
F17L	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.07	0.07
F17Y	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.07	2.4
N18A	2, 4	0.5	2	0.5	0.5	0.2, 2	0.19
Y20F	2, 0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	N/A, 0.25	N/A
Vancomycin	4, 8	1	1	1	1	0.5, 1	8

Note, two values provided (x, y) for variants that were tested at two independent times

Table 10: MIC assay multi-site variants to *C. difficile*

Variant	<i>C. difficile</i> MIC (ug/ml)							
	ATCC 9689	ATCC BAA-1805	ATCC BAA-1875	103-1	107-1	ATCC BAA-1874	ATCC 43597	ATCC BAA-1808
Vancomycin	0.5	1	0.5	1	4	0.5	0.5	0.5
F11 standard	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.125
F1I	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.06249	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
F1A R13A	2	2	2	0.5	4	4	2	1
F1I R13D	2	1	1	0.5	2	0.5	1	1
F1T R13G	8	8	8	4	16	8	8	8
F1L R13D	1	1	1	0.5	2	1	1	1
F1I R13N	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.125	1	0.5	0.25	0.5
F1I R13N G15A	8	8	8	2	8	8	8	8
F1I W4M R13A	8	4	4	1	4	4	4	8
F1I R13A	1	0.25	0.5	0.25	1	0.5	0.5	0.25
F1L R13N	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.125	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25
F1L R13A	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
F1S R13N	16	8	16	2	16	16	8	8
F1V R13N	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.25
F1G R13N	8	8	8	2	16	16	8	8
F1I R13N Y20F	0.5	0.5	1	0.25	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.25
F1A R13G	8	8	8	2	8	8	4	8

[000180] Single site variants were tested for specific antimicrobial activity against a host of gram positive and an acid fast microorganisms (**Table 11**) on a weight/volume basis. Three individual *Enterococci* strains were evaluated to assess the spectrum of activity of MU1140 variants against VRE, five strains of *S. aureus*, *S. pneumonia* and the acid-fast strain *M. phlei*. While variants tested did not show significant differences than MU1140, all demonstrated specific antimicrobial activity that were in the tested range (≤ 64 μ g/mL) against all the organisms tested, though many were less susceptible than to the control.

[000181] Multisite variants were subsequently tested for specific antimicrobial activity against a host of gram positive microorganisms (**Table 12**) and a weight/volume basis. Individual *Enterococci* strains were evaluated to assess the spectrum of activity of MU1140 variants against VRE, and strains of *C. scindens*, *B. breve*, *L. acidophilus*, *P. anaerobius*, *E. lenta* were also assessed. Multi-site variants demonstrated MICs against most of the organisms

tested, though many were less susceptible than the control. A few of the multisite variants did not demonstrate any activity against some of the VRE strains tested.

Table 11: Other Gram Positives - MIC assay single site variants

Variant/ Control	Gram Positive / Acid-Fast Microorganism MIC (µg/mL)									
	VRE ATCC 51575	VRE ATCC 51299	VRE ATCC 700221	<i>S.</i> <i>aureus</i> ATCC 29213	<i>S.</i> <i>aureus</i> ATCC 19636	<i>SS.</i> <i>aureus</i> ATCC 33591	<i>S.</i> <i>aureus</i> BAA- 1717	<i>S.</i> <i>aureus</i> ATCC 700699	<i>S.</i> <i>pneum</i> <i>-onia</i>	<i>pM.</i> <i>phlei</i>
MU1140	4	4	2	2	1	1	2	2	8	2
F1I	8	8	4	4	4	0.5	2	4	16	2
F1L	8	4	2	4	2	0.5	2	2	16	2
R13N	8	16	4	2	2	0.5	2	4	32	8
F17L	8	16	2	4	2	1	2	2	64	2
F17Y	8	8	4	2	1	1	2	2	32	2
N18A	16	8	2	4	4	2	2	2	32	2
Y20F	64	4	1	2	1	1	2	2	8	2
Control	L	L	L	G	G	G	G	V	A	V
MIC	2	2	2	0.25	0.125	1	0.25	2	1	0.25

Controls: L = Linezoid, G = Gentamicin, V = Vancomycin, A = Ampicillin

Table 12: Other Gram Positives – MIC assay multi-site variants

Variant / Control	Gram Positive Microorganism MIC (µg/mL)							
	VRE CCUG 47775	VRE ATCC 51575	VRE ATCC 700221	<i>C. scindens</i>	<i>B. breve</i>	<i>L. acidophilus</i>	<i>P. anaerobius</i>	<i>E. lenta</i>
F11 standard	8	4	4	2	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25
F1I	8	4	4	2	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.5
F1A R13A	32	32	16	16	4	8	2	4
F1I R13D	32	32	32	8	2	2	1	2
F1T R13G	64	64	32	64	16	8	8	8
F1L R13D	32	64	32	8	2	8	2	1
F1I R13N	16	16	32	2	1	0.5	0.25	0.5
F1I R13N G15A	> 64	32	32	16	8	8	4	8
F1I W4M R13A	> 64	> 64	> 64	32	8	32	8	16
F1I R13A	16	16	8	4	1	0.5	1	2
F1L R13N	16	16	16	4	1	0.5	0.25	0.25
F1L R13A	16	32	16	4	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
F1S R13N	> 64	> 64	64	32	16	16	8	16
F1V R13N	32	32	16	4	1	0.5	0.25	0.5
F1G R13N	> 64	> 64	32	16	16	8	4	16
F1I R13N Y20F	16	8	8	2	0.5	0.5	0.125	0.125
F1A R13G	> 64	> 64	32	32	8	16	4	16
Control MIC	L 2	L 2	L 4	V 1	V 0.5	V 1	V 1	L 1

Controls: L = Linezolid, V = Vancomycin

[000182] Single site variants were tested for specific antimicrobial activity against *P. aeruginosa* (a Gram negative microorganism) on a weigh/volume basis (**Table 13**). All single-site variants demonstrated no inhibition of growth at all the dilutions tested (MIC > 64 µg/mL), consistent with the specificity of MU1140 for activity against Gram positive organisms.

[000183] The multi-site variants were tested for specific antimicrobial activity against *H. pylori* (a Gram negative microorganism) with and without 0.05 M EDTA (a membrane sensitizing agent) on a weigh/volume basis (**Table 14**). Inhibition of growth was observed for some of the variants, but at levels significantly higher than the Tetracycline control. The addition of 0.05M EDTA had a notable positive effect on the MIC values of several variants but not all.

Table 13: MIC Assay of Single Site Variants to a Gram Negative

Variant/Control	MIC to <i>P. aeruginosa</i>
MU1140	> 64 µg/mL
F1I	> 64 µg/mL
F1L	> 64 µg/mL
R13N	> 64 µg/mL
F17L	> 64 µg/mL
F17Y	> 64 µg/mL
N18A	> 64 µg/mL
Y20F	> 64 µg/mL
Ofloxacin Control	1 µg/mL

Table 14: MIC Assay Multi-Site Variants to *H. pylori*

Variant/Control	MIC to <i>H. pylori</i> without EDTA (µg/mL)	MIC to <i>H. pylori</i> with 0.05M EDTA (µg/mL)
F11 standard	16	8
F1I	16	8
F1A R13A	> 64	64
F1I R13D	8	8
F1T R13G	> 64	> 64
F1L R13D	8	4
F1I R13N	8	8
F1I R13N G15A	> 64	64
F1I W4M R13A	64	64
F1I R13A	8	8
F1L R13N	8	8
F1L R13A	8	8
F1S R13N	> 64	> 64
F1V R13N	8	8
F1G R13N	> 64	> 64
F1I R13N Y20F	8	4
F1A R13G	> 64	> 64
Tetracycline Control	0.5	0.25

[000184] MU1140 variants were tested in simulated intestinal fluid assay to determine stability of variants in the presence of pancreatin, trypsin, and chymotrypsin (**Table 15**). A half-life of 53.2 to 72.4 min was observed for MU1140, while substitution at position 1 (a putative pepsin cleavage site) prolonged half-lives of variants F1I and F1L to 95 and 77.3 minutes, respectively. Mutation at position 13, a putative trypsin cleavage site, prolonged the half-life of variant R13N to > 240 min. Mutation at position 20, a putative chymotrypsin site, prolonged the half-life of variant Y20F to 148 min. Mutation of position 18 to N18A however, rendered the molecule susceptible to proteolytic degradation and shortened the half-life to 24 min.

Table 15: Simulated Intestinal Fluid Assay

Variant	Half-life in FaSSIF+ (min)
MU1140	53.2
SM152	72.4
F1I	95
F1L	77.3
R13N	>240
N18A	24
Y20F	148

[000185] Next, the hypothesis that independent mutations increase variant stability in an additive manner was tested. Multi-site variants were tested in simulated intestinal fluid containing pancreatin, trypsin, and chymotrypsin to determine if the half-lives of multi-site variants demonstrate improved survival (**Table 16**). Ten of the fifteen multi-site variants tested exhibited a half-life of more than 720 minutes, compared to a half-life of 48 and 58 minutes observed for the SM253 reference standard and the positive control F1I that was purified using the same conditions as the multi-site variants. The improved stability of multi-site variants relative to the single-site variant SM253 indicates that the putative protease cleavage sites in native MU1140 are susceptible to protease-mediated cleavage under physiological conditions despite the extensive post-translational modifications of the lantibiotic.

Table 16: Simulated Intestinal Fluid Assay

Variant	FaSSIF only half-life (min)	FaSSIF+1%pancreatin+3µg/ml trypsin+ 3µg/ml chymotrypsin half-life (min)
F1I reference standard	>720	48 & 58 (2 tests)
F1A R13A	>720	130
F1I R13D	>720	>720
F1T R13G	>720	114
F1L R13D	>720	>720
F1I R13N	>720	>720
F1I R13N G15A	>720	>720
F1I W4M R13A	>720	349
F1I R13A	>720	>720
F1L R13N	>720	>720
F1L R13A	>720	>720
F1S R13N	>720	>720
F1V R13N	>720	>720
F1G R13N	>720	225
F1I R13N Y20F	>720	>720
F1A R13G	299	124

[000186] Next, the hypothesis that lantibiotics are not degraded in gastric fluid with pepsin (due to the lack of a c-terminal Amino Acid) and that key independent mutations did not effect that stability was tested. Multi-site variants that demonstrated improved stability in FaSSIF and that had equal or better MICs than F1I (SM253) were tested in simulated gastric fluid (pH 1.5) containing pepsin to determine if the half-lives of multi-site variants demonstrate differences in degradation (**Table 17**). All eight of the variants tested demonstrated a half-life of more than 1440 minutes (24 hours) which was comparable to F1I. The prolonged stability of the multi-site variants indicates that the mutations within the peptide that lead to improved performance do not lead to reduced stability during upper gastric transit.

Table 17: Simulated Gastric Fluid Assay

Variant	SGF only half-life (min)	SGF + 1.75 mg/ml Pepsin half-life (min)
F1I reference standard	>1440	>1440
F1I R13D	>1440	>1440
F1L R13D	>1440	>1440
F1I R13N	>1440	>1440
F1I R13A	>1440	>1440
F1L R13N	>1440	>1440
F1L R13A	>1440	>1440
F1V R13N	>1440	>1440
F1I R13N Y20F	>1440	>1440
Positive Control	>1440	906

[000187] Six variants were evaluated *in vivo* using a *C. difficile* cannulated Syrian Hamster Model to determine if improvements in the efficacy of *C. difficile* treatment could be observed relative to a current clinical standard of care, vancomycin (Surawicz *et al.* *Am J Gastroenterol.*, 108(4):478-98, 2013). The survival results for *C. difficile* infected hamsters treated with vehicle, vancomycin, or MU1140 variants are presented in **Table 18**. By the end of the study at Day 21, variants F1I, R13N, and Y20F exhibited superiority to vancomycin, as up to 100% survival was observed in variant treated hamsters compared to the 33% survival observed for the vancomycin control. The spore counts and toxin levels in animals at the end of the study were consistent with the clinical survival picture.

Table 18: Efficacy study in Ileal Cannulated Hamster *C. difficile* Infection Model

Treatment	Percent Survival at Day-22	Mean LOG ₁₀ CFU/mL of feces homogenates (cecal spore counts) at Day-22	Toxins (A/B) levels at Day-22 (ng/mL)
Vehicle	0	4.09	1955.0/1368.7
Vancomycin	33	3.24	2435.9/1209.1
F17L	33	3.33	1490.4/1149.9
F1I	100	<1.62*	<1.6/<1.6**
Y20F	67	2.21	369.5/331.3
F1L	17	4.31	269.5/328.3
N18A	33	3.52	684.2/614.6
R13N	67	2.24	1944.0/956.3

* Limit of Detection (LOD) = 1.62 LOG10 CFU/gram of sample

** LOD = 1.6 ng/mL toxin

[000188] Eight variants were evaluated *in vivo* using a *C. difficile* Syrian Hamster Model where the peptides were delivered by oral gavage, to determine if improvements in the efficacy of *C. difficile* treatment could be observed relative to a current clinical standard of care, vancomycin. The survival results for *C. difficile* infected hamsters treated with vehicle, vancomycin, or MU1140 variants are presented in **Table 19**. By the end of the study at Day 22, variants F1V R13N and F1I R13N Y20F exhibited equal or superior efficacy, as compared to Vancomycin-treated animals. The spore counts and toxin levels in animals at the end of the study were consistent with the clinical survival picture.

Table 19: Efficacy study in Hamster *C. difficile* Infection Model by Oral Gavage

Treatment	Percent Survival at Day-22	Mean LOG₁₀ CFU/mL of feces homogenates (cecal spore counts) at Day-22	Toxins (A/B) levels at Day-22 (ng/mL)
Vehicle	0	7.23	6630.9/2351.1
Vancomycin	83	2.96	84.2/8
F1I	0	7.21	4313.7/1488.3
F1I R13D	50	4.8	648.5/216.6
F1I R13N	66	3.64	138.1/120.2
F1I R13A	50	4.67	147/205.5
F1L R13N	0	7.36	5477.8/2189.1
F1L R13A	0	7.28	4532.5/1795.5
F1V R13N	100	2.4*	0.8/0.8**
F1I R13N Y20F	83	2.65	5.1/6

* Limit of detection = 2.40

** Limit of detection = 0.8

[000189] Two selected variants were evaluated *in vivo* using a *C. difficile* Syrian Hamster Model where the peptides were delivered by oral gavage, and following an ascending dose regimen, to determine if improvements in the efficacy of *C. difficile* treatment could be observed relative to a current clinical standard of care, vancomycin. The survival results for *C. difficile* infected hamsters treated with vehicle, vancomycin, or MU1140 variants are presented in **Table 20**. By the end of the study at Day 21, variants F1V R13N exhibited superior efficacy, as compared to Vancomycin-treated animals at the same dose, and followed a dose-dependent response. The spore counts and toxin levels in animals at the end of the study were consistent with the clinical survival picture.

Table 20: Efficacy study and Dose Range-Finding in Hamster *C. difficile* Infection Model by Oral Gavage.

Treatment (dose)	Percent Survival at Day-22	Mean LOG_{10} CFU/mL of feces homogenates (cecal spore counts) at Day-22	Toxins (A/B) levels at Day-22 (ng/mL)
Vehicle	0	5.15	2857.1/1852.8
Vancomycin	50	6.66	292.6/71.1
F1V R13N (2 mg/Kg)	0	6.13	578.5/462.7
F1V R13N (6 mg/Kg)	50	4.27	266.2/238.1
F1V R13N (20 mg/Kg)	66	3.88	74.2/57.8
F1V R13N (35 mg/Kg)	100	2.40*	0.8/0.8**
F1V R13N (60 mg/Kg)	83	2.51	7.3/5.5
F1I R13N Y20F (6 mg/Kg)	0	5.47	215.5/242.2
F1I R13N Y20F (20 mg/Kg)	33	5.37	165.5/272.3
F1I R13N Y20F (60 mg/Kg)	83	3.18	47.6/108.7

*Limit of detection = 2.40

** Limit of detection = 0.8

EXAMPLE 5

Multiple Amino Acid Substitutions

[000190] As a follow-up to production of the variants comprising single amino acid substitutions, 305 variants were designed to combine up to eight amino acid substitutions per variant, at positions 1,2,4,5,6,7,12,13,15, and 20 of the 22 amino acid mature peptide sequence. 270 variant strains were successfully built, as verified by colony PCR and DNA sequence verification of the mutA locus. Although several attempts at vector construction and transformation were attempted, we cannot determine whether strain construction failed due to technical reasons or biological reasons (the variant was toxic to the host).

[000191] Variant producing strains were assessed for improvements in antimicrobial activity using the *M. luteus* zone of clearing assay using non-normalized culture supernatants

obtained from overnight growth of *S. mutans* strains. It is not known if the larger zones of clearing are due to production of variants with higher specific antimicrobial activity, or if higher titers are responsible for the larger zones of clearing. Consistent production of zones of clearing was observed for both *S. mutans* strains JH1140 and SM253 from well-to-well and plate-to-plate. Strains encoding F1N, F1P, F1E, S5F, L6I, and A12T mutations resulted in either low levels of antimicrobial activity or activity below the level of detection. The majority of the variant library demonstrated equal or greater antimicrobial activity than the current lead candidate and control strain F1I.

[000192] Variant stability is a pharmacological property that is essential for successful development of MU1140 as a successful therapeutic for gastrointestinal applications. Native MU1140 contains a trypsin cleavage site at position R13, although this site may be protected from efficient protease cleavage (Chen *et al.*, *Microbiology*, 79(13), 4015–23, 2013). Amino acid substitutions to F1 and R13 have each resulted in extended half-lives of purified MU1140 variants in simulated intestinal fluid.

[000193] Mutation of F1 and K2 residues may impact maturation of the MU1140 pro-peptide by the protease mutP as well as cleavage by pepsin and chymotrypsin. Strains containing F1E and F1P substitutions each underperformed the SM253 control strain (F1I). However, F1A, F1G, F1I, and F1V substitutions generally yielded higher activity than SM253.

[000194] Thirteen different amino acid substitutions were made at position 13. All were functional and performed \geq SM253 in at least one variant. R13A mutations were overrepresented in the high performing group of variants that generated zones of clearing $> 0.319 \text{ cm}^2$.

[000195] A summary of the amino acid substitutions is found in **Figure 8**, separated into 6 different groups:

Group 1: $>$ activity than SM253 control strain ($>0.319 \text{ cm}^2$ zone of clearing)

Group 2: $>$ activity than SM253 in 2 replicate experiments (1 replicate experiment)

Group 3: $>$ activity than SM253 in 1 replicate and \leq activity in 1 replicate experiment

Group 4: > activity than SM253 control strain ($>0.167 \text{ cm}^2$ zone of clearing but $<0.319 \text{ cm}^2$ zone of clearing)

Group 5: \leq activity than SM253 control ($\leq0.167 \text{ cm}^2$ zone of clearing)

Group 6: Undetermined

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 and further comprising a mutation including:
 - a. arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N);
 - b. phenylalanine at position 17 changed to leucine (F17L) or tyrosine (F17Y);
 - c. asparagine at position 18 changed to alanine (N18A);
 - d. tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (Y20F); or
 - e. combinations thereof.
2. A non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 and further comprising two mutations, wherein one mutation includes:
 - a. arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N);
 - b. phenylalanine at position 17 changed to leucine (F17L) or tyrosine (F17Y);
 - c. asparagine at position 18 changed to alanine (N18A);
 - d. tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (Y20F); or
 - e. combinations thereof.
3. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claim 2, wherein one mutation is arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N).
4. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claims 2 or 3, wherein one mutation is phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine (F1V).
5. A non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 and further comprising two mutations, wherein one mutation includes:
 - a. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine (F1V);
 - b. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to alanine (F1A);
 - c. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine (F1I);
 - d. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine (F1L);
 - e. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to threonine (F1T); or
 - f. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to tyrosine (F1Y).

6. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claim 5, wherein one mutation is phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine (F1V).
7. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claims 5 or 6, wherein one mutation is arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N).
8. A non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 and further comprising two mutations including:
 - a. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to alanine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1A R13A),
 - ii. valine (F1A R13V),
 - iii. asparagine (F1A R13N), or
 - iv. serine (F1A R13S);
 - b. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to glycine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. glycine (F1G R13G);
 - c. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to histidine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. asparagine (F1H R13N);
 - d. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1I R13A),
 - ii. glycine (F1I R13G),
 - iii. isoleucine (F1I R13I),
 - iv. asparagine (F1I R13N),
 - v. proline (F1I R13P),
 - vi. glutamine (F1I R13Q),
 - vii. glutamic acid (F1I R13S),
 - viii. serine (F1I R13V), or
 - ix. valine (F1I R13E);

- e. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1L R13A),
 - ii. aspartic acid (F1L R13D),
 - iii. glycine (F1L R13G),
 - iv. asparagine (F1L R13N),
 - v. proline (F1L R13P), or
 - vi. glutamine (F1L R13Q);
- f. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to threonine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1T R13A),
 - ii. asparagine (F1T R13N), or
 - iii. valine (F1T R13V);
- g. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1V R13A),
 - ii. asparagine (F1V R13N),
 - iii. glutamine (F1V R13Q),
 - iv. aspartic acid (F1V R13D),
 - v. valine (F1V R13V), or
 - vi. proline (F1V R13P); or
- h. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to tyrosine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. aspartic acid (F1Y R13D), or
 - ii. glycine (F1Y R13G).

9. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claim 8, comprising two mutations including phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:

- i. alanine (F1V R13A),
- ii. asparagine (F1V R13N),
- iii. glutamine (F1V R13Q),

- iv. aspartic acid (F1V R13D),
- v. valine (F1V R13V), or
- vi. proline (F1V R13P).

10. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claim 9, wherein the two mutations consist of phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (F1V R13N).

11. A non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 and further comprising three mutations including:

- a. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with glycine at position 15 changed to alanine (F1I R13A G15A);
- b. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid, in combination with glycine at position 15 changed to alanine (F1I R13D G15A);
- c. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I W4I R13A);
- d. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to methionine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid (F1I W4M R13D);
- e. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to methionine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (F1I W4M R13N);
- f. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I K2A R13A);
- g. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with leucine at position 6 changed to valine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I L6V R13A);

- h. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I R13A Y20F);
 - i. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I R13D Y20F);
 - j. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I R13N Y20F);
 - k. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1L R13N Y20F);
 - l. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1L R13A Y20F); or
 - m. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1L R13D Y20F).
12. A non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 and further comprising mutations wherein:
 - a. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to lysine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I K2A W4K R13A); or
 - b. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to lysine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid (F1I K2A W4K R13D).
13. A non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 and further comprising mutations wherein phenylalanine at position 1 changed to

isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to methionine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I K2A W4K R13A Y20F).

14. A non-naturally occurring, post-translationally modified lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprising a mutation including:
 - a. arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N);
 - b. phenylalanine at position 17 changed to leucine (F17L) or tyrosine (F17Y);
 - c. asparagine at position 18 changed to alanine (N18A);
 - d. tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (Y20F); or
 - e. combinations thereof.
15. A non-naturally occurring, post-translationally modified lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprising two mutations, wherein one mutation includes:
 - a. arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N);
 - b. phenylalanine at position 17 changed to leucine (F17L) or tyrosine (F17Y);
 - c. asparagine at position 18 changed to alanine (N18A);
 - d. tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (Y20F); or
 - e. combinations thereof.
16. The non-naturally occurring, post-translationally modified lantibiotic of claim 15, wherein one mutation is arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N).
17. The non-naturally occurring, post-translationally modified lantibiotic of claims 15 or 16, wherein one mutation is phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine (F1V).
18. A non-naturally occurring, post-translationally modified lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprising two mutations, wherein one mutation includes:
 - a. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine (F1V);

- b. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to alanine (F1A);
- c. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine (F1I);
- d. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine (F1L);
- e. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to threonine (F1T); or
- f. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to tyrosine (F1Y).

19. The non-naturally occurring, post-translationally modified lantibiotic of claim 18, wherein one mutation is phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine (F1V).

20. The non-naturally occurring, post-translationally modified lantibiotic of claims 18 or 19, wherein one mutation is arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (R13N).

21. A non-naturally occurring, post-translationally modified lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprising two mutations including:

- a. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to alanine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1A R13A),
 - ii. valine (F1A R13V),
 - iii. asparagine (F1A R13N), or
 - iv. serine (F1A R13S);
- b. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to glycine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. glycine (F1G R13G);
- c. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to histidine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. asparagine (F1H R13N);
- d. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1I R13A),
 - ii. glycine (F1I R13G),
 - iii. isoleucine (F1I R13I),

- iv. asparagine (F1I R13N),
- v. proline (F1I R13P),
- vi. glutamine (F1I R13Q),
- vii. glutamic acid (F1I R13S),
- viii. serine (F1I R13V), or
- ix. valine (F1I R13E);

- e. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1L R13A),
 - ii. aspartic acid (F1L R13D),
 - iii. glycine (F1L R13G),
 - iv. asparagine (F1L R13N),
 - v. proline (F1L R13P), or
 - vi. glutamine (F1L R13Q);

- f. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to threonine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1T R13A),
 - ii. asparagine (F1T R13N), or
 - iii. valine (F1T R13V);

- g. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1V R13A),
 - ii. asparagine (F1V R13N),
 - iii. glutamine (F1V R13Q),
 - iv. aspartic acid (F1V R13D),
 - v. valine (F1V R13V), or
 - vi. proline (F1V R13P); or

- h. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to tyrosine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. aspartic acid (F1Y R13D), or
 - ii. glycine (F1Y R13G).

22. The non-naturally occurring, post-translationally modified lantibiotic of claim 21, comprising two mutations including phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to:
 - i. alanine (F1V R13A),
 - ii. asparagine (F1V R13N),
 - iii. glutamine (F1V R13Q),
 - iv. aspartic acid (F1V R13D),
 - v. valine (F1V R13V), or
 - vi. proline (F1V R13P).
23. The non-naturally occurring, post-translationally modified lantibiotic of claim 22, wherein the two mutations consist of phenylalanine at position 1 changed to valine in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (F1V R13N) (SEQ ID NO: 550).
24. A non-naturally occurring, post-translationally modified lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (SEQ ID NO: 1156) and further comprising three mutations including:
 - a. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with glycine at position 15 changed to alanine (F1I R13A G15A);
 - b. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid, in combination with glycine at position 15 changed to alanine (F1I R13D G15A);
 - c. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I W4I R13A);
 - d. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to methionine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid (F1I W4M R13D);

- e. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to methionine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine (F1I W4M R13N);
- f. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I K2A R13A);
- g. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with leucine at position 6 changed to valine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I L6V R13A);
- h. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I R13A Y20F);
- i. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I R13D Y20F);
- j. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I R13N Y20F);
- k. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to asparagine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1L R13N Y20F);
- l. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1L R13A Y20F); or
- m. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to leucine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1L R13D Y20F).

25. A non-naturally occurring, post-translationally modified lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprising mutations wherein:

- a. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to lysine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine (F1I K2A W4K R13A); or
- b. phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to lysine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to aspartic acid (F1I K2A W4K R13D).

26. A non-naturally occurring, post-translationally modified lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of MU1140 (SEQ ID NO:1156) and further comprising mutations wherein phenylalanine at position 1 changed to isoleucine, in combination with lysine at position 2 changed to alanine, in combination with tryptophan at position 4 changed to methionine, in combination with arginine at position 13 changed to alanine, in combination with tyrosine at position 20 changed to phenylalanine (F1I K2A W4K R13A Y20F).

27. A non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising a single amino acid mutation of MU1140, the lantibiotic having an amino acid sequence encoded by of any one of SEQ ID NOS:2 to 431.

28. A non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising multisite amino acid mutations of MU1140, the lantibiotic being a variant as described in Figure 7.

29. A non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising any variant as described in Figure 8: Group 1, Group 2 or Group 3.

30. A non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising any variant as described in Figure 8: Group 1.

31. A non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising a single amino acid mutation of MU1140 as described in Figure 6.

32. A non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 550.
33. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claim 27 to 32, wherein the lantibiotic is post-translationally modified.
34. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claim 33, wherein the post-translation modification comprises Dha at position 5.
35. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claim 33 or claim 34, wherein the post-translation modification comprises Abu at position 8.
36. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claims 33 to claim 35, wherein the post-translation modification comprises Dhb at position 14.
37. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claims 33 to claim 36, wherein the post-translation modification comprises Dha at position 5, Abu at position 8, and Dhb at position 14.
38. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claims 33 to claim 37, wherein the post-translation modification comprises a ring formed by lanthionine (Ala-S-Ala) residues between (Ala₃-S-Ala₇) as described in Figure 1 (Ring A).
39. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claims 33 to claim 38, wherein the post-translation modification comprises a methyl-lanthionine residue (Abu-S-Ala) forming a ring, Ring B, comprising the alpha-aminobutyrate residue in position 8 and the Ala in position 11 (Abu₈-S-Ala₁₁) as described in Figure 1.
40. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claims 33 to claim 39, wherein the post-translation modification comprises a ring formed by lanthionine (Ala-S-Ala) residues between (Ala₁₆-S-Ala₂₁) as described in Figure 1 (Ring C).
41. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claims 33 to claim 40, wherein the post-translation modification comprises Ala in position 19 linked to an aminovinyl group by a thioether linkage (Ala₁₉-S-CH=CH-NH-), Ring D, as described in Figure 1.

42. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claims 33 to claim 41, wherein the post-translation modification comprises Ring A, B, C and D.
43. The non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claims 33 to 42, wherein the post-translationally modified MU1140 variant comprises Ring A, Ring B, Ring C and Ring D, wherein:
 - a. two of these rings are formed by lanthionine (Ala-S-Ala) residues, including one in Ring A (Ala₃-S-Ala₇) and one in Ring C (Ala₁₆-S-Ala₂₁);
 - b. a methyl-lanthionine residue (Abu-S-Ala) forms Ring B comprising the alpha-aminobutyrate residue in position 8 and the Ala in position 11 (Abu₈-S-Ala₁₁); and
 - c. the fourth ring, D, is comprised of the Ala in position 19 linked to an aminovinyl group by a thioether linkage (Ala₁₉-S-CH=CH-NH-).and wherein amino acid at position 5 is modified to Dha, the amino acid at position 8 is modified to Abu, and the amino acid at position 14 is modified to Dhb.
44. An isolated lantibiotic variant, wherein the isolated lantibiotic variant is produced in a host cell by expressing a polypeptide from a polynucleotide encoding a lantibiotic variant of Figure 5 or Figure 7, and wherein the expressed polypeptide is post-translationally modified in the host cell.
45. The isolated lantibiotic variant of claim 44, wherein the host cell is *S. mutans*.
46. A post-translationally modified, non-naturally occurring lantibiotic comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1157.
47. An antimicrobial composition comprising a non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claims 1 to 26 or 33 to 46 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, other diluent or excipient.
48. The antimicrobial composition of claim 47, further comprising an antifungal agent, an additional antimicrobial agent, a membrane disrupting agent, or a combination thereof.

49. The antimicrobial composition of claim 48, wherein the additional antimicrobial agent has Gram negative bacteriostatic or bacteriocidal activity and the membrane disrupting agent renders Gram negative bacteria susceptible to the variant lantibiotic.
50. The antimicrobial composition of any one of claims 47 to 49, wherein the non-naturally occurring lantibiotics is present in the composition at about 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, or 1,000 mg/kg or mg/L.
51. A method of reducing reproduction of bacteria or reducing numbers of bacteria present in or on a subject, comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the antimicrobial composition of any one of claims 47 to 50.
52. The method of claim 51, wherein the subject is a human.
53. The method of claim 47 or 52, wherein the composition is administered orally, topically, nasally, buccally, sublingually, transmucosally, rectally, transdermally, by inhalation, by injection or intrathecally.
54. The method of claim 53, wherein the injection is intramuscular, intravenous, intrapulmonary, intramuscular, intradermal, intraperitoneal, intrathecal, or subcutaneous injection.
55. A preservative comprising an effective amount of the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claims 1 to 26 or 33 to 46 in a physiological solution at a pH of between 3 and 8.
56. A food, beverage, gum, or dentifrice composition comprising an amount of the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claims 1 to 26 or 33 to 46 sufficient to reduce the reproduction of bacteria or numbers of bacteria in the composition.
57. A method of reducing reproduction of bacteria or reducing numbers of bacteria present in or on a composition or object, comprising contacting the antimicrobial composition of any one of claims 1 to 26 or 33 to 46 with the composition or object for a period effective to reduce reproduction of bacteria or reduce numbers of bacteria in or on the composition or object.

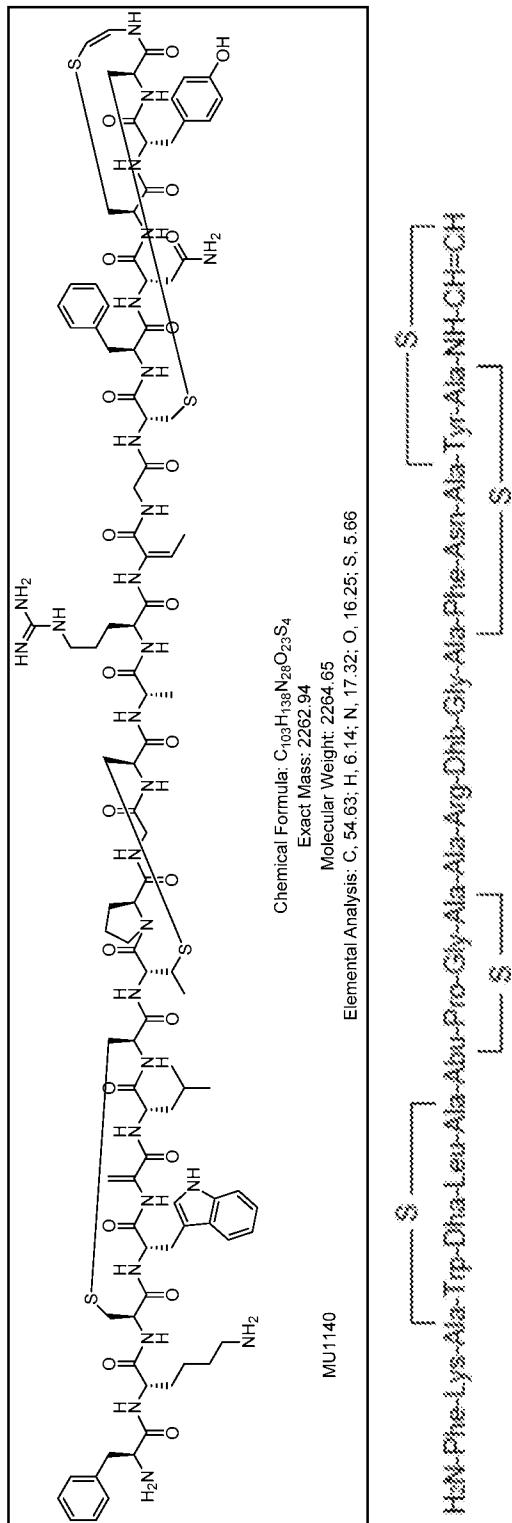
58. The method of claim 57, wherein the composition is a food, beverage, gum, or dentifrice.
59. A composition comprising a solid surface or a textile with the lantibiotic composition of any one of claims 1 to 26 or 33 to 46 or coated onto, immobilized, linked, or bound to the solid surface or textile.
60. A method of reducing a biofilm or biofouling condition comprising contacting the antimicrobial composition of any one of claims 47 to 50 with the biofilm or biofouling condition for a period effective to reduce reproduction of bacteria or reduce numbers of bacteria in or on the biofilm or biofouling condition.
61. A kit comprising the lantibiotic of any one of claims 1 to 26 or 33 to 46 and one or more applicators.
62. A method of preventing or treating a subject diagnosed with a bacterial infection, comprising administering the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claims 1 to 26 or 33 to 46.
63. The method of claim 62, wherein the subject is a human.
64. The method of claim 62 or 63, wherein the subject is infected with a Gram-positive bacteria.
65. The method of claim 64, wherein the Gram-positive bacteria is one or more of *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, vancomycin resistant *Enterococci*, vancomycin resistant *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterococcus faecium*, *Propionibacterium acnes*, *Streptococcus salivarius*, *Streptococcus sanguis*, *Streptococcus mitis*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Lactobacillus salivarius*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Actinomyces israelii*, *Actinomyces naeslundii*, *Actinomyces viscosus*, *Bacillus anthracis*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Streptococcus intermedius*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, *Clostridium sporogenes*, *Clostridium botulinum*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Clostridium tetani*, or *Clostridium difficile*.
66. The method of claim 65, wherein the Gram-positive bacteria is *Clostridium difficile*.

67. The method of claim 62 or 63, wherein the subject is infected with a Gram-negative bacteria.
68. The method of claim 67, wherein the Gram-negative bacteria is one or more of *Acinetobacter baumanii*, *Bordatella pertussis*, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, *Brucella abortus*, *Brucella canis*, *Brucella melitensis*, *Brucella suis*, *Campylobacter jejuni*, *Coxiella burnetii*, *Escherichia coli*, *Francisella tularensis*, *Haemophilus influenza*, *Helicobacter pylori*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Legionella pneumophila*, *Leptospira interrogans*, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Rickettsia rickettsii*, *Salmonella enteritidis*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Serratia marcescens*, *Shigella sonnei*, *Treponema pallidum*, *Vibrio cholera*, *Yersinia enterocolitica*, or *Yersinia pestis*.
69. The method of any one of claims 62 to 68, wherein the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic further comprises one or more additional antimicrobial agents, membrane disrupting agents, or combinations thereof.
70. An antimicrobial composition, comprising the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claim 46, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, other diluent, excipient, or combinations thereof.
71. The antimicrobial composition of claim 47, further comprising an antifungal agent, an additional antimicrobial agent, a membrane disrupting agent, or a combination thereof.
72. The antimicrobial composition of claim 48, wherein the additional antimicrobial agent has Gram negative bacteriostatic or bacteriocidal activity and the membrane disrupting agent renders Gram negative bacteria susceptible to the variant lantibiotic.
73. The antimicrobial composition of any one of claims 70 to 72, wherein the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic is present in the composition at about 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, or 1,000 mg/kg or mg/L.

74. A method of reducing reproduction of bacteria or reducing numbers of bacteria present in or on a subject, comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the antimicrobial composition of any one of claims 70 to 73.
75. The method of claim 74, wherein the subject is a human.
76. The method of claim 73 or 74, wherein the composition is administered orally, topically, nasally, buccally, sublingually, transmucosally, rectally, transdermally, by inhalation, by injection, or intrathecally.
77. The method of claim 75, wherein the injection is intramuscular, intravenous, intrapulmonary, intramuscular, intradermal, intraperitoneal, intrathecal, or subcutaneous injection.
78. A preservative comprising an effective amount of the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claim 46 in a physiological solution at a pH of between 3 and 8.
79. A food, beverage, gum, or dentifrice composition comprising an amount of the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claim 46 sufficient to reduce the reproduction of bacteria or numbers of bacteria in the composition.
80. A method of reducing reproduction of bacteria or reducing numbers of bacteria present in or on a composition or object, comprising contacting the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claim 46 with the composition or object for a period effective to reduce reproduction of bacteria or reduce numbers of bacteria in or on the composition or object.
81. The method of claim 80, wherein the composition is a food, beverage, gum, or dentifrice.
82. A composition comprising a solid surface or a textile with the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claim 46 or coated onto, immobilized, linked, or bound to the solid surface or textile.
83. A method of reducing a biofilm or biofouling condition comprising contacting the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claim 46 with the biofilm or biofouling condition for a period effective to reduce reproduction of bacteria or reduce numbers of bacteria in or on the biofilm or biofouling condition.

84. A kit comprising the lantibiotic of claim 46 and one or more applicators.
85. A method of preventing or treating a subject diagnosed with a bacterial infection, comprising administering the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of claim 46.
86. The method of claim 85, wherein the subject is a human.
87. The method of claim 85 or 86, wherein the subject is infected with a Gram-positive bacteria.
88. The method of claim 87, wherein the Gram-positive bacteria is one or more of *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, vancomycin resistant *Enterococci*, vancomycin resistant *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterococcus faecium*, *Propionibacterium acnes*, *Streptococcus salivarius*, *Streptococcus sanguis*, *Streptococcus mitis*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Lactobacillus salivarius*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Actinomyces israelii*, *Actinomyces naeslundii*, *Actinomyces viscosus*, *Bacillus anthracis*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Streptococcus intermedius*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, *Clostridium sporogenes*, *Clostridium botulinum*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Clostridium tetani*, or *Clostridium difficile*.
89. The method of claim 88, wherein the Gram-positive bacteria is *Clostridium difficile*.
90. The method of claim 85 or 86, wherein the subject is infected with a Gram-negative bacteria.
91. The method of claim 90, wherein the Gram-negative bacteria is one or more of *Acinetobacter baumanii*, *Bordatella pertussis*, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, *Brucella abortus*, *Brucella canis*, *Brucella melitensis*, *Brucella suis*, *Campylobacter jejuni*, *Coxiella burnetii*, *Escherichia coli*, *Francisella tularensis*, *Haemophilus influenza*, *Helicobacter pylori*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Legionella pneumophila*, *Leptospira interrogans*, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Rickettsia rickettsii*, *Salmonella enteritidis*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Serratia marcescens*, *Shigella sonnei*, *Treponema pallidum*, *Vibrio cholera*, *Yersinia enterocolitica*, or *Yersinia pestis*.

92. The method of any one of claims 85 to 91, wherein the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic further comprises one or more additional antimicrobial agents, membrane disrupting agents, or combinations thereof.
93. A purified polynucleotide comprising any one of SEQ ID NOs: 2-431 or encoding a variant as described in Figure 7 or combinations thereof.
94. A purified polynucleotide comprising any one of SEQ ID NOs: 756, 757, 758, 759, or 760.
95. A purified polynucleotide comprising any one of SEQ ID NOs: 709, 714, 716, 735, 747, 751, 754, or 758.
96. A purified polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: 758.
97. A purified polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: 1163.
98. A host cell comprising a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 758.
99. A host cell comprising a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1163.
100. An isolated recombinant *Streptococcus mutans* strain comprising a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 758.
101. An isolated recombinant *Streptococcus mutans* strain comprising a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1163.
102. A non-naturally occurring polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 1161.
103. An isolated recombinant *Streptococcus mutans* strain comprising: (a) a mutation in a polynucleotide involved in lactic acid synthesis such that expression of lactic acid is diminished by about 80% or more as compared to a wildtype *S. mutans* strain; (b) a recombinant alcohol dehydrogenase polynucleotide; and (c) a recombinant polynucleotide encoding the non-naturally occurring lantibiotic of any one of claims 1 to 26 or 33 to 46

FIGURE 1**A**

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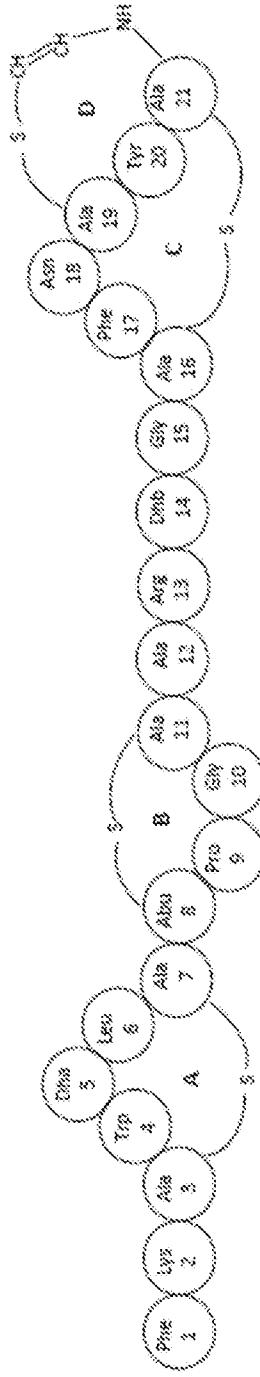
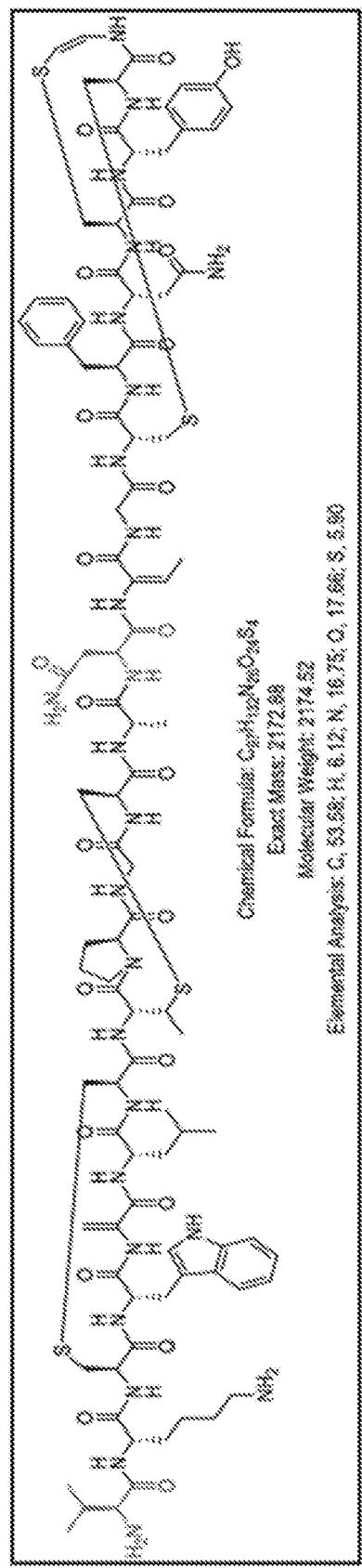
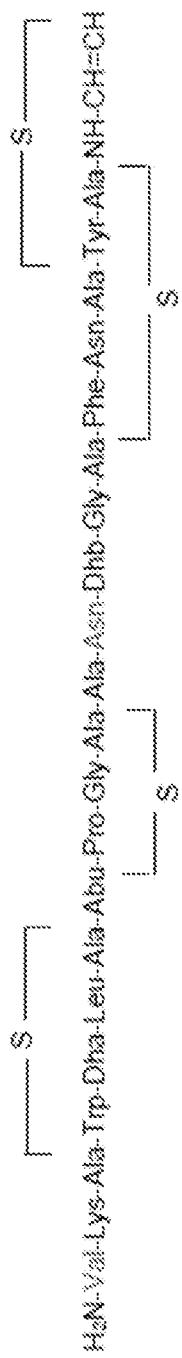
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FIGURE 1 (continued)

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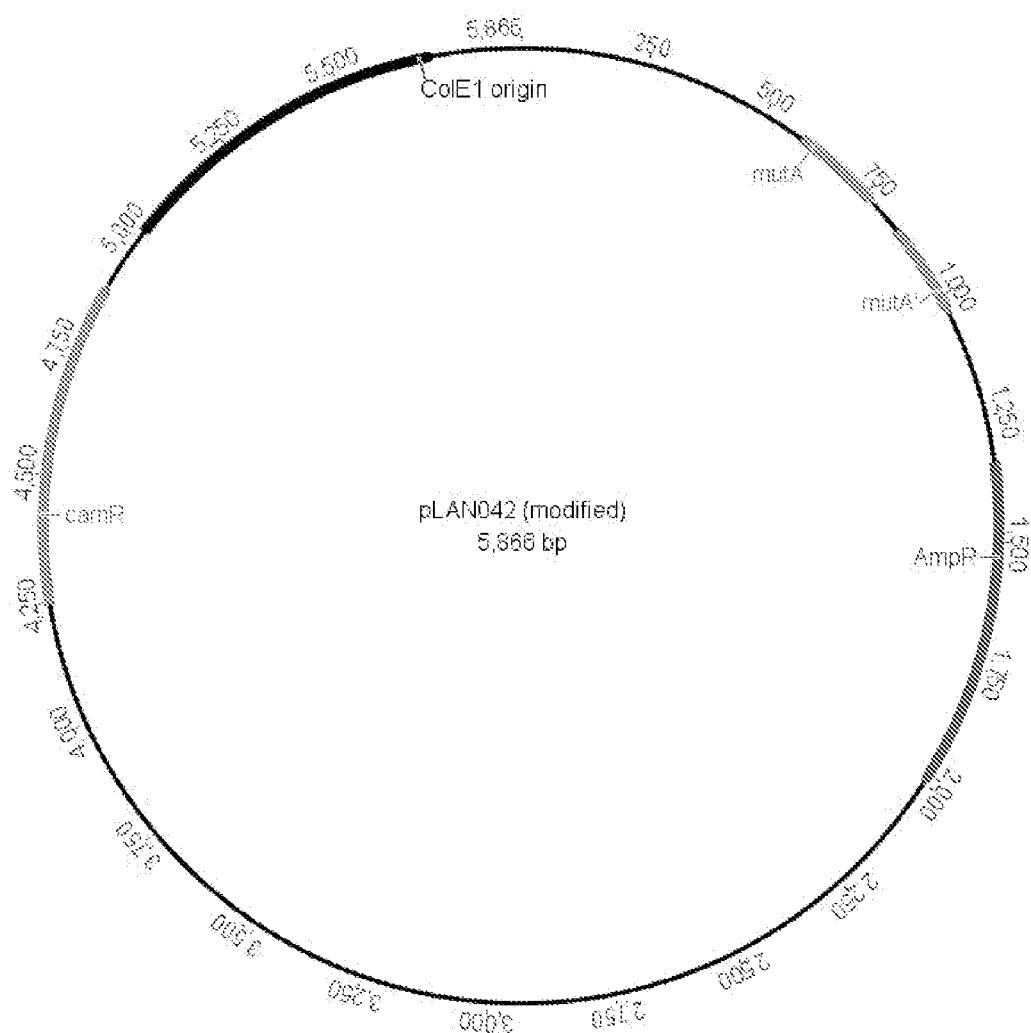
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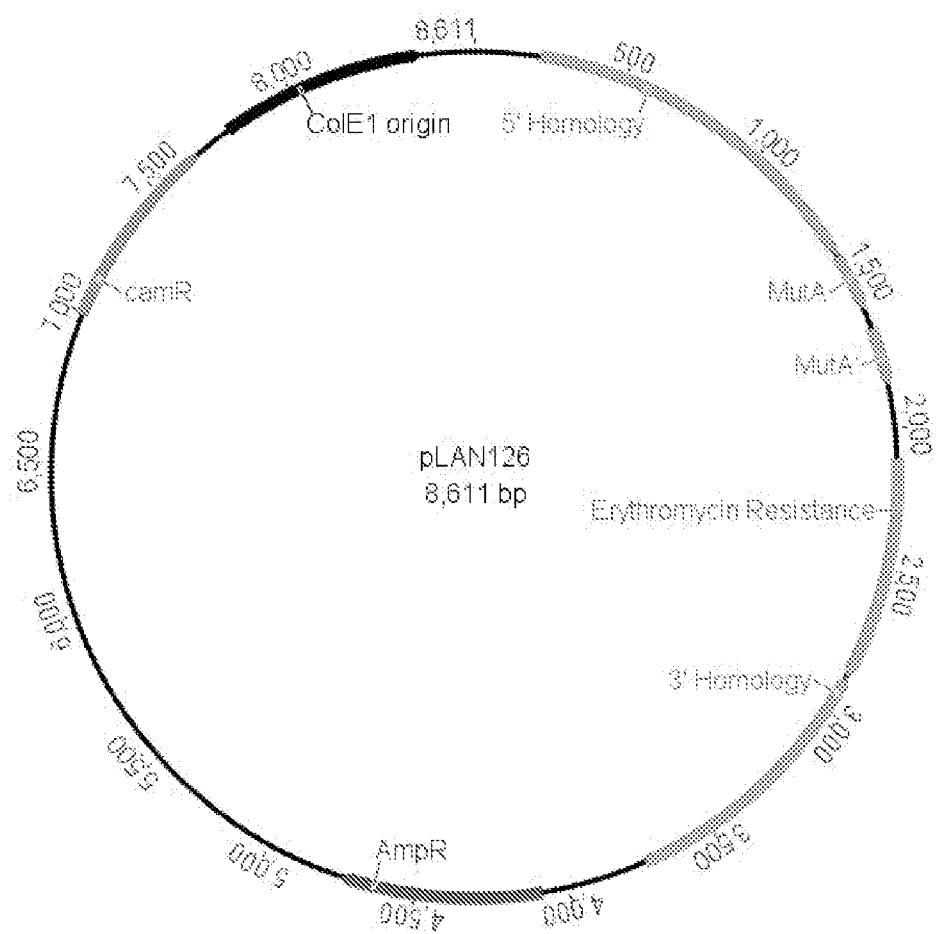
FIGURE 3

FIGURE 4

SEQ ID	Variant	Nucleotide Sequence
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FIGURE 5

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916	S10A	P K S W S L C T P A C A R T G S P N S V C C
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921	S10Y	P K S W S L C T P V C A R T G S P N S V C C
922	S10D	P K S W S L C T P D C A R T G S P N S V C C
923	S10E	P K S W S L C T P M C A R T G S P N S V C C
924	S10P	P K S W S L C T P F C A R T G S P N S V C C
925	S10Q	P K S W S L C T P O C A R T G S P N S V C C
926	S10F	P K S W S L C T P E C A R T G S P N S V C C
927	S10R	P K S W S L C T P R C A R T G S P N S V C C
928	S10H	P K S W S L C T P H C A R T G S P N S V C C
929	S10S	P K S W S L C T P S C A R T G S P N S V C C
930	S10W	P K S W S L C T P T C A R T G S P N S V C C
931	S10T	P K S W S L C T P T C A R T G S P N S V C C
932	C11K	P K S W S L C T P G V A R T G S P N S V C C
933	C11V	P K S W S L C T P G V A R T G S P N S V C C

934	C149	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	W	A	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
935	C14A	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	A	A	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
936	C144	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	M	A	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
937	C14N	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	N	A	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
938	C14N	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	N	A	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
939	C14Y	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	Y	A	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
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952	A12V	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	V	R	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
953	A12W	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	C	W	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
954	A12A	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	C	L	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
955	A12M	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	C	M	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
956	A12C	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	C	C	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
957	A12N	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	C	N	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
958	A12Y	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	C	Y	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
959	A12D	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	C	D	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
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961	A12B	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	C	P	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
962	A12G	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	C	G	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
963	A12R	P	K	S	W	S	L	C	W	P	G	C	R	R	?	G	S	P	N	S	Y	C	C
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FIGURE 6

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FIGURE 7

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SEQ ID NO:650	F1I K2T R13K Y20F	I T S W S L C T P G C A K T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:651	F1I K2T R13S Y20F	I T S W S L C T P G C A S T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:652	F1I K2T R13G Y20F	I T S W S L C T P G C A G T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:653	F1I K2T R13V Y20F	I T S W S L C T P G C A V T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:654	F1I K2T R13I Y20F	I T S W S L C T P G C A I T T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:655	F1I K2T R13P Y20F	I T S W S L C T P G C A P T T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:656	F1I K2T R13Q Y20F	I T S W S L C T P G C A Q T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:657	F1I K2T R13E Y20F	I T S W S L C T P G C A E T T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:658	F1I K2T R13H Y20F	I T S W S L C T P G C A H T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:659	F1I K2T S5F L6I C7G R13N Y20F	I T S W F I G T P G C A N T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:660	F1I K2T S5F L6I C7G R13D Y20F	I T S W F I G T P G C A D T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:661	F1I K2T S5F L6I C7G R13A Y20F	I T S W F I G T P G C A A T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:662	F1I K2T S5F L6I C7G A12G R13N Y20F	I T S W F I G T P G C G N T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:663	F1I K2T S5F L6I C7G A12G R13D Y20F	I T S W F I G T P G C G D T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:664	F1I K2T S5F L6I C7G A12G R13A Y20F	I T S W F I G T P G C G A T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:665	F1I K2T W4K R13N	I T S K S L C T P G C A N T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:666	F1I K2T W4K R13D	I T S K S L C T P G C A D T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:667	F1I K2T W4K R13A	I T S K S L C T P G C A A T G S F N S Y C C

SEQ ID NO:668	F1I K2T W4K R13N Y20F	I T S K S L C T P G C A N T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:669	F1I K2T W4K R13D Y20F	I T S K S L C T P G C A D T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:670	F1I K2T W4K R13A Y20F	I T S K S L C T P G C A A T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:671	F1V K2T R13N	V T S W S S L C T P G C A N T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:672	F1V K2T R13D	V T S W S S L C T P G C A D T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:673	F1V K2T R13A	V T S W S S L C T P G C A A T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:674	F1V K2T R13N Y20F	V T S W S L C T P G C A N T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:675	F1V K2T R13D Y20F	V T S W S L C T P G C A D T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:676	F1V K2T R13A Y20F	V T S W S L C T P G C A A T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:677	F1V K2T W4K R13N	V T S K S L C T P G C A N T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:678	F1V K2T W4K R13D	V T S K S L C T P G C A D T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:679	F1V K2T W4K R13A	V T S K S L C T P G C A A T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:680	F1V K2T W4K R13N Y20F	V T S K S L C T P G C A N T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:681	F1V K2T W4K R13D Y20F	V T S K S L C T P G C A D T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:682	F1V K2T W4K R13A Y20F	V T S K S L C T P G C A A T G S F N S F C C
SEQ ID NO:683	F1I W4M R13N	I K S M S L C T P G C A N T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:684	F1I W4M R13D	I K S M S L C T P G C A D T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:685	F1I W4M R13A	I K S M S L C T P G C A A T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:686	F1I W4I R13N	I K S I S L C T P G C A N T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:687	F1I W4I R13D	I K S I S L C T P G C A D T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:688	F1I W4I R13A	I K S I S L C T P G C A A T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:689	F1I L6V R13N	I K S W S V C T P G C A N T G S F N S Y C C

SEQ ID NO:690	F1I L6V R13D	I K S W S V C T P G C A D T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:691	F1I L6V R13A	I K S W S V C T P G C A A T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:692	F1I A12T R13N	I K S W S L C T P G C T N T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:693	F1I A12T R13D	I K S W S L C T P G C T D T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:694	F1I A12T R13A	I K S W S L C T P G C T A T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:695	F1I R13N G15A	I K S W S L C T P G C A N T A S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:696	F1I R13D G15A	I K S W S L C T P G C A D T A S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:697	F1I R13A G15A	I K S W S L C T P G C A A T A S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:698	F1I K2T W4V R13N	I T S V S L C T P G C A N T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:699	F1I K2T W4V R13D	I T S V S L C T P G C A D T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:700	F1I K2T W4V R13A	I T S V S L C T P G C A A T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:701	F1I K2T W4M R13N	I T S M S L C T P G C A N T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:702	F1I K2T W4M R13D	I T S M S L C T P G C A D T G S F N S Y C C
SEQ ID NO:1155	F1I K2T W4M R13A	I T S M S L C T P G C A A T G S F N S Y C C

FIGURE 8

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
F1L R13G	F1I K2A R13P	F1I R13H	F1I R13N	MU1140	F1L R13I
F1A R13N	F1I K2A W4M R13N	F1N R13I	F1I R13D	F1I R13K	F1A R13I
F1A R13A	F1I K2A W4M R13A	F1S R13G	F1I R13A	F1I R13E	F1N R13N
F1A R13S	F1I K2A L6V R13A	F1I K2T R13N	F1I R13T	F1L R13K	F1N R13D
F1A R13G		F1I K2T R13N G15A	F1I R13S	F1L R13V	F1N R13V
F1A R13V			F1I R13G	F1L R13H	F1N R13H
F1A R13P			F1I R13V	F1N R13A	F1S R13S
F1T R13A			F1I R13I	F1N R13T	F1S R13H
F1T R13G			F1I R13P	F1N R13S	F1T R13K
F1T R13V			F1I R13Q	F1N R13G	F1T R13P
F1V R13N			F1L R13N	F1N R13P	F1T R13E
F1V R13A			F1L R13D	F1N R13Q	F1Y R13N
F1V R13T			F1L R13A	F1N R13E	F1P R13N
F1V R13P			F1L R13T	F1S R13D	F1P R13D
F1V R13Q			F1L R13S	F1S R13P	F1P R13G
F1G R13N			F1L R13P	F1T R13D	F1P R13Q
F1G R13V			F1L R13Q	F1T R13T	F1V R13S
F1I K2A R13A			F1L R13E	F1Y R13A	F1V R13G
F1I K2A R13T			F1A R13D	F1Y R13K	F1G R13K
F1I K2A R13V			F1A R13T	F1H R13D	F1G R13I
F1I K2A R13A Y20F			F1A R13K	F1H R13G	F1G R13P
F1I K2A R13G Y20F			F1A R13Q	F1H R13P	F1E R13Q
F1I K2A R13Q Y20F			F1A R13E	F1H R13E	F1I K2A R13N

F11 K2A W4K R13A		F1A R13H	F1P R13A	F11 K2A R13D
F11 K2A W4K R13N Y20F		F1N R13K	F1P R13T	F11 K2A R13G
F11 K2A W4K R13A Y20F		F1S R13N	F1P R13K	F11 K2A R13D Y20F
F11 K2T W4K R13A Y20F		F1S R13A	F1P R13S	F11 K2A R13S Y20F
F11 W4M R13N		F1S R13T	F1P R13V	F11 K2A W4K S5F R13A Y20F
F11 W4M R13A		F1S R13K	F1P R13I	F11 K2T R13H Y20F
F11 W4I R13A		F1S R13V	F1P R13P	F11 L6V R13N
F11 R13N G15A		F1S R13I	F1P R13E	F11 A12T R13A
F11 R13A G15A		F1S R13Q	F1P R13H	F11 K2T R13A G15A
		F1S R13E	F1G R13D	F11 K2A W4I R13N
		F1T R13N	F1G R13E	F11 K2A W4I R13D
		F1T R13S	F1E R13N	
		F1T R13I	F1E R13D	
		F1T R13Q	F1E R13A	
		F1T R13H	F1E R13T	
		F1Y R13D	F1E R13K	
		F1Y R13T	F1E R13S	
		F1Y R13S	F1E R13G	
		F1Y R13G	F1E R13V	
		F1Y R13V	F1E R13I	
		F1Y R13I	F1E R13P	
		F1Y R13P	F1E R13E	
		F1Y R13Q	F1E R13H	
		F1Y R13E	F11 K2A R13E	
		F1Y R13H	F11 K2A W4K S5F R13N	
		F1H R13N	F11 K2A W4K S5F R13D	
		F1H R13A	F11 K2A W4K S5F R13A	
		F1H R13T	F11 K2A W4K S5F R13N Y20F	
		F1H R13K	F11 K2A W4K S5F R13D Y20F	
		F1H R13S	F11 K2T R13D	
		F1H R13V	F11 K2T R13A	
		F1H R13I	F11 K2T R13T	
		F1H R13Q	F11 K2T R13K	
		F1H R13H	F11 K2T R13S	

	F1V R13D	F1I K2T R13G
	F1V R13K	F1I K2T R13V
	F1V R13V	F1I K2T R13I
	F1V R13I	F1I K2T R13P
	F1V R13E	F1I K2T R13Q
	F1V R13H	F1I K2T R13E
	F1G R13A	F1I K2T R13H
	F1G R13T	F1I K2T R13N Y20F
	F1G R13S	F1I K2T R13D Y20F
	F1G R13G	F1I K2T R13A Y20F
	F1G R13Q	F1I K2T R13S Y20F
	F1G R13H	F1I K2T R13G Y20F
	F1L R13N Y20F	F1I K2T R13V Y20F
	F1L R13D Y20F	F1I K2T R13I Y20F
	F1L R13A Y20F	F1I K2T R13P Y20F
	F1L R13N Y20F	F1I K2T R13Q Y20F
	F1L R13D Y20F	F1I K2T R13E Y20F
	F1L R13A Y20F	F1I K2T S5F L6I C7G R13N Y20F
	F1I K2A R13K	F1I K2T S5F L6I C7G R13D Y20F
	F1I K2A R13S	F1I K2T S5F L6I C7G R13A Y20F
	F1I K2A R13I	F1I K2T S5F L6I C7G A12G R13N Y20F
	F1I K2A R13P	F1I K2T S5F L6I C7G A12G R13D Y20F
	F1I K2A R13Q	F1I K2T S5F L6I C7G A12G R13A Y20F
	F1I K2A R13H	F1I K2T W4K R13D
	F1I K2A R13N Y20F	F1V K2T R13D
	F1I K2A R13T Y20F	F1V K2T R13A
	F1I K2A R13K Y20F	F1V K2T R13N Y20F
	F1I K2A R13I Y20F	F1V K2T R13D Y20F
	F1I K2A R13E Y20F	F1V K2T R13A Y20F
	F1I K2A R13H Y20F	F1V K2T W4K R13N
	F1I K2A W4K R13N	F1V K2T W4K R13D
	F1I K2A W4K R13D	F1V K2T W4K R13D Y20F
	F1I K2A W4K R13D Y20F	F1V K2T W4K R13A Y20F
	F1I K2T R13T Y20F	F1I W4I R13N
	F1I K2T R13K Y20F	F1I A12T R13D
	F1I K2T W4K R13N	F1I K2T W4V R13D
	F1I K2T W4K R13A	F1I K2T W4M R13D
	F1I K2T W4K R13N Y20F	F1I K2T W4I R13N

		F11 K2T W4K R13D Y20F	F11 K2T W4I R13D
		F1V K2T R13N	F11 K2T W4I R13A
		F1V K2T W4K R13A	F11 K2T L6V R13N
		F1V K2T W4K R13N Y20F	F11 K2T L6V R13D
		F11 W4M R13D	F11 K2T A12T R13N
		F11 W4I R13D	F11 K2T A12T R13D
		F11 L6V R13D	F11 K2T A12T R13A
		F11 L6V R13A	F11 K2T R13D G15A
		F11 A12T R13N	F11 K2A W4V R13N
		F11 R13D G15A	F11 K2A W4V R13D
		F11 K2T W4V R13N	F11 K2A W4M R13D
		F11 K2T W4M R13N	F11 K2A L6V R13D
		F11 K2T W4M R13A	F11 K2A A12T R13N
		F11 K2T L6V R13A	F11 K2A A12T R13D
		F11 K2A W4V R13A	F11 K2A A12T R13A
		F11 K2A W4I R13A	F11 K2A R13N G15A
		F11 K2A L6V R13N	F11 K2A R13D G15A
		R13N	F11 K2A R13A G15A
		F11 K2A R13V Y20F	F11
		F11 K2T W4V R13A	F11

FIGURE 9

Variant	Sequence
SEQ ID NO:432	Phe Lys Ser Trp Ser Leu Cys Thr Pro Gly Cys Ala Arg Thr Gly Ser Phe Asn Ser Tyr Cys Cys
MU1140	Phe Lys Ala Trp Dha Leu Ala Abu Pro Gly Ala Ala Arg Dha Gly Ala Phe Asn Ala Tyr Ala Cys
SEQ ID NO:1159	(with post translational modifications but no secondary structures)
F1V R13N	(with post translational modifications but no secondary structures)
SEQ ID NO:1158	Val Lys Ala Trp Dha Leu Ala Abu Pro Gly Ala Ala Asn Dha Gly Ala Phe Asn Ala Tyr Ala Cys

FIGURE 10

A.

		Position																			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		M	S	N	T	Q	L	E	V	L	E	T	F	D	V	C	E	D	F	A	R
Cleaved Peptide																					
MSSNTQLLEEVLL																					
Cleaved Peptide																					
MSSNTQLLEEVLL																					

B.

		Position																			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		M	S	N	T	Q	L	E	V	L	E	T	F	D	V	C	E	D	F	A	R
Cleaved Peptide																					
FLVNLNN																					
Cleaved Peptide																					
FLVNLNN																					

FIGURE 11

A. SEQ ID NO: 1162

atg tca aac aca caa tta tta gaa gtc ctt ggt act gaa act ttt gat gtt caa gaa gat ctc ttt gct ttt gat aca aca gat act att gtg gca agc aac gac gat cca gat act cgt ttc aaa aat tgg agg ctt tgt acg cct gt tgt gca agg aca ggt aat ttc aat aat tgt tac tgt tgc

B. SEQ ID NO: 1163

atg tca aac aca caa tta tta gaa gtc ctt ggt act gaa act ttt gat gtt caa gaa gat ctc ttt gct ttt gat aca aca gat act att gtg gca agc aac gac gat cca gat act cgt **gtt** aaa aat tgg agg ctt tgt acg cct gt tgt gca **aat** aca ggt aat ttc aat aat tgt tac tgt tgc

C. SEQ ID NO: 1164

MSNTQ LLEVL GTTETF DVQED LFAFD TTDTT IVASN DDPDT R

D. SEQ ID NO: 1165

atg tca aac aca caa tta tta gaa gtc ctt ggt act gaa act ttt gat gtt caa gaa gat ctc ttt gct ttt gat aca aca gat act att gtg gca agc aac gac gat cca gat act cgt

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