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(54) Title: ANTIBODY BINDING TO CELL ADHESION MOLECULE 3

(57) Abrégé/Abstract:

The present invention relates to: an antibody or a fragment of said antibody that binds to a cell adhesion molecule 3 (CADM3); a hybridoma that produces the antibody or the antibody fragment; a nucleic acid that contains a base sequence coding for the antibody or the antibody fragment; a transformed cell that contains a vector containing said nucleic acid; a method for manufacturing the antibody or the antibody fragment; a composition containing the antibody or the antibody fragment; a method for detecting or measuring an antigen present in the brain by employing the antibody or the antibody fragment; a method for diagnosing or treating a brain disease; a method for enhancing the retention of the antibody in the brain; a method for increasing the antibody quantity in the brain; and so forth.

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ABSTRACT

The invention relates to an antibody which binds to cell adhesion molecule 3 (CADM3) or an antibody fragment thereof, a hybridoma which produces the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, a nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, a transformant cell comprising a vector comprising the nucleic acid, a method for producing the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, a composition comprising the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, and a method for detecting or measuring an antigen present in the brain, a method for diagnosing or treating a brain disease, a method for enhancing the property of accumulating in a brain of an antibody, and a method for increasing the amount of an antibody in the brain, each of which using the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, and the like.

DESCRIPTION

TITLE OF INVENTION

ANTIBODY BINDING TO CELL ADHESION MOLECULE 3

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TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001]

The present invention relates to, for example, an antibody which binds to cell adhesion molecule 3 (CADM3) or an antibody fragment thereof, a hybridoma which produces the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, a nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, a transformant cell comprising a vector comprising the nucleic acid, a method for producing the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, a composition comprising the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, and a method for detecting or measuring an antigen present in the brain, a method for diagnosing or treating a brain disease, a method for enhancing the property of accumulating in a brain of an antibody, and a method for increasing the amount of an antibody in the brain, each using the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, and the like.

BACKGROUND ART

20 [0002]

Since the approval of a mouse anti-CD3 antibody, muromonab-CD3 (OKT3) as the first antibody drug by FDA in 1986, many antibody drugs have been developed. In 1994, a chimeric antibody, abciximab, in which a variable region of a mouse antibody and a constant region of a human antibody are linked to reduce the antigenicity of the mouse antibody, was 25 approved.

[0003]

To further reduce the antigenicity, a humanized antibody technique in which a complementarity determining region (CDR), which plays an important role in binding to an antigen, of a variable region of a mouse antibody is grafted into a frame work region (FR) of a 30 human antibody was developed, and a humanized anti-CD20 antibody, dacizumab was approved in 1997.

[0004]

In addition, a phage display technique using a human antibody sequence library has

been used, and a fully human anti-TNF- α antibody, adalimumab was approved in 2002 as the first antibody obtained using the phage display technique. Sixty or more antibody drugs targeting antigens such as CD20, CD52, TNF- α , HER2, and EGFR have already been approved (NPL 1).

5 [0005]

In this manner, antibodies have become a widely recognized drug format. Most of the antibody drugs that have been approved so far are those for cancers and immune diseases, which account for about 75% or more of all the antibody drugs.

[0006]

10 The importance of a biologic such as an antibody is increasing also in the treatment of central nervous system diseases, and it is reported that a monoclonal antibody to amyloid β is studied in Alzheimer's disease and that various types of neurotrophic factors (brain-derived neurotrophic factor BDNF and glial-derived neurotrophic factor GDNF) having a neuroprotective effect exhibit a neuroprotective effect in central nervous system diseases in an
15 animal model (NPL 2).

[0007]

However, when an antibody is peripherally administered, the amount delivered to the central nervous system is lower than that to the other organs, and the antibody migration ratio (the ratio of the concentration in the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) to the serum
20 concentration) is reported to be 0.1 to 0.3% (NPLs 3 to 5).

[0008]

25 A reason why the drug delivery amount decreases in the central nervous system comprising the brain and the bone marrow is the mechanism called blood-brain barrier (BBB) which limits the transportation of a substance between the blood and the interstitial fluid of the brain. The blood-brain barrier has a physical/nonspecific control mechanism due to the intercellular adhesion of the vascular endothelial cells and a substrate-specific efflux mechanism due to efflux transporters, and protects the central nervous system from foreign
25 matters or drugs and plays an important role in maintaining the homeostasis.

[0009]

30 However, due to the existence of the blood-brain barrier, the effective concentration at the time of drug administration is not easily obtained in the central nervous system, and the drug development is difficult. For example, although enzyme replacement therapy is conducted by intravenously administering α -L-iduronidase to Hurler syndrome

(mucopolysaccharidosis I) or iduronate-2-sulfatase to Hunter syndrome (mucopolysaccharidosis II), the enzymes do not pass through the blood-brain barrier due to their high molecular weights, and therefore, no efficacy against central nervous system symptoms has been observed (NPLs 6 to 9). Further, it is reported that a side effect such as 5 production of a neutralizing antibody is caused because a certain amount of a recombinant enzyme is continuously administered regularly (NPL 10).

[0010]

In addition, an attempt to directly administer biologics into the medullary cavity or the brain has also been made to increase the concentration in the brain. For example, a 10 method for administering iduronate-2-sulfatase into the brain of patients with Hunter syndrome (mucopolysaccharidosis II) to prevent the progress of brain disorders of the patients is reported (PTL 1). However, direct administration into the medullary cavity or the brain is highly invasive (NPL 11).

[0011]

15 Therefore, various delivery techniques have been studied to increase the concentration of a substance with a high molecular weight such as biologics in the brain. For example, methods in which a complex of a substance with a high molecular weight and a membrane protein which is expressed in brain vascular endothelial cells is formed by binding the substance to the membrane protein, and allowed to pass through the blood-brain barrier 20 through endocytosis are reported.

[0012]

Most of the reported techniques use receptor-mediated transcytosis (RMT), and the receptor expressed in the brain vascular endothelium to serve as a target comprises, for example, a transferrin receptor, an insulin receptor, an insulin-like growth factor receptor, a 25 low-density lipoprotein receptor family (LDLRf), and the like.

[0013]

Techniques for passing through the blood-brain barrier via a transferrin receptor by producing a fusion protein of an anti-transferrin receptor antibody and a nerve growth factor are reported. As techniques using an anti-transferrin receptor antibody, bispecific antibodies 30 of an anti-transferrin receptor antibody and an anti-beta secretase (BACE1) antibody (PTLs 2 and 3 and NPLs 12 and 13), and fusion antibodies obtained by fusing a monovalent anti-transferrin receptor antibody to the carboxyl-terminal side of an anti-amyloid β antibody (PTL 4 and NPL 14) are reported.

[0014]

It is reported that, regarding the brain delivery using a bispecific antibody of an anti-transferrin receptor antibody and an anti-BACE1 antibody, the amount of the antibody incorporated in the brain increases by about 4 times the amount of the control when the 5 antibody is administered to a mouse at 20 mg/kg body weight (NPL 13).

[0015]

Further, a technique for allowing a drug to pass through the blood-brain barrier by encapsulating the drug with a liposome having an anti-transferrin receptor antibody on its surface is reported. It is reported that the amount incorporated in the brain of a rat increases 10 by about 2 to 5 times by a fusion body of an anti-rat transferrin receptor antibody and an immunomicelle (NPL 15).

[0016]

Further, techniques for passing through the blood-brain barrier via an insulin receptor by producing a fusion protein of a neurotrophic factor, an enzyme, or an anti-amyloid 15 antibody fused to the carboxyl-terminal side of an anti-insulin receptor antibody are reported (NPLs 16 to 19).

[0017]

It is reported that in a rhesus monkey, the amount incorporated in the brain 2 hours after administering a fusion antibody of a labeled anti-human insulin receptor antibody and 20 GDNF is about 15 times as compared with that of GDNF (NPL 17).

[0018]

However, a transferrin receptor and an insulin receptor are expressed not only in the brain vascular endothelial cells but also in the whole body comprising the liver and the like, and therefore, a drug is delivered also to the liver and the like as the amount of the drug 25 delivered to the central nervous system increases in these techniques (NPL 20). Further, because the antigen is expressed in the whole body, the half-life of the antibody in the blood is short (NPL 12).

[0019]

In addition, it is reported that an antibody (Fc5) to TMEM30A, which is an antigen 30 expressed in the brain vascular endothelial membrane, shows an RMT-like activity (PTL 5 and NPLs 21 and 22). Fc5 is an antibody of a variable domain of a heavy chain of a heavy chain antibody (VHH) of a single domain derived from llama, and it is demonstrated in an *in vitro* BBB model and in a rat *in vivo* model that the amount of a fusion body of Fc5 and

human Fc delivered to the brain increases as compared with that of the control IgG.

[0020]

It is reported that the CSF exposure of a fusion body of a Fc5-derived single chain antibody (scFv) and a metabotropic glutamate receptor type I (mGluRI) antibody increases as compared with that of a fusion body of a control single chain antibody and a mGluRI antibody in a rat model, but the increase in the amount is around 5 times (NPL 23).

[0021]

It is also reported that an IgG antibody is rapidly discharged from the brain to the circulating blood by a neonatal Fc receptor (FcRn) (NPLs 24 and 25), and for example, the half-life of IgG in the brain after the administration into the brain is as short as 48 minutes in a rat (NPL 24).

[0022]

CADM3 is a calcium ion-independent immunoglobulin-like cell adhesion molecule (NPLs 26 to 31). CADM3 is divided into structures comprising three immunoglobulin-like domains as extracellular domains, one transmembrane domain, and one cytoplasmic domain (NPL 29).

[0023]

From the RNA blot and in situ hybridization analyses, CADM3 is specifically expressed in both nerve tissues of various central nerves comprising cerebellum, cerebral cortex, hippocampus, amygdaloid body, olfactory bulb, and medulla oblongata and peripheral nerves (NPLs 26, 27, and 32). CADM3 is localized between two axon terminals, between an axon terminal and an axon shaft, and at a contact site between an axon terminal and a glial cell process at an axon terminal (NPL 26).

[0024]

CADM3 exhibits a cell-cell adhesion activity by calcium ion-independent homophilic binding. In addition, CADM3 exhibits a cell-cell adhesion activity by calcium ion-independent heterophilic binding with Necl-2, nectin-1, and nectin-3, but does not exhibit an adhesion activity with Necl-5 and nectin-2. CADM3 that interacts with nectin-1 and nectin-3 is involved in neuronal activity-dependent synaptic remodeling process in the same manner as in the formation of cerebellar morphology (NPLs 32 and 33). From the in vitro binding analysis, it is demonstrated that protein 4.1N involved in actin cytoskeleton rearrangement and CADM3 bind to each other (NPL 27).

[0025]

In a CADM3 knockout mouse, the number of myelinated axons in the optic nerve and the spinal cord is decreased at the early stage after birth. However, there is no difference in the number of myelinated axons or the thickness of the myelin sheath between a normal individual and a mutant after maturation (NPL 30). In addition, a polyclonal antibody which 5 binds to CADM3 is reported (NPL 27).

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SUMMARY OF INVENTION

TECHNICAL PROBLEM

25 [0028]

The invention relates to, for example, a CADM3-binding molecule which binds to CADM3 and methods using the molecule, and the like. Specifically, an object is to provide an antibody which binds to CADM3 or an antibody fragment thereof, a hybridoma which produces the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, a nucleic acid comprising a

30 nucleotide sequence encoding the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, a transformant cell comprising a vector comprising the nucleic acid, a method for producing the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, a composition comprising the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, and a method for detecting or measuring an antigen present in the brain, a

method for diagnosing or treating a brain disease, a method for enhancing the property of accumulating in a brain of an antibody, and a method for increasing the amount of an antibody in the brain, each using the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, and the like.

5 **SOLUTION TO PROBLEM**

[0029]

As a means for solving the problems, the invention provides a CADM3-binding molecule which binds to CADM3 and methods using the molecule, specifically, an antibody which binds to CADM3 or an antibody fragment thereof.

10 [0030]

That is, the invention relates to the following <1> to <22>.

[0031]

<1> An antibody which binds to cell adhesion molecule 3 (CADM3) or an antibody fragment thereof.

15 <2> The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof according to <1>, wherein the antibody has a property of accumulating in a brain.

<3> The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof according to <1> or <2>, wherein the antibody has affinity for neurons and/or nerve tissues.

20 <4> The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to <3>, wherein the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof is selected from the group consisting of the following (a) to (x):

25 (a) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of complementarity determining regions (CDRs) 1 to 3 of a variable domain of a heavy chain (VH) comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 23, 24, and 25, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 28, 29, and 30, respectively;

30 (b) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 34, 35, and 36, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 38, 39, and 40, respectively;

(c) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of a variable domain of a heavy chain of a heavy chain antibody (VHH) comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, and 5, respectively;

(d) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VHH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 8, 9, and 10, respectively;

(e) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VHH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 13, 14, and 15, respectively;

(f) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VHH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 18, 19, and 20, respectively;

(g) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 89, 90, and 91, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 94, 95, and 96, respectively;

(h) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 99, 100, and 101, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

(i) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 104, 105, and 106, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

(j) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 109, 110, and 111, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

(k) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 114, 115, and 116, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

(l) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 119, 120, and 121, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

(m) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 124, 125, and 126, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

5 (n) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 129, 130, and 131, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

10 (o) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 139, 140, and 141, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively;

15 (p) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 144, 145, and 146, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively;

20 (q) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 149, 150, and 151, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively;

(r) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 154, 155, and 156, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively;

25 (s) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 159, 160, and 161, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively;

(t) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 169, 170, and 171, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 174, 175, and 176, respectively;

(u) an antibody which competes for binding to CADM3 with at least one of the

antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t);

(v) an antibody which binds to an epitope comprising an epitope to which any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t) binds;

5 (w) an antibody which binds to the same epitope as an epitope to which any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t) binds; and

(x) an antibody which comprises an amino acid sequence having 85% or more homology with the amino acid sequence of any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t).

<5> The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to 10 <4>, wherein the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof is selected from the group consisting of the following (1) to (31):

(1) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 22 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 27;

15 (2) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 32 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 37;

(3) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 2;

20 (4) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 7;

(5) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 12;

25 (6) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 17;

(7) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 68;

(8) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 70;

30 (9) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 72;

(10) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 74;

(11) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 76;

(12) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 78;

5 (13) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 80;

(14) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 82;

10 (15) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 84;

(16) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 86;

15 (17) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 88 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 93;

(18) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 98 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

20 (19) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 103 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

(20) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 108 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

25 (21) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 113 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

(22) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 118 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

30 (23) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 123 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

(24) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 128 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

5 (25) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 138 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163;

(26) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 143 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163;

10 (27) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 148 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163;

(28) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 153 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163;

15 (29) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 158 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163;

(30) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 168 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 173; and

(31) an antibody which comprises an amino acid sequence having 85% or more homology with the amino acid sequence of any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (1) to (30).

25 <6> The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to <5>, wherein the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof is a bispecific antibody.

<7> The bispecific antibody according to <6>, wherein the bispecific antibody binds to CADM3 and an antigen present in a brain.

30 <8> The bispecific antibody according to <6> or <7>, wherein the bispecific antibody comprises an antigen-binding site which binds to CADM3 and an antigen-binding site which binds to an antigen present in a brain.

<9> The antibody fragment according to any one of <1> to <8>, wherein the antibody fragment is selected from the group consisting of Fab, Fab', F(ab')₂, a single chain

antibody (scFv), a dimerized V region (diabody), a disulfide-stabilized V region (dsFv), VHH, and a peptide comprising CDR.

<10> The antibody and the antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to <9>, wherein the antibody is a genetically recombinant antibody.

5 <11> The antibody and the antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to <10>, wherein the antibody is selected from the group consisting of a mouse antibody, a rat antibody, a rabbit antibody, an alpaca antibody, a camel antibody, a llama antibody, a chimeric antibody, a humanized antibody, and a human antibody.

10 <12> A fusion antibody or a fusion antibody fragment thereof, in which at least one selected from the group consisting of the following (i) to (iii) is linked to the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof which binds to CADM3 according to any one of <1> to <11>:

- (i) a hydrophilic polymer;
- (ii) an amphipathic polymer; and
- (iii) a functional molecule.

15 <13> A hybridoma which produces the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to <12>.

<14> A nucleic acid, comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to <12>.

20 <15> A transformant cell, comprising a vector comprising the nucleic acid according to <14>.

<16> A method for producing the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to <12>, comprising:

25 culturing the hybridoma according to <13> or the transformant cell according to <15>, and

collecting the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to <12> from a culture solution.

30 <17> A composition, comprising the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to <12>.

<18> The composition according to <17>, which is a composition for detecting or measuring an antigen present in a brain.

<19> The composition according to <17>, which is a composition for diagnosing or treating a brain disease.

<20> A method for detecting or measuring an antigen present in a brain using the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to <12> or the composition according to <17>.

<21> A method for diagnosing or treating a brain disease using the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to <12> or the composition according to <17>.

<22> A method for enhancing the property of accumulating in a brain of an antibody, an antibody fragment thereof, a fusion antibody, or a fusion antibody fragment thereof using the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to <12> or the composition according to <17>.

<23> A method for increasing the amount of an antibody, the amount of an antibody fragment thereof, the amount of a fusion antibody, or the amount of a fusion antibody fragment thereof in a brain using the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of <1> to <12> or the composition according to <17>.

20 ADVANTAGEOUS EFFECTS OF INVENTION

[0032]

The CADM3-binding molecule of the invention not only enhances the property of accumulating in a brain of the binding molecule itself by specifically binding to CADM3, but also can be applied to the treatment of a brain disease by modifying the CADM3-binding molecule with another target molecule and transporting and retaining the target molecule in the brain. As a specific CADM3-binding molecule of the invention, an antibody or an antibody fragment thereof is exemplified. The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention is an antibody or an antibody fragment thereof having the property of accumulating in a brain by binding to CADM3 in the brain. Therefore, the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention can be used as a composition for detecting or measuring an antigen present in the brain (CADM3, or CADM3 and another antigen present in the brain), a composition for diagnosing a brain disease, and a pharmaceutical composition for treating a brain disease.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0033]

[Fig. 1] Figs. 1(A) and (B) show the results of measuring the concentration of each antibody in a tissue. Fig. 1(A) shows the antibody concentration in serum 3 days after administering the antibody. The vertical axis represents the antibody concentration (ng/mL), and the horizontal axis represents the administered antibodies. Fig. 1(B) shows the antibody concentration in a brain tissue 3 days after administering the antibody. The vertical axis represents the antibody concentration (ng/g brain), and the horizontal axis represents the administered antibodies.

[Fig. 2] Figs. 2(A) and (B) show the results of measuring the concentration of each antibody in a tissue. Fig. 2(A) shows the antibody concentration in serum 7 days after administering the antibody. The vertical axis represents the antibody concentration (ng/mL), and the horizontal axis represents the administered antibodies. Fig. 2(B) shows the antibody concentration in a brain tissue 7 days after administering the antibody. The vertical axis represents the antibody elution amount (ng/g brain), and the horizontal axis represents the administered antibodies.

[Fig. 3] Figs. 3(A) and (B) show the results of measuring the concentration of each antibody in a tissue. Fig. 3(A) shows the antibody concentration in serum 7 days after administering the antibody. The vertical axis represents the antibody concentration (ng/mL), and the horizontal axis represents the administered antibodies. Fig. 3(B) shows the antibody concentration in a brain tissue 7 days after administering the antibody. The vertical axis represents the antibody elution amount (ng/g brain), and the horizontal axis represents the administered antibodies. The antibody concentration is expressed as a value obtained by conversion from the molar concentration using the molecular weight (150 kDa) of a monoclonal antibody.

[Fig. 4] Figs. 4(A) and (B) show the results of imaging evaluation of the migration ability into a mouse brain of each antibody. Fig. 4(A) shows the imaging images of the brain 9 days after administering the antibody. Fig. 4(B) shows the ratio of a value of the fluorescence amount in the brain corrected by the fluorescence intensity of the administered antibody to the anti-AVM antibody. The vertical axis represents the ratio to the anti-AVM antibody, and the horizontal axis represents the administered antibodies.

[Fig. 5] Fig. 5 shows the results of imaging evaluation of the migration ability into a

mouse brain of each antibody and indicates the imaging images of the brain 7 days after administering the antibody.

[Fig. 6] Fig. 6 shows the results of imaging evaluation of the migration ability into a mouse brain of each antibody and indicates the ratio of a value of the fluorescence amount in the brain corrected by the fluorescence intensity of the administered antibody to the anti-AVM antibody. The vertical axis represents the ratio to the anti-AVM antibody, and the horizontal axis represents the administered antibodies.

[Fig. 7] Figs. 7(A) and (B) show the results of measuring the concentration of each antibody in a tissue. Fig. 7(A) shows the antibody concentration in serum 7 days after administering the antibody. The vertical axis represents the antibody concentration (ng/mL), and the horizontal axis represents the administered antibodies. Fig. 7(B) shows the antibody concentration in a brain tissue 7 days after administering the antibody. The vertical axis represents the antibody elution amount (ng/g brain), and the horizontal axis represents the administered antibodies.

[Fig. 8] Figs. 8(A) and (B) show the results of imaging evaluation of the migration ability into a mouse brain of each antibody. Fig. 8(A) shows the imaging images of the brain 7 days after administering the antibody. Fig. 8(B) shows the ratio of a value of the fluorescence amount in the brain corrected by the fluorescence intensity of the administered antibody to the anti-AVM antibody. The vertical axis represents the ratio to the anti-AVM antibody, and the horizontal axis represents the administered antibodies.

DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

[0034]

The invention relates to an antigen-binding molecule which binds to CADM3. More specifically, the invention relates to an antibody which binds to CADM3 or an antibody fragment thereof.

[0035]

The CADM3-binding molecule of the invention may be in any molecular form as long as the molecule specifically binds to CADM3 and the resulting molecule is retained in the brain, and may be any molecule such as a protein, a nucleic acid, or a low molecular weight compound/high molecular weight compound obtained by organic synthesis. Specifically, the CADM3-binding molecule may be any of a recombinant protein, an antibody, an aptamer, a low molecular weight compound obtained by low molecular weight

screening, and the like, but preferably, an antibody and an antibody fragment thereof are exemplified. The CADM3-binding molecule is preferably a molecule which binds to the extracellular domain of CADM3.

[0036]

5 CADM3 is a calcium ion-independent immunoglobulin-like cell adhesion molecule, and exhibits a cell-cell adhesion activity by calcium ion-independent homophilic binding. For example, the full length of human CADM3 comprising a signal sequence is composed of 398 amino acids, and is expressed between two axon terminals, between an axon terminal and an axon shaft, and at a contact site between an axon terminal and a glial cell process at an 10 axon terminal in the central nervous system and the peripheral nervous system, and plays a role in the cell adhesion effect.

[0037]

15 The animal species of CADM3 to which the CADM3-binding molecule of the invention binds are a mouse, a rat, a cynomolgus monkey, and/or a human, and the like, but are not particularly limited to these species, and an appropriate animal species can be selected according to the use of the antibody. For example, when the antibody of the invention is used for medical purposes for humans, the antibody is preferably an antibody which binds to at least human CADM3.

[0038]

20 In the invention, as human CADM3, a polypeptide which comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 52 or the amino acid sequence of NCBI accession No. AAH33819, a polypeptide which is composed of an amino acid sequence in which one or more amino acids are deleted, substituted, or added in the amino acid sequence represented by 25 SEQ ID NO: 52 or the amino acid sequence of NCBI accession No. AAH33819, and which has the function of human CADM3, a polypeptide which is composed of an amino acid sequence having 60% or more, preferably 80% or more, more preferably 90% or more, and most preferably 95% or more homology with the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 52 or the amino acid sequence of NCBI accession No. AAH33819, and which has the function of human CADM3, or the like is exemplified.

30 [0039]

The polypeptide which has an amino acid sequence in which one or more amino acids are deleted, substituted, or added in the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 52 or the amino acid sequence represented by NCBI accession No. AAH33819 can be

obtained by, for example, introducing a site-specific mutation into a DNA encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 52 using a site-directed mutagenesis method [Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (1989), Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley & Sons 5 (1987-1997), Nucleic acids Research, 10, 6487 (1982), Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 79, 6409 (1982), Gene, 34, 315 (1985), Nucleic Acids Research, 13, 4431 (1985), Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 82, 488 (1985)] or the like.

[0040]

10 The number of amino acids that are deleted, substituted, or added is not particularly limited, but is preferably one to several tens, for example, 1 to 20, more preferably one to several, for example, 1 to 5 amino acids.

[0041]

15 The same applies to the amino acid sequence of mouse CADM3 [SEQ ID NO: 54 or NCBI accession No. NP_444429.1], the amino acid sequence of rat CADM3 [NCBI accession No. AAI61811.1], and the amino acid sequence of cynomolgus monkey CADM3 [SEQ ID NO: 56 or NCBI accession No. NP_001270618.1].

[0042]

20 In the invention, as a gene encoding human CADM3, the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 51 or the nucleotide sequence of NCBI accession No. BC033819.1 is exemplified. A gene which is composed of a nucleotide sequence in which one or more nucleotides are deleted, substituted, or added in the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 51 or the nucleotide sequence of NCBI accession No. BC033819.1, and which comprises a DNA encoding a polypeptide having the function of CADM3, a gene which is composed of a nucleotide sequence having at least 60% or more 25 homology, preferably a nucleotide sequence having 80% or more homology, and more preferably a nucleotide sequence having 95% or more homology with the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 51 or the nucleotide sequence of NCBI accession No. BC033819.1, and which comprises a DNA encoding a polypeptide having the function of CADM3, or a gene which is composed of a DNA that hybridizes with a DNA comprising the 30 nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 51 or the nucleotide sequence of NCBI accession No. BC033819.1 under stringent conditions, and which encodes a polypeptide having the function of CADM3, or the like is also comprised in the gene encoding CADM3 in the invention.

[0043]

The DNA that hybridizes under stringent conditions refers to a hybridizable DNA obtained by a colony hybridization method, a plaque hybridization method, a southern blot hybridization method, a DNA microarray method, or the like using a DNA comprising the 5 nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 51 or the nucleotide sequence of NCBI accession No. BC033819.1 as a probe.

[0044]

Specifically, a DNA that can be identified by performing a hybridization method [Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory 10 Press (1989), Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley & Sons (1987-1997), DNA Cloning 1: Core Techniques, A Practical Approach, Second Edition, Oxford University (1995)] at 65°C in the presence of 0.7 to 1.0 mol/L sodium chloride using a filter or a microscope slide on which a DNA derived from a hybridized colony or plaque, or a PCR product or an oligo DNA having the sequence is immobilized, and thereafter washing the 15 filter or the microscope slide under the condition of 65°C using a saline sodium citrate (SSC) solution having a concentration of 0.1 to 2 times (a composition of the SSC solution having a concentration of 1 time is composed of 150 mmol/L sodium chloride and 15 mmol/L sodium citrate) can be exemplified.

[0045]

20 As the hybridizable DNA, a DNA having at least 60% or more homology, preferably a DNA having 80% or more homology, and more preferably a DNA having 95% or more homology with the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 51 or the nucleotide sequence of NCBI accession No. BC033819.1 can be exemplified.

[0046]

25 The same applies to the basic acid sequence of mouse CADM3 [SEQ ID NO: 53 or NCBI accession No. NM_053199.3], the basic acid sequence of rat CADM3 [NCBI accession No. NM_001047103.1], and the nucleotide sequence of cynomolgus monkey CADM3 [SEQ ID NO: 55 or NCBI accession No. NM_001283689.1].

[0047]

30 Examples of the function of CADM3 comprise involvement in cell adhesion between axon terminals and other sites in the central nervous system and the peripheral nervous system as described above, and the like.

[0048]

A gene polymorphism is often observed in a nucleotide sequence of a gene encoding a protein of a eukaryote. A gene in which a small-scale mutation has occurred in a nucleotide sequence due to such a polymorphism in a gene used in the invention is also comprised in the gene encoding CADM3 in the invention.

5 [0049]

The numerical value of homology in the invention may be a numerical value calculated using a homology search program known to those skilled in the art unless otherwise specified, however, with respect to a nucleotide sequence, a numerical value calculated using a default parameter in BLAST [J. Mol. Biol., 215, 403 (1990)], and the like are exemplified, and with respect to an amino acid sequence, a numerical value calculated using a default parameter in BLAST2 [Nucleic Acids Res., 25, 3389 (1997), Genome Res., 7, 649 (1997), <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Education/BLASTinfo/information3.html>], and the like are exemplified.

[0050]

15 As for the default parameters, G (Cost to open gap) is 5 in the case of a nucleotide sequence and 11 in the case of an amino acid sequence, -E (Cost to extend gap) is 2 in the case of a nucleotide sequence and 1 in the case of an amino acid sequence, -q (Penalty for nucleotide mismatch) is -3, -r (reward for nucleotide match) is 1, -e (expect value) is 10, -W (wordsize) is 11 in the case of a nucleotide sequence and 3 in the case of an amino acid

20 sequence, -y [Dropoff (X) for blast extensions in bits] is 20 in the case of blastn and 7 in the case of programs other than blastn, -X (X dropoff value for gapped alignment in bits) is 15, and -Z (final X dropoff value for gapped alignment in bits) is 50 in the case of blastn and 25 in the case of programs other than blastn

(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/html/blastcgihelp.html>).

25 [0051]

A polypeptide comprising a partial sequence of the amino acid sequence of any of the above-mentioned various types of CADM3 can be produced by a method known to those skilled in the art. Specifically, the polypeptide can be produced by deleting a part of a DNA encoding the amino acid sequence of any of the above-mentioned various types of CADM3 30 and culturing a transformant transfected with an expression vector comprising the resulting DNA. In addition, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence in which one or more amino acids are deleted, substituted, or added in the amino acid sequence of any of various types of CADM3 can be obtained in the same manner as described above.

[0052]

Further, a polypeptide composed of the amino acid sequence of any of various types of CADM3, or a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence in which one or more amino acids are deleted, substituted, or added in the amino acid sequence of any of various types of

5 CADM3 can also be produced by a chemical synthesis method such as a

fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl (Fmoc) method or a t-butyloxycarbonyl (tBoc) method.

[0053]

In the invention, the extracellular domain of human CADM3 refers to the amino acid sequence from position 25 to position 330 in the amino acid sequence represented by

10 SEQ ID NO: 52 or NCBI accession No. AAH33819.

[0054]

The extracellular domain of mouse CADM3 refers to the amino acid sequence from position 23 to position 328 in the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 54 or

NCBI accession No. NP_444429.1. The extracellular domain of rat CADM3 refers to the

15 amino acid sequence from position 23 to position 328 in the amino acid sequence represented by NCBI accession No. AAI61811.1.

[0055]

The extracellular domain of cynomolgus monkey CADM3 refers to the amino acid sequence from position 23 to position 328 in the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID

20 NO: 56 or NCBI accession No. NP_001270618.1.

[0056]

It can be confirmed that the CADM3-binding molecule of the invention binds to the extracellular domain of CADM3 by measuring the affinity of the CADM3-binding molecule of the invention for CADM3-expressing cells or a recombinant CADM3 protein using an

25 enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), flow cytometry, a surface plasmon resonance method, or the like. Further, it can also be confirmed using known immunological detection methods [Monoclonal Antibodies-Principles and practice, Third edition, Academic Press (1996), Antibodies-A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1988), Manual for monoclonal antibody experiments, Kodansha scientific books (1987)], and the like in

30 combination.

[0057]

The CADM3-binding molecule of the invention is a molecule having a property of accumulating in a brain by specifically binding to CADM3 in the brain, and for example, the

antibody of the invention is an antibody having a property of accumulating in a brain by binding to CADM3 in the brain. Further, the antibody of the invention is an antibody having a property of accumulating in a brain by penetrating through the blood-brain barrier in the brain from the periphery, migrating into the brain, and binding to CADM3 in the brain, when 5 administrating the antibody at the periphery of an animal. The antibody of the invention is preferably an antibody having an excellent property of accumulating in a brain or an antibody having an enhanced property of accumulating in a brain.

[0058]

10 In the invention, the “property of accumulating in a brain” refers to a property in which when a target subject is administered to a test animal, the target subject is retained in the brain. That is, it means that the concentration in the brain (or the amount in the brain) of the target subject increases or that the target subject exists at a fixed concentration to such an extent that it can be detected due to at least any one cause selected from an increase in migration into the brain, an increase in accumulation in the brain, a decrease in migration 15 from the inside to the outside of the brain, a decrease in efflux from the inside to the outside of the brain, and a decrease in decomposition in the brain.

[0059]

20 In the invention, the “having an excellent property of accumulating in a brain”, “having a high property of accumulating in a brain”, or “having an enhanced property of accumulating in a brain” means that when a target subject is administered to a test animal, the concentration in the brain (or the amount in the brain) of the target subject after the elapse of the same number of days from the administration increases as compared with that of the control, or the target subject exists at a fixed concentration (amount) to such an extent that it can be detected for a long time in the brain.

25 [0060]

Such a phenomenon occurs due to at least any one cause of an increase in migration of the target subject into the brain, an increase in accumulation in the brain, a decrease in migration from the inside to the outside of the brain, a decrease in efflux from the inside to the outside of the brain, and a decrease in decomposition in the brain as compared with the 30 control.

[0061]

In the invention, the “having an excellent property of accumulating in a brain”, “having a high property of accumulating in a brain”, or “having an enhanced property of

“accumulating in a brain” comprises, for example, that when the target subject is administered to a test animal, the concentration (amount) in the brain of the target subject 1 to 10 days after the administration, preferably 2 to 10 days, 3 to 10 days, and more preferably 4 to 10 days after the administration is higher as compared with that of the control, or the concentration in the brain (or the amount in the brain) of the target subject reaches its peak on day 4 or later after the administration, preferably on day 5 or later, day 6 or later, day 7 or later, day 8 or later, day 9 or later, and more preferably on day 10 or later after the administration, and the like.

[0062]

10 The antibody having an excellent property of accumulating in a brain, the antibody having a high property of accumulating in a brain, or the antibody having an enhanced property of accumulating in a brain may be any antibody as long as the antibody is an antibody whose antibody concentration (antibody amount) in the brain is higher than that of a control antibody or an antibody having a characteristic capable of existing in the brain for a long time.

[0063]

20 For example, an antibody having a characteristic that the migration ability into the brain and/or the accumulation ability in the brain is higher than that of a control antibody, a characteristic that the migration ability from the inside to the outside of the brain, the efflux ability and/or the decomposition ability in the brain is lower than that of a control antibody, and a characteristic that the migration ability into the brain and/or the accumulation ability in the brain is higher than the migration ability from the inside to the outside of the brain, the efflux ability, and/or the decomposition ability in the brain, or the like is exemplified.

[0064]

25 Therefore, as the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention, when the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof is administered to an animal, an antibody or an antibody fragment thereof whose antibody concentration (or antibody amount) in the brain after the elapse of the same number of days from the administration is higher than that of a control antibody or an antibody or an antibody fragment thereof capable of existing in the brain for a long time, or the like is exemplified.

[0065]

The change in the antibody concentration (or the antibody amount) in the brain may be any change, and for example, a case where after the antibody concentration in the brain has

once reached its peak during the measurement period, the antibody concentration gradually decreases, a case where after the antibody concentration in the brain has reached its peak, the antibody concentration is continuously maintained, or a case where the antibody concentration in the brain continues to increase after administering the antibody, or the like is exemplified.

[0066]

As the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention, for example, an antibody whose antibody concentration or antibody amount in the brain is higher than that of a control antibody on day 4 or day 10 after the administration to a rat, an antibody whose antibody concentration or antibody amount in the brain is maintained or increases during a period from day 4 to day 10 after the administration to a rat, or an antibody whose existence in the brain can be clearly confirmed even on day 10 or later after the administration to a rat, or the like is exemplified, but it is not limited thereto.

[0067]

The control antibody may be any antibody as long as the control antibody is an antibody of the same type or subclass as that of the test antibody, but for example, an anti-avermectin (AVM) antibody or the like can be used.

[0068]

In the invention, as the “in the brain”, for example, in the brain parenchyma, in the cerebral ventricle, in the cerebrospinal fluid, or the like is exemplified, but it is not limited thereto.

[0069]

By immunoelectron microscopy, staining of CADM3 is confirmed, for example, at a parallel fiber terminal of a granule cell, a contact site between a parallel fiber terminal and a parallel fiber axon, and a contact site between a parallel fiber terminal and a glial cell process (NPL 26). Therefore, as one aspect of the CADM3-binding molecule of the invention, a molecule which has affinity for neurons by specifically binding to CADM3 in neurons and/or nerve tissues, thereby having a property of accumulating in a brain is exemplified. As one aspect of the antibody of the invention, for example, an antibody which has affinity for neurons by binding to CADM3 in neurons and/or nerve tissues, thereby having a property of accumulating in a brain is exemplified.

[0070]

In the invention, as a method for administering an antibody to an animal, for

example, intravenous administration, intraventricular administration, intraperitoneal administration, subcutaneous administration, intradermal administration, intranasal administration, intrathecal administration, or the like is exemplified, but it is not limited thereto.

5 [0071]

In the invention, as a method for measuring the property of accumulating in a brain of an antibody, for example, a method in which a brain tissue is collected several days after administering an antibody to an animal, followed by homogenization and centrifugation, and then, the antibody concentration in the resulting supernatant is measured, and the antibody amount per unit brain weight is calculated, a method in which the existence of an antibody is detected by a known immunological method using a collected brain tissue, a method in which a labeled antibody is administered to an animal and the existence of the antibody is detected over time using an *in vivo* imaging system, or the like is exemplified.

[0072]

15 As the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention, an antibody or an antibody fragment selected from the group consisting of the following (a) to (x) is exemplified. Among these, (d), (j), (o), or (t) is preferred from the viewpoint of the property of accumulating in a brain of the antibody and the antibody amount in the brain.

20 (a) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 23, 24, and 25, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 28, 29, and 30, respectively

25 (b) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 34, 35, and 36, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 38, 39, and 40, respectively

(c) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VHH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, and 5, respectively

30 (d) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VHH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 8, 9, and 10, respectively

(e) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of

VHH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 13, 14, and 15, respectively

(f) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VHH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 18, 19, and 20,

5 respectively

(g) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 89, 90, and 91, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 94, 95, and 96, respectively

10 (h) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 99, 100, and 101, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively

15 (i) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 104, 105, and 106, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively

20 (j) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 109, 110, and 111, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively

25 (k) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 114, 115, and, 116, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively

(l) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 119, 120, and 121, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively

30 (m) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 124, 125, and 126, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively

(n) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 129, 130, and 131, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively

5 (o) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 139, 140, and 141, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively

10 (p) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 144, 145, and 146, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively

15 (q) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 149, 150, and 151, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively

20 (r) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 154, 155, and 156, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively

(s) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 159, 160, and 161, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively

25 (t) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 169, 170, and 171, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 174, 175, and 176, respectively

30 (u) an antibody which competes for binding to CADM3 with at least one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t)

(v) an antibody which binds to an epitope comprising an epitope to which any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t) binds

(w) an antibody which binds to the same epitope as an epitope to which any one of

the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t) binds

(x) an antibody which comprises an amino acid sequence having 85% or more homology with the amino acid sequence of any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t)

5 [0073]

As the antibody of the invention, an antibody which comprises the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH and CDR1 to CDR3 of VL of an antibody having 85% or more, preferably 90% or more homology with the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH and CDR1 to CDR3 of VL of any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t) is comprised. The 90% or more homology is more preferably 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% homology, or the like.

10 [0074]

In the invention, as one aspect of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t), a CADM301 antibody, a CADM3102 antibody, a CADM3219 antibody, a CADM3301 antibody, a CADM3309 antibody, a CADM3312 antibody, a CADM3314 antibody, a CADM3316 antibody, a CADM3349 antibody, a CADM3351 antibody, a CADM3402 antibody, a CADM3404 antibody, a CADM3432 antibody, a CADM3448 antibody, a CADM3458 antibody, and a CADM3501 antibody, each as a human anti-CADM3 monoclonal antibody, and an iCADM3-3R1-L5 antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L8 antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L10 antibody, and an iCADM3-3R1-L11 antibody, each as an alpaca anti-CADM3 monoclonal VHH antibody, are exemplified. Among these, a CADM3312 antibody, a CADM3402 antibody, a CADM3502 antibody, or an iCADM3-3R1-L8 antibody is preferred from the viewpoint of the property of accumulating in a brain of the antibody and the antibody amount in the brain.

15 20 25 [0075]

Additional examples thereof comprise a human chimeric antibody and a humanized antibody produced from any of the above-mentioned monoclonal antibodies by a genetic recombination technique, and the like. Specific examples thereof also comprise an iCADM3-3R1-L8_01 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L8_02 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L8_03 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L8_04 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L11_01 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L11_02 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L11_03 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L11_04 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L11_05 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L11_06

humanized antibody, and the like.

[0076]

In the invention, the antibody (u) refers to a second antibody which inhibits binding of a first antibody to CADM3 when any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t) is defined as the first antibody.

[0077]

In the invention, the antibody (w) refers to a second antibody which binds to a second epitope comprising a first epitope when any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t) is defined as a first antibody, and an epitope to which the first antibody binds is defined as the first epitope.

[0078]

Further, the antibody (x) of the invention refers to a second antibody which binds to a first epitope when any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t) is defined as a first antibody, and an epitope to which the first antibody binds is defined as the first epitope.

[0079]

In addition, as the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention, specifically, an antibody or an antibody fragment selected from the group consisting of the following (1) to (31) is also exemplified. Among these, (4), (20), (25), or (30) is preferred from the viewpoint of the property of accumulating in a brain of the antibody and the antibody amount in the brain.

(1) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 22 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 27

(2) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 32 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 37

(3) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 2

(4) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 7

(5) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 12

(6) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 17

(7) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 68

5 (8) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 70

(9) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 72

10 (10) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 74

(11) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 76

(12) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 78

15 (13) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 80

(14) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 82

20 (15) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 84

(16) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 86

(17) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 88 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL

25 comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 93

(18) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 98 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133

30 (19) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 103 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133

(20) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 108 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL

comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133

(21) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 113 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133

5 (22) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 118 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133

(23) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 123 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133

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(24) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 128 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133

15 (25) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 138 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163

(26) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 143 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163

20 (27) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 148 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163

(28) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 153 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163

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(29) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 158 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163

(30) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 168 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 173

(31) an antibody which comprises an amino acid sequence having 85% or more homology with the amino acid sequence of any one of the antibodies or the antibody

fragments described in (1) to (30)

[0080]

As the antibody of the invention, an antibody which comprises the amino acid sequences of VH and VL of an antibody having 85% or more, preferably 90% or more homology with the amino acid sequences of VH and VL of any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (1) to (30) is comprised. The 90% or more homology is more preferably 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% homology, or the like.

[0081]

In the invention, as one aspect of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (1) to (31), a CADM301 antibody, a CADM3102 antibody, a CADM3219 antibody, a CADM3301 antibody, a CADM3309 antibody, a CADM3312 antibody, a CADM3314 antibody, a CADM3316 antibody, a CADM3349 antibody, a CADM3351 antibody, a CADM3402 antibody, a CADM3404 antibody, a CADM3432 antibody, a CADM3448 antibody, a CADM3458 antibody, and a CADM3501 antibody, each as a human anti-CADM3 monoclonal antibody, and an iCADM3-3R1-L5 antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L8 antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L10 antibody, and an iCADM3-3R1-L11 antibody, each as an alpaca anti-CADM3 monoclonal VHH antibody, are exemplified. Among these, a CADM3312 antibody, a CADM3402 antibody, a CADM3502 antibody, or an iCADM3-3R1-L8 antibody is preferred from the viewpoint of the property of accumulating in a brain of the antibody and the antibody amount in the brain.

[0082]

Additional examples thereof comprise a human chimeric antibody and a humanized antibody produced from any of the above-mentioned monoclonal antibodies by a genetic recombination technique, and the like. Specific examples thereof also comprise a humanized antibody in which at least one amino acid residue at a position selected from position 6, position 27, position 37, position 44, position 45, position 47, position 49, position 79, and position 98 in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 177 are substituted, a humanized antibody in which at least one amino acid residue at a position selected from position 1, position 12, position 14, position 27, position 28, position 29, position 37, position 44, position 45, position 46, position 47, position 49, position 78, position 96, and position 97 in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 178 are substituted, a humanized antibody comprising at least one amino acid residue substitution among amino acid residue substitutions of substituting an amino acid residue at position 6 with Glu, an amino acid

residue at position 27 with Arg, an amino acid residue at position 37 with Phe, an amino acid residue at position 44 with Glu, an amino acid residue at position 45 with Arg, an amino acid residue at position 47 with Phe, an amino acid residue at position 49 with Ala, an amino acid residue at position 79 with Val, and an amino acid residue at position 98 with Ala in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 177, a humanized antibody comprising at least one amino acid residue substitution among amino acid residue substitutions of substituting an amino acid residue at position 1 with Gln, an amino acid residue at position 12 with Val, an amino acid residue at position 14 with Ala, an amino acid residue at position 27 with Ser, an amino acid residue at position 28 with Ile, an amino acid residue at position 29 with Phe, an amino acid residue at position 37 with Tyr, an amino acid residue at position 44 with Gln, an amino acid residue at position 45 with Arg, an amino acid residue at position 46 with Gly, an amino acid residue at position 47 with Leu, an amino acid residue at position 49 with Ala, an amino acid residue at position 78 with Val, an amino acid residue at position 96 with Asn, and an amino acid residue at position 97 with Ala in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 178, an iCADM3-3R1-L8_01 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L8_02 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L8_03 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L8_04 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L11_01 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L11_02 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L11_03 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L11_04 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L11_05 humanized antibody, an iCADM3-3R1-L11_06 humanized antibody, and the like.

[0083]

In the invention, the EU index refers to the position of an amino acid residue according to Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest, Fifth edition (1991). The positions of the amino acid residues shown below all indicate the positions of the amino acid residues according to the EU index unless otherwise specified.

[0084]

An antibody molecule is also called an immunoglobulin (Ig), and its basic structure is a tetramer having two polypeptides called heavy chains (H chains) and two polypeptides called light chains (L chains).

30 [0085]

Further, each H chain is composed of respective domains of a variable domain of an H chain (also referred to as VH) and a constant domain of an H chain (also referred to as CH) from the N-terminal side, and each L chain is composed of respective domains of a variable

domain of an L chain (also referred to as VL) and a constant domain of an L chain (also referred to as CL) from the N-terminal side.

[0086]

As the CH, α , δ , ε , γ , and μ chains are known for each subclass. The CH is further 5 composed of respective domains of a CH1 domain, a hinge domain, a CH2 domain, and a CH3 domain from the N-terminal side.

[0087]

The domain refers to a functional structural unit which constitutes each polypeptide of an antibody molecule. Further, the CH2 domain and the CH3 domain are collectively 10 referred to as an Fc (Fragment, crystallizable) region or simply Fc. As the CL, a $C\lambda$ chain and a $C\kappa$ chain are known.

[0088]

The subclasses of an antibody in which the CH is α , δ , ε , γ , and μ chains are referred to as IgA, IgD, IgE, IgG, and IgM, respectively. There sometimes exist isotypes for 15 a subclass of each antibody depending on the animal. In a human, there are IgA1 and IgA2 isotypes for IgA, and there are IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, and IgG4 isotypes for IgG.

[0089]

In the invention, the CH1 domain, the hinge domain, the CH2 domain, the CH3 domain, and the Fc region can be specified by numbers of amino acid residues from the N- 20 terminus according to the EU index.

[0090]

Specifically, CH1 is specified as the amino acid sequence at positions 118 to 215 according to the EU index, the hinge is specified as the amino acid sequence at positions 216 to 230 according to the EU index, CH2 is specified as the amino acid sequence at positions 25 231 to 340 according to the EU index, CH3 is specified as the amino acid sequence at positions 341 to 447 according to the EU index, and the Fc region is specified as the amino acid sequence at positions 231 to 447 according to the EU index.

[0091]

As the antibody of the invention, a polyclonal antibody, a monoclonal antibody, and 30 an oligoclonal antibody are all comprised. The polyclonal antibody refers to a group of antibody molecules secreted by antibody-producing cells of different clones. The monoclonal antibody is an antibody secreted by antibody-producing cells of a single clone, and refers to an antibody, which recognizes only one epitope (also referred to as an antigenic

determinant), and in which the amino acid sequence (primary sequence) constituting the monoclonal antibody is uniform. The oligoclonal antibody refers to a group of antibody molecules in which a plurality of different monoclonal antibodies are mixed.

[0092]

5 As the monoclonal antibody in the invention, an antibody produced by a hybridoma or a genetically recombinant antibody produced by a transformant transformed with an expression vector comprising an antibody gene is exemplified.

[0093]

10 As the epitope, a single amino acid sequence, a conformation composed of an amino acid sequence, a conformation composed of an amino acid sequence, an amino acid sequence modified after translation, and a conformation composed of an amino acid sequence modified after translation, each of which the monoclonal antibody recognizes and binds to, and the like are exemplified.

[0094]

15 As the amino acid sequence modified after translation, an O-linked glycan in which a glycan is attached to Tyr and Ser having an OH substituent, an N-linked glycan in which a glycan is attached to Gln and Asn having an NH₂ substituent, and a tyrosine-sulfated amino acid sequence in which a sulfuric acid molecule is attached to Tyr having an OH substituent are exemplified.

20 [0095]

The epitope of CADM3 to which the antibody of the invention binds can be identified by performing an antibody binding test using a deletion variant in which some domains of CADM3 are deleted, a mutant in which some domains of CADM3 are substituted with domains derived from another protein, a partial peptide fragment of CADM3, or the like.

25 Further, the antibody binding test can also be performed using cells expressing the deletion variant or the mutant.

[0096]

Alternatively, the epitope of CADM3 to which the antibody of the invention binds can also be identified by adding the antibody of the invention to peptide fragments of CADM3 obtained by digestion using a protease and performing epitope mapping using known mass spectrometry.

[0097]

As the antibody of the invention, genetically recombinant antibodies such as a

mouse antibody, a rat antibody, a hamster antibody, a rabbit antibody, a llama antibody, a camel antibody, an alpaca antibody, a chimeric antibody, a humanized antibody (also referred to as a “CDR-grafted antibody”), and a human antibody produced by a genetic recombination technique are also comprised.

5 [0098]

In the invention, the chimeric antibody refers to an antibody in which VH and VL are derived from an animal species different from that of CH and CL. An antibody composed of VH and VL of an antibody of an animal other than a human (a non-human animal) and CH and CL of a human antibody is called a human chimeric antibody, and an antibody composed of VH and VL of an antibody of an animal other than a mouse and CH and CL of a mouse antibody is called a mouse chimeric antibody. Other chimeric antibodies are also named in the same manner.

10 [0099]

15 As the non-human animal, any animal such as a mouse, a rat, a hamster, a rabbit, a llama, a camel, or an alpaca can be used as long as it is an animal capable of producing a hybridoma or an antibody phage library.

100 [0100]

20 The hybridoma refers to a cell which is obtained by cell fusion of a B cell obtained by immunizing a non-human animal with an antigen and a myeloma cell derived from a mouse or the like and which produces a monoclonal antibody having a desired antigen specificity.

[0101]

25 An antibody phage library refers to a library produced by cloning a gene of an immunoglobulin variable region into a phage and expressing an antigen-binding molecule on its surface. As the phage used, M13 phage or the like is exemplified, but it is not particularly limited.

[0102]

The antigen-binding molecule which is displayed on a phage may be in any form, but is preferably an antibody fragment such as scFv, Fab, or VHH.

30 [0103]

In the invention, the antibody phage library may be any library of an immune library, a naive library, and a synthetic library.

[0104]

The immune library refers to an antibody phage library constructed based on an antibody gene derived from lymphocytes of an animal immunized with an antigen or a patient. The naive library refers to an antibody phage library constructed based on an antibody gene derived from lymphocytes of a normal animal or a healthy human. The 5 synthetic library refers to a library in which CDR of a V gene in a genomic DNA or a reconstructed functional V gene is substituted with an oligonucleotide encoding a random amino acid sequence of an appropriate length.

[0105]

As a method for producing a chimeric antibody, a method for producing a human 10 chimeric antibody will be described below. Other chimeric antibodies can also be produced in the same manner.

[0106]

The human chimeric antibody can be produced by obtaining cDNAs encoding VH and VL from a hybridoma derived from a non-human animal cell which produces a 15 monoclonal antibody, inserting each of the cDNAs into an expression vector for animal cells having DNAs encoding CH and CL of a human antibody, thereby constructing a human chimeric antibody expression vector, and then introducing the vector into an animal cell and expressing the antibody.

[0107]

20 Further, the human chimeric antibody can also be produced by cloning genes encoding VH and VL from an antibody phage library derived from a non-human animal, inserting each of the genes into an expression vector for animal cells having DNAs encoding CH and CL of a human antibody, thereby constructing a human chimeric antibody expression vector, and then introducing the vector into an animal cell and expressing the antibody.

25 [0108]

The humanized antibody refers to an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDRs of VH and VL of a non-human animal antibody are grafted into the corresponding CDRs of VH and VL of a human antibody. A region other than the CDRs of VH and VL is called FR.

30 [0109]

The humanized antibody can be produced by constructing a cDNA encoding the amino acid sequence of VH composed of the amino acid sequence of CDR of VH of a non-human animal antibody and the amino acid sequence of FR of VH of an arbitrary human

antibody, and a cDNA encoding the amino acid sequence of VL composed of the amino acid sequence of CDR of VL of a non-human animal antibody and the amino acid sequence of FR of VL of an arbitrary human antibody, inserting each of the cDNAs into an expression vector for animal cells having DNAs encoding CH and CL of a human antibody, thereby

5 constructing a humanized antibody expression vector, and then introducing the vector into an animal cell and expressing the antibody.

[0110]

The human antibody originally refers to an antibody that naturally exists in the human body, but also comprises antibodies obtained from a human antibody phage library or

10 a human antibody-producing transgenic animal, and the like.

[0111]

The human antibody can be obtained by immunizing a mouse having a human immunoglobulin gene (Tomizuka K. *et al.*, Proc Natl Acad Sci USA. 97, 722-7, 2000.) with a desired antigen. In addition, the human antibody can be obtained without immunization by

15 selecting a human antibody having a desired binding activity using a phage display library obtained by amplifying an antibody gene from human-derived B cells (Winter G. *et al.*, Annu Rev Immunol. 12: 433-55. 1994).

[0112]

Further, the human antibody can be obtained by producing cells which produce a

20 human antibody having a desired binding activity by immortalizing human B cells using an EB virus (Rosen A. *et al.*, Nature 267, 52-54. 1977).

[0113]

The human antibody phage library is a library of phages in which an antibody fragment such as Fab, scFv, or VHH is expressed on the surface thereof by inserting an

25 antibody gene prepared from lymphocytes of a human (a healthy human or a patient) into a phage gene. It is possible to collect a phage that expresses an antibody fragment having a desired antigen-binding activity from the library using a binding activity to a substrate onto which an antigen is immobilized as an index. The antibody fragment can also be further converted into a human antibody molecule composed of two complete H chains and two

30 complete L chains using a genetic engineering technique.

[0114]

The human antibody-producing transgenic animal refers to an animal in which a human antibody gene is incorporated into the chromosome of a host animal. Specifically, a

human antibody-producing transgenic animal can be produced by introducing a human antibody gene into a mouse ES cell, implanting the ES cell into an early embryo of another mouse and then allowing the embryo to develop into an animal.

[0115]

5 The production of the human antibody from the human antibody-producing transgenic animal can be performed by culturing a human antibody-producing hybridoma obtained by a general hybridoma production method to be performed using a mammal other than a human so as to produce and accumulate the human antibody in the culture, and purifying the antibody from the culture.

10 [0116]

The antibody of the invention comprises a heavy chain antibody composed only of a heavy chain. The heavy chain antibody refers to an antibody obtained from an animal of the family Camelidae such as a llama, a camel, and an alpaca or a genetically recombinant antibody produced based on the antibody.

15 [0117]

In the invention, the antibody fragment is a fragment of an antibody and refers to a fragment having an antigen-binding activity. Examples thereof comprise Fab, Fab', F(ab')₂, scFv, a diabody, dsFv, a peptide comprising a plurality of CDRs, VHH, and the like. Further, the antibody fragment of the invention also comprises any antibody fragment as long as the 20 antibody fragment comprises a partial fragment of an antibody and has a CADM3 binding activity, such as an antibody fragment obtained by fusing the full length or a part of a constant region or Fc of an antibody to the antibody fragment or an antibody fragment comprising a constant region or Fc.

[0118]

25 The Fab is an antibody fragment, which has a molecular weight of about 50,000 and has an antigen-binding activity, and in which about a half of an H chain at the N-terminal side and the entire L chain are bound through a disulfide bond (S-S bond) among the fragments obtained by treating an IgG antibody with a protease papain (cleaved at an amino acid residue at position 224 in the H chain).

30 [0119]

The F(ab')₂ is an antibody fragment, which has a molecular weight of about 100,000 and has an antigen-binding activity, and is slightly larger than a molecule obtained by binding Fabs through an S-S bond in the hinge region among the fragments obtained by

treating IgG with a protease pepsin (cleaved at an amino acid residue at position 234 in the H chain).

[0120]

The Fab' is an antibody fragment, which has a molecular weight of about 50,000
5 and has an antigen-binding activity, and in which an S-S bond in the hinge region of the above
F(ab')₂ is cleaved.

[0121]

The scFv is a VH-P-VL or VL-P-VH polypeptide in which one VH and one VL are
linked using an appropriate peptide linker (P) such as a linker peptide obtained by connecting
10 an arbitrary number of linkers (G4S) composed of four Gly residues and one Ser residue, and
is an antibody fragment having an antigen-binding activity.

[0122]

The diabody is an antibody fragment in which scFvs having the same or different
antigen-binding specificities form a dimer, and is an antibody fragment having a divalent
15 antigen-binding activity to the same antigen or antigen-binding activities specific for different
antigens.

[0123]

The dsFv is an antibody fragment, which is obtained by binding polypeptides in
which one amino acid residue in each of VH and VL is substituted with a cysteine residue
20 through an S-S bond between the cysteine residues, and which has an antigen-binding activity.

[0124]

The peptide comprising CDR is configured to comprise at least one or more regions
of CDRs of VH or VL, and is an antibody fragment having an antigen-binding activity. In a
peptide comprising a plurality of CDRs, the CDRs can be bound directly or through an
25 appropriate peptide linker. As the peptide comprising CDR of the invention, a peptide
comprising six CDRs derived from the antibody of the invention is exemplified.

[0125]

The peptide comprising CDR can be produced by constructing DNAs encoding
CDRs of VH and VL of the antibody of the invention, inserting the DNAs into an expression
30 vector for a prokaryote or an expression vector for a eukaryote, and then introducing the
expression vector into a prokaryote or a eukaryote and expressing the peptide. In addition,
the peptide comprising CDR can also be produced by a chemical synthesis method such as an
Fmoc method or a tBoc method.

[0126]

The VH is a variable domain of a heavy chain antibody and is also called a nanobody. The antibody fragment of the invention comprises any antibody fragment as long as the antibody fragment comprises any of the antibody fragments described above or a partial 5 fragment thereof and has a CADM3 binding activity.

[0127]

In the invention, an antibody having one antigen-binding site or an antibody fragment thereof is called a monovalent antibody. Examples of the format of a monovalent antibody comprise the formats of an antibody having one antigen-binding site or an antibody 10 fragment thereof described in WO 2014/054804, WO 2011/090754, WO 2007/048037, WO 2012/116927, and the like, and other formats.

[0128]

In the invention, an antibody of one molecule which binds to three or more different antigens or epitopes or an antibody fragment thereof is called a multispecific antibody. In 15 addition, in the invention, an antibody of one molecule which binds to two different antigens or epitopes or an antibody fragment thereof is called a bispecific antibody.

[0129]

Examples of the formats of a multispecific antibody or a bispecific antibody comprise the formats described in WO 2009/131239, WO 2014/054804, WO 01/077342, US 20 Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0071675, WO 2007/024715, Wu *et al.*, [Nature Biotechnology, 2007, 25(11), pp.1290-1297], Labrijn *et al.*, [PNAS 2013, vol. 110, no. 13, pp. 5145-5150], Jong *et al.*, [<http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pbio.1002344>], Kontermann *et al.*, [mAbs 2012, vol. 4, issue 2, pp. 182-197], Spiess *et al.*, [Molecular Immunology 67 (2015) 95-106], Ridgway *et al.*, [Protein engineering, 1996 vol. 9, no. 7, pp. 617-621, WO 25 2009/080251, WO 2010/151792, WO 2014/033074, and the like, and other formats.

[0130]

Specific examples of the bispecific antibody comprise the bispecific antibodies described below, and the like.

(1) A bispecific antibody in which amino acid modifications S354C/T366W are 30 introduced into CH3 of one heavy chain (heavy chain A) of the two heavy chains of an antibody and amino acid modifications Y349C/T366S/L368A/Y407V are introduced into CH3 of the other heavy chain (heavy chain B).

(2) A bispecific antibody in which an antibody fragment is fused to the C-terminus

of an antibody.

(3) A bispecific antibody in which an antibody fragment is fused to the N-terminus of an antibody.

[0131]

5 The bispecific antibody described in (1) may be a bispecific antibody in which the antigen-binding site comprising VH of the heavy chain A binds to CADM3 and in which the antigen-binding site comprising VH of the heavy chain B binds to an antigen present in the brain or a bispecific antibody in which the antigen-binding sites bind the other way around.

[0132]

10 Examples of the bispecific antibody described in (2) comprise a bispecific antibody in which an antibody fragment is bound to the C-terminus of one of the two heavy chains constituting an antibody, a bispecific antibody in which an antibody fragment is bound to the C-termini of both two heavy chains constituting an antibody, a bispecific antibody in which an antibody fragment is bound to the C-terminus of one of the two light chains constituting an antibody, a bispecific antibody in which an antibody fragment is bound to the C-termini of both two light chains constituting an antibody, a bispecific antibody in which an antibody fragment is bound to each of the C-termini of the two light chains and the C-termini of the two heavy chains constituting an antibody, and the like. Note that an appropriate linker may be present between the C-terminus of the antibody and the antibody fragment.

15 [0133]

The antibody fragment comprised in the bispecific antibody described in (2) is preferably scFv, Fab, VHH, or the like, but is not particularly limited thereto.

[0134]

20 The bispecific antibody described in (2) may be a bispecific antibody in which the antigen-binding site at the N-terminus binds to CADM3 and in which the antigen-binding site at the C-terminus binds to an antigen present in the brain or a bispecific antibody in which the antigen-binding sites bind the other way around.

[0135]

25 The bispecific antibody described in (3) refers to a bispecific antibody in which an antibody fragment is bound to the N-terminus of at least any one of the two heavy chains or the two light chains constituting an antibody. Further, an appropriate linker may be present between the N-terminus of the heavy chain and/or the light chain of the antibody and the antibody fragment. The antibody fragment comprised in the bispecific antibody described in

(3) is preferably scFv, Fab, VHH, or the like, but is not particularly limited thereto.

[0136]

Further, examples of the bispecific antibody described in (3) comprise a bispecific antibody having a structure of VH₁-CH1-VH₂-CH1-Hinge-CH2-CH3 from the N-terminus of 5 a heavy chain, a bispecific antibody, which has the heavy chain structure described above, and in which VH₁ and VH₂ each form an antigen-binding site together with VL, and the like. The VLs with which VH₁ and VH₂ form antigen-binding sites may have the same amino acid sequence or different amino acid sequences.

[0137]

10 In the invention, the multispecific antibody or the bispecific antibody may be any antibody as long as the antibody is a multispecific antibody or a bispecific antibody which binds to CADM3. Among such antibodies, a multispecific antibody or a bispecific antibody which binds to CADM3 and an antigen present in the brain is preferred, and a multispecific antibody or a bispecific antibody comprising an antigen-binding site which binds to CADM3 15 and an antigen-binding site which binds to an antigen present in the brain is more preferred.

[0138]

In the invention, examples of the antigen present in the brain comprise a protein, a glycan, a lipid, and the like, and the antigen is preferably a protein among these.

[0139]

20 Examples of the protein present in the brain comprise Prion, 5T4, AFP, ADAM10, ADAM12, ADAM17, AFP, AXL, BCAM, BSG, C5, C5R, CA9, CA72-4, CADM3, CCL11, CCL2, CCR1, CCR4, CCR5, CCR6, CD2, CD3E, CD4, CD5, CD6, CD8, CD11, CD18, CD19, CD20, CD22, CD24, CD25, CD29, CD30, CD32B, CD33, CD37, CD38, CD40, CD40LG, CD44, CD47, CD52, CD55SC1, CD56, CD66E, CD71, CD72, CD74, CD79a, 25 CD79b, CD80, CD86, CD95, CD98, CD137, CD147, CD138, CD168, CD200, CD248, CD254, CD257, CDH2, CDH3, CEA, CEACAM1, CEACAM5, CEACAM6, CEACAM8, Claudin3, Claudin4, CSF-1, CSF2RA, CSPG-4, CSPG5, CTLA4, CRF-1, Cripto, CXCR4, CXCR5, DJ-1, DLL4, DR4, DR5, ED-B, EFNA2, EGFR, EGFRvIII, ETBR, ENPP3, EPCAM, EphA2, EphA4, EPOR, ERBB2, ERBB3, ERBB4, FAP α , FAS, Fc γ RI, FCER2, 30 FGFR1, FGFR2, FGFR3, FGFR4, FLT1, FOLH1, FOLR1, GDF2, GFR, GLP1R, glypican-3, GPNMB, GRP78, HAPLN4, HB-EGF, HGF, HLA-DR β , HMGB1, ICAM1, ICAM5, IFNA1, IFNB, IgE, IgE-Fc, IGF1R, IL10, IL12B, IL13, IL15, IL17A, IL1A, IL1B, IL2RA, IL4, IL5, IL5RA, IL6, IL6R, IL9, IL2R α , IL2R β , IL2R γ , INSR, ITGA2, ITGA2B2, ITGB3, ITGA4,

ITGB7, ITGA5, ITGAL, ITGAV, ITGB3, ITGB2, KDR, L1CAM, LAG3, LRP3, mesothelin, MAG, MMP14, MMP15, MOG, MST1R, MSTN, MUC1, MUC4, MUC16, MUC5AC, myostatin, NECTIN4, NCAN, NGF, NMDAR, NOTCH, NRG1, NRP, OX40, OX40L, P2Y6, PAR1, PDGFA, PDGFB, PDGFRA, PDGFRB, PD1, PDL1, PLP1, PSCA, PTPRZ, RET, 5 RGMA, SLAM7, SLC44A4, TAG-72, TCR, TGFB1, TGFB2, TGFBR, TIMP2, TLR9, TNF, TNFR, TNFRSF10A, TNFRSF10B, TNFRSF12A, TNFSF13, TNFSF14, TNFSF2, TNFSF7, TREM2, TRAILR2, TRKA, TRKB, TRKC, Transferrin, VEGF, VEGFR, VLA-4, CGRP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, Tau, FUS, Amyloid-beta (A β), APP, BACE1, Presenilin, LINGO-1, Nogo, Troy, polyQ, an androgen receptor, huntingtin, ataxin 1, ataxin 2, Phospho-Tau, 10 Phospho-alpha-synuclein, and the like, but the protein is not limited to these proteins.

[0140]

Examples of the glycan present in the brain comprise Lewis-x, Lewis-y, CD15, and the like, but the glycan is not limited to these glycans.

[0141]

15 Examples of the lipid present in the brain comprise GD1a, GD2, GD3, GM1, GM2, GM3, phosphatidylserine, and the like, but the lipid is not limited to these lipids.

[0142]

20 The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention also comprises an antibody comprising any amino acid modified after translation. Examples of the modification after translation comprise deletion of a lysine residue at the C-terminus of an H chain (lysine clipping), conversion of a glutamine residue at the N-terminus of a polypeptide into pyroglutamine (pyroGlu), and the like [Beck *et al.*, Analytical Chemistry, 85, 715-736 (2013)].

[0143]

25 In the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention, an amino acid modification of the Fc region may be performed. As the amino acid modification of the Fc region, for example, an amino acid modification for stabilizing the antibody or regulating the half-life in the blood, or the like is exemplified. Specific examples of the amino acid modification of the Fc region comprise those in WO 2006/033386, WO 2006/075668, WO 30 2011/122011, WO 2009/125825, and the like.

[0144]

The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention also comprises a fusion antibody or a fusion antibody fragment thereof modified by linking a desired molecule

to the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof. A method for modifying an antibody is not particularly limited, and any method can be used as long as the method can modify a desired amino acid residue and glycan.

[0145]

5 For example, chemical modification using a chemical reaction [Introduction to Antibody Engineering, Chijinshokan Co., Ltd. (1994), Kolb *et al.*, Angew Chem Int Ed Engl. 40. 2004-21, 2001], modification by a genetic engineering technique in which a recombinant protein expression vector is introduced into an appropriate host cell for expression using a genetic recombination technique, and the like are exemplified.

10 [0146]

In the invention, examples of the molecule for modifying the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof comprise a hydrophilic polymer, an amphipathic polymer, a functional molecule, and the like. Examples of the hydrophilic polymer and the amphipathic polymer comprise a polyoxyalkylene, a molecule comprising a polyol or a polysaccharide, and the like.

15 [0147]

20 In the invention, when the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof is modified with another molecule by chemical modification, as the modification site, a constant region of the antibody or the antibody fragment is exemplified, and in particular, a Cys residue at the C-terminus or the S-S bond site is preferred. It is also possible to introduce a residue that can be chemically modified later at an arbitrary position of the antibody or the antibody fragment in advance by a genetic engineering technique.

[0148]

25 Further, when the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof is directly modified with another molecule by a genetic engineering technique, as the modification site, the N-terminus or the C-terminus of a light chain or a heavy chain of the antibody or the antibody fragment is exemplified.

[0149]

30 Examples of the polyoxyalkylene comprise polyethylene glycol (PEG) composed of a linear or branched chain, polypropylene glycol, polypropylene ethylene glycol, and the like.

[0150]

Examples of the molecule comprising a polyol or a polysaccharide comprise linear or branched polysaccharides, in which glucose is polymerized, such as amylose, dextran,

pullulan, and glycogen, and the like. Further, the molecule is not limited to a homopolysaccharide, but may be a heteropolysaccharide.

[0151]

The molecular weight of the molecule comprising a hydrophilic polymer or an 5 amphipathic polymer is not particularly limited but is preferably 100 Da or more, and is preferably, for example, 100 Da to 100 kDa.

[0152]

10 Examples of the functional molecule comprise an antigen-binding molecule, a fragment of an antigen-binding molecule, a drug, a bioactive peptide, a bioactive protein, a nucleic acid, a radiolabeling compound, a glycan, a lipid, a fluorescent compound, and the like. A molecule with bispecificity as a result of modification with a functional molecule such as an antigen-binding molecule is a bispecific antibody.

[0153]

15 Examples of the antigen-binding molecule comprise an antibody, a receptor, a ligand, and the like.

[0154]

The fragment of an antigen-binding molecule may be any as long as the fragment is a fragment of the antigen-binding molecule and has an antigen-binding activity.

[0155]

20 Examples of the drug comprise anticancer agents such as an alkylating agent, a nitrosourea agent, an antimetabolite, an antiviral agent, an antibiotic, a plant alkaloid, a topoisomerase inhibitor, a tubulin polymerization inhibitor, a hormonal therapy agent, a hormone antagonist, an aromatase inhibitor, a P-glycoprotein inhibitor, a platinum complex derivative, an M-phase inhibitor, and a kinase inhibitor [Clinical oncology, Japanese Journal 25 of Cancer and Chemotherapy (1996)], anti-inflammatory agents such as a steroid agent, a nonsteroidal agent, an immunomodulatory agent, an immunosuppressive agent, and an antihistamine agent [Inflammation and anti-inflammatory therapy, Ishiyaku Publishers, Inc. (1982)], and the like.

[0156]

30 More specific examples thereof comprise mertansine, emtansine, amifostine (Ethylol), cisplatin, dacarbazine (DTIC), dactinomycin, mechlorethamine (nitrogen mustard), streptozocin, cyclophosphamide, ifosfamide, carmustine (BCNU), lomustine (CCNU), doxorubicin (Adriamycin), epirubicin, gemcitabine (Gemzar), daunorubicin, procarbazine,

mitomycin, cytarabine, etoposide, 5-fluorouracil, fluorouracil, vinblastine, vincristine, bleomycin, daunomycin, peplomycin, estramustine, paclitaxel (Taxol), docetaxel (Taxotere), Aldesleukin, asparaginase, busulfan, carboplatin, oxaliplatin, nedaplatin, cladribine, camptothecin, 10-hydroxy-7-ethyl-camptothecin (SN38), floxuridine, fludarabine, 5 hydroxyurea, idarubicin, mesna, irinotecan (CPT-11), nogitecan, mitoxantrone, topotecan, leuprolide, megestrol, melphalan, mercaptopurine, hydroxycarbamide, plicamycin, mitotane, pegaspargase, pentostatin, pipobroman, streptozocin, tamoxifen, goserelin, leuprorelin, flutamide, teniposide, testolactone, thioguanine, thiotepe, uracil mustard, vinorelbine, chlorambucil, hydrocortisone, prednisolone, methylprednisolone, vindesine, nimustine, 10 semustine, capecitabine, Tomudex, azacitidine, UFT, oxaliplatin, gefitinib (Iressa), imatinib (ST1571), erlotinib, an FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3 (Flt3) inhibitor, a vascular endothelial growth factor receptor (VEGFR) inhibitor, a fibroblast growth factor receptor (FGFR) inhibitor, an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) inhibitor such as Tarceva, radicicol, 17-allylamino-17-demethoxygeldanamycin, rapamycin, amsacrine, all-trans retinoic acid, 15 thalidomide, lenalidomide, anastrozole, fadrozole, letrozole, exemestane, bucillamine, azathioprine, mizoribine, cyclosporine, rapamycin, hydrocortisone, bexarotene (Targretin), tamoxifen, dexamethasone, a progestin, an estrogen, anastrozole (Arimidex), Leuplin, aspirin, indomethacin, celecoxib, azathioprine, penicillamine, gold thiomalate, chlorpheniramine maleate, chloropheniramine, clemastine, tretinoin, arsenic, bortezomib, allopurinol, 20 calicheamicin, ibritumomab tiuxetan, targretin, ozogamicine, clarithromycin, leucovorin, ketoconazole, aminoglutethimide, suramin, methotrexate, maytansinoid, and the like, and may also comprise derivatives thereof.

[0157]

Examples of a method for linking the drug and the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof comprise a method for linking the drug and an amino group of the antibody through glutaraldehyde, a method for linking an amino group of the drug and a carboxyl group of the antibody through water-soluble carbodiimide, and the like in addition to the above-mentioned method.

[0158]

30 Examples of the bioactive peptide or the bioactive protein comprise interferon (IFN)- α , IFN- β , IFN- γ , interleukin (IL)-2, IL-12, IL-15, IL-18, IL-21, IL-23, a granulocyte colony stimulating factor (G-CSF), a granulocyte/macrophage colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), a macrophage colony stimulating factor (M-CSF), a cytokine or a growth factor which

activates immunocompetent cells such as NK cells, macrophages, or neutrophils, proteases such as hydrolase, lyase, and isomerase, enzymes such as acid sphingomyelinase and glucocerebrosidase, toxins comprising bacterial toxins and phytotoxins such as ricin, diphtheria toxin, or ONTAK, and the like, an antimicrobial peptide having a cell membrane 5 damaging activity, a peptide having cell membrane affinity or cell membrane permeability, derivatives thereof, and the like.

[0159]

The nucleic acid may be any molecule as long as it is a molecule in which a nucleotide or a molecule having a function equivalent to that of the nucleotide is polymerized, 10 and examples thereof comprise a siRNA, a microRNA, an antisense RNA/DNA, a DNA aptamer, and the like.

[0160]

The radiolabeling compound may be any as long as it is a nuclide to be used for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, and examples thereof comprise ^3H , ^{14}C , ^{32}P , ^{33}P , ^{35}S , ^{51}Cr , 15 ^{57}CO , ^{18}F , ^{153}Gd , ^{159}Gd , ^{64}Cu , ^{68}Ge , ^{166}Ho , ^{115}In , ^{113}In , ^{112}In , ^{111}In , ^{131}I , ^{125}I , ^{123}I , ^{121}I , ^{140}La , ^{177}Lu , ^{54}Mn , ^{99}Mo , ^{103}Pd , ^{142}Pr , ^{149}Pm , ^{186}Re , ^{188}Re , ^{211}At , ^{105}Rh , ^{97}Ru , ^{153}Sm , ^{47}Sc , ^{75}Se , ^{85}Sr , ^{99}Tc , ^{201}Ti , ^{113}Sn , ^{117}Sn , ^{133}Xe , ^{169}Yb , ^{175}Yb , ^{90}Y , ^{65}Zn , and the like, or compounds comprising any of the nuclides.

[0161]

20 The radiolabeling compound can be directly linked to the antibody by a chloramine T method or the like. In addition, a substance that chelates the radiolabeling compound may be linked to the antibody. Examples of the chelating agent comprise 1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane tetraacetic acid (DOTA), 1-[2-(4-aminophenyl)ethyl]-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane tetraacetic acid (PA-DOTA), 1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclotridecane 25 tetraacetic acid (TRITA), diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid (DTPA), and the like, and an antibody modified with the chelating agent and a modified antibody labeled with the radiolabeling compound through the chelating agent are also comprised in the antibody of the invention.

30 [0162]

Examples of the glycan comprise a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, an oligosaccharide, and the like, and more specific examples thereof comprise fucose, mannose, glucose, allose, altose, gulose, idose, galactose, talose, ribose, arabinose, xylose, lyxose,

erythrose, erythrose, threose, cellobiose, maltose, isomaltose, lactose, lipoarabinomannan, Lewis X trisaccharide, sialyl-Lewis X tetrasaccharide, and the like. Further, the glycan may be a natural product comprising a glycan known as an immunoadjuvant, and examples thereof comprise $\beta(1\rightarrow3)$ glucan (lentinan or schizophyllan), α -galactosylceramide (KRN7000), and the like.

5 [0163]

Examples of the lipid comprise a simple lipid (neutral lipid), which is an ester of a fatty acid and any of various types of alcohols or an analogue thereof. Examples thereof comprise a fat (for example, triacylglycerol), a wax (for example, a fatty acid ester of a higher alcohol), a sterol ester, a cholesterol ester, a fatty acid ester or the like of a vitamin, a complex lipid having a polar group such as phosphoric acid, a saccharide, sulfuric acid, or an amine in addition to a fatty acid and an alcohol, for example, a phospholipid (for example, a glycerophospholipid, a sphingophospholipid, or the like) and a glycolipid (for example, a glyceroglycolipid, a sphingoglycolipid, or the like), a derived lipid which refers to a lipid-soluble compound among compounds produced by hydrolysis of a simple lipid or a complex lipid such as a fatty acid, a higher alcohol, a lipid-soluble vitamin, a steroid, a carbohydrate, and the like.

15 [0164]

Examples of the fluorescent compound comprise fluorescent dyes comprising fluorescein series such as fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC), rhodamine series such as rhodamine isothiocyanate (RITC), Cy3, Cy5, eosine series, Alexa Fluor series, NBD series, and the like, a light-emitting substance such as an acridinium ester or lophine, fluorescent proteins such as green fluorescent protein (GFP), and the like.

20 [0165]

25 To the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention, the hydrophilic polymer, the amphipathic polymer, or the functional molecule can be linked directly or through an appropriate linker. Examples of the linker comprise an ester, a disulfide, a hydrazone, a dipeptide, and the like.

[0166]

30 When a fusion antibody or a fusion antibody fragment is produced by modifying the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention by a genetic engineering technique, a fusion antibody or a fusion antibody fragment can be produced by linking a cDNA encoding a protein to a cDNA encoding an antibody, thereby constructing a DNA encoding the fusion

antibody or the fusion antibody fragment, inserting the DNA into an expression vector for a prokaryote or a eukaryote, introducing the expression vector into a prokaryote or a eukaryote, and expressing the fusion antibody or the fusion antibody fragment.

[0167]

5 The composition of the invention may be any as long as the composition comprises the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention. The composition may comprise an appropriate carrier or an additive such as a stabilizing agent in addition to the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof.

[0168]

10 Examples of the composition of the invention comprise a composition for detection or measurement comprising the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention, and the like. Examples of the composition of the invention comprise a pharmaceutical composition (therapeutic agent) comprising the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention as an active ingredient, and the like, and the composition is formulated into a
15 desired dosage form together with a pharmacologically acceptable carrier.

[0169]

20 In the invention, the composition for detection or measurement may be any composition as long as the composition comprises the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention and can detect or measure an antigen to which the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention specifically binds. As the antigen to which the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention specifically binds, CADM3, or CADM3 and an antigen present in the brain, or the like is exemplified.

[0170]

25 The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention has a property of binding to CADM3 in the brain and being accumulated in the brain when it is administered to an animal. Therefore, by using the composition for detection or measurement comprising the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, the antibody can be maintained in the brain, or the antibody concentration in the brain can be improved, so that CADM3 or CADM3 and an antigen present in the brain can be detected or measured for a long time, and/or CADM3 or
30 CADM3 and an antigen present in the brain can also be detected or measured with high sensitivity.

[0171]

For example, when the composition for detection or measurement is a composition

comprising a bispecific antibody which binds to CADM3 and an antigen present in the brain, CADM3 and the antigen present in the brain, to which the bispecific antibody binds, can be detected or measured for a long time, and/or CADM3 and the antigen present in the brain can be detected or measured with high sensitivity.

5 [0172]

Further, for example, when the composition for detection or measurement is a composition comprising a fusion antibody or a fusion antibody fragment thereof which is labeled with a radiolabeling compound or a fluorescent dye and which binds to CADM3, CADM3 can be detected or measured for a long time, and/or CADM3 can be detected or 10 measured with high sensitivity.

[0173]

The pharmaceutical composition (therapeutic agent) comprising the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention may be a therapeutic agent for any disease as long as the antigen to which the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention

15 specifically binds is expressed in the disease but is preferably a therapeutic agent for a brain disease.

[0174]

Examples of the brain disease comprise Alzheimer's disease, a prodromal stage of Alzheimer's disease, Huntington disease, Parkinson's disease, a brain tumor, multiple 20 sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple system atrophy, progressive supranuclear palsy, nigrostriatal degeneration, olivopontocerebellar atrophy, bulbospinal muscular atrophy, spinocerebellar degeneration, a cerebrovascular disorder, epilepsy, migraine, a hyperactivity disorder, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, corticobasal degeneration, a lysosomal storage disease, depression, dystonia, and the like.

25 [0175]

The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention has a property of binding to CADM3 in the brain and being accumulated in the brain when it is administered to an animal. Therefore, by using the therapeutic agent comprising the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof can be maintained in 30 the brain for a long time, and the antibody concentration in the brain can be improved, so that a therapeutic effect on the above-mentioned diseases can be exhibited.

[0176]

For example, when the therapeutic agent is a therapeutic agent comprising a fusion

antibody of an anti-CADM3 antibody of the invention, by delivering a fused molecule into the brain, a therapeutic effect of the molecule can be exhibited. Specifically, when the therapeutic agent is a therapeutic agent comprising a fusion antibody in which a drug, an enzyme, or the like is fused to an anti-CADM3 antibody, a therapeutic effect of the drug or 5 the enzyme can be exhibited, and when the therapeutic agent is a therapeutic agent comprising a bispecific antibody which binds to CADM3 and an antigen present in the brain, a therapeutic effect on a brain disease associated with the antigen, which is present in the brain, and to which the bispecific antibody binds, can be exhibited.

[0177]

10 Further, for example, when the therapeutic agent is a fusion antibody or a fusion antibody fragment which is modified with a low molecular weight drug and which binds to CADM3, a therapeutic effect on a brain disease targeted by the low molecular weight drug can be exhibited. At that time, the therapeutic effect is preferably higher when the therapeutic agent of the invention is used as compared with a case when the low molecular 15 weight drug is used alone.

[0178]

20 The therapeutic agent comprising the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention may be a therapeutic agent comprising only the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof as an active ingredient, however, in general, the therapeutic agent is desirably provided as a pharmaceutical preparation produced by mixing with one or more pharmacologically acceptable carriers using an arbitrary method known in the technical field 25 of pharmaceutics.

[0179]

30 As the route of administration, it is preferred to use the most effective route for the treatment, and examples thereof comprise oral administration or parenteral administration such as intraoral, intra-airway, intrarectal, subcutaneous, intradermal, intramuscular, intraventricular, intrathecal, intranasal, intraperitoneal, or intravenous administration, and intravenous or intraventricular administration or the like is particularly preferably exemplified. Examples of the dosage form comprise a spray, a capsule, a tablet, a powder, a granule, a syrup, an emulsion, a suppository, an injection, an ointment, a tape, and the like.

[0180]

The dose or the frequency of administration varies depending on an intended therapeutic effect, an administration method, a treatment duration, an age, a body weight, or

the like, but is generally 10 µg/kg to 20 mg/kg per day for an adult.

[0181]

Further, the invention also comprises a method for retaining an antibody in the brain, a method for enhancing the property of accumulating in a brain of an antibody, and a 5 method for increasing the antibody concentration (or the antibody amount) in the brain, each using the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention.

[0182]

Further, the invention also relates to a peptide which binds to CADM3, a nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding the peptide, a transformant cell comprising a 10 vector comprising the nucleic acid, a method for producing the peptide comprising culturing the transformant cell and collecting the peptide from the culture solution, a composition comprising the peptide, or a method for detecting or measuring an antigen present in the brain, a method for diagnosing or treating a brain disease, a method for enhancing the property of accumulating in a brain of a peptide, or a method for increasing the amount of the 15 peptide in the brain, each using the peptide or the composition.

[0183]

The peptide of the invention comprises a fusion peptide in which a peptide is modified.

[0184]

20 As for the definitions of various terms related to the peptide which binds to CADM3 and the like, the same ones as the definitions of the terms described for the antibody which binds to CADM3 and the like described above are used unless otherwise specified.

[0185]

25 Hereinafter, the method for producing the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention, the method for treating a disease, the method for diagnosing a disease, and the like will be specifically described.

[0186]

1. Method for Producing Antibody

(1) Preparation of Antigen

30 CADM3 to serve as an antigen or CADM3-expressing cells can be obtained by introducing an expression vector comprising a cDNA encoding the full length of CADM3 or a partial length thereof into *E. coli*, yeast, an insect cell, an animal cell, or the like. In addition, CADM3 can also be obtained by purifying CADM3 from various types of animal

cell lines, animal cells, animal tissues, and the like in which CADM3 is expressed in a large amount.

[0187]

Further, the animal cell lines, the animal cells, the animal tissues, and the like can 5 also be used as they are as an antigen. In addition, a synthetic peptide having a partial sequence of CADM3 is prepared using a chemical synthesis method such as an Fmoc method or a tBoc method and can also be used as an antigen.

[0188]

A known tag such as FLAG or His may be added to the C-terminus or the N-10 terminus of CADM3 or a synthetic peptide having a partial sequence of CADM3.

[0189]

CADM3 used in the invention can be produced using the method or the like described in Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (1989), Current Protocols In Molecular Biology, John Wiley & Sons (1987-15 1997) or the like, by, for example, expressing a DNA encoding CADM3 in a host cell by the following method.

[0190]

First, a recombinant vector is produced by inserting a full-length cDNA comprising a region encoding CADM3 downstream of a promoter in an appropriate expression vector.

20 A DNA fragment that has been prepared based on the full-length cDNA and has an appropriate length and comprises a region encoding a polypeptide may be used in place of the full-length cDNA. Subsequently, by introducing the obtained recombinant vector into a host cell suitable for the expression vector, a transformant which produces the polypeptide can be obtained.

25 [0191]

As the expression vector, any vector can be used as long as it can replicate autonomously or can be integrated into a chromosome in a host cell to be used and comprises a suitable promoter at a position capable of transcribing a DNA encoding the polypeptide.

As the host cell, any cell such as a microorganism belonging to the genus *Escherichia* such as 30 *E. coli*, yeast, an insect cell, an animal cell, or the like, can be used as long as a target gene can be expressed.

[0192]

In the case where a prokaryote such as *E. coli* is used as the host cell, the expression

vector is preferably a vector that can replicate autonomously in the prokaryote and also comprises a promoter, a ribosomal binding sequence, a DNA comprising a region encoding human CADM3, and a transcription termination sequence. In addition, although the transcription termination sequence is not essentially needed for the expression vector, the 5 transcription termination sequence is preferably located immediately downstream of a structural gene. Further, the recombinant vector may comprise a gene that controls the promoter.

[0193]

As the expression vector, it is preferred to use a plasmid in which a distance 10 between a Shine-Dalgarno sequence (also referred to as an SD sequence) that is a ribosomal binding sequence and a start codon is adjusted to an appropriate length (for example, 6 to 18 nucleotides).

[0194]

In addition, in the nucleotide sequence of the DNA encoding CADM3, a nucleotide 15 can be substituted so that a codon becomes optimum for expression in a host, and as a result, the production rate of target CADM3 can be improved.

[0195]

As the expression vector, any vector can be used as long as it can exhibit its function in a host cell to be used, and examples thereof comprise pBTrp2, pBTac1, pBTac2 20 (hereinabove manufactured by Roche Diagnostics K.K.), pKK233-2 (manufactured by Pharmacia Corporation), pSE280 (manufactured by Invitrogen, Inc.), pGEMEX-1 (manufactured by Promega Corporation), pQE-8 (manufactured by QIAGEN, Inc.), pKYP10 (JP-A-S58-110600), pKYP200 [Agricultural Biological Chemistry, 48, 669 (1984)], pLSA1 [Agric. Biol. Chem., 53, 277 (1989)], pGEL1 [Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 82, 4306 (1985)], 25 pBluescript II SK (-) (manufactured by Stratagene Corporation), pTrs30 [prepared from *E. coli* JM109/pTrs30 (FERM BP-5407)], pTrs32 [prepared from *E. coli* JM109/pTrs32 (FERM BP-5408)], pGHA2 [prepared from *E. coli* IGHA2 (FERM BP-400), JP-A-S60-221091], pGKA2 [prepared from *E. coli* IGKA2 (FERM BP-6798), JP-A-S60-221091], pTerm2 (US Patent No. 4,686,191, US Patent No. 4,939,094, and US Patent No. 160,735), pSupex, 30 pUB110, pTP5, pC194, pEG400 [J. Bacteriol., 172, 2392 (1990)], pGEX (manufactured by Pharmacia Corporation), pET System (manufactured by Novagen, Inc.), pME18SFL3, and the like.

[0196]

As the promoter, any promoter may be used as long as it can exhibit its function in a host cell to be used. For example, a promoter derived from *E. coli*, a phage, or the like such as a trp promoter (P_{trp}), a lac promoter, a PL promoter, a PR promoter, or a T7 promoter is exemplified. Further, for example, an artificially designed and modified promoter such as a 5 tandem promoter in which two P_{trp}'s are linked in series, a tac promoter, a lacT7 promoter, or a let I promoter, or the like is exemplified.

[0197]

Examples of the host cell comprise *E. coli* XL1-Blue, *E. coli* XL2-Blue, *E. coli* DH1, *E. coli* MC1000, *E. coli* KY3276, *E. coli* W1485, *E. coli* JM109, *E. coli* HB101, *E. coli* 10 No. 49, *E. coli* W3110, *E. coli* NY49, *E. coli* DH5 α , and the like.

[0198]

As a method for introducing a recombinant vector into a host cell, any method can be used as long as it is a method for introducing a DNA into a host cell to be used, and for example, a method using calcium ions [Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 69, 2110 (1972), Gene, 15 17, 107 (1982), and Molecular & General Genetics, 168, 111 (1979)] is exemplified.

[0199]

When an animal cell is used as a host, as the expression vector, any vector can be used as long as it can exhibit its function in the animal cell, and examples thereof comprise pcDNA1, pCDM8 (manufactured by Funakoshi Co., Ltd.), pAGE107 [JP-A-H3-22979; 20 Cytotechnology, 3, 133 (1990)], pAS3-3 (JP-A-H2-227075), pCDM8 [Nature, 329, 840 (1987)], pcDNA1/Amp (manufactured by Invitrogen, Inc.), pcDNA3.1 (manufactured by Invitrogen, Inc.), pREP4 (manufactured by Invitrogen, Inc.), pAGE103 [J. Biochemistry, 101, 1307 (1987)], pAGE210, pME18SFL3, pKANTEX93 (WO 97/10354), N5KG1val (US Patent 25 No. 6,001,358), INPEP4 (manufactured by Biogen-IDEC, Inc.), pCI (manufactured by Promega Corporation), a transposon vector (WO 2010/143698), and the like.

[0200]

As the promoter, any promoter can be used as long as it can exhibit its function in an animal cell, and examples thereof comprise a cytomegalovirus (CMV) immediate early (IE) gene promoter, an SV40 early promoter, a retrovirus promoter, a metallothionein 30 promoter, a heat-shock promoter, an SR α promoter, and a Moloney murine leukemia virus promoter or enhancer. In addition, a human CMV IE gene enhancer may be used together with the promoter.

[0201]

Examples of the host cell comprise a human leukemia cell Namalwa cell, a monkey cell COS cell, a Chinese hamster ovary cell CHO cell [Journal of Experimental Medicine, 108, 945 (1958); Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 60, 1275 (1968); Genetics, 55, 513 (1968); Chromosoma, 41, 129 (1973); Methods in Cell Science, 18, 115 (1996); Radiation Research, 5 148, 260 (1997); Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 77, 4216 (1980); Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 60, 1275 (1968); Cell, 6, 121 (1975); Molecular Cell Genetics, Appendix I, II (pp. 883-900)]; a dihydrofolate reductase gene (dhfr)-deficient CHO cell (CHO/DG44 cell) [Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 77, 4216 (1980)], CHO-K1 (ATCC CCL-61), DUkXB11 (ATCC CCL-9096), Pro-5 (ATCC CCL-1781), CHO-S (Life Technologies, Cat # 11619), Pro-3, a rat myeloma cell 10 YB2/3HL.P2.G11.16Ag.20 (or also called YB2/0), a mouse myeloma cell NS0, a mouse myeloma cell SP2/0-Ag14, a Syrian hamster cell BHK or HBT5637 (JP-A-S63-000299), and the like.

[0202]

As a method for introducing an expression vector into a host cell, any method can 15 be used as long as it is a method for introducing a DNA into an animal cell. Examples thereof comprise an electroporation method [Cytotechnology, 3, 133 (1990)], a calcium phosphate method (JP-A-H2-227075), a lipofection method [Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 84, 7413 (1987)], and the like.

[0203]

20 CADM3 can be produced by culturing a transformant derived from a microorganism, an animal cell, or the like having an expression vector incorporating a DNA encoding CADM3 obtained as described above in a culture medium so as to produce and accumulate the CADM3 in a culture solution, and then collecting the CADM3 from the culture solution. A method for culturing the transformant in a culture medium can be carried 25 out according to a conventional method used for culturing a host.

[0204]

In the case of being expressed in a cell derived from a eukaryote, CADM3 to which a sugar or a glycan is added can be obtained.

[0205]

30 When culturing a microorganism transformed with an expression vector using an inducible promoter, an inducer may be added to a culture medium as needed. For example, when a microorganism transformed with an expression vector using a lac promoter is cultured, isopropyl- β -D-thiogalactopyranoside or the like may be added to a culture medium,

and when a microorganism transformed with an expression vector using a trp promoter is cultured, indoleacrylic acid or the like may be added to a culture medium.

[0206]

Examples of the culture medium in which the transformant obtained using an animal cell as a host is cultured comprise RPMI 1640 medium [The Journal of the American Medical Association, 199, 519 (1967)], Eagle's MEM medium [Science, 122, 501 (1952)], Dulbecco's modified MEM medium [Virology, 8, 396 (1959)], Medium 199 [Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. Med., 73, 1 (1950)], Iscove's modified Dulbecco's medium (IMDM), which are generally used, or a culture medium in which fetal bovine serum (FBS) or the like is added to any of these culture media, and the like. The culture is usually carried out for 1 to 7 days under the conditions of pH 6 to 8 and 30 to 40°C in the presence of 5% CO₂, or the like. In addition, during the culture, an antibiotic such as kanamycin or penicillin may be added to the culture medium as needed.

[0207]

As a method for expressing a gene encoding CADM3, for example, a method such as secretory production or fusion protein expression [Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (1989)] is exemplified in addition to direct expression.

[0208]

Examples of a method for producing CADM3 comprise a method for producing CADM3 in a host cell, a method for secreting CADM3 out of a host cell, and a method for producing CADM3 on an outer membrane of a host cell, and an appropriate method can be selected by changing a host cell to be used or the structure of CADM3 to be produced.

[0209]

When CADM3 is produced in a host cell or on an outer membrane of a host cell, CADM3 can be actively secreted out of the host cell using the method of Paulson *et al.* [J. Biol. Chem., 264, 17619 (1989)], the method of Lowe *et al.* [Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA, 86, 8227 (1989), Genes Develop., 4, 1288 (1990)], or the method described in JP-A-H05-336963, WO 94/23021, or the like. In addition, the amount of production of CADM3 can also be increased by utilizing a gene amplification system using a dihydrofolate reductase gene or the like (JP-A-H2-227075).

[0210]

The obtained CADM3 can be isolated and purified, for example, as follows.

When CADM3 is expressed in cells in a dissolved state, the cells are collected by centrifugation after completion of the culture, suspended in an aqueous buffer solution, followed by homogenization of the cells using an ultrasonic homogenizer, a French press, a Manton Gaulin homogenizer, a Dyno mill, or the like, whereby a cell-free extract solution is obtained. It is possible to obtain a purified preparation from a supernatant obtained by centrifugation of the cell-free extract solution using methods such as conventional protein isolation and purification methods, that is, a solvent extraction method, a salting-out method using ammonium sulfate or the like, a desalting method, a precipitation method using an organic solvent, anion exchange chromatography using a resin such as diethylaminoethyl (DEAE)-Sepharose or DIAION HPA-75 (manufactured by Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation), cation exchange chromatography using a resin such as S-Sepharose FF (manufactured by Pharmacia Corporation), hydrophobic chromatography using a resin such as Butyl Sepharose or Phenyl Sepharose, a gel filtration method using a molecular sieve, affinity chromatography, chromatofocusing, electrophoresis such as isoelectric focusing electrophoresis, and the like alone or in combination.

[0211]

When CADM3 is expressed in cells by forming an insoluble body, the cells are collected and then homogenized in the same manner as described above, followed by centrifugation, whereby the insoluble body of the CADM3 is collected as a precipitated fraction. The collected insoluble body of the CADM3 is solubilized with a protein denaturing agent. The CADM3 is returned to a normal conformation by diluting or dialyzing the solubilized solution, and thereafter, a purified preparation of a polypeptide can be obtained by the same isolation and purification methods as described above.

[0212]

When CADM3 or a derivative such as a sugar-modified body thereof is extracellularly secreted, the CADM3 or the derivative such as a sugar-modified body thereof can be collected in a culture supernatant. The culture is subjected to a treatment using a method such as centrifugation in the same manner as described above, thereby obtaining a soluble fraction, and then, by using the same isolation and purification methods as described above, a purified preparation can be obtained from the soluble fraction.

[0213]

In addition, CADM3 used in the invention can also be produced using a chemical synthesis method such an Fmoc method or a tBoc method. Further, chemical synthesis can also be carried out using a peptide synthesizer manufactured by Advanced Chemtech, Inc., PerkinElmer, Inc., Pharmacia Corporation, Protein Technology Instrument, Inc., Synthecell-
5 Vega Biomolecules Corporation, Perceptive, Inc., Shimadzu Corporation, or the like.

[0214]

(2) Immunization of Animal and Preparation of Antibody-Producing Cells for Fusion

An animal such as a mouse, a rat, a rabbit, or a hamster at 3 to 20 weeks of age is immunized with the antigen obtained in (1), and antibody-producing cells in the spleen, the
10 lymph node, or the peripheral blood of the animal are collected. In addition, an animal such as a llama, an alpaca, or a camel can also be used as the animal to be immunized.

[0215]

The immunization is carried out by subcutaneously, intravenously, or intraperitoneally administering an antigen to an animal, for example, together with an
15 appropriate adjuvant such as a Freund's complete adjuvant, an aluminum hydroxide gel, or Bordetella pertussis vaccine. When the antigen is a partial peptide, a conjugate of the antigen with a carrier protein such as bovine serum albumin (BSA) or Keyhole Limpet hemocyanin (KLH) is produced and used as an immunogen.

[0216]

20 When a mouse or a rat is immunized, the administration of the antigen is carried out 5 to 10 times every 1 to 2 weeks after the first administration. On day 3 to 7 after each administration, the blood is collected from a venous plexus of the fundus, and the antibody titer of the serum thereof is measured using an enzyme immunoassay method [Antibodies - A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1988)] or the like. An animal whose
25 serum shows a sufficient antibody titer against the antigen used for the immunization is used as a supply source for the antibody-producing cells for fusion.

[0217]

30 On day 3 to 7 after the final administration of the antigen, a tissue comprising the antibody-producing cells such as the spleen is extracted from the immunized animal, and the antibody-producing cells are collected. When spleen cells are used, the spleen is shredded and loosened, followed by centrifugation, and then, erythrocytes are removed, whereby the antibody-producing cells for fusion are obtained.

[0218]

Other animals to be immunized can also be immunized in the same manner, and antibody-producing cells can be obtained. Appropriate conditions for the interval of immunizations and the period between the final immunization and the extraction of the tissue can be selected in accordance with an animal species to be immunized.

5 [0219]

(3) Preparation of Myeloma Cells

As myeloma cells, an established cell line obtained from a mouse is used, and for example, an 8-azaguanine resistant mouse (BALB/c derived) myeloma cell line P3-X63Ag8-U1 (P3-U1) [Current Topics in Microbiology and Immunology, 18, 1 (1978)], P3-NS1/1-Ag41 (NS-1) [European J. Immunology, 6, 511 (1976)], SP2/0-Ag14 (SP-2) [Nature, 276, 269 (1978)], P3-X63-Ag8653 (653) [J. Immunology, 123, 1548 (1979)], P3-X63-Ag8 (X63) [Nature, 256, 495 (1975)], or the like is used.

[0220]

The myeloma cells are subcultured in a normal culture medium [RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with glutamine, 2-mercaptoethanol, gentamicin, FBS, and 8-azaguanine], and then subcultured in a normal culture medium 3 to 4 days before cell fusion, and 2×10^7 or more cells are ensured on the day of the fusion.

[0221]

(4) Cell Fusion and Preparation of Monoclonal Antibody-Producing Hybridoma

20 The antibody-producing cells for fusion obtained in (2) and the myeloma cells obtained in (3) are thoroughly washed with Minimu Essential Medium (MEM) or phosphate buffered saline (PBS: 1.83 g of disodium phosphate, 0.21 g of monopotassium phosphate, 7.65 g of sodium chloride, 1 L of distilled water, pH 7.2), and mixed so that the cell count becomes as follows: the antibody-producing cells for fusion : the myeloma cells = 5:1 to 10:1, followed by centrifugation, and then, the supernatant is removed.

[0222]

After the precipitated cell aggregate is well loosened, a mixed solution of polyethylene glycol 1000 (PEG-1000), MEM medium, and dimethylsulfoxide is added thereto while stirring at 37°C. Further, 1 to 2 mL of MEM medium is added thereto several times every 1 to 2 minutes, and then, MEM medium is added thereto so that the total amount becomes 50 mL.

[0223]

After centrifugation, the supernatant is removed. The precipitated cell aggregate is gently loosened, and then, the cells are gently suspended in HAT medium [a normal culture medium supplemented with hypoxanthine, thymidine, and aminopterin]. The resulting suspension is cultured in a 5% CO₂ incubator at 37°C for 7 to 14 days.

5 [0224]

After the culture, a portion of the culture supernatant is withdrawn, and a cell aggregate that reacts with CADM3 but does not react with an antigen other than CADM3 is selected by a hybridoma selection method such as the below-mentioned binding assay.

10 Subsequently, cloning is performed by a limiting dilution method, and a cell in which a high antibody titer is stably observed is selected as a monoclonal antibody-producing hybridoma.

[0225]

(5) Preparation of Purified Monoclonal Antibody

The monoclonal antibody-producing hybridoma obtained in (4) is intraperitoneally injected into a mouse or a nude mouse at 8 to 10 weeks of age having been subjected to a pristane treatment [0.5 mL of 2,6,10,14-tetramethylpentadecane (pristane) is intraperitoneally administered, followed by breeding for 2 weeks]. In 10 to 21 days, the hybridoma is converted into an ascites tumor.

[0226]

20 The ascites is collected from this mouse, followed by centrifugation to remove solids, and then, salting out is carried out with 40 to 50% ammonium sulfate. Thereafter, purification is carried out by a caprylic acid precipitation method, a DEAE-Sepharose column, a protein A column, or a gel filtration column, and then, an IgG or IgM fraction is collected, whereby a purified monoclonal antibody is prepared.

[0227]

25 Further, after culturing the monoclonal antibody-producing hybridoma obtained in (4) in RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% FBS, or the like, the supernatant is removed by centrifugation, and the residue is suspended in Hybridoma-SFM medium, and then cultured for 3 to 7 days.

[0228]

30 The obtained cell suspension is centrifuged, and purification by a protein A column or a protein G column is carried out from the obtained supernatant, and then an IgG fraction is collected, and thus, a purified monoclonal antibody can also be obtained. Note that 5% Daigo's GF21 can also be added to the Hybridoma-SFM medium.

[0229]

The determination of the subclass of the antibody is carried out by an enzyme immunoassay method using a subclass typing kit. The quantitative determination of the amount of a protein can be carried out by a Lowry method or by calculation from an
5 absorbance at 280 nm.

[0230]

(6) Selection of Antibody

The selection of an antibody is carried out by measuring the affinity of the antibody for the CADM3-expressing cells using flow cytometry or the like as shown below. The
10 CADM3-expressing cells may be any cells as long as CADM3 is expressed on the cell surface, and examples thereof comprise animal cells, an animal cell line, the CADM3 forced expression cell line obtained in (1), and the like.

[0231]

After dispensing the CADM3-expressing cells in a plate such as a 96-well plate, a
15 test substance such as serum, a culture supernatant of a hybridoma, or a purified antibody is dispensed therein as the first antibody and allowed to react. The cells after the reaction are thoroughly washed with PBS comprising 1 to 10% BSA (hereinafter referred to as BSA-PBS) or the like, and an anti-immunoglobulin antibody labeled with a fluorescent reagent or the like is then dispensed therein as the second antibody and allowed to react. After thoroughly
20 washing with BSA-PBS or the like, the fluorescence amount of the labeled antibody is measured using a flow cytometer, whereby an antibody which specifically reacts with the CADM3-expressing cells is selected.

[0232]

Further, the selection of an antibody can also be carried out by measuring the
25 affinity of a monoclonal antibody for the CADM3-expressing cells, a CADM3 protein, or the like using ELISA or surface plasmon resonance described below. The CADM3 protein may be a protein composed of some domains of CADM3 or a protein to which a tag such as GST is added.

[0233]

30 In ELISA, after dispensing the CADM3-expressing cells or the CADM3 protein in a plate such as a 96-well plate, the wells are blocked with BSA-PBS, and a test substance such as serum, a culture supernatant of a hybridoma, or a purified antibody is dispensed therein as the first antibody and allowed to react. Subsequently, after thoroughly washing

with PBS or the like, an anti-immunoglobulin antibody labeled with a fluorescent reagent or the like is dispensed therein as the second antibody and allowed to react.

[0234]

Then, after thoroughly washing with PBS or the like, a coloring reagent is added.

5 At the end, a coloring reaction is stopped with a reaction stopping solution, and the absorbance in each well is measured with a microplate reader, whereby an antibody which specifically reacts with the CADM3-expressing cells or the CADM3 protein is selected.

[0235]

10 In the surface plasmon resonance, by using a known protocol, the affinity of an antibody which binds to CADM3 can be measured by immobilizing the antibody on an appropriate sensor chip and using the CADM3 protein as an analyte.

[0236]

15 By using the affinity of the antibody obtained, an antibody having desired affinity for the CADM3 protein can be selected. Further, the affinity of an antibody which binds to CADM3 can also be measured by immobilizing the CADM3 protein on a sensor chip and using the antibody as an analyte.

[0237]

20 In addition, an antibody which binds to CADM3 competitively with the antibody of the invention can be obtained by adding a test antibody to an assay system using flow cytometry or ELISA described above to cause a reaction. That is, by screening an antibody which inhibits binding of the antibody of the invention to CADM3 when the test antibody is added, an antibody that competes with the antibody of the invention for binding to the amino acid sequence of CADM3 or the conformation thereof can be obtained.

[0238]

25 Further, an antibody which binds to an epitope comprising an epitope to which the antibody of the invention binds can be obtained by identifying the epitope for an antibody obtained by the screening method described above by a known method, producing a synthetic peptide comprising the identified epitope, a synthetic peptide which is made to mimic the conformation of the epitope, or the like, and then performing immunization therewith.

30 [0239]

Further, an antibody which binds to the same epitope as the epitope to which the antibody of the invention binds can be obtained by identifying the epitope for an antibody obtained by the screening method described above, producing a partial synthetic peptide of

the identified epitope, a synthetic peptide which is made to mimic the conformation of the epitope, or the like, and then performing immunization therewith.

[0240]

(7) Acquisition of Antibody by Phage Display Method

5 (7-1) Method for Producing Antibody Phage Library

In the invention, as an antibody phage library, an immune library, a naive library, and a synthetic library can be used. The production methods for the respective libraries will be described below.

[0241]

10 Lymphocytes derived from an animal immunized in the same manner as described in the above (1) or a patient are collected for an immune library, and lymphocytes derived from a normal animal or a healthy human are collected for a naive library, and RNA is extracted from the lymphocytes, and cDNAs are synthesized by a reverse transcription reaction.

15 [0242]

An antibody gene fragment amplified by PCR using each cDNA as a template is inserted into a phagemid vector, and *E. coli* is transformed by the phagemid vector. When the obtained transformant is infected with a helper phage, an antibody phage library of the antibody gene can be obtained.

20 [0243]

Further, with respect to the synthetic library, CDR of a V gene in a genomic DNA or a reconstructed functional V gene is substituted with an oligonucleotide encoding a random amino acid sequence of an appropriate length, and *E. coli* is transformed with a phagemid vector into which the V gene has been inserted. When the obtained transformant is infected 25 with a helper phage, an antibody phage library can be obtained.

[0244]

As the cDNAs derived from lymphocytes and the antibody phage library, commercially available ones can also be used.

[0245]

30 As the phagemid vector, pCANTAB 5E (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech, Inc.), pUC118/pUC119 vector (TAKARA, Inc.), pBlueScript II Phagemid Vector (Agilent Technologies, Inc.), pKSTV-02 (Miyazaki *et al*, J. Biochem. 158(3), 205-215, 2015), and the like can be used.

[0246]

As the helper phage, M13KO7 helper phage (Invitrogen, Inc.), VCSM13 Interference Resistant Helper Phage (Agilent Technologies, Inc.), R408 Interference Resistant Helper Phage (Agilent Technologies, Inc.), and the like can be used.

5 [0247]

In the phage display, a phage vector can also be used. There are a peptide phage library in which a filamentous phage g3p is used as a displayed molecule (manufactured by New England Biolabs, Inc. or the like), a method in which g7p, g8p, or g9p is used as a displayed molecule, and the like.

10 [0248]

Further, phage display using T7 phage can also be used. As a display system on T7 phage, there are T7 Select vector (Novagen, Inc.) and the like.

[0249]

(7-2) Selection of Antibody Phage Clone

15 The selection of an antibody phage clone from the antibody phage library produced in (7-1) can be carried out using the ELISA method shown below.

[0250]

CADM3 is immobilized on an immuno tube, and the tube is blocked with a blocking buffer. The antibody phage library produced in (7-1) is added to each well of the 20 tube and allowed to react. Subsequently, the wells are washed, and a fluorescently labeled anti-phage antibody is added and allowed to react. Thereafter, the wells are washed again, and a coloring solution is added. Thereafter, a coloring reaction is stopped with a reaction stopping solution, and the absorbance in each well is measured with a microplate reader. In this manner, an antibody phage clone which binds to CADM3 is selected.

25 [0251]

2. Production of Genetically Recombinant Antibody

As production examples of a genetically recombinant antibody, production methods for a human chimeric antibody and a humanized antibody will be described below. A genetically recombinant mouse antibody, rat antibody, rabbit antibody, hamster antibody, 30 camel antibody, llama antibody, alpaca antibody, and human antibody, various types of chimeric antibodies, a heavy chain antibody, and the like can also be produced in the same manner.

[0252]

(1) Construction of Expression Vector for Genetically Recombinant Antibody

An expression vector for a genetically recombinant antibody is an expression vector for animal cells into which DNAs encoding CH and CL of a human antibody are incorporated, and can be constructed by cloning each of the DNAs encoding CH and CL of a human

5 antibody into an expression vector for animal cells.

[0253]

As a constant region (C region) of a human antibody, CH and CL of an arbitrary human antibody can be used. For example, CH of $\gamma 1$ subclass and CL of κ class of a human antibody, or the like are used. As the DNA encoding CH or CL of a human antibody, a

10 cDNA is used, but a chromosomal DNA composed of an exon and an intron can also be used.

[0254]

As the expression vector for animal cells, any vector can be used as long as it can incorporate a gene encoding a C region of a human antibody and express the gene. For example, pAGE107 [Cytotechnol., 3, 133 (1990)], pAGE103 [J. Biochem., 101, 1307

15 (1987)], pHSG274 [Gene, 27, 223 (1984)], pKCR [Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 78, 1527

(1981)], pSG1bd2-4 [Cytotechnol., 4, 173 (1990)], pSE1UK1Sed1-3 [Cytotechnol., 13, 79

(1993)], or the like is used.

[0255]

As the promoter and the enhancer in the expression vector for animal cells, an SV40 early promoter [J. Biochem., 101, 1307 (1987)], Moloney murine leukemia virus LTR [Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun., 149, 960 (1987)], or an immunoglobulin H chain promoter [Cell, 41, 479 (1985)] and enhancer [Cell, 33, 717 (1983)], and the like are exemplified.

[0256]

As the expression vector for a genetically recombinant antibody, an expression vector for a genetically recombinant antibody of a type (tandem-type) in which the antibody H chain and L chain are present on the same vector [J. Immunol. Methods, 167, 271 (1994)] is used from the viewpoints of ease of construction of the expression vector for a genetically recombinant antibody, ease of introduction into an animal cell, balancing of the expression levels of the antibody H chain and L chain in the animal cell, and the like, however, a type in which the antibody H chain and L chain are present on separate vectors can also be used. As the tandem-type expression vector for a genetically recombinant antibody, pKANTEX93 (WO 97/10354), pEE18 [Hybridoma, 17, 559 (1998)], or the like is used.

[0257]

(2) Acquisition of cDNA Encoding Variable Region (V Region) of Antibody Derived from Animal Other Than Human and Analysis of Amino Acid Sequence

Acquisition of cDNAs encoding VH and VL of a non-human antibody and an analysis of an amino acid sequence can be carried out as follows.

[0258]

(2-1) When Antibody is Obtained by Hybridoma Method

mRNA is extracted from hybridoma cells which produce a non-human antibody, and cDNAs are synthesized. The synthesized cDNAs are each cloned into a vector such as a phage or a plasmid, thereby producing a cDNA library.

[0259]

A recombinant phage or a recombinant plasmid comprising each cDNA encoding VH or VL is isolated from the library using a DNA encoding a C region domain or a V region domain of a non-human antibody as a probe. Each entire nucleotide sequence of the target VH or VL of the non-human antibody on the recombinant phage or the recombinant plasmid is determined, and each entire amino acid sequence of VH or VL is deduced from the nucleotide sequence.

[0260]

As an animal other than a human for producing hybridoma cells which produce a non-human antibody, a mouse, a rat, a hamster, a rabbit, a llama, a camel, an alpaca, or the like is used, but any animal can be used as long as it can produce hybridoma cells.

[0261]

For the preparation of the total RNA from hybridoma cells, a guanidine thiocyanate-cesium trifluoroacetate method [Methods in Enzymol., 154, 3 (1987)], or a kit such as RNA easy Kit (manufactured by QIAGEN, Inc.), or the like is used.

[0262]

In the preparation of mRNA from the total RNA, an oligo(dT)-immobilized cellulose column method [Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (1989)], or a kit such as Oligo-dT30 <Super> mRNA Purification (registered trademark) Kit (manufactured by Takara Bio, Inc.), or the like is used. Further, mRNA can also be prepared from hybridoma cells using a kit such as Fast Track mRNA Isolation (registered trademark) Kit (manufactured by Invitrogen, Inc.), or QuickPrep mRNA Purification (registered trademark) Kit (manufactured by Pharmacia Corporation).

[0263]

In the synthesis of the cDNAs and the production of the cDNA library, a known method [Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (1989), Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Supplement 1, John Wiley & Sons (1987-1997)], or a kit such as SuperScript Plasmid System for cDNA Synthesis and Plasmid Cloning (manufactured by Invitrogen, Inc.) or ZAP-cDNA Synthesis (registered trademark) Kit (manufactured by Stratagene Corporation), or the like is used.

[0264]

When the cDNA library is produced, as the vector into which a cDNA synthesized using mRNA extracted from hybridoma cells as a template is incorporated, any vector can be used as long as it is a vector capable of incorporating the cDNA. For example, ZAP ExPress [Strategies, 5, 58 (1992)], pBluescript II SK (+) [Nucleic Acids Research, 17, 9494 (1989)], λ ZAPII (manufactured by Stratagene Corporation), λ gt 10, λ gt 11 [DNA Cloning: A Practical Approach, I, 49 (1985)], Lambda BlueMid (manufactured by Clontech Laboratories, Inc.), λ Ex Cell, pT7T3-18U (manufactured by Pharmacia Corporation), pCD2 [Mol. Cell. Biol., 3, 280 (1983)], pUC18 [Gene, 33, 103 (1985)], or the like is used.

[0265]

As the *E. coli* into which the cDNA library constructed by a phage or a plasmid vector is introduced, any *E. coli* can be used as long as it can introduce, express, and maintain the cDNA library. For example, XL1-Blue MRF' [Strategies, 5, 81 (1992)], C600 [Genetics, 39, 440 (1954)], Y1088, Y1090 [Science, 222, 778 (1983)], NM522 [J. Mol. Biol., 166, 1 (1983)], K802 [J. Mol. Biol., 16, 118 (1966)], JM105 [Gene, 38, 275 (1985)], or the like is used.

[0266]

In the selection of the cDNA clone encoding VH or VL of a non-human antibody from the cDNA library, a colony hybridization method using an isotope- or fluorescence-labeled probe, or a plaque hybridization method [Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (1989)], or the like is used.

[0267]

In addition, the cDNA encoding VH or VL can also be prepared by preparing a primer and performing a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) method [Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (1989), Current

Protocols in Molecular Biology, Supplement 1, John Wiley & Sons (1987-1997)] using the cDNA synthesized from mRNA or the cDNA library as a template.

[0268]

The selected cDNA is cleaved with an appropriate restriction enzyme or the like, 5 and then cloned into a plasmid such as pBluescript SK (-) (manufactured by Stratagene Corporation), and the nucleotide sequence of the cDNA is determined by a commonly used nucleotide sequence analysis method or the like. In the nucleotide sequence analysis method, for example, after performing a reaction such as a dideoxy method [Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 74, 5463 (1977)], an automatic nucleotide sequence analyzer such as ABI Prism 10 3700 (manufactured by PE Biosystems, Inc.) or an A.L.F. DNA sequencer (manufactured by Pharmacia Corporation), or the like is used.

[0269]

(2-2) When Antibody is Obtained by Phage Display Method

Each entire nucleotide sequence of VH or VL is determined from the plasmid vector 15 of the selected phage clone using a DNA encoding the vector region or the V region domain as a probe, and then, each entire amino acid sequence of VH or VL can be deduced from the nucleotide sequence.

[0270]

In either the hybridoma method or the phage display method, by deducing the entire 20 amino acid sequences of VH and VL from the determined nucleotide sequences and comparing with the entire amino acid sequences of VH and VL of a known antibody [Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest, US Dept. Health and Human Services (1991)], respectively, it is confirmed whether the obtained cDNAs encode the complete amino acid sequences of VH and VL of an antibody comprising a secretion signal sequence.

25 [0271]

With respect to the complete amino acid sequences of VH and VL of the antibody comprising a secretion signal sequence, by comparison with the entire amino acid sequences of VH and VL of a known antibody [Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest, US Dept. Health and Human Services (1991)], the length of the secretion signal sequence and the 30 N-terminal amino acid sequence can be deduced, and further, the subgroup to which these belong can be found.

[0272]

In addition, the amino acid sequences of CDRs of VH and VL can also be found out by comparison with the amino acid sequences of VH and VL of a known antibody [Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest, US Dept. Health and Human Services (1991)].

[0273]

5 Further, by using the obtained complete amino acid sequences of VH and VL, it is possible to confirm whether the complete amino acid sequences of VH and VL are new by, for example, carrying out a homology search by a BLAST method [J. Mol. Biol., 215, 403 (1990)] or the like with respect to an arbitrary database such as SWISS-PROT or PIR-Protein.

[0274]

10 (3) Construction of Human Chimeric Antibody Expression Vector

By cloning each cDNA encoding VH or VL of a non-human antibody upstream of each gene encoding CH or CL of a human antibody in the expression vector for a genetically recombinant antibody obtained in (1), a human chimeric antibody expression vector can be constructed.

15 [0275]

In order to ligate the cDNA encoding VH or VL of a non-human antibody at the 3' end side to CH or CL of a human antibody at the 5' end side, cDNAs of VH and VL designed so that the nucleotide sequence of a ligation region encodes an appropriate amino acid and becomes an appropriate restriction enzyme recognition sequence are produced.

20 [0276]

The produced cDNAs of VH and VL are each cloned upstream of each gene encoding CH or CL of a human antibody in the expression vector for a genetically recombinant antibody obtained in (1) so that the cDNAs are expressed in an appropriate form, whereby a human chimeric antibody expression vector is constructed.

25 [0277]

In addition, each cDNA encoding VH or VL of a non-human antibody is amplified by a PCR method using a synthetic DNA comprising an appropriate restriction enzyme recognition sequence at both ends, and can also be cloned into the expression vector for a genetically recombinant antibody obtained in (1).

30 [0278]

(4) Construction of cDNA Encoding V Region of Humanized Antibody

A cDNA encoding VH or VL of a humanized antibody can be constructed as follows.

[0279]

Each amino acid sequence of FR of VH or VL of a human antibody for grafting the amino acid sequence of CDR of VH or VL of a non-human antibody is selected. As the amino acid sequence of FR to be selected, any amino acid sequence can be used as long as it
5 is derived from a human antibody.

[0280]

For example, an amino acid sequence of FR of a human antibody registered in a database such as Protein Data Bank, or a common amino acid sequence in each subgroup of FR of a human antibody [Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest, US Dept. Health and Human Services (1991)], or the like is used. In order to suppress a decrease in the binding activity of an antibody, an amino acid sequence of FR with the highest possible homology (at least 60% or more) with the amino acid sequence of FR of VH or VL of the original antibody is selected.

[0281]

15 Subsequently, each of the amino acid sequences of the CDRs of the original antibody is grafted into the selected amino acid sequence of FR of VH or VL of a human antibody, and each amino acid sequence of VH or VL of a humanized antibody is designed. By converting the designed amino acid sequence into a DNA sequence in consideration of the usage frequency of codons found in the nucleotide sequence of the antibody gene [Sequences
20 of Proteins of Immunological Interest, US Dept. Health and Human Services (1991)], each DNA sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of VH or VL of a humanized antibody is designed.

[0282]

Based on the designed DNA sequences, several synthetic DNAs having a length of
25 around 100 nucleotides are synthesized, and a PCR reaction is carried out using the DNAs. In this case, in consideration of the reaction efficiency of the PCR reaction and the synthesizable length of DNA, 6 synthetic DNAs are preferably designed for each of the VH and VL.

[0283]

30 Further, by introducing an appropriate restriction enzyme recognition sequence at the 5' or 3' end of the synthetic DNA located at both ends, a cDNA encoding VH or VL of a humanized antibody can be easily cloned into the expression vector for a genetically recombinant antibody obtained in (1).

[0284]

After the PCR reaction, the amplified products are each cloned into a plasmid such as pBluescript SK (-) (manufactured by Stratagene Corporation), and the nucleotide sequences are determined in the same manner as described in (2), and a plasmid having the 5 DNA sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of VH or VL of a desired humanized antibody is obtained.

[0285]

Alternatively, the full length of VH and the full length of VL each synthesized as a single long chain DNA based on the designed DNA sequences can also be used in place of the 10 PCR amplified products. Further, by introducing an appropriate restriction enzyme recognition sequence at both ends of the synthesized long chain DNA, the cDNA encoding VH or VL of the humanized antibody can be easily cloned into the expression vector for a genetically recombinant antibody obtained in (1).

[0286]

15 (5) Modification of Amino Acid Sequence of V Region of Humanized Antibody

The antigen-binding activity of a humanized antibody prepared merely by grafting only the CDRs of VH and VL of a non-human antibody into FRs of VH and VL of a human antibody is decreased as compared with that of the original non-human antibody

[BIO/TECHNOLOGY, 9, 266 (1991)].

20 [0287]

In the humanized antibody, the lowered antigen-binding activity can be increased by identifying an amino acid residue directly involved in the binding to an antigen, an amino acid residue interacting with an amino acid residue of CDR, and an amino acid residue maintaining the conformation of the antibody and indirectly involved in the binding to an 25 antigen in the amino acid sequences of FRs of VH and VL of a human antibody, and substituting such an amino acid residue with an amino acid residue of the original non-human antibody.

[0288]

30 In order to identify such an amino acid residue of FR involved in the antigen-binding activity, the conformation of the antibody can be constructed and analyzed using X-ray crystallography [J. Mol. Biol., 112, 535 (1977)], or computer modeling [Protein Engineering, 7, 1501 (1994)], or the like. Further, a humanized antibody having a necessary antigen-binding activity can be obtained by producing several types of variants for each

antibody, and repeatedly examining the correlation with the antigen-binding activity thereof through trial and error.

[0289]

The amino acid residues of FRs of VH and VL of a human antibody can be 5 modified by carrying out the PCR reaction described in (4) using a synthetic DNA for modification. With respect to the amplification product after the PCR reaction, the nucleotide sequence is determined to confirm whether the intended modification has been carried out by the method described in (2).

[0290]

10 (6) Construction of Humanized Antibody Expression Vector

A humanized antibody expression vector can be constructed by cloning each cDNA encoding VH or VL of a constructed genetically recombinant antibody upstream of each gene encoding CH or CL of a human antibody in the expression vector for a genetically recombinant antibody obtained in (1).

15 [0291]

For example, the cloning is carried out upstream of each gene encoding CH or CL of a human antibody in the expression vector for a genetically recombinant antibody obtained in (1) by introducing an appropriate restriction enzyme recognition sequence at the 5' or 3' end of the synthetic DNA located at both ends among the synthetic DNAs used when

20 constructing VH or VL of any of the humanized antibodies obtained in (4) and (5) so that the cDNA is expressed in an appropriate form.

[0292]

(7) Transient Expression of Genetically Recombinant Antibody

By transiently expressing genetically recombinant antibodies using any of the 25 genetically recombinant antibody expression vectors obtained in (3) and (6), or a modified expression vector thereof, the antigen-binding activities of many types of human chimeric antibodies and humanized antibodies produced can be efficiently evaluated.

[0293]

As a host cell into which the expression vector is introduced, any cell can be used as 30 long as it is a host cell capable of expressing a genetically recombinant antibody, but for example, a COS-7 cell [American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) number: CRL1651] is used [Methods in Nucleic Acids Res., CRC Press, 283 (1991)].

[0294]

In the introduction of the expression vector into a COS-7 cell, a DEAE-dextran method [Methods in Nucleic Acids Res., CRC Press (1991)], a lipofection method [Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 84, 7413 (1987)], or the like is used.

[0295]

5 After the introduction of the expression vector, the expression level and the antigen-binding activity of the genetically recombinant antibody in a culture supernatant are measured using an enzyme immunoassay method [Monoclonal Antibodies-Principles and practice, Third Edition, Academic Press (1996), Antibodies-A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1988), Monoclonal Antibody Experimental Manual, Kodansha scientific books 10 (1987)], or the like.

[0296]

(8) Acquisition of Transformant Stably Expressing Genetically Recombinant Antibody and Preparation of Genetically Recombinant Antibody

15 A transformant that stably expresses a genetically recombinant antibody can be obtained by introducing any of the genetically recombinant antibody expression vectors obtained in (3) and (6) into an appropriate host cell.

In the introduction of the expression vector into a host cell, an electroporation method [JP-A-H2-257891, Cytotechnology, 3, 133 (1990)], or the like is used.

[0297]

20 As the host cell into which the genetically recombinant antibody expression vector is introduced, any cell can be used as long as it is a host cell capable of expressing a genetically recombinant antibody. For example, CHO-K1 (ATCC CCL-61), DUKXB11 (ATCC CCL-9096), Pro-5 (ATCC CCL-1781), CHO-S (Life Technologies, Cat # 11619), a rat myeloma cell YB2/3HL.P2.G11.16Ag.20 (ATCC No. CRL1662, also called YB2/0), a mouse 25 myeloma cell NS0, a mouse myeloma cell SP2/0-Ag14 (ATCC No. CRL1581), a mouse P3X63-Ag8.653 cell (ATCC No. CRL1580), a dhfr-deficient CHO cell (CHO/DG44 cell) [Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 77, 4216 (1980)], or the like is used.

[0298]

30 In addition, a host cell in which the activity of a protein such as an enzyme involved in the intracellular synthesis of sugar nucleotide GDP-fucose, a protein such as an enzyme involved in glycan modification such that the 1-position of fucose is α -linked to the 6-position of N-acetylglucosamine at the reducing terminus of an N-glycoside-linked complex glycan, a protein involved in the intracellular transport of sugar nucleotide GDP-fucose to the Golgi

body, or the like is decreased or lost, for example, an α 1,6-fucosyltransferase gene-deficient CHO cell (WO 2005/035586 and WO 02/31140), Lec13 having acquired lectin resistance [Somatic Cell and Molecular genetics, 12, 55 (1986)], or the like can also be used.

[0299]

5 After introduction of the expression vector, a transformant that stably expresses a genetically recombinant antibody is selected by culturing the transformant in a medium for animal cell culture comprising a drug such as G418 sulfate (hereinafter referred to as G418) (JP-A-H2-257891).

[0300]

10 As the medium for animal cell culture, RPMI 1640 medium (manufactured by Invitrogen, Inc.), GIT medium (manufactured by Nippon Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.), EX-CELL 301 medium (manufactured by JRH Biosciences, Inc.), IMDM medium (manufactured by Invitrogen, Inc.) or Hybridoma-SFM (manufactured by Invitrogen, Inc.), or a medium in which any of various additives such as FBS is added to any of these media, or the like is used.

15 [0301]

By culturing the obtained transformant in the medium, a genetically recombinant antibody is expressed and accumulated in the culture supernatant. The expression level and the antigen-binding activity of the genetically recombinant antibody in the culture supernatant can be measured by an ELISA method or the like. In addition, the expression level of the 20 genetically recombinant antibody produced by the transformant can be increased using a dhfr gene amplification system (JP-A-H2-257891) or the like.

[0302]

The genetically recombinant antibody is purified using a protein A column from the culture supernatant of the transformant [Monoclonal Antibodies - Principles and practice, 25 Third edition, Academic Press (1996), Antibodies - A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1988)]. In addition, methods used for purifying a protein such as gel filtration, ion exchange chromatography, and ultrafiltration can also be combined.

[0303]

30 The molecular weight of an H chain, an L chain, or the entire antibody molecule of a purified genetically recombinant antibody can be measured using polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis [Nature, 227, 680 (1970)], or Western blotting [Monoclonal Antibodies - Principles and Practice, Third Edition, Academic Press (1996), Antibodies - A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1988)], or the like.

[0304]

(9) Method for Producing Antibody Fragment

The antibody fragment of the invention can be produced according to a known method. The antibody fragment of the invention may be produced by cleaving an antibody produced according to the method described in the above (1) to (8) using an enzyme or the like or may be produced by a genetic engineering technique after preparing a nucleotide sequence encoding a desired antibody fragment.

[0305]

(10) Method for Producing Monovalent Antibody

In the invention, a monovalent antibody can be produced by the method described in WO 2014/054804, WO 2011/090754, WO 2007/048037, WO 2012/116927, or the like, or another method.

[0306]

(11) Method for Producing Bispecific Antibody or Multispecific Antibody

The bispecific antibody or the multispecific antibody of the invention can be produced according to the method for producing the antibody described above. For example, the bispecific antibody or the multispecific antibody can be produced using the method described in WO 2009/131239, WO 2014/054804, WO 01/077342, US Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0071675, WO 2007/024715, Wu *et al.*, [Nature Biotechnology, 2007, 25(11), pp. 1290-1297], Labrijn *et al.*, [PNAS 2013, vol. 110, no. 13, pp. 5145-5150], Jong *et al.*, [<http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pbio.1002344>], Kontermann *et al.*, [mAbs 2012, vol. 4, issue 2, pp. 182-197], Spiess *et al.*, [Molecular Immunology 67 (2015) 95-106], Ridgway *et al.*, [Protein engineering, 1996 vol. 9 no. 7 pp. 617-621, WO 2009/080251, WO 2010/151792, WO 2014/033074, or the like.

[0307]

For example, an expression vector for a bispecific antibody in which scFv that binds to CADM3 is fused to the C-terminus of an IgG antibody which binds to an antigen present in the brain can be produced by the method described below, and the bispecific antibody can be produced according to the method for expressing an antibody and the method for purifying an antibody described above. In addition, a bispecific antibody in which an antibody fragment is fused to the C-terminus of an antibody can also be produced in the same manner.

[0308]

The gene fragment of a CH1-Hinge-CH2-CH3-linker region is amplified by a PCR

method using a synthetic gene of a heavy chain constant region of an IgG antibody which binds to an antigen present in the brain as a template. Subsequently, by using the nucleotide sequence of an antibody which binds to CADM3 as a template, the nucleotide sequence of a scFv region in which VH and VL of the antibody are linked with an appropriate linker is 5 prepared using a PCR method or the like. The two regions are linked by a PCR method or the like, and the obtained gene fragment is inserted into an appropriate vector such as a pCI vector.

[0309]

Further, each of the gene fragments of the light chain domains (VL and CL) of an 10 IgG antibody which binds to an antigen present in the brain and the gene fragment of VH of the antibody is amplified by a PCR method using an appropriate template and is inserted at an appropriate position of the vector.

[0310]

15 In addition, the bispecific antibody of the invention can also be produced by binding an antigen-binding site comprising an antibody fragment to an IgG antibody by a chemical method.

[0311]

3. Evaluation of Activity of Antibody or Antibody Fragment Thereof

In the invention, the activity of an antibody or an antibody fragment thereof can be 20 evaluated as follows.

[0312]

(1) Binding Activity to CADM3

The binding activity of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the 25 invention to CADM3 is measured using flow cytometry, ELISA, or surface plasmon resonance detection described in the above 1-(6), or the like. Further, the binding activity can also be measured using a fluorescent antibody method [Cancer Immunol. Immunother., 36, 373 (1993)].

[0313]

Also when the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention is a 30 monovalent antibody which binds to CADM3, the binding activity of the monovalent antibody to CADM3 can be measured in the same manner. Also when the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention is a bispecific antibody or a multispecific antibody which binds to CADM3 and an antigen present in the brain, the binding activity of the

bispecific antibody or the multispecific antibody to CADM3 or the antigen present in the brain can be measured in the same manner.

[0314]

(2) Measurement Method for Property of Accumulating in a Brain

5 The property of accumulating in a brain of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention can be measured by the method described below.

[0315]

10 A method in which a brain tissue is collected several days after administering the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof to an animal, the brain tissue is homogenized and centrifuged, and then, the concentration of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof in the resulting supernatant is measured, and the amount of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof per unit brain weight is calculated, a method in which the presence of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof is detected by a known immunological method using the collected brain tissue, or the like is exemplified. Further, a method in which the 15 antibody or the antibody fragment thereof labeled with a pharmacologically acceptable label is administered to an animal and the presence of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof is detected over time by an *in vivo* imaging system, or the like is exemplified.

[0316]

20 As the animal used for evaluation of the property of accumulating in a brain, a suitable animal depending on the use of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention can be selected.

[0317]

(3) Measurement Method for Antibody-Dependent Cellular Cytotoxicity Activity (ADCC) and Complement-Dependent Cytotoxicity Activity (CDC)

25 The CDC or ADCC of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention to human CADM3-expressing cells or cells expressing CADM3 and an antigen present in the brain can be measured by a known measurement method [Cancer Immunol. Immunother., 36, 373 (1993); Current protocols in Immunology, Chapter 7. Immunologic studies in humans, Editor, John E. Coligan *et al.*, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., (1993)].

30 [0318]

4. Method for Controlling Effector Activity of Antibody or Antibody Fragment

As a method for controlling the effector activity of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention, a method for controlling the amount of α 1,6-fucose (also

called a core fucose) which binds to N-acetylglucosamine (GlcNAc) present at the reducing terminus of the N-linked complex glycan which binds to asparagine (Asn) at position 297 in the Fc region of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof comprising Fc (WO 2005/035586, WO 2002/31140, WO 00/61739), a method for controlling by modifying an 5 amino acid residue in the Fc region of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, and the like are known. The effector activity of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention can be controlled using any of the methods.

[0319]

The effector activity refers to an antibody-dependent activity that is caused through 10 the Fc region of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, and ADCC, CDC, antibody-dependent phagocytosis (ADP) that is caused by phagocytes such as macrophages or dendritic cells, and the like are known.

[0320]

As the measurement method for the effector activity, for example, the target cells, 15 human peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) as the effector, and a target cell-specific antibody or an antibody fragment thereof are mixed, followed by incubation for about 4 hours, and thereafter, released lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) can be measured as an index of cytotoxicity. In addition, the effector activity can also be measured by a ^{51}Cr -release method, a flow cytometry method, or the like.

20 [0321]

The effector activity of the antibody or the antibody fragment comprising Fc can be increased or decreased by controlling the content of the core fucose in the N-linked complex glycan of Fc of the antibody. As a method for decreasing the content of fucose which binds to the N-linked complex glycan bound to Fc of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, 25 an antibody or an antibody fragment thereof to which fucose is not bound can be obtained by expressing the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof using CHO cells deficient in the α 1,6-fucosyltransferase gene. The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof to which fucose is not bound has high ADCC.

[0322]

30 On the other hand, as a method for increasing the content of fucose which binds to the N-linked complex glycan bound to Fc of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, an antibody or an antibody fragment thereof to which fucose is bound can be obtained by expressing the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof using a host cell into which the

α 1,6-fucosyltransferase gene has been introduced. The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof to which fucose is bound has lower ADCC than the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof to which fucose is not bound.

[0323]

5 Further, by modifying an amino acid residue in the Fc region of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof, the ADCC or CDC can be increased or decreased. For example, the CDC of the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof can be increased using the amino acid sequence of the Fc region described in US Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0148165.

10 [0324]

Further, the ADCC or CDC can be increased or decreased by performing the amino acid modification described in US Patent No. 6,737,056, US Patent No. 7,297,775, or US Patent No. 7,317,091.

[0325]

15 Further, the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention also comprises an antibody or an antibody fragment thereof whose half-life in the blood is controlled by controlling the reactivity with an Fc receptor, for example through the amino acid modification described in JP-A-2013-165716, JP-A-2012-021004, or the like in accordance with the amino acid modification or the glycan modification in the constant region 20 comprised in the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof described above.

[0326]

Further, by combining and using the above-mentioned methods for one antibody or an antibody fragment thereof, an antibody or an antibody fragment thereof whose effector activity or half-life in the blood is controlled can be obtained.

25 [0327]

5. Method for Treating Disease Using Antibody or Antibody Fragment Thereof of Invention

The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention can be used for treating a brain disease of an animal in which CADM3 is expressed in the brain.

[0328]

30 Examples of the brain disease comprise Alzheimer's disease, a prodromal stage of Alzheimer's disease, Huntington disease, Parkinson's disease, a brain tumor, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple system atrophy, progressive supranuclear palsy, nigrostriatal degeneration, olivopontocerebellar atrophy,

bulbospinal muscular atrophy, spinocerebellar degeneration, a cerebrovascular disorder, epilepsy, migraine, a hyperactivity disorder, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, corticobasal degeneration, a lysosomal storage disease, depression, dystonia, and the like.

[0329]

5 The brain disease that can be treated with the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention differs depending on the antigen to which the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention binds, the type of the molecule which modifies the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof in the fusion antibody or the fusion antibody fragment thereof of the invention, or the like.

10 [0330]

The therapeutic agent comprising the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention may be a therapeutic agent comprising only the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof as an active ingredient, however, in general, the therapeutic agent is provided as a pharmaceutical preparation produced by mixing with one or more 15 pharmacologically acceptable carriers using a method known in the technical field of pharmaceutics.

[0331]

Examples of the route of administration comprise oral administration or parenteral administration such as intraoral, intra-airway, intrarectal, subcutaneous, intramuscular, 20 intraventricular, intraperitoneal administration, intradermal administration, intranasal administration, intrathecal administration, or intravenous administration. Examples of the dosage form comprise a spray, a capsule, a tablet, a powder, a granule, a syrup, an emulsion, a suppository, an injection, an ointment, a tape, and the like.

[0332]

25 Examples of a formulation suitable for oral administration comprise an emulsion, a syrup, a capsule, a tablet, a powder, a granule, and the like.

[0333]

A liquid preparation such as an emulsion or a syrup is produced using water, a saccharide such as sucrose, sorbitol, or fructose, a glycol such as polyethylene glycol or 30 propylene glycol, an oil such as sesame oil, olive oil, or soybean oil, a preservative such as a p-hydroxybenzoic acid ester, a flavor such as strawberry flavor or peppermint, or the like as an additive.

[0334]

A capsule, a tablet, a powder, a granule, or the like is produced using an excipient such as lactose, glucose, sucrose, or mannitol, a disintegrating agent such as starch or sodium alginate, a lubricant such as magnesium stearate or talc, a binder such as polyvinyl alcohol, hydroxypropyl cellulose, or gelatin, a surfactant such as a fatty acid ester, a plasticizer such as 5 glycerin, or the like as an additive.

[0335]

Examples of a formulation suitable for parenteral administration comprise an injection, a suppository, a spray, and the like. An injection is produced using a carrier composed of a salt solution, a glucose solution, or a mixture of both solutions, or the like. A 10 suppository is produced using a carrier such as cacao butter, a hydrogenated fat, or carboxylic acid.

[0336]

A spray is produced using a carrier which does not stimulate the buccal or airway mucous membrane of a recipient and disperses the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof 15 of the invention as fine particles so as to facilitate absorption thereof, or the like. As the carrier, for example, lactose, glycerin, or the like is used. In addition, the spray can also be produced as an aerosol or a dry powder. Further, a component exemplified as the additive for the formulation suitable for oral administration can also be added to the above-mentioned parenteral preparation.

20 [0337]

6. Method for Detecting or Measuring Antigen Present in Brain or Method for Diagnosing Disease Using Antibody or Antibody Fragment Thereof of Invention

By using the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention, CADM3 or CADM3 and an antigen present in the brain can be detected or measured. Further, by 25 detecting or measuring CADM3 or CADM3 and an antigen present in the brain, a brain disease of an animal in which CADM3 is expressed in the brain can be diagnosed.

[0338]

Examples of the brain disease comprise Alzheimer's disease, a prodromal stage of Alzheimer's disease, Huntington disease, Parkinson's disease, a brain tumor, multiple 30 sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple system atrophy, progressive supranuclear palsy, nigrostriatal degeneration, olivopontocerebellar atrophy, bulbospinal muscular atrophy, spinocerebellar degeneration, a cerebrovascular disorder, epilepsy, migraine, a hyperactivity disorder, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, corticobasal

degeneration, a lysosomal storage disease, depression, dystonia, and the like, however, the brain disease that can be diagnosed with the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention differs depending on the antigen to which the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention binds, the type of the molecule which modifies the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof in the fusion antibody or the fusion antibody fragment thereof of the invention, and the like.

[0339]

The brain disease of an animal in which CADM3 is expressed in the brain can be diagnosed, for example, by detecting or measuring CADM3 present in the brain of a patient or a diseased animal by an immunological method. Further, the brain disease can be diagnosed by detecting CADM3 that is expressed or present in cells in the brain of a patient or a diseased animal using an immunological method such as flow cytometry.

[0340]

When a monovalent antibody which binds to CADM3 is used as the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention, CADM3 in the brain can be measured in the same manner as described above. When a bispecific antibody or a multispecific antibody which binds to CADM3 and an antigen present in the brain is used as the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention, CADM3 in the brain or the antigen present in the brain can be detected or measured in the same manner as described above.

[0341]

The immunological method is a method for detecting or measuring the amount of an antibody or the amount of an antigen using a labeled antigen or antibody, or the like. For example, a radioactive material labeled immune antibody method, an enzyme immunoassay method, a fluorescence immunoassay method, a luminescence immunoassay method, a Western blotting method, a physicochemical method, or the like is used.

[0342]

In the radioactive material labeled immune antibody method, for example, the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention is allowed to react with an antigen or cells expressing an antigen, or the like, and then, an anti-immunoglobulin antibody or an antibody fragment thereof subjected to radiolabeling is further allowed to react therewith, followed by measurement with a scintillation counter or the like.

[0343]

In the enzyme immunoassay method, for example, the antibody or the antibody

fragment thereof of the invention is allowed to react with an antigen or cells expressing an antigen, or the like, and then, an anti-immunoglobulin antibody or an antibody fragment thereof subjected to labeling with an enzyme or the like is further allowed to react therewith, followed by adding a substrate and measuring the absorbance of the reaction solution with an absorptiometer. For example, a sandwich ELISA method or the like is used. As a labeling substance used in the enzyme immunoassay method, a known [Enzyme Immunoassay Method, Igaku-Shoin Ltd. (1987)] enzyme label can be used.

[0344]

For example, an alkaline phosphatase label, a peroxidase label, a luciferase label, a biotin label, or the like is used. The sandwich ELISA method is a method in which after an antibody is bound to a solid phase, an antigen to be detected or measured is trapped, and then, a second antibody is allowed to react with the trapped antigen.

[0345]

In the ELISA method, two types of antibodies which recognize the antigen desired to be detected or measured and which have different antigen recognition sites are prepared, and among these, a first antibody is adsorbed on a plate (for example, a 96-well plate) in advance, and subsequently, a second antibody is labeled with a fluorescent substance such as FITC, an enzyme such as peroxidase, or biotin, or the like beforehand.

[0346]

With the plate on which the first antibody is adsorbed, cells or a homogenate thereof, tissues or a homogenate thereof, a cell culture supernatant, serum, pleural effusion, ascites, intraocular fluid, or the like separated from the living body is allowed to react, and thereafter the second antibody is allowed to react, followed by a detection reaction according to the labeling substance. From a calibration curve created by serially diluting the antigen at a known concentration, the antigen concentration in the test sample is calculated.

[0347]

As the antibody used in the sandwich ELISA method, either a polyclonal antibody or a monoclonal antibody may be used. Further, an antibody fragment such as Fab, Fab' or F(ab)₂ may be used in place of the antibody. The combination of the two types of antibodies used in the sandwich ELISA method may be a combination of monoclonal antibodies or antibody fragments thereof which recognize different epitopes or may be a combination of a polyclonal antibody and a monoclonal antibody or antibody fragments thereof.

[0348]

In the fluorescence immunoassay method, measurement is carried out by the method described in the documents [Monoclonal Antibodies-Principles and practice, Third edition, Academic Press (1996), Manual for monoclonal antibody experiments, Kodansha scientific books (1987)] or the like. As the labeling substance used in the fluorescence 5 immunoassay method, a known [Fluorescent Antibody Method, Soft Science, Inc. (1983)] fluorescent label can be used. For example, FITC, RITC, or the like is used.
[0349]

In the luminescence immunoassay method, measurement is carried out by the method described in the document [Bioluminescence and Chemiluminescence, Clinical Test 10 42, Hirokawa-Shoten Ltd. (1998)] or the like. As the labeling substance used in the luminescence immunoassay method, a known luminescent label is exemplified, and an acridinium ester, lophine, or the like is used.

[0350]

In the Western blotting method, after fractionating an antigen, cells expressing an 15 antigen, or the like by SDS (sodium dodecyl sulfate)-PAGE (polyacrylamide gel) [Antibodies - A Laboratory Manual Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1988)], the gel is blotted on a polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) membrane or a nitrocellulose membrane, an antibody or an antibody fragment thereof that recognizes the antigen is allowed to react with the membrane, and further, an anti-mouse IgG antibody or a binding fragment subjected to labeling with a 20 fluorescent substance such as FITC, labeling with an enzyme such as peroxidase, biotin labeling or the like is allowed to react therewith, followed by visualizing the label, whereby measurement is carried out. An example is shown below.

[0351]

Cells or tissues expressing a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of 25 CADM3 are lysed, and 0.1 to 30 μ g as a protein amount per lane is subjected to electrophoresis by the SDS-PAGE method under reducing conditions. The electrophoresed proteins are transferred to a PVDF membrane and allowed to react with BSA-PBS at room temperature for 30 minutes to perform a blocking operation.

[0352]

30 Here, the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention is allowed to react, and the membrane is washed with PBS comprising 0.05 to 0.1% polyoxyethylene sorbitan monolaurate (Tween 20) (hereinafter referred to as Tween-PBS) and allowed to react with a goat anti-mouse IgG labeled with peroxidase at room temperature for 2 hours.

[0353]

By washing with Tween-PBS and detecting a band to which the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention is bound using ECL Western Blotting Detection Reagents (manufactured by Amersham, Inc.) or the like, the polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of CADM3 is detected.

[0354]

As the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof used for detection by Western blotting, an antibody or an antibody fragment thereof capable of binding to a polypeptide which does not retain the natural conformation is used.

10 [0355]

The physicochemical method is carried out, for example, by binding CADM3, which is the antigen, to the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention to form an aggregate and detecting the aggregate. As another physicochemical method, a capillary tube method, a one-dimensional immunodiffusion method, an immunoturbidimetric method, a 15 latex immunoturbidimetric method [Outline of Clinical Examination Method, KANEHARA & Co., LTD. (1998)], or the like can also be used.

[0356]

In the latex immunoturbidimetric method, when a carrier such as a polystyrene latex having a particle size of about 0.1 to 1 μm sensitized with an antibody or an antigen is used to cause the antigen-antibody reaction with a corresponding antigen or antibody, the scattered light is increased in a reaction solution, and the transmitted light is decreased. The antigen concentration or the like in a test sample is measured by detecting this change as an absorbance or an integrating sphere turbidity.

[0357]

25 For the detection or measurement of cells expressing CADM3, a known immunological detection method can be used, but particularly, an immunoprecipitation method, an immunocytochemical staining method, an immunohistochemical staining method, a fluorescent antibody staining method, or the like is preferably used.

[0358]

30 In the immunoprecipitation method, after allowing cells or the like expressing CADM3 to react with the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention, a carrier having a specific binding ability to an immunoglobulin such as Protein G-Sepharose is added thereto to precipitate an antigen-antibody complex. Alternatively, the method can also be

carried out by the following method.

[0359]

The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention described above is immobilized on a 96-well plate for ELISA, followed by blocking with BSA-PBS. When the antibody is, for example, in an unpurified state such as a hybridoma culture supernatant, anti-mouse immunoglobulin, anti-rat immunoglobulin, protein A, protein G, or the like is immobilized on a 96-well plate for ELISA in advance, followed by blocking with BSA-PBS, and thereafter, the hybridoma culture supernatant is dispensed and bound thereto.

[0360]

Subsequently, BSA-PBS is discarded, and the plate is thoroughly washed with PBS, and then, a lysate solution of cells or tissues expressing human CADM3 is allowed to react therewith. From the plate after being thoroughly washed, an immunoprecipitate is extracted with a sample buffer for SDS-PAGE, and then detected by the above-mentioned Western blotting.

[0361]

The immunocytostaining method or the immunohistochemical staining method is a method in which cells or tissues expressing an antigen, or the like are treated with a surfactant or methanol, or the like for enhancing the permeability of the antibody in some cases, and then are allowed to react with the antibody of the invention, and further allowed to react with an anti-immunoglobulin antibody or a binding fragment thereof fluorescently labeled with FITC or the like, labeled with an enzyme such as peroxidase, or labeled with biotin, or the like, and thereafter the label is visualized, and then observed with a microscope.

[0362]

In addition, detection can be carried out by a fluorescent antibody staining method in which a fluorescently labeled antibody is allowed to react with a cell and analyzed with a flow cytometer [Monoclonal Antibodies - Principles and Practice, Third edition, Academic Press (1996), Monoclonal Antibody Experimental Manual, Kodansha scientific books (1987)]. In particular, the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof of the invention enables detection of a cell which expresses the detection target while retaining the natural conformation by a fluorescent antibody staining method.

[0363]

In addition, when the FMAT 8100 HTS system (manufactured by Applied Biosystems, Inc.) or the like is used in the fluorescent antibody staining method, the amount

of an antigen or the amount of an antibody can be measured without separating the formed antibody-antigen complex from a free antibody or antigen that is not involved in the formation of the antibody-antigen complex.

[0364]

5 Hereinafter, the invention will be more specifically described by way of Examples, however, the invention is not limited to the following Examples.

EXAMPLES

[0365]

10 [Example 1] Acquisition of Anti-CADM3 Antibody

(1) Acquisition of Antibody Using Alpaca Antibody Library

Emulsions were produced using hCADM3-FLAG_Fc and mCADM3-FLAG_Fc produced in Example 4 described below as immunogens with TiterMax (manufactured by TiterMax USA, Inc.) for the first immunization and with an incomplete complete adjuvant (manufactured by BD company) for the second to fifth immunization, and an alpaca was immunized therewith.

[0366]

Lymphocytes (2×10^7 cells) were collected from the blood (50 mL) of the immunized alpaca, and RNA was extracted from the obtained cells using RNA IsoPlus (manufactured by TAKARA, Inc.). Further, cDNAs were synthesized by a reverse transcription reaction using SuperScript (registered trademark) III First-Strand Synthesis System for RT-PC (manufactured by Invitrogen, Inc.), and thereafter, a VHH gene was amplified using primers specific to alpaca IgG2 (Short hinge-heavy chain antibody) and IgG3 (Long hinge-heavy chain antibody). The VHH gene fragment was inserted into a phagemid vector pKSTV-02 (Miyazaki *et al.*, J. Biochem., 158(3), 205-215, 2015), and *E. coli* TG1 was transformed by electroporation using a MicroPulser electroporator (manufactured by Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.).

[0367]

The obtained transformant was infected with M13KO7 Helper Phage (manufactured by Invitrogen, Inc.), whereby an alpaca antibody M13 phage library of the VHH gene was obtained.

[0368]

By using the alpaca antibody M13 phage library, anti-CADM3 antibodies were

obtained using the biopanning method described below. hCADM3-GST of Example 4 described below was immobilized on an immuno tube, and the tube was blocked using 0.5% BSA. The alpaca antibody M13 phage library was allowed to react with the tube at room temperature for 1 hour, and washing was carried out with PBS-T, and then, the phage was 5 eluted with a 0.1 mol/L glycine-hydrochloride buffer solution (Gly-HCl) (pH 2.7). The eluate was neutralized by adding a trishydroxymethylaminomethane hydrochloride buffer solution (Tris-HCl) (pH 9.1) thereto. *E. coli* TG1 was infected with the eluted phage, and the phage was amplified.

[0369]

10 Thereafter, the phage was allowed to react with mCADM3-GST immobilized on an immuno tube, followed by washing and elution. Further, the phage was allowed to react with hCADM3-GST immobilized on an immuno tube, followed by washing and elution, whereby phages displaying VHH which specifically binds to hCADM3-GST and mCADM3-GST were concentrated. The concentrated phages were monocloned, and clones having 15 affinity for hCADM3-GST and mCADM3-GST were selected by ELISA.

[0370]

In the ELISA, hCADM3-GST and mCADM3-GST were immobilized (50 ng/50 μ L) on MAXISORP (manufactured by NUNC, Inc.), followed by blocking using 0.5% BSA. To each well, each phage clone was added and allowed to react at room temperature for 1 20 hour, and thereafter, each well was washed 5 times with PBS-T. Subsequently, a biotinylated anti-M13 phage antibody (manufactured by Abcam plc) and horseradish peroxidase-labeled streptavidin (manufactured by Vector Co., Ltd.) were added to each well in an amount of 50 μ L, followed by incubation at room temperature for 1 hour.

[0371]

25 After the microplate was washed with PBS-T, a 3,3',5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) chromogenic substrate solution (manufactured by Calbiochem, Inc.) was added to each well, followed by incubation at room temperature. The coloring reaction was stopped by adding a 1 mol/L hydrochloric acid to each well, and an absorbance at a wavelength of 450 nm (reference wavelength: 570 nm) was measured using a microplate reader.

30 [0372]

A sequence analysis was carried out for clones bound to hCADM3-GST and mCADM3-GST, and the following anti-CADM3 VHH antibodies: iCADM3_3R1-L5, iCADM3_3R1-L8, iCADM3_3R1-L10, and iCADM3_3R1-L11 were obtained. The

nucleotide sequences encoding VHH of various types of anti-CADM3 antibodies, and the amino acid sequences deduced from the nucleotide sequences are shown in Table 1.

[0373]

[Table 1]

Clone Name	iCADM3_3R1-L5	iCADM3_3R1-L8	iCADM3_3R1-L10	iCADM3_3R1-L11
Nucleotide sequence encoding VHH (excluding signal sequence)	SEQ ID NO: 1	SEQ ID NO: 6	SEQ ID NO: 11	SEQ ID NO: 16
Amino acid sequence of VHH (excluding signal sequence)	SEQ ID NO: 2	SEQ ID NO: 7	SEQ ID NO: 12	SEQ ID NO: 17
Amino acid sequence of CDR1	SEQ ID NO: 3	SEQ ID NO: 8	SEQ ID NO: 13	SEQ ID NO: 18
Amino acid sequence of CDR2	SEQ ID NO: 4	SEQ ID NO: 9	SEQ ID NO: 14	SEQ ID NO: 19
Amino acid sequence of CDR3	SEQ ID NO: 5	SEQ ID NO: 10	SEQ ID NO: 15	SEQ ID NO: 20

5 [0374]

(2) Acquisition of Antibody Using Human Antibody Phage Libraries

A VH gene fragment and a VL gene fragment were amplified from human PBMC-derived cDNAs by PCR. Each of the VH gene fragment and the VL gene fragment was inserted into a phagemid vector pCANTAB 5E (manufactured by Amersham Pharmacia Biotech, Inc.), and plasmids were obtained by transforming *E. coli* TG1 (manufactured by Lucigen Corporation). The obtained plasmids were infected with M13KO7 Helper Phage (manufactured by Invitrogen, Inc.), whereby human antibody M13 phage libraries of the VH gene and the VL gene were obtained.

[0375]

15 By using the human antibody M13 phage libraries, anti-CADM3 monoclonal antibodies were obtained using the phage display method described below. hCADM3-FLAG_Fc, rCADM3-FLAG_Fc, or mCADM3-FLAG_Fc of Example 4 described below was immobilized on a MAXISORP STARTUBE (manufactured by NUNC, Inc.), followed by blocking using SuperBlock Blocking Buffer (manufactured by Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.).

20 [0376]

The human antibody M13 phage library was allowed to react with the tube at room temperature for 1 hour, and washing was carried out with PBS or PBS-T, and thereafter, the phage was eluted with 0.1 mol/L Gly-HCl (pH 2.2). The eluate was neutralized by adding Tris-HCl (pH 8.5) thereto. TG1 competent cells were infected with the eluted phage, and the phage was amplified.

[0377]

Thereafter, the phage was allowed to react with hCADM3-FLAG_Fc, rCADM3-FLAG_Fc, or mCADM3-FLAG_Fc immobilized on the MAXISORP STARTUBE again, followed by washing and elution. This procedure was repeated to concentrate phages 5 displaying scFv which specifically binds to hCADM3-FLAG_Fc, rCADM3-FLAG_Fc, and mCADM3-FLAG_Fc. The concentrated phages were monocloned, and clones having affinity for CADM3 were selected by ELISA.

[0378]

In the ELISA, hCADM3-FLAG_Fc, rCADM3-FLAG_Fc, and mCADM3-FLAG_Fc were immobilized on MAXISORP (manufactured by NUNC, Inc.), followed by 10 blocking using SuperBlock Blocking Buffer (manufactured by Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.). As a negative control, a plate on which Fc was immobilized was also prepared.

[0379]

To each well, each phage clone was added and allowed to react at room temperature 15 for 30 minutes, and thereafter, each well was washed with PBS-T. Subsequently, a solution obtained by diluting an anti-M13 antibody (manufactured by GE Healthcare, Inc.) labeled with horseradish peroxidase with PBS-T comprising 10% Block Ace (manufactured by Dainippon Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.) was added to each well and incubated at room temperature for 30 minutes.

20 [0380]

After the microplate was washed 3 times with PBS-T, a TMB chromogenic substrate solution (manufactured by DAKO, Inc.) was added thereto, followed by incubation at room temperature. The coloring reaction was stopped by adding a 0.5 mol/L sulfuric acid to each well, and an absorbance at a wavelength of 450 nm (reference wavelength: 570 nm) 25 was measured using a microplate reader.

[0381]

A sequence analysis was carried out for clones obtained by panning using CADM3-FLAG_Fc, and phagemid vectors encoding CADM301, CADM3102, CADM3219, CADM3301, CADM3309, CADM3312, CADM3314, CADM3316, CADM3349, 30 CADM3351, CADM3402, CADM3404, CADM3432, CADM3448, CADM3458, or CADM3501 were obtained, respectively.

[0382]

The nucleotide sequences encoding VH or VL of various types of anti-CADM3

antibodies, and the amino acid sequences deduced from the nucleotide sequences are shown in Table 2A and Table 2B.

[0383]

[Table 2A]

Clone Name	CADM301	CADM3102
Nucleotide sequence encoding VH (excluding signal sequence)	SEQ ID NO: 21	SEQ ID NO: 31
Amino acid sequence of VH (excluding signal sequence)	SEQ ID NO: 22	SEQ ID NO: 32
Amino acid sequence of HCDR1	SEQ ID NO: 23	SEQ ID NO: 33
Amino acid sequence of HCDR2	SEQ ID NO: 24	SEQ ID NO: 34
Amino acid sequence of HCDR3	SEQ ID NO: 25	SEQ ID NO: 35
Nucleotide sequence encoding VL (excluding signal sequence)	SEQ ID NO: 26	SEQ ID NO: 36
Amino acid sequence of VL (excluding signal sequence)	SEQ ID NO: 27	SEQ ID NO: 37
Amino acid sequence of LCDR1	SEQ ID NO: 28	SEQ ID NO: 38
Amino acid sequence of LCDR2	SEQ ID NO: 29	SEQ ID NO: 39
Amino acid sequence of LCDR3	SEQ ID NO: 30	SEQ ID NO: 40

[0384]
[Table 2]

[Table 2B]

[0385]

[Example 2] Production of Antibody

(1) Construction of CADM3 VHH-hG4PE(R409K) Expression Vector

An expression vector was constructed for producing a VHH-Fc antibody in which
 5 each anti-CADM3 VHH antibody was bound to the Fc region of a human IgG4 antibody
 comprising amino acid residue substitutions of S228P, L235E, and R409K according to the
 EU numbering (hereinafter sometimes abbreviated as “IgG4 variant”).

The gene fragment of the VHH region was amplified by PCR using a synthetic gene
 of VHH of each of iCADM3_3R1-L5, iCADM3_3R1-L8, iCADM3_3R1-L10, and
 10 iCADM3_3R1-L11 as a template. The gene fragment of the Hinge-CH2-CH3 region was
 amplified by PCR using a synthetic gene of the heavy chain constant region as a template.
 The obtained gene fragments were inserted into a pCI vector (manufactured by Promega,
 Inc.), whereby a pCI_iCADM3_3R1-L5 VHH-hG4PE(R409K) vector was produced.

[0386]

15 Antibody expression vectors in which the gene fragment of the VHH region of each
 of the various types of anti-CADM3 antibodies shown in Table 1 was inserted were produced
 in the same manner and named pCI_iCADM3_3R1-L8 VHH-hG4PE(R409K) vector,
 pCI_iCADM3_3R1-L10 VHH-hG4PE(R409K) vector, and pCI_iCADM3_3R1-L11 VHH-
 hG4PE(R409K) vector, respectively.

[0387]

(2) Construction of CADM3 scFv-hG4PE(R409K) Expression Vector

An expression vector was constructed for producing a scFv-Fc antibody in which
 the antibody variable region of an anti-CADM3 antibody was bound to the Fc region of the
 human IgG4 variant. The gene fragment of the scFv region was amplified by PCR using the
 25 phagemid vector encoding CADM301 obtained in Example 1(2) as a template. The gene
 fragment of the Hinge-CH2-CH3 region was amplified by PCR using a synthetic gene of the
 heavy chain constant region as a template.

[0388]

The obtained gene fragments were inserted into an N5 vector (manufactured by
 30 IDEC, Inc.), whereby an N5_CADM301 scFv-hG4PE vector was produced. An
 N5_CADM3102 scFv-hG4PE vector was produced using the phagemid vector encoding
 CADM3102 obtained in Example 1(2) as a template.

[0389]

(3) Construction of CADM3 hG4PE(R409K) Expression Vector

Each gene fragment of the variable region was amplified by PCR using each of the phagemid vectors encoding CADM3219, CADM3301, CADM3309, CADM3312, CADM3314, CADM3316, CADM3349, CADM3351, CADM3402, CADM3404,

5 CADM3432, CADM3448, CADM3458, or CADM3501 obtained in Example 1(2) as a template. Each of the obtained gene fragments was inserted into a pCI vector (manufactured by Promega, Inc.), whereby pCI-hKG4PE(R409K)_CADM3219, pCI-hKG4PE(R409K)_CADM3301, pCI-hKG4PE(R409K)_CADM3312, pCI-hKG4PE(R409K)_CADM3314, pCI-hKG4PE(R409K)_CADM3316, pCI-hKG4PE(R409K)_CADM3349, pCI-hKG4PE(R409K)_CADM3351, pCI-hKG4PE(R409K)_CADM3402, pCI-hKG4PE(R409K)_CADM3404, pCI-hKG4PE(R409K)_CADM3432, pCI-hKG4PE(R409K)_CADM3448, pCI-hKG4PE(R409K)_CADM3458, and pCI-hKG4PE(R409K)_CADM3501 were produced, respectively.

15 [0390]

(4) Construction of pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-CADM3 VHH Vector

An expression vector was constructed for producing an anti-AVM-IgG4-CADM3 VHH bispecific antibody in which two anti-CADM3 VHH antibodies were bound to the C-terminal side of an anti-AVM-IgG4 antibody. The gene fragments of the VL and VH regions were amplified by PCR using a variable region of an anti-AVM antibody as a template, and the gene fragments of CL and the CH1-Hinge-CH2-CH3-linker region were amplified by PCR using a synthetic gene as a template. Further, the gene fragment the VHH region was amplified by PCR using a synthetic gene of VHH of each of iCADM3_3R1-L5, iCADM3_3R1-L8, iCADM3_3R1-L10, and iCADM3_3R1-L11 as a template.

25 [0391]

The obtained gene fragments were inserted into a pCI vector (manufactured by Promega, Inc.), whereby a pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L5 VHH vector, a pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L8 VHH vector, a pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L10 VHH vector, and a pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L11 VHH vector were produced.

30 [0392]

The names of the antibody expression vectors, the nucleotide sequences encoding the heavy chain or the light chain of the antibodies, and the amino acid sequences deduced from the nucleotide sequences are shown in Table 3.

[0393]

5 [Table 3]

Name of antibody expression vector	Nucleotide sequence encoding light chain (excluding signal sequence)	Amino acid sequence of light chain (excluding signal sequence)	Nucleotide sequence encoding heavy chain (excluding signal sequence)	Amino acid sequence of heavy chain (excluding signal sequence)
pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L5 VHH	SEQ ID NO: 41	SEQ ID NO: 42	SEQ ID NO: 43	SEQ ID NO: 44
pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L8 VHH			SEQ ID NO: 45	SEQ ID NO: 46
pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L10 VHH			SEQ ID NO: 47	SEQ ID NO: 48
pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L11 VHH			SEQ ID NO: 49	SEQ ID NO: 50

[0394]

(5) Construction of Anti-Avermectin Antibody Expression Vector and pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)_AVMscFv5 Vector

As a negative control antibody, a chimeric anti-Avermectin (AVM) antibody was produced. An SD rat was immunized with AVM, and an anti-AVM antibody-producing hybridoma was established by a conventional method. The gene fragments of VL and VH were amplified by PCR using a variable region derived from the hybridoma as a template. A synthesized nucleotide sequence encoding the lambda chain constant region of human IgG and the amplified variable region were inserted into an N5KG4PE vector (described in WO 2002/088186), whereby an expression vector N5LG4PE_AVM was produced.

[0395]

The gene fragments of CL and the CH1-Hinge-CH2-CH3-linker region were amplified by PCR using a synthetic gene as a template. Further, the gene fragments of VH and VL of AVM were amplified by PCR using N5LG4PE_AVM as a template. The obtained gene fragments were inserted into a pCI vector (manufactured by Promega, Inc.), whereby a pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-AVMscFv5 vector was produced.

[0396]

(6) Preparation of Antibody

The antibody expression plasmid vector was introduced into Expi293F cells (manufactured by Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.) using Expi293 (trademark) Expression System (manufactured by Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.), and the cells were cultured to

express the antibody in a transient expression system. The culture supernatant was collected 3 to 4 days after the introduction of the vector and filtered through a membrane filter having a pore size of 0.22 µm (manufactured by Merck Millipore Corporation). The antibody protein in this culture supernatant was subjected to affinity purification using a Protein A resin 5 (MabSelect SuRe, manufactured by GE Healthcare Biosciences, Inc.).

[0397]

As the washing solution, a phosphate buffer solution was used. The protein adsorbed on the Protein A was eluted with a 20 mmol/L sodium citrate and 50 mmol/L NaCl buffer solution (pH 3.4) and collected in a tube comprising 1 mol/L Tris-HCl (pH 8.0).

10 Subsequently, the solvent in the eluate was replaced with PBS by ultrafiltration using Amicon Ultra (manufactured by Merck Millipore Corporation) and a NAP column (manufactured by GE Healthcare Biosciences, Inc.), and thereafter, the obtained solution was sterilized by filtration through a membrane filter having a pore size of 0.22 µm (manufactured by Merck Millipore Corporation). An absorbance at 280 nm of the antibody solution was measured, 15 and the concentration of the purified antibody was calculated.

[0398]

Anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibodies obtained by expressing the vectors produced in Example 2(1) were named iCADM3_3R1-L5 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), iCADM3_3R1-L8 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), iCADM3_3R1-L10 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), and iCADM3_3R1-L11 20 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), respectively.

[0399]

Anti-CADM3 scFv-Fc antibodies obtained by expressing the vectors produced in Example 2(2) were named CADM301 scFv-hG4PE and CADM3102 scFv-hG4PE, respectively.

25 [0400]

Anti-CADM3 antibodies obtained by expressing the vectors produced in Example 2(3) were named CADM3219-hG4PE, CADM3301-hG4PE, CADM3309-hG4PE, CADM3312-hG4PE, CADM3314-hG4PE, CADM3316-hG4PE, CADM3349-hG4PE, CADM3351-hG4PE, CADM3402-hG4PE, CADM3404-hG4PE, CADM3432-hG4PE, 30 CADM3448-hG4PE, CADM3458-hG4PE, and CADM3501-hG4PE, respectively.

[0401]

Anti- AVM-IgG4-CADM3 VHH bispecific antibodies obtained by expressing the pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L5 VHH vector, the pCI_AVM-

hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L8 VHH vector, the pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L10 VHH vector, and the pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L11 VHH vector produced in Example 2(4) were named AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L5 dVHH, AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L8 dVHH, AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L10 dVHH, and AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L11 dVHH, respectively.

[0402]

Further, an anti-AVM-IgG4 antibody obtained by expressing the N5LG4PE_AVM produced in Example 2(5), and an anti-AVM-IgG4-AVM dscFv bispecific antibody obtained by expressing the pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-AVMscFv5 vector produced in Example 2(4) were named anti-AVM antibody and AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_AVM dscFv5, respectively.

[0403]

[Example 3] Analysis of Reactivity with CADM3-Expressing Cells

The nucleotide sequence encoding human CADM3 is represented by SEQ ID NO: 51, an amino acid sequence deduced from the nucleotide sequence is represented by SEQ ID NO: 52, the nucleotide sequence encoding mouse CADM3 is represented by SEQ ID NO: 53, an amino acid sequence deduced from the nucleotide sequence is represented by SEQ ID NO: 54, the nucleotide sequence encoding monkey CADM3 is represented by SEQ ID NO: 55, and an amino acid sequence deduced from the nucleotide sequence is represented by SEQ ID NO: 56.

[0404]

The full-length gene sequences of human CADM3, mouse CADM3, and monkey CADM3 were synthesized, and the gene sequences were each inserted into the BamHI-NotI site of a pEF6/V5-His (manufactured by Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.) vector, whereby the following plasmid vectors for membrane expression of various types of CADM3: pEF6_human CADM3, pEF6_mouse CADM3, and pEF6_cynomolgus CADM3 were produced.

[0405]

The various types of membrane CADM3 antigen expression vectors were separately introduced into Expi293F cells using FreeStyle (trademark) 293 Expression System (manufactured by Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.), and the cells were cultured to express the membrane antigens in a transient expression system. By using the cells, the reactivity of the antibodies produced in Example 2 with the CADM3-expressing cells was analyzed by a

fluorescence activated cell sorting (FACS) method according to the following procedure.

[0406]

Expi293F cells, human CADM3/Expi293F cells, mouse CADM3/Expi293F cells, and monkey CADM3/Expi293F cells were separately suspended in Staining Buffer (SB) of 5 PBS comprising 0.1% NaN₃ and 1% FBS and dispensed in a round-bottom 96-well plate (manufactured by Becton, Dickinson and Company).

[0407]

After centrifugation (2000 rpm, 4°C, 2 minutes), the supernatant was removed, and to the resulting pellet, 10 µg/mL of each antibody obtained in Example 2 was added to 10 suspend the pellet, and the resulting suspension was left to stand for 30 minutes at ice temperature. After further centrifugation (2000 rpm, 4°C, 2 minutes), the supernatant was removed, and the resulting pellet was washed with SB, and thereafter, 1 µg/mL of an RPE fluorescently labeled goat anti-human antibody (manufactured by Southern Biotech, Inc.) was added thereto, and the resultant was incubated for 30 minutes at ice temperature.

15 [0408]

After washing with SB, the cells were suspended in SB, and the fluorescence intensity of each cell was measured using a flow cytometer FACS CANTO II (manufactured by Becton, Dickinson and Company). Note that as a negative control, 10 µg/mL of the anti-AVM antibody was used.

20 [0409]

The detection results were analyzed, and a mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) was calculated using a geometric mean. Further, with respect to the MFI when the concentration of each antibody was 10 µg/mL, the ratio of the MFI (mean fluorescence intensity ratio) 25 between the human CADM3/Expi293F cells and the Expi293F cells (parent cell line) was calculated.

[0410]

Also for the monkey CADM3/Expi293F cells and the mouse CADM3/Expi293F cells, the mean fluorescence intensity ratio relative to the Expi293F cells (parent cell line) was calculated by the same procedure, and the results are shown in Table 4.

30 [0411]

[Table 4]

	Mean fluorescence intensity ratio		
	Human CADM3-expressing cells/parent cell line	Monkey CADM3-expressing cells/parent cell line	Mouse CADM3-expressing cells/parent cell line
Anti-AVM antibody	1.02	1.02	1.07
CADM301 scFv-hG4PE	4.22	5.72	8.08
CADM3102 scFv-hG4PE	52.33	51.52	42.60
iCADM3_3R1-L5 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	25.05	26.65	4.21
iCADM3_3R1-L8 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	5.84	6.91	8.20
iCADM3_3R1-L10 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	37.53	36.49	8.87
iCADM3_3R1-L11 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	32.24	35.32	35.52
CADM3219 hG4PE(R409K)	7.3	Not Evaluated	9.2
CADM3301 hG4PE(R409K)	6	Not Evaluated	6.2
CADM3309 hG4PE(R409K)	10.2	Not Evaluated	12.5
CADM3312 hG4PE(R409K)	34.4	Not Evaluated	31.6
CADM3314 hG4PE(R409K)	10	Not Evaluated	9.2
CADM3316 hG4PE(R409K)	6.5	Not Evaluated	7.1
CADM3349 hG4PE(R409K)	4.8	Not Evaluated	48.7
CADM3351 hG4PE(R409K)	8.2	Not Evaluated	8.8
CADM3402 hG4PE(R409K)	10.8	Not Evaluated	9.4
CADM3404 hG4PE(R409K)	8.7	Not Evaluated	8.2
CADM3432 hG4PE(R409K)	14.7	Not Evaluated	14.6
CADM3448 hG4PE(R409K)	9.4	Not Evaluated	10.4
CADM3458 hG4PE(R409K)	5.7	Not Evaluated	5.4
CADM3501 hG4PE(R409K)	44.9	Not Evaluated	36.1

[0412]

As shown in Table 4, in the case of all the anti-CADM3 antibodies, the mean fluorescence intensity ratio was increased as compared with that of the anti-AVM antibody that is the negative control, and the anti-CADM3 antibodies showed reactivity with the human CADM3/Expi293F cells, the mouse CADM3/Expi293F cells, and the monkey CADM3/Expi293F cells (however, with respect to some anti-CADM3 antibodies, the reactivity with the monkey CADM3/Expi293F cells was not evaluated). Therefore, it was revealed that the anti-CADM3 antibodies recognize and bind to human CADM3, mouse CADM3, or monkey CADM3.

[0413]

Further, also with respect to AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L5 dVHH, AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L8 dVHH, AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L10 dVHH, and AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L11 dVHH, reactivity with the 15 Expi293F cells, the human CADM3/Expi293F cells, and the mouse CADM3/Expi293F cells was analyzed by the same procedure, and the results are shown in Table 5.

[0414]

[Table 5]

	Mean fluorescence intensity ratio	
	Human CADM3-expressing cells/parent cell line	Mouse CADM3-expressing cells/parent cell line
Anti-AVM antibody	1.08	1.15
AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_AVM dscFv5	1.10	1.15
AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L5 dVHH	5.14	1.96
AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L8 dVHH	2.92	3.65
AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L10 dVHH	4.22	1.78
AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L11 dVHH	5.76	4.66

[0415]

As shown in Table 5, in the case of all the antibodies, the mean fluorescence intensity ratio was increased as compared with that of the anti-AVM antibody that is the negative control, and it was revealed that the antibodies react with the human CADM3/Expi293F cells and the mouse CADM3/Expi293F cells.

[0416]

[Example 4] Production of Soluble CADM3 Antigen

(1) Production of Extracellular Domain Protein of CADM3 to Which FLAG_Fc is Bound

As a soluble antigen of human CADM3, mouse CADM3, or rat CADM3, an extracellular domain protein of CADM3 to which FLAG_Fc was added at the C-terminus was produced by the method described below.

[0417]

A synthetic gene of the extracellular domain of human CADM3 and a synthetic gene of FLAG_Fc were inserted into an INPEP4 (manufactured by IDEC, Inc.) vector, whereby a plasmid vector for expressing the extracellular domain of human CADM3 to which FLAG_Fc was added at the C-terminal side: INPEP4-hCADM3-FLAG_Fc was produced. The nucleotide sequence encoding hCADM3-FLAG_Fc is represented by SEQ ID NO: 57, and an amino acid sequence deduced from the nucleotide sequence is represented by SEQ ID NO: 58.

[0418]

Also for mouse CADM3 and rat CADM3, plasmid vectors INPEP4-mCADM3-FLAG_Fc and INPEP4-rCADM3-FLAG_Fc were produced in the same manner. The nucleotide sequence encoding mCADM3-FLAG_Fc is represented by SEQ ID NO: 59, an amino acid sequence deduced from the nucleotide sequence is represented by SEQ ID NO:

60, the nucleotide sequence encoding rCADM3-FLAG_Fc is represented by SEQ ID NO: 61, and an amino acid sequence deduced from the nucleotide sequence is represented by SEQ ID NO: 62.

[0419]

5 INPEP4-hCADM3-FLAG_Fc, INPEP4-mCADM3-FLAG_Fc, and INPEP4-rCADM3-FLAG_Fc were separately introduced into Expi293F cells using Expi293 (trademark) Expression System (manufactured by Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.), and the cells were cultured to express the proteins in a transient expression system, and the proteins were purified in the same manner as in Example 2. The concentrations of the purified 10 human, mouse, and rat CADM3-FLAG_Fc proteins in the solutions were determined based on the absorbance at 280 nm.

[0420]

(2) Production of Extracellular Domain Protein of CADM3 to Which GST is Bound

As a soluble antigen of human CADM3 or mouse CADM3, an extracellular domain 15 protein of CADM3 to which GST was added at the C-terminus was produced by the method described below.

[0421]

A synthetic gene of the extracellular domain of human or mouse CADM3 and a synthetic gene of GST were inserted into an N5 vector (manufactured by IDEC, Inc.), 20 whereby the following plasmid vectors for expressing the extracellular domains of human and mouse CADM3 to which GST was added at the C-terminal side: N5-hCADM3-GST and N5-mCADM3-GST were produced.

[0422]

The nucleotide sequence encoding hCADM3-GST is represented by SEQ ID NO: 25 63, an amino acid sequence deduced from the nucleotide sequence is represented by SEQ ID NO: 64, the nucleotide sequence encoding mCADM3-GST is represented by SEQ ID NO: 65, and an amino acid sequence deduced from the nucleotide sequence is represented by SEQ ID NO: 66.

[0423]

30 N5-hCADM3-GST and N5-mCADM3-GST were separately introduced into Expi293F cells using Expi293 (trademark) Expression System (manufactured by Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.), and the cells were cultured to express the proteins in a transient expression system. The culture supernatant was collected 3 to 4 days after the introduction

of the vector and filtered through a membrane filter having a pore size of 0.22 μ m (manufactured by Merck Millipore Corporation).

[0424]

5 The protein in this culture supernatant was subjected to affinity purification using a Glutathione Sepharose 4B (manufactured by GE Healthcare Biosciences, Inc.). As the washing solution, a phosphate buffer solution was used. The protein adsorbed on the Glutathione Sepharose 4B was eluted with 50 mmol/L Tris-HCl and 10 mmol/L reduced glutathione (pH 8.0).

[0425]

10 Subsequently, the solvent in the solution was replaced with PBS by ultrafiltration using Amicon Ultra (manufactured by Merck Millipore Corporation) and a NAP column (manufactured by GE Healthcare Biosciences, Inc.). The obtained solution was sterilized by filtration through a membrane filter having a pore size of 0.22 μ m (manufactured by Merck Millipore Corporation). The concentrations of the purified human and mouse CADM3-GST 15 proteins in the solutions were determined based on the absorbance at 280 nm.

[0426]

[Example 5] Evaluation of Affinity for CADM3 by Surface Plasmon Resonance Detection

20 The affinity of the anti-CADM3 antibodies produced in Example 2 for human CADM3 and mouse CADM3 was measured using Biacore T-100 (GE Healthcare). Each of the antibodies was immobilized on a CM5 sensor chip using a Human antibody Capture kit, and the binding ability was evaluated using hCADM3-GST and mCADM3-GST produced in Example 4 as analytes.

[0427]

25 The obtained sensorgram was analyzed with BIA evaluation software, and the dissociation constant (K_D value) was calculated. As a result, all the anti-CADM3 antibodies produced in Example 2 exhibited affinity for human CADM3 and mouse CADM3.

[0428]

[Example 6] Evaluation of Migration Ability into Mouse Brain

(1) Measurement of Antibody Amount

30 Each of the antibodies was administered to a mouse through the tail vein (i.v.) at 9 mg/kg body weight, and after 3 days, the blood was collected. On the same day as the blood collection, whole body perfusion was performed under anesthesia, and thereafter, a brain tissue was collected and the weight thereof was measured. Further, a buffer solution was

added to the collected brain tissue, and the brain tissue was homogenized, followed by centrifugation, and an antibody solution eluted in the supernatant was collected. The volume thereof was measured, and also the antibody concentration was measured using AlphaLISA (manufactured by PerkinElmer, Inc.), and the antibody amount per unit brain weight was 5 calculated. Note that the standard curve was created using the antibody attached to the kit. [0429]

The antibody concentration in the serum 3 days after administering the antibody is shown in Fig. 1(A), and the antibody amount in the brain tissue per unit brain weight is shown in Fig. 1(B). As shown in Fig. 1(A), there was no difference in serum concentration of the 10 anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibody 3 days after administering the antibody as compared with that of the negative control (anti-AVM antibody). On the other hand, as shown in Fig. 1(B), it was demonstrated that the antibody amount in the brain of each of the anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibodies: iCADM3_3R1-L5 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), iCADM3_3R1-L8 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), and iCADM3_3R1-L10 VHH-hG4PE(R409K) is increased by about 10 15 times as compared with that of the negative control.

[0430]

Further, a test method carried out under conditions different from those described above and the results will be shown.

[0431]

20 The negative control antibody (anti-AVM antibody), the anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibody: iCADM3_3R1-L8, and the anti-CADM3 antibodies: CADM3312 hG4PE(R409K), CADM3402 hG4PE(R409K), and CADM3501 hG4PE(R409K) were separately administered through the tail vein (i.v.) at 5 mg/kg, and after 7 days, the blood was collected. After the 25 blood was collected, whole body perfusion was performed under anesthesia, and thereafter, a brain tissue was collected and the weight thereof was measured. A buffer solution was added to the collected brain tissue, and the brain tissue was homogenized, followed by centrifugation, and an antibody solution eluted in the supernatant was collected. The volume thereof was measured, and also the antibody concentration was measured using AlphaLISA (manufactured by PerkinElmer, Inc.), and the antibody amount per unit brain weight was 30 calculated. Note that the standard curve was created using each antibody.

[0432]

The antibody concentration in the serum 7 days after administering the antibody is shown in Fig. 2(A), and the antibody amount in the brain tissue per unit brain weight is shown

in Fig. 2(B). As shown in Fig. 2(A), there was no significant difference in serum concentration of each of the CADM3 VHH-Fc antibody: iCADM3_3R1-L8, and the anti-CADM3 antibodies: CADM3312 hG4PE(R409K), CADM3402 hG4PE(R409K), and CADM3501 hG4PE(R409K) antibodies 7 days after administering the antibody as compared 5 with that of the negative control (anti-AVM antibody). On the other hand, as shown in Fig. 2(B), the antibody amount in the brain of each of the anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibody: iCADM3_3R1-L8, and the anti-CADM3 antibodies: CADM3312 hG4PE(R409K), CADM3402 hG4PE(R409K), and CADM3501 hG4PE(R409K) was increased as compared with that of the anti-AVM antibody. Accordingly, the effect of increasing the antibody 10 amount in the brain was confirmed.

[0433]

Subsequently, a test method carried out under conditions different from those described above and the results will be shown.

Each of the antibodies was administered to a mouse through the tail vein (i.v.) at 35 15 nmol/kg body weight, and after 7 days, the blood was collected. On the same day as the blood collection, whole body perfusion was performed under anesthesia, and thereafter, a brain tissue was collected and the weight thereof was measured. Further, a buffer solution was added to the collected brain tissue, and the brain tissue was homogenized, followed by centrifugation, and an antibody solution eluted in the supernatant was collected. The volume 20 thereof was measured, and also the antibody concentration was measured using AlphaLISA (manufactured by PerkinElmer, Inc.), and the antibody amount per unit brain weight was calculated. The antibody concentration was expressed as a value obtained by conversion from the molar concentration using the molecular weight (150 kDa) of a monoclonal antibody. Note that the standard curve was created using each antibody.

25 [0434]

The antibody concentration in the serum of each of AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_AVM dscFv5 and AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L8 dVHH is shown in Fig. 3(A), and the antibody amount per unit brain weight in the brain tissue thereof is shown in Fig. 3(B).

[0435]

30 As shown in Fig. 3(B), it was demonstrated that the antibody amount in the brain of the anti- AVM-IgG4-CADM3 VHH bispecific antibody: AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_iCADM3_3R1-L8 dVHH is increased as compared with that of the anti- AVM-IgG4- AVM dscFv bispecific antibody: AVM IgG4PE(R409K)_AVM dscFv5 that is the

negative control of the bispecific antibody. Accordingly, it was demonstrated that the bispecific antibody which binds to CADM3 can increase the antibody amount in the brain as compared with the bispecific antibody which does not bind to CADM3.

[0436]

5 (2) Imaging Analysis

The anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibodies and the negative control (anti-AVM antibody) were labeled using Alexa FluorR 488 Protein Labeling Kit (manufactured by Molecular Probes, Inc.). Each of the labeled antibodies was administered to a mouse through the tail vein (i.v.) at 9 mg/kg body weight, and after 9 days, the blood was collected. 10 After the blood was collected, whole body perfusion was performed under anesthesia, and thereafter, a brain tissue was collected, and the fluorescence intensity was measured using IVIS Spectrum (manufactured by PerkinElmer, Inc.).

[0437]

15 Imaging images of the brain 9 days after administering the antibody are shown in Fig. 4(A). The ratio of a value of the fluorescence amount in the brain corrected by the fluorescence intensity of the administered antibody to the negative control is shown in Fig. 4(B). As shown in Figs. 4(A) and (B), the antibody amount in the brain of any of the anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibodies: iCADM3_3R1-L5 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), iCADM3_3R1-L8 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), iCADM3_3R1-L10 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), and iCADM3_3R1-L11 20 VHH-hG4PE(R409K) is increased by several times as compared with that of the negative control, and it was demonstrated that the distribution of the antibody spreads over the entire area of the brain.

[0438]

25 Further, a test method carried out under conditions different from those described above and the results will be shown.

[0439]

The negative control antibody (anti-AVM antibody), the anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibody: iCADM3_3R1-L8, and the anti-CADM3 antibodies: CADM3312 hG4PE(R409K), CADM3402 hG4PE(R409K), and CADM3501 hG4PE(R409K) were fluorescently labeled 30 using SAIKI Alexa Fluor 647 Antibody/Protein 1 mg-Labeling Kit, and were separately administered through the tail vein (i.v.) at 5 mg/kg, and after 7 days, the blood was collected. After the blood was collected, whole body perfusion was performed under anesthesia, and thereafter, a brain tissue was collected, and the fluorescence intensity was measured using

IVIS Spectrum (manufactured by PerkinElmer, Inc.).

[0440]

5 Imaging images of the brain 7 days after administering the antibody are shown in Fig. 5. While the administered antibody of the negative control is slightly observed in a central portion of the brain (a color is developed only in the central portion of the brain), it was demonstrated that the distribution of any of the CADM3 antibodies spreads over the entire area of the brain (a color is developed in the entire brain). Note that in the monochrome images, in the case of the anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibody: iCADM3_3R1-L8, the developed color is too intense, and therefore, the image appears white as a whole, 10 however, this is different from the image of the negative control which appears white without developing a color.

[0441]

15 Subsequently, the ratio of a value of the fluorescence amount in the brain 7 days after administering the antibody corrected by the fluorescence intensity of the administered antibody to the negative control is shown in Fig. 6. The antibody amount in the brain of any of the anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibody: iCADM3_3R1-L8, and the anti-CADM3 antibodies: CADM3312 hG4PE(R409K), CADM3402 hG4PE(R409K), and CADM3501 hG4PE(R409K) is increased by several times as compared with that of the negative control.

[0442]

20 [Example 7] Production of Humanized anti-CADM3 Antibody

(1) Designing of Amino Acid Sequence of Various Types of VHHs of iCADM3_3R1-L8 Humanized Antibody

25 By the method described below, the amino acid sequences of various types of VHHs of the iCADM3_3R1-L8 humanized antibody were designed. With respect to VHH, homology between the amino acid sequence of FR of the iCADM3_3R1-L8 antibody and the human FR consensus sequence reported by Kabat *et al.* [Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest, US Dept. Health and Human Services (1991)] was compared. As a result, GenBank accession No. ACR16109.1 had the highest homology with the amino acid sequence of FR of VHH of the iCADM3_3R1-L8 antibody. Therefore, an iCADM3_3R1- 30 L8_00 antibody comprising an amino acid sequence in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of the iCADM3_3R1-L8 antibody represented by SEQ ID NOS: 8, 9, and 10, respectively, were grafted at appropriate positions of the amino acid sequence of FR of ACR16109.1 was designed (SEQ ID NO: 177). The iCADM3_3R1-L8_00 antibody is a

humanized antibody comprising an amino acid sequence in which only the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 derived from an alpaca antibody iCADM3_3R1-L8 antibody were grafted into the amino acid sequence of FR of the selected human antibody.

[0443]

5 However, in general, when a humanized antibody is produced, the biological activity of the humanized antibody is often deteriorated merely by grafting only the amino acid sequence of CDR of an antibody derived from an animal such as a rodent, a rabbit, or an alpaca into the amino acid sequence of FR of a human antibody. In order to avoid such deterioration of the binding activity, modification of an amino acid residue which is 10 considered to affect the binding activity of the antibody among the amino acid residues of FR different between the human antibody and the alpaca antibody is carried out along with the grafting of the amino acid sequence of CDR.

[0444]

15 Therefore, also in this Example, an amino acid residue of FR which is considered to affect the binding activity of the antibody was identified and modified as follows. The three-dimensional structure of the variable region of the iCADM3_3R1-L8_00 antibody was constructed using a computer modeling technique.

[0445]

20 For the production of a three-dimensional structure coordinate and display of the three-dimensional structure, Discovery Studio (BIOVIA, Inc.) was used. Further, a computer model of the three-dimensional structure of the variable region of the iCADM3_3R1-L8 antibody was also constructed in the same manner. Further, an amino acid sequence in which, in the amino acid sequence of FR of VH of the iCADM3_3R1-L8_00 antibody, an amino acid residue different from that of the iCADM3_3R1-L8 antibody 25 was substituted with an amino acid residue present at the same position as that of the iCADM3_3R1-L8 antibody was produced and a three-dimensional structure model was constructed in the same manner.

[0446]

30 The three-dimensional structures of the variable regions of these produced iCADM3_3R1-L8 antibody, iCADM3_3R1-L8_00 antibody, and variants were compared, and an amino acid residue presumed to affect the binding activity of the antibody was identified.

[0447]

The VHHS of a humanized antibody having various modifications were designed by substituting at least one or more amino acid residues among the identified amino acid residues of the iCADM3_3R1-L8_00 antibody with an amino acid residue present at the same position of the iCADM3_3R1-L8 antibody.

5 [0448]

Specifically, an amino acid sequence of a humanized antibody comprising at least one amino residue substitution selected from amino acid residue substitutions of Gln at position 6 with Glu, Phe at position 27 with Arg, Val at position 37 with Phe, Gly at position 44 with Glu, Leu at position 45 with Arg, Trp at position 47 with Phe, Ser at position 49 with 10 Ala, Leu at position 79 with Val, and Lys at position 98 with Ala in the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 177 among the identified amino acid residues was produced, and the VHH of the humanized antibody having various modifications were designed.

[0449]

Specifically, as the VHH of the iCADM3_3R1-L8 humanized antibody, 15 iCADM3_3R1-L8_01 (SEQ ID NO: 68), iCADM3_3R1-L8_02 (SEQ ID NO: 70), iCADM3_3R1-L8_03 (SEQ ID NO: 72), and iCADM3_3R1-L8_04 (SEQ ID NO: 74) were designed. The amino acid sequences encoding the various types of VHHS of the iCADM3_3R1-L8 humanized antibody are shown in Table 6.

[0450]

20 (2) Designing of Amino Acid Sequence of Various Types of VHHS of iCADM3_3R1-L11 Humanized Antibody

The amino acid sequence of VHH of the iCADM3_3R1-L11 humanized antibody was also designed in the same manner as in Example 7(1). The human FR having an amino acid sequence with the highest homology was GenBank accession No. AAQ05734.1, but its 25 antigenicity was presumed to be high, and therefore, the germline sequence VH3-53 was used.

[0451]

An iCADM3_3R1-L11_00 antibody comprising an amino acid sequence in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VHH of the iCADM3_3R1-L11 antibody 30 (SEQ ID NOS: 18, 19, and 20, respectively) were grafted at appropriate positions of the amino acid sequence of FR of VH3-53 was designed (SEQ ID NO: 178). Also an amino acid residue of FR considered to affect the binding activity of the iCADM3_3R1-L11_00 antibody was selected in the same manner as in Example 7(1).

[0452]

An amino acid sequence of a humanized antibody comprising at least one amino residue substitution selected from amino acid residue substitutions of Glu at position 1 with Gln, Ile at position 12 with Val, Pro at position 14 with Ala, Phe at position 27 with Ser, The 5 The at position 28 with Ile, Val at position 29 with Phe, Val at position 37 with Tyr, Gly at position 44 with Gln, Lys at position 45 with Arg, Glu at position 46 with Gly, Trp at position 47 with Leu, Ser at position 49 with Ala, Leu at position 78 with Val, Ala at position 96 with Asn, and Arg at position 97 with Ala in the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 178 among the selected amino acid residues was produced, and the VHH of the humanized 10 antibody having various modifications were designed.

[0453]

Specifically, as the VHH of the iCADM3_3R1-L11 humanized antibody, iCADM3_3R1-L11_01 (SEQ ID NO: 76), iCADM3_3R1-L11_02 (SEQ ID NO: 78), iCADM3_3R1-L11_03 (SEQ ID NO: 80), iCADM3_3R1-L11_04 (SEQ ID NO: 82), 15 iCADM3_3R1-L11_05 (SEQ ID NO: 84), and iCADM3_3R1-L11_06 (SEQ ID NO: 86) were designed. The amino acid sequences encoding various types of VHHs of the iCADM3_3R1-L11 humanized antibody are shown in Table 6.

[0454]

The nucleotide sequences encoding the amino acid sequences of the variable 20 regions of the humanized antibodies shown in Table 6 were designed using a codon to be used with high frequency in animal cells, and shown in Table 6.

[0455]

[Table 6]

Clone Name	Nucleotide sequence encoding VHH (excluding signal sequence)	Amino acid sequence of VHH (excluding signal sequence)
iCADM3-3R1-L8_01	SEQ ID NO: 67	SEQ ID NO: 68
iCADM3-3R1-L8_02	SEQ ID NO: 69	SEQ ID NO: 70
iCADM3-3R1-L8_03	SEQ ID NO: 71	SEQ ID NO: 72
iCADM3-3R1-L8_04	SEQ ID NO: 73	SEQ ID NO: 74
iCADM3-3R1-L11_01	SEQ ID NO: 75	SEQ ID NO: 76
iCADM3-3R1-L11_02	SEQ ID NO: 77	SEQ ID NO: 78
iCADM3-3R1-L11_03	SEQ ID NO: 79	SEQ ID NO: 80
iCADM3-3R1-L11_04	SEQ ID NO: 81	SEQ ID NO: 82
iCADM3-3R1-L11_05	SEQ ID NO: 83	SEQ ID NO: 84
iCADM3-3R1-L11_06	SEQ ID NO: 85	SEQ ID NO: 86

[0456]

25 (3) Preparation of CADM3 Humanized Antibody

In the same manner as in Example 2(1), antibody expression vectors in which the gene fragment of each of the various types of VHH regions of the humanized anti-CADM3 antibodies shown in Table 6 was inserted were produced. Antibodies were obtained by expressing each of the produced vectors in the same manner as in Example 2(5).

5 [0457]

The produced humanized anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibodies were named

iCADM3_3R1-L8_01 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), iCADM3_3R1-L8_02 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), iCADM3_3R1-L8_03 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), iCADM3_3R1-L8_04 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), iCADM3_3R1-L11_01 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), iCADM3_3R1-L11_02 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), iCADM3_3R1-L11_03 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), iCADM3_3R1-L11_04 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), iCADM3_3R1-L11_05 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), and iCADM3_3R1-L11_06 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), respectively.

[0458]

(4) Analysis of Reactivity of CADM3 Humanized Antibody with CADM3-Expressing Cells

15 With respect to the produced humanized anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibodies, reactivity with Expi293F cells, human CADM3/Expi293F cells, and mouse CADM3/Expi293F cells was analyzed by the same procedure as in Example 3. The results are shown in Tables 7 and 8.

[0459]

20 [Table 7]

	Mean fluorescence intensity ratio	
	Human CADM3-expressing cells/parent cell line	Mouse CADM3-expressing cells/parent cell line
Anti-AVM antibody	1.08	1.02
iCADM3-3R1-L8_01 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	2.21	3.71
iCADM3-3R1-L8_02 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	2.80	4.83
iCADM3-3R1-L8_03 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	5.65	8.54
iCADM3-3R1-L8_04 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	6.20	9.62

[0460]

[Table 8]

	Mean fluorescence intensity ratio	
	Human CADM3-expressing cells/parent cell line	Mouse CADM3-expressing cells/parent cell line
Anti-AVM antibody	1.08	1.02
iCADM3-3R1-L11_01 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	12.21	12.52
iCADM3-3R1-L11_02 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	12.38	27.85
iCADM3-3R1-L11_03 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	24.38	33.84
iCADM3-3R1-L11_04 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	22.47	26.74
iCADM3-3R1-L11_05 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	11.10	24.62
iCADM3-3R1-L11_06 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)	32.99	42.25

[0461]

As shown in Tables 7 and 8, in the case of all the antibodies, the mean fluorescence intensity ratio was increased as compared with the anti-AVM antibody that is the control, and it was revealed that the humanized anti-CADM3 antibodies react with the human CADM3/Expi293F cells and the mouse CADM3/Expi293F cells.

[0462]

With respect to the produced humanized anti-CADM3 antibodies, affinity for CADM3 by surface plasmon resonance detection was evaluated by the same procedure as in Example 6. As a result, as shown in Tables 9 and 10, all the antibodies exhibited affinity for human CADM3 and mouse CADM3.

[0463]

[Table 9]

Affinity for human CADM3

Antibody	ka (1/Ms)	kd (1/s)	KD (M)
iCADM3_3R1-L8	4.1E+04	5.1E-04	1.25E-08
iCADM3_3R1-L8_03	1.9E+05	1.9E-03	1.03E-08
iCADM3_3R1-L8_04	1.5E+05	7.8E-04	5.34E-09

[0464]

[Table 10]

Affinity for mouse CADM3

Antibody	ka (1/Ms)	kd (1/s)	KD (M)
iCADM3_3R1-L8	1.4E+05	6.3E-04	4.39E-09
iCADM3_3R1-L8_03	1.5E+05	1.1E-03	7.38E-09
iCADM3_3R1-L8_04	1.2E+05	6.4E-04	5.22E-09

[0465]

[Example 8] Evaluation of Migration Ability into Mouse Brain of Humanized anti-CADM3

Antibody

The negative control antibody (anti-AVM antibody), the anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibody (iCADM3_3R1-L8 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)), and the humanized anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibody (iCADM3_3R1-L8_04 VHH-hG4PE(R409K)) were labeled using SAVI Alexa Fluor 647 Antibody/Protein 1 mg-Labeling Kit. Each of the labeled antibodies was administered through the tail vein (i.v.) at 5 mg/kg body weight, and after 7 days, the blood was collected.

[0466]

After the blood was collected, whole body perfusion was performed under anesthesia, and thereafter, a brain tissue was collected and the weight thereof was measured. A buffer solution was added to the collected brain tissue, and the brain tissue was homogenized, followed by centrifugation, and an antibody solution eluted in the supernatant was collected. The volume thereof was measured, and also the antibody concentration was measured using AlphaLISA (manufactured by PerkinElmer, Inc.), and the antibody amount per unit brain weight was calculated. Note that the standard curve was created using each antibody. Further, with respect to a brain tissue collected under the same conditions, the fluorescence intensity was measured using IVIS Spectrum (manufactured by PerkinElmer, Inc.).

[0467]

The antibody concentration in the serum 7 days after administering the antibody is shown in Fig. 7(A), and the antibody amount per unit brain weight in the brain tissue is shown in Fig. 7(B). As shown in Figs. 7(A) and (B), there was no difference both in the antibody concentration in the serum and the antibody amount per unit brain weight in the brain tissue between iCADM3_3R1-L8 VHH-hG4PE(R409K) and iCADM3_3R1-L8_04 VHH-hG4PE(R409K), and it was demonstrated that the effect of increasing the antibody amount in the brain is maintained even after humanization of the antibody.

[0468]

Imaging images of the brain 7 days after administering the antibody are shown in Fig. 8(A). The ratio of a value of the fluorescence amount in the brain corrected by the fluorescence intensity of the administered antibody to the negative control is shown in Fig. 8(B). As shown in Figs. 8(A) and (B), the antibody amount in the brain of each of the anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibody and the humanized anti-CADM3 VHH-Fc antibody is increased by several times as compared with that of the negative control, and it was demonstrated that

the distribution of the antibody spreads over the entire area of the brain. From the above results, humanized VHH that maintains an activity equivalent to that of the anti-CADM3 VHH antibody was produced.

[0469]

5 The invention has been explained in detail using the specific aspects, but it is obvious for those skilled in the art that various changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. The present application is based on a Japanese Patent Application filed on June 26, 2018 (Patent Application No. 2018-120477), which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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[0470]

SEQ ID NO: 1-Description of artificial sequence: nucleotide sequence encoding VHH (excluding signal sequence) of iCADM3_3R1-L5

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SEQ ID NO: 2-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of VHH (excluding signal sequence) of iCADM3_3R1-L5

SEQ ID NO: 3-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of CDR1 of iCADM3_3R1-L5

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SEQ ID NO: 4-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of CDR2 of

iCADM3_3R1-L5

SEQ ID NO: 5-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of CDR3 of iCADM3_3R1-L5

SEQ ID NO: 6-Description of artificial sequence: nucleotide sequence encoding VHH (excluding signal sequence) of iCADM3_3R1-L8

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SEQ ID NO: 7-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of VHH (excluding signal sequence) of iCADM3_3R1-L8

SEQ ID NO: 8-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of CDR1 of iCADM3_3R1-L8

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SEQ ID NO: 9-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of CDR2 of

iCADM3_3R1-L8

SEQ ID NO: 10-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of CDR3 of iCADM3_3R1-L8

SEQ ID NO: 11-Description of artificial sequence: nucleotide sequence encoding

VHH (excluding signal sequence) of iCADM3_3R1-L10

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SEQ ID NO: 15-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of CDR3 of iCADM3_3R1-L10

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30 SEQ ID NO: 42-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of light chain (excluding signal sequence) of anti-AVM antibody

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SEQ ID NO: 44-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of heavy chain (excluding signal sequence) of pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L5 VHH

SEQ ID NO: 45-Description of artificial sequence: nucleotide sequence encoding heavy chain (excluding signal sequence) of pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L8

5 VHH

SEQ ID NO: 46-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of heavy chain (excluding signal sequence) of pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L8 VHH

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10 VHH

SEQ ID NO: 48-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of heavy chain (excluding signal sequence) of pCI_AVM-hLG4PE(R409K)-iCADM3_3R1-L10 VHH

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15 VHH

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15 SEQ ID NO: 66-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of mCADM3-GST (comprising signal sequence)

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SEQ ID NO: 69-Description of artificial sequence: nucleotide sequence encoding VHH (excluding signal sequence) of iCADM3_3R1-L8_02

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SEQ ID NO: 75-Description of artificial sequence: nucleotide sequence encoding

VHH (excluding signal sequence) of iCADM3_3R1-L11_01

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5 VHH (excluding signal sequence) of iCADM3_3R1-L11_02

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20 SEQ ID NO: 101-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of HCDR3 of CADM3301

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(excluding signal sequence) of CADM3312

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20 CADM3316, CADM3349, and CADM3351

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5 SEQ ID NO: 141-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of HCDR3 of CADM3402

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SEQ ID NO: 150-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of HCDR2 of CADM3432

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30 SEQ ID NO: 153-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of VH (excluding signal sequence) of CADM3448

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HCDR2 of CADM3448

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HCDR3 of CADM3448

SEQ ID NO: 157-Description of artificial sequence: nucleotide sequence encoding

5 VH (excluding signal sequence) of CADM3458

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(excluding signal sequence) of CADM3458

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HCDR1 of CADM3458

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HCDR2 of CADM3458

SEQ ID NO: 161-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of

HCDR3 of CADM3458

SEQ ID NO: 162-Description of artificial sequence: nucleotide sequence encoding

15 VL (excluding signal sequence) of CADM3402, CADM3404, CADM3432, CADM3448, and CADM3458

SEQ ID NO: 163-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of VL

(excluding signal sequence) of CADM3402, CADM3404, CADM3432, CADM3448, and

CADM3458

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LCDR1 of CADM3402, CADM3404, CADM3432, CADM3448, and CADM3458

SEQ ID NO: 165-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of

LCDR2 of CADM3402, CADM3404, CADM3432, CADM3448, and CADM3458

SEQ ID NO: 166-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of

25 LCDR3 of CADM3402, CADM3404, CADM3432, CADM3448, and CADM3458

SEQ ID NO: 167-Description of artificial sequence: nucleotide sequence encoding

VH (excluding signal sequence) of CADM3501

SEQ ID NO: 168-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of VH

(excluding signal sequence) of CADM3501

30 SEQ ID NO: 169-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of

HCDR1 of CADM3501

SEQ ID NO: 170-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of

HCDR2 of CADM3501

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SEQ ID NO: 172-Description of artificial sequence: nucleotide sequence encoding VL (excluding signal sequence) of CADM3501

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10 SEQ ID NO: 175-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of LCDR2 of CADM3501

SEQ ID NO: 176-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of LCDR3 of CADM3501

SEQ ID NO: 177-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of VHH (excluding signal sequence) of iCADM3_3R1-L8_00

15 SEQ ID NO: 178-Description of artificial sequence: amino acid sequence of VHH (excluding signal sequence) of iCADM3_3R1-L11_00

CLAIMS

[Claim 1]

5 An antibody, which binds to cell adhesion molecule 3 (CADM3) or an antibody fragment thereof.

[Claim 2]

The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof according to claim 1, wherein the antibody has a property of accumulating in a brain.

[Claim 3]

10 The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the antibody has affinity for neurons and/or nerve tissues.

[Claim 4]

15 The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof is selected from the group consisting of the following (a) to (x):

20 (a) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of complementarity determining regions (CDRs) 1 to 3 of a variable domain of a heavy chain (VH) comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 23, 24, and 25, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of a variable domain of a light chain (VL) comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 28, 29, and 30, respectively;

(b) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 34, 35, and 36, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 38, 39, and 40, respectively;

25 (c) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of a variable domain of a heavy chain of a heavy chain antibody (VHH) comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, and 5, respectively;

(d) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VHH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 8, 9, and 10, respectively;

30 (e) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VHH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 13, 14, and 15, respectively;

(f) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VHH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 18, 19, and 20, respectively;

5 (g) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 89, 90, and 91, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 94, 95, and 96, respectively;

10 (h) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 99, 100, and 101, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

15 (i) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 104, 105, and 106, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

(j) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 109, 110, and 111, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

20 (k) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 114, 115, and, 116, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

25 (l) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 119, 120, and 121, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

30 (m) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 124, 125, and 126, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

(n) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 129, 130, and 131,

respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 134, 135, and 136, respectively;

(o) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 139, 140, and 141,

5 respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively;

(p) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 144, 145, and 146, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the 10 amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively;

(q) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 149, 150, and 151, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively;

15 (r) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 154, 155, and 156, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively;

(s) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 159, 160, and 161, respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 164, 165, and 166, respectively;

(t) an antibody in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VH comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 169, 170, and 171,

25 respectively, and in which the amino acid sequences of CDR1 to CDR3 of VL comprise the amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NOS: 174, 175, and 176, respectively;

(u) an antibody which competes for binding to CADM3 with at least one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t);

30 (v) an antibody which binds to an epitope comprising an epitope to which any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t) binds;

(w) an antibody which binds to the same epitope as an epitope to which any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t) binds; and

(x) an antibody which comprises an amino acid sequence having 85% or more

homology with the amino acid sequence of any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (a) to (t).

[Claim 5]

The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof is selected from the group consisting of the following (1) to (31):

(1) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 22 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 27;

10 (2) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 32 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 37;

(3) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 2;

15 (4) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 7;

(5) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 12;

20 (6) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 17;

(7) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 68;

(8) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 70;

25 (9) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 72;

(10) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 74;

30 (11) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 76;

(12) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 78;

(13) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the

amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 80;

(14) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 82;

5 (15) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 84;

(16) an antibody fragment in which the amino acid sequence of VHH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 86;

(17) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 88 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL

10 comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 93;

(18) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 98 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

15 (19) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 103 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

(20) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 108 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

20 (21) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 113 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

(22) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 118 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL

25 comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

(23) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 123 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

30 (24) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 128 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 133;

(25) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 138 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL

comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163;

(26) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 143 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163;

5 (27) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 148 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163;

(28) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 153 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163;

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(29) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 158 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 163;

15 (30) an antibody in which the amino acid sequence of VH comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 168 and in which the amino acid sequence of VL comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 173; and

(31) an antibody which comprises an amino acid sequence having 85% or more homology with the amino acid sequence of any one of the antibodies or the antibody fragments described in (1) to (30).

20 [Claim 6]

The antibody or the antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof is a bispecific antibody.

[Claim 7]

25 The bispecific antibody according to claim 6, wherein the bispecific antibody binds to CADM3 and an antigen present in a brain.

[Claim 8]

The bispecific antibody according to claim 6 or 7, wherein the bispecific antibody comprises an antigen-binding site which binds to CADM3 and an antigen-binding site which binds to an antigen present in a brain.

30 [Claim 9]

The antibody fragment according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein the antibody fragment is selected from the group consisting of Fab, Fab', F(ab')₂, a single chain antibody (scFv), a dimerized V region (diabody), a disulfide-stabilized V region (dsFv), VHH, and a

peptide comprising CDR.

[Claim 10]

The antibody and the antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the antibody is a genetically recombinant antibody.

5 [Claim 11]

The antibody and the antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein the antibody is selected from the group consisting of a mouse antibody, a rat antibody, a rabbit antibody, an alpaca antibody, a camel antibody, a llama antibody, a chimeric antibody, a humanized antibody, and a human antibody.

10 [Claim 12]

A fusion antibody or a fusion antibody fragment thereof, in which at least one selected from the group consisting of the following (i) to (iii) is linked to the antibody or the antibody fragment thereof which binds to CADM3 according to any one of claims 1 to 11:

- 15 (i) a hydrophilic polymer;
- (ii) an amphipathic polymer; and
- (iii) a functional molecule.

[Claim 13]

A hybridoma, which produces the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 20 12.

[Claim 14]

A nucleic acid, comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 12.

25 [Claim 15]

A transformant cell, comprising a vector comprising the nucleic acid according to claim 14.

[Claim 16]

30 A method for producing the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 12, comprising:

culturing the hybridoma according to claim 13 or the transformant cell according to claim 15, and

collecting the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 12 from a culture solution.

[Claim 17]

5 A composition, comprising the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 12.

[Claim 18]

The composition according to claim 17, which is a composition for detecting or measuring an antigen present in a brain.

10 [Claim 19]

The composition according to claim 17, which is a composition for diagnosing or treating a brain disease.

[Claim 20]

15 A method for detecting or measuring an antigen present in a brain using the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 12 or the composition according to claim 17.

[Claim 21]

20 A method for diagnosing or treating a brain disease using the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 12 or the composition according to claim 17.

[Claim 22]

25 A method for enhancing the property of accumulating in a brain of an antibody, an antibody fragment thereof, a fusion antibody, or a fusion antibody fragment thereof using the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 12 or the composition according to claim 17.

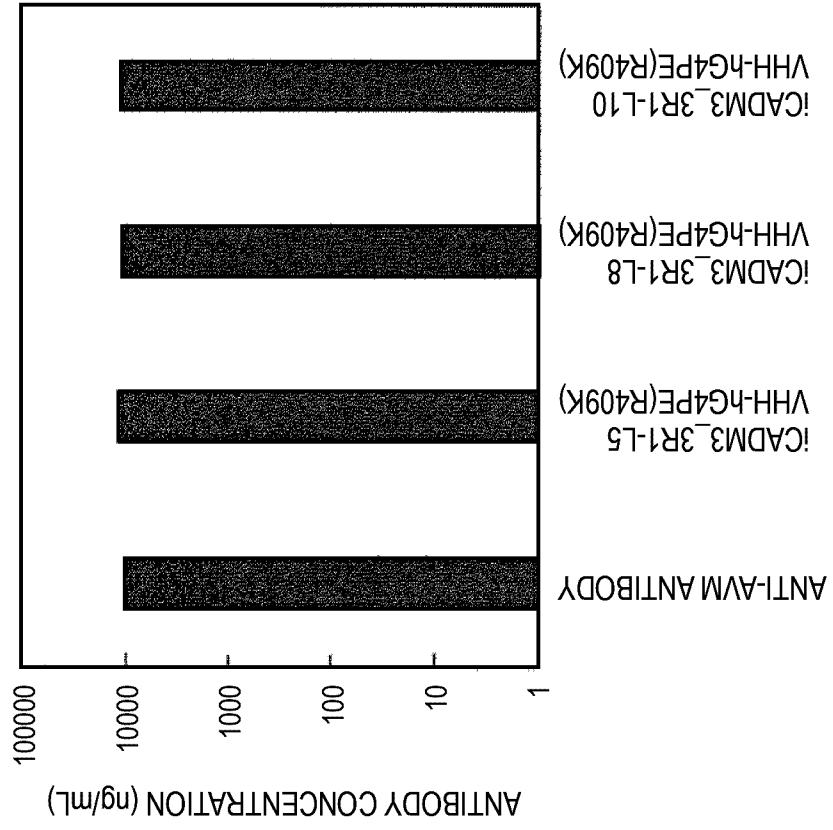
[Claim 23]

30 A method for increasing the amount of an antibody, the amount of an antibody fragment thereof, the amount of a fusion antibody, or the amount of a fusion antibody fragment thereof in a brain using the antibody, the antibody fragment thereof, the fusion antibody, or the fusion antibody fragment thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 12 or the composition according to claim 17.

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FIG. 1

(A) SERUM



(B) BRAIN



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FIG. 2
(A) SERUM
(B) BRAIN

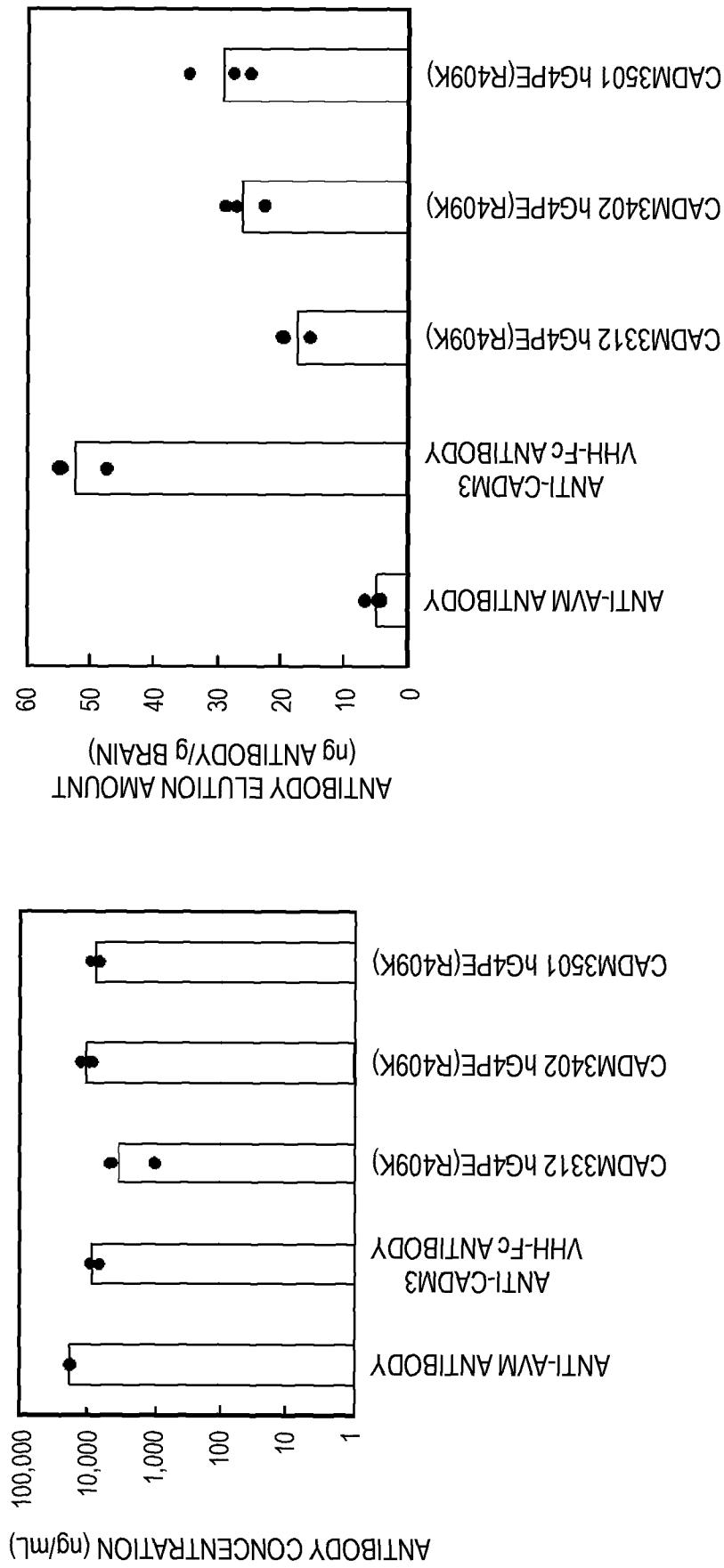


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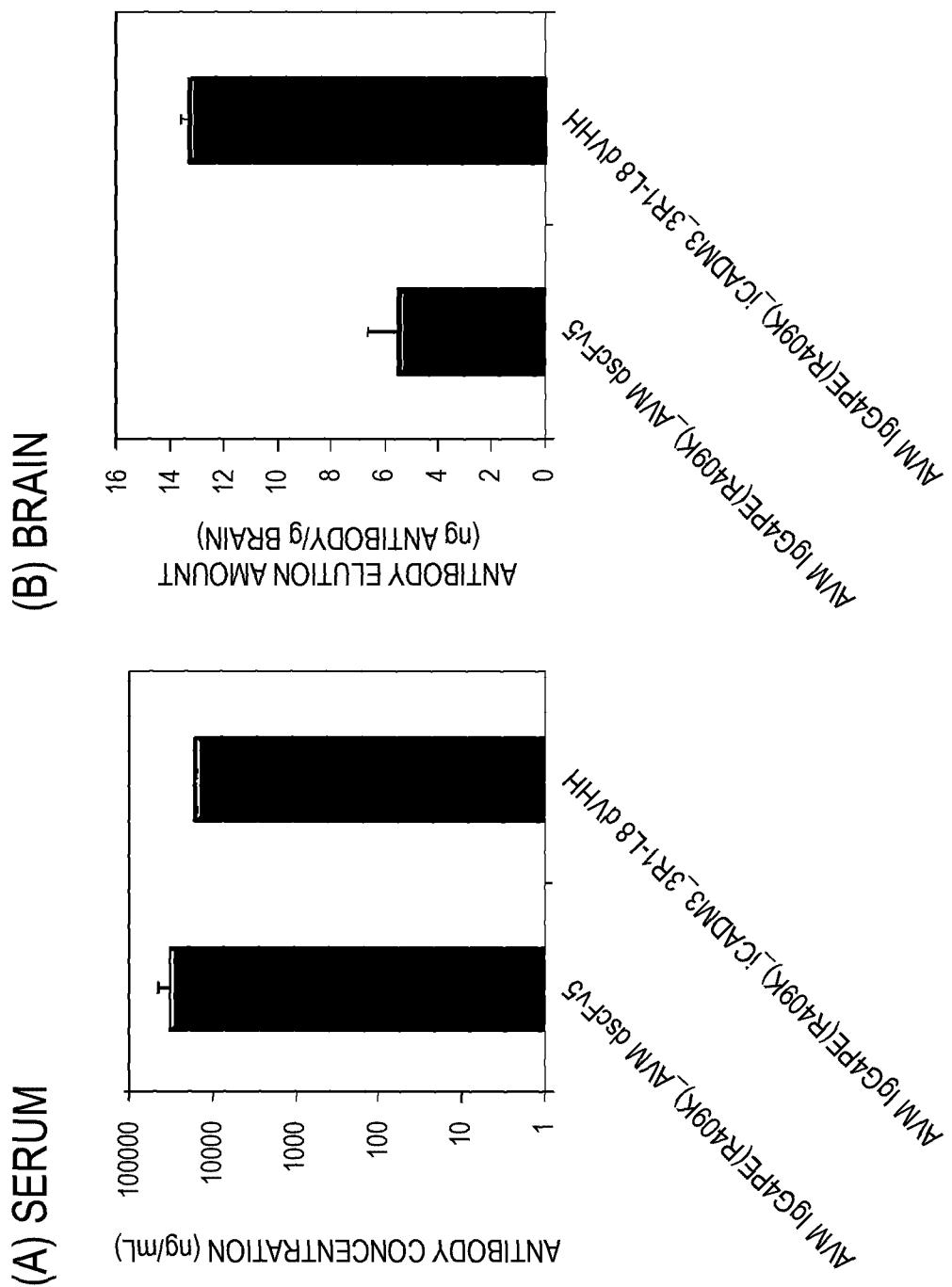
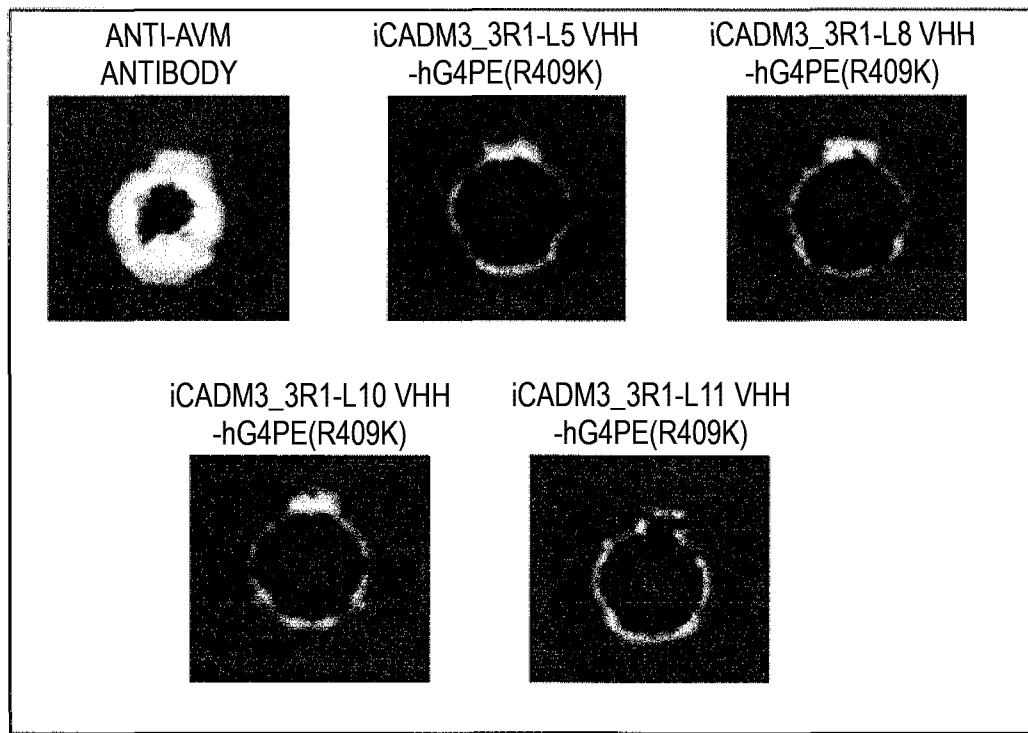


FIG. 4

(A)



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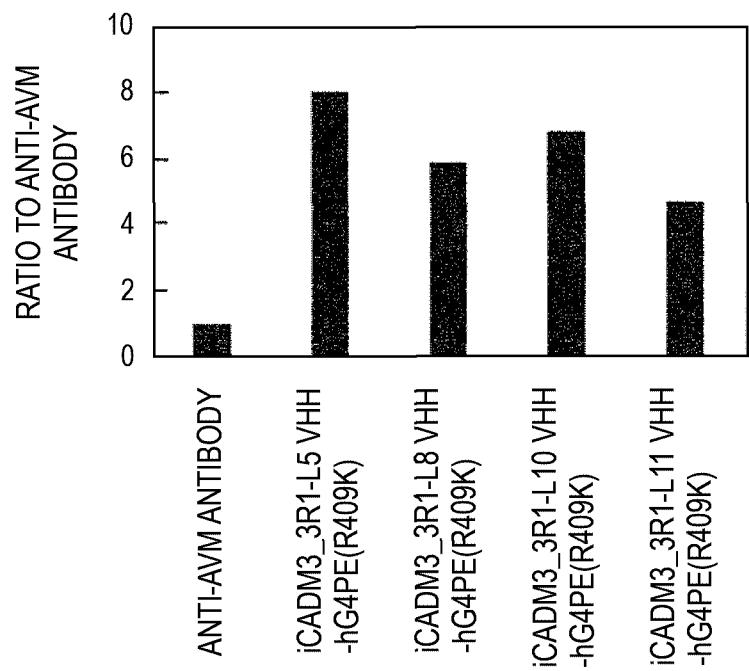
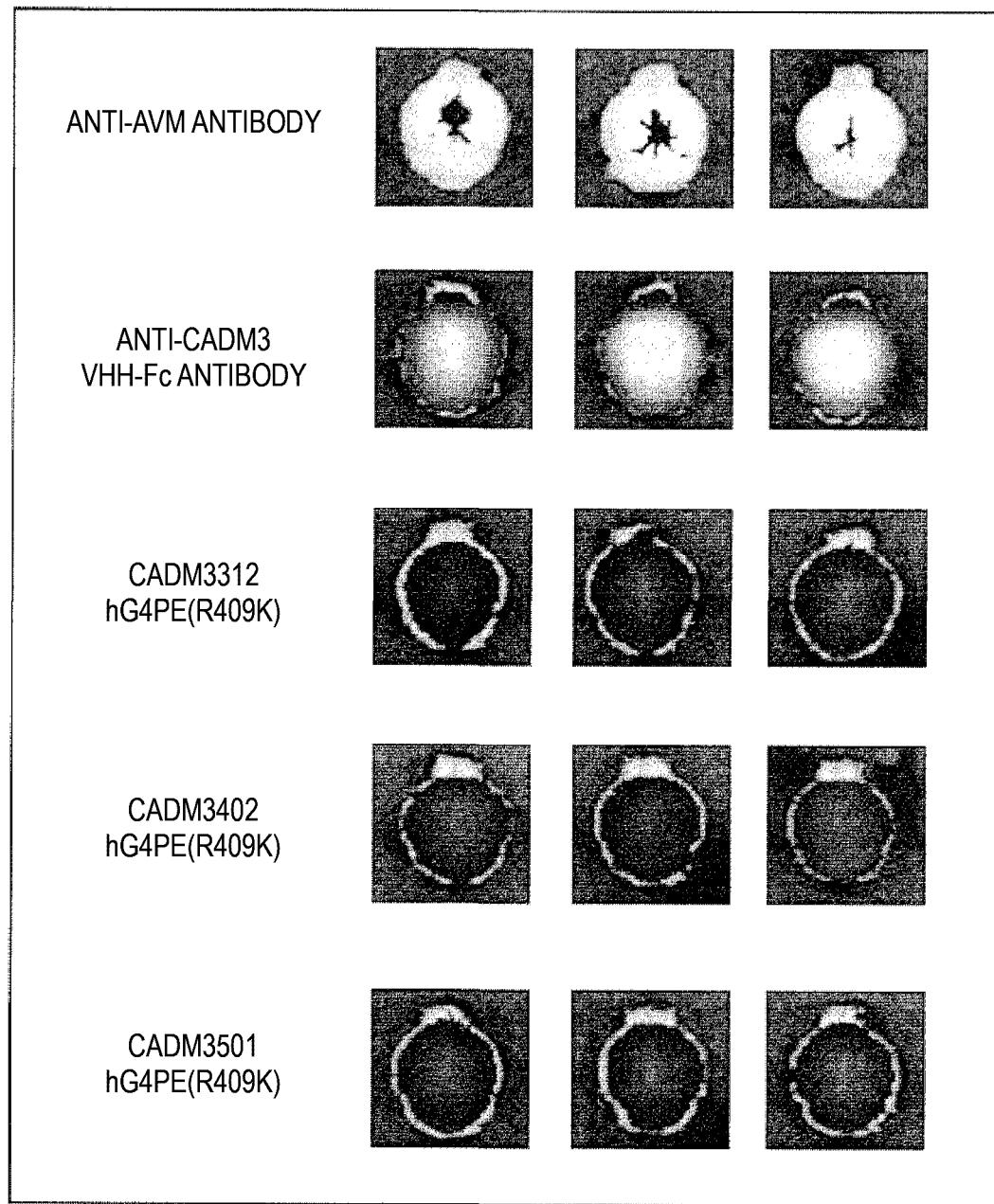


FIG. 5



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FIG. 6

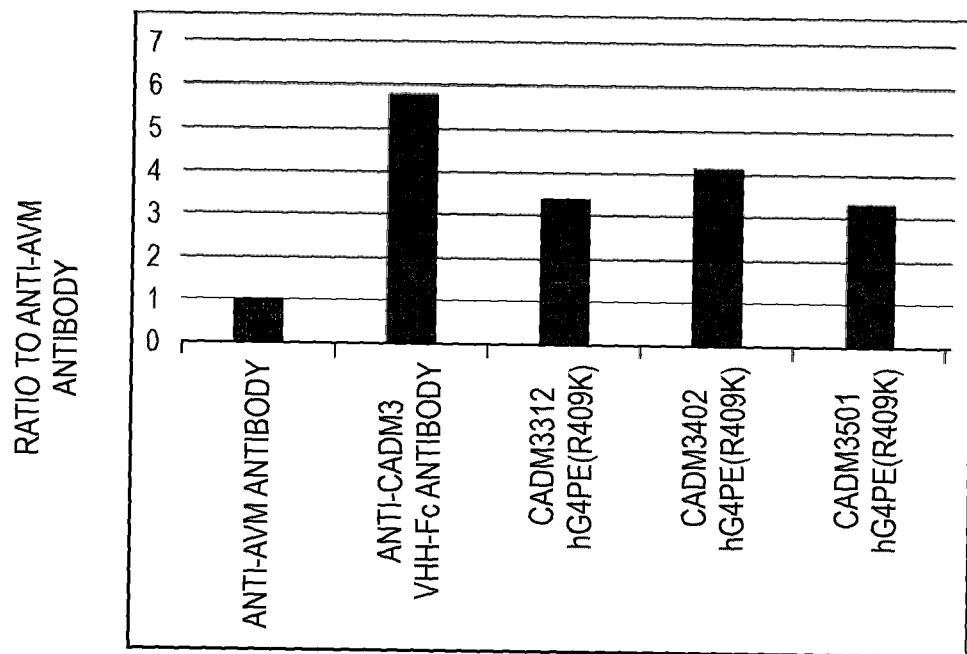
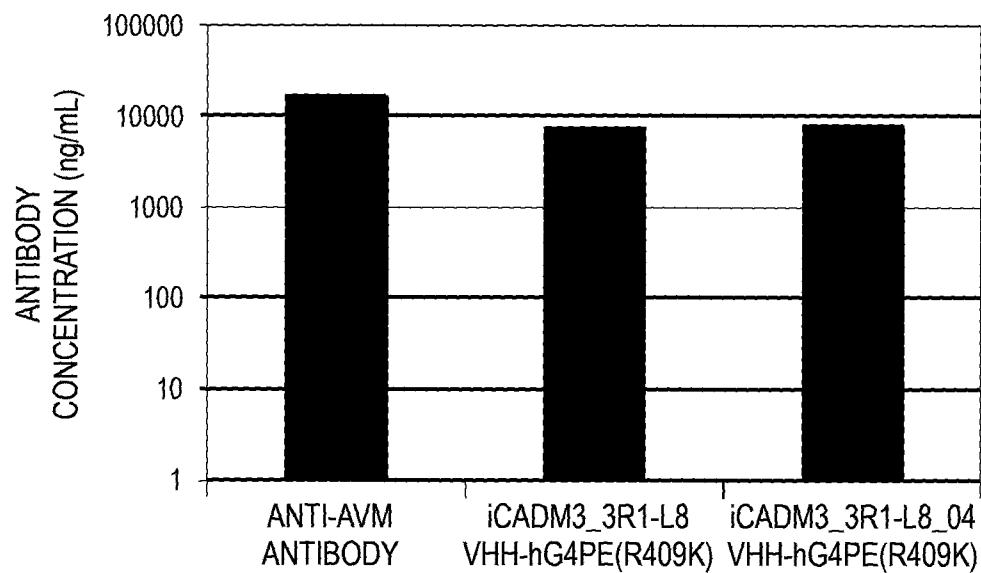
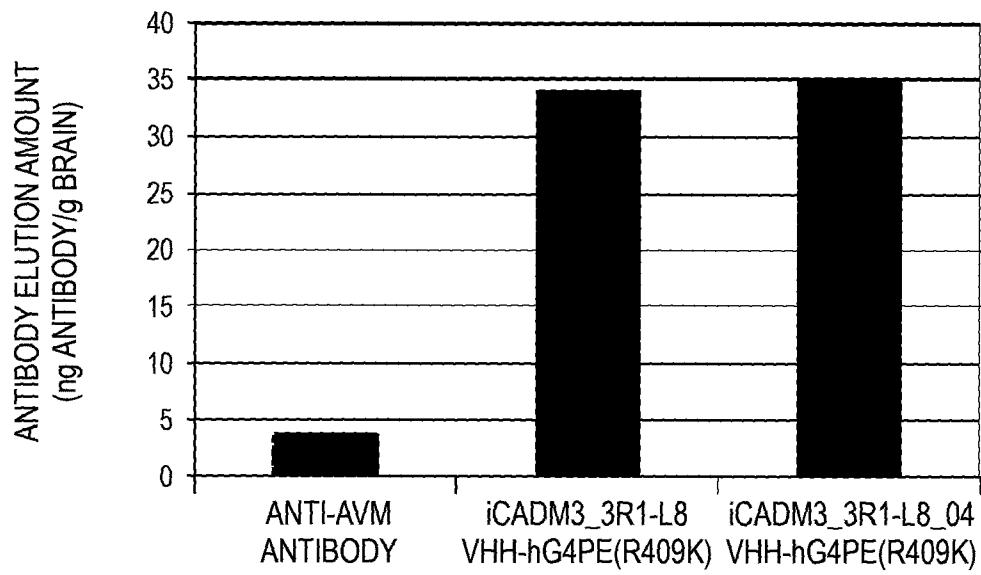


FIG. 7

(A) SERUM



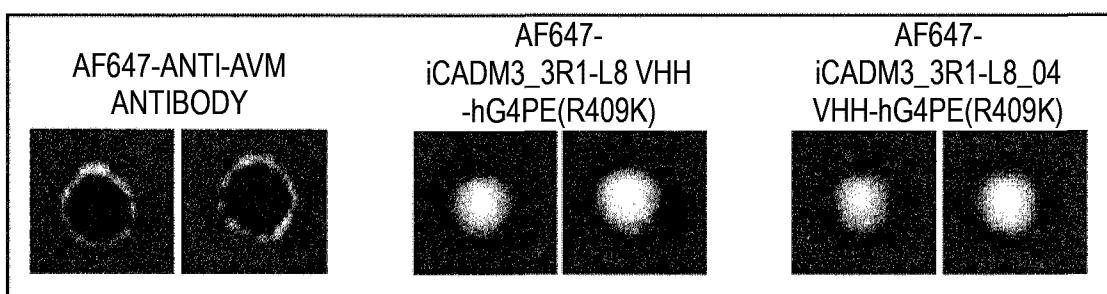
(B) BRAIN



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FIG. 8

(A)



(B)

