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**Description**

## FIELD

- 5 **[0001]** Compositions comprising a bacteriophage lytic enzyme specific for *Acinetobacter* and method for treating *Acinetobacter* infections.

## BACKGROUND

- 10 **[0002]** *Acinetobacter baumannii*-calcoaceticus complex and other members of this species frequently colonize the human skin without harm. However, injuries to the skin from scrapes, wounds or surgery, can result in *Acinetobacter* infection of the wound, blood, soft tissues, and central nervous system. Given that >80% of *Acinetobacter* sp. are also multiply drug resistant (MDR) (at least three classes of antibiotics), these infections may result in adverse clinical outcomes, including high rates of morbidity and mortality, prolonged hospital stay, and substantial health care expenses.
- 15 Military personnel and athletes have an increased the risk of injuries (from skin abrasions to severe wounds) that would be susceptible to infection by *Acinetobacter* spp., thus methods to remove them quickly and effectively would reduce or eliminate downstream complications. Outbreaks caused by MDR *Acinetobacter* have been reported in hospitals all over the world; more recently, they have become a serious problem in military medical facilities. Because of its MDR, *Acinetobacter* infections are difficult to treat so infections by these organisms usually result in a poor outcome. Thus, new and better ways of controlling this pathogen are needed.

- 20 **[0003]** *Acinetobacter baumannii* strains resistant to all known antibiotics have now been reported. Acting in synergy with this emerging resistance profile is the uncanny ability of *A. baumannii* to survive for prolonged periods throughout a hospital environment, thus potentiating its ability for nosocomial spread. The organism commonly targets hospitalized subjects, who are critically ill with breaches in skin integrity and airway protection. As such, hospital-acquired pneumonia is still the most common infection caused by *A. baumannii*. However, recently, infections involving the central nervous system, skin and soft tissue, and bone have emerged as highly problematic for certain institutions. Because of this resistance problem, new methods to control these pathogens must be developed.

- 25 **[0004]** Antimicrobial agents known as bacteriophage-encoded lysins have been identified. Bacteriophages are viruses that infect bacterial and it is estimated that there are  $10^6$  distinct bacteriophage species. Bacteriophage lysins are generally genus- or species-specific, i.e., a *Staphylococcus aureus* phage lysin may have activity only against *Staphylococcus aureus* providing a targeted therapeutic approach. In some cases, lysins may have activity against several genera or species.

- 30 **[0005]** Bacteriophage infect their host bacteria to produce more virus particles. At the end of the reproductive cycle they are faced with a problem, how to release the progeny phage trapped within the bacterium. They solve this problem by producing an enzyme called "lysin" that degrades the cell wall of the infected bacteria to release the progeny phage. The lytic system consists of a holin and at least one peptidoglycan hydrolase, or lysin, capable of degrading the bacterial cell wall. Typically, the holin is expressed in the late stages of phage infection forming a pore in the cell membrane, allowing the lysin(s) to gain access to the cell wall peptidoglycan resulting in release of progeny phage. Significantly, exogenously added lysin, in the absence of a holin, can lyse the cell wall of healthy, uninfected cells, producing a phenomenon known as "lysis from without".

- 35 Lood et al., (Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, 2015 vol. 59, no. 4, 1983-1991) described a novel phage lysin capable of killing the multidrug-resistant gram-negative bacterium *Acinetobacter baumannii* in a mouse bacteremia model.

## 45 SUMMARY

- [0006]** We have recently identified, purified and characterized several phage lysins that specifically attack *Acinetobacter* bacteria. This is a breakthrough since most lysins have antibacterial activity only against gram-positive bacteria. The purified phage lysins of the present invention are well suited for a variety of applications such as treatment of bacterial infections, and disinfection.

- 50 The present invention provides a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence that has at least 97% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity. The present invention also provides a conjugated polypeptide comprising: a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence that has at least 97% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2, or a fragment of the polypeptide; and an antimicrobial peptide conjugated to the polypeptide or the fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the conjugated polypeptide has antibacterial activity.

- 55 The present invention further provides a composition comprising one or more polypeptides according to the claims. The present invention provides a composition according to the claims, for use in treating a subject having a bacterial infection.

The present invention also provides a composition according to the claims comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, buffering agent or preservative for use in treating a surgical wound by irrigating the surgical wound with the composition.

The present invention further provides a composition according to the claims for use in inhibiting the formation of or disrupting a bacterial biofilm in an amount effective to kill bacteria in the biofilm.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0007]

**Figure 1A.** Negative staining electron micrograph showing phage induced from *A. baumannii* strain 1790.

**Figure 1B.** Negative staining electron micrograph showing phage induced from *A. baumannii* strain 1794

**Figure 1C.** Negative staining electron micrograph showing phage induced from *A. baumannii* strain 1796

**Figure 2.** A representative image of lysin clone activity in clearing live *A. baumannii* imbedded in the agar.

**Figure 3.** Schematic of amino acid sequences of cloned lysins showing four classes of lytic activity: i) glycosyl hydrolase family, ii) phage baseplate lysozymes, iii) lysozyme autolysins, and iv) lysins.

**Figure 4.** Alignment of nucleotide sequences for cloned lysins.

**Figure 5.** Alignment of amino acid sequences of cloned lysins.

**Figure 6.** Is a graph showing the lytic activity of 21 cloned constructs against thirteen, different *A. baumannii* clinical isolates.

**Figure 7A, and 7B.** Blebbing of the cytoplasmic membrane containing cytosolic contents from *A. baumannii* cells are observed after treatment with F307 (arrows).

**Figure 8.** Scanning electron micrograph of 3-day biofilms of strain 1791 *A. baumannii* before and after treatment with F307 polypeptide.

**Figure 9.** Is a graph showing reduction in bacterial counts on whole catheter pieces with *Acinetobacter* biofilm after treatment with F307 polypeptide.

**Figure 10.** Is a graph showing the survival of mice infected with *A. baumannii* treated with F307 polypeptide versus control.

**Figure 11.** Sequence of F307, P307 polypeptide without and with short extension (P307Ex).

**Figure 12.** Figure 12A is a graph a comparison of *in vitro* bactericidal activities of P307, P307SQ-8C and P307<sub>AE-8</sub> against *A. baumannii* strains #1791, S5 and ATCC17978. Figure 12B shows the comparative *in vivo* bactericidal activity of P307, P307SQ-8C, and P307CS-8 against *A. baumannii* strains #1791 and S5. Figure 12C shows a comparison of the comparative *in vivo* bactericidal activity of P307SQ-8C and P307CS-8 against *A. baumannii* strains #1791, S5 and ATCC17978.

**Figure 13.** The *in vitro* bactericidal activities of P307 and P307SQ-8C against *A. baumannii* strain #1791 to investigate the pH optimum (13A), and NaCl optimum (13B). The same conditions, except for the variables, were used with 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5 to determine the concentration optimum (13C), and killing kinetics (13D). The error bars show standard deviation and the black horizontal line marks the limit of detection.

**Figure 14.** Is a graph showing the sensitivity of different bacterial species to P307 and P307SQ-8C. The error bars show standard deviation and the black horizontal line marks the limit of detection.

**Figure 15.** Figures 15A and 15B are graphs that show the bactericidal activities of P307 and P307SQ-8C against the log phase and stationary phase of *A. baumannii* strain No. 1791 (15A) and the biofilm phase (15B).

**Figure 16.** Figure 16 shows the cytotoxic effects of P307 and P307SQ-8C as measured by B cell survival (16A) and hemolysis (16B).

**Figure 17.** Figure 17A shows the effect of DTT at 0, 0.1 and 1 mM on the activity of P307 and P307SQ-8C. Figure 17B shows the effect of substitution of the terminal cysteine residue of P307SQ-8C with alanine (P307SQ-8A).

**Figure 18.** Is a DNA shift gel showing the shift for control peptide and P307.

**Figure 19.** Figures 7A-C show representative transmission electron microscopy images of *A. baumannii* strain no.1791: untreated control (19A), treated with 300 µg/mL P307SQ-8C for 5 minutes (19B) and for 2 hours (19C). Magnification, ×2600 (left, scale bar = 2 µm) and ×5000 (right top and bottom, scale bar = 0.5 µm). Figure 7D shows the bactericidal activity of P307SQ-8C on gram negative bacteria *K. pneumoniae* and *E. coli* at pH 7.5 and 8.8.

**Figure 20.** Shows the membrane permeability of *A. baumannii* strains #1791 and S5 treated with P307 and P307SQ-8C.

**Figure 21.** Shows the inhibition of bactericidal activity of P307 or P307SQ-8C by hydroxyl radical scavenger, thiourea and anaerobic condition.

**Figure 22.** Shows the effect of treatment of a skin infection with polymyxin B and P307SQ-8C.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

**[0008]** The present invention provides polypeptides having antibacterial activity and for methods for using the disclosed polypeptides. As used herein, the singular forms "a", "an" and "the" include plural references unless the context clearly dictates otherwise.

**[0009]** Terms such as "comprises", "comprised", "comprising", "contains", "containing" and the like have the meaning attributed in United States Patent law; they are inclusive or openended and do not exclude additional, un-recited elements or method steps. Terms such as "consisting essentially of" and "consists essentially of" have the meaning attributed in United States Patent law; they allow for the inclusion of additional ingredients or steps that do not materially affect the basic and novel characteristics of the claimed invention. The terms "consists of" and "consisting of" have the meaning ascribed to them in United States Patent law; namely that these terms are close ended

**[0010]** Described herein are polypeptides that comprise an amino acid sequence that has at least 90%, or at least 91%, or at least 92%, or at least 93%, or at least 94%, or at least 95%, or at least 96%, or at least 97%, or at least 98%, or at least 99%, or 100%, identity to SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, or SEQ ID NO:21, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.

**[0011]** The polypeptides described herein may comprise an amino acid sequence that has at least 95%, or at least 96%, or at least 97%, or at least 98%, or at least 99%, or 100%, identity to SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, or SEQ ID NO:21, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.

**[0012]** The polypeptides described herein may comprise an amino acid sequence that has 100%, identity to SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, or SEQ ID NO:21, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.

**[0013]** Described herein are polypeptides that consist of an amino acid sequence that has at least 90%, or at least 91%, or at least 92%, or at least 93%, or at least 94%, or at least 95%, or at least 96%, or at least 97%, or at least 98%, or at least 99%, or 100%, identity to SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, or SEQ ID NO:21, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.

**[0014]** The polypeptides described herein may consist of an amino acid sequence that has at least 95%, or at least 96%, or at least 97%, or at least 98%, or at least 99%, or 100%, identity to SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, or SEQ ID NO:21, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.

**[0015]** The polypeptides described herein may consist of an amino acid sequence that has 100%, identity to SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, or SEQ ID NO:21, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.

**[0016]** Described herein are polypeptides that comprise an amino acid sequence that has at least at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 91%, or at least 92%, or at least 93%, or at least 94%, or at least 95%, or at least 96%, or at least 97%, or at least 98%, or at least 99%, or 100%, to SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, or SEQ ID NO:21, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment is conjugated to an antimicrobial peptide to yield a conjugated polypeptide and the conjugated polypeptide has antibacterial activity.

**[0017]** The polypeptide described herein may comprise an amino acid sequence that has at least 90%, or at least 92%, or at least 94%, or at least 95%, or at least 96%, or at least 97%, or at least 98%, or at least 99%, or 100%, identity to SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, or SEQ ID NO:21, or a fragment of the polypeptide,

wherein the polypeptide or fragment is conjugated to an antimicrobial peptide to yield a conjugated polypeptide and the conjugated polypeptide has antibacterial activity.

**[0018]** Described herein are polypeptides that consists of an amino acid sequence that has at least 80%, or at least 85%, or at least 90%, or at least 91%, or at least 92%, or at least 93%, or at least 94%, or at least 95%, or at least 96%, or at least 97%, or at least 98%, or at least 99%, or 100%, to SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, or SEQ ID NO:21, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment is conjugated to an antimicrobial peptide to yield a conjugated polypeptide and the conjugated polypeptide has antibacterial activity.

**[0019]** The polypeptide described herein may consist of an amino acid sequence that has at least 90%, or at least 92%, or at least 94%, or at least 95%, or at least 96%, or at least 97%, or at least 98%, or at least 99%, or 100%, identity to SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, or SEQ ID NO:21, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment is conjugated to an antimicrobial peptide to yield a conjugated polypeptide and the conjugated polypeptide has antibacterial activity.

**[0020]** In some embodiments, the antimicrobial peptide comprises the amino acid sequence SQSRESQC (SEQ ID NO:44) wherein at least one amino is cysteine and 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 amino acids of the antimicrobial peptide are conservatively substituted. 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 amino acids of the antimicrobial peptide are conservatively substituted. In other embodiments, the antimicrobial peptide comprises the amino acid sequence SQSRESQC (SEQ ID NO:44). In still other embodiments, the antimicrobial peptide comprises the amino acid sequence SQSRESQC (SEQ ID NO:44) wherein 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 amino acids of the antimicrobial peptide are conservatively substituted and the antimicrobial peptide consists of 8 amino acids. In yet other embodiments, the antimicrobial peptide consists of the amino acid sequence SQSRESQC (SEQ ID NO:44).

**[0021]** In some embodiments, the antimicrobial peptide comprises the amino acid sequence CSQRQSES (SEQ ID NO:50) wherein at least one amino is cysteine and 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 amino acids of the antimicrobial peptide are conservatively substituted. In other embodiments, the antimicrobial peptide comprises the amino acid sequence CSQRQSES (SEQ ID NO:50). In still other embodiments, the antimicrobial peptide comprises the amino acid sequence CSQRQSES (SEQ ID NO:50) wherein 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7, amino acids of the antimicrobial peptide are conservatively substituted and the antimicrobial peptide consists of 8 amino acids. In yet other embodiments, the antimicrobial peptide consists of the amino acid sequence CSQRQSES (SEQ ID NO:50).

**[0022]** In some embodiments, the C-terminus of the polypeptide or the fragment is conjugated to the antimicrobial peptide. In other embodiments, the C-terminus of the polypeptide or the fragment is conjugated to the N-terminus of the antimicrobial peptide. In still other embodiments, the N-terminus of the polypeptide or fragment is conjugated to the antimicrobial peptide. In yet other embodiments, the N-terminus of the polypeptide or fragment is conjugated to the C-terminus of the antimicrobial peptide. For any of the embodiments the antimicrobial peptide can be conjugated to the polypeptide or fragment via a peptide bond.

**[0023]** Another embodiment of the peptides of the present disclosure is a peptide having the amino acid sequence NAKDYKGAAAEFPKWNKAGGRVLGLVKRRKSQSRESQA (SEQ ID NO: 45). Another embodiment is a peptide having the amino acid sequence NAKDYKGAAAEFPKWNKAGGRVLGLVKRRKCSQRQSES (SEQ ID NO:51).

**[0024]** In some embodiments the polypeptides, polypeptide fragments or conjugated polypeptides have antibacterial activity against a gram-negative bacterium. In some embodiments, the gram-negative bacterium is of the genus *Acinetobacter*.

**[0025]** In some embodiments the polypeptides, polypeptide fragments or conjugated polypeptides have antibacterial activity against *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa* or *A. baumannii*.

**[0026]** In some embodiments the polypeptides, polypeptide fragments or conjugated polypeptides have antibacterial activity against a gram-positive bacterium. In some embodiments, the gram-positive bacterium is *S. aureus* or *B. anthracis*.

**[0027]** In some embodiments, the polypeptide is lyophilized.

**[0028]** Specific polypeptides are provided in Table 1.

**Table 1**

SEQ ID NO:1	F307
SEQ ID NO:2	F376
SEQ ID NO:3	F351
SEQ ID NO:4	F347

(continued)

SEQ ID NO:5	F344
SEQ ID NO:6	F340
SEQ ID NO:7	F338
SEQ ID NO:8	F336
SEQ ID NO:9	F334
SEQ ID NO:10	F332
SEQ ID NO:11	F330
SEQ ID NO:12	F328
SEQ ID NO:13	F324
SEQ ID NO:14	F321
SEQ ID NO:15	F320
SEQ ID NO:16	F315
SEQ ID NO:17	F306
SEQ ID NO:18	F303
SEQ ID NO:19	F301
SEQ ID NO:20	F309
SEQ ID NO:21	F311
SEQ ID NO:43	P307
SEQ ID NO:44	SQSRESQC
SEQ ID NO:45	P307SQ-8C (P307Ex)
SEQ ID NO:48	AEMFLK
SEQ ID NO:49	P307AE-8
SEQ ID NO:50	CSQRQSES
SEQ ID NO:51	P307CS-8
SEQ ID NO:52	SQSRESQA
SEQ ID NO:53	P307SQ-8A

**[0029]** P307SQ-8C and P307Ex are used interchangeably herein.

**[0030]** The invention also provides for compositions comprising the polypeptides, polypeptide fragments or conjugated polypeptides of the invention. In some embodiments, the compositions are pharmaceutical compositions, which comprise a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, buffering agent, or preservative.

**[0031]** In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical composition is formulated for topical administration. In other embodiments, the pharmaceutical composition is formulated for subcutaneous delivery. In still other embodiments, the pharmaceutical composition is formulated for intravenous delivery. In yet other embodiments, the pharmaceutical composition is formulated for oral delivery.

**[0032]** In some embodiments, the composition further comprises an antibiotic. Examples of suitable antibiotics include, but are not limited to, amoxicillin, augmentin, amoxicillin, ampicillin, azlocillin, flucloxacillin, mezlocillin, methicillin, penicillin G, penicillin V, cephalixin, cefazidone, cefuroxime, loracarbef, cemetazole, cefotetan, cefoxitin, ciprofloxacin, levaquin, and floxacilin, tetracycline, doxycycline, or minocycline, gentamycin, amikacin, and tobramycin, clarithromycin, azithromycin, erythromycin, daptomycin, neomycin, kanamycin, or streptomycin.

**[0033]** In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical composition further comprises a clotting agent.

**[0034]** In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical composition is lyophilized.

**[0035]** Described herein are methods for treating a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising a polypeptide, polypeptide fragment or conjugated polypeptide of the invention,

and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, buffering agent, or preservative.

**[0036]** Described herein is a method for treating a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising a polypeptide of the invention, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, buffering agent, or preservative.

**[0037]** Described herein is a method for treating a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising a polypeptide fragment of the invention, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, buffering agent, or preservative.

**[0038]** The method may be a method for treating a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising a conjugated polypeptide of the invention, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, buffering agent, or preservative.

**[0039]** The method may be a method for treating having a bacterial infection and the treatment is therapeutic treatment comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising a conjugated polypeptide of the invention, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, buffering agent, or preservative. The subject may have a bacterial infection that is non-responsive to other treatment modalities. For example, the bacterial infection may be resistant to one or more antibiotic. The bacterial infection may be a wound infection.

**[0040]** The method may be a method for prophylactically treating a subject in need thereof comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising a conjugated polypeptide of the invention, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, buffering agent, or preservative. In some embodiments the subject has undergone, or is undergoing surgery and the surgical wound is contacted with a pharmaceutical composition of the invention. In certain embodiments, the surgical wound is irrigated with the pharmaceutical composition prior to closure of the wound. In other embodiments the pharmaceutical composition is applied to the wound after closure, for example the pharmaceutical composition is applied to the sutured or stapled area of the wound.

**[0041]** A method may comprise administering a pharmaceutical composition of the invention is administered in combination with an antibiotic. The method may comprise topically administering a pharmaceutical composition of the invention. The method may comprise administering a pharmaceutical composition of the invention subcutaneously. The method may comprise administering a pharmaceutical composition of the invention by intravenous injection. The method may comprise administering a pharmaceutical composition of the invention orally.

**[0042]** In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical composition is in a unit dosage form. In other embodiments, the pharmaceutical composition is in the form of a cream, ointment, salve, gel, lozenge, spray, or aerosol.

**[0043]** We describe herein methods for treating a bacterial infection comprising inhibiting the formation of or disrupting a bacterial biofilm comprising administering to a subject in need thereof, a composition comprising a polypeptide, polypeptide fragment or conjugated polypeptide of the invention in an amount effective to kill bacteria in the biofilm.

**[0044]** Additionally provided, are methods of disinfecting an article comprising contacting the article with a composition comprising a polypeptide, polypeptide fragment or conjugated polypeptide of the invention to the article for a time sufficient to disinfect the article. The article may be a hard surface. In some embodiments, the article is a countertop, keyboard, surgical instrument, or medical device.

**[0045]** Additionally provided, are methods for inhibiting the formation of or disrupting a bacterial biofilm on an article comprising contacting the article with a polypeptide, polypeptide fragment or conjugated polypeptide of the invention, in an amount effective to kill bacteria in the biofilm.

**[0046]** We describe herein articles of manufacture that contain a composition comprising a polypeptide, polypeptide fragment or conjugated polypeptide of the invention. The article of manufacture may be a spray bottle that contains a polypeptide, polypeptide fragment or conjugated polypeptide of the invention.

**[0047]** The article of manufacture may contain a pharmaceutical composition comprising a polypeptide, polypeptide fragment or conjugated polypeptide of the invention and a carrier, buffering agent or preservative. The article of manufacture may be a vial. The article of manufacture may be a delivery device. The composition contained by the article of manufacture may be lyophilized.

**[0048]** Modifications and changes can be made in the structure of the polypeptides of the disclosure and still obtain a molecule having similar characteristics as the polypeptide (e.g., a conservative amino acid substitution). For example, certain amino acids can be substituted for other amino acids in a sequence without appreciable loss of activity. Because it is the interactive capacity and nature of a polypeptide that defines that polypeptide's biological functional activity, certain amino acid sequence substitutions can be made in a polypeptide sequence and nevertheless obtain a polypeptide with like properties.

**[0049]** Such amino acid substitutions are generally based on the relative similarity of the amino acid side-chain substituents, for example, their hydrophobicity, hydrophilicity, charge, size, and the like. Exemplary substitutions that take various of the foregoing characteristics into consideration are well known to those of skill in the art and include (original residue: exemplary substitution): (Ala: Gly, Ser), (Arg: Lys), (Asn: Gln, His), (Asp: Glu, Cys, Ser), (Gln: Asn), (Glu: Asp), (Gly: Ala), (His: Asn, Gln), (Ile: Leu, Val), (Leu: Ile, Val), (Lys: Arg), (Met: Leu, Tyr), (Ser: Thr), (Thr: Ser), (Tyr: Trp, Phe), and (Val: Ile, Leu). Embodiments of this disclosure thus contemplate functional or biological equivalents of a



polypeptide as set forth above. In particular, polypeptides can include variants having about 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90%, and 95% sequence identity to the polypeptide of interest.

[0050] "Identity" as known in the art, is a relationship between two or more polypeptide sequences, as determined by comparing the sequences. "Identity" can be readily calculated by known algorithms well known in the art. Preferred methods to determine identity are designed to give the largest match between the sequences tested. Methods to determine identity are codified in publicly available computer programs. The percent identity between two sequences can be determined using analysis software (*i.e.*, Sequence Analysis Software Package of the Genetics Computer Group, Madison Wis.) that incorporates the Needleman and Wunsch, (J. Mol. Biol., 48: 443-453, 1970) algorithm (*e.g.*, NBLAST, and XBLAST).

[0051] Identity can be measured as "local identity" or "global identity". Local identity refers the degree of sequence relatedness between polypeptides as determined by the match between strings of such sequences. Global identity refers to the degree of sequence relatedness of a polypeptide compared to the full-length of a reference polypeptide. Unless specified otherwise, as used herein identity means global identity. The percentages for global identity herein are calculated using the ClustalW algorithm used through the software Mac Vector, using the default settings; both for local and global identity.

### Production of polypeptides

[0052] Polypeptides of the present invention can be produced by any known method. For example, polypeptides can be produced in bacteria including, without limitation, *E. coli*, or in other existing system for polypeptide (*e.g.*, *Bacillus subtilis*, baculovirus expression systems using *Drosophila* Sf9 cells, yeast or filamentous fungal expression systems, mammalian cell expression systems), or they can be chemically synthesized.

[0053] If the a polypeptide is to be produced in bacteria, *e.g.*, *E. coli*, the nucleic acid molecule encoding the peptide may also encode a leader sequence that permits the secretion of the mature peptide from the cell. Thus, the sequence encoding the peptide can include the pre sequence and the pro sequence of, for example, a naturally occurring bacterial ST peptide. The secreted, mature peptide can be purified from the culture medium.

[0054] The sequence encoding a peptide described herein is can be inserted into a vector capable of delivering and maintaining the nucleic acid molecule in a bacterial cell. The DNA molecule may be inserted into an autonomously replicating vector (suitable vectors include, for example, pGEM3Z and pcDNA3, and derivatives thereof). The vector may be a bacterial or bacteriophage DNA vector such as bacteriophage lambda or M13 and derivatives thereof. Construction of a vector containing a nucleic acid described herein can be followed by transformation of a host cell such as a bacterium. Suitable bacterial hosts include but are not limited to, *E. coli*, *B. subtilis*, *Pseudomonas*, *Salmonella*. The genetic construct also includes, in addition to the encoding nucleic acid molecule, elements that allow expression, such as a promoter and regulatory sequences. The expression vectors may contain transcriptional control sequences that control transcriptional initiation, such as promoter, enhancer, operator, and repressor sequences. A variety of transcriptional control sequences are well known to those in the art. The expression vector can also include a translation regulatory sequence (*e.g.*, an untranslated 5' sequence, an untranslated 3' sequence, or an internal ribosome entry site). The vector can be capable of autonomous replication or it can integrate into host DNA to ensure stability during peptide production.

[0055] We describe herein nucleic acids that encode a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence that has at least 90% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, or SEQ ID NO:45, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.

[0056] The nucleic acid may encode a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, or SEQ ID NO:45, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.

[0057] The nucleic acid may encode a polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, or SEQ ID NO:45, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.

[0058] The nucleic acid may comprise the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID

NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, or SEQ ID NO:42.

**[0059]** The nucleic acid may consist of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, or SEQ ID NO:42.

**[0060]** We describe herein an expression vector that comprises a nucleic acid that encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence that has at least 90% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, or SEQ ID NO:45, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.

**[0061]** The expression vector may comprise a nucleic acid that encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, or SEQ ID NO:45, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.

**[0062]** The expression vector may comprise a nucleic acid that encodes a polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, or SEQ ID NO:45, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.

**[0063]** The expression vector may comprise a nucleic acid that comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, or SEQ ID NO:42.

**[0064]** The expression vector may comprise a nucleic acid that consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, or SEQ ID NO:42.

**[0065]** Table 2 provides nucleotide SEQ ID NO: and the polypeptides they encode.

**Table 2**

Nucleotide SEQ ID NO:	Corresponding Amino Acid SEQ ID NO:	Nucleotide SEQ ID NO:	Corresponding Amino Acid SEQ ID NO:
22	1	33	12
23	2	34	13
24	3	35	14
25	4	36	15

Nucleotide SEQ ID NO:	Corresponding Amino Acid SEQ ID NO:	Nucleotide SEQ ID NO:	Corresponding Amino Acid SEQ ID NO:
26	5	37	16
27	6	38	17
28	7	39	18
29	8	40	19
30	9	41	20
31	10	42	21
32	11		

**[0066]** The nucleic acid that encodes a polypeptide described herein can also be fused to a nucleic acid encoding a peptide affinity tag, e.g., glutathione S-transferase (GST), maltose E binding protein, protein A, FLAG tag, hexa-histidine, myc tag or the influenza HA tag, in order to facilitate purification. The affinity tag or reporter fusion joins the reading frame of the peptide of interest to the reading frame of the gene encoding the affinity tag such that a translational fusion is generated. Expression of the fusion gene results in translation of a single peptide that includes both the peptide of interest and the affinity tag. In some instances where affinity tags are utilized, DNA sequence encoding a protease recognition site will be fused between the reading frames for the affinity tag and the peptide of interest.

**[0067]** Genetic constructs and methods suitable for production of immature and mature forms of the polypeptides and variants described herein in protein expression systems other than bacteria, and well known to those skilled in the art, can also be used to produce polypeptides in a biological system.

**[0068]** Polypeptides and variants thereof can be synthesized by the solid-phase method using an automated peptide synthesizer. For example, the peptide can be synthesized on Cyc(4-CH<sub>2</sub> Bxl)-OCH<sub>2</sub>-4-(oxymethyl)-phenylacetamidomethyl resin using a double coupling program. Peptides can also be synthesized by many other methods including solid phase synthesis using traditional Fmoc protection (i.e., coupling with DCC-HOBt and deprotection with piperidine in DMF).

### Therapeutic and Prophylactic Compositions and Their Use

**[0069]** We described herein methods of treatment comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a polypeptide of the invention. The subject is human or another animal, including but not limited to primates such as monkeys and chimpanzees; livestock animals such as cows, pigs, horse or chickens; and companion animals such as dogs cats, and rodents. In a specific embodiment the subject is a human. In another specific embodiment the subject is a non-human mammal. In one embodiment the polypeptides are administered as the sole antibacterial agent. In another embodiment the polypeptides are administered in combination with one or more other antibacterial agents.

**[0070]** Methods of administration of the disclosed pharmaceutical compositions can be oral or parenteral and include but are not limited to intradermal, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, intravenous, intra-articular, intra-synovial, subcutaneous, intranasal, epidural, topical and oral routes. The compounds may be administered by any convenient route, for example by infusion or bolus injection, by absorption through epithelial or mucocutaneous linings (e.g., oral mucosa, rectal and intestinal mucosa, etc.) and may be administered together with other biologically active agents. Administration can be systemic or local. In addition, it may be desirable to introduce the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention into the central nervous system by any suitable route, including intraventricular and intrathecal injection; intraventricular injection may be facilitated by an intraventricular catheter, for example, attached to a reservoir, such as an Ommaya reservoir. Pulmonary administration can also be employed, e.g., by use of an inhaler or nebulizer, and formulation with an aerosolizing agent. In a specific embodiment, it may be desirable to administer the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention locally to the area in need of treatment, such as topical use on the skin; any suitable method known to the art may be used.

**[0071]** In one aspect of the invention provides for pharmaceutical compositions comprising the polypeptides of the present invention for use in treating a subject having a bacterial infection. A pharmaceutical composition may be formu-

lated for topical treatment. A pharmaceutical composition may be formulated for systemic infections.

[0072] Such compositions comprise a therapeutically effective amount of a polypeptide of the invention and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, buffering agent, or preservative. The term "pharmaceutically acceptable carrier" as used herein, includes, but is not limited to, solvents, diluents, or other liquid vehicle, dispersion or suspension aids, surface active agents, isotonic agents, thickening or emulsifying agents, solid binders, lubricants and the like, as suited to the particular dosage form desired. Such pharmaceutical carriers can be sterile liquids, such as water and oils, including those of petroleum, animal, vegetable or synthetic origin, such as peanut oil, soybean oil, mineral oil, sesame oil and the like. Saline solutions and aqueous dextrose and glycerol solutions can also be employed as liquid carriers, particularly for injectable solutions. Suitable pharmaceutical excipients include starch, glucose, lactose, sucrose, gelatin, malt, rice, flour, chalk, silica gel, sodium stearate, glycerol monostearate, talc, sodium chloride, dried skim milk, glycerol, propylene glycol, water, ethanol and the like. The composition can also contain of wetting or emulsifying agents, preservatives, or pH buffering agents. These compositions can take the form of a solution, suspension, emulsion, tablet, pill, lozenge, capsule, powder, patches for topical administration and the like. For topical applications, the pharmaceutically acceptable compositions may be formulated in a suitable ointment, lotion or cream containing the active component suspended or dissolved in one or more carriers. Carriers for topical administration include, but are not limited to, mineral oil, liquid petrolatum, white petrolatum, propylene glycol, polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene compounds, emulsifying wax, polysorbate 60, cetyl esters wax, cetearyl alcohol, 2-octyldodecanol, benzyl alcohol and water. The composition can be formulated as a suppository with traditional binders and carriers such as triglycerides. Oral formulation can include standard carriers such as pharmaceutical grades of mannitol, lactose, starch, magnesium stearate, sodium saccharine, cellulose, magnesium carbonate, etc. One of skill in the art is well versed in formulation of therapeutic agents. See e.g. Remington The Science and Practice of Pharmacy, 20th Edition, Lippincott Williams & White, Baltimore, Md. (2000); Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, 19th Edition (Mack Publishing Company, 1995).

[0073] Described herein is a pharmaceutical pack or kit comprising one or more containers filled with one or more of the ingredients of the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention. Optionally associated with such container(s) is a notice in the form prescribed by a governmental agency regulating the manufacture, use, or sale of pharmaceuticals or biologic products, which notice reflects (a) approval by the agency of manufacture, use or sale for human administration, (b) directions for use, or both.

#### EXAMPLES

[0074] The following examples are put forth so as to provide additional information to one of skill in the art of how to make and use the polypeptides described herein, and are not intended to limit the scope of what the inventors regard as their invention. Efforts have been made to ensure accuracy with respect to numbers used (e.g., amounts, temperature, etc.) however, some experimental errors and deviations should be accounted for. Unless indicated otherwise, molecular weight is average molecular weight, and the temperature is in degrees Centigrade.

#### Example 1

Identification of polypeptides having antibacterial activity.

[0075] Fifteen clinical isolates of *A. baumannii* were obtained from a New York hospital. Strains of *A. baumannii* were isolated and treated with mitomycin C to induce prophage induction. The supernatants were collected and phase were precipitated with polyethylene glycol (PEG). Supernatants from three of the *A. baumannii* isolates were examined by negative staining EM and images taken of the phage (Figures 1A, 1B, and 1C).

[0076] Phage DNA was separated from co-precipitated compounds by agarose gel electrophoresis and extraction of high-molecular-weight DNA. From this DNA, an expressible linker shotgun library (E-LASL) was constructed as previously described. (Schmitz JE. et al., 2008, Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 74:1649-1652.) Briefly, for all samples, 100 ng of DNA was fragmented with the restriction enzyme TSP509I (consensus sequence AATT) Following phenol-chloroform extraction and ethanol precipitation, the DNA was ligated to 40 ng of linker sequence, with a complementary 5' overhang (AATTCGGCTCGAG, where the overhang is underlined (SEQ ID NO:46). The ligation mixture was used as the template for Taq-based PCR using the linker-targeted primer CCATGACTCGAGCCGAATT (SEQ ID NO:47).

[0077] The amplified inserts were ligated into the arabinose-inducible pBAD plasmid using the pBAD TOPO® TA expression kit; Invitrogen, per the manufacturer's directions. The recombinant vectors were transformed into competent *E. Coli* TOP10 (Invitrogen). To determine which clones had lytic activity, the *E. coli* were plated on LB agar supplemented with 100 µg/ml ampicillin and 5% defibrinated sheep's blood. Following overnight growth at 37°C, the plates were placed in a sealed container that was attached to the outlet of a commercial nebulizer. Nebulized arabinose was continuously pumped into the container for 1 hour. The plates were returned to 37°C and colonies were identified that developed a zone of hemolysis in the surrounding blood agar. Chosen clones were streaked onto separate LB-ampicillin plates

(lacking arabinose) and allowed to propagate without induced expression. (Schmitz JE, et al., 2010 Appl. Environ. Microbiol.76:7181-7187).

**[0078]** To determine killing activity for *A. baumannii*, a secondary screen was done essentially as described in Schmitz JE, et al., 2010 Appl. Environ. Microbiol.76:7181-7187. Hits were streaked as approximately 1-cm by 2-cm patches onto LB-ampicillin plates supplemented with 0.2% arabinose. Following overnight incubation at 37°C, the plates were exposed to chloroform vapor to kill and permeabilize any still-viable *E. coli*. The patches were then overlaid with molten soft agar containing *A. baumannii* and observed for clearing zones. Twenty-one positive clones were identified that exhibited a clear zone around the clone. Figure 2 shows a representative screen of lysin clone activity in clearing live *A. baumannii* imbedded in the agar.

**[0079]** The inserts of the positive clones were sequenced and compared to the sequences in the NCBI protein database. The alignments showed that among the 21 clones there are four classes of lytic activity: i) nine were in the glycosyl hydrolase family, ii) seven were phage baseplate lysozymes, iii) two were lysozyme autolysins, and iv) three were lysins. (Fig. 3). For ease of reference here in, regardless of class, the polypeptides encoded by these sequences are referred to as "lysins". Figure 4 shows a sequence alignment based on similarity of the nucleotide sequences encoding the 21 clones. Figure 5 shows a sequence alignment based on similarity of the polypeptide sequences of the 21 clones.

## Example 2

Activity of positive clones.

**[0080]** Twenty-one different constructs were screened for activity against thirteen different *A. baumannii* clinical isolates. The constructs were recombinantly expressed in *E. coli*. Cells were grown at 30°C 200rpm, and when reaching mid-log phase they were induced by adding 0.2% arabinose. Induction continued overnight. In the morning, cells were spun down, washed 3x with 50 mM sodium phosphate buffer pH 7.0, before being homogenized in an Emulsiflex homogenizer. Cell debris was removed by centrifugation (16000 g, 45 min) and the lysate passed through a 0.22 µm sterile filter to generate the crude lysate.

**[0081]** *A. baumannii* grown overnight in TSB, were mixed with 50°C soft agar TSB and poured onto a TSB agar plate as a top agar layer. The plate was allowed to solidify in room temperature. Crude lysates (10 µl) were added to a soft agar plate with *A. baumannii*, and incubated for 2 hours at room temperature each day, while being kept at 4°C for the remainder of the time. Plates were incubated until clearing zones were visible (4-5 days). A clearing zone larger than the original spot of the crude lysate was scored. The number above each lysin indicates how many stains for which that lysin was the most efficient.

**[0082]** Results are shown in in Figure 6. The lysin construct is shown on the x-axis and the percent of *Acinetobacter* strains lysed is shown on the y-axis. The numbers above each bar indicates the number of strains for which that lysin was the most efficient, no number indicates one strain. As can be seen, Lysin F307 lysed about 90% of the strains tested and was the most active against seven strains.

## Example 3

Lysis of *A. baumannii* by F307.

**[0083]** Figure 7 shows representative Transmission Electron Micrographs of *A. baumannii* strain 1791 cells after treatment with F307 polypeptide. The micrographs show that F307 caused lysis through extrusion of the cytoplasmic membrane to the outside of the cell. (See Figure 7, arrows). Two 100 mL culture of *A. baumannii* strain 1791 were started in BHI media and grown in a 500 mL flask for 1.5h at 37 °C, 200 rpm. The cells were then centrifuged and washed one time with 1X PBS buffer. They were then re-suspended in 1.2 mL of 1X PBS. EDTA at a final concentration of 250 µM was added to each sample. To the experimental sample 300 µL of lysin (~1.2 mg final concentration) and incubated the control (EDTA alone) and experimental (EDTA+F307 lysin) at 25°C. Time points were taken at 0.5, 1, 5, 10, 15, and 30 minutes. The reactions were quenched and cells were fixed using 2.5% Gluteraldehyde in CAC buffer (10 mM sodium cacodylate, 0.1 M CaCl<sub>2</sub>, pH 6.5).

## Example 4

**[0084]** Effect of F307 polypeptide on *A. baumannii* biofilms on catheters *in vitro* and *in vivo*.

**[0085]** *In vitro* treatment of catheter adherent *A. baumannii* 1791 with F307 lysin

**[0086]** Catheter tubing (CareFusion Ref#72023E) was cut using a sterile scalpel into 3-inch long sections. An overnight culture of *A. baumannii* 1791 was used to inoculate 1:1000 a 50 mL of TSB 0.2% Glucose (~1X10<sup>5</sup> CFU/mL). Each 3-inch catheter tube was seeded with 300-350 µL of the 1:1000 diluted culture. The catheters were then clamped and

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placed in plastic containers in a 37 °C incubator for 3 days to allow for biofilm formation to occur. After the 3 days catheters were washed twice with either PBS or Sodium Phosphate buffer pH 7.5 and then had 300-350 µL of F307 added to the tube (~1 mg final concentration). The catheters were then clamped. Catheters were taken at time points 0, 15 minutes, 30 minutes, and 1 hour. The catheters were washed twice with 50 mM Sodium Phosphate pH 7.5 and were cut into small pieces. These were placed into a 1.5 mL ependorff tube and 500 µL of 50 mM NaP buffer pH 7.5 was added. The tubes were sonicated for 20 minutes, and vortexed for 1 minute. The samples were then serial diluted and 20 µL was plated onto a quadrant of a BHI agar plate and incubated at 37°C overnight. CFU's were calculated the following morning.

**[0087]** An approximate 4-log drop in the number of colony forming units (CFU's of *A. baumannii* was observed after 30 minutes of treatment. Table 3 shows CFU counts. Figure 8 shows Scanning Electron micrographs of 3-day biofilms of *A. baumannii* strain 1791 before and after treatment with 250 µg F307 polypeptide.

**Table 3.** Treatment of *A. baumannii* biofilms on catheters.

Sample	CFU
no treatment	1.4 x 10 <sup>7</sup>
no treatment replicate	3.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup>
15 minutes F307 treatment	9.0 x 10 <sup>4</sup>
30 minutes F307 treatment	6.0 x 10 <sup>3</sup>

### Example 5

**[0088]** Mouse Catheter Model: Several 3 inch section of catheter tubing were seeded (1:1000) with *A. baumannii* strain 1791. *A. baumannii* biofilms were formed as described above. The back of twenty BALB/C mice were shaved, their backs were sterilized, and then an incision was made to place a 1 inch section of the catheter with a biofilm already formed under the dermis of the back. The incisions were then stapled shut. After 24 hours, 250 µl of F307 (1 mg) (n=10) or 250 µl control vehicle (n=10) was injected directly into the catheter that was under the dermis of the mouse. The treatment was repeated after 4 hours. After 3 hours the catheters were removed from the mice, and assayed as described in Experiment 4. Figure 9 shows the reduction of bacterial counts by approximately 2-logs in mice treatment with F307 polypeptide compared with control.

### Example 6

**[0089]** F307 polypeptide rescues mice from death after a lethal injection of *A. baumannii*.

**[0090]** Twenty-two C57BL/6 mice were given 10<sup>8</sup> CFU of *A. baumannii* strain intraperitoneally (IP). Two hours later, two mice were euthanized and organs examine as described below, ten mice injected IP with 1 mg of F307 and ten mice were injected IP with control vehicle. Treated animals showed 50% survival with this dose of lysin, whereas control mice showed only 10% survival 14 days after infection (Figure 10).

**[0091]** The organs from the two mice that were euthanized after infection were examined to confirm that the organs were infected with *A. baumannii* at the time of treatment with F307 polypeptide. Liver, spleen, kidney, and heart were dissected from the mice. The organs were then homogenized in 500 µl of 1X PBS. Dilutions were made and were plated onto Brain Heart infusion (BHI) plates. The plates were incubated at 37°C overnight. The number of colony forming units was counted. Control mice were sacrificed at the two hour time point and showed Acinetobacter in all organs examined indicating that the organs were infected with *A. baumannii* at the time of treatment.

### Example 7

**[0092]** P307 polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:43) was tested in duplicate against 18 clinical isolates of *A. baumannii* strains. *A. baumannii* strains were cultured ON to reach stationary phase. Cells were washed 3x in 20 mM Tris pH 7.5 and resuspended in the same buffer to an OD (595nm) of around 0.7. To these cells, P307(250 ug/ml) or a corresponding volume of buffer, was added, and the mixture was allowed to incubate for 60 minutes at room temperature. Dilutions of the mixtures were made and plated on TSB Agar plates for subsequent counting of colony forming units.

**[0093]** P307 polypeptide treatment resulted in a 1 to 8-log drop in bacterial viability, versus control, after incubation for 60 minutes with 250 µg of P307. Results are show in Table 4. When P307 was compared with the full length F307 polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:1) the P307 polypeptide had higher activity.

Table 4. P307 activity against 18 *A. baumannii* strains.

Strain	Control 1	Control 2	Control Average	P307 1	P307 2	P307 Average	Difference	Log drop
1775	1.00E+08	4.50E+08	2.75E+08	1.00E+07	1.50E+07	1.25E+07	2.20E+01	1.34
1776	5.50E+08	3.50E+08	4.50E+08	8.80E+05	7.50E+05	8.15E+05	5.52E+02	2.74
1777	7.00E+08	4.00E+08	5.50E+08	6.50E+06	9.00E+06	7.75E+06	7.10E+01	1.85
1788	2.00E+08	3.00E+08	2.50E+08	1.50E+07	1.20E+07	1.35E+07	1.85E+01	1.27
1789	4.50E+08	3.50E+08	4.00E+08	1.10E+07	1.30E+07	1.20E+07	3.33E+01	1.52
1790	1.50E+08	2.00E+08	1.75E+08	5.50E+05	1.80E+05	3.65E+05	4.79E+02	2.68
1791	9.0E+08	4.5E+08	6.8E+08	2.2E+05	2.2E+05	2.2E+05	3.1E+03	3.49
1792	1.2E+09	8.5E+08	1.0E+09	7.1E+05	7.5E+05	7.3E+05	1.4E+03	3.15
1793	3.5E+08	5.0E+08	4.3E+08	6.5E+05	5.6E+05	6.1E+05	7.0E+02	2.85
1794	7.5E+08	4.0E+08	5.8E+08	7.0E+05	6.0E+05	6.5E+05	8.8E+02	2.95
1795	9.5E+08	1.3E+09	1.1E+09	9.0E+06	2.5E+07	1.7E+07	6.6E+01	1.82
1796	1.0E+09	7.0E+08	8.5E+08	8.2E+05	8.2E+05	8.2E+05	1.0E+03	3.02
1797	1.2E+09	9.0E+08	1.1E+09	6.7E+05	6.5E+05	6.6E+05	1.6E+03	3.20
1798	4.0E+08	4.0E+08	4.0E+08	2.7E+05	6.5E+05	4.6E+05	8.7E+02	2.94
1799	5.5E+08	3.5E+08	4.5E+08	2.9E+07	7.0E+06	1.8E+07	2.5E+01	1.40
S1	1.4E+09	1.1E+09	1.3E+09	4.2E+07	3.0E+07	3.6E+07	3.5E+01	1.54
S3	2.5E+08	2.0E+08	2.3E+08	6.8E+05	6.5E+05	6.7E+05	3.4E+02	2.53
S5	1.1E+09	8.5E+08	9.8E+08	1.0E+00	1.0E+00	1.0E+00	9.8E+08	8.99

## Example 8

**[0094]** Addition of a short extension peptide resulted in increased antibacterial activity of P307.

**[0095]** The peptide SQSRESQC (SEQ ID NO:44) is derived from hepatitis C virus and has been shown to have antimicrobial activity against gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria. We conjugated this sequence to P307 (P307Ex) to determine its effect on the activity. The sequence of F307, p307 and the P307Ex (SEQ ID Nos: 1, 43 and 45 respectively) are provided in figure 11 where a portion of the sequence of F307 is underlined to show the location of P307 and a portion of the sequence of P307 is double underline to show the location of the antimicrobial sequence.

**[0096]** P307 and P307Ex were assayed in duplicate against six bacterial strains. Antibacterial activity was measured as described in Example 5. Treatment with P307Ex resulted in a 3.2 log drop in *A. baumannii* 1791 whereas treatment with P307 resulted in a 2.9 log drop demonstrating that the addition of the antimicrobial peptide increased the activity of P307. The results are shown in Table 5.

Table 5

Strain	Control 1	P307 EX1	P307 EX 2	P307Ex Average	Difference	Log drop
1775	5.00E+08	1.60E+05	1.10E+05	1.35E+05	3.70E+03	3.5
1776	5.00E+08	5.50E+05	6.50E+05	6.00E+05	8.33E+02	2.9
1777	6.50E+08	6.50E+04	2.80E+05	1.73E+05	3.77E+03	3.5
1788	3.50E+08	8.80E+05	5.80E+05	7.30E+05	4.79E+02	2.6
1789	4.00E+08	1.10E+07	1.30E+07	1.20E+07	3.33E+01	1.5
1790	2.00E+08	1.50E+04	2.00E+04	1.75E+04	1.14E+04	4.0
1791	3.50E+08	4.00E+04	4.50E+04	4.25E+04	8.24E+03	3.9

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(continued)

Strain	Control 1	P307 EX1	P307 EX 2	P307Ex Average	Difference	Log drop
1792	1.00E+08	4.00E+04	5.00E+03	2.25E+04	4.44E+03	3.6
1793	1.50E+08	3.50E+04	2.00E+04	2.75E+04	5.45E+03	3.7
1794	5.00E+07	1.40E+05	1.00E+05	1.20E+05	4.17E+02	2.6
1795	4.00E+08	5.50E+04	1.30E+05	9.25E+04	4.32E+03	3.6
1796	2.50E+08	3.80E+05	2.50E+05	3.15E+05	7.94E+02	<b>2.8</b>
1797	2.50E+08	5.50E+06	8.50E+06	7.00E+06	3.57E+01	<b>1.5</b>
1798	3.50E+08	3.40E+05	3.70E+05	3.55E+05	9.86E+02	<b>3.0</b>
1799	3.50E+08	5.00E+03	3.00E+04	1.75E+04	2.00E+04	<b>4.3</b>
S1	8.50E+08	5.90E+05	7.00E+05	6.45E+05	1.32E+03	<b>3.1</b>
S3	3.00E+08	1.60E+07	1.40E+07	1.50E+07	2.00E+01	<b>1.3</b>
S5	1.50E+09	5.00E+05	2.90E+05	3.95E+05	3.80E+03	<b>3.57</b>

**[0097]** P307 and P307Ex were tested for activity against *A. baumannii* strain 1791, *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa* strain PAO1, *S. aureus* strain RN4220, *S. aureus* strain 8325 and *B. anthracis*. As shown in Table 6, P307 and P307 were most active against *A. baumannii* and *B. anthracis*.

**Table 6.** P307 and P307Ex against other bacterial species.

Sample	<i>A. baumannii</i> 1791	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>B. anthracis</i> $\Delta$ sterne	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> PAO1	<i>S. aureus</i> RN4220	<i>S. aureus</i> 8325
control 1	5.50E+08	5.50E+08	2.40E+07	1.30E+09	1.50E+09	6.50E+08
control 2	2.60E+08	4.50E+08	2.80E+07	4.50E+08	7.50E+08	9.50E+08
P307EX 1	1.10E+05	3.50E+08	2.60E+03	4.70E+07	5.20E+07	3.20E+07
P307EX 2	3.90E+05	3.00E+08	2.90E+03	3.70E+07	5.80E+07	3.60E+07
P307 1	5.80E+05	3.50E+08	3.10E+03	5.60E+07	8.00E+08	4.80E+07
P307 2	3.70E+05	3.50E+08	4.00E+03	4.00E+07	4.50E+08	4.40E+07
average control	4.05E+08	5.00E+08	2.60E+07	8.75E+08	1.13E+09	8.00E+08
average P307EX	2.50E+05	3.25E+08	2.75E+03	4.20E+07	5.50E+07	3.40E+07
average P307	4.75E+05	3.50E+08	3.55E+03	4.80E+07	6.25E+08	4.60E+07
difference P307EX	1.62E+03	1.54E+00	9.45E+03	2.08E+01	2.05E+01	2.35E+01
difference P307	8.53E+02	1.43E+00	7.32E+03	1.82E+01	1.80E+00	1.74E+01
<b>log drop P307EX</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>log drop P307</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>

## Example 9

**[0098]** P307 is not toxic to B cells or red blood cells.

**[0099]** P307 was mixed with red blood cells to determine if it would cause lysis. No lysis was observed at 200  $\mu$ g of



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P307. When P307 was tested for lysis of a B cell line it was found to have only a slight effect on cell number after 24 hours. The results are shown in Table 7.

Table 7 (% viable)

Sample	0 min	5 min	30 min	1 hour	2 hour	3 hour	24 hours
Initial cell only	97%			83.60%		85%	88.20%
Tris-HCl pH=6.8		97.20%	89.70%	94.70%	81.50%	90.90%	89.90%
200 $\mu$ g P307		94.60%	1100%	71.40%	71.90%	58.60%	76.30%
20 $\mu$ g P307		97.20%	88.60%	89.70%	90.30%	91.00%	94.20%
2 $\mu$ g P307		95.20%	76.90%	89.30%	92.50%	93.80%	96.30%

[0100] The peptides used in Examples 10-20 were chemically synthesized.

[0101] Peptides were created using a Protein Technologies Symphony™ peptide synthesizer (PTI Tucson, Arizona, USA) on pre-coupled Wang (*p*-alkoxy-benzyl alcohol) resin (Bachem, Torrance, CA, USA). Reaction vessels were loaded at 25  $\mu$ M and peptides were elongated using Fmoc protected amino acids (Anaspec, San Jose, CA, USA) (1997. Standard Fmoc protocols. 289:44-67). Deprotection of the amine was accomplished with 20% piperidine (Sigma-Aldrich) in NMP (N-methylpyrrolidinone). Repetitive coupling reactions were conducted using 0.6 M HATU/Cl-HOBT (azabenzotriazol tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate/6-chloro-1-hydroxybenzotriazole)(P3 Biosystems, Shelbyville, KY, USA) and 0.4 M NMM (N-methylmorpholine) using NMP (EMD) as the primary solvent (1989. New Coupling Reagents in Peptide Chemistry 30:1927-1930.). Resin cleavage and side-chain deprotection were achieved by transferring to a 100 ml round bottom flask and reacted with 4.0 ml concentrated, sequencing grade, trifluoroacetic acid (Fisher) with triisopropylsilane (Fluka), degassed water, and 3,6-dioxo-1,8-octanedithiol (DODT, Sigma-Aldrich) in a ratio of 95:2:2:1 over a 6 hour time frame. This was followed by column filtration to a 50 ml round bottom flask and TFA volume reduced to 2 ml using a rotary evaporator. A standard ether precipitation was performed on the individual peptides by transferring to a 50 ml falcon tube containing 40 ml cold tert-butyl methyl ether (TBME, Sigma-Aldrich). Samples were placed in an ice bath for 2 hours to aid precipitation followed by pellet formation using centrifugation (3300 rpm, 5 min). Excess ether was removed by vacuum aspiration and the peptide pellets were allowed to dry overnight in a fume hood. Dried peptide pellets were resolved in 20% acetonitrile and 10 ml HPLC grade water, subsampled for LC/MS and lyophilized. All crude products were subsequently analyzed by reverse-phase Aquity™ UPLC (Waters Chromatography, Milford, MA, USA) using a Waters BEH C18 column. Individual peptide integrity was verified by tandem electrospray mass spectrometry using a ThermoFinnigan LTQ™ (Thermo Fisher, Waltham, MA, USA) spectrometer system. Preparative chromatography was accomplished on a Vydac C18 RP preparative column on a Waters 600 Prep HPLC. Individual fractions were collected in 30 seconds intervals, characterized using LC/MS and fractions containing desired product were lyophilized. These were stored at -20°C until being resuspended in autoclaved Milli-Q water for various assays. The stock solutions were then stored at 4°C. The peptides are summarized with their amino acid sequences, isoelectric points (pI) and molecular weights (MW) in table 8.

Table 8

Names	Amino acid sequences	pI	MW	SEQ ID NO:
F307		10.12	16 kDa	1
P307	NAKDYKGAAAEFPKWNKAGGRVLAGLVKRRK	10.71	3.4 kDa	43
P307AE-8	NAKDYKGAAAEFPKWNKAGGRVLAGLVKRRK <u>AE</u> MELFLK	10.21	4.4 kDa	49
P307SQ-8C	NAKDYKGAAAEFPKWNKAGGRVLAGLVKRRK <u>SQSRESQC</u>	10.38	4.3 kDa	45
P307CS-8	NAKDYKGAAAEFPKWNKAGGRVLAGLVKRRK <u>CSQRQSES</u>	10.38	4.3 kDa	51
P307SQ-8A	NAKDYKGAAAEFPKWNKAGGRVLAGLVKRRK <u>SQSRESQA</u>	10.69	4.3 kDa	53

### Example 10

Comparison of *in vitro* bactericidal activities of peptides of the present disclosure.

[0102] To determine the *in vitro* bactericidal activities of the peptides, P307, P307AE-8, P307SQ-8C, and P307CS-8,

bacteria were treated with the peptides for 2 hours at room temperature. The survived cells were serially diluted and plated on TSB agar plates to determine the activity.

[0103] The bactericidal activities of 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  the peptides, P307, P307AE-8 and P307SQ-8C were compared by treating *A. baumannii* strains #1791, S5 and ATCC17978. P307SQ-8C was the most active, reducing about  $10^6$  cfu/mL of bacteria to below the limit of detection ( $<10$  cfu/mL). P307 was slightly more active than P307AE-8, but both peptides induced about a 3.8-log-unit decrease in viable bacteria (Fig. 2A). To investigate how the eight amino acids, SQSRESQC, contributed to the higher activity of P307SQ-8C, the same molar concentration of peptide SQSRESQC as 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  P307 was added by itself or in combination with P307 to *A. baumannii* strains #1791 and S5. The activities were compared with 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  of P307 and P307SQ-8C. The combination was only as active as P307 while SQSRESQC peptide alone has no activity (Fig. 2B). Hence the linkage is essential for the high bactericidal activity of P307SQ-8C. Next, we investigated the importance of sequence and composition. By scrambling the last eight amino acids in P307SQ-8C, we synthesized P307CS-8 with a C-terminal addition of CSQRQSES to P307. The activities of P307SQ-8C and P307CS-8 were comparable (Fig. 2C). The error bars show standard deviation and the black horizontal line marks the limit of detection. Thus, we concluded that the superior activity of P307SQ-8C derives from the composition of the last eight amino acids, regardless of the order of the last eight amino acids. For further investigation, we used P307SQ-8C because it is the most active, and compared its activity with P307.

### Example 11

Bactericidal activities of P307 and P307SQ-8C

[0104] The effects of pH and NaCl on the *in vitro* activities of P307 and P307SQ-8C were investigated. *A. baumannii* strain #1791 were treated with 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  of peptides to test each condition. Two buffer systems (sodium phosphate and Tris-HCl) were used to test pH 6.8, 7.5, 8.0 and 8.8. The peptides were more active in Tris-HCl and higher pH elicited better killing (Fig. 13A). Thus, we elected to continue our *in vitro* experiments with 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, which approximates physiological pH. The activities of both peptides were inversely proportional to the concentration of NaCl (Fig. 13B). Next, titration of P307 and killing kinetics of P307 and P307SQ-8C were investigated by treating *A. baumannii* strain #1791. The activity of P307 was concentration-dependent, beginning from 4  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  (Fig. 13C). P307SQ-8C acted faster than P307, resulting in about 3.2-log-unit decrease already at the 5 minute time point (Fig. 13D). There was no difference in activities of either peptide at room temperature or 37°C (data not shown). From these *in vitro* characterization experiments, we decided our optimal experimental conditions to be 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  peptides and 2 hours at room temperature (22-25°C), unless otherwise indicated.

### Example 12

[0105] Next, we investigated the *in vitro* bactericidal spectra of P307 and P307SQ-8C against different bacterial species, *A. baumannii* (strain Nos. 1775, 1776, 1777, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, ATCC 17978 and S1, S3, D5), *Bacillus anthracis* ( $\Delta$ Sterne), *Escherichia coli* (DH5 $\alpha$ ), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (PA01), *Staphylococcus aureus* (RN4220) and two strains of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (ATCC 700603 and ATCC 10031). These bacterial species were treated with 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  of P307 or P307SQ-8C in 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5 for 2 hours at room temperature to investigate the specificity of the peptides. Among the bacteria tested, *A. baumannii* strains were consistently most sensitive to the peptides, showing an average of 2.7- and 6.2-log-unit decrease with P307 and P307SQ-8C, respectively. *Bacillus anthracis*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus* are moderately sensitive. P307 and P307SQ-8C produced an average of about 1.3- and 2.9-log unit decrease, respectively, for these bacteria. However, *Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* are resistant to both peptides (Fig. 14).

### Example 13.

[0106] In addition, to investigate the activities of the peptides against *A. baumannii* at different growth phases, we compared the sensitivities of strain #1791 at log phase, stationary phase and biofilm state. The bacteria in log phase (3 hours post inoculation of 1:100 overnight culture in fresh media) and stationary phase (overnight culture) were treated with 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  of P307 or P307SQ-8C for 2 hours at room temperature. The survived cells were serially diluted and plated on TSB agar plates to determine cfu/mL. (figure 15A). *A. baumannii* biofilms were established by incubating about  $10^5$  cfu/mL of strain #1791 in TSB with 0.2% glucose inside about 2.5 cm long catheters for 72 hours at 37°C. The catheters were then washed to remove planktonic cells and treated with 250  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  of P307 or P307SQ-8C. After 2 hours and 24 hours at room temperature, the biofilm was thoroughly disrupted and survived cells re-suspended to be plated and counted to determine the killing efficiency of the peptides against *in vitro* biofilm. (figure 15B) The log phase organisms were slightly more sensitive to P307 than stationary phase (about 3.7- versus 2.4-log-unit decrease). There

seems to be no such difference with P307SQ-8C (Figure 15A). The biofilms were the most resistant of all growth phases. Biofilms were treated with 250  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  P307 or P307SQ-8C for 2 or 24 hr. After 2 hours, about 3- and 4-log-unit decrease in cfu/mL was observed with P307 and P307SQ-8C, respectively. After 24 hours, P307 produced an additional about 1.3-log-unit decrease while P307SQ-8C did not (figure 15B).

#### Example 14

**[0107]** In order to compare the efficiency of the peptides P307 and P307SQ-8C with some clinically used antibiotics, we performed a minimal inhibitory concentration assay for two *A. baumannii* strains, #1791 and ATCC17978. Microtiter dilution method was used to determine the MICs of levofloxacin, ceftazidime, polymyxin B, P307 and P307SQ-8C for *A. baumannii* strains #1791, #1798, S5 and ATCC17978. For the antibiotics, 1.5-2 fold serial dilutions (three lower and three higher) of the MICs determined by Etest Lood R, et al., 2015 Antimicrob. Agents Chemother. 59:1983-1991.) were included. For the peptides, two-fold serial dilutions (500-31.25  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) were tested. The overnight cultures were re-suspended to OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.001 (about  $10^5$  cfu/mL) in Mueller-Hinton broth (pH 7.9). The antibiotics or peptides were added to final 100  $\mu\text{L}$  for each dilution. The bacteria were allowed to grow at 37°C for 24 hour at 220 rpm. The absorbance at 595 nm was then read in a SpectraMax Plus Reader (Molecular Devices). The MICs were determined as the lowest concentrations of antimicrobial agents that completely inhibit bacterial growth. Alamar@Blue was used to confirm the data obtained from OD<sub>595</sub>. The experiments were conducted at least twice in duplicate.

**[0108]** The strains displayed varying degree of sensitivity to all antimicrobial agents (Table 9).

Table 9

<i>A. baumannii</i> strains	Levofloxacin		Ceftazidime		Polymyxin B		P307		P307SQ-8C	
	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{M}$	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{M}$	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{M}$	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{M}$	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{M}$
#1791	6	16.6	250	457	0.25	0.19	375	110	125	29
ATCC17978	$\leq 0.1$	0.3	12	21.9	0.25	0.19	750	220	$\leq 500$	$\leq 116$

**[0109]** P307SQ-8C has a lower MIC than P307, which is in accordance with the *in vitro* killing activity (Fig. 2 and 3).

#### Example 15

**[0110]** Cytotoxic effects of P307 and P307SQ-8C as measured by B cell survival and hemolysis.

**[0111]** Human B-cells obtained from a rheumatic fever patient at The Rockefeller University Hospital were grown in RPMI media supplemented with 10% bovine serum, penicillin and streptomycin. Cells were harvested by low speed centrifugation, washed once in media, and resuspended in pre-warmed media to a concentration of  $10^7$  cells/ml, as determined by trypan blue exclusion tests. The peptides (P307, P307SQ-8C and melittin) were serially diluted (80-0.3125  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in culture media, and added to  $5 \times 10^4$  live cells. Cells were incubated for 1 hour at 37°C in a humidified 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, after which they were stained (CellTiter 96 Non-radioactive cell proliferation assay; Promega) according to manufacturer's instructions. The samples were incubated for additionally 4 hours, before a Solubilization/Stop solution was added, and incubated overnight. The absorbance at 570 nm was measured in SpectraMax Plus Reader (Molecular Devices). The reactions were carried out twice in triplicate and representative data are shown as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation.

**[0112]** Human blood from a healthy individual was gathered in an EDTA-tube, and red blood cells (RBC) collected through low speed centrifugation. Cells were washed in PBS, and resuspended to a 10% RBC solution. P307 and P307SQ-8C were serially diluted in PBS (80-0.3125  $\mu\text{M}$ ). PBS and 1% Triton X-100 were used as negative and positive controls, respectively. Samples were mixed, and incubated for 1 hour at 37°C. The supernatant was collected, and absorbance at 405 nm recorded through SpectraMax Plus Reader (Molecular Devices). The reactions were carried out twice in triplicate and representative data are shown as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation.

**[0113]** Serial dilutions of peptides were incubated with about  $5 \times 10^4$  live B cells for 1 hr at 37°C in a humidified 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, and melittin was used as a positive control. CellTiter 96® Non-Radioactive Cell Proliferation Assay (Promega) was conducted according to manufacturer's protocol to quantify the survival of B cells. Red blood cells (RBCs) were incubated with serial dilutions of the peptides and the release of hemoglobin into the supernatant was measured by OD<sub>405</sub> to determine hemolysis. Triton X-100 was used as a positive control. The error bars show standard deviation.

**[0114]** The peptides were tested for their cytotoxicity using human B cells and red blood cells (RBCs). In contrast to the melittin positive control, the membranes of B cells are not affected by either P307 or P307SQ-8C. Even at the highest

concentration tested (80  $\mu$ M), the viability of the cells remains the same as the buffer control (figure 16A). Similarly, the integrity of RBCs are also not affected by either peptide in comparison to the Triton X-100 positive control (figure 16B).

#### Example 16

**[0115]** A portion of P307SQ-8C (about 25%) runs at twice the theoretical molecular weight in comparison to P307SQ-8A, which runs at 4.3 kD (data not shown). To determine the importance of disulfide bond formation for the high activity of P307SQ-8C the bactericidal activities of P307 and P307SQ-8C were compared in the presence of 0, 0.1 and 1 mM dithiothreitol (DTT). *A. baumannii* strain #1791 was treated with 50  $\mu$ g/mL P307 or 10  $\mu$ g/mL P307SQ-8C in 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5 for 2 hours at room temperature. The survived cells were serially diluted and plated on TSB agar. P307SQ-8C becomes less active with higher DTT concentration whereas the activity of P307 slightly increases (figure 17A). To further confirm the importance of disulfide formation for P307SQ-8C activity, we synthesized P307SQ-8A with the last cysteine changed to alanine. *A. baumannii* strains no. 1791 and ATCC17978 were treated with 10  $\mu$ g/mL of each peptide. The bactericidal assays of P307SQ-8C and P307SQ-8A showed that the former is slightly more active than the latter (figure 17B). These results altogether pointed out that part of the superior activity of P307SQ-8C derives from disulfide bond formation between two molecules.

#### Example 17

**[0116]** Next, we investigated whether P307 binds to DNA, given the positive charges on the peptides (net charge of +7). The peptide P307 was mixed with DNA at different peptide:DNA ratios (0:1-15:1) and incubated for 1 hour before being analyzed on an agarose gel. In comparison to positive control peptide, no shift in molecular weight was observed for P307 at any of the ratios of peptide to DNA tested (Fig. 18).

#### Example 18

**[0117]** Because the peptides did not appear to kill the bacteria by interacting with DNA, we investigated whether they affect the bacterial membrane using transmission electron microscopy (TEM). *A. baumannii* strain #1791 was treated with buffer (control) or 300  $\mu$ g/mL P307SQ-8C for 5 minutes or 2 hours. Comparing the TEM images of the samples reveals disruption of inner membrane and changes in intracellular density (Figures 19A, B and C). In addition, we found that the resistant bacteria at pH 7.5 (figure 3) were sensitive to P307 at pH 8.8, including *E. coli* and *K. pneumoniae* (figure 19D). Because the charges on the peptide do not vary as pH changes from 7.5 to 8.8, we reasoned that the changes occur on the bacterial membrane. At higher pH, the bacterial membrane becomes more negatively charged, allowing the positively charged peptides to establish stronger ionic interactions.

#### Example 19

**[0118]** Without wishes to be bound by theory, we hypothesize the following mechanism of action: P307SQ-8C interacts with the bacterial membrane to gain entry into the cell, and in the process, disrupts the cytoplasmic membrane. Membrane permeabilization is more effective when the peptide is dimerized. The disruption induces the production of reactive oxygen species such as hydroxyl radicals, which disturbs the intracellular content. To investigate this hypothesis, we determined membrane disruption using SYTOX® Green uptake assay.

**[0119]** Overnight cultures of bacteria were washed in 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, and resuspended to an OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.3 (about 10<sup>7</sup> cfu/ml). Benzonase® nuclease (25 U/ml)(Novagen) and SYTOX® Green (1  $\mu$ M)(Invitrogen) was added to the bacterial cells, and incubated for 15 minutes at room temperature in the dark. Peptides were added (50  $\mu$ g/ml; 14.7  $\mu$ M P307 and 11.6  $\mu$ M P307SQ-8C, and melittin (14.7  $\mu$ M)(Sigma) was used as a control. Relative fluorescence units (RFU) were measured in a SpectraMax Plus reader (Molecular Devices) at room temperature (ex: 485 nm, em: 520 nm) for 2 hours. The reactions were carried out twice in duplicate and representative data are shown as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation.

**[0120]** Both peptides permeabilize the membranes of sensitive bacteria, giving rise to an increase in fluorescent signals of SYTOX® Green dye as it binds to intracellular DNA (figure 20). Hydroxyl radical formation was investigated by treating the bacteria with P307 and P307SQ-8C in the presence of hydroxyl radical scavenger, thiourea. Polymyxin B was included as a control since it has been reported that its bactericidal activity partially relies on hydroxyl radical death pathway. Thiourea (300 mM) inhibits the activity of P307 and P307SQ-8C completely (Fig. 21A). However, it cannot be disregarded that thiourea affects the activities by other pathways. Therefore, bactericidal activities were also compared under aerobic and anaerobic conditions. Since *A. baumannii* is a strictly aerobic bacteria, *E. coli* was used for the bactericidal assay with 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.8. Both peptide activities were completely inhibited by anaerobic condition (Fig. 21B). Although we cannot rule out other possibilities such as effect on oxygen-dependent transport mechanism,

the current results support our hypothesis of hydroxyl radical formation.

#### Example 20

5 **[0121]** We investigated the *in vivo* activity of P307SQ-8C using mouse skin model because skin infection is a common route of disease by *A. baumannii*. The backs of 40 female CD-1 mice (6 to 8 weeks of age; Charles River Laboratories) were shaved with an electric razor. Nair™ (Hair remover lotion for body and legs, aloe and lanolin) was applied to the shaved areas to remove any remaining hair. The areas were then disinfected with alcohol wipes, and skin abrasion was induced by tape-stripping. An area of ~ 1 cm<sup>2</sup> of the tape striped skin was then marked and infected with 10 µL of about 10<sup>8</sup> cfu/mL *A. baumannii* strain no. 1791. The bacteria were allowed to colonize for 16-18 hours, after which the infected area was either left untreated or treated with 200 µg of P307SQ-8C or 2 µg of polymyxin B for 2 hours. To harvest the remaining bacteria on the skin, the mice were sacrificed and the infected skin was processed in 500 µL PBS for 1 minute in a Stomacher® 80 Biomaster using a microbag (Seward Ltd., UK). The solution was serially diluted and plated on LB agar containing 4 µg/mL levofloxacin and 12 µg/mL ampicillin for selection. The resulting cfu/mL from each animal is shown as a point and the horizontal bars represent the means. Both treatments reduce the bacterial load significantly **[0122]** (p-value = 0.0023, ordinary one-way ANOVA) (figure 22).

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## Claims

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1. A polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence that has at least 97% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.
2. The polypeptide according to claim 1, wherein the polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1

or SEQ ID NO:2, or a fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide or fragment has antibacterial activity.

3. A conjugated polypeptide comprising: the polypeptide or fragment of claim 1; and an antimicrobial peptide conjugated to the polypeptide or the fragment of the polypeptide, wherein the conjugated polypeptide has antibacterial activity.

4. The conjugated polypeptide according to claim 3, wherein the antimicrobial peptide comprises the eight amino acids C, S, Q, R, S, E and S in any order.

5. The conjugated polypeptide according to claim 4, wherein the antimicrobial peptide has the amino acid sequence SQSRESQC (SEQ ID NO:44) or CSQRQSES (SEQ ID NO:50).

6. The conjugated polypeptide according to claim 3, wherein the conjugated polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:45 or SEQ ID NO:51.

7. The conjugated polypeptide according to any one of claims 3-5, wherein the C-terminus of the polypeptide or fragment is conjugated to the antimicrobial peptide or wherein the N-terminus of the polypeptide or fragment is conjugated to the antimicrobial peptide.

8. The conjugated polypeptide according to any one of claims 3-7, wherein the conjugated polypeptide has antibacterial activity against a gram negative bacterium or wherein the conjugated polypeptide has antibacterial activity against a gram positive bacterium.

9. A composition comprising one or more polypeptide according to any one of claims 1-8.

10. The composition according to claim 9, for use in treating a subject having a bacterial infection.

11. The composition according to claim 9 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, buffering agent or preservative for use in treating a surgical wound by irrigating the surgical wound with the composition.

12. The composition for use according to claim 11, wherein the surgical wound is irrigated prior to surgical closure of the wound.

13. The composition according to claim 9, for use in inhibiting the formation of or disrupting a bacterial biofilm in an amount effective to kill bacteria in the biofilm.

14. Method for inhibiting the formation of or disrupting a bacterial biofilm on an article comprising contacting the article with the composition of claim 9 in an amount effective to kill bacteria in the biofilm.

15. The method according to claim 14, wherein the article is a countertop, keyboard, surgical instrument, or medical device.

## Patentansprüche

1. Polypeptid, umfassend eine Aminosäuresequenz, die eine Sequenzidentität von wenigstens 97% mit der Aminosäuresequenz unter SEQ ID NO:1 oder SEQ ID NO:2 aufweist, oder ein Fragment des Polypeptids, wobei das Polypeptid bzw. Fragment antibakterielle Aktivität besitzt.

2. Polypeptid nach Anspruch 1, wobei das Polypeptid aus der Aminosäuresequenz unter SEQ ID NO:1 oder SEQ ID NO:2 besteht, oder ein Fragment des Polypeptids, wobei das Polypeptid bzw. Fragment antibakterielle Aktivität besitzt.

3. Konjugiertes Polypeptid, umfassend: das Polypeptid oder Fragment gemäß Anspruch 1 und ein an das Polypeptid bzw. Fragment des Polypeptids konjugiertes antimikrobielles Peptid, wobei das konjugierte Polypeptid antibakterielle Aktivität besitzt.

4. Konjugiertes Polypeptid nach Anspruch 3, wobei das antimikrobielle Peptid die acht Aminosäuren C, S, Q, R, S, E and S in beliebiger Reihenfolge umfasst.



5. Konjugiertes Polypeptid nach Anspruch 4, wobei das antimikrobielle Peptid die Aminosäuresequenz SQSRESQC (SEQ ID NO:44) oder CSQRQSES (SEQ ID NO:50) aufweist.
6. Konjugiertes Polypeptid nach Anspruch 3, wobei das konjugierte Polypeptid die Aminosäuresequenz unter SEQ ID NO:45 oder SEQ ID NO:51 umfasst.
7. Konjugiertes Polypeptid nach einem der Ansprüche 3-5, wobei der C-Terminus des Polypeptids oder Fragments an das antimikrobielle Peptid konjugiert ist oder wobei der N-Terminus des Polypeptids oder Fragments an das antimikrobielle Peptid konjugiert ist.
8. Konjugiertes Polypeptid nach einem der Ansprüche 3-7, wobei das konjugierte Polypeptid antibakterielle Aktivität gegen ein gramnegatives Bakterium besitzt oder wobei das konjugierte Polypeptid antibakterielle Aktivität gegen ein grampositives Bakterium besitzt.
9. Zusammensetzung, umfassend ein oder mehrere Polypeptide nach einem der Ansprüche 1-8.
10. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 9, zur Verwendung bei der Behandlung eines an einer bakteriellen Infektion leidenden Individuums.
11. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 9 und ein pharmazeutisch unbedenkliches Träger-, Pufferungs- oder Konservierungsmittel zur Verwendung bei der Behandlung einer Operationswunde durch Tränken der Operationswunde mit der Zusammensetzung.
12. Zusammensetzung zur Verwendung nach Anspruch 11, wobei die Operationswunde vor dem chirurgischen Schließen der Wunde getränkt wird.
13. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 9, zur Verwendung beim Hemmen der Bildung oder Aufbrechen eines bakteriellen Biofilms in einer zur Abtötung von Bakterien im Biofilm wirksamen Menge.
14. Verfahren zum Hemmen der Bildung oder Aufbrechen eines bakteriellen Biofilms auf einem Artikel, umfassend Inkontaktbringen des Artikels mit der Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 9 in einer zur Abtötung von Bakterien im Biofilm wirksamen Menge.
15. Verfahren nach Anspruch 14, wobei es sich bei dem Artikel um eine Arbeitsplatte, Tastatur, ein chirurgisches Instrument oder eine medizinische Vorrichtung handelt.

## Revendications

1. Polypeptide, ou fragment du polypeptide, comprenant une séquence d'acides aminés qui a une identité de séquence d'au moins 97% avec la séquence d'acides aminés de SEQ ID n° : 1 ou de SEQ ID n° : 2, le polypeptide ou le fragment ayant une activité antibactérienne.
2. Polypeptide ou fragment du polypeptide selon la revendication 1, le polypeptide étant constitué par la séquence d'acides aminés de SEQ ID n° : 1 ou de SEQ ID n° : 2, le polypeptide ou le fragment ayant une activité antibactérienne.
3. Polypeptide conjugué comprenant :  
le polypeptide ou le fragment de la revendication 1 ; et un peptide antimicrobien conjugué au polypeptide ou au fragment du polypeptide, le polypeptide conjugué ayant une activité antibactérienne.
4. Polypeptide conjugué selon la revendication 3, dans lequel le peptide antimicrobien comprend les huit acides aminés C, S, Q, R, S, E et S dans un ordre quelconque.
5. Polypeptide conjugué selon la revendication 4, dans lequel le peptide antimicrobien a la séquence d'acides aminés SQSRESQC (SEQ ID n° : 44) ou la CSQRQSES (SEQ ID n° : 50).
6. Polypeptide conjugué selon la revendication 3, le polypeptide conjugué comprenant la séquence d'acides aminés de SEQ ID n° : 45 ou de SEQ ID n° : 51.

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7. Polypeptide conjugué selon l'une quelconque des revendications 3 à 5, dans lequel l'extrémité C-terminale du polypeptide ou du fragment est conjuguée au peptide antimicrobien ou dans lequel l'extrémité N-terminale du polypeptide ou du fragment est conjuguée au peptide antimicrobien.

5 8. Polypeptide conjugué selon l'une quelconque des revendications 3 à 7, le polypeptide conjugué ayant une activité antibactérienne contre une bactérie Gram négatif ou le polypeptide conjugué ayant une activité antibactérienne contre une bactérie Gram positif.

10 9. Composition comprenant un ou plusieurs polypeptide(s) selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 8.

10 10. Composition selon la revendication 9, destinée à être utilisée dans le traitement d'un sujet ayant une infection bactérienne.

15 11. Composition, selon la revendication 9, et un véhicule acceptable d'un point de vue pharmaceutique, un agent de tamponnage ou un conservateur destinés à être utilisés dans le traitement d'une plaie chirurgicale par une irrigation de la plaie chirurgicale avec la composition.

20 12. Composition destinée à être utilisée selon la revendication 11, dans laquelle la plaie chirurgicale est irriguée avant la fermeture chirurgicale de la plaie.

13. Composition selon la revendication 9, destinée à être utilisée dans l'inhibition de la formation d'un biofilm bactérien ou dans l'interruption de celui-ci en une quantité efficace pour tuer les bactéries dans le biofilm.

25 14. Procédé destiné à inhiber la formation d'un biofilm bactérien ou à interrompre celui-ci sur un article, comprenant la mise en contact de l'article avec la composition de la revendication 9 en une quantité efficace pour tuer les bactéries dans le biofilm.

30 15. Procédé selon la revendication 14, dans lequel l'article est un comptoir, un clavier, un instrument chirurgical ou un dispositif médical.

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FIG. 1A

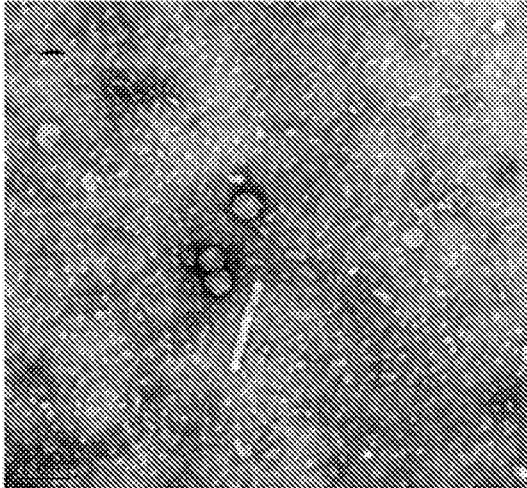


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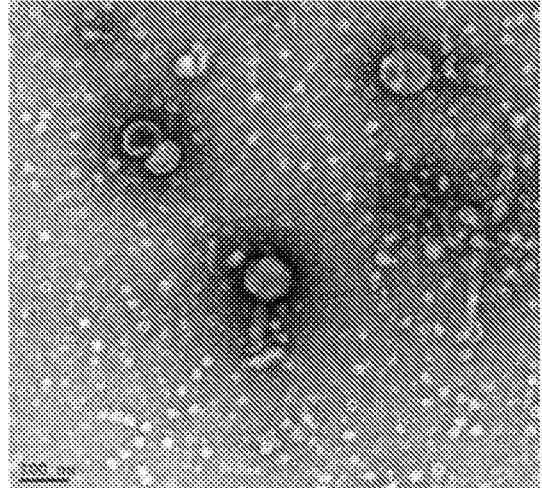


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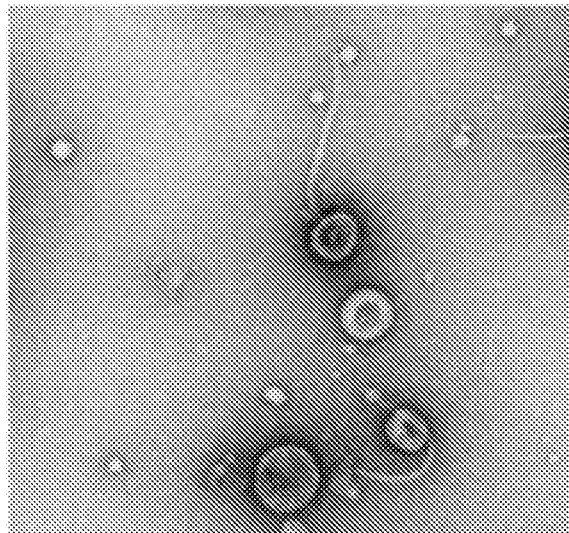


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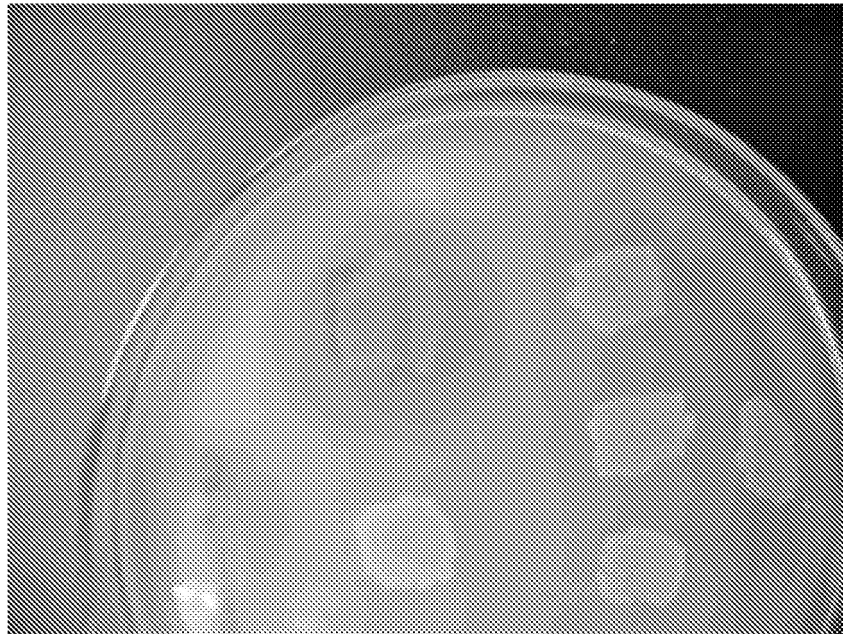


FIG. 3

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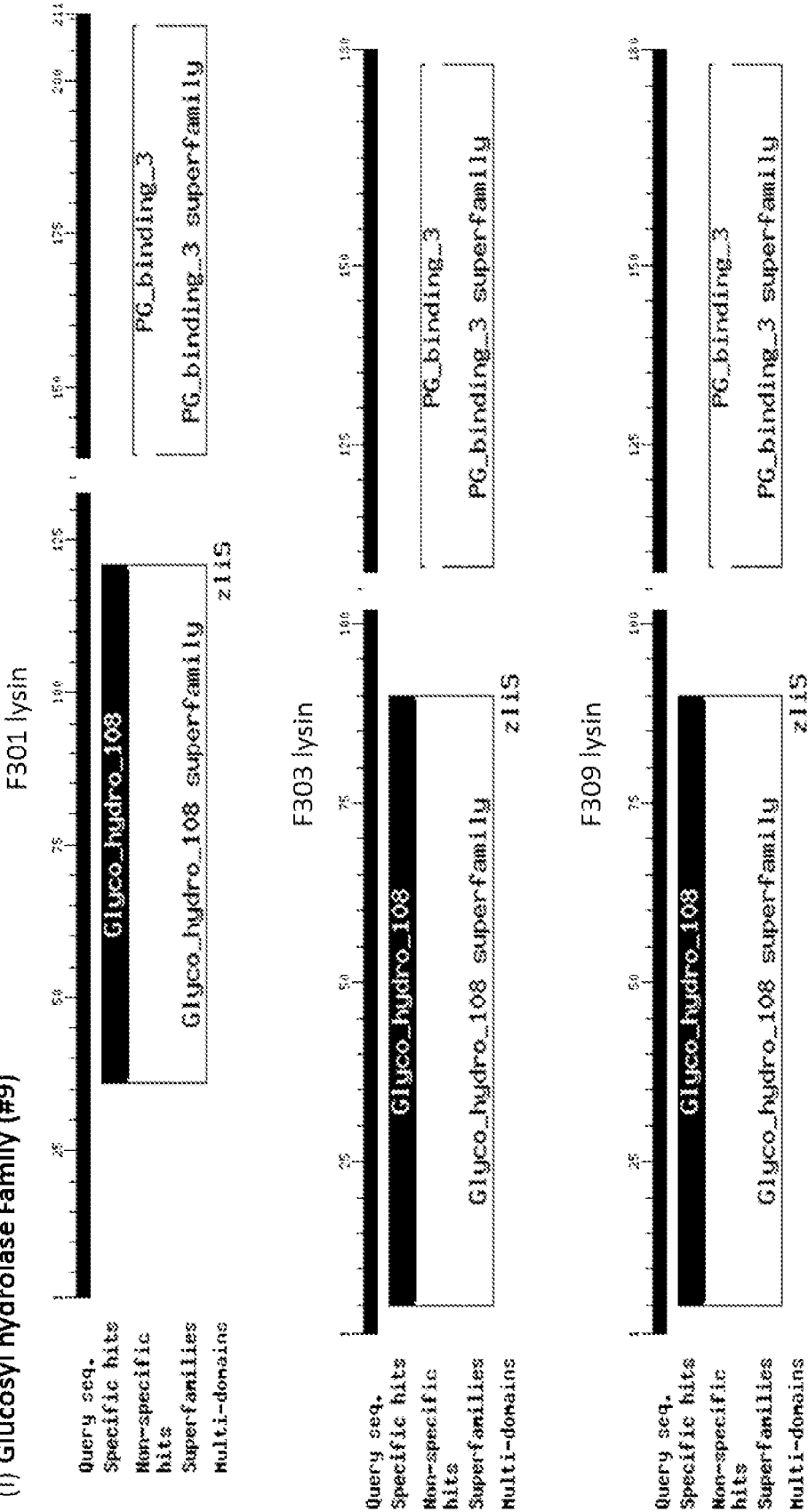


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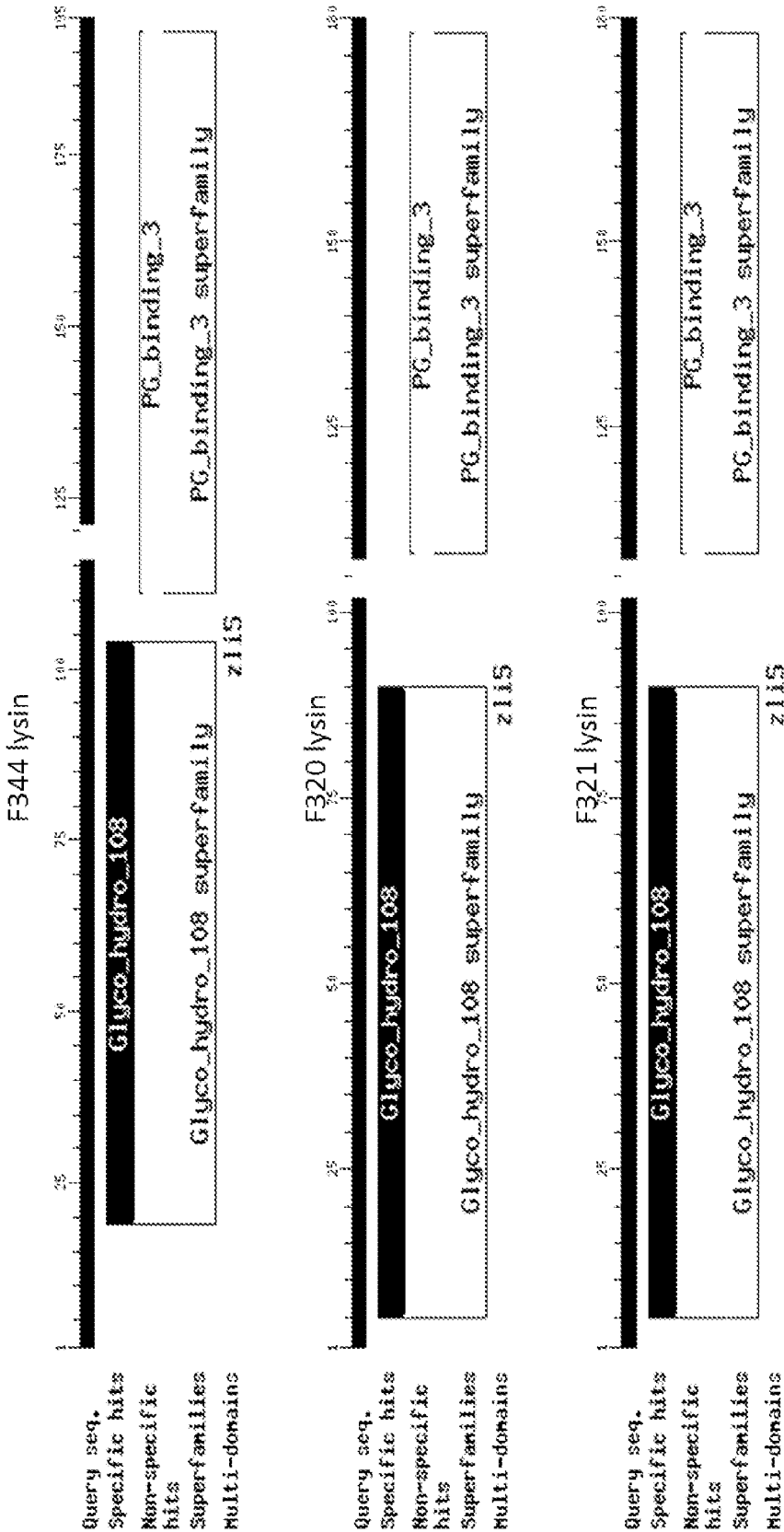


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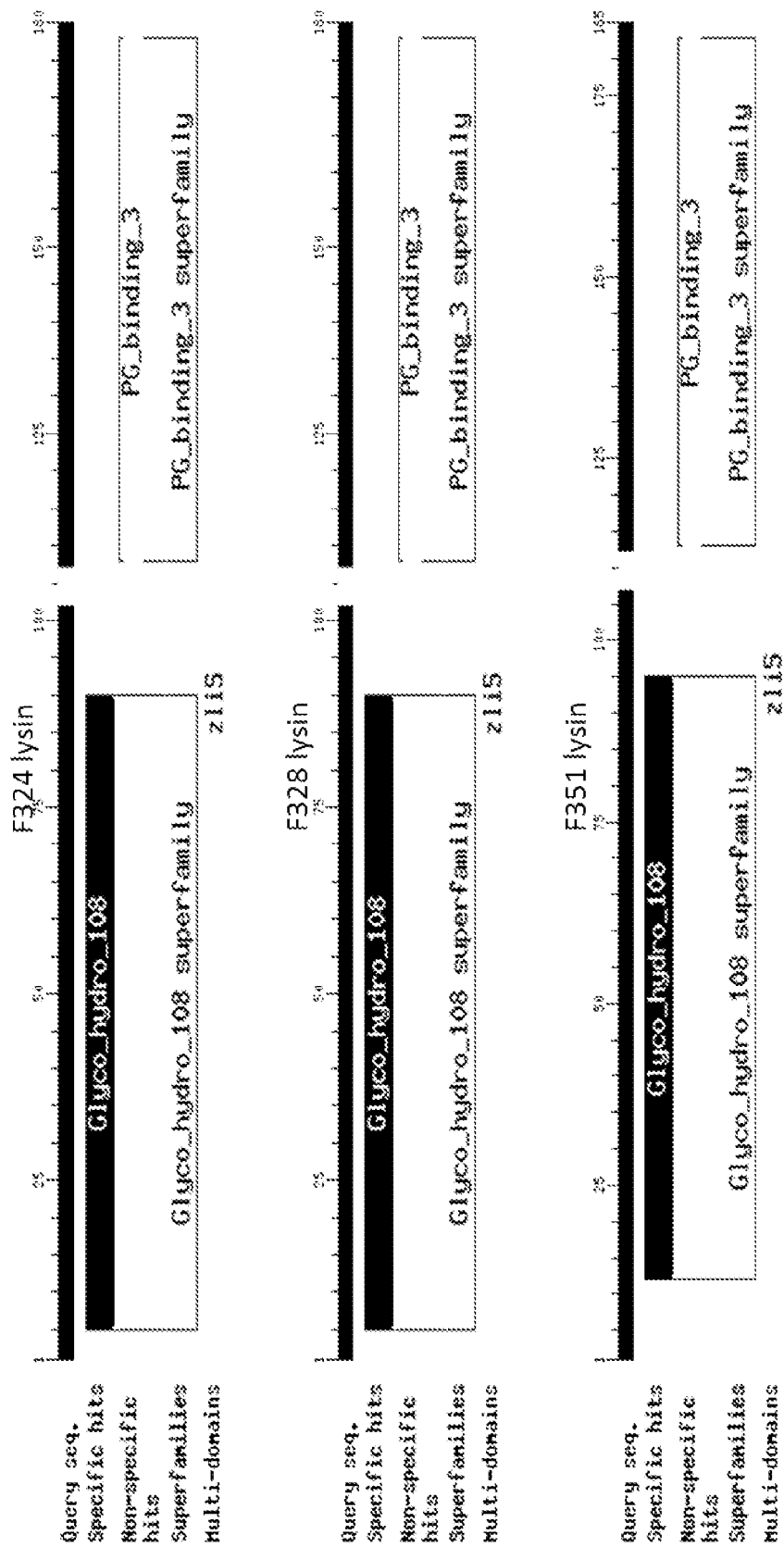


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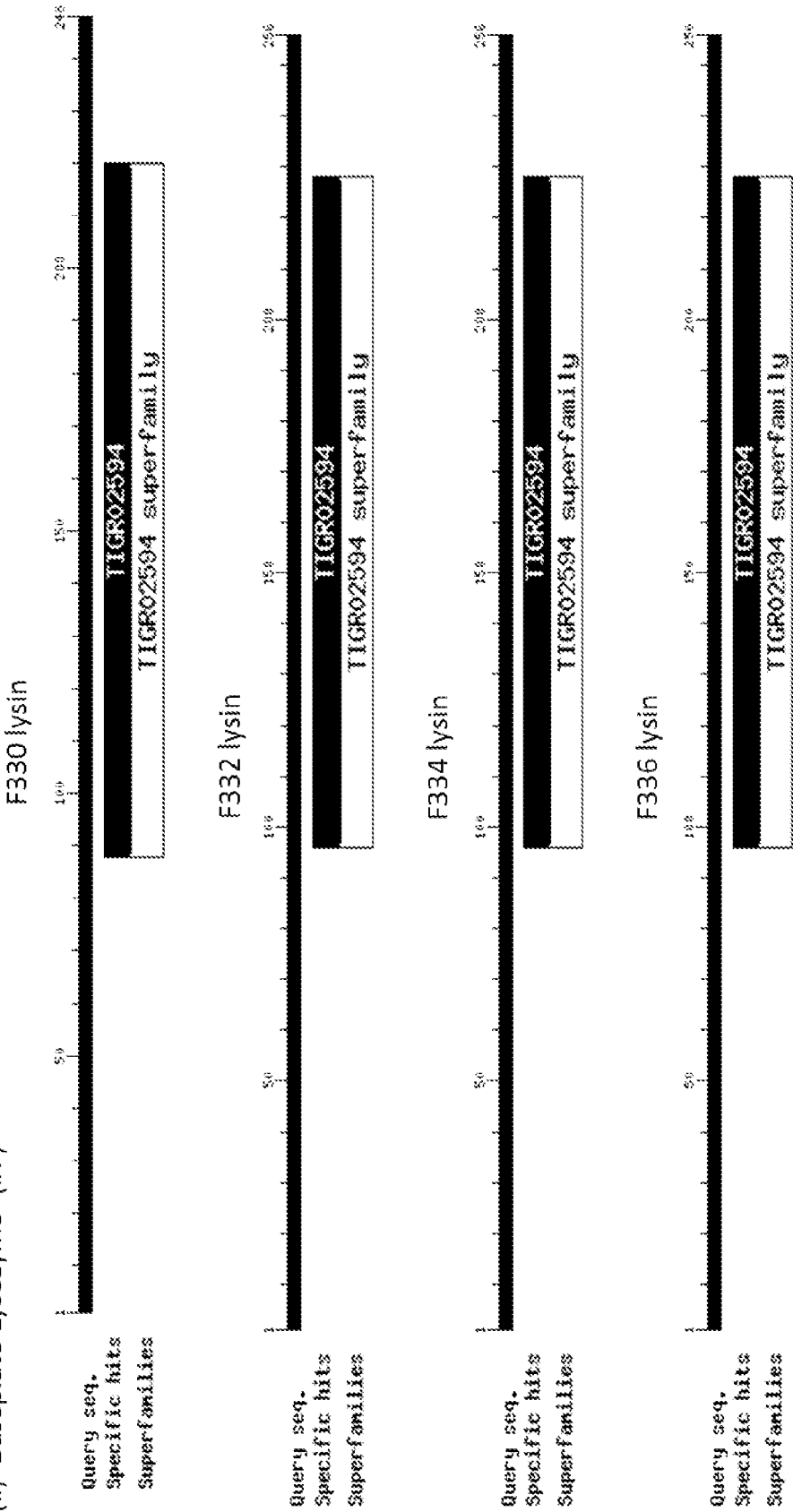


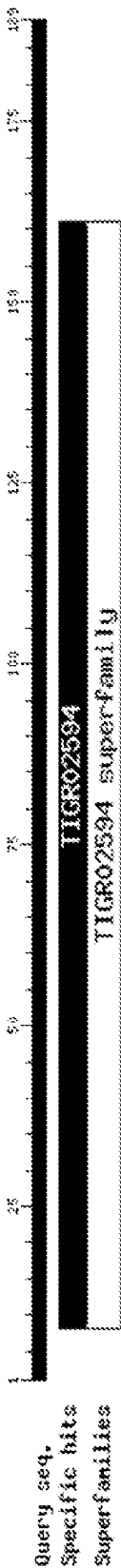


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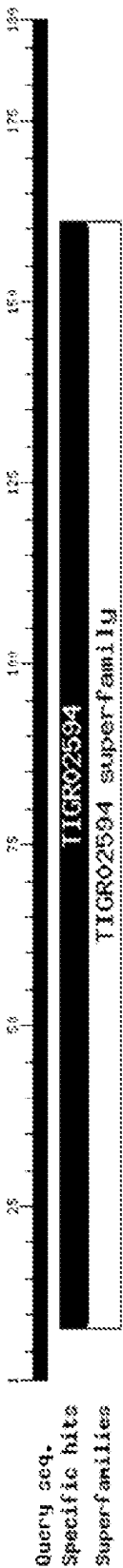
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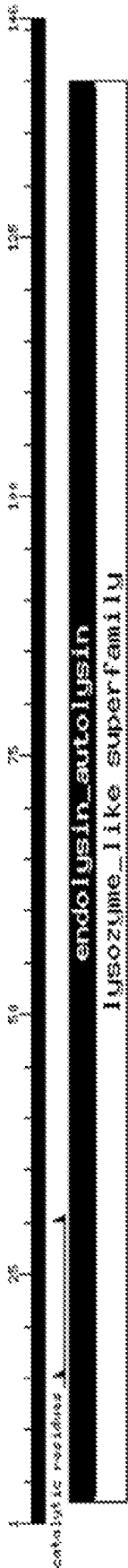


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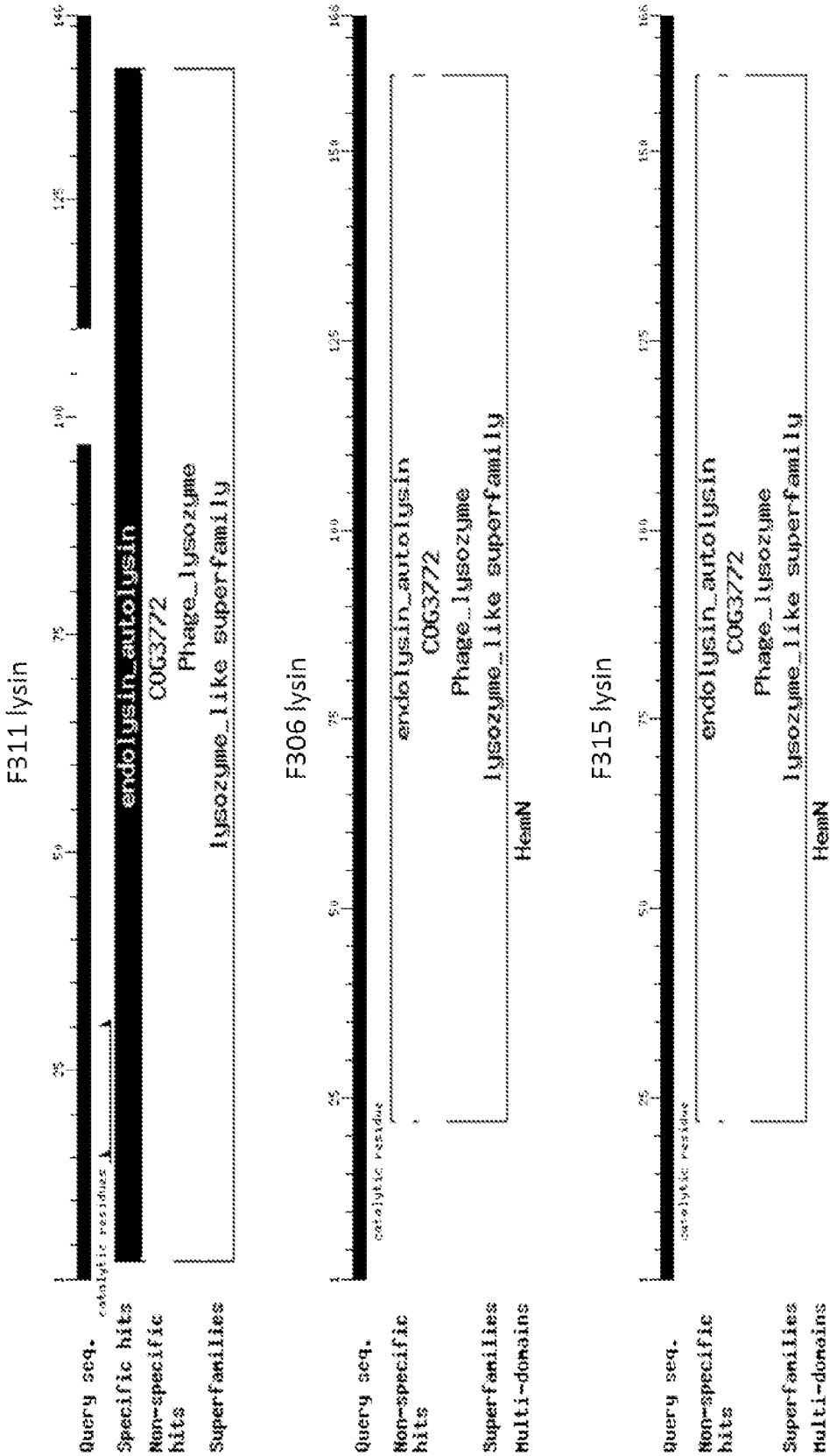


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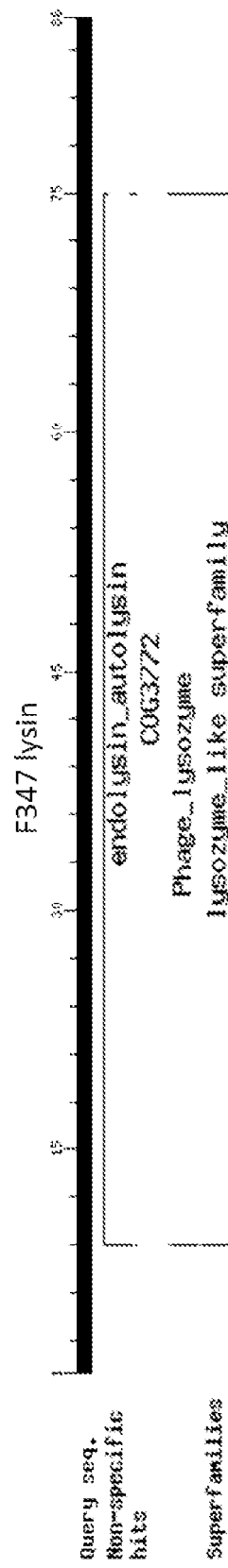


FIG. 4

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FIG. 4 Cont.

F307	49	CTA-CGATTGA---AAGCC-TATGACGATGGTGTGGGCGTTTGG-ACCATTGGCTTTGGC	102
F309	94	AT--TACTGAAGCTGTAGCACGTGAAAACGGCTATAAGGGCAAT-ATGAA-AGATTTGC	148
F303	66	TTT-CGATATATCGCTGGCCTTGCATGATATTAAGAACTCGCAC-TAGGACTTTCTCACC	123
F301	66	TTT-CAATGTATCGTTGGCCTTGCATAATATTTAACACGCGCAC-TAAGACCTTTTCGCC	123
F320	66	TTT-CGATATATCGCTGGCCTTGCATGATATTAAGAACTCGCAC-TAGGACTTTCTCACC	123
F306	82	-TA-CAAATCA---AAGCCATATTTAGATAGCGCTAAAGTGGCA-ACGATTGGTATCGGA	135
F321	94	AT--TACTGAAGCTGTAGCACGTGAAAACGGCTATAAGGGCAAT-ATGAA-AGATTTGC	148
F315	55	ATAACAACCATTTGGACCGAA---TCGAGCAATCACGCTTTGCA-ACATATTTGTATTTT	109
F376	144	ACTGATTACCACCTAAGCAAATTA-ATTTACCAGTAGGTGTTTTAC---CAACAACGAAA	199
F311	67	AGCTTTGTTCATTTTGGGAATTCTGCTGCT-GCACCTTTATAGTCCTT-AGCATTTAAC	124
F328	124	TTCTTTGCCACGTTTGGCCAAGTAAGTTTTTAGAGCTCCTAAAGTGTTAGAACCATAAAC	183
F324	149	CTCTTGATGTGGCCAAA-GCAATTTA--TCGGAAACAGTACTGGA-TAGA-GCCAC-GTT	202
F347	110	AGTAAAGAGTCGCAAGCTGCTTTATATTGACCAGC-----CTTTA-----AATGCTTAAG	159
F351	164	CGCTTGATGTGGCCAAA-GCTATTTA--CAAGAAGCAATACTGGA-CAGC-TCCGC-GAT	217
F344	127	GTCTTTTCCACGCTTGGCCAGATAAGTTTTGAGTGCATTAAGAGTTGCTGGACCATAAAT	186
F340	144	ACTGATTACCACCTAAGCAAATTA-ATTTACCAGTGGGTGTTTTAC---CAACAACGAAA	199
F338	293	TTGCGGAAGCAAAA-AAA-GCATCTTGGCCTTCAAGAAATACCTGG-TAAACAGCAT-AAC	348
F336	144	ACTGATTGCCTCCAAGGCATACTA-ACTTTCCAGACTTTTTGTACGCGCCAACTACAAAA	202
F334	144	ACTGATTGCCTCCAAGGCATACTA-ACTTTCCAGACTTTTTGTACGCGCCAACTACAAAA	202
F332	293	TTGCAGAAGCAAAA-AAA-GCATCTTGGCCTTCAAGAAATACCTGG-TAAACAGCAT-AAC	348
F330	269	TTGCAGAAGCAAAA-AAA-GCATCTTGGCCTTCAAGAAATACCTGG-TAAACAGCAT-AAC	324
F307	103	ACCATCAAATACCCGAACGGTGTGCGAGTCAAAAAAGGCGATA---CATGCACTGA-ATC	158
F309	149	CTCTTGATGTGGCCAAA-GCAATTTA--TCGGAAACAGTACTGGA-TAGA-GCCAC-GTT	202
F303	124	TTCTTTCCACGTTTGGCCAAGTAAGTTTTGAGAGCTCCTAATGTGCTAGAACCATAAAC	183
F301	124	TTCTTTGCCACGTTTGGCCAAGTAAGTTTTTAGAGCTCCTAAAGTGTTAGAACCATAAAC	183
F320	124	TTCTTTCCACGTTTGGCCAAGTAAGTTTTGAGAGCTCCTAATGTGCTAGAACCATAAAC	183
F306	136	TCCACTTCCTATGAAAACGGTACCAAGGTCAAAATGACTGACAAGCCGATTACAAA-AGA	194
F321	149	CTCTTGATGTGGCCAAA-GCAATTTA--TCGGAAACAGTACTGGA-TAGA-GCCAC-GTT	202
F315	110	AGTAATGAAGCACAAGCTTGCTTATATTGCCCTGC-----TTTGA-----GATTACGAAG	159
F376	200	GTTACATGGCCACCGCCCTCTCTTGATTTTACCGCAACACACCCATAACAAGGCTTGTYT	259
F311	125	TTTTTTAGCAAAGTAGATTGCTAAGATTGCCTTC-GCCTAAGT-TAT-AAGTGAATG-A	180
F328	184	GCCATCAACCTT-CAAGTCTGCATAACCAGCTTT--ACCTTGAT-TGTTAAGCAAGTTCA	239
F324	203	TTGATCAGGTTAATA---CTCTTAGCTCTGCAGT-----AGC-TG--AAGA-----	242
F347	160	CATTGATG-----ATTT-TGCG-AATGTTGGCACACCGTATTGATACGTGAA---ATCA	208
F351	218	TTGACCAAGTAAATG---CTGTTTCTTCTGCAGT-----AGC-TG--AAGA-----	257
F344	187	TCCGTCAACTGT-TAAATCTGGCCAACCTGCTTT--ACCTTGGT-TATTCAGCAAATTTA	242
F340	200	GTTACATGGCCACCGCCCTCTCTTGATTTTACCGCAACACACCCATAACAAGGCTTGCT	259

FIG. 4 Cont.

F338 349 CCAACTATTTTAAAAATGGCTCTCGGAGCTAAAGGCTTGGTGGGC-TG-ACGATGAAACG 405  
 F336 203 CAAACATGCCCCACCACCCCTTTCGAGTTTTTAATAGCTACACAACCGTAAGCGGGTTTTAGCT 262  
 F334 203 CAAACATGCCCCACCACCCCTTTCGAGTTTTTAATAGCTACACAACCGTAAGCGGGTTTTAGCT 262  
 F332 349 CCAACTATTTTAAAAATGGCTCTCGGAGCTAAAGGCTTGGTGGGC-TG--ACGATGAAACG 405  
 F330 325 CCAACTATTTTAAAAATGGCTCTCGGAGCTAAAGGCTTGGTGGGC-TG--ACGATGAAACG 381  
 F307 159 TCAAGCGGAAGAATA---CCTTCGCAA-TGACTT-----AGT-TG--TATTTGAAA-202  
 F309 203 TTGATCAGGTTAATA---CTCTTAGCTCTGCAGT-----AGC-TG--AAGA----- 242  
 F303 184 GCCATCAACCTT-CAAGTCTGCATAACCAGCTTT--ACCTTGAT-TGTTAAGCAAGTTCA 239  
 F301 184 GCCATCAACCTT-CAAGTCTGCATAACCAGCTTT--ACCTTGAT-TGTTAAGCAAGTTCA 239  
 F320 184 GCCATCAACCTT-CAAGTCTGCATAACCAGCTTT--ACCTTGAT-TGTTAAGCAAGTTCA 239  
 F306 195 ACGTGCTGTTCAA-A---TTGCCAAAGCTCACAT-----TGC-TA--AAGATGAGGTG 240  
 F321 203 TTGATCAGGTTAATA---CTCTTAGCTCTGCAGT-----AGC-TG--AAGA----- 242  
 F315 160 CATTGATG-----AGCCGTTCC-AAT-TTGCTTGGCCATAGTTGTAAACAAA---GTCT 208  
 F376 260 AATTTGACTCCGCCTTCTTTGATGTATTC--AAGTGCGGCAT-----ACCAGTTGAAAG 311  
 F311 181 GGCCAAAGCATCGAATTGGTTTTGATTAA-GTGGTACT-----TTCAC-CAAGC 227  
 F328 240 AAGCACGTTGTAAAAGTGGTTTTGCAAAG-TTGATACCACAG-----TTCACACCAGT 291  
 F324 243 ACTT----TTAGACACTGGT-GTGAAGTGTGTTTCAACT----TTGCAAAACCA--- 288  
 F347 209 AGGTA---TAGGTCATATTCAGTCTGTGA--TAATT---CGG-----CT-----CGAGT 249  
 F351 258 GCTT----CTAGACACTGGT-GTGAATTG--CGGTACCGGAT----TTGCAAAACCT--- 303  
 F344 243 AAGCACGTTGTAAAGAGTGGTTTTGCAAAT-CCGGTACCGCAA-----TTTACCCAGT 294  
 F340 260 AATTTGACTCCGCCTTCTTTGATGTATTC--AAGTGCGGCAT-----ACCAGTTGAAAG 311  
 F338 406 GCTTGGTGTGGGACCTTCGTTGCACATTGCTTGAAATCAGCTGGAATTGCTTATCCTAAG 465  
 F336 263 AATTT---TGTAACATAATTCACATAATC--CAATGCACGGT-----ACCAATGCTTAG 311  
 F334 263 AATTT---TGTAACATAATTCACATAATC--CAATGCACGGT-----ACCAATGCTTAG 311  
 F332 406 GCTTGGTGTGGGACCTTCGTTGCACATTGCTTGAAATCAGCTGGAATTGCTTATCCTAAG 465  
 F330 382 GCTTGGTGTGGGACCTTCGTTGCACATTGCTTGAAATCAGCTGGAATTGCTTATCCTAAG 441  
 F307 203 GCGC----TAT-CAATCGTTTGGTGAAG--TTCCGCTTAAT-----CAAAACCA--- 245  
 F309 243 ACTT----TTAGACACTGGT-GTGAAGTGTGTTTCAACT----TTGCAAAACCA--- 288  
 F303 240 AAGCACGTTGTAAAAGTGGTTTTGCAAAG-TTGATACCACAG-----TTCACACCAGT 291  
 F301 240 AAGCACGTTGTAAAAGTGGTTTTGCAAAG-TTGATACCACAG-----TTCACACCAGT 291  
 F320 240 AAGCACGTTGTAAAAGTGGTTTTGCAAAG-TTGATACCACAG-----TTCACACCAGT 291  
 F306 241 GCAT----TTCGCAAGTCGTTGCAGGGCG--TGAGGCTAACT-----CAGACTGA--- 284  
 F321 243 ACTT----TTAGACACTGGT-GTGAAGTGTGTTTCAACT----TTGCAAAACCA--- 288  
 F315 209 AAGTA---CACATCATATTCAGTCTGAGT--TAGCCTCACGC-----CCTGCAACGACT 257  
 F376 312 GATAA--AAGCCTGGTGGGGCCTTTGTTCC-TGATTT--ATAAGTTTTGGAACGCGAGT 365  
 F311 228 GATTG--ATAGCATTTTCAAATGCGACCAAGTCATTGCGAAGATATCCTTCTGCTTGAGA 285  
 F328 292 GTCTA--AAAGT-TCTTCAGCTACTGCAGAGCTAAGAGTATTAACCTGATCAAAACGTGG 348



FIG. 4 Cont.

F324 289 CTTTT--ACAACGTGCTTTGAACTTGCTTAACAATCAAGGTAAAGCTGGTTATGCAG--A 344  
 F347 250 TGTGG--AAGGCAG----- 261  
 F351 304 CTTTT--ACAACGAGCTTTGAACTTGCTTAATAACCAAGGTAAAGCTGGATATGCAG--A 359  
 F344 295 ATCTA--AAAGC-TCTTCAGCAACTAACGAGCTAATTACATTCACTTGATCAAAATCGCGG 351  
 F340 312 GATAA--AAGCCTGGTGGGGCCTTTGTTCC-TGATTT---ATAAGTTTTGGAACGCGAGT 365  
 F338 466 CATTG--GTACCGTGCATTGGATTATGTGAATTAT-GGTACAAAATTAGCTAAACCC--G 520  
 F336 312 GATAAGCAATTCCAGCTGATTTCAAGCAATGTGCAAC---GAAGGTCCCACACCAAGCCG 368  
 F334 312 GATAAGCAATTCCAGCTGATTTCAAGCAATGTGCAAC---GAAGGTCCCACACCAAGCCG 368  
 F332 466 CATTG--GTACCGTGCATTGGATTATGTGAATTAT-GGTACAAAATTAGCTAAACCC--G 520  
 F330 442 CATTG--GTACCGTGCATTGGATTATGTGAATTAT-GGTACAAAATTAGCTAAACCC--G 496  
 F307 246 -ATTC--GATGCTTTGGCCTCATTCACTTA-CAACCTTGGTGAGGGCAATCTTAGTA--T 299  
 F309 289 CTTTT--ACAACGTGCTTTGAACTTGCTTAACAATCAAGGTAAAGCTGGTTATACAG--A 344  
 F303 292 GTCTA--AAAGT-TCTTCAGCTACTGCAGAGCTAAGAGTATTAACCTGATCAAAACGTGG 348  
 F301 292 GTCTA--AAAGT-TCTTCAGCTACTGCAGAGCTAAGAGTATTAACCTGATCAAAACGTGG 348  
 F320 292 GTCTA--AAAGT-TCTTCAGCTACTGCAGAGCTAAGAGTATTAACCTGATCAAAACGTGG 348  
 F306 285 -ATAT--GATGTGTACTTAGACTTTGTTTA-CAACTATGGCCAAGCAAATTGGAACG--G 338  
 F321 289 CTTTT--ACAACGTGCTTTGAACTTGCTTAACAATCAAGGTAAAGCTGGTTATGCAG--A 344  
 F315 258 TGCGA--AATGCCACCTCATCTTTAGCAATGTGAGCTTTGGCAATTTGAACAGCACGTTT 315  
 F376 366 TTACACT-TCCTCTTTGAAATCCCGCCGTTTGG-AGA--CAGTGCGCAACGAATGTTCCG 421  
 F311 286 CTCAGTGCATATATCGCCTTTTTTTGACACGC---ACTCCATTAGG-----ATATTTAA 335  
 F328 349 CTCTATCCA-GTACTGTTTCCGATAAATTGCTTTGGCCACATCAAGAGGCAAATCTTTCA 407  
 F324 345 CTTGAAGGTTG-ATGGCGTTT-ATGGTTCTA---ACACTT--TAGGA-----GCTCTAAA 392  
 F347 262 ----- 261  
 F351 360 TTTAGAGGTTG-ATGGTGTTT-ATGGCTCAG---CAACGC--TAGGT-----GCCCTTAA 407  
 F344 352 ATCTGTCCA-ATACTGCTTTTTATAAATGGCTTTGGCCACATCAAGCGGTAAATCTTTCA 410  
 F340 366 TTACACT-TCCTCTTTGAAATCCCGCCGTTTGG-AGA--CAGTGCGCAACGAATGTTCCG 421  
 F338 521 CTT-ACGGTTGTGTAGCTATT-AAAACCTCGA---AAGGGTGGTGGGC-----ATGTTTGT 570  
 F336 369 TTTTCATCGTCAGCCACCAAGCCTTTAGCTCCG-AGAGCCATTTTAAAATAGTTGGGTTA 427  
 F334 369 TTTTCATCGTCAGCCACCAAGCCTTTAGCTCCG-AGAGCCATTTTAAAATAGTTGGGTTA 427  
 F332 521 CTT-ACGGTTGTGTAGCTATT-AAAACCTCGA---AAGGGTGGTGGGC-----ATGTTTGT 570  
 F330 497 CTT-ACGGTTGTGTAGCTATT-AAAACCTCGA---AAGGGTGGTGGGC-----GTGTTTGT 546  
 F307 300 ATC-AACTTTGCTAAAAAAGC-TTAATGCCA---AAGACTA-TAAAG-----GTGCTGCA 348  
 F309 345 CTTGAAGGTTG-ATGGCGTTT-ATGGTTCTA---GCACAT--TAGGA-----GCTCTCAA 392  
 F303 349 CTCTATCCA-GTACTGTTTCCGATAAATTGCTTTGGCCACATCAAGAGGCAAATCTTTCA 407  
 F301 349 CTCTATCCA-GTACTGTTTCCGATAAATTGCTTTGGCCACATCAAGAGGCAAATCTTTCA 407  
 F320 349 CTCTATCCA-GTACTGTTTCCGATAAATTGCTTTGGCCACATCAAGAGGCAAATCTTTCA 407  
 F306 339 CTC-ATCAATGCTTCGTAATC-TCAAAGCAG---GGCAATA-TAAGC-----AAGCTTGT 387

FIG. 4 Cont.

F321 345 CTTGAAGGTTG-ATGGCGTTT-ATGGTTCTA---ACACTT--TAGGA-----GCTCTAAA 392  
 F315 316 TTTTGTAAATCGGCTTGTCTAGTCATTTTGACCTT-GGTACCGTTTTTCATAGGAAGTGGATC 374  
 F376 422 CACCATG---CAGTTTCATCGTCAAG---CCAAGAGG---ACTTTAAGTCCTTCAGCCAT 472  
 F311 336 T--TGTTT-C-AAATCCAATG-----GTCCAAACGCCC-----ACACCAT----CGTCATA 378  
 F328 408 TATTGCCC-TTATAGCCGTTTTTCACGTGCTACAGCTTCAGTAATACCGTATTTGGTAGCA 466  
 F324 393 A-ACTTAC-TTGGCCA-AACGTGGCAA--AGAAGGCG-----AAAAGGTATTAGTGC GCG 442  
 F347 262 ----- 261  
 F351 408 A-ACATAC-TTGTCAA-AACGTGGGAA--AGAAGGTG-----AGAAGGTCTCTGGTGC GAG 457  
 F344 411 TGTTGCCC-TTAAAGCCGTTAGTACGTGCTACTGCTTCAGTAATACCGTACTTTGTTTCA 469  
 F340 422 CACCATG---CAGTTTCATCGTCAAG---CCAAGAGG---ACTTTAAGTCCTTCAGCCAT 472  
 F338 571 T-TTGTAG-TTGGCCGTGACAAAAAGTCTGGAAAGTT-----AGTATGCCTTG GAGGCAA 6  
 F336 428 TGCTGTTTACCAGGTATTTCTTGAAGG--CCAAGATG---CTTTT--TTGCTTCTGCAAT 480  
 F334 428 TGCTGTTTACCAGGTATTTCTTGAAGG--CCAAGATG---CTTTT--TTGCTTCTGCAAT 480  
 F332 571 T-TTGTAG-TTGGCCGTGACAAAAAGTCTGGAAAGTT-----AGTATGCCTTG GAGGCAA 623  
 F330 547 T-TTGTAG-TTGGCCGTGACAAAAAGTCTGGAAAGTT-----AGTATGCCTTG GAGGCAA 599  
 F307 349 G-CTGAAT-TT--CCTAAATG-GAATA--AG--G--C-----GG---GTGGTCGT--GTC 387  
 F309 393 A-ACTTAC-TTGGCCA-AACGTGGGAA--AGAAGGTG-----AGAAAGTCCTAGTGC GAG 442  
 F303 408 TATTGCCC-TTATAGCCGTTTTTCACGTGCTACAGCTTCAGTAATACCGTATTTGGTAGCA 466  
 F301 408 TATTGCCC-TTATAGCCGTTTTTCACGTGCTACAGCTTCAGTAATACCGTATTTGGTAGCA 466  
 F320 408 TATTGCCC-TTATAGCCGTTTTTCACGTGCTACAGCTTCAGTAATACCGTATTTGGTAGCA 466  
 F306 388 G-CTTCAT-TA--CTGAAATACAAATA--TGTTG--C-----AAAGCGTGATTGCTCGAT 434  
 F321 393 A-ACTTAC-TTGGCCA-AACGTGGCAA--AGAAGGCG-----AAAAGGTCTTAGTGC GCG 442  
 F315 375 CGATACCAATCGTTGCCACTTTAGCGCTATCTAAATA---TGGCTTTGATTTGTACCCCT 431  
 F376 473 TTGA--TGATT-GTCTGGTTGTGTTTGGGGCCGGCGATTTTCAGCCAA-----CCCTA 521  
 F311 379 GGCTTTCAAAC-----GTTTACCTTC---AAA---GCCTTTG-ATT-----AGATTGATT 421  
 F328 467 CCTCCTCGATCTACTGGATTATTTAC---ATAACCGCCTACGCGTT-----TAATCAAAT 518  
 F324 443 T--GTAAATA-----TTATGCA----AGGCCAACGAT-ACATT----GAAATC---- 480  
 F347 262 ----- 261  
 F351 458 T--GCTCAATA-----TTATGCA----AGGGCAACGCT-ACATT----GAAATC---- 495  
 F344 470 CCGCCTCGATCTGCTGGGTTGTTTAC---GTACCCGCCCTCACGCT-----TAATTA ACT 521  
 F340 473 TTGA--TGATT-GTCTGGTTGTGTTTGGGGCCGGCGATTTTCAGCCAA-----CCCTA 521  
 F338 624 TCAGTCAAATAAAGTTTGTATGCACTTTATAATGACTCTGACTTTCAA-GAATTCAGAT 682  
 F336 481 CCAAGCTAATTCATCAGGCTTTGTT-GGTGTTGGGATATTCAATAAAGAATTGATCCCTA 539  
 F334 481 CCAAGCTAATTCATCAGGCTTTGTT-GGTGTTGGGATATTCAATAAAGAATTGATCCCTA 539  
 F332 624 TCAGTCAAATAAAGTTTGTATGCACTTTATAATGACTCTGACTTTCAA-GAATTCAGAT 682  
 F330 600 TCAGTCAAATAAAGTTTGTATGCACTTTATAATGACTCTGACTTTCAA-GAATTCAGAT 658  
 F307 388 TTGGCTGGAT-----TAGTTA-AAC----GTCGCAAAGCTGAAAT-----GGAGTTAT-T 431

FIG. 4 Cont.

F309	443	T--TCTTAATA-----TCATGCA---AGGCCAGCGAT-ATATC---GAAATT----	480
F303	467	CCTCCTCGATCTACTGGATTATTTAC---ATAACCGCCTTCGCGTT-----TAATCAAAT	518
F301	467	CCTCCTCGATCTACTGGATTATTTAC---ATAACCGCCTTCGCGTT-----TAATCAAAT	518
F320	467	CCTCCTCGATCTACTGGATTATTTAC---ATAACCGCCTTCGCGTT-----TAATCAAAT	518
F306	435	TCGGTCCAATGG---TTGTTATGGT---GTCTGGACACGCCAAC-----AAGATCGT-T	481
F321	443	T--GTAAATA-----TTATGCA---AGGCCAACGAT-ACATT---GAAATC----	480
F315	432	CATAGCCAATTAAAGATGCAAAAAAAGCGCTGATGCGCTTAATGTTGTTACTATGATTT	491
F376	522	TGTGACGGCGAGCCT-CTGCGATCCACG-----GTAATTCTGGA-TTGGCACTC--AT--	570
F311	422	CCT---GA-GTT--ACTTG-TTTTCAT-----	441
F328	519	CATCAAGATATT--GTTCAATTTTCAT-----	543
F324	481	--TGTGAACGTA--ATAAAA--GCCAAGAGCAGTTTTTTTTATGGCTG-GATCGCTAACCG	533
F347	262	-----	261
F351	496	--TGTGAGCGTA--ATCCAA--AGCAGGAACAGTTTTTCTATGGCTG-GATTGCTAACCG	548
F344	522	CGTCCAGATATT--GTTCAATGTTCAATTTTCGGTTTCCTTCAGATGTAAAAAACCGCCCGA	579
F340	522	TGTGACGGCGAGCCT-CTGCGATCCACG-----GTAATTCTGGA-TTGGCACTC--AT--	570
F338	683	GGTATGGTCGTACAACCTCAACCAGCAAGTAAGCGTTATACATTGCCACAATTAAAAGGCG	742
F336	540	CTAACTGGCCTGTTAATTGCGGGCCATTAAGTCGTGGTTGAGAAATTTTCTTTCCAATCC	599
F334	540	CTAACTGGCCTGTTAATTGCGGGCCATTAAGTCGTGGTTGAGAAATTTTCTTTCCAATCC	599
F332	683	GGTATGGTCGTACAACCTCAACCAGCAAGTAAGCGTTATACATTGCCACAATTAAAAGGCG	742
F330	659	GGTATGGTCGTACAACCTCAACCAGCAAGTAAGCGTTATACATTGCCACAATTAAAAGGCG	718
F307	432	TTTA-AAATGA-----	441
F309	481	--TGTGAGCGTA--ATCCTA--AGCAAGAGCAATTCTTCTATGGCTG-GATTGCTAACCG	533
F303	519	CATCAAGATATT--GTTCAATTTTCAT-----	543
F301	519	CATCAAGATATT--GTTCAATTTTCATTTCACTTTTCTTTAGACGTAAAAAAGCCACCAG	576
F320	519	CATCAAGATATT--GTTCAATTTTCAT-----	543
F306	482	ATAGCAAGTGTATGGCGGTGCAATGA-----	507
F321	481	--TGTGAACGTA--ATAAAA--GCCAAGAGCAGTTTTTTTTATGGCTG-GATCGCTAACCG	533
F315	492	TAGTCTTGTGTTGACAT-----	507
F376	571	-----	570
F311	442	-----	441
F328	544	-----	543
F324	534	GATCGGCTAG-----	543
F347	262	-----	261
F351	549	GATCGGCTAG-----	558
F344	580	AGGCGGCAT-----	588
F340	571	-----	570
F338	743	TAACAGCTACTAGGGTTTTGGAAGCCTAA-----	771

FIG. 4 Cont.

F336	600	ATGACAGAACAAGCATCAAAGTACCAGTAACAAATGCATGATATTTTTCAGGAATAACTT	659
F334	600	ATGACAGAACAAGCATCAAAGTACCAGTAACAAATGCATGATGTTTTTCAGGAATAACTT	659
F332	743	TAACAGCTACTAGGGTTTTGGAAGCCTAA-----	771
F330	719	TAACAGCTACTAGGGTTTTGGAAGCCTAA-----	747
F307	442	-----	441
F309	534	GATCGGCTAG-----	543
F303	544	-----	543
F301	577	TTGATCCGTGAACTTGATATTTATATTGATCCAGAAGTGCAGGCTGAGGTTTTTGGTCAG	636
F320	544	-----	543
F306	508	-----	507
F321	534	GATCGGCTAG-----	543
F315	508	-----	507
F376	571	-----	570
F311	442	-----	441
F328	544	-----	543
F324	544	-----	543
F347	262	-----	261
F351	559	-----	558
F344	589	-----	588
F340	571	-----	570
F338	772	-----	771
F336	660	CATAATCAACACCCCATTGTAGTGCTGGCAATAAAATTAGCATGATGAATGCACCTACGG	719
F334	660	CATAATCAACACCCCATTGTAGTGCTGGCAATAAAATTAGCATGATGAATGCACCTACGG	719
F332	772	-----	771
F330	748	-----	747
F307	442	-----	441
F309	544	-----	543
F303	544	-----	543
F301	637	-----	636
F320	544	-----	543
F306	508	-----	507
F321	544	-----	543
F315	508	-----	507
F376	571	-----	570
F311	442	-----	441
F328	544	-----	543
F324	544	-----	543

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F347	262	-----	261
F351	559	-----	558
F344	589	-----	588
F340	571	-----	570
F338	772	-----	771
F336	720	CGGGTAACTTAACAGATAGATACTGCCAAGCATTGTTTTCAATTAACTTCAT-----	771
F334	720	CGGGTAACTTAACAGATAGATACTGCCAAGCATTGTTTTCAATTAACTTCAT-----	771
F332	772	-----	771
F330	748	-----	747
F307	442	-----	441
F309	544	-----	543
F303	544	-----	543
F301	637	-----	636
F320	544	-----	543
F306	508	-----	507
F321	544	-----	543
F315	508	-----	507

FIG. 5

ClustalW (v1.83) multiple sequence alignment

21 Sequences Aligned                      Processing time: 0.3 seconds  
 Gaps Inserted = 50                      Conserved Identities = 1  
 Score = 83346

Pairwise Alignment Mode: Slow

Pairwise Alignment Parameters:

Open Gap Penalty = 10.0    Extend Gap Penalty = 0.1

Similarity Matrix: gonnet

Multiple Alignment Parameters:

Open Gap Penalty = 10.0    Extend Gap Penalty = 0.1

Delay Divergent = 40%      Gap Distance = 8

Similarity Matrix: gonnet

F307	1	-----	0
F376	1	-----	0
F351	1	-----	0
F347	1	-----	0
F344	1	-----	0
F340	1	-----	0
F338	1	MKLIENNAWQYLSVKLPAVGAFIMLILLPALQWGVDYEVIPLEKYHAFVTGTLMLVLSWIG	60
F336	1	MKLIENNAWQYLSVKLPAVGAFIMLILLPALQWGVDYEVIPLEKYHAFVTGTLMLVLSWIG	60
F334	1	MKLIENNAWQYLSVKLPAVGAFIMLILLPALQWGVDYEVIPLEKHHAFVTGTLMLVLSWIG	60
F332	1	MKLIENNAWQYLSVKLPAVGAFIMLILLPALQWGVDYEVIPLEKYHAFVTGTLMLVLSWIG	60
F330	1	----LDPVMTMTSSPFHNS----SRILLPALQWGVDYEVIPLEKYHAFVTGTLMLVLSWIG	52
F328	1	-----	0
F324	1	-----	0
F321	1	-----	0
F320	1	-----	0
F315	1	-----	0
F306	1	-----	0
F303	1	-----	0
F301	1	-----LTKN	4
F309	1	-----	0
F311	1	-----	0

FIG. 5 Cont.

F307	1	-----VKTSNPGVDLIKGFEGRLRLKAYDDGVGVWTIGF	33
F376	1	-----MSANP-ELPWIAEARRHIGLAEIAGPKHNQTII	32
F351	1	-----LKETEMNIEKYLDELIKREGGYVNNPADRGGATKYGIT	38
F347	1	-----LPSTTR-----	6
F344	1	-----MPPSGGFLHLKETEMNIEQYLDELIKREGGYVNNPADRGGETKYGIT	47
F340	1	-----MSANP-ELPWIAEARRHIGLAEIAGPKHNQTII	32
F338	61	KKISQPRNLNGPQLTGQLVGINSLLNIPTPTKPELAWIAEAKKHLGLQEIPGKQHNPTIL	120
F336	61	KKISQPRNLNGPQLTGQLVGINSLLNIPTPTKPELAWIAEAKKHLGLQEIPGKQHNPTIL	120
F334	61	KKISQPRNLNGPQLTGQLVGINSLLNIPTPTKPELAWIAEAKKHLGLQEIPGKQHNPTIL	120
F332	61	KKISQPRNLNGPQLTGQLVGINSLLNIPTPTKPELAWIAEAKKHLGLQEIPGKQHNPTIL	120
F330	53	KKISQPRNLNGPQLTGQLVGINSLLNIPTPTKPELAWIAEAKKHLGLQEIPGKQHNPTIL	112
F328	1	-----MKIEQYLDDLKRVGGYVNNPVDRGGATKYGIT	33
F324	1	-----MKIEQYLDDLKREGGYVNNPVDRGGATKYGIT	33
F321	1	-----MKIEQYLDDLKREGGYVNNPVDRGGATKYGIT	33
F320	1	-----MKIEQYLDDLKREGGYVNNPVDRGGATKYGIT	33
F315	1	-----MSNKTKIIVTTLSASALFFASLIGYEGYKSKPYLDSAKVATIGI	44
F306	1	-----MSNKTKIIVTTLSASALFFASLIGYEGYKSKPYLDSAKVATIGI	44
F303	1	-----MKIEQYLDDLKREGGYVNNPVDRGGATKYGIT	33
F301	5	LSLHFWININIKFTDQLVAFRLKESEMIEQYLDDLKREGGYVNNPVDRGGATKYGIT	64
F309	1	-----MKIEQYLDDLKREGGYVNNPVDRGGATKYGIT	33
F311	1	-----MKTSNSGINLIKGFEGKRLKAYDDGVGVWTIGF	33
F307	34	GTIKYPNGVRVKKGDTCTESQAEELYRLNDLV-----FES	68
F376	33	KWLKDLKSSWLDDETAWCCTFVAHCLQTAGFQRGSVNSRSKTYKSGTKAPPGFYFNFWYA	92
F351	39	QAVARENGWNGNMKDLPLDVAKAIYKKQYWTAPRFDQVNA-----VSSAVAAE	86
F347	7	-----	6
F344	48	EAVARTNGFKGNMKDLPLDVAKAIYKKQYWDPRFDQVNV-----ISSLVAEE	95
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F330	113	KWLSELKAWWADDETAWCCTFVAHCLKSAGIA-----YSKHWR	151
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F324	34	EAVARENGYKGNMKDLPLDVAKAIYRKQYWIEPRFDQVNT-----LSSAVAAE	81
F321	34	EAVARENGYKGNMKDLPLDVAKAIYRKQYWIEPRFDQVNT-----LSSAVAAE	81
F320	34	EAVARENGYKGNMKDLPLDVAKAIYRKQYWIEPRFDQVNT-----LSSAVAAE	81
F315	45	GSTSYENGTKVKMTDKPITKERAVQIAKAHIA-----KDE	79

FIG. 5 Cont.

F306	45	GSTSYENGTKVKMTDKPITKERAVQIAKAHIA-----KDE	79
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F301	65	EAVARENGYKGNMKDLPLDVAKAIYRKQYWIEPRFDQVNT-----LSSAVAE	112
F309	34	EAVARENGYKGNMKDLPLDVAKAIYRKQYWIEPRFDQVNT-----LSSAVAE	81
F311	34	GTIKYPNGVRVKKGDICTESQAEGYLRNDLVA-----FEN	68
F307	69	AINR--LVKVPLNQNF DALASFTYNLG-----EGNLSISTLLKKLNAKDYKGAAAEFP	120
F376	93	ALEYIKEGGVKLXKPCYGC VAVKSREGGGHVTFVVGKTP-TGKLICLGGNQSNKVCFAVY	151
F351	87	LLDTGVNCGTGFAKPLLQRALNLLNNQG-----KAGYADLEVDGVYGSATLGALKTYLS	140
F347	7	-----AELSQT EYDLYLDFTYQYG-----VPTFAKSSMLKHLKAGQYKAACDSLL	51
F344	96	LLDTGVNCGTGFAKPLLQRALNLLNNQG-----KAGWPDLTVDGIYGPATLNALKTYLA	149
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F334	160	ALDYVNYG-TKLAKPAYGCVAIKTRKGGGHVCFVVGGRDKKSGKLVCLGGNQSNKVCYALY	218
F332	160	ALDYVNYG-TKLAKPAYGCVAIKTRKGGGHVCFVVGGRDKKSGKLVCLGGNQSNKVCYALY	218
F330	152	ALDYVNYG-TKLAKPAYGCVAIKTRKGGGRVCFVVGGRDKKSGKLVCLGGNQSNKVCYALY	210
F328	82	LLDTGVNCGINFAKPLLQRALNLLNNQG-----KAGYADLKVDGVYGSNTLGALKTYLA	135
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F315	80	VAFRKS LQGVRLTQTEYDVYLD FVYNYG-----QANWNGSSMLRNLKAGQYKQACASLL	133
F306	80	VAFRKS LQGVRLTQTEYDVYLD FVYNYG-----QANWNGSSMLRNLKAGQYKQACASLL	133
F303	82	LLDTGVNCGINFAKPLLQRALNLLNNQG-----KAGYADLKVDGVYGSNTLGALKTYLA	135
F301	113	LLDTGVNCGINFAKPLLQRALNLLNNQG-----KAGYADLKVDGVYGSNTLGALKTYLA	166
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F311	69	AINR--LVKVPLNQNF DALASFTYNLG-----EGNLSKSTLLKKLNAKDYKGAAAEFP	120
F307	121	KWNKAGGR-----VLAGLVKRRKAEMELFLK-----	146
F376	152	DVSAFEAFMWYGKTSKPAAHRYDLPVLKIVSVTSVSEA-----	189
F351	141	KRGKEGEKVLVRVLNIMQGQRYIEICERNPKQE QFFYGWIANRIG-----	185
F347	52	KYKYVAKRDCS-----VRKNGCYGVWTRQVERHAKCIGAQ-----	86
F344	150	KRGKDGEKVLVRVLNIMQGQRYIEICERNPSQE QFFYGWIANRVVI-----	195
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F338	219	NDSDFQEFRWYGRTTQPASKRYTLPQLKGV TATRVLEA-----	256
F336	219	NDSDFQEFRWYGRTTQPASKRYTLPQLKGV TATRVLEA-----	256
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F332	219	NDSDFQEFRWYGRTTQPASKRYTLPQLKGV TATRVLEA-----	256
F330	211	NDSDFQEFRWYGRTTQPASKRYTLPQLKGV TATRVLEA-----	248



FIG. 5 Cont.

F328	136	KRGKEGEKVLVRVLNIMQGQRYIEICERNKSQEQQFFYGWIANRIG-----	180
F324	136	KRGKEGEKVLVRVLNIMQGQRYIEICERNKSQEQQFFYGWIANRIG-----	180
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F320	136	KRGKEGEKVLVRVLNIMQGQRYIEICERNPKQEQQFFYGWIANRIG-----	180
F315	134	KYKYVAKRDCS-----IRSNGCYGVWTRQQDCYSKCMVQ-----	168
F306	134	KYKYVAKRDCS-----IRSNGCYGVWTRQQDRYSKCMVQ-----	168
F303	136	KRGKEGEKVLVRVLNIMQGQRYIEICERNPKQEQQFFYGWIANRIG-----	180
F301	167	KRGKEGEKVLVRVLNIMQGQRYIEICERNKSQEQQFFYGWIANRIG-----	211
F309	136	KRGKEGEKVLVRVLNIMQGQRYIEICERNPKQEQQFFYGWIANRIG-----	180
F311	121	KWNKAGGR-----VLAGLVKRRKAEMELFLK-----	146

FIG. 6

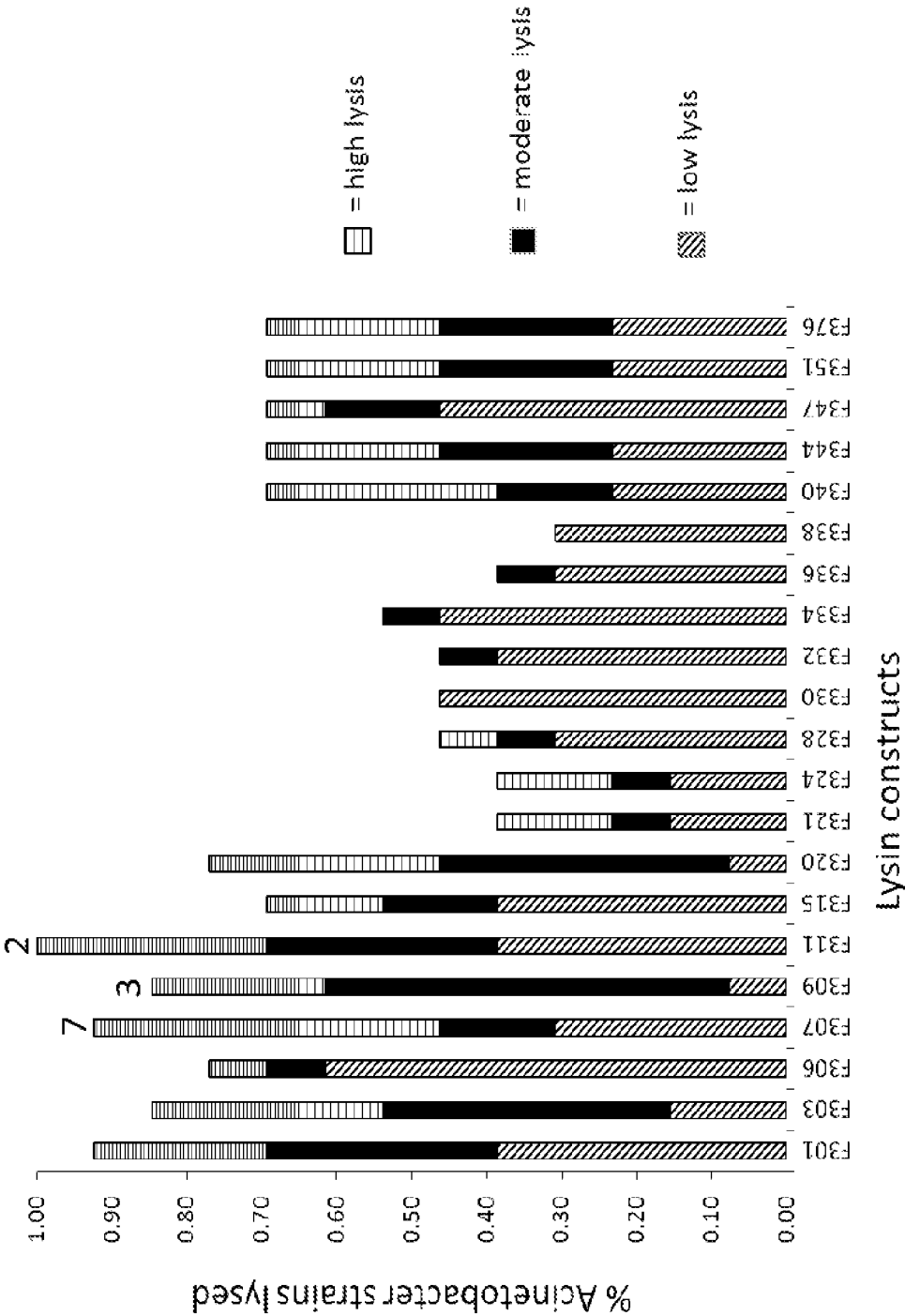


FIG. 7A

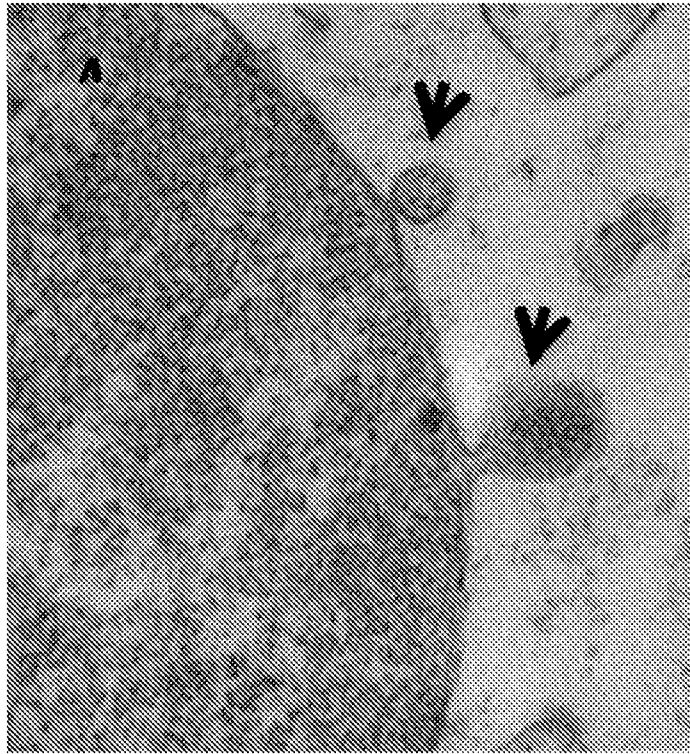


FIG. 7B

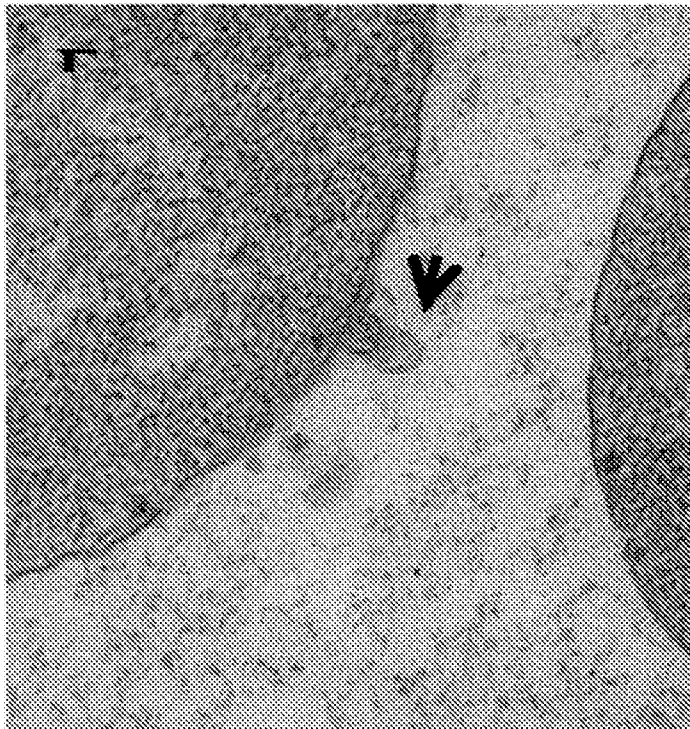
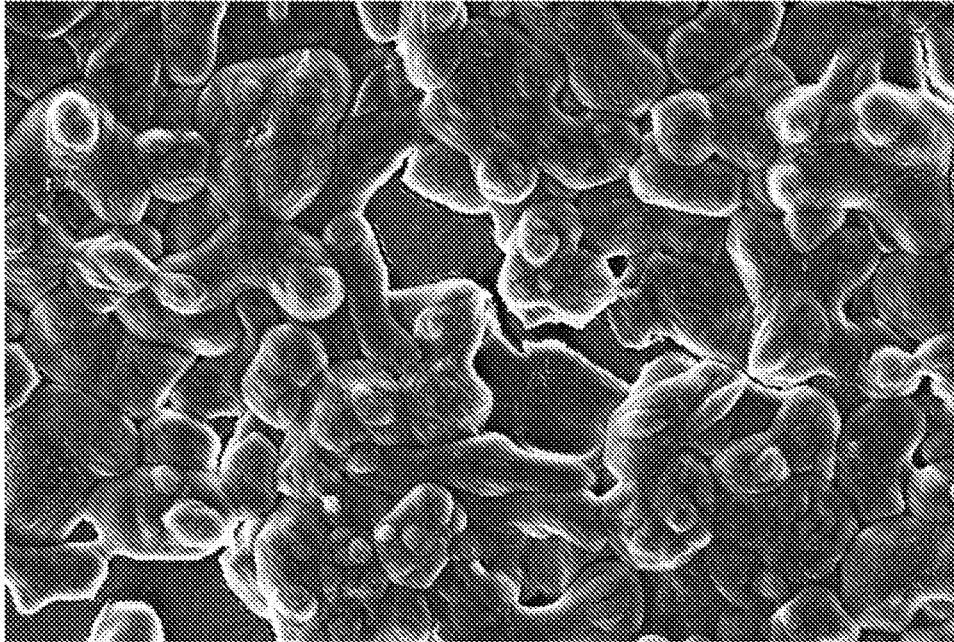


FIG. 8

0 Time



30 Min

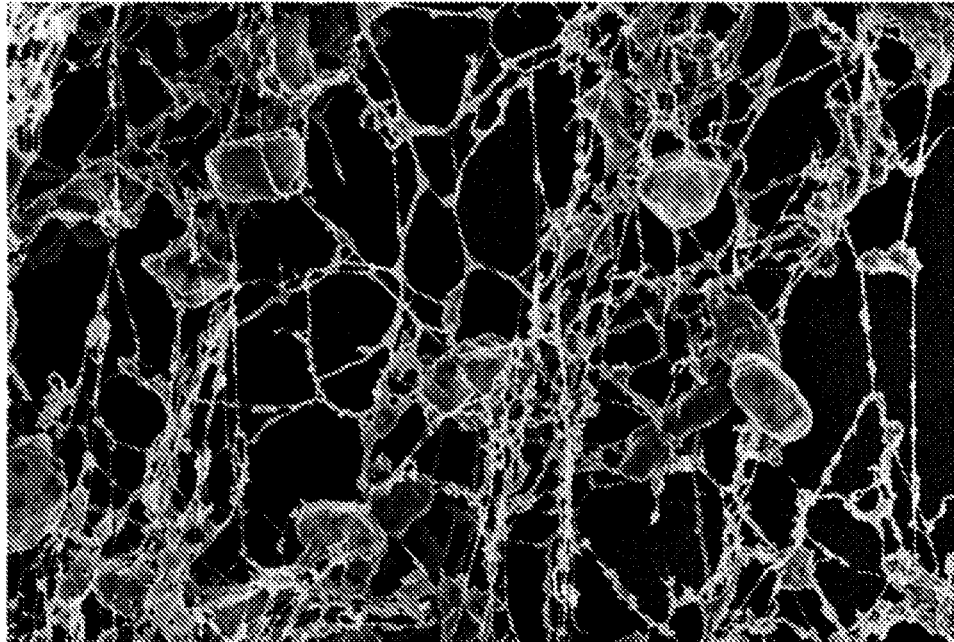


FIG. 9

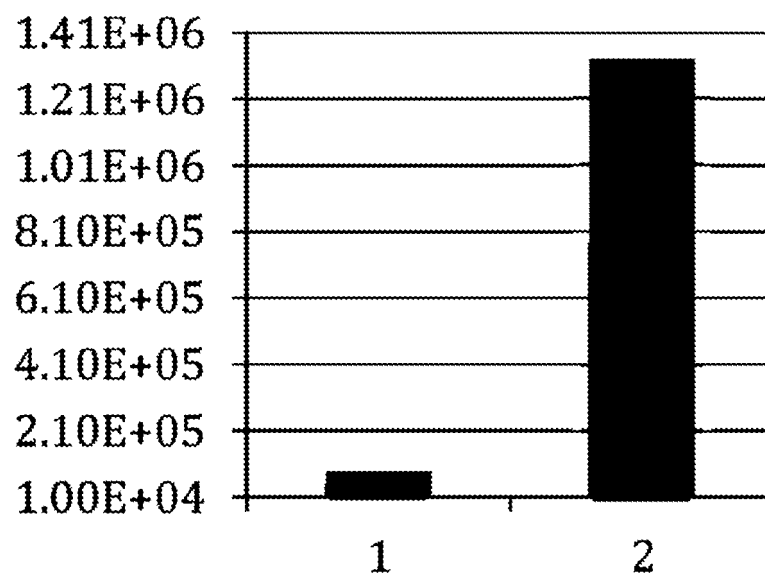


FIG. 10

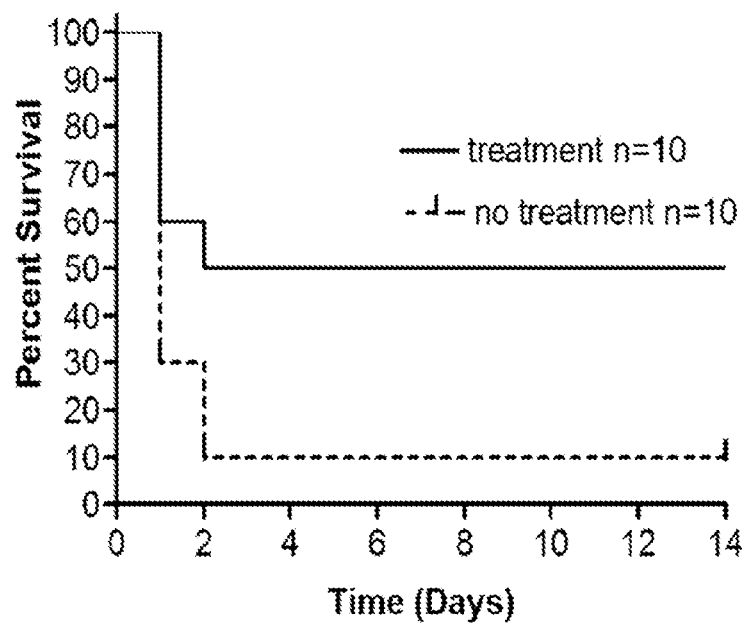


FIG. 11

**F307**

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**KWNKAGGRVL AGLVKRRK**AE MELFLK (SEQ ID NO:1)

**P307-** NAKDYKGAAAEFPKWNKAGGRVLAGLVKRRK -- 3.4 kDa (SEQ ID  
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**P307Ex -** NAKDYKGAAAEFPKWNKAGGRVLAGLVKRRKSQSRESQC -- 4.3 kDa (SEQ ID  
 NO:45)

FIG. 12

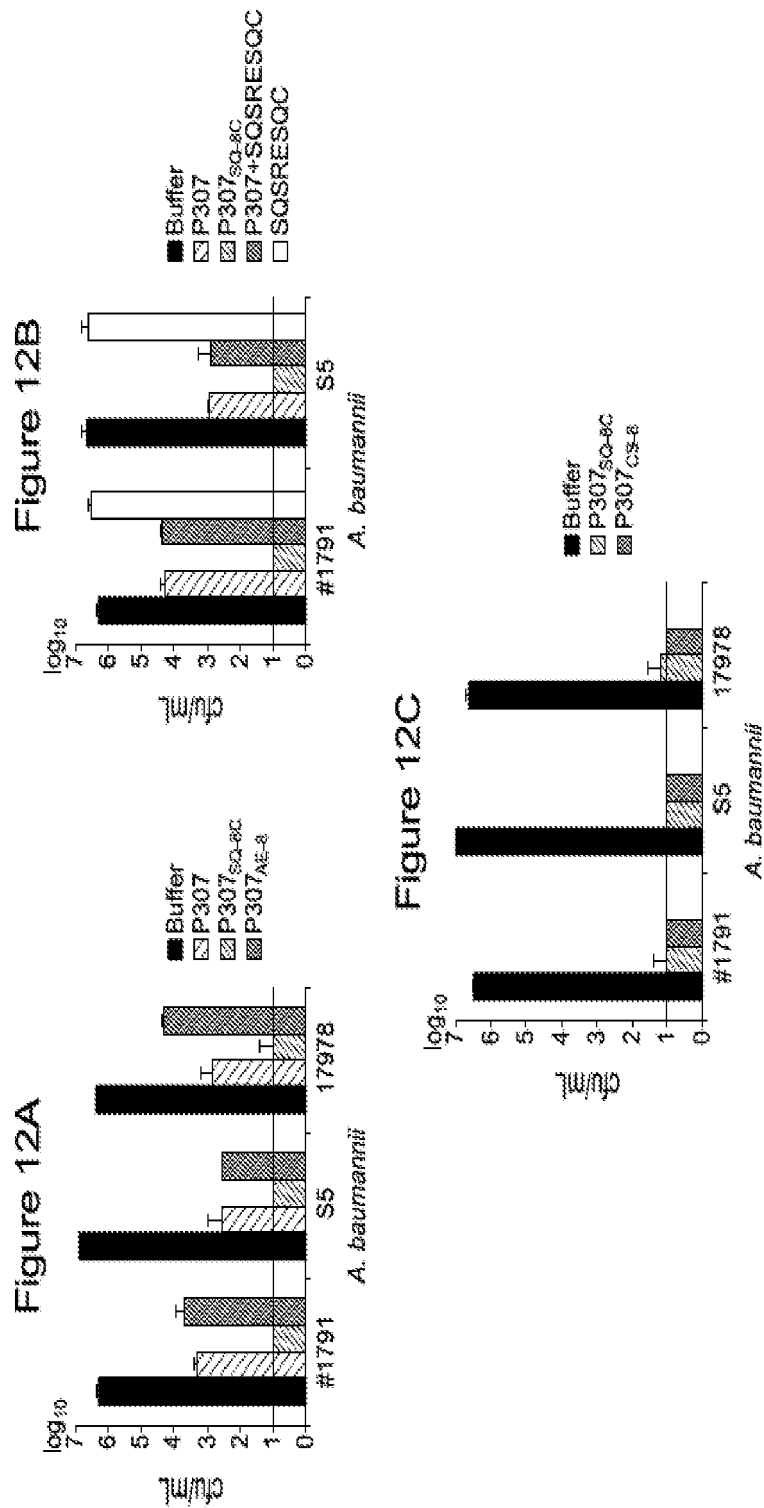




FIG. 13

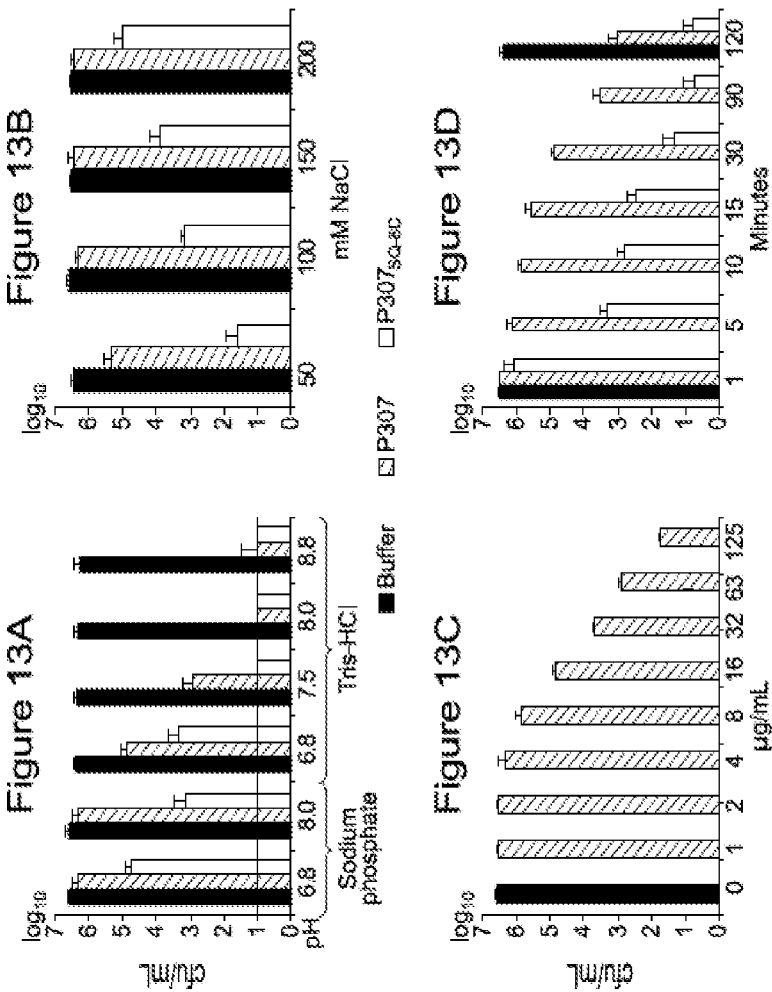


FIG 14

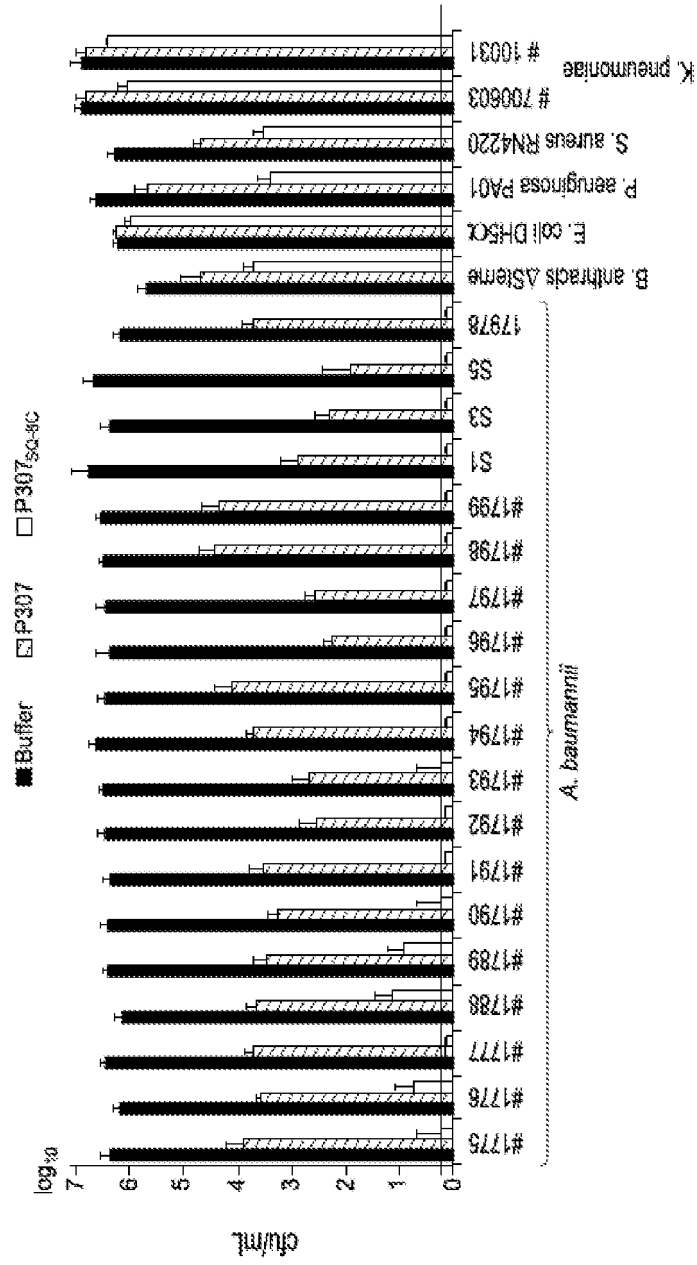


Figure 14

FIG 15

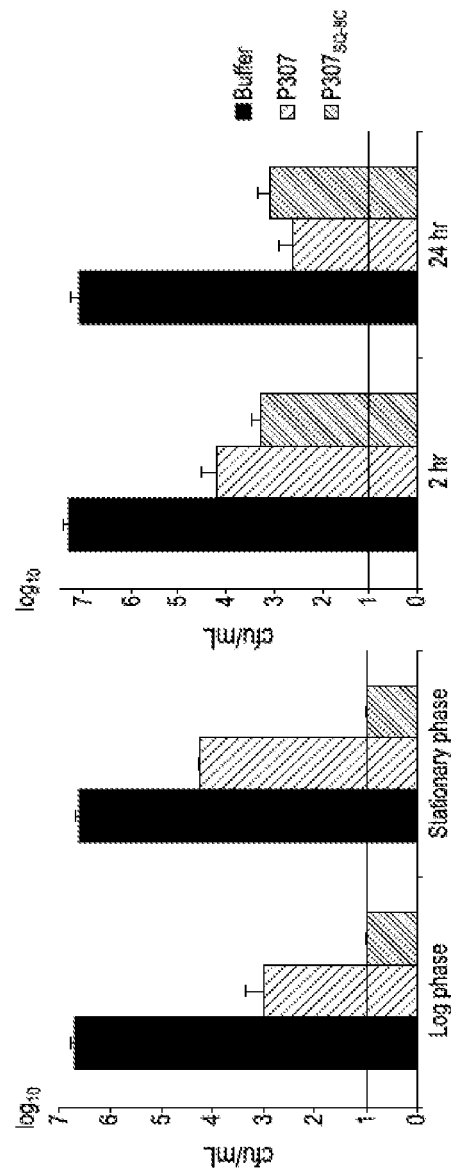


Figure 15B

Figure 15A

FIG. 16

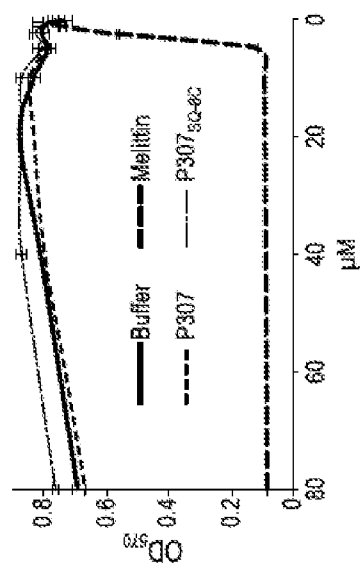


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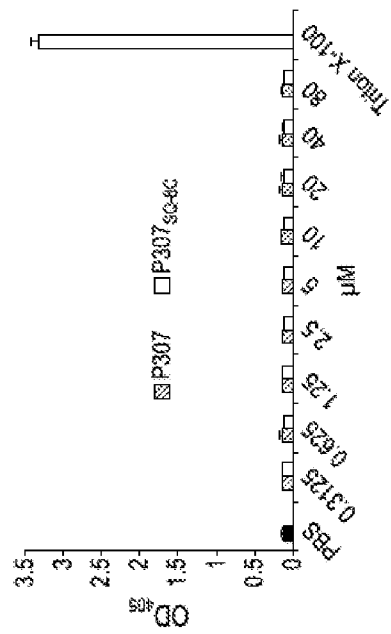


Figure 16B

FIG. 17

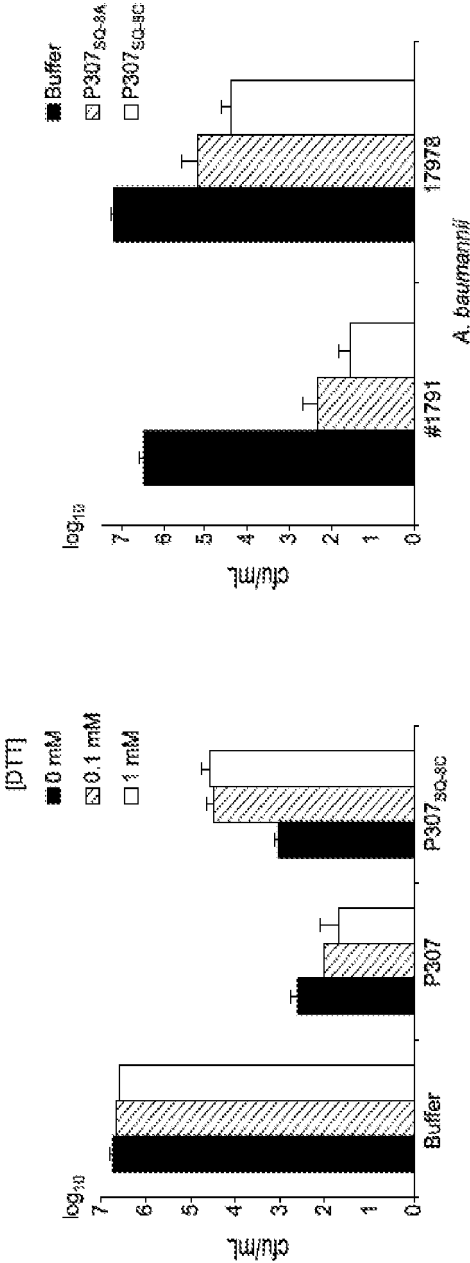


Figure 17B

Figure 17A

FIG. 18

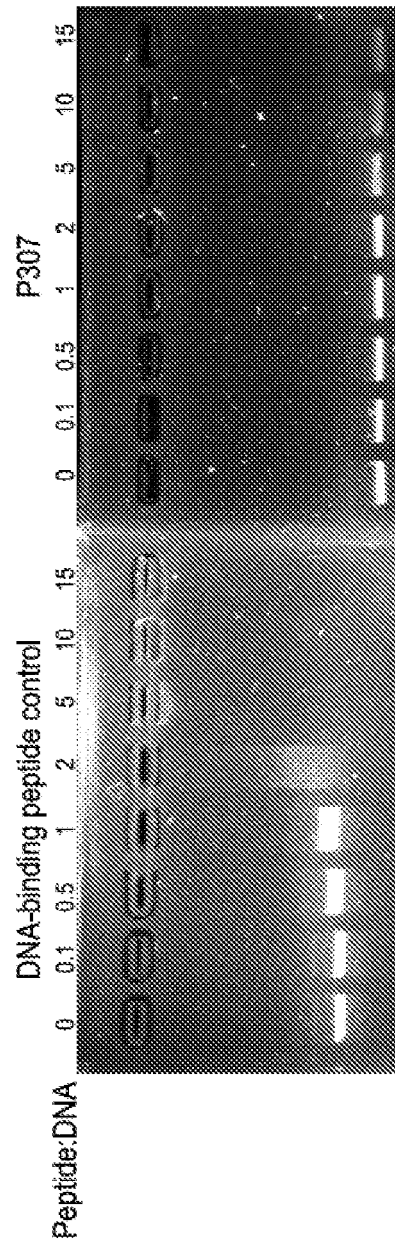


Figure 18

FIG. 19

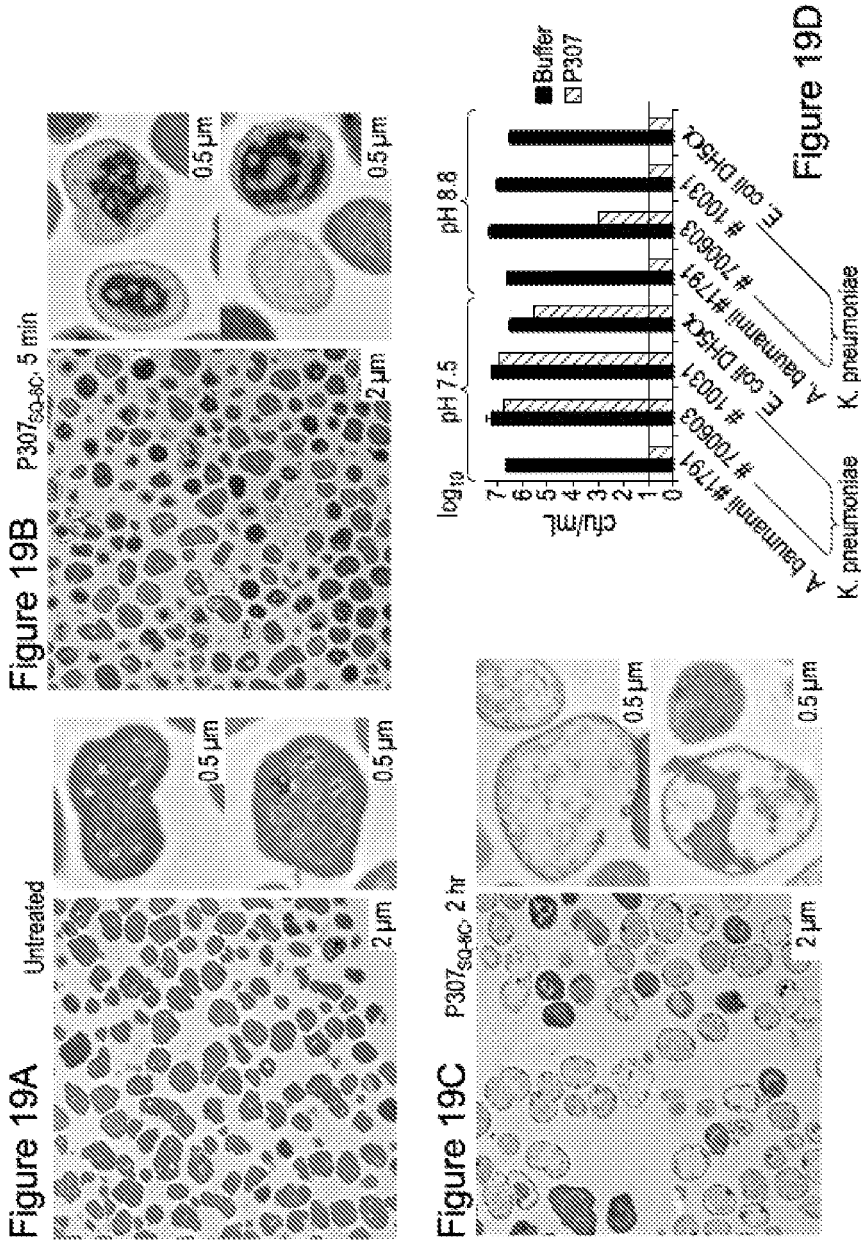


FIG. 20

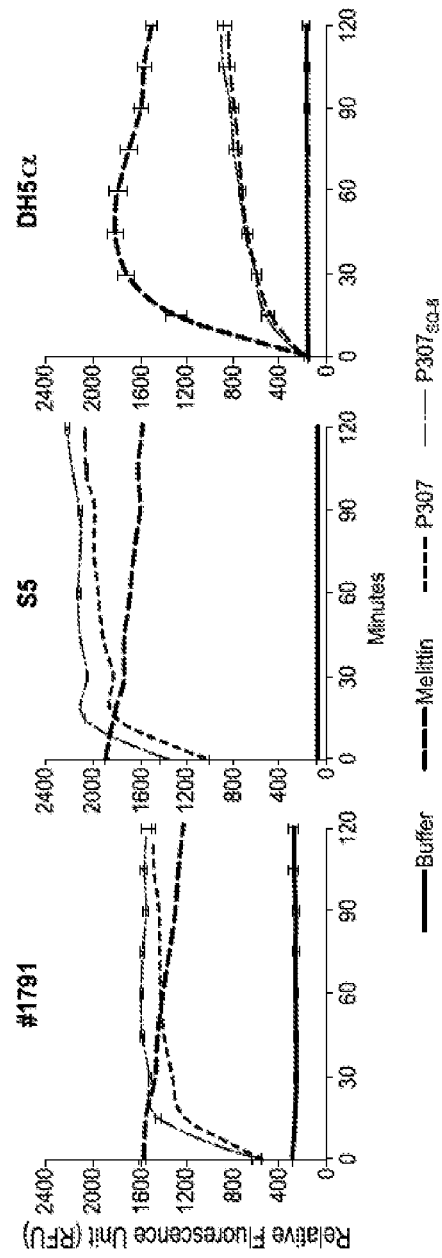


Figure 20



FIG. 21

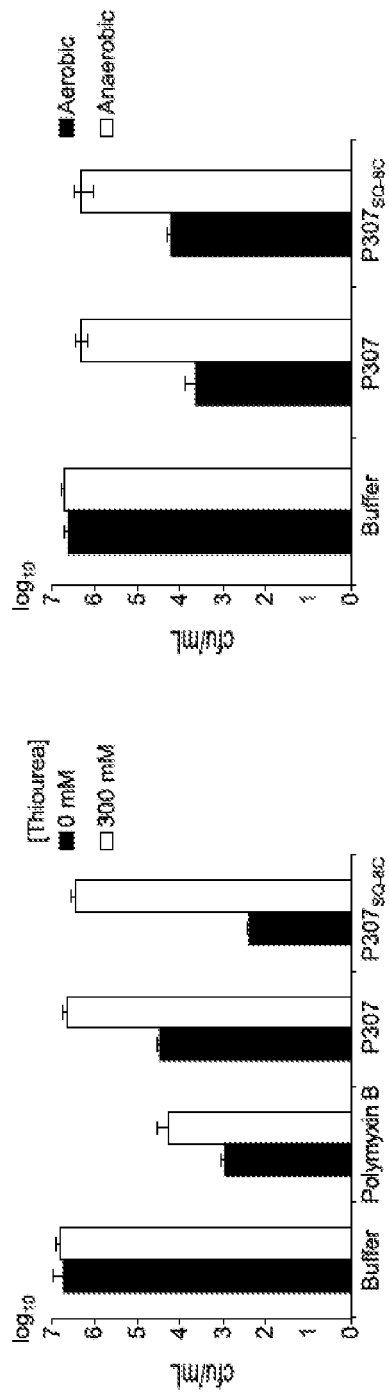


Figure 21B

Figure 21A

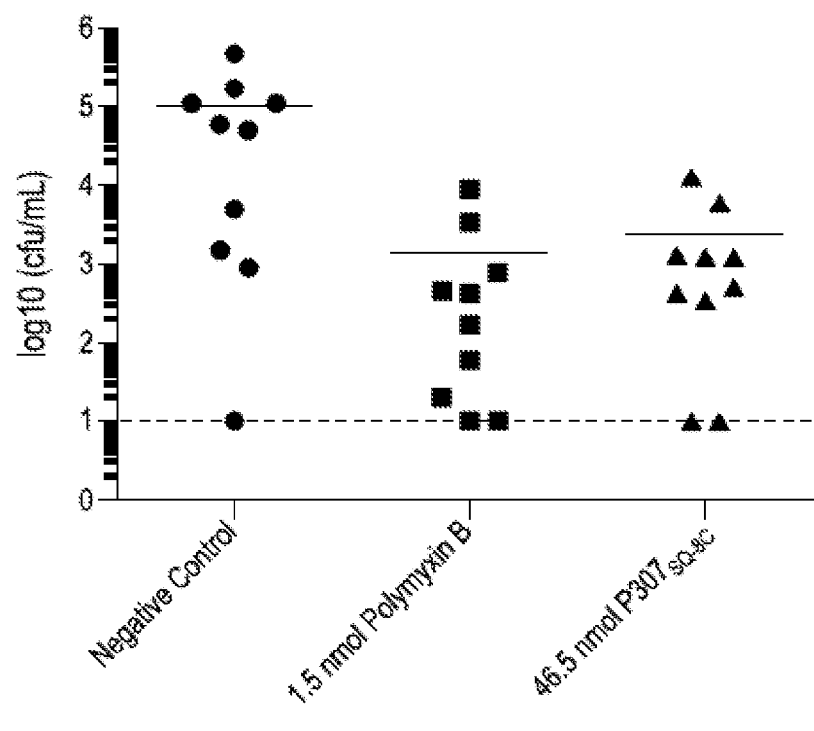


FIG. 22

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