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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Analogues of the Kunitz Protease Inhibitor (KPI) domain of amyloid precursor protein bind to and inhibit activity of serine proteases, including kallikrein, plasmin and coagulation factors such as factors VIIa, IXa, Xa, XIa, and XIIa. Pharmaceutical compositions containing the KPI analogues, along with methods for using such compositions, are useful for ameliorating and treating clinical conditions associated with increased serine protease activity, such as blood loss related to cardiopulmonary bypass surgery. Nucleic acid sequences encoding these analogues and systems for expression of the peptides of the invention are provided.

Figure 1

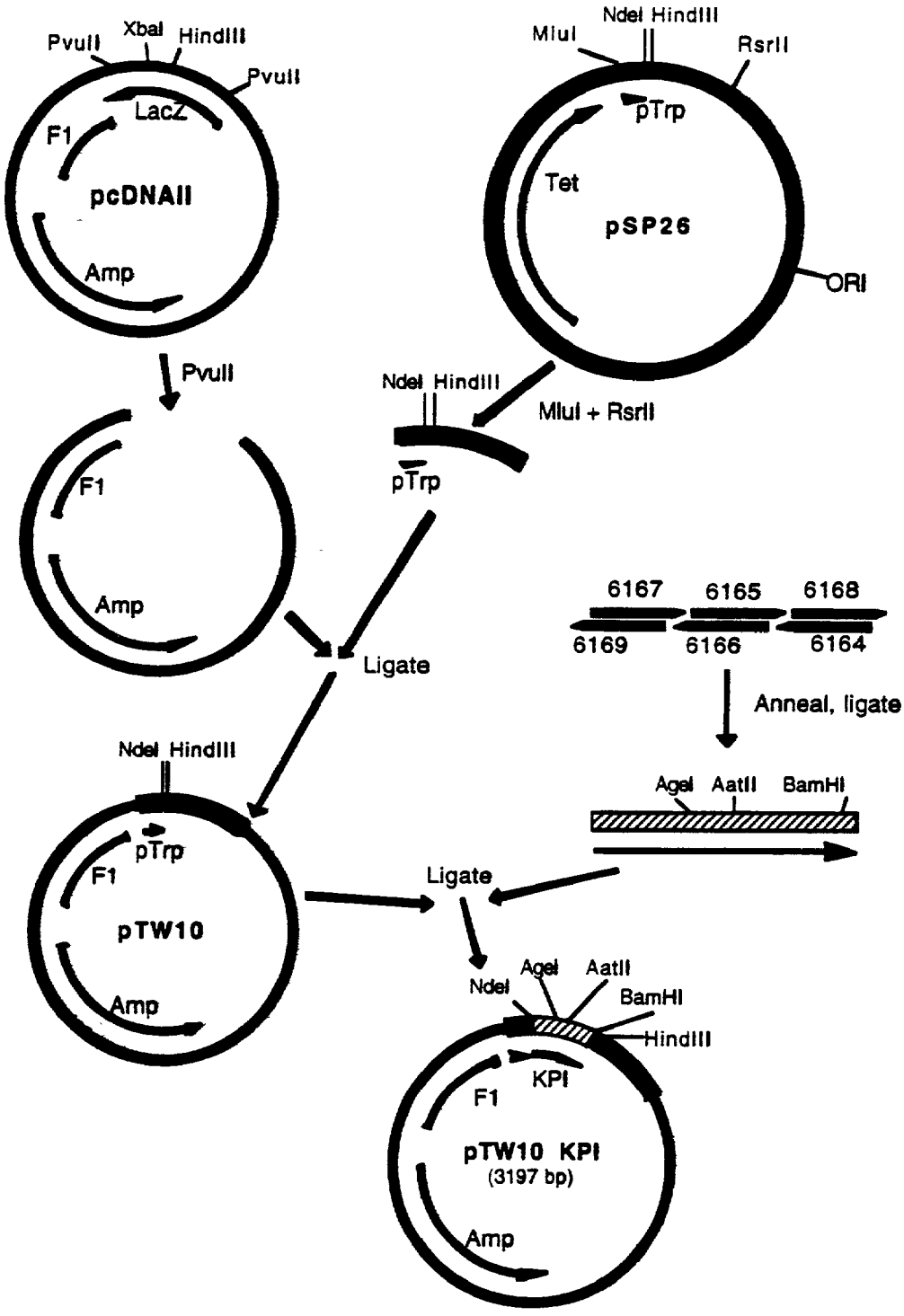

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HindIII
PvuII
LacZ
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pcDNAII
Amp
PvuII
F1
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MluI
RsrII
pTrp
Tet
pSP26
ORI
NdeI HindIII
MluI + RsrII
pTrp
Ligate
6167
6165
6168
6169
6166
6164
Anneal, ligate
AgeI AatII BamHI
NdeI HindIII
pTrp
F1
pTW10
Amp
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BamHI
HindIII
KPI
F1
pTW10 KPI
(3197 bp)
Amp

Figure 2

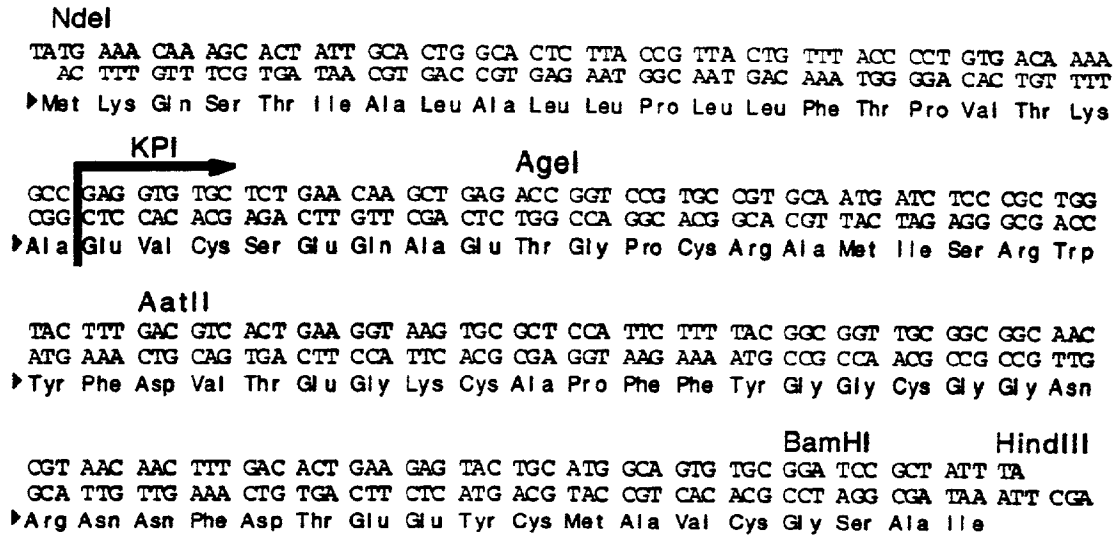

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KPI
AgeI
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CGG CTC CAC ACG AGA CTT GTT CGA CTC TGG CCA GGC ACG GCA CGT TAC TAG AGG GCG ACC
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BamHI
HindIII
CGT AAC AAC TTT GAC ACT GAA GAG TAC TGC ATG GCA GTG TGC GGA TCC GCT ATT TA
GCA TTG TTG AAA CTG TGA CTT CTC ATG ACG TAC CGT CAC ACG CCT AGG CGA TAA ATT CGA
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Figure 3

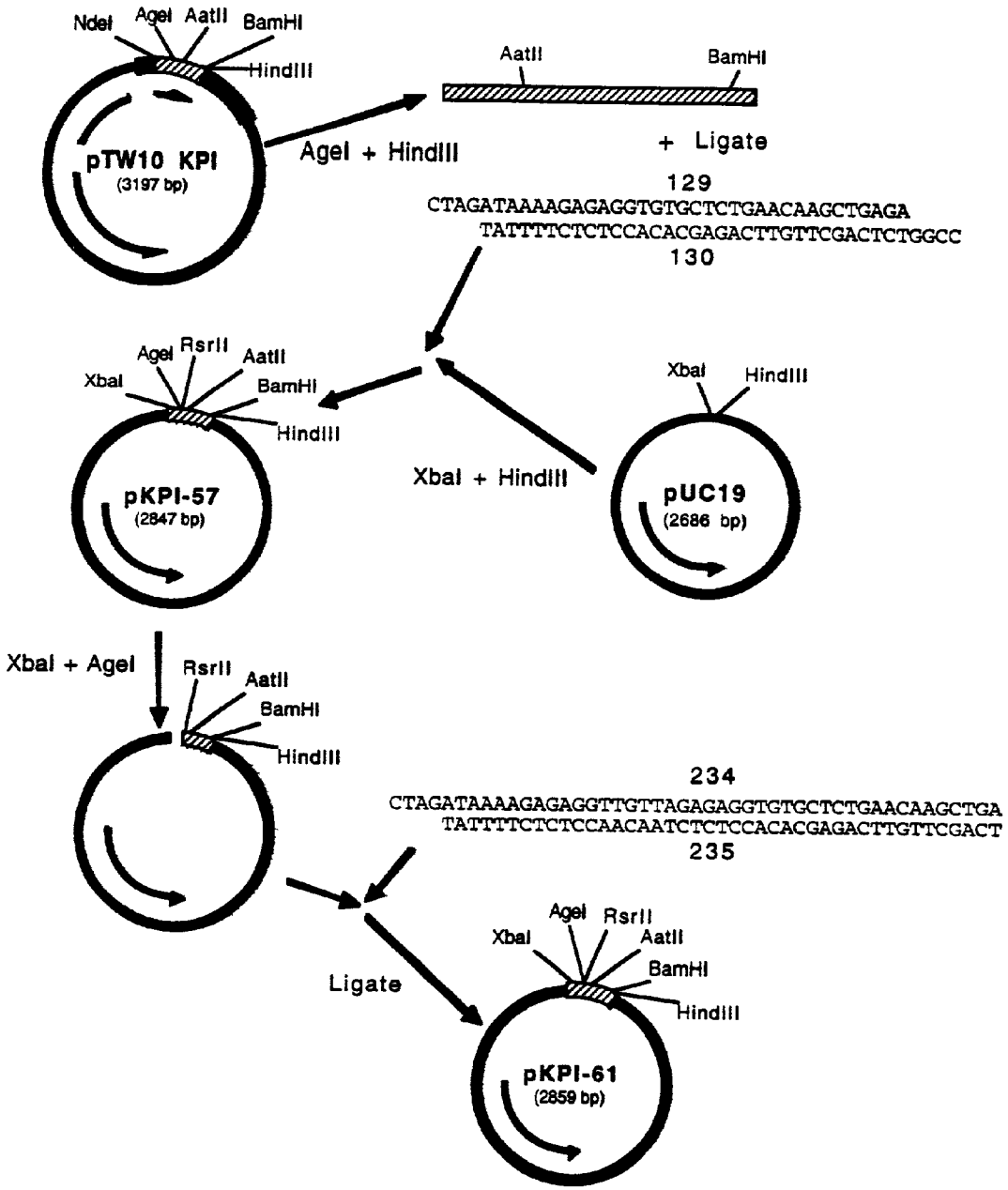

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(3197 bp)
AgeI + HindIII
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BamHI
+ Ligate
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AatII
XbaI
BamHI
HindIII
pKPI-57
(2847 bp)
XbaI + HindIII
XbaI
HindIII
pUC19
(2686 bp)
XbaI + AgeI
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AatII
BamHI
HindIII
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(2859 bp)

Figure 4

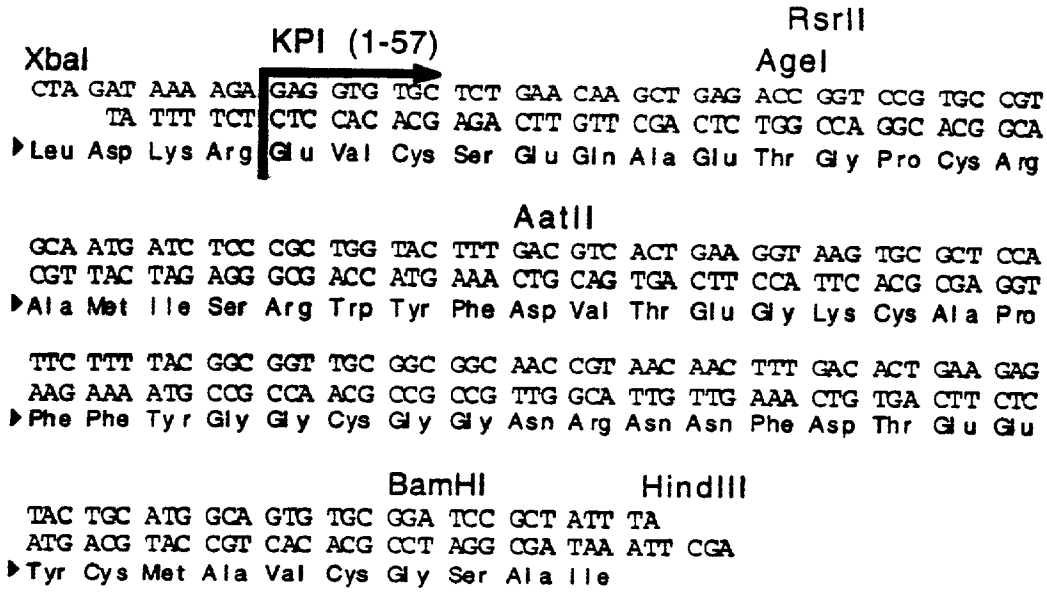

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KPI (1-57)
XbaI
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AatII
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CGT TAC TAG AGG GCG ACC ATG AAA CTG CAG TGA CTT CCA TTC ACG CGA GGT
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Phe Phe Tyr Gly Gly Cys Gly Gly Asn Arg Asn Asn Phe Asp Thr Glu Glu
BamHI
HindIII
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Figure 5

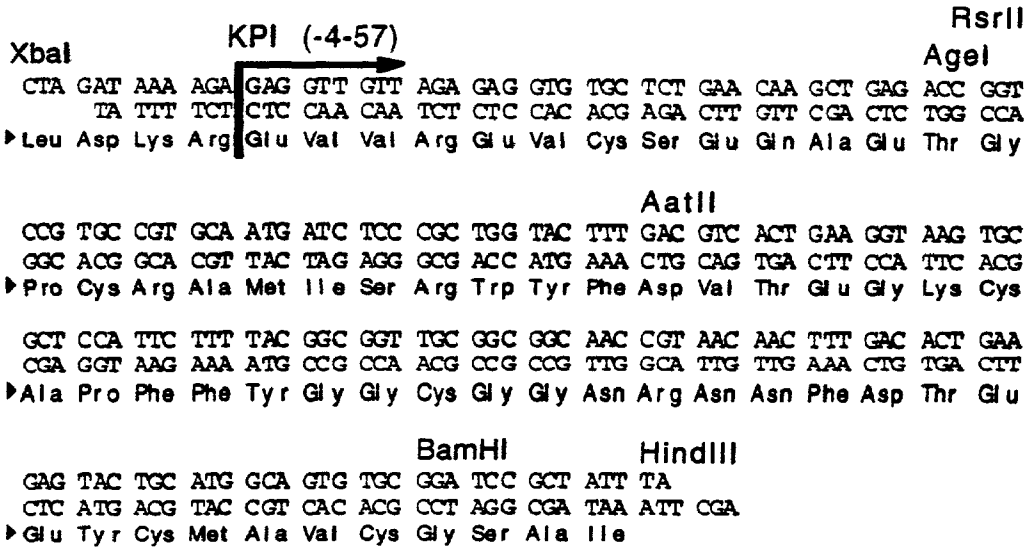

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KPI (-4-57)
XbaI
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AatII
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Ala Pro Phe Phe Tyr Gly Gly Cys Gly Gly Asn Arg Asn Asn Phe Asp Thr Glu
BamHI
HindIII
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Figure 6

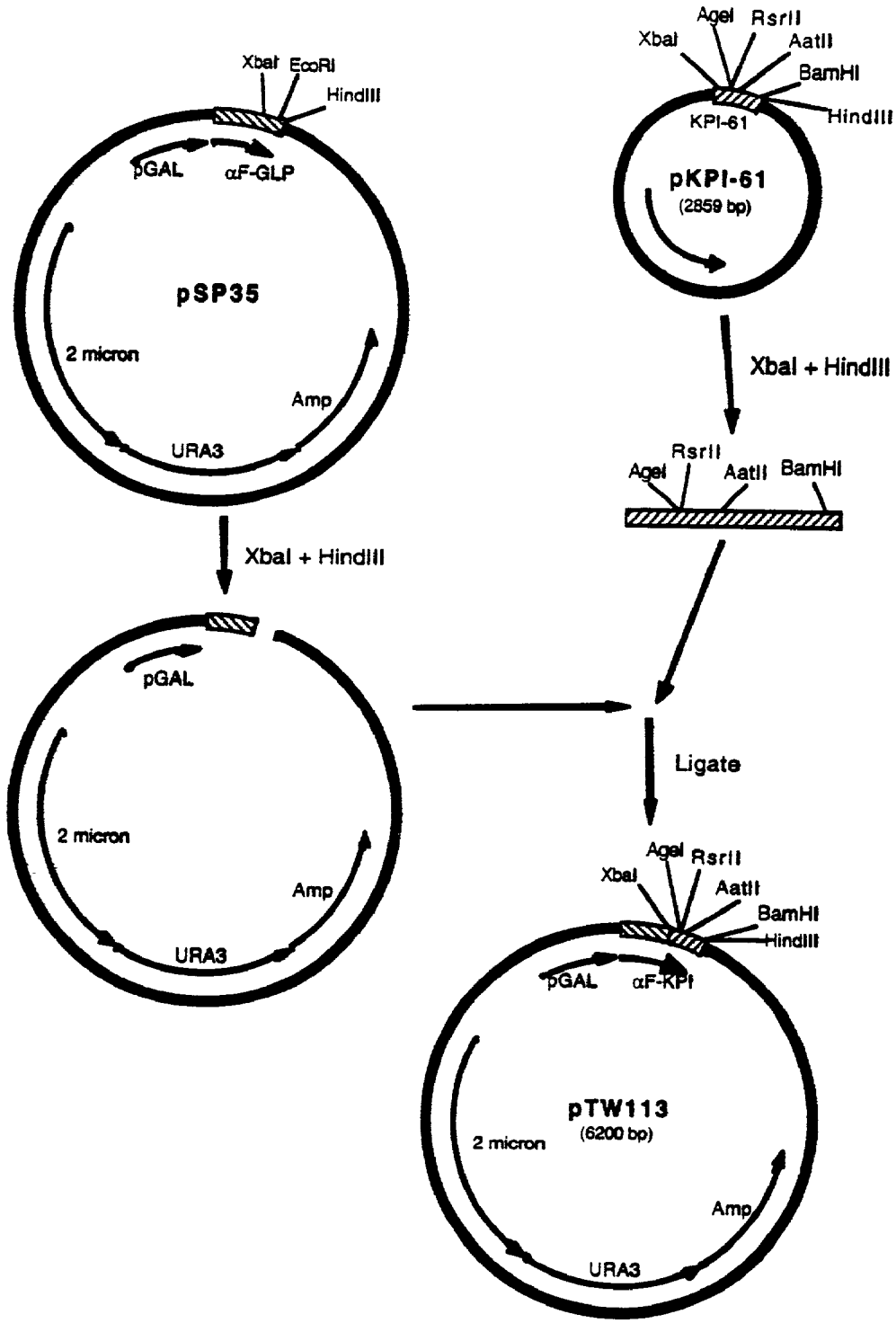

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HindIII
pGAL
αF-GLP
pSP35
2 micron
Amp
URA3
XbaI + HindIII
pGAL
2 micron
Amp
URA3
AgeI
RsrII
XbaI
AatII
BamHI
HindIII
KPI-61
pKPI-61
(2859 bp)
XbaI + HindIII
RsrII
AgeI
AatII
BamHI
Ligate
AgeI
RsrII
XbaI
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(6200 bp)
2 micron
Amp
URA3

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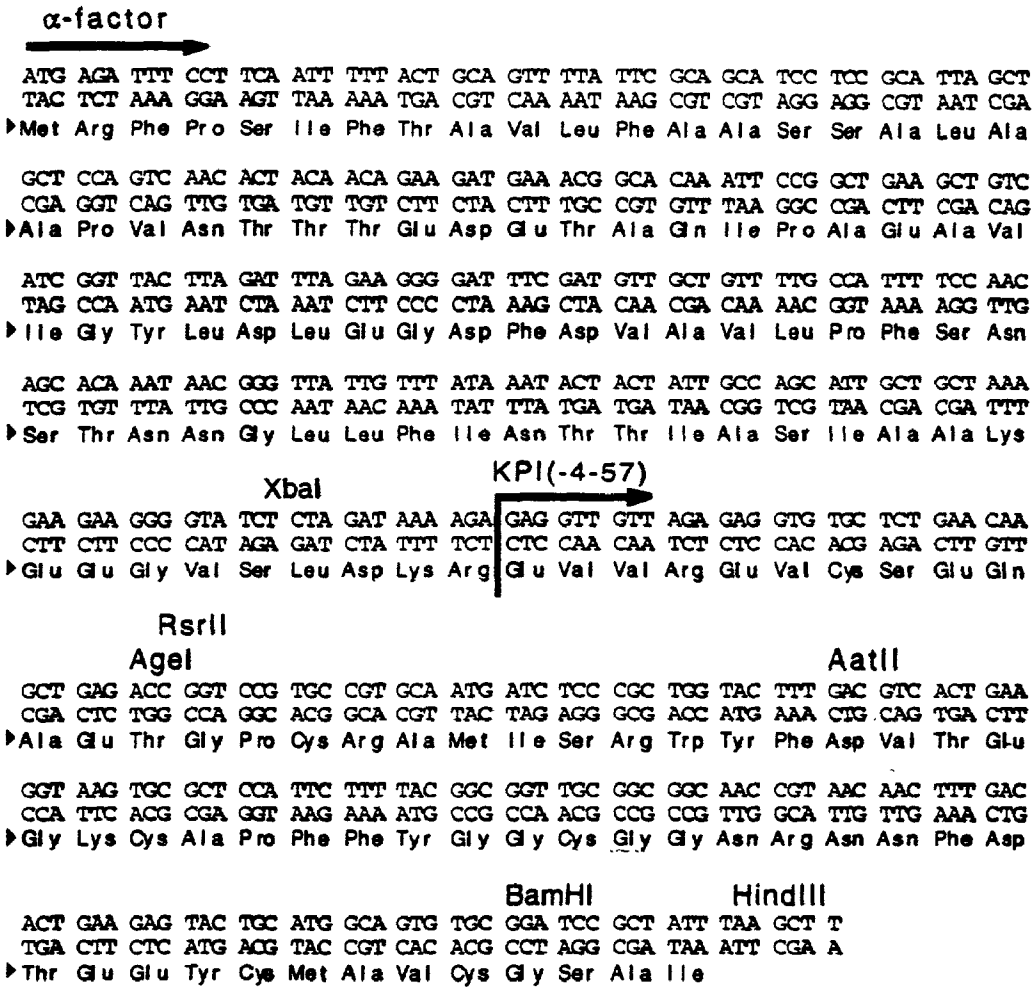


Figure8

KPI(-4-57)

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Glu	Thr	Gly	Pro	Cys	Arg	Ala	Met	Ile	Ser	Arg
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Trp	Tyr	Phe	Asp	Val	Thr	Glu	Gly	Lys	Cys	Ala
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Pro	Phe	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Gly	Cys	Gly	Gly	Asn	Arg
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
Asn	Asn	Phe	Asp	Thr	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Cys	Met	Ala
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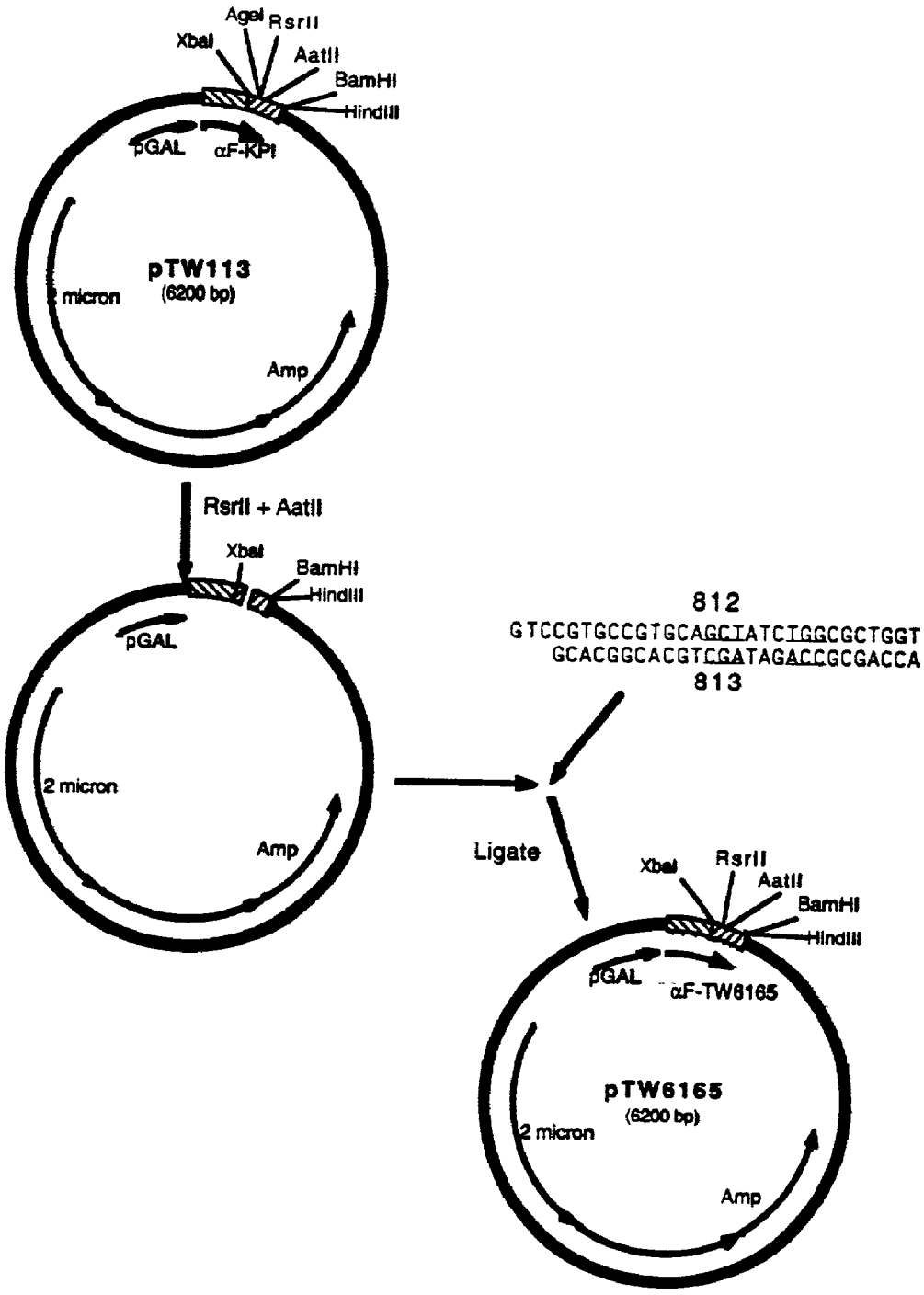

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BamHI
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(6200 bp)
2 micron
Amp
RsrII + AatII
XbaI
BamHI
HindIII
pGAL
2 micron
Amp
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(6200 bp)
2 micron
Amp

Figure 10

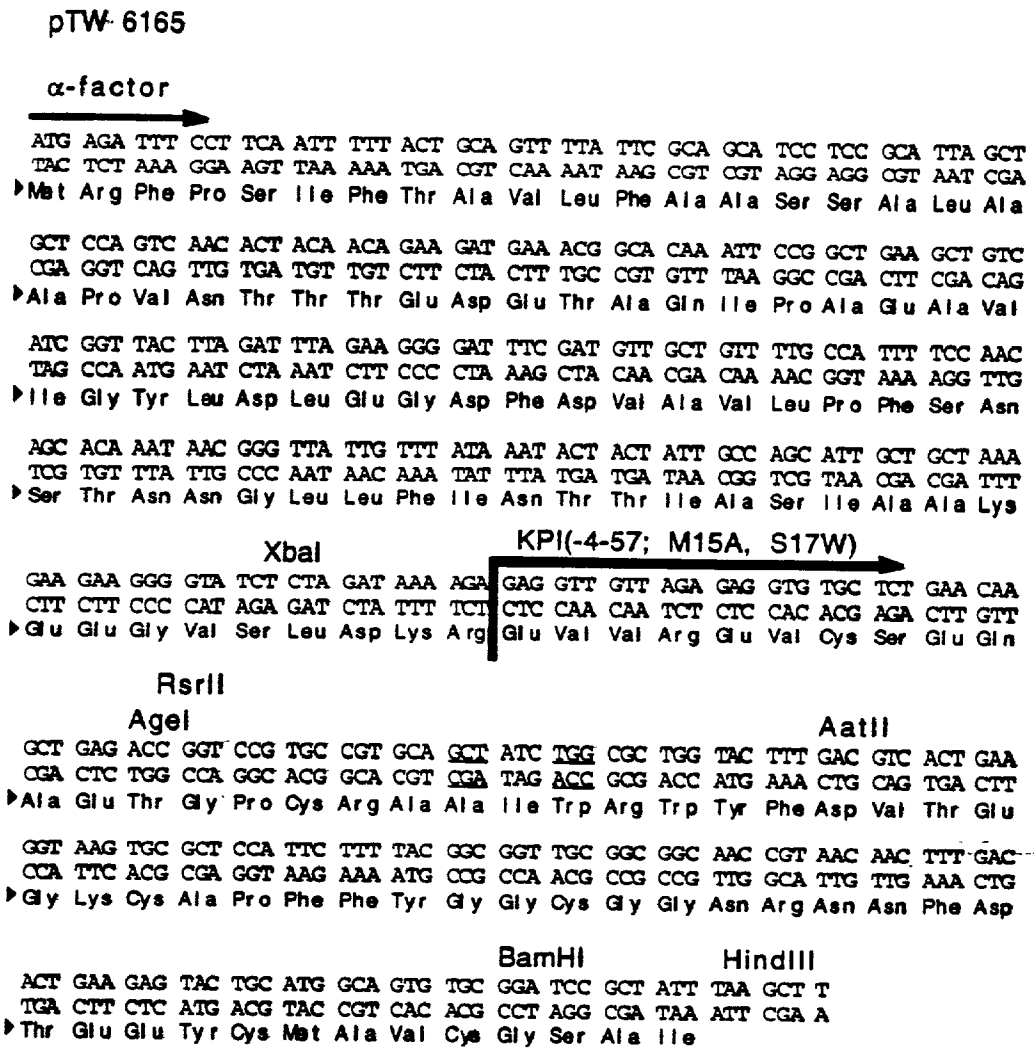

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XbaI
KPI(-4-57; M15A, S17W)
Glu Glu Gly Val Ser Leu Asp Lys Arg Glu Val Val Arg Glu Val Cys Ser Glu Gln
RsrII
AgeI
AatII
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BamHI
HindIII
Thr Glu Glu Tyr Cys Met Ala Val Cys Gly Ser Ala Ile

Figure 11


812
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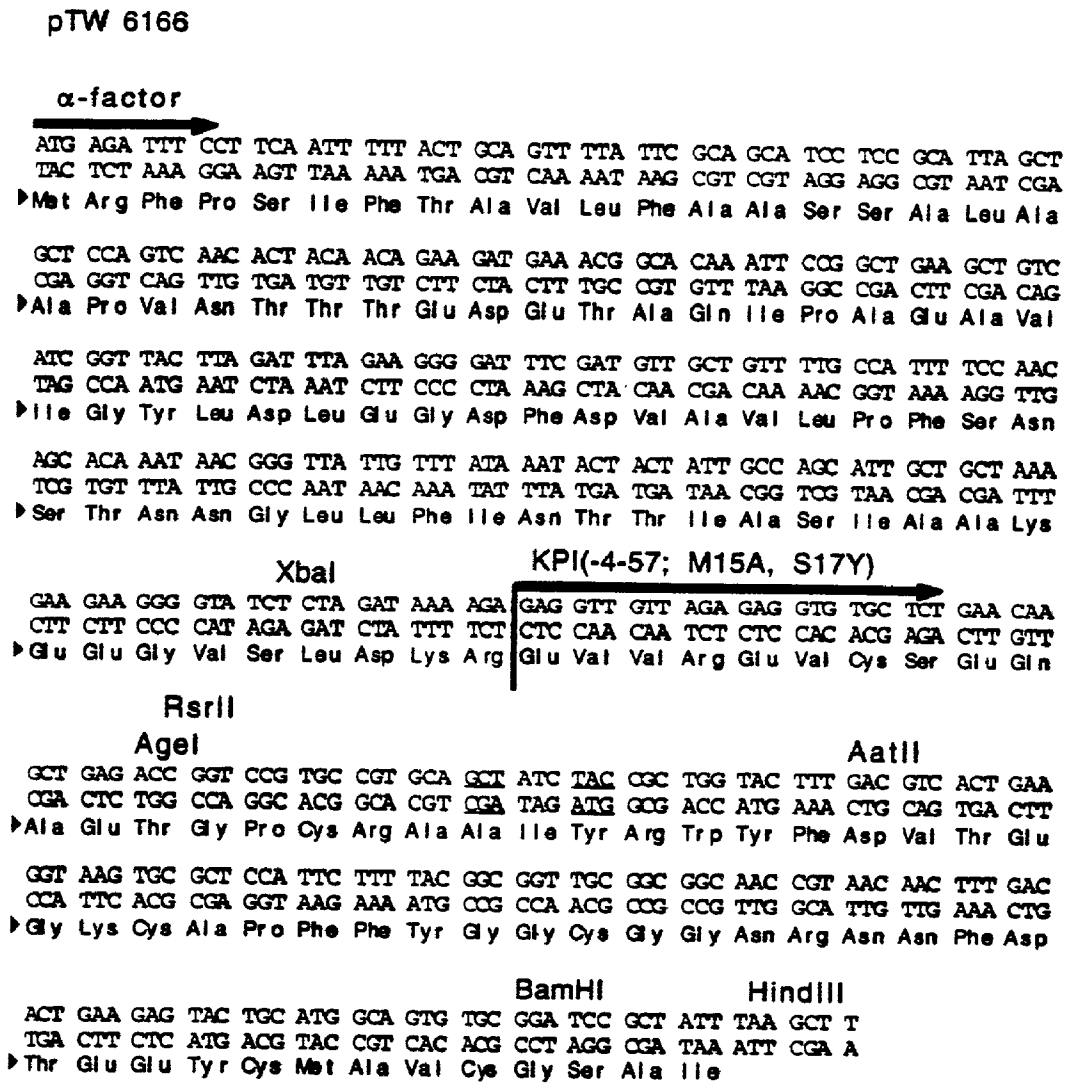

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KPI(-4-57; M15A, S17Y)
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HindIII
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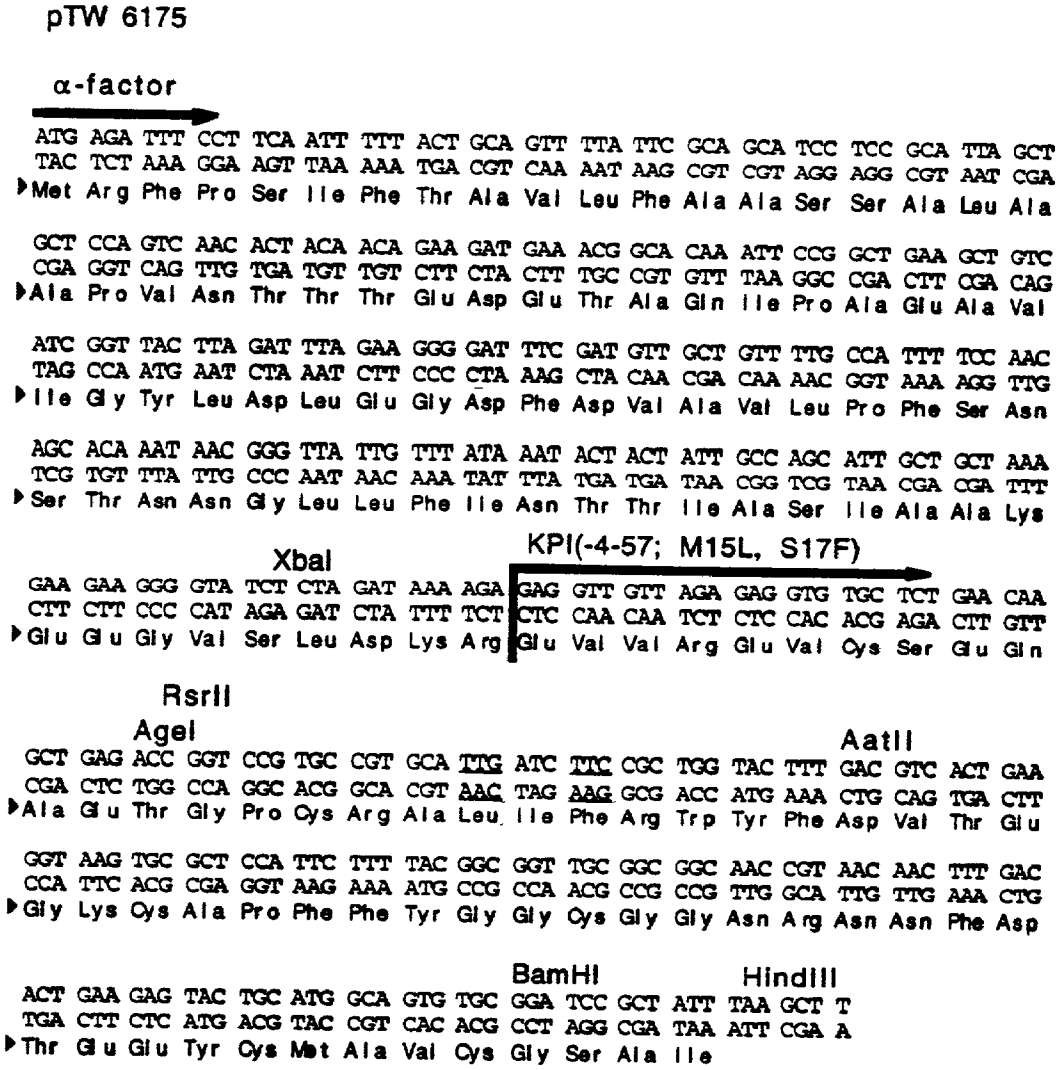

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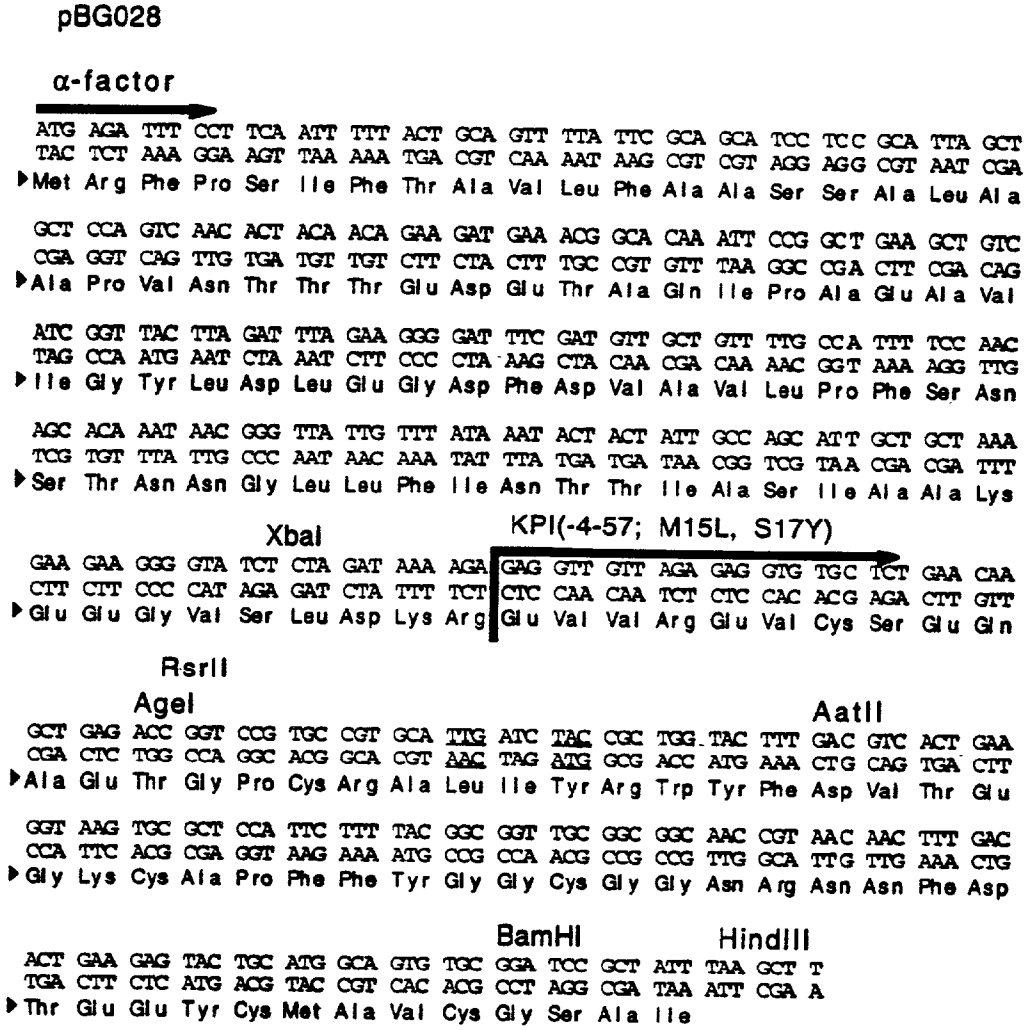

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Figure 15

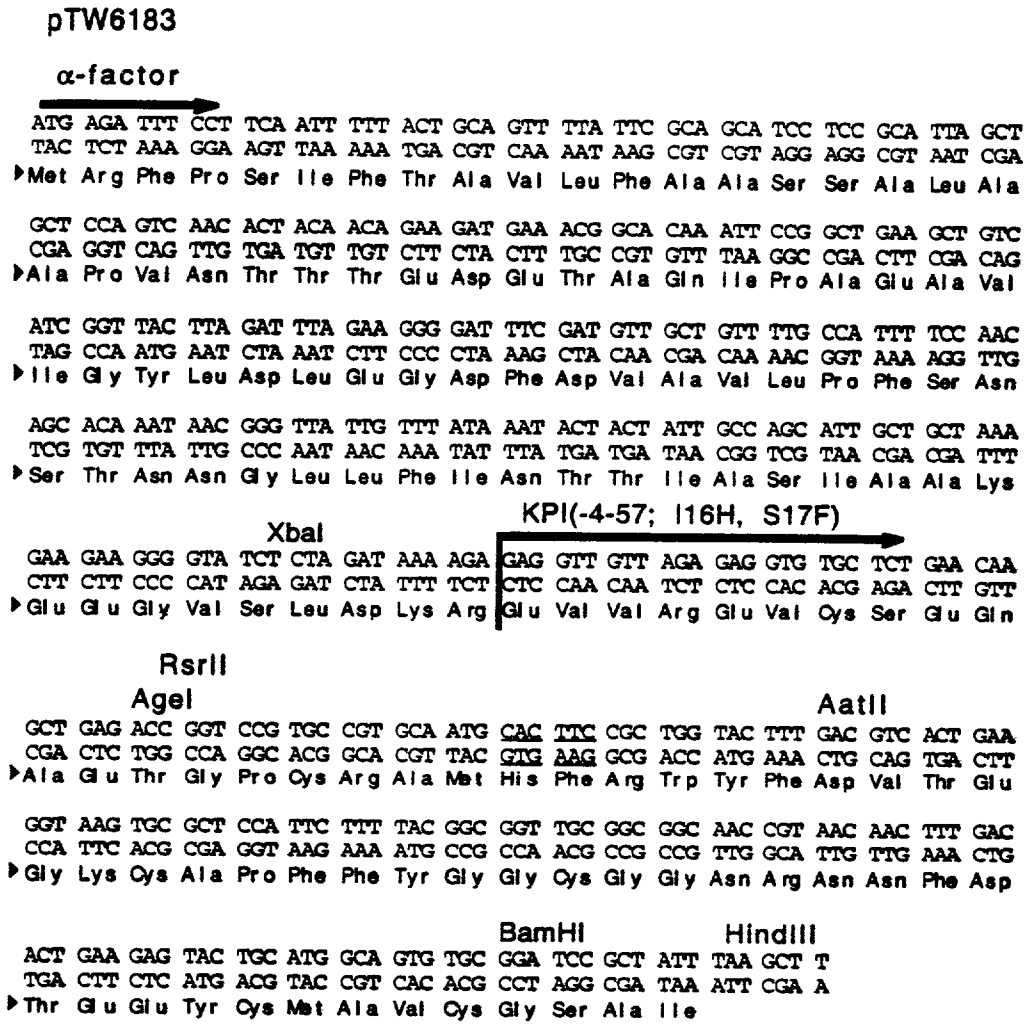

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XbaI
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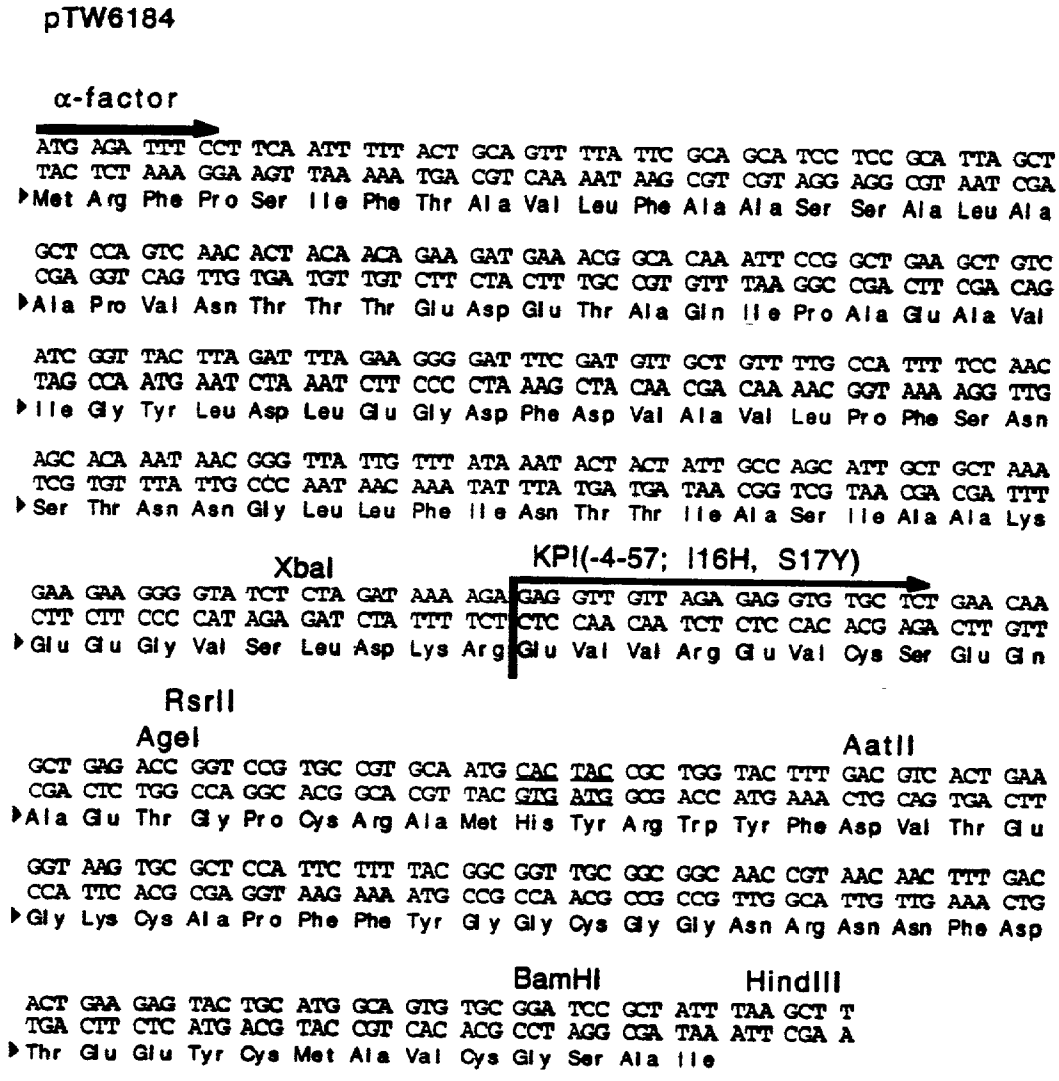

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CGA GGT CAG TTG TGA TGT TGT CTT CTA CTT TGC CGT GTT TAA GGC CGA CTT CGA CAG
Ala Pro Val Asn Thr Thr Thr Glu Asp Glu Thr Ala Gln Ile Pro Ala Glu Ala Val
ATC GGT TAC TTA GAT TTA GAA GGG GAT TTC GAT GTT GCT GTT TTG CCA TTT TCC AAC
TAG CCA ATG AAT CTA AAT CTT CCC CTA AAG CTA CAA CGA CAA AAC GGT AAA AGG TTG
Ile Gly Tyr Leu Asp Leu Glu Gly Asp Phe Asp Val Ala Val Leu Pro Phe Ser Asn
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TCG TGT TTA TTG CCC AAT AAC AAA TAT TTA TGA TGA TAA CGG TCG TAA CGA CGA TTT
Ser Thr Asn Asn Gly Leu Leu Phe Ile Asn Thr Thr Ile Ala Ser Ile Ala Ala Lys
XbaI
KPI(-4-57; I16H, S17Y)
GAA GAA GGG GTA TCT CTA GAT AAA AGA GAG GTT GTT AGA GAG GTG TGC TCT GAA CAA
CTT CTT CCC CAT AGA GAT CTA TTT TCT CTC CAA CAA TCT CTC CAC ACG AGA CTT GTT
Glu Glu Gly Val Ser Leu Asp Lys Arg Glu Val Val Arg Glu Val Cys Ser Glu Gln
RsrII
AgeI
AatII
GCT GAG ACC GGT CCG TGC CGT GCA ATG CAC TAC CGC TGG TAC TTT GAC GTC ACT GAA
CGA CTC TGG CCA GGC ACG GCA CGT TAC GTG ATG GCG ACC ATG AAA CTG CAG TGA CTT
Ala Glu Thr Gly Pro Cys Arg Ala Met His Tyr Arg Trp Tyr Phe Asp Val Thr Glu
GGT AAG TGC GCT CCA TTC TTT TAC GGC GGT TGC GGC GGC AAC CGT AAC AAC TTT GAC
CCA TTC ACG CGA GGT AAG AAA ATG CCG CCA ACG CCG CCG TTG GCA TTG TTG AAA CTG
Gly Lys Cys Ala Pro Phe Phe Tyr Gly Gly Cys Gly Gly Asn Arg Asn Asn Phe Asp
BamHI
HindIII
ACT GAA GAG TAC TGC ATG GCA GTG TGC GGA TCC GCT ATT TAA GCT T
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Figure 17

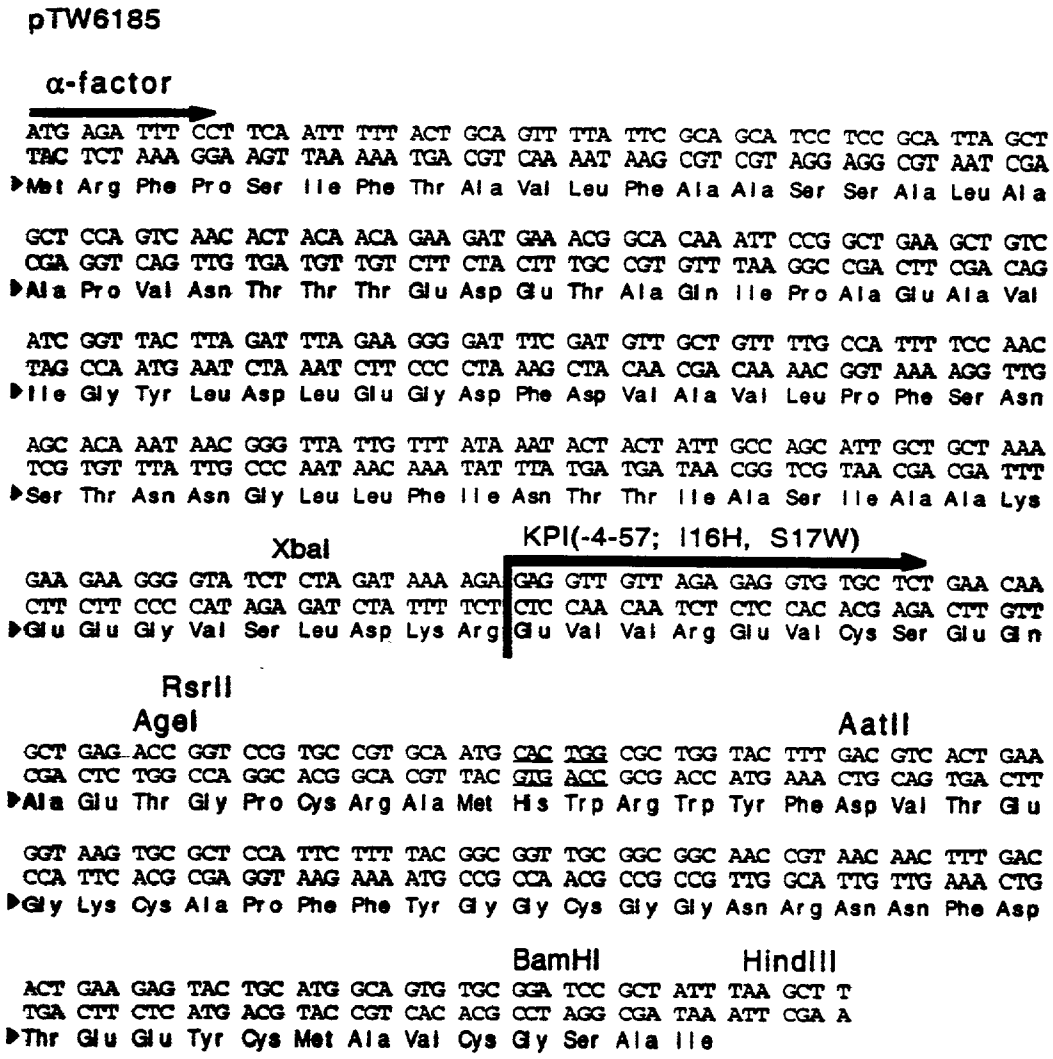

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α-factor
KPI(-4-57; I16H, S17W)
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RsrII
AgeI
AatII
BamHI
HindIII

Figure 18

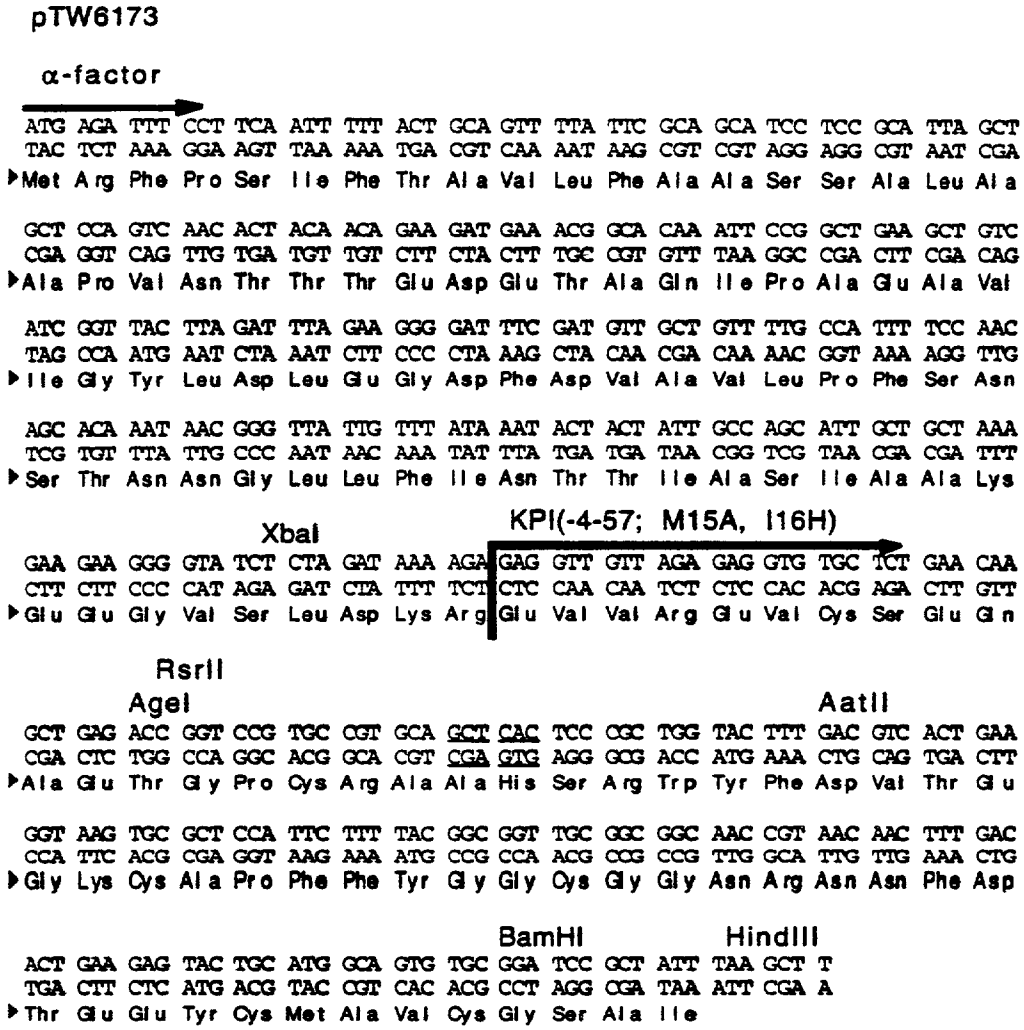

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α-factor
XbaI
KPI(-4-57; M15A, I16H)
RsrII
AgeI
AatII
BamHI
HindIII

Figure 19

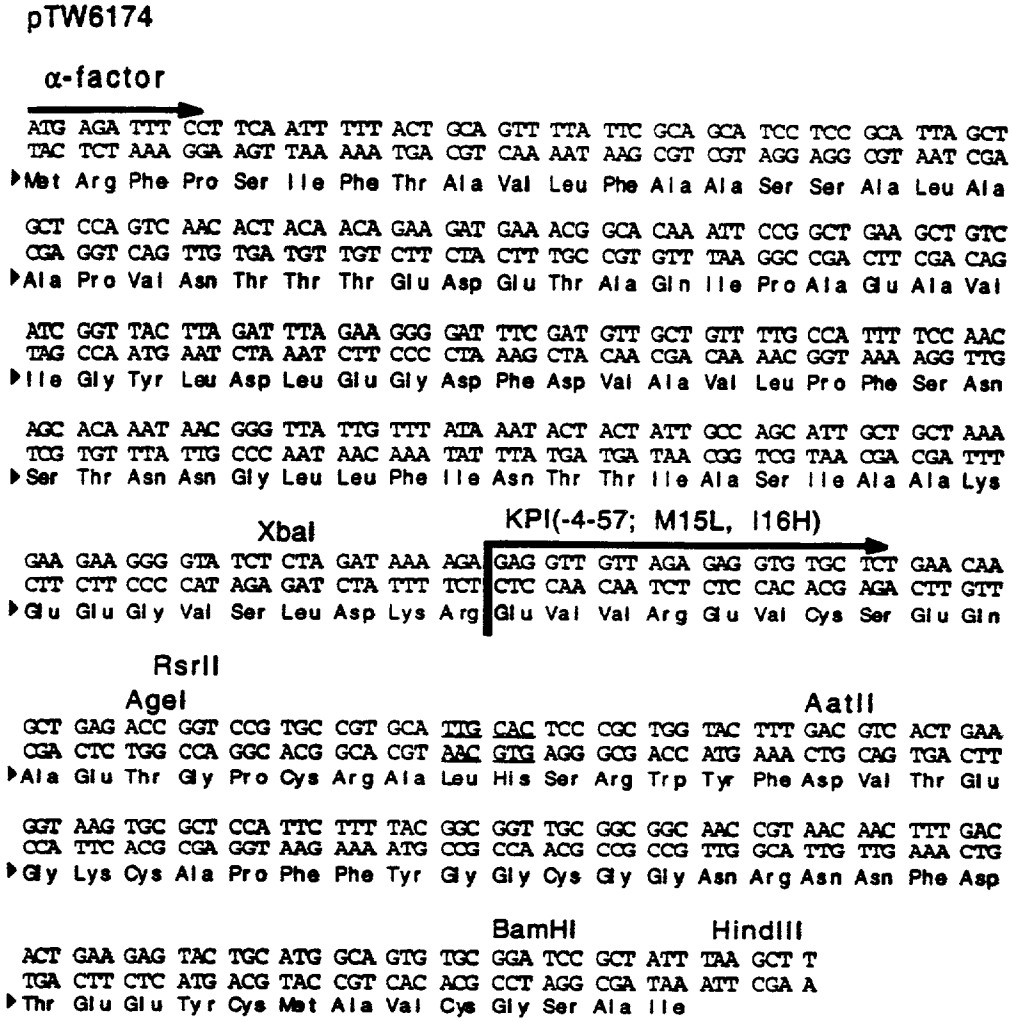

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Met Arg Phe Pro Ser Ile Phe Thr Ala Val Leu Phe Ala Ala Ser Ser Ala Leu Ala
GCT CCA GTC AAC ACT ACA ACA GAA GAT GAA ACG GCA CAA ATT CCG GCT GAA GCT GTC
CGA GGT CAG TTG TGA TGT TGT CTT CTA CTT TGC CGT GTT TAA GGC CGA CTT CGA CAG
Ala Pro Val Asn Thr Thr Thr Glu Asp Glu Thr Ala Gln Ile Pro Ala Glu Ala Val
ATC GGT TAC TTA GAT TTA GAA GGG GAT TTC GAT GTT GCT GTT TTG CCA TTT TCC AAC
TAG CCA ATG AAT CTA AAT CTT CCC CTA AAG CTA CAA CGA CAA AAC GGT AAA AGG TTG
Ile Gly Tyr Leu Asp Leu Glu Gly Asp Phe Asp Val Ala Val Leu Pro Phe Ser Asn
AGC ACA AAT AAC GGG TTA TTG TTT ATA AAT ACT ACT ATT GCC AGC ATT GCT GCT AAA
TCG TGT TTA TTG CCC AAT AAC AAA TAT TTA TGA TGA TAA CGG TCG TAA CGA CGA TTT
Ser Thr Asn Asn Gly Leu Leu Phe Ile Asn Thr Thr Ile Ala Ser Ile Ala Ala Lys
XbaI
KPI(-4-57; M15L, I16H)
GAA GAA GGG GTA TCT CTA GAT AAA AGA GAG GTT GTT AGA GAG GTG TGC TCT GAA CAA
CTT CTT CCC CAT AGA GAT CTA TTT TCT CTC CAA CAA TCT CTC CAC ACG AGA CTT GTT
Glu Glu Gly Val Ser Leu Asp Lys Arg Glu Val Val Arg Glu Val Cys Ser Glu Gln
RsrII
AgeI
AatII
GCT GAG ACC GGT CCG TGC CGT GCA TTG CAC TCC CGC TGG TAC TTT GAC GTC ACT GAA
CGA CTC TGG CCA GGC ACG GCA CGT AAC GTG AGG GCG ACC ATG AAA CTG CAG TGA CTT
Ala Glu Thr Gly Pro Cys Arg Ala Leu His Ser Arg Trp Tyr Phe Asp Val Thr Glu
GGT AAG TGC GCT CCA TTC TTT TAC GGC GGT TGC GGC GGC AAC CGT AAC AAC TTT GAC
CCA TTC ACG CGA GGT AAG AAA ATG CCG CCA ACG CCG CCG TTG GCA TTG TTG AAA CTG
Gly Lys Cys Ala Pro Phe Phe Tyr Gly Gly Cys Gly Gly Asn Arg Asn Asn Phe Asp
BamHI
HindIII
ACT GAA GAG TAC TGC ATG GCA GTG TGC GGA TCC GCT ATT TAA GCT T
TGA CTT CTC ATG ACG TAC CGT CAC ACG CCT AGG CGA TAA ATT CGA A
Thr Glu Glu Tyr Cys Met Ala Val Cys Gly Ser Ala Ile

Figure 20

KPI(-4-57; M15A, S17W) TW6165

Glu	Val	Val	Arg	Glu	Val	Cys	Ser	Glu	Gln	Ala
-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Glu	Thr	Gly	Pro	Cys	Arg	Ala	Ala	Ile	Trp	Arg
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Trp	Tyr	Phe	Asp	Val	Thr	Glu	Gly	Lys	Cys	Ala
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Pro	Phe	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Gly	Cys	Gly	Gly	Asn	Arg
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Asn	Asn	Phe	Asp	Thr	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Cys	Met	Ala
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Val	Cys	Gly	Ser	Ala	Ile
52	53	54	55	56	57

Figure 21

KPI(-4-57; M15A, S17Y) TW6166

Glu	Val	Val	Arg	Glu	Val	Cys	Ser	Glu	Gln	Ala
-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Glu	Thr	Gly	Pro	Cys	Arg	Ala	Ala	Ile	Tyr	Arg
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Trp	Tyr	Phe	Asp	Val	Thr	Glu	Gly	Lys	Cys	Ala
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Pro	Phe	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Gly	Cys	Gly	Gly	Asn	Arg
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Asn	Asn	Phe	Asp	Thr	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Cys	Met	Ala
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Val	Cys	Gly	Ser	Ala	Ile
52	53	54	55	56	57

Figure 22

KPI(-4-57; M15L, S17F) TW6175

Glu	Val	Val	Arg	Glu	Val	Cys	Ser	Glu	Gln	Ala
-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Glu	Thr	Gly	Pro	Cys	Arg	Ala	Leu	Ile	Phe	Arg
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Trp	Tyr	Phe	Asp	Val	Thr	Glu	Gly	Lys	Cys	Ala
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Pro	Phe	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Gly	Cys	Gly	Gly	Asn	Arg
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Asn	Asn	Phe	Asp	Thr	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Cys	Met	Ala
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Val	Cys	Gly	Ser	Ala	Ile
52	53	54	55	56	57

Figure 23

KPI(-4-57; M15L, S17Y) BG028

Glu	Val	Val	Arg	Glu	Val	Cys	Ser	Glu	Gln	Ala
-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Glu	Thr	Gly	Pro	Cys	Arg	Ala	Leu	Ile	Tyr	Arg
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Trp	Tyr	Phe	Asp	Val	Thr	Glu	Gly	Lys	Cys	Ala
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Pro	Phe	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Gly	Cys	Gly	Gly	Asn	Arg
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Asn	Asn	Phe	Asp	Thr	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Cys	Met	Ala
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Val	Cys	Gly	Ser	Ala	Ile
52	53	54	55	56	57

Figure 24

KPI(-4-57; I16H, S17F) TW6183

Glu	Val	Val	Arg	Glu	Val	Cys	Ser	Glu	Gln	Ala
-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Glu	Thr	Gly	Pro	Cys	Arg	Ala	Met	His	Phe	Arg
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Trp	Tyr	Phe	Asp	Val	Thr	Glu	Gly	Lys	Cys	Ala
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Pro	Phe	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Gly	Cys	Gly	Gly	Asn	Arg
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
Asn	Asn	Phe	Asp	Thr	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Cys	Met	Ala
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51
Val	Cys	Gly	Ser	Ala	Ile					
52	53	54	55	56	57					

Figure 25

KPI(-4-57; I16H, S17Y) TW6184

Glu	Val	Val	Arg	Glu	Val	Cys	Ser	Glu	Gln	Ala
-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Glu	Thr	Gly	Pro	Cys	Arg	Ala	Met	His	Tyr	Arg
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Trp	Tyr	Phe	Asp	Val	Thr	Glu	Gly	Lys	Cys	Ala
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Pro	Phe	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Gly	Cys	Gly	Gly	Asn	Arg
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Asn	Asn	Phe	Asp	Thr	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Cys	Met	Ala
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Val	Cys	Gly	Ser	Ala	Ile
52	53	54	55	56	57

Figure 26

KPI(-4-57; I16H, S17W) TW6185

Glu	Val	Val	Arg	Glu	Val	Cys	Ser	Glu	Gln	Ala
-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Glu	Thr	Gly	Pro	Cys	Arg	Ala	Met	His	Trp	Arg
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Trp	Tyr	Phe	Asp	Val	Thr	Glu	Gly	Lys	Cys	Ala
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Pro	Phe	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Gly	Cys	Gly	Gly	Asn	Arg
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Asn	Asn	Phe	Asp	Thr	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Cys	Met	Ala
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Val	Cys	Gly	Ser	Ala	Ile
52	53	54	55	56	57

Figure 27

KPI(-4-57; M15A, S17F) DD185

Glu	Val	Val	Arg	Glu	Val	Cys	Ser	Glu	Gln	Ala
-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Glu	Thr	Gly	Pro	Cys	Arg	Ala	Ala	Ile	Phe	Arg
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Trp	Tyr	Phe	Asp	Val	Thr	Glu	Gly	Lys	Cys	Ala
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Pro	Phe	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Gly	Cys	Gly	Gly	Asn	Arg
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Asn	Asn	Phe	Asp	Thr	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Cys	Met	Ala
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Val	Cys	Gly	Ser	Ala	Ile
52	53	54	55	56	57

Figure 28

KPI(-4-57; M15A, I16H) TW6173

Glu	Val	Val	Arg	Glu	Val	Cys	Ser	Glu	Gln	Ala
-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Glu	Thr	Gly	Pro	Cys	Arg	Ala	Ala	His	SerTrp	Arg
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Trp	Tyr	Phe	Asp	Val	Thr	Glu	Gly	Lys	Cys	Ala
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Pro	Phe	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Gly	Cys	Gly	Gly	Asn	Arg
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Asn	Asn	Phe	Asp	Thr	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Cys	Met	Ala
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Val	Cys	Gly	Ser	Ala	Ile
52	53	54	55	56	57

Figure 29

KPI(-4-57; M15L, I16H) TW6174

Glu	Val	Val	Arg	Glu	Val	Cys	Ser	Glu	Gln	Ala
-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Glu	Thr	Gly	Pro	Cys	Arg	Ala	Leu	His	Ser	Arg
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Trp	Tyr	Phe	Asp	Val	Thr	Glu	Gly	Lys	Cys	Ala
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Pro	Phe	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Gly	Cys	Gly	Gly	Asn	Arg
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Asn	Asn	Phe	Asp	Thr	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Cys	Met	Ala
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Val	Cys	Gly	Ser	Ala	Ile
52	53	54	55	56	57

Figure 30

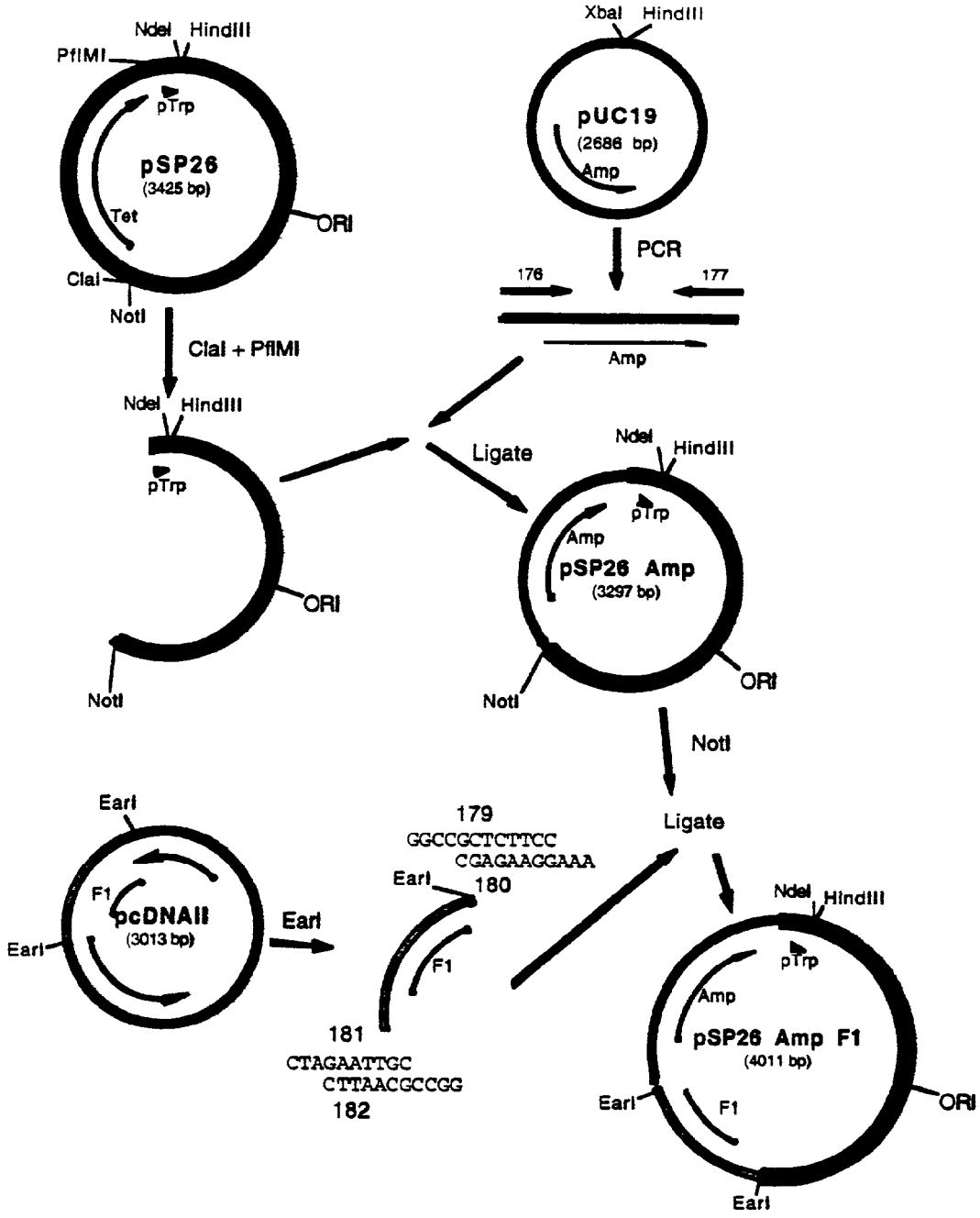

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ClaI + PflMI
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(2686 bp)
Amp
PCR
176
177
Amp
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ORI
NotI
Ligate
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(3297 bp)
ORI
NotI
NotI
EarI
F1
pcDNAII
(3013 bp)
EarI
EarI
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F1
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EarI
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ORI
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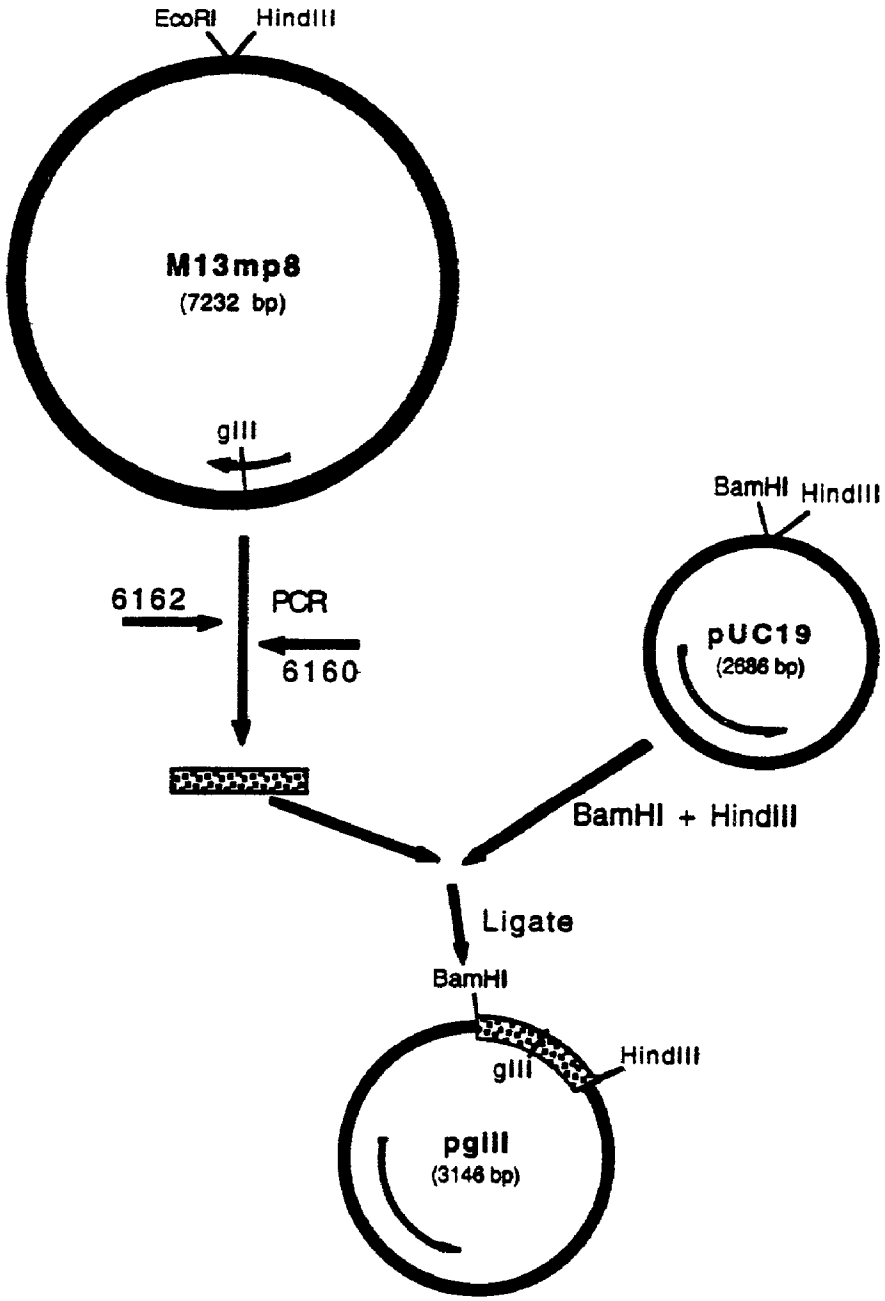

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PCR
6160
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Ligate
BamHI
gIII
HindIII
pgIII
(3146 bp)

Figure 32

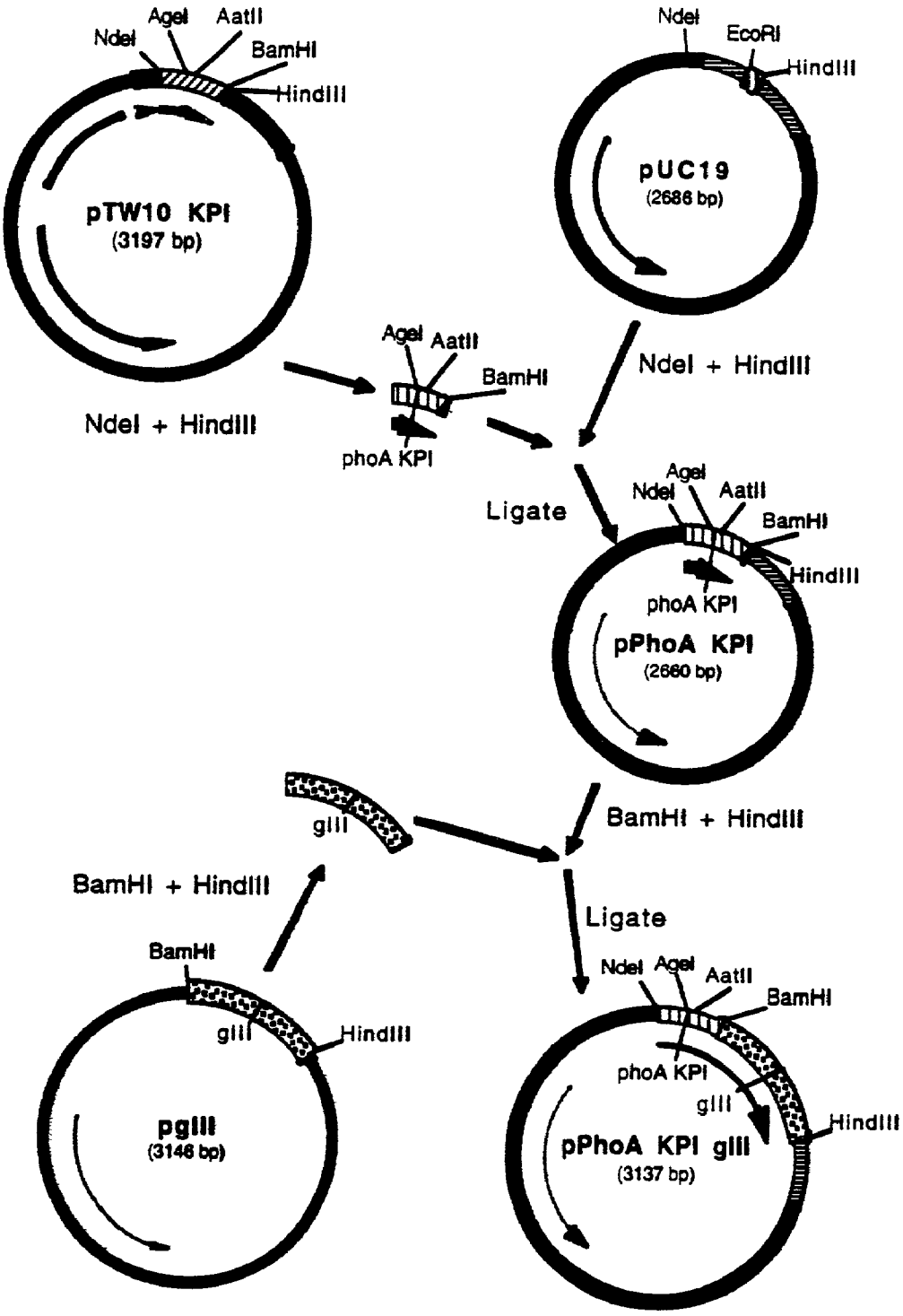

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NdeI + HindIII
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NdeI
EcoRI
HindIII
pUC19
(2686 bp)
NdeI + HindIII
Ligate
AgeI
NdeI
AatII
BamHI
HindIII
phoA KPI
pPhoA KPI
(2660 bp)
gIII
BamHI + HindIII
BamHI + HindIII
Ligate
BamHI
gIII
HindIII
pgIII
(3146 bp)
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AatII
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phoA KPI
gIII
HindIII
pPhoA KPI gIII
(3137 bp)

Figure 33

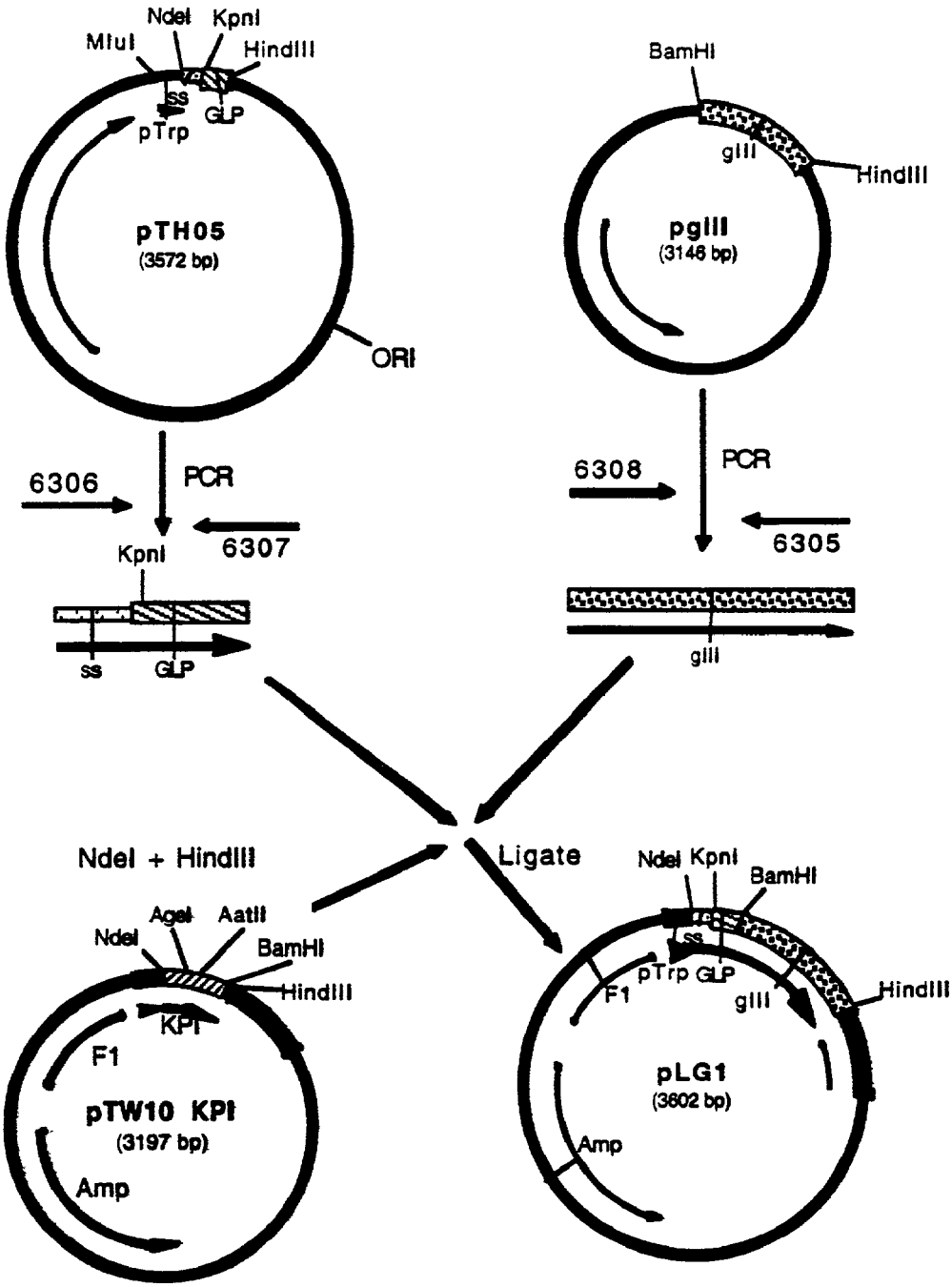

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ORI
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PCR
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6307
SS
GLP
BamHI
gIII
HindIII
pgIII
(3146 bp)
6308
PCR
6305
gIII
NdeI + HindIII
Ligate
AgeI
AatII
NdeI
BamHI
HindIII
KPI
F1
pTW10 KPI
(3197 bp)
Amp
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SS
pTrp
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F1
gIII
HindIII
pLG1
(3602 bp)
Amp

Figure 34

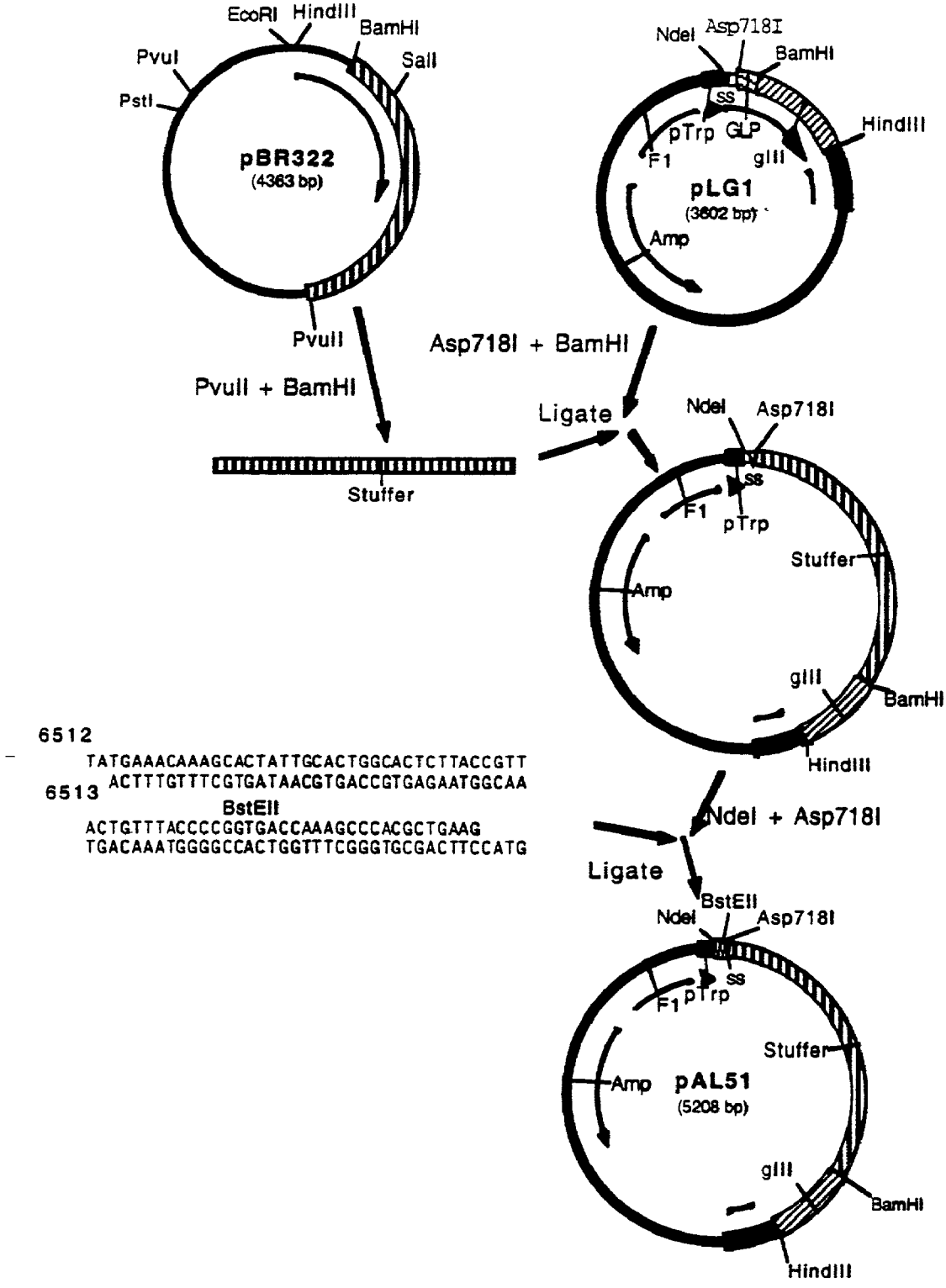

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BamHI
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(4363 bp)
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PvuII + BamHI
Stuffer
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Asp718I
BamHI
SS
pTrp
GLP
HindIII
F1
gIII
pLG1
(3602 bp)
Amp
Asp718I + BamHI
Ligate
NdeI
Asp718I
SS
F1
pTrp
Stuffer
Amp
gIII
BamHI
HindIII
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NdeI + Asp718I
Ligate
BstEII
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F1
pTrp
Stuffer
Amp
pAL51
(5208 bp)
gIII
BamHI
HindIII

Figure 35

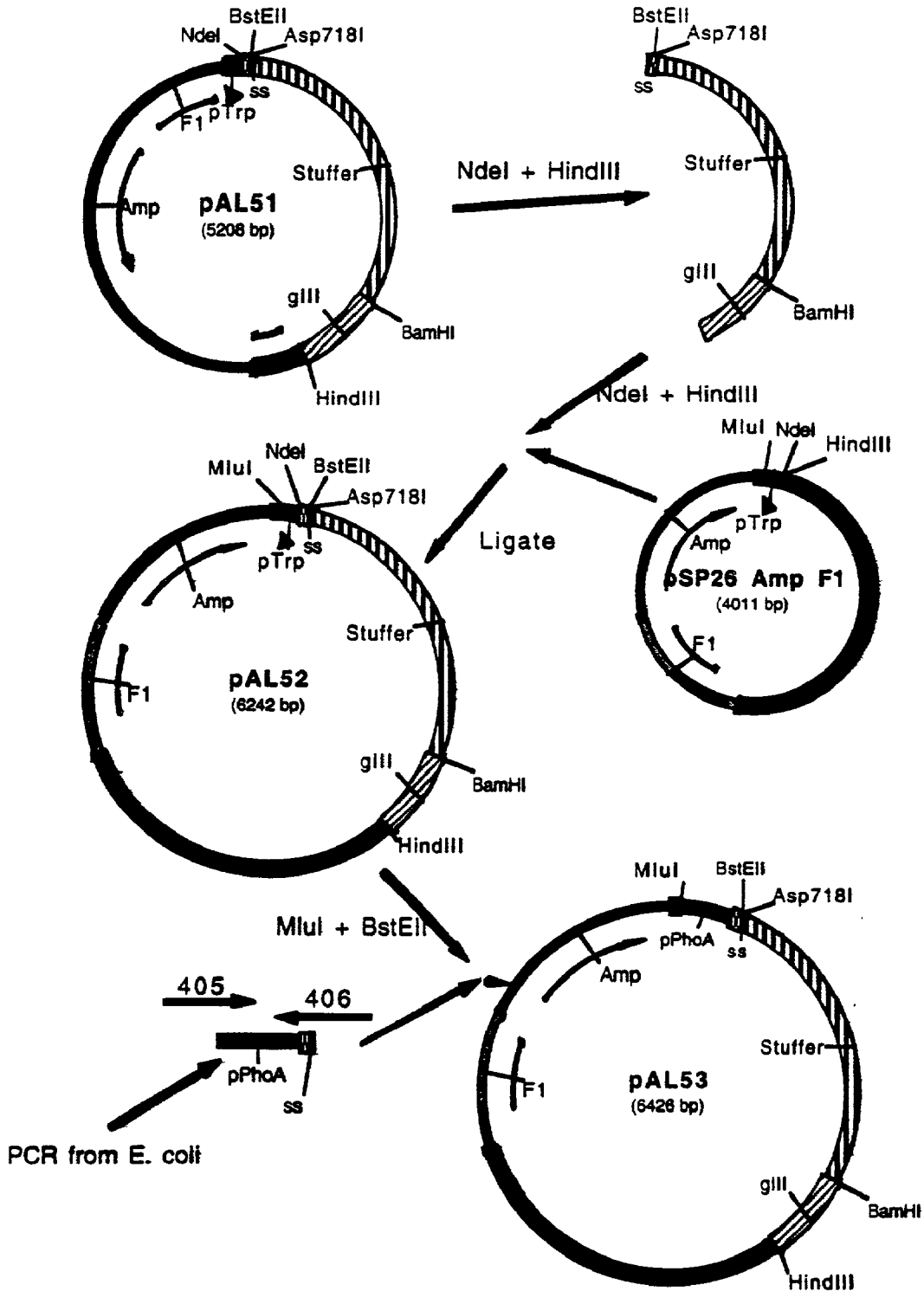

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MluI
NdeI
HindIII
pTrp
Amp
pSP26 Amp F1
(4011 bp)
F1
Ligate
MluI
NdeI
BstEII
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ss
pTrp
Amp
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(6242 bp)
F1
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BamHI
HindIII
MluI + BstEII
405
406
pPhoA
ss
PCR from E. coli
MluI
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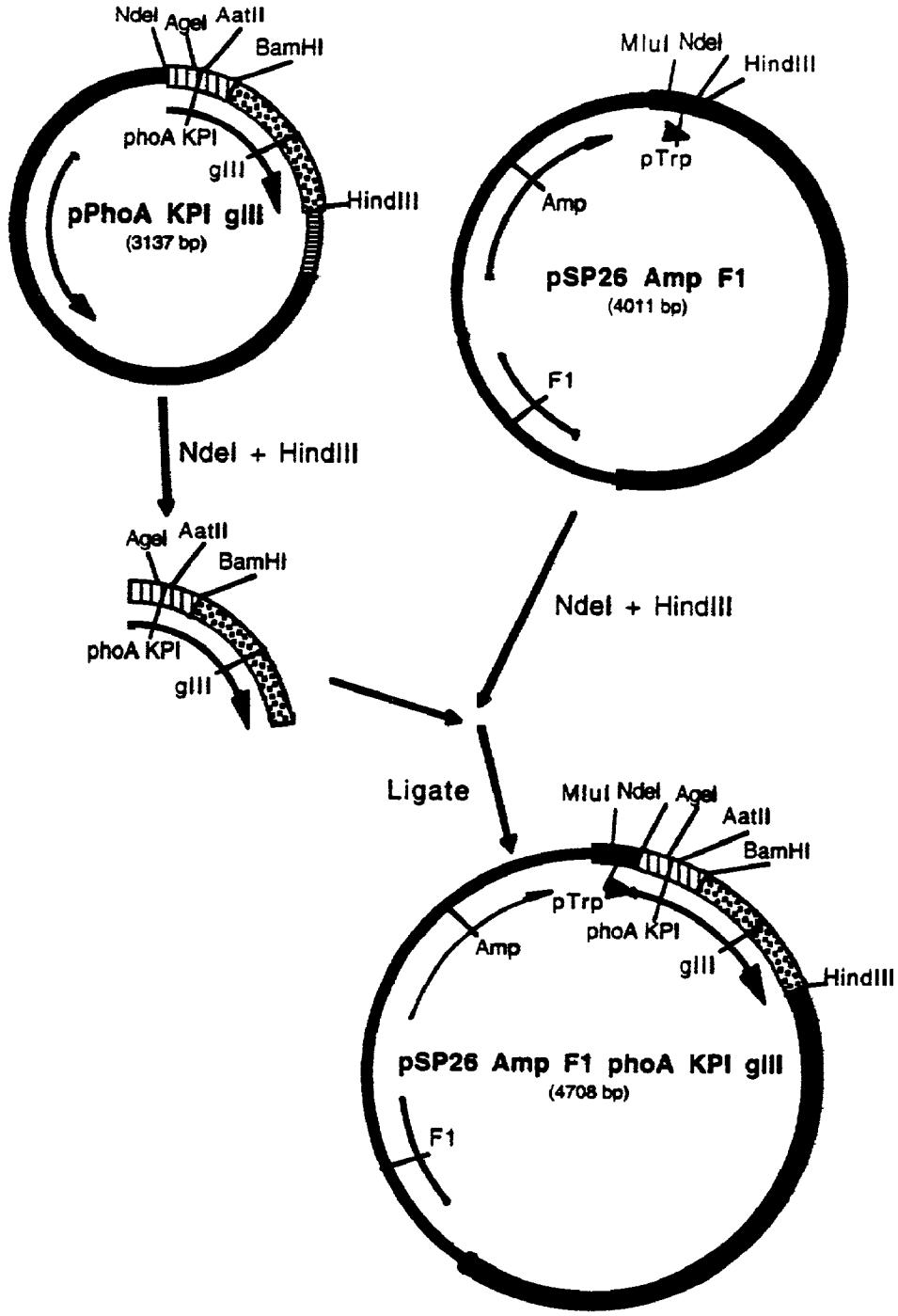

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HindIII
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(3137 bp)
MluI NdeI
HindIII
pTrp
Amp
pSP26 Amp F1
(4011 bp)
F1
NdeI + HindIII
AgeI AatII
BamHI
phoA KPI
gIII
NdeI + HindIII
Ligate
MluI NdeI AgeI
AatII
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(4708 bp)
F1

Figure 37

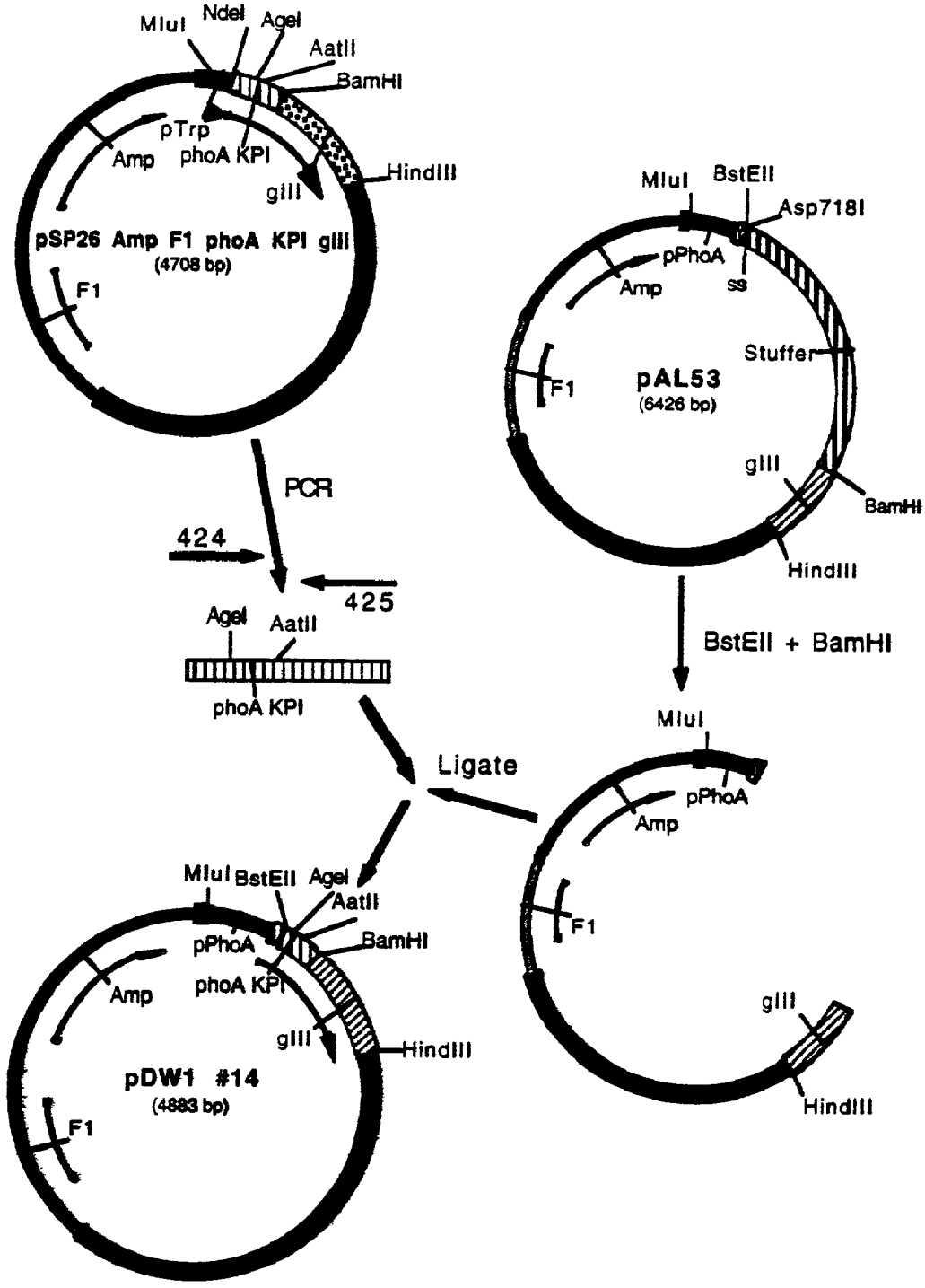

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phoA KPI
HindIII
gIII
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(4708 bp)
F1
PCR
424
425
AgeI
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phoA KPI
MluI
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Stuffer
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HindIII
BstEII + BamHI
Ligate
MluI
pPhoA
Amp
F1
gIII
HindIII
MluI
BstEII
AgeI
AatII
pPhoA
BamHI
Amp
phoA KPI
gIII
HindIII
pDW1 #14
(4883 bp)
F1

Figure 38

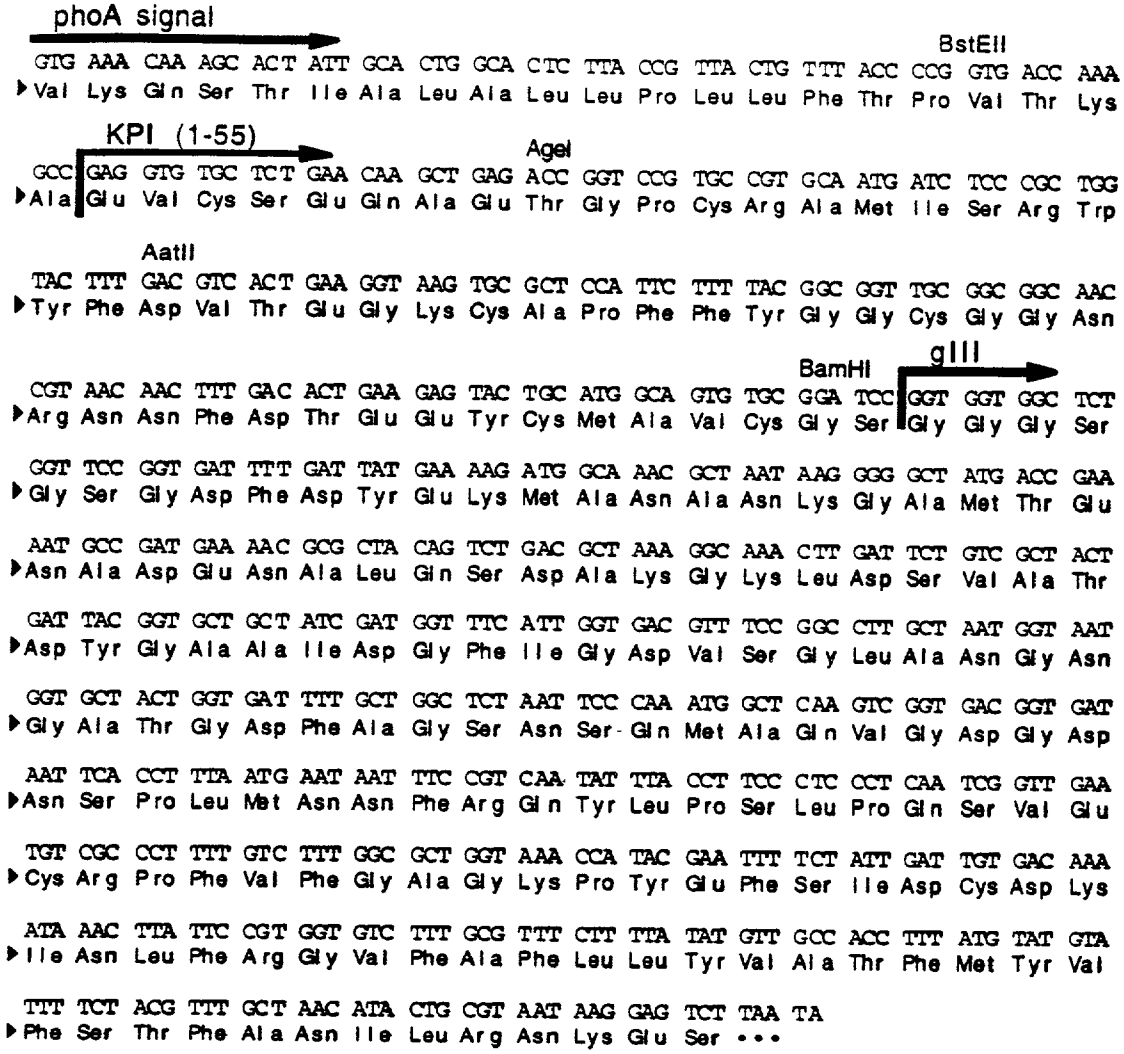


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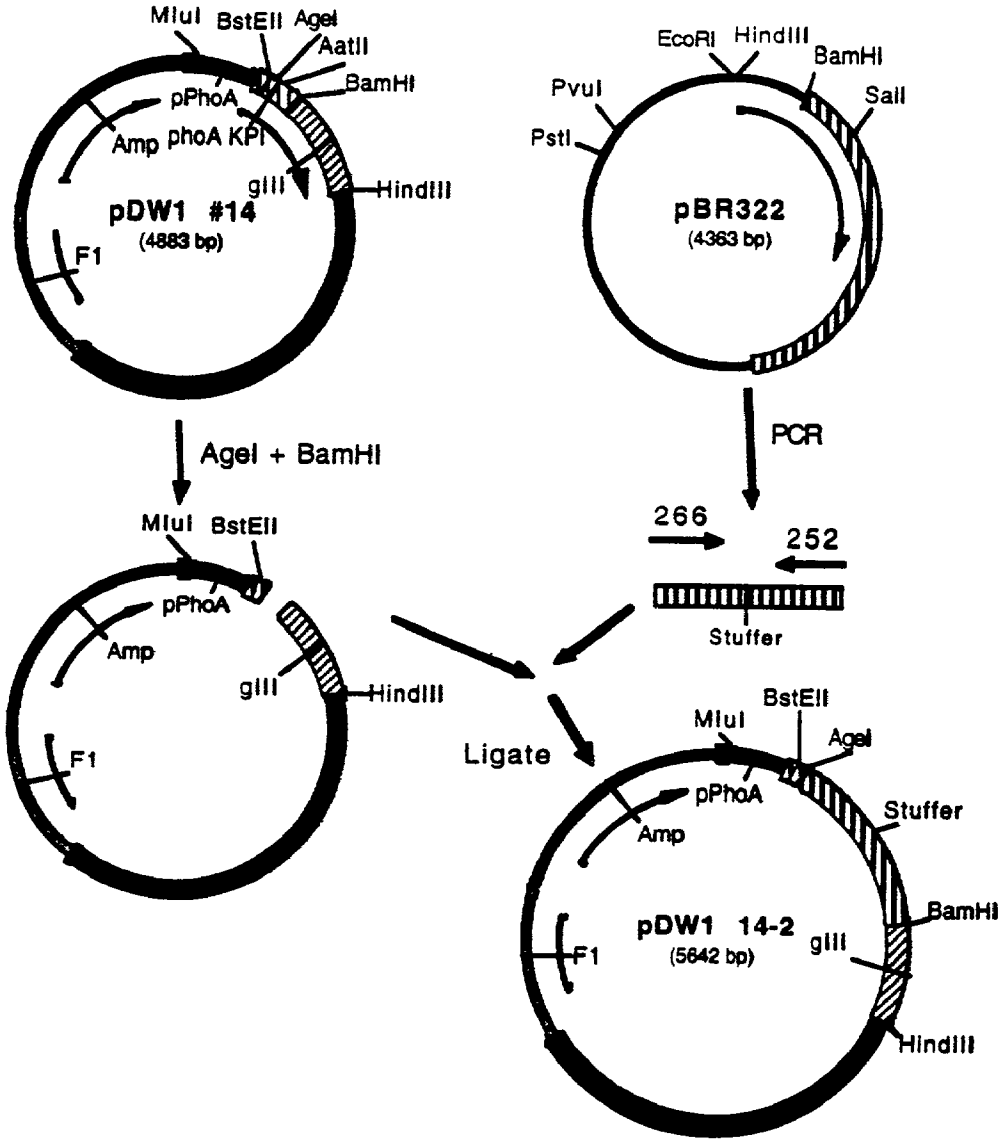

MluI
BstEII
AgeI
AatII
BamHI
pPhoA
Amp
phoA KPI
gIII
HindIII
pDW1 #14
(4883 bp)
F1
EcoRI
HindIII
BamHI
PvuI
SalI
PstI
pBR322
(4363 bp)
AgeI + BamHI
PCR
266
252
Stuffer
Ligate
pDW1 14-2
(5642 bp)

Figure 40

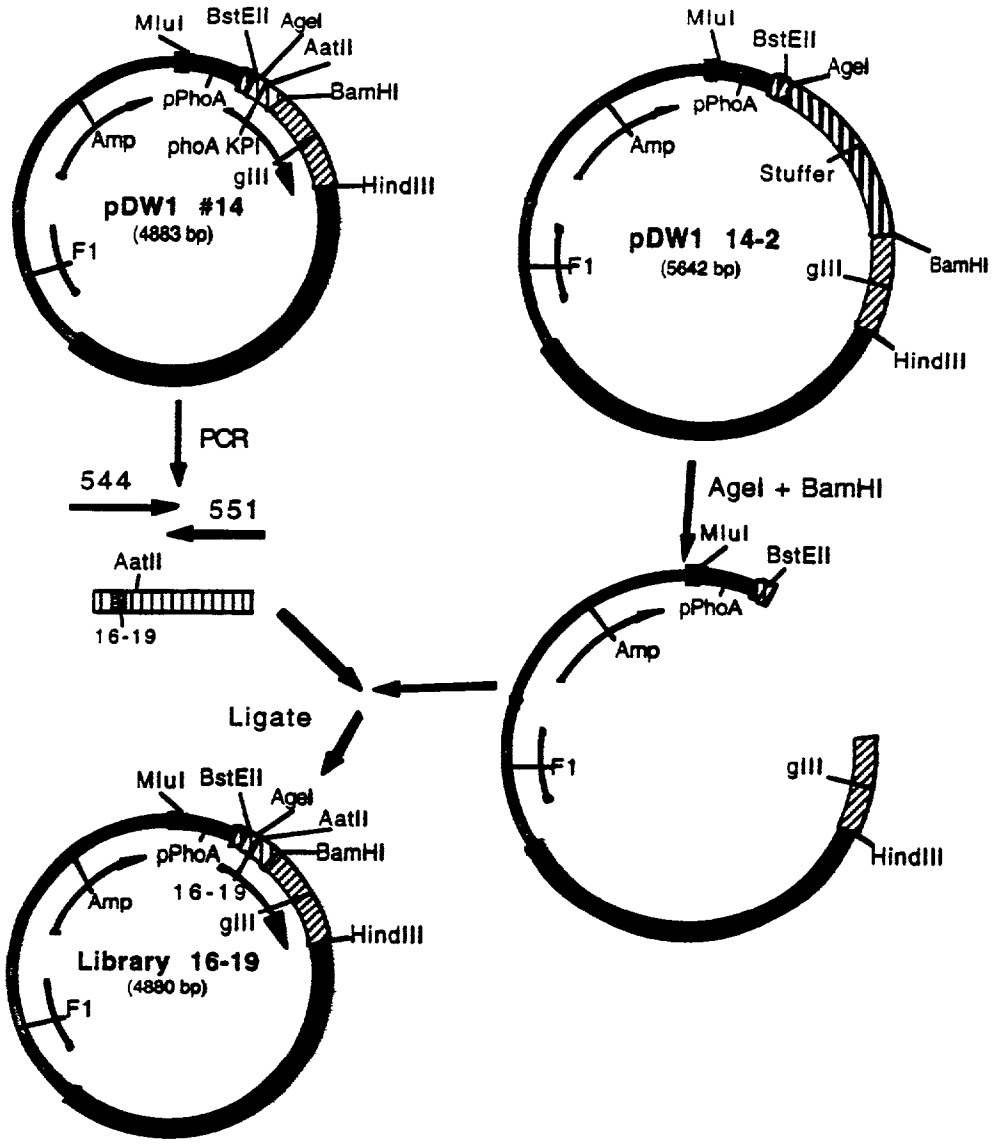

MluI
BstEII
AgeI
AatII
BamHI
pPhoA
Amp
phoA KPI
gIII
HindIII
pDW1 #14
(4883 bp)
F1
PCR
544
551
AatII
16-19
Ligate
MluI BstEII
AgeI
AatII
BamHI
pPhoA
Amp
16-19
gIII
HindIII
Library 16-19
(4880 bp)
F1
MluI
BstEII
AgeI
pPhoA
Amp
Stuffer
pDW1 14-2
(5642 bp)
F1
gIII
BamHI
HindIII
AgeI + BamHI
MluI
BstEII
pPhoA
Amp
F1
gIII
HindIII

Figure 41

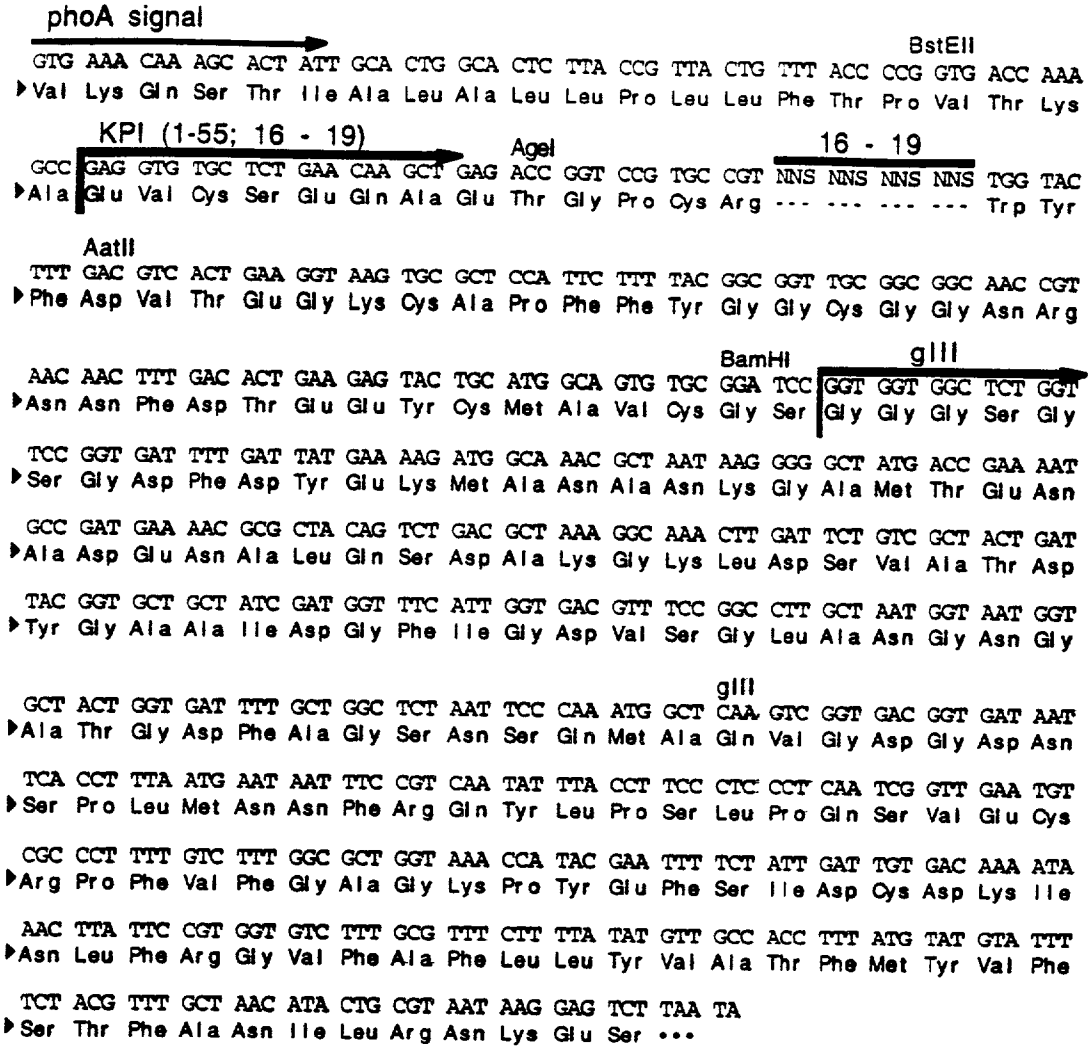

phoA signal
BstEII
KPI (1-55; 16 - 19)
AgeI
16 - 19
AatII
BamHI
gIII
gIII

Figure 42

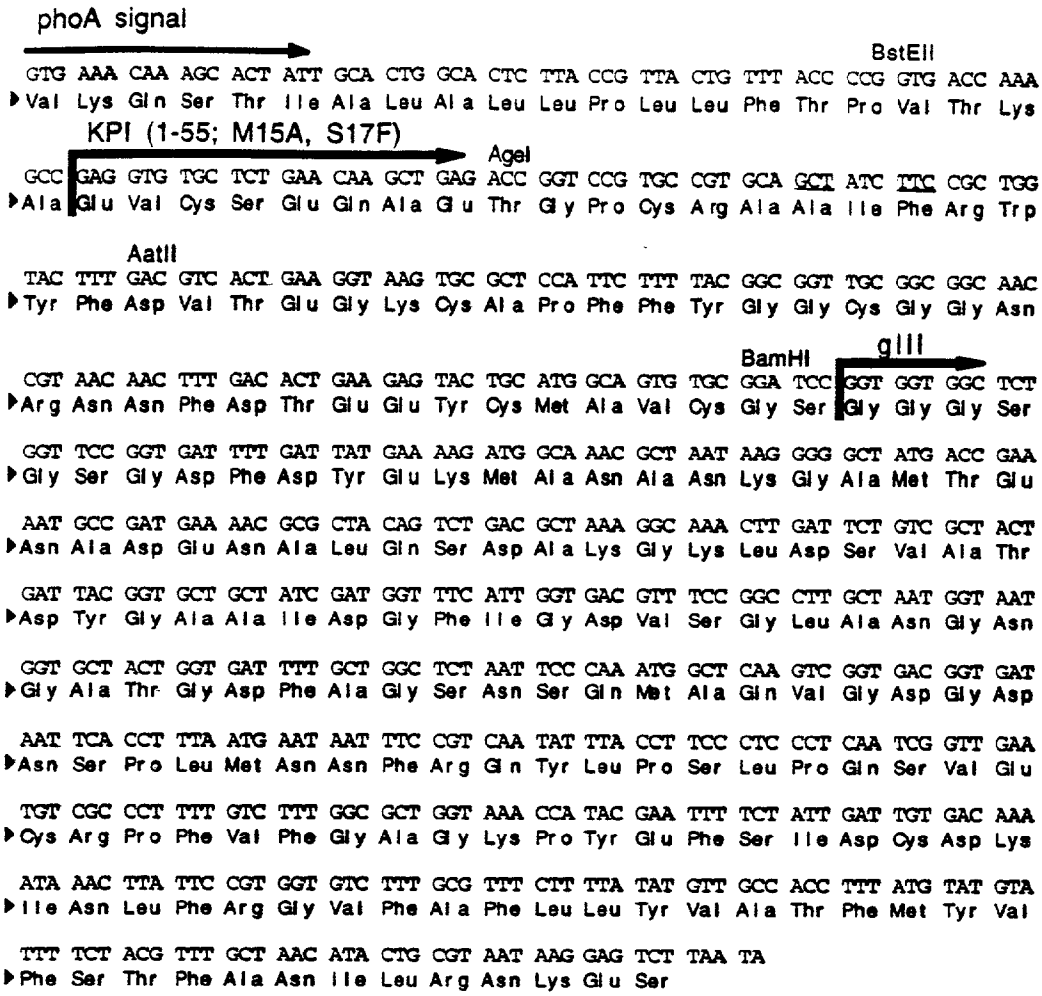


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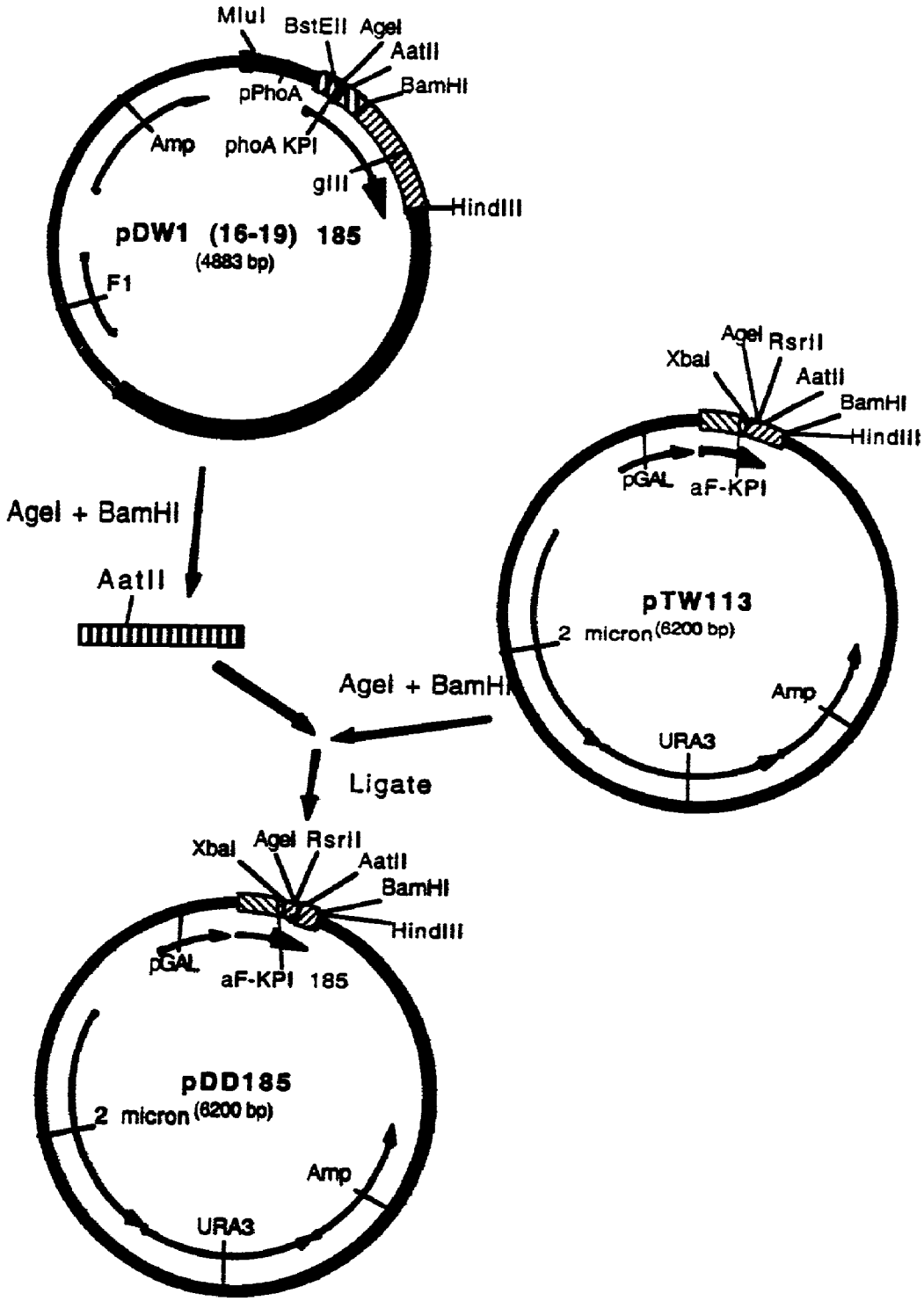

MluI
BstEII
AgeI
AatII
BamHI
pPhoA
Amp
phoA KPI
gIII
HindIII
pDW1 (16-19) 185
(4883 bp)
F1
AgeI + BamHI
AatII
XbaI
AgeI
RsrII
AatII
BamHI
HindIII
pGAL
aF-KPI
pTW113
2 micron (6200 bp)
Amp
URA3
AgeI + BamHI
Ligate
XbaI
AgeI
RsrII
AatII
BamHI
HindIII
pGAL
aF-KPI
185
pDD185
2 micron (6200 bp)
Amp
URA3

Figure 44

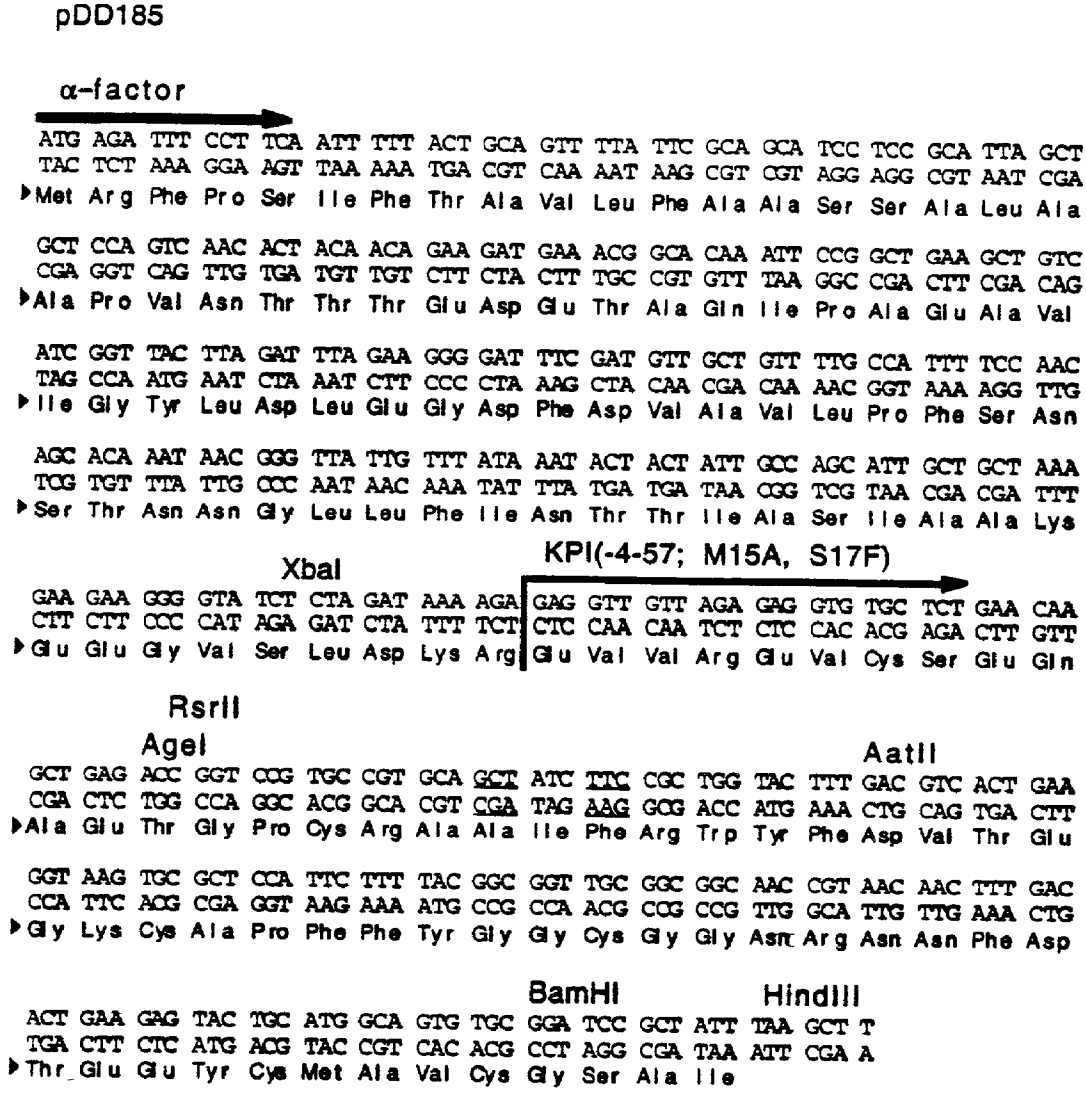

pDD185
α-factor
KPI(-4-57; M15A, S17F)
XbaI
RsrII
AgeI
AatII
BamHI
HindIII

Figure 45

Plasma kallikrein inhibition by KPI (-4-57) variants

Variant		Substitution			K_i(nM)
		15	16	17	
TW113	KPI (-4-57)				45.00
DD185	KPI (-4-57; M15A, S17F)	A		F	0.39
TW6165	KPI (-4-57; M15A, S17W)	A		W	0.65
TW6166	KPI (-4-57; M15A, S17Y)	A		Y	0.40
TW6175	KPI (-4-57; M15L, S17F)	L		F	0.50
BG028	KPI (-4-57; M15L, S17Y)	L		Y	1.10
TW6183	KPI (-4-57; I16H, S17F)		H	F	1.20
TW6184	KPI (-4-57; I16H, S17Y)		H	Y	0.91
TW6185	KPI (-4-57; I16H, S17W)		H	W	1.30
TW6173	KPI (-4-57; M15A, I16H)	A	H		1.00
TW6174	KPI (-4-57; M15L, I16H)	L	H		0.90

FIGURE 46A

Variant	Sequence	Inhibition Ki (nM)			
		kallikrei	Plasmin	XIIa	Xa
Aprotinin	RPDFCLEPPYTGPCKARIIRYFYNAKAGLCQTFVYGGCRAKRNNFKSAEDCMRTCGGA	20.00	0.23	5000.0	
Aprotinin R15, S42	DFCLEPPYTGPCRARIIRYFYNAKAGLCQTFVYGGCRAKSNNFKSAEDCMRTCGGA	0.91	0.17	3983.0	
KPI (-4-57)	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	45.00	34.00	3718.0	161.0
TW6167	EVVREVCSEQAEPGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	61.00		3641.0	288.0
BG031	EVVREVCSEQAEVGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	34.00		498.0	
BG032	EVVREVCSEQAESGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	49.00		731.0	
TW101	EVCSEQAETGPCKAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	2000.00	11.50		
TW6208	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRGMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI			369.0	
TW106	EVCSEQAETGPCRARISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	560.00	3.70		
DD108	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	1.70	11.20	1600.0	123.0
DD109	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAIISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	9.50		1681.0	421.0
DD110	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	2.10		624.0	55.0
DD111	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRASISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	5.60			
DD112	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAVISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	6.80		998.0	
TW6179	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAGISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	78.00		368.0	
TW6163	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMHSRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	4.70	103.58	4532.0	457.0
TW6172	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMASRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	315.00			1463.0
TW6180	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMFSRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	70.00		885.0	39.0
TW6181	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMKSRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	150.00		1514.0	
BG001	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMLSRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	38.00	10.00	489.0	204.0
TW116	EVCSEQAETGPCRAMIIRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	145.00	89.00		806.0
DD102	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMIPRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	16.00		315.0	
DD103	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMIFRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	17.00		2128.0	110.0
DD104	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMIYRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	15.00		237.0	345.0
DD105	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMIWRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	18.00		198.0	320.0
TW6168	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMILRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	25.80		3521.0	395.0
TW6182	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMIHRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	36.00		752.0	
TW6194	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMIERWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	70.83			
TW6210	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMIQRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	54.00		277.0	
CL006	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISAWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	110.20		89600.0	133.0
BG012	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISTWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI			40.0	116.0

FIGURE 46B

TW6209	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISHWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	81.00	45.90	184.0	613.0
TW6211	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISKWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	184.00		402.0	
DD128	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISLWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	44.00			37.0
TW6142	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFVYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	18.00	18.00	7972.0	225.0
AL301	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFLYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	216.00		1557.0	
AL302	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFGYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	39.00			316.0
TW6147	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCAGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	35.00		1090.0	179.0
TW6138	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCKGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	18.00		921.0	309.0
TW6154	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCLGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	11.00		915.0	39.0
TW6155	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCMGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	11.00			27.0
TW6140	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCNGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	35.00		475.0	
TW6156	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCPGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI				
TW6141	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCQGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	42.00			
TW118	EVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCRGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	6.00	24.00	13009.0	68.0
DD100	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCCGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	15.00			
TW6157	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCSGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	40.00		511.0	168.0
TW6158	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCTGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	29.00			
TW6159	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCVGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	17.00			64.0
TW6161	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCYGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	7.50	18.00	1507.0	8.7
DD101	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCDGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	64.00		924.0	
TW6151	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCEGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	163.00		1162.0	954.0
TW6139	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCHGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	19.00	22.80	152.0	78.0
TW6153	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCIGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	11.20	21.30	65.0	36.0
TW122	EVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGANRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	32.00	27.00		581.0
TW6178	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGRNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	16.00		444.0	
TW6148	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGARNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	40.00			
TW124	EVCSEQAETGPCRAMISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNSNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	64.00	48.00		
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TW6173	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAHSRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	1.00	7.24	1432.0	
TW6174	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALHSRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.90	6.89	2796.0	
BG002	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALLSRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.98	19.00	403.0	60.0
DD129	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALFSRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	3.60		1864.0	6.0
DD185	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAIFRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.39	8.71	150.0	196.0

FIGURE 46C

TW6165	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAIWRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.65	16.40	206.0	
TW6166	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAIYRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.4	10.10	73.0	
BG028	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALIYRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	1.10	12.10	93.8	
TW6169	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALILRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	1.20		619.0	111.0
DD113	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALIPRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.85	12.80	293.0	74.0
TW6175	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALIFRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.50	7.46	35.0	56.0
TW6201	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAGIYRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	34.60		419.0	
TW6202	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAGIWRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	128.50		1237.0	
TW6203	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAGIPRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	31.20		5045.0	
TW6204	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAISAWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI			147.0	87.0
TW6205	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALISAWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI			195.0	29.0
DD114	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCRGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.70	7.77	224.0	
TW6190	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAISRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCYGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.83	52.20	589.0	1396.0
TW6183	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMHFRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	1.20	11.68	12440.0	159.0
TW6184	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMHYRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.91	11.96	14000.0	214.0
TW6185	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMHWRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	1.30	18.60	388.0	473.0
BG003	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMLHRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	36.00		467.0	
TW6186	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMHSRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCYGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.48	8.86	186.0	11.0
TW6187	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMIFRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCYGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	3.80	15.40	92.0	15.0
TW6188	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMIYRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCYGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	4.00		419.0	24.0
TW6189	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAMIWRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCYGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	4.00			34.0
TW6170	EVVREVCSEQAEPGPCRALILRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	2.50			452.0
DD115	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRGYITRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI			213.0	299.0
DD170	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALHNRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.99	18.00	550.0	
TW6176	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAHFRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	3.50	118.00	56.0	
TW6177	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALHFRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	7.20	32.70	245.0	156.0
BG006	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAALFRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.30	12.10	80.0	
DD130	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALFTRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	5.50			9.5
DD131	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALFKRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	7.90	2.00	1385.0	3.3
DD132	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAFFKRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	112.00			16.8
DD120	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAFSAWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	8.30			11.0
DD121	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALLSAWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	19.00			21.0
BG014	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALIWHWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	9.20	18.70	18.0	

FIGURE 46D

DD122	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALIFAWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	15.00			46.0
BG015	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALIYHWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	6.00	12.20	19.4	597.0
BG020	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAIHKWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	1.70		106.0	
BG022	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAIYHWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEHCMAVCGSAI	0.64	7.26	14.5	
BG023	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALIQHWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	23.00		262.0	
BG024	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALIYKWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	4.10	7.47	38.7	
BG027	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAIQHWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	5.80		144.0	
DD116	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAIFRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCRGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.14		583.0	84.0
TW6191	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRAAIFRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCYGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.26		664.0	20.0
DD117	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALIPRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCRGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	0.11		1034.0	99.0
BG029	EVVREVCSEQAEVGPCRALIYHWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	3.20		7.9	
BG030	EVVREVCSEQAESGPCRALIYHWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCGGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	4.60		26.1	
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DD135	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALFKRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCLGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	1.30		7473.0	0.9
DD136	EVVREVCSEQAETGPCRALFKRWYFDVTEGKCAPFFYGGCMGNRNNFDTEEYCMAVCGSAI	1.10			1.8

Figure 47

VOLUMES

NS	344.25
KPI	245.75

	KPI	NS
	298	366
	266	342
	354	294
	258	385
	168	288
	266	469
	172	338
	184	272
MEAN	245.75	344.25
STDEV	66.2414415	63.97488346
TTEST		0.009094999

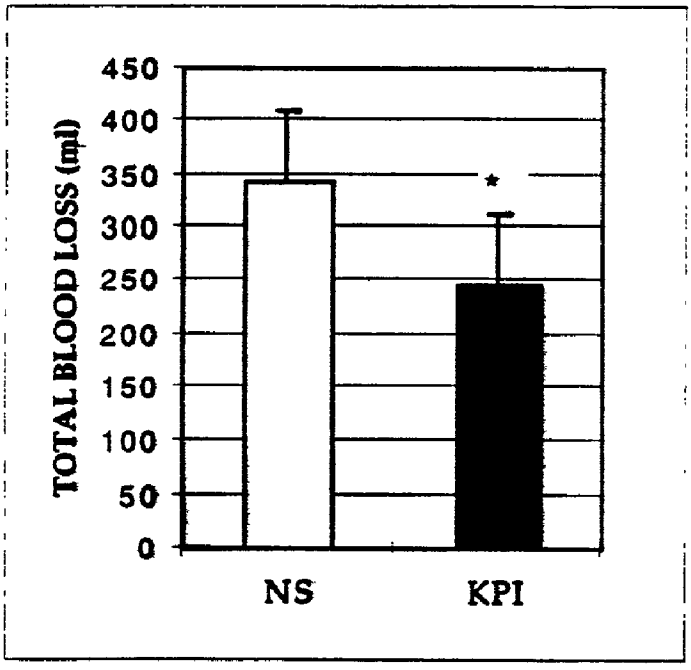


Figure 48

HEMOGLOBIN

NS	23.61
KPI	13.59

	KPI	NS
	16.58	24.95
	15.19	24.87
	20.21	20.46
	8.99	27.59
	14.63	18.23
	15.31	31.59
	7.7	23.26
	10.14	17.96
MEAN	13.59375	23.61375
STDEV	4.261438	4.68761
TTEST		0.000536

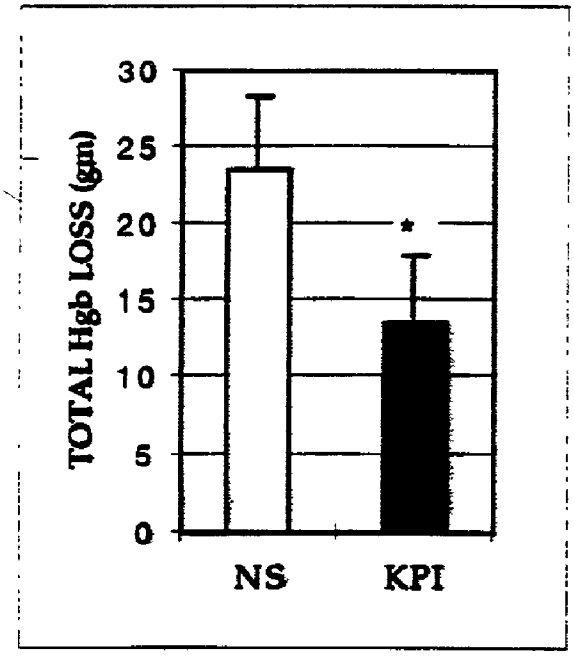


Figure 49

PaO2

	Baseline PaO2		End CPB		Obs 60 min		Obs 180 min	
	KPI	NS	KPI	NS	KPI	NS	KPI	NS
	652.2	670.9	495.7	60.5	483.7	441.3		391.3
	654	559.2	444.6	132.2	330.1	448.7	264.1	484.6
	596.2	622.9	170.2	93.8	415.4	85.1	416.5	81.3
	606.2	689.2	264.2	333.9	430.2	529.6	361.9	333.2
	633.1	665.1	567.2	341.7	613	568.3	90.8	546.6
	646.6	527	507.4	226.9	564.3	438.1	518.2	485.3
	563.2	461.7	547.1	89.1	501	42.6	494.2	45.6
	659.9	508	416.6	59.7	504.5	405.8	452	383.7
MEAN	626.425	588	426.625	167.225	480.275	369.938	371.1	344
STDEV	34.4692	85.5055	140.474	117.993	88.6187	196.523	150.277	186.22
	3	6	1	1	9	5	4	7
TTEST	*p=*	*0.268*	*p=*	*0.0014*	*p=*	0.17915	*p=*	0.76
	N.S.				N.S.			

Figure 50

Summary of Data

	Total volume loss	Total Hgb Loss
KPI-1	298	16.58
KPI-2	266	15.19
KPI-3	354	20.21
KPI-4	258	8.99
KPI-5	168	14.63
KPI-6	266	15.31
KPI-7	172	7.7
KPI-8	184	10.14
MEAN	245.75	13.59
STDEV	66.24	4.26
NS-1A	366	24.95
NS-2	342	24.87
NS-3	294	20.46
NS-4	385	27.59
NS-5	288	18.23
NS-6	469	31.59
NS-7	338	23.26
NS-8	272	17.96
MEAN	344.25	23.61
STDEV	63.97	4.69
	*p = 0.009	*p = 0.0005

Total Volumes

Chest tube	Sacrifice
185	113
198	68
142	212
190	68
96	72
188	78
134	38
158	26
274	92
236	106
252	42
303	82
140	148
261	208
218	120
206	66

Serial Chest tube Hbg

0-30min	30-60min	60-120min	120-180min
3.7	4.3	8.6	6.2
4.3	6.4	6.7	5.7
4.1	4.4	7	7.1
2.8	4	4.4	1.9
6.3	6.5	7	6.7
4.1	6.1	5.6	6.3
3.1	4.6	5.4	4.4
6.9	5.8	5.4	4.2
MEAN	4.41	5.26	6.26	5.3
STDEV	1.45	1.04	1.32	1.72
7.7	8.6	6.1	5.4
7.2	7.4	7.6	7.1
5.4	7.5	7.5	6.5
8.4	7.2	7.1	6.3
7.5	7.2	5.2	5.6
4	7	7.3	7.4
7.5	7.7	5.8	4.2
7.4	8.2	6	5.3
MEAN	6.89	7.6	6.58	6.1
STDEV	1.44	1.04	0.91	0.85
	*p = 0.004	*p = 0002	NS	NS

PROTEASE INHIBITOR PEPTIDES

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The plasma, or serine, proteases of the blood contact system are known to be activated by interaction with negatively charged surfaces. For example, tissue injury during surgery exposes the vascular basement membrane, causing interaction of the blood with collagen, which is negatively charged at physiological Ph. This induces a cascade of proteolytic events, leading to production of plasmin, a fibrinolytic protease, and consequent blood loss.

[0002] Perioperative blood loss of this type can be particularly severe during cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) surgery, in which the patient's blood flow is diverted to an artificial heart-lung machine. CPB is an essential component of a number of life-saving surgical procedures. For example, in the United States, it is estimated that 300,000 patients every year undergo coronary artery bypass grafts involving the use of CPB.

[0003] Although necessary and generally safe, CPB is associated with a significant rate of morbidity, some of which may be attributed to a "whole body inflammatory response" caused by activation of plasma protease systems and blood cells through interactions with the artificial surfaces of the heart-lung machine (Butler et al., *Ann. Thorac. Surg.* 55:552 (1993); Edmunds et al., *J. Card. Surg.* 8:404 (1993)). For example, during extracorporeal circulation, exposure of blood to negatively charged surfaces of the artificial bypass circuit, e.g., plastic surfaces in the heart-lung machine, results in direct activation of plasma factor XII.

[0004] Factor XII is a single-chain 80 kDa protein that circulates in plasma as an inactive zymogen. Contact with negatively charged nonendothelial surfaces, like those of the bypass circuit, causes surface-bound factor XII to be autoactivated to the active serine protease factor XIIa. See Colman, *Agents Actions Suppl.* 42:125 prekallikrein (PK) to active kallikrein, which in turn cleaves more XIIa from XII in a reciprocal activation reaction that results in a rapid amplification of the contact pathway. Factor XIIa can also activate the first component of complement C1, leading to production of the anaphylatoxin C5a through the classical complement pathway.

[0005] The CPB-induced inflammatory response includes changes in capillary permeability and interstitial fluid accumulation. Cleavage of high molecular weight kininogen (HK) by activated kallikrein generates the potent vasodilator bradykinin, which is thought to be responsible for increasing vascular permeability, resulting in edema, especially in the lung. The lung is particularly susceptible to damage associated with CPB, with some patients exhibiting what has been called "pump lung syndrome" following bypass, a condition indistinguishable from adult respiratory distress. See Johnson et al., *J. Thorac. Cardiovasc. Surg.* 107:1193 (1994).

[0006] Post-CPB pulmonary injury includes tissue damage thought to be mediated by neutrophil sequestration and activation in the microvasculature of the lung. (Butler et al., supra; Johnson, et al., supra). Activated factor XII can itself stimulate neutrophil aggregation. Factor XIIa-generated kallikrein, and complement protein C5a generated by Factor XIIa activation of the complement cascade, both induce neutrophil chemotaxis, aggregation and degranulation. See Edmunds et al., supra (1993). Activated neutrophils may damage tissue through release of oxygen-derived free-radicals, proteolytic enzymes such as elastase, and metabolites of arachidonic acid. Release of neutrophil products in the lung can cause changes in vascular tone, endothelial injury and loss of vascular integrity.

[0007] Intrinsic inhibition of the contact system occurs through inhibition of activated XIIa by C1-inhibitor (C1-INH). See Colman, supra. During CPB, this natural inhibitory mechanism is overwhelmed by massive activation of plasma proteases and consumption of inhibitors. A potential therapeutic strategy for reducing post-bypass pulmonary injury mediated by neutrophil activation would, therefore, be to block the formation and activity of the neutrophil agonists kallikrein, factor XIIa, and C5a by inhibition of proteolytic activation of the contact system.

[0008] Protease inhibitor therapy which partially attenuates the contact system is currently employed clinically in CPB. Aprotinin, also known as basic pancreatic protease inhibitor (BPPI), is a small, basic, 58 amino acid polypeptide isolated from bovine lung. It is a broad spectrum serine protease inhibitor of the Kunitz type, and was first used during bypass in an attempt to reduce the inflammatory response to CPB. See Butler et al., supra. Aprotinin treatment results in a significant reduction in blood loss following bypass, but does not appear to significantly reduce neutrophil activation. Additionally, since aprotinin is of bovine origin, there is concern that repeated administration to patients could lead to the development of an immune response to aprotinin in the patients, precluding its further use.

[0009] The proteases inhibited by aprotinin during CPB appear to include plasma kallikrein and plasmin. (See, e.g., Scott, et al., *Blood* 69:1431 (1987)). Aprotinin is an inhibitor of plasmin (K_i of 0.23 nM), and the observed reduction in blood loss may be due to inhibition of fibrinolysis through the blocking of plasmin action. Although aprotinin inhibits plasma kallikrein, (K_i of 20 nM), it does not inhibit activated factor XII, and consequently only partially blocks the contact system during CPB.

[0010] Another attractive protease target for use of protease inhibitors, such as those of the present invention, is factor XIIa, situated at the very first step of contact activation. By inhibiting the proteolytic activity of factor XIIa, kallikrein production would be prevented, blocking amplification of the contact system, neutrophil activation and bradykinin release. Inhibition of XIIa would also prevent complement activation and production of C5a. More complete inhibition of the contact system during CPB could, therefore, be achieved through the use of a better XIIa inhibitor.

[0011] Protein inhibitors of factor XIIa are known. For example, active site mutants of α_1-antitrypsin that inhibit factor XIIa have been shown to inhibit contact activation in human plasma. See Patston et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 265:10786 (1990). The large size and complexity (greater than 400 amino acid residues) of these proteins present a significant challenge for recombinant protein production, since large doses will almost certainly be required during CPB. For example, although it is a potent inhibitor of both kallikrein

and plasmin, nearly 1 gram of aprotinin must be infused into a patient to inhibit the massive activation of the kallikrein-kinin and fibrinolytic systems during CPB.

[0012] The use of smaller, more potent XIIa inhibitors such as the corn and pumpkin trypsin inhibitors (Wen, et al., *Protein Exp. & Purif.* 4:215 (1993); Pedersen, et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 236:385 (1994)) could be more cost-effective than the large α_1-antitrypsins, but the infusion of high doses of these non-mammalian inhibitors could result in immunologic reactions in patients undergoing repeat bypass operations. The ideal protein XIIa inhibitor is, therefore, preferably, small, potent, and of human sequence origin.

[0013] One candidate for an inhibitor of human origin is found in circulating isoforms of the human amyloid β-protein precursor (APPI), also known as protease nexin-2. APPI contains a Kunitz serine protease inhibitor domain known as KPI (Kunitz Protease Inhibitor). See Ponte et al., *Nature,* 331:525 (1988); Tanzi et al., *Nature* 331:528 (1988); Johnstone et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 163:1248 (1989); Oltersdorf et al., *Nature* 341:144 (1989). Human KPI shares about 45% amino acid sequence identity with aprotinin. The isolated KPI domain has been prepared by recombinant expression in a variety of systems, and has been shown to be an active serine protease inhibitor. See, for example, Sinha, et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 265:8983 (1990). The measured in vitro K_i of KPI against plasma kallikrein is 45 nM, compared to 20 nM for aprotinin.

[0014] Aprotinin, KPI, and other Kunitz-type serine protease inhibitors have been engineered by site-directed mutagenesis to improve inhibitory activity or specificity. Thus, substitution of Lys^{15} of aprotinin with arginine resulted in an inhibitor with a K_i of 0.32 nM toward plasma kallikrein, a 100-fold improvement over natural aprotinin. See PCT application No. 89/10374. See also Norris et al., *Biol. Chem. Hoppe Seyler* 371:3742 (1990). Alternatively, substitution of position 15 of aprotinin with valine or substitution of position 13 of KPI with valine resulted in elastase inhibitors with K_is in the 100 pM range, although neither native aprotinin nor native KPI significantly inhibits elastase. See Wenzel et al., in: *Chemistry of Peptides and Proteins, Vol.* 3, (Walter de Gruyter, Berlin, N.Y., 1986); Sinha et al., supra. Methods for substituting residues 13, 15, 37, and 50 of KPI are shown in general terms in European Patent Application No. 0 393 431, but no specific sequences are disclosed, and no protease inhibition data are given.

[0015] Phage display methods have been recently used for preparing and screening derivatives of Kunitz-type protease inhibitors. See PCT application No. 92/15605, which describes specific sequences for 34 derivatives of aprotinin, some of which were reportedly active as elastase and cathepsin inhibitors. The amino acid substitutions in the derivatives were distributed throughout almost all positions of the aprotinin molecule.

[0016] Phage display methods have also been used to generate KPI variants that inhibit factor VIIa and kallikrein. See Dennis et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 269:22129 and 269:22137 (1994). The residues that could be varied in the phage display selection process were limited to positions 9-11, 13-17, 32, 36 and 37, and several of those residues were also held constant for each selection experiment. One of those variants was said to have a K_i of 1.2 nM for kallikrein, and had substitutions at positions 9 (Thr→Pro), 13 (Arg→Lys), 15 (Met→Leu), and 37 (Gly→Tyr). None of the inhibitors was tested for the ability to inhibit factor XIIa.

[0017] It is apparent, therefore, that new protease inhibitors that can bind to and inhibit the activity of serine proteases are greatly to be desired. In particular it is highly desirable to prepare peptides, based on human peptide sequences, that can inhibit selected serine proteases such as kallikrein; chymotrypsins A and B; trypsin; elastase; subtilisin; coagulants and procoagulants, particularly those in active form, including coagulation factors such as factors VIIa, IXa, Xa, XIa, and XIIa; plasmin; thrombin; proteinase-3; enterokinase; acrosin; cathepsin; urokinase; and tissue plasminogen activator. It is also highly desirable to prepare novel protease inhibitors that can ameliorate one or more of the undesirable clinical manifestations associated with enhanced serine protease activity, for example by reducing pulmonary damage or blood loss during CPB.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0018] The present invention relates to peptides that can bind to and preferably exhibit inhibition of the activity of serine proteases. Those peptides can also provide a means of ameliorating, treating or preventing clinical conditions associated with increased activity of serine proteases. Particularly, the novel peptides of the present invention preferably exhibit a more potent and specific (i.e., greater) inhibitory effect toward serine proteases of interest in comparison to known serine protease inhibitors. Examples of such proteases include: kallikrein; chymotrypsins A and B; trypsin; elastase; subtilisin; coagulants and procoagulants, particularly those in active form, including coagulation factors such as factors VIIa, IXa, Xa, XIa, and XIIa; plasmin; thrombin; proteinase-3; enterokinase; acrosin; cathepsin; urokinase; and tissue plasminogen activator.

[0019] In achieving the inhibition of serine protease activity, the invention provides protease inhibitors that can ameliorate one or more of the undesirable clinical manifestations associated with enhanced serine protease activity, for example, by reducing pulmonary damage or blood loss during CPB.

[0020] The present invention relates to protease inhibitors comprising the following amino acid sequences:

X^1-Val-Cys-Ser-Glu-Gln-Ala-Glu-X^2-Gly-X^3-Cys-Arg-Ala-X^4-X^5-X^6-X^7-Trp-Tyr-Phe-Asp-Val-Thr-Glu-Gly-Lys-Cys-Ala-Pro-Phe-X^8-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Cys-X^9-X^{10}-X^{11}-X^{12}-Asn-Asn-Phe-Asp-Thr-Glu-Glu-Tyr-Cys-Met-Ala-Val-Cys-Gly-Ser-Ala-Ile,

[0021] wherein: X^1 is selected from Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, Asp, or Glu; X^2 is selected from Thr, Val, Ile and Ser; X^3 is selected from Pro and Ala; X^4 is selected from Arg, Ala, Leu, Gly, or Met; X^5 is selected from Ile, His, Leu, Lys, Ala, or Phe; X^6 is selected from Ser, Ile, Pro, Phe, Tyr, Trp, Asn, Leu, His, Lys, or Glu; X^7 is selected from Arg, His, or Ala; X^8 is selected from Phe, Val, Leu, or Gly; X^9 is selected from Gly, Ala, Lys, Pro, Arg, Leu, Met, or Tyr; X^{10} is selected from Ala, Arg, or Gly; X^{11} is selected from Lys, Ala, or Asn; and X^{12} is selected from Ser, Ala, or Arg.

[0022] The invention relates more specifically to protease inhibitors comprising the following amino acid sequences:

X^1-Val- Cys-Ser-Glu-Gln-Ala-Glu-X^2-Gly-X^3-Cys-Arg-Ala-X^4-X^5-X^6-X^7-Trp-Tyr-Phe-Asp-Val-Thr-Glu-Gly-Lys-Cys-Ala-Pro-Phe-X^8-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Cys-X^9-X^{10}-X^{11}-X^{12}-Asn-Asn-Phe-Asp-Thr-Glu-Glu-Tyr-Cys-Met-Ala-Val-Cys-Gly-Ser-Ala-Ile,

[0023] wherein X^1 is selected from Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, Asp, or Glu; X^2 is selected from Thr, Val, Ile and Ser; X^3 is selected from Pro and Ala; X^4 is selected from Arg, Ala, Leu, Gly, or Met; X^5 is selected from Ile, His, Leu, Lys, Ala, or Phe; X^6 is selected from Ser, Ile, Pro, Phe, Tyr, Trp, Asn, Leu, His, Lys, or Glu; X^7 is selected from Arg, His, or Ala; X^8 is selected from Phe, Val, Leu, or Gly; X^9 is selected from Gly, Ala, Lys, Pro, Arg, Leu, Met, or Tyr; X^{10} is selected from Ala, Arg, or Gly; X^{11} is selected from Lys, Ala, or Asn; X^{12} is selected from Ser, Ala, or Arg; provided that when X^4 is Arg, X^6 is Ile; when X^9 is Arg, X^4 is Ala or Leu; when X^9 is Tyr, X^4 is Ala or X^5 is His; and either X^5 is not Ile; or X^6 is not Ser; or X^9 is not Leu, Phe, Met, Tyr, or Asn; or X^{10} is not Gly; or X^{11} is not Asn; or X^{12} is not Arg.

[0024] Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein at least two amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of X^4, X^5, X^6, and X^7 defined above differ from the residues found in the is naturally occurring sequence of KPI. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^1 is Asp or Glu, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, and X^{12} is Ser. Yet another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^1 is Glu, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, and X^{11} is Asn. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^1 is Asp, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Arg, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ile, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Val, X^9 is Arg, X^{10} is Ala, and X^{11} is Lys. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Asn, and X^{12} is Ala. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Ala, and X^{12} is Arg. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^1 is Glu, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Ala, X^{11} is Asn, and X^{12} is Arg. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Arg, X^{11} is Asn, and X^{12} is Arg. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Val, Leu, or Gly, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Asn, and X^{12} is Arg. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Ala, x^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Asn, and X^{12} is Arg. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, Val, or Ser, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Ala or Leu, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Tyr, X^7 His, X^5 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Ala, and X^{12} is Arg.

[0025] Yet another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^2 is Thr, and X^4 is Ala. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^2 is Thr, and X^4 is Leu. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^2 is Val, and X^4 is Ala. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^2 is Ser, and X^4 is Ala. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^2 is Val, and X^4 is Leu. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^2 is Ser, and X^4 is Leu.

[0026] Yet another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Leu, X^5 is Phe, X^6 is Lys, X^7 is Arg, X^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Ala, and X^{12} is Arg. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Leu, X^5 is Phe, X^6 is Lys, X^7 is Arg, X^8 is Phe, X^9 is Tyr, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Ala, and X^{12} is Arg. Another aspect of this invention provides protease inhibitors wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Leu, X^5 is Phe, X^6 is Lys, X^7 is Arg, X^8 is Phe, X^9 is Leu, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Ala, and X^{12} is Arg.

[0027] A further aspect of this invention provides an isolated DNA molecule comprising a DNA sequence encoding a protease inhibitor of the invention. Another aspect of this invention provides an isolated DNA molecule comprising a DNA sequence encoding the protease inhibitor that further comprises an isolated DNA molecule operably linked to a regulatory sequence that controls expression of the coding sequence of the protease inhibitor in a host cell. Another aspect of this invention provides an isolated DNA molecule comprising a DNA sequence encoding the protease inhibitor operably linked to a regulatory sequence that controls expression of the coding sequence of the protease inhibitor in a host cell that further comprises a DNA sequence encoding a secretory signal peptide. That secretory signal peptide may preferably comprise the signal sequence of yeast alpha-mating factor. Another aspect of this invention provides a host cell transformed with any of the DNA molecules defined above. Such a host cell may preferably comprise *E. coli* or a yeast cell. When such a host cell is a yeast cell, the yeast cell may preferably be *Saccharomyces cerevisiae.*

[0028] Another aspect of this invention provides a method for producing a protease inhibitor of the present invention, comprising the steps of culturing a host cell as defined above and isolating and purifying said protease inhibitor.

[0029] A further aspect of this invention provides a pharmaceutical composition, comprising a protease inhibitor of the present invention together with a pharmaceutically acceptable sterile vehicle.

[0030] An additional aspect of this invention provides a method of treatment of a clinical condition associated with increased activity of one or more serine proteases, comprising administering to a patient suffering from said clinical condition an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a protease inhibitor of the present invention together with a pharmaceutically acceptable sterile vehicle. That method of treatment may preferably be used to treat the clinical condition of blood loss during surgery.

[0031] Yet another aspect of this invention provides a method for inhibiting the activity of serine proteases of interest in a mammal comprising administering a therapeutically effective dose of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a protease inhibitor of the present invention together with a pharmaceutically acceptable sterile vehicle.

[0032] Another aspect of this invention provides a method for inhibiting the activity of serine proteases of interest in a mammal comprising administering a therapeutically effec-

tive dose of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a protease inhibitor of the present invention together with a pharmaceutically acceptable sterile vehicle, wherein said serine proteases are selected from the group consisting of: kallikrein; chymotrypsins A and B; trypsin; elastase; subtilisin; coagulants and procoagulants, particularly those in active form, including coagulation factors such as factors VIIa, IXa, Xa, XIa, and XIIa; plasmin; thrombin; proteinase-3; enterokinase; acrosin; cathepsin; urokinase; and tissue plasminogen activator.

[0033] A further aspect of this invention relates to protease inhibitors comprising the following amino acid sequences:

X^1-Val-Cys-Ser-Glu-Gln-Ala-Glu-Thr-Gly-Pro-Cys-Arg-Ala-X^2-X^3- X^4-Arg-Trp-Tyr-Phe-Asp-Val-Thr-Glu-Gly-Lys-Cys-Ala-Pro-Phe-Phe-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Cys-X^5-Gly-Asn-Arg-Asn-Asn-Phe-Asp-Thr-Glu-Glu-Tyr-Cys-Met-Ala-Val-Cys-Gly-Ser-Ala-Ile,

[0034] wherein X^1 is selected from Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, Asp, or Glu; X^2 is selected from Ala, Leu, Gly, or Met; X^3 is selected from Ile, His, Leu, Lys, Ala, or Phe; X^4 is selected from Ser, Ile, Pro, Phe, Tyr, Trp, Asn, Leu, His, Lys, or Glu; X^5 is selected from Gly, Ala, Lys, Pro, Arg, Leu, Met, or Tyr; provided that when X^5 is Arg, X^2 is Ala or Leu; when X^5 is Tyr, X^2 is Ala or X^3 is His; and either X^3 is not Ile; or X^4 is not Ser; or X^5 is not Leu, Phe, Met, Tyr, or Asn. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor as defined above wherein X^1 is Glu, X^2 is Met, X^3 is Ile, X^4 is Ile, and X^5 is Gly.

[0035] The invention also relates more specifically to protease inhibitors comprising the following amino acid sequences:

Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-Val-Cys-Ser-Glu-Gln-Ala-Glu-Thr-Gly-Pro-Cys-Arg-Ala-X^1-X^2-X^3-Arg-Trp-Tyr-Phe-Asp-Val-Thr-Glu-Gly-Lys-Cys-Ala-Pro-Phe-Phe-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Cys-X^4-Gly-Asn-Arg-Asn-Asn-Phe-Asp-Thr-Glu-Glu-Tyr-Cys-Met-Ala-Val-Cys-Gly-Ser-Ala-Ile,

[0036] wherein X^1 is selected from Ala, Leu, Gly, or Met; X^2 is selected from Ile, His, Leu, Lys, Ala, or Phe; X^3 is selected from Ser, Ile, Pro, Phe, Tyr, Trp, Asn, Leu, His, Lys, or Glu; X^4 is selected from Gly, Arg, Leu, Met, or Tyr; provided that when X^1 is Ala, X^2 is Ile, His, or Leu; when X^1 is Leu, X^2 is Ile or His; when X^1 is Leu and X^2 is Ile, X^3 is not Ser; when X^1 is Gly, X^2 is Ile; when X^4 is Arg, X^1 is Ala or Leu; when X^4 is Tyr, X^1 is Ala or X^2 is His; and either X^1 is not Met, or X^2 is not Ile, or X^3 is not Ser, or X^4 is not Gly.

[0037] A further aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor as defined above wherein X^1 is Met, X^3 is Ser, and X^4 is Gly. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is selected from His, Ala, Phe, Lys, and Leu. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is His. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is Ala. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is Phe. Another aspect of this invention provides a→ protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is Lys. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is Leu. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^1 is Met, X^2 is Ile, and X^4 is Gly.

[0038] Yet another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is Ile. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is Pro. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is Phe. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is Tyr. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is Trp. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is Asn. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is Leu.

[0039] An additional aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is Lys. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is His. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is Glu. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^1 is Ala. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is Ile. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is Phe, and X^4 is Gly. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is Tyr, and X^4 is Gly. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is Trp, and X^4 is Gly.

[0040] Yet another other aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^3 is Ser or Phe, and X^4 is Arg or Tyr. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is His or Leu, X^3 is Phe, and X^4 is Gly. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^1 is Leu. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is His, X^3 is Asn or Phe, and X^4 is Gly. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is Ile, X^3 is Pro, and X^4 is Gly. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^1 is Gly, X^2 is Ile, X^3 is Tyr, and X^4 is Gly. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^1 is Met, X^2 is His, X^3 is Ser, and X^4 is Tyr.

[0041] Additionally, another aspect of this invention relates to protease inhibitors comprising the following amino acid sequences:

X^1-Val-Cys-Ser-Glu-Gln-Ala-Glu-X^2-Gly-Pro-Cys-Arg-Ala-X^3-X^4-X^5-X^6-Arg-Trp-Tyr-Phe-Asp-Val-Thr-Glu-Gly-Lys-Cys-Ala-Pro-Phe-Phe-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Cys-X^7-Gly-Asn-Arg-Asn-Asn-Phe-Asp-Thr-Glu-Glu-Tyr-Cys-Met-Ala-Val-Cys-Gly-Ser-Ala-Ile,

[0043] wherein X^1 is selected from Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, Asp, or Glu; X^2 is selected from Thr, Val, Ile and Ser; X^3 is selected from Arg, Ala, Leu, Gly, or Met; X^4 is selected from Ile, His, Leu, Lys, Ala, or Phe; X^5 is selected from Ser, Ile, Pro, Phe, Tyr, Trp, Asn, Leu, His, Lys, or Glu; X^6 is selected from Arg, His, or Ala; and X^7 is selected from Gly, Ala, Lys, Pro, Arg, Leu, Met, or Tyr.

[0044] Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor as defined above wherein at least two amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of X^3, X^4, X^5, and X^6 differ from the residues found in the naturally occurring sequence of KPI. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, Val, or Ser, X^3 is Ala or Leu, X^4 is Ile, X^5 is Tyr, X^6 is His and $X^7$is Gly. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is Thr, and X^3 is Ala. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is Thr, and X^3 is Leu. Another

aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is Val, and X^3 is Ala. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is Ser, and X^3 is Ala. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is Val, and X^3 is Leu. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^2 is Ser, and X^3 is Leu. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Leu, X^4 is Phe, X^5 is Lys, X^6 is Arg and X^7 is Gly. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Leu, X^4 is Phe, X^5 is Lys, X^6 is Arg and X^7 is Tyr. Another aspect of this invention provides a protease inhibitor wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Leu, X^4 is Phe, X^5 is Lys, X^6 is Arg and X^7 is Leu.

[0045] Other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description. It should be understood, however, that the detailed description and the specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0046] **FIG. 1** shows the strategy for the construction of plasmid pTW10:KPI.

[0047] **FIG. 2** shows the sequence of the synthetic→gene for KPI(1→57) fused to the bacterial phoA secretory signal sequence.

[0048] **FIG. 3** shows the strategy for construction of plasmid pKPI-61.

[0049] **FIG. 4** shows the 192 bp XbaI-HindIII synthetic gene fragment encoding KPI(1→57) and four amino acids from yeast alpha-mating factor.

[0050] **FIG. 5** shows the synthetic 201 bp XbaI-HindIII fragment encoding KPI(−4→57) in PKPI-61.

[0051] **FIG. 6** shows the strategy for the construction of plasmid pTW113.

[0052] **FIG. 7** shows plasmid PTW113, encoding the 445 bp synthetic gene for yeast alpha-factor-KPI(−4→57) fusion.

[0053] **FIG. 8** shows the amino acid sequence for KPI (−4→57).

[0054] **FIG. 9** shows the strategy for constructing plasmid pTW6165.

[0055] **FIG. 10** shows plasmid, PTW6165, encoding the 445 bp synthetic gene for alpha-factor-KPI(−4→57; M15A, S17W) fusion.

[0056] **FIG. 11** shows the sequences of the annealed oligonucleotide pairs used to construct plasmids PTW6165, pTW6166, pTW6175, pBG028, pTW6183, pTW6184, pTW6185, pTW6173, and pTW6174.

[0057] **FIG. 12** shows the sequence of plasmid PTW6166 encoding the fusion of yeast alpha-factor and KPI(−4→57; M15A, S17Y).

[0058] **FIG. 13** shows the sequence of plasmid PTW6175 encoding the fusion of yeast alpha-factor and KPI(−4→57; M15L, S17F).

[0059] **FIG. 14** shows the sequence of plasmid PBG028 encoding the fusion of yeast alpha-factor and KPI(−4→57; M15L, S17Y).

[0060] **FIG. 15** shows the sequence of plasmid PTW6183 encoding the fusion of yeast alpha-factor and KPI(−4→57; I16H, S17F).

[0061] **FIG. 16** shows the sequence of plasmid PTW6184 encoding the fusion of yeast alpha-factor and KPI(−4→57; I16H, S17Y).

[0062] **FIG. 17** shows the sequence of plasmid PTW6185 encoding the fusion of yeast alpha-factor and KPI(−4→57; I16H, S17W).

[0063] **FIG. 18** shows the sequence of plasmid PTW6173 encoding the fusion of yeast alpha-factor and KPI(−4→57; M15A, I16H).

[0064] **FIG. 19** shows the sequence of plasmid PTW6174 encoding the fusion of yeast alpha-factor and KPI(−4→57; M15L, I16H).

[0065] **FIG. 20** shows the amino acid sequence of KPI (−4→57; M15A, S17W).

[0066] **FIG. 21** shows the amino acid sequence of KPI (−4→57; M15A, S17Y).

[0067] **FIG. 22** shows the amino acid sequence of KPI (−4→57; M15L, S17F).

[0068] **FIG. 23** shows the amino acid sequence of KPI (−4→57; M15L, S17Y).

[0069] **FIG. 24** shows the amino acid sequence of KPI (−4→57; I16H, S17F).

[0070] **FIG. 25** shows the amino acid sequence of KPI (−4→57; I16H, S17Y).

[0071] **FIG. 26** shows the amino acid sequence of KPI (−4→57; I16H, S17W).

[0072] **FIG. 27** shows the amino acid sequence of KPI (−4→57; M15A, S17F).

[0073] **FIG. 28** shows the amino acid sequence of KPI (−4→57; M15A, I16H).

[0074] **FIG. 29** shows the amino acid sequence of KPI (−4→57; M15L, I16H).

[0075] **FIG. 30** shows the construction of plasmid pSP26:Amp:F1.

[0076] **FIG. 31** shows the construction of plasmid pgIII.

[0077] **FIG. 32** shows the construction of plasmid pPhoA:KPI:gIII.

[0078] **FIG. 33** shows the construction of plasmid pLG1.

[0079] **FIG. 34** shows the construction of plasmid pAL51.

[0080] **FIG. 35** shows the construction of plasmid pAL53.

[0081] **FIG. 36** shows the construction of plasmid PSP26:Amp:F1:PhoA:KPI:gIII.

[0082] **FIG. 37** shows the construction of plasmid pDW1 #14.

[0083] **FIG. 38** shows the coding region for the fusion of phoA-KPI(1→55)-geneIII.

[0084] **FIG. 39** shows the construction of plasmid PDW1 14-2.

[0085] **FIG. 40** shows the construction of KPI Library 16-19.

[0086] **FIG. 41** shows the expression unit encoded by the members of KPI Library 16-19.

[0087] **FIG. 42** shows the phoA-KPI(1→55)-geneIII region encoded by the most frequently occurring randomized KPI region.

[0088] **FIG. 43** shows the construction of pDD185 KPI (−4→57; M15A, S17F).

[0089] **FIG. 44** shows the sequence of alpha-factor fused to KPI(−4→57; M15A, S17F).

[0090] **FIG. 45** shows the inhibition constants (K_is) determined for purified KPI variants against the selected serine proteases kallikrein, factor Xa, and factor XIIa.

[0091] **FIG. 46** shows the inhibition constants (K_is) determined for KPI variants against kallikrein, plasmin, and factors Xa, XIa, and XIIa.

[0092] **FIG. 47** shows the post-surgical blood loss in pigs in the presence (KPI) and absence (NS) of KPI 185-1 (M15A, S17F).

[0093] **FIG. 48** shows the post-surgical hemoglobin loss in pigs in the presence (KPI) and absence (NS) of KPI 185-1 (M15A, S17F).

[0094] **FIG. 49** shows the oxygen tension in the presence and absence of KPI, before CPB, immediately after CPB, and at 60 and 180 minutes after the end of CPB.

[0095] **FIG. 50** summarizes the results shown in FIGS. **47-49**.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0096] The present invention provides peptides that can bind to and preferably inhibit the activity of serine proteases. These inhibitory peptides can also provide a means of ameliorating, treating or preventing clinical conditions associated with increased activity of serine proteases. The novel peptides of the present invention preferably exhibit a more potent and specific (i.e., greater) inhibitory effect toward serine proteases of interest than known serine protease inhibitors. Examples of such proteases include: kallikrein; chymotrypsins A and B; trypsin; elastase; subtilisin; coagulants and procoagulants, particularly those in active form, including coagulation factors such as factors VIIa, IXa, Xa, XIa, and XIIa; plasmin; thrombin; proteinase-3; enterokinase; acrosin; cathepsin; urokinase; and tissue plasminogen activator.

[0097] Peptides of the present invention may be used to reduce the tissue damage caused by activation of the proteases of the contact pathway of the blood during surgical procedures such as cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB). Inhibition of contact pathway proteases reduces the "whole body inflammatory response" that can accompany contact pathway activation, and that can lead to tissue damage, and possibly death. The peptides of the present invention may also be used in conjunction with surgical procedures to reduce activated serine protease-associated perioperative and postoperative blood loss. For instance, perioperative blood loss of this type may be particularly severe during CPB surgery. Pharmaceutical compositions comprising the peptides of the present invention may be used in conjunction with surgery such as CPB; administration of such compositions may occur preoperatively, perioperatively or postoperatively. Examples of other clinical conditions associated with increased serine protease activity for which the peptides of the present invention may be used include: CPB-induced inflammatory response; post-CPB pulmonary injury; pancreatitis; allergy-induced protease release; deep vein thrombosis; thrombocytopenia; rheumatoid arthritis; adult respiratory distress syndrome; chronic inflammatory bowel disease; psoriasis; hyperfibrinolytic hemorrhage; organ preservation; wound healing; and myocardial infarction. Other examples of preferable uses of the peptides of the present invention are described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,187,153.

[0098] The invention is based upon the novel substitution of amino acid residues in the peptide corresponding to the naturally occurring KPI protease inhibitor domain of human amyloid β-amyloid precursor protein (APPI). These substitutions produce peptides that can bind to serine proteases and preferably exhibit an inhibition of the activity of serine proteases. The peptides also preferably exhibit a more potent and specific serine protease inhibition than known serine protease inhibitors. In accordance with the invention, peptides are provided that may exhibit a more potent and specific inhibition of one or more serine proteases of interest, e.g., kallikrein, plasmin and factors Xa, XIa, XIIa, and XIIa.

[0099] The present invention also includes pharmaceutical compositions comprising an effective amount of at least one of the peptides of the invention, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable sterile vehicle, as described in REMINGTON'S PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES: DRUG RECEPTORS AND RECEPTOR THEORY, (18th ed.), Mack Publishing Co., Easton, Pa. (1990).

[0100] A. Selection of sequences of KPI variants

[0101] The sequence of KPI is shown in Table 1. Table 2 shows a comparison of this sequence with that of aprotinin, with which it shares about 45% sequence identity. The numbering convention for KPI shown in Table 1 and used hereinafter designates the first glutamic acid residue of KPI as residue 1. This corresponds to residue number 3 using the standard numbering convention for aprotinin.

[0102] The crystal structure for KPI complexed with trypsin has been determined. See Perona et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 230:919 (1993). The three-dimensional structure reveals two binding loops within KPI that contact the protease. The first loop extends from residue Thr^{9} to Ile^{16}, and the second loop extends from residue Phe^{32} to Gly^{7}. The two protease binding loops are joined through the disulfide bridge extending from Cys^{12} to Cys^{36}. KPI contains two other disulfide bridges, between Cys^{3} and Cys^{53}, and between Cys^{28} to Cys^{49}.

[0103] This structure was used as a guide to inform our strategy for making the amino acid residue substitutions that

will be most likely to affect the protease inhibitory properties of KPI. Our examination of the structure indicated that certain amino acid residues, including residues 9, 11, 13-18, 32, and 37-40, appear to be of particular significance in determining the protease binding properties of the KPI peptide. In a preferred embodiment of the invention two or more of those KPI peptide residues are substituted; such substitutions preferably occurring among residues 9, 11, 13-18, 32, and 37-40. In particular, we found that those substituted peptides, including peptides comprising substitutions of at least two of the four residues at positions 15-18, may exhibit more potent and specific serine protease inhibition toward selected serine proteases of interest than exhibited by the natural KPI peptide domain. Such substituted peptides may further comprise one or more additional substitutions at residues 9, 11, 13, 14, 32 and 37-40; in particular, such peptides may further comprise a substitution at positions 9 or 37. In particular, the peptides of the present invention preferably exhibit a greater potency and specificity for inhibiting one or more serine proteases of interest (e.g., kallikrein, plasmin and factors VIIa, IXa, Xa, XIa, and XIIa) than the potency and specificity exhibited by native KPI or other known serine protease inhibitors. That greater potency and specificity may be manifested by the peptides of the present invention by exhibiting binding constants for serine proteases of interest that are less than the binding constants exhibited by native KPI, or other known serine protease inhibitors, for such proteases.

[0104] By way of example, and as set forth in greater detail below, the serine protease inhibitory properties of peptides of the present invention were measured for the serine proteases of interest—kallikrein, plasmin and factors Xa, XIa, and XIIa. Methodologies for measuring the inhibitory properties of the KPI variants of the present invention are known to those skilled in the art, e.g., by determining the inhibition constants of the variants toward serine proteases of interest, as described in Example 4, infra. Such studies measure the ability of the novel peptides of the present invention to bind to one or more serine proteases of interest and to preferably exhibit a greater potency and specificity for inhibiting one or more serine protease of interest than known serine protease inhibitors such as native KPI.

[0105] The ability of the peptides of the present invention to bind one or more serine proteases of interest, particularly the ability of the peptides to exhibit such greater potency and specificity toward serine proteases of interest, manifest the clinical and therapeutic applications of such peptides. The clinical and therapeutic efficacy of the peptides of the present invention can be assayed by in vitro and in vivo methodologies known to those skilled in the art, e.g., as described in Example 5, infra. ?

[0106] B. Methods of producing KPI variants

[0107] The peptides of the present invention can be created by synthetic techniques or recombinant techniques which employ genomic or cDNA cloning methods.

[0108] 1. Production by chemical synthesis

[0109] Peptides of the present invention can be routinely synthesized using solid phase or solution phase peptide synthesis. Methods of preparing relatively short peptides such as KPI by chemical synthesis are well known in the art. KPI variants could, for example be produced by solid-phase peptide synthesis techniques using commercially available equipment and reagents such as those available from Milligen (Bedford, Mass.) or Applied Biosystems-Perkin Elmer (Foster City, Calif.). Alternatively, segments of KPI variants could be prepared by solid-phase synthesis and linked together using segment condensation methods such as those described by Dawson et al., *Science* 266:776 (1994). During chemical synthesis of the KPI variants, substitution of any amino acid is achieved simply by replacement of the residue that is to be substituted with a different amino acid monomer.

[0110] 2. Production by recombinant DNA technology

[0111] (a) Preparation of genes encoding KPI variants

[0112] In a preferred embodiment of the invention, KPI variants are produced by recombinant DNA technology. This requires the preparation of genes encoding each KPI variant that is to be made. Suitable genes can be constructed by oligonucleotide synthesis using commercially available equipment, such as that provided by Milligen and Applied Biosystems, supra. The genes can be prepared by synthesizing the entire coding and non-coding strands, followed by annealing the two strands. Alternatively, the genes can be prepared by ligation of smaller synthetic oligonucleotides by methods well known in the art. Genes encoding KPI variants are produced by varying the nucleotides introduced at any step of the synthesis to change the amino acid sequence encoded by the gene.

[0113] Preferably, however, KPI variants are made by site-directed mutagenesis of a gene encoding KPI. Methods of site-directed mutagenesis are well known in the art. See, for example, Ausubel et al., (eds.) CURRENT PROTOCOLS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (Wiley Interscience, 1987); PROTEIN ENGINEERING (Oxender & Fox eds., A. Liss, Inc. 1987). These methods require the availability of a gene encoding KPI or a variant thereof, which can then be mutagenized by known methods to produce the desired KPI variants. In addition, linker-scanning and polymerase chain reaction ("PCR") mediated techniques can be used for purposes of mutagenesis. See PCR TECHNOLOGY (Erlich ed., Stockton Press 1989); CURRENT PROTOCOLS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, vols. 1 & 2, loc. cit.

[0114] A gene encoding KPI can be obtained by cloning the naturally occurring gene, as described for example in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,223,482 and 5,187,153, which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties. In particular, see columns 6-9 of U.S. Pat. No. 5,187,153. See also PCT application No. 93/09233. In a preferred embodiment of the invention a synthetic gene encoding KPI is produced by chemical synthesis, as described above. The gene may encode the 57-amino acid KPI domain shown in Table 1, or it may also encode additional N-terminal amino acids from the APPI protein sequence, such as the four amino acid sequence (Glu-Val-Val-Arg, designated residues −4 to −1) immediately preceding the KPI domain in APPI.

[0115] Production of the gene by synthesis allows the codon usage of the KPI gene to be altered to introduce convenient restriction endonuclease recognition sites, without altering the sequence of the encoded peptide. In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the synthetic KPI

gene contains restriction endonuclease recognition sites that facilitate excision of DNA cassettes from the KPI gene. These cassettes can be replaced with small synthetic oligonucleotides encoding the desired changes in the KPI peptide sequence. See Ausubel, supra.

[0116] This method also allows the production of genes encoding KPI as a fusion peptide with one or more additional peptide or protein sequences. The DNA encoding these additional sequences is arranged in-frame with the sequence encoding KPI such that, upon translation of the gene, a fusion protein of KPI and the additional peptide or protein sequence is produced. Methods of making such fusion proteins are well known in the art. Examples of additional peptide sequences that can be encoded in the genes are secretory signal peptide sequences, such as bacterial leader sequences, for example ompA and phoA, that direct secretion of proteins to the bacterial periplasmic space. In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the additional peptide sequence is a yeast secretory signal sequence, such as α-mating factor, that directs secretion of the peptide when produced in yeast.

[0117] Additional genetic regulatory sequences can also be introduced into the synthetic gene that are operably linked to the coding sequence of the gene, thereby allowing synthesis of the protein encoded by the gene when the gene is introduced into a host cell. Examples of regulatory genetic sequences that can be introduced are: promoter and enhancer sequences and transcriptional and translational control sequences. Other regulatory sequences are well known in the art. See Ausubel et al., supra, and Sambrook et al., supra.

[0118] Sequences encoding other fusion proteins and genetic elements are well known to those of skill in the art. In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the KPI sequence is prepared by ligating together synthetic oligonucleotides to produce a gene encoding an in-frame fusion protein of yeast α-mating factor with either KPI (1→57) or KPI(−4→57).

[0119] The gene constructs prepared as described above are conveniently manipulated in host cells using methods of manipulating recombinant DNA techniques that are well known in the art. See, for example Sambrook et al., MOLECULAR CLONING: A LABORATORY MANUAL, Second Edition, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. 1989), and Ausubel, supra. In a preferred embodiment of the invention the host cell used for manipulating the KPI constructs is *E. coli.* For example, the construct can be ligated into a cloning vector and propagated in *E. coli* by methods that are well known in the art. Suitable cloning vectors are described in Sambrook, supra, or are commercially available from suppliers such as Promega (Madison, Wis.), Stratagene (San Diego, Calif.) and Life Technologies (Gaithersburg, Md.).

[0120] Once a gene construct encoding KPI has been obtained, genes encoding KPI variants are obtained by manipulating the coding sequence of the construct by standard methods of site-directed mutagenesis, such as excision and replacement of small DNA cassettes, as described supra. See Ausubel, supra, and Sinha et al., supra. See also U.S. Pat. No. 5,373,090, which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety. See particularly, columns 4-12 of U.S. Pat. No. 5,272,090. These genes are then used to produce the KPI variant peptides as described below.

[0121] Alternatively, KPI variants can be produced using phage display methods. See, for example, Dennis et al. supra, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. See also U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,223,409 and 5,403,484, which are hereby also incorporated by reference in their entireties. In these methods, libraries of genes encoding variants of KPI are fused in-frame to genes encoding surface proteins of filamentous phage, and the resulting peptides are expressed (displayed) on the surface of the phage. The phage are then screened for the ability to bind, under appropriate conditions, to serine proteases of interest immobilized on a solid support. Large libraries of phage can be used, allowing simultaneous screening of the binding properties of a large number of KPI variants. Phage that have desirable binding properties are isolated and the sequences of the genes encoding the corresponding KPI variants is determined. These genes are then used to produce the KPI variant peptides as described below.

[0122] (b) Expression of KPI variant peptides

[0123] Once genes encoding KPI variants have been prepared, they are inserted into an expression vector and used to produce the recombinant peptide. Suitable expression vectors and corresponding methods of expressing recombinant proteins and peptides are well known in the art. Methods of expressing KPI peptides are described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,187,153, columns 9-11, U.S. Pat. No. 5,223,482, columns 9-11, and PCT application 93/09233, pp. 49-67. See also Ausubel et al., supra, and Sambrook et al., supra. The gene can be expressed in any number of different recombinant DNA expression systems to generate large amounts of the KPI variant, which can then be purified and tested for its ability to bind to and inhibit serine proteases of interest.

[0124] Examples of expression systems known to the skilled practitioner in the art include bacteria such as *E. coli,* yeast such as *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Pichia pastoris,* baculovirus, and mammalian expression systems such as in Cos or CHO cells. In a preferred embodiment, KPI variants are expressed in *S. cerevisiae.* In another preferred embodiment the KPI variants are cloned into expression vectors to produce a chimeric gene encoding a fusion protein of the KPI variant with yeast α-mating factor. The mating factor acts as a signal sequence to direct secretion of the fusion protein from the yeast cell, and is then cleaved from the fusion protein by a membrane-bound protease during the secretion process. The expression vector is transformed into *S. cerevisiae,* the transformed yeast cells are cultured by standard methods, and the KPI variant is purified from the yeast growth medium.

[0125] Recombinant bacterial cells expressing the peptides of the present invention, for example, *E. coli,* are grown in any of a number of suitable media, for example LB, and the expression of the recombinant antigen induced by adding IPTG to the media or switching incubation to a higher temperature. After culturing the bacteria for a further period of between 2 and 24 hours, the cells are collected by centrifugation and washed to remove residual media. The bacterial cells are then lysed, for example, by disruption in a cell homogenizer and centrifuged to separate dense inclusion bodies and cell membranes from the soluble cell components. This centrifugation can be performed under conditions whereby dense inclusion bodies are selectively

enriched by incorporation of sugars such as sucrose into the buffer and centrifugation at a selective speed. If the recombinant peptide is expressed in inclusion bodies, as is the case in many instances, these can be washed in any of several solutions to assist in the removal of any contaminating host proteins, then solubilized in solutions containing high concentrations of urea (e.g., 8M) or chaotropic agents such as guanidine hydrochloride in the presence of reducing agents such as β-mercaptoethanol or DTT (dithiothreitol).

[0126] At this stage it may be advantageous to incubate the peptides of the present invention for several hours under conditions suitable for the peptides to undergo a refolding process into a conformation which more closely resembles that of native KPI. Such conditions generally include low protein concentrations less than 500 μg/ml, low levels of reducing agent, concentrations of urea less than 2M and often the presence of reagents such as a mixture of reduced and oxidized glutathione which facilitate the interchange of disulphide bonds within the protein molecule. The refolding process can be monitored, for example, by SDS-PAGE or with antibodies which are specific for the native molecule (which can be obtained from animals vaccinated with the native molecule isolated from parasites). Following refolding, the peptide can then be purified further and separated from the refolding mixture by chromatography on any of several supports including ion exchange resins, gel permeation resins or on a variety of affinity columns.

[0127] Purification of KPI variants can be achieved by standard methods of protein purification, e.g., using various chromatographic methods including high performance liquid chromatography and adsorption chromatography. The purity and the quality of -the peptides can be confirmed by amino acid analyses, molecular weight determination, sequence determination and mass spectrometry. See, for example, PROTEIN PURIFICATION METHODS—A PRACTICAL APPROACH, Harris et al., eds. (IRL Press, Oxford, 1989). In a preferred embodiment, the yeast cells are removed from the growth medium by filtration or centrifugation, and the KPI variant is purified by affinity chromatography on a column of trypsin-agarose, followed by reversed-phase HPLC.

[0128] C. Measurement of protease inhibitory properties of KPI variants

[0129] Once KPI variants have been purified, they are tested for their ability to bind to and inhibit serine proteases of interest in vitro. The peptides of the present invention preferably exhibit a more potent and specific inhibition of serine proteases of interest than known serine protease inhibitors, such as the natural KPI peptide domain. Such binding and inhibition can be assayed for by determining the inhibition constants for the peptides of the present invention toward serine proteases of interest and comparing those constants with constants determined for known serine protease inhibitors, e.g., the native KPI domain, toward those proteases. Methods for determining inhibition constants of protease inhibitors are well known in the art. See Fersht, ENZYME STRUCTURE AND MECHANISM, 2nd ed., W. H. Freeman and Co., New York, (1985).

[0130] In a preferred embodiment the inhibition experiments are carried out using a chromogenic synthetic protease substrate, as described, for example, in Bender et al., *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.* 88:5890 (1966). Measurements taken by this method can be used to calculate inhibition constants (K_i values) of the peptides of the present invention toward serine proteases of interest. See Bieth in BAYER-SYNPOSIUM V "PROTEINASE INHIBITORS", Fritz et al., eds., pp. 463-69, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, Heidelberg, N.Y., (1974). KPI variants that exhibit potent and specific inhibition of one or more serine proteases of interest may subsequently be tested in vivo. In vitro testing, however, is not a prerequisite for in vivo studies of the peptides of the present invention.

[0131] D. Testing of KPI variants in vivo

[0132] The peptides of the present invention may be tested, alone or in combination, for their therapeutic efficacy by various in vivo methodologies known to those skilled in the art, e.g., the ability of KPI variants to reduce postoperative bleeding can be tested in standard animal models. For example, cardiopulmonary bypass surgery can be carried out on animals such as pigs in the presence of KPI variants, or in control animals where the KPI variant is not used. The use of pigs as a model for studying the clinical effects associated with CPB has previously been described. See Redmond et al., *Ann. Thorac. Surg.* 56:474 (1993).

[0133] The KPI variant is supplied to the animals in a pharmaceutical sterile vehicle by methods known in the art, for example by continuous intravenous infusion. Chest tubes can be used to collect shed blood for a defined period of time. The shed blood, together with the residual intrathoracic blood found after sacrifice of the animal can be used to calculate hemoglobin (Hgb) loss. The postoperative blood and Hgb loss is then compared between the test and control animals to determine the effect of the KPI variants.

[0134] E. Therapeutic use of KPI variants

[0135] KPI variants of the present invention found to exhibit therapeutic efficacy (e.g., reduction of blood loss following surgery in animal models) may preferably be used and administered, alone or in combination or as a fusion protein, in a manner analogous to that currently used for aprotinin or other known serine protease inhibitors. See Butler et al., supra. Peptides of the present invention generally may be administered in the manner that natural peptides are administered. A therapeutically effective dose of the peptides of the present invention preferably affects the activity of the serine proteases of interest such that the clinical condition may be treated, ameliorated or prevented. Therapeutically effective dosages of the peptides of the present invention can be determined by those skilled in the art, e.g., through in vivo or in vitro models. Generally, the peptides of the present invention may be administered in total amounts of approximately 0.01 to approximately 500, specifically 0.1 to 100 mg/kg body weight, if desired in the form of one or more administrations, to achieve therapeutic effect. It may, however, be necessary to deviate from such administration amounts, in particular depending on the nature and body weight of the individual to be treated, the nature of the medical condition to be treated, the type of preparation and the administration of the peptide, and the time interval over which such administration occurs. Thus, it may in some cases be sufficient to use less than the above amount of the peptides of the present invention, while in other cases the above amount is preferably exceeded. The optimal dose required in each case and the type of administration of the peptides of the present invention can be

determined by one skilled in the art in view of the circumstances surrounding such administration. Such peptides can be administered by intravenous injections, in situ injections, local applications, inhalation, oral administration using coated polymers, dermal patches or other appropriate means. Compositions comprising peptides of the present invention are advantageously administered in the form of injectable compositions. Such peptides may be preferably administered to patients via continuous intravenous infusion, but can also be administered by single or multiple injections. A typical composition for such purpose comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Pharmaceutically acceptable carriers include aqueous solutions, non-toxic excipients, including salts, preservatives, buffers and the like, as described in REMINGTON'S PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES, pp. 1405-12 and 1461-87 (1975) and THE NATIONAL FORMULARY XIV., 14th Ed. Washington: American Pharmaceutical Association (1975). Aqueous carriers include water, alcoholic/aqueous solutions, saline solutions, parenteral vehicles such as sodium chloride, Ringer's dextrose, etc. Intravenous vehicles include fluid and nutrient replenishers. Preservatives include antimicrobials, anti-oxidants, chelating agents and inert gases. The pH and exact concentration of the various components of the composition are adjusted according to routine skills in the art. See GOODMAN AND GILMAN'S THE PHARMACOLOGICAL BASIS FOR THERAPEUTICS (7th ed.). The peptides of the present invention may be present in such pharmaceutical preparations in a concentration of approximately 0.1 to 99.5% by weight, specifically 0.5 to 95% by weight, relative to the total mixture. Such pharmaceutical preparations may also comprise other pharmaceutically active substances in addition to the peptides of the present invention. Other methods of delivering the peptides to patients will be readily apparent to the skilled artisan.

[0136] Examples of mammalian serine proteases that may exhibit inhibition by the peptides of the present invention include: kallikrein; chymotrypsins A and B; trypsin; elastase; subtilisin; coagulants and procoagulants, particularly those in active form, including coagulation factors such as thrombin and factors VIIa, IXa, Xa, XIa, and XIIa; plasmin; proteinase-3; enterokinase; acrosin; cathepsin; urokinase; and tissue plasminogen activator. Examples of conditions associated with increased serine protease activity include: CPB-induced inflammatory response; post-CPB pulmonary injury; pancreatitis; allergy-induced protease release; deep vein thrombosis; thrombocytopenia; rheumatoid arthritis; adult respiratory distress syndrome; chronic inflammatory bowel disease; psoriasis; hyperfibrinolytic hemorrhage; organ preservation; wound healing; and myocardial infarction. Other examples of the use of the peptides of the present invention are described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,187,153.

[0137] The inhibitors of the present invention may also be used for inhibition of serine protease activity in vitro, for example during the preparation of cellular extracts to prevent degradation of cellular proteins. For this purpose the inhibitors of the present invention may preferably be used in a manner analogous to the way that aprotinin, or other known serine protease inhibitors, are used. The use of aprotinin as a protease inhibitor for preparation of cellular extracts is well known in the art, and aprotinin is sold commercially for this purpose.

[0138] The present invention, thus generally described, will be understood more readily by reference to the following examples, which are provided by way of illustration and are not intended to be limiting of the present invention.

EXAMPLES

Example 1

[0139] Expression of wild-type KPI(−4→57)

[0140] A. Construction of PTW10:KPI

[0141] Plasmid PTW10:KPI is a bacterial expression vector encoding the 57 amino acid form of KPI fused to the bacterial phoA signal sequence. The strategy for the construction of PTW10:KPI is shown in **FIG. 1**.

[0142] Plasmid pcDNAII (Invitrogen, San Diego, Calif.) was digested with PvuII and the larger of the two resulting PvuII fragments (3013 bp) was isolated. Bacterial expression plasmid pSP26 was digested with M1uI and RsrII, and the 409 bp M1uI-RsrII fragment containing the pTrp promoter element and transcription termination signals was isolated by electrophoresis in a 3% NuSieve Agarose gel (FMC Corp., Rockland, Me.). Plasmid pSP26, containing a heparin-binding EGF-like growth factor (HB-EGF) insert between the NdeI and HindIII sites, is described as pNA28 in Thompson et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 269:2541 (1994). Plasmid pSP26 was deposited in host *E. coli* W3110, pSP26 with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Md., 20852, USA under the conditions specified by the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms (Budapest Treaty). Host *E. coli* W3110, pSP26 was deposited on May 3, 1995 and given Accession No. 69800. Availability of the deposited plasmid is not to be construed as a license to practice the invention in contravention of the rights granted under the authority of any government in accordance with its patent laws.

[0143] The ends of the M1uI-RsrII fragment were blunted using DNA polymerase Klenow fragment by standard techniques. The blunted fragment of pSP26 was then ligated into the large PvuII fragment of plasmid pCDNAII, and the ligation mixture was used to transform *E. coli* strain MC1061. Ampicillin-resistant colonies were selected and used to isolate plasmid pTW10 by standard techniques.

[0144] A synthetic gene was constructed encoding the bacterial phoA secretory signal sequence fused to the amino terminus of KPI(1→57). The synthetic gene contains cohesive ends for NdeI and HindIII, and also incorporates restriction endonuclease recognition sites for AgeI, RsrII, AatII and BamHI, as shown in **FIG. 2**. The synthetic phoA-KPI gene was constructed from 6 oligonucleotides of the following sequences (shown 5'→3'):

[0145] 6167: TATGAAACAAAGCACTATTGCACTGGCACTCTTACCGTTACTGTTTACCC CTGTGACAAAAGCCGAGGTGTGCTCTGAA

[0146] 6169: CTCGGCTTTTGTCACAGGGGTAAACAGTAACGGTAAGAGTGCCAGTGCAA TAGTGCTTTGTTTCATA

[0147] 6165: CAAGCTGAGACCGGTCCGTGCCGTGCAATGATCTCCCGCTGGTACTTTGA CGTCACTGAAGGTAAGTGCGCTCCATTCTTT

[0148] 6166: GCACTTACCTTCAGTGACGT-CAAAGTACCAGCGGGAGATCATTGCACGGC ACGGACCGGTCTCAGCTTGTTCAGAGCACAC

[0149] 6168: TACGGCGGTTGCGGCGGCAACCG-TAACAACTTTGACACTGAAGAGTACTG CATG-GCAGTGTGCGGATCCGCTATTTAAGCT

[0150] 6164: AGCTTAAATAGCGGATCCGCA-CACTGCCATGCAGTACTCTTCAGTGTCAA AGT-TGTTACGGTTGCCGCCGCAACCGCCG-TAAAAGAATGGAGC

[0151] The oligonucleotides were phosphorylated and annealed in pairs: 6167+6169, 6165+6166, 6168+6164. In 20 μl T4 DNA Ligase Buffer (New England Biolabs, Beverley, Mass.), 1 μg of each oligonucleotide pair was incubated with 10 U T4 Polynucleotide Kinase (New England Biolabs) for 1 at 37° C., then heated to 95° C. for 1 minute, and slow-cooled to room temperature to allow annealing. All three annealed oligo pairs were then mixed for ligation to one another in a total volume of 100 μl T4 DNA Ligase Buffer, and incubated with 400 U T4 DNA Ligase (New England Biolabs) overnight at 15° C. The ligation mixture was extracted with an equal volume of phenol:$CHCl_3$ (1:1), ethanol-precipitated, resuspended in 50 μl Restriction Endonuclease Buffer #4 (New England Biolabs) and digested with NdeI and HindIII. The annealed, ligated and digested oligos were then subjected to electrophoresis in a 3% NuSieve Agarose gel, and the 240 bp NdeI-HindIII fragment was excised. This gel-purified synthetic gene was ligated into plasmid pTW10 which had previously been digested with NdeI and HindIII, and the ligation mixture was used to transform *E. coli* strain MC1061. Ampicillin-resistant colonies were selected and used to prepare plasmid PTW10:KPI This plasmid contains the phoA-KPI(1→57) fusion protein inserted between the pTrp promoter element and the transcription termination signals.

[0152] B. Construction of pKPI-61

[0153] The strategy for constructing pKPI-61 is shown in **FIG. 3**. Plasmid pTW10:KPI was digested with AgeI and HindIII; the resulting 152 bp AgeI-HindIII fragment containing a portion of the KPI synthetic gene was isolated by preparative gel electrophoresis. An oligonucleotide pair (129+130) encoding the 9 amino-terminal residues of KPI(1→57) and 4 amino acids of yeast α-mating factor was phosphorylated and annealed as described above.

[0154] 129: CTAGATAAAAGAGAGGTGTGCTCT-GAACAAGCTGAGA

[0155] 130: CCGGTCTCAGCTTGTTCAGAGCA-CACCTCTCTTTTAT

[0156] The annealed oligonucleotides were then ligated to the AgeI-HindIII fragment of the KPI(1→57) synthetic gene. The resulting 192 bp XbaI-HindIII synthetic gene (shown in **FIG. 4**) was purified by preparative gel electrophoresis, and ligated into plasmid pUC19 which had previously been digested with XbaI and HindIII. The ligation products were used to transform *E. coli* strain MC1061. Ampicillin-resistant colonies were picked and used to prepare plasmid PKPI-57 by standard methods. To create a synthetic gene encoding KPI(−4→57), PKPI-57 was digested with XbaI and AgeI and the smaller fragment replaced with annealed oligos 234+235, which encode 4 amino acid residues of yeast α-mating factor fused a 4 amino acid residue amino-terminal extension of KPI(1→57).

[0157] 234: CTAGATAAAAGAGAGGTTGTTA-GAGAGGTGTGCTCTGAACAAGCTGAGA

[0158] 235: CCGGTCTCAGCTTGTTCAGAGCA-CACCTCTCTAACAACCTCTCTTTTAT

[0159] The 4 extra amino acids are encoded in the amyloid β-protein precursor/protease nexin-2 (APPI) which contains the KPI domain. The synthetic 201 bp XbaI-HindIII fragment encoding KPI(−4→57) in pKPI-61 is shown in **FIG. 5**.

[0160] C. Assembly of pTW113

[0161] The strategy for the construction of PTW113 is shown in **FIG. 6**. Plasmid pSP35 was constructed from yeast expression plasmid pYES2 (Invitrogen, San Diego, Calif.) as follows. A 267 bp PvuII-XbaI fragment was generated by PCR from yeast α-mating factor DNA using oligos 6274 and 6273:

[0162] 6274: GGGGGCAGCTGTATAAACGAT-TAAAA

[0163] 6273: GGGGGTCTAGAGATACCCCTTCT-TCTTTAG

[0164] This PCR fragment, encoding an 82 amino acid portion of yeast α-mating factor, including the secretory signal peptide and pro-region, was inserted into pYES2 that had been previously digested with PvuII and XbaI. The resulting plasmid is denoted pSP34.

[0165] Two oligonucleotide pairs, 6294+6292 were then ligated to 6290+6291, and the resulting 135 bp fragment was purified by gel electrophoresis.

[0166] 6294: CTAGATAAAAGAGAGGCTGAGGCT-CACGCTGAAGGTACTTTCACTTC

[0167] 6290: TGACGTCTCTTCTTACTTGGAAGGT-CAAGCTGCTAAGGAATTCAT CGCTTGGTTGGT-CAAAGGTAGAGGTTAAGCTTA

[0168] 6291: CTAGTAAGCTTAACCTCTAC-CTTTGACCAACCAAGCGATGAATTC CTTAGCA

[0169] 6292: GCTTGACCTTCCAAGTAAGAA-GAGACGTCAGAAGTGAAAGTACCT TCAGCGT-GAGCCTCAGCCTCTCTTTTAT

[0170] The resulting synthetic fragment was ligated into the XbaI site of pSP34, resulting in plasmid pSP35. pSP35 was digested with XbaI and HindIII to remove the insert, and ligated with the 201 bp XbaI-HindIII fragment of pKPI-61, encoding KPI(−4→57). The resulting plasmid pTW113, encodes-the 445 bp synthetic gene for the α-factor-KPI(−4→57) fusion. See **FIG. 7**.

[0171] D. Transformation of yeast with pTW113

[0172] *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain ABL115 was transformed with plasmid pTW113 by electroporation by the method of Becker et al., *Methods Enzymol.* 194:182 (1991). An overnight culture of yeast strain ABL115 was used to inoculate 200 ml YPD medium. The inoculated culture was grown with vigorous shaking at 30° C. to an OD_{600} of 1.3-1.5, at which time the cells were harvested by centrifugation at 5000 rpm for 5 minutes. The cell pellet was

resuspended in 200 ml ice-cold water, respun, resuspended in 100 ml ice-cold water, then pelleted again. The washed cell pellet was resuspended in 10 ml ice-cold 1M sorbitol, recentrifuged, then resuspended in a final volume of 0.2 ml ice-cold 1M sorbitol. A 40 μl aliquot of cells was placed into the chamber of a cold 0.2 cm electroporation cuvette (Invitrogen), along with 100 ng plasmid DNA for pTW113. The cuvette was placed into an Invitrogen Electroporator II and pulsed at 1500 V, 25 μF, 100 Ω. Electroporated cells were diluted with 0.5 ml 1M sorbitol, and 0.25 ml was spread on an SD agar plate containing 1M sorbitol. After 3 days' growth at 30° C., individual colonies were streaked on SD+CAA agar plates.

[0173] E. Induction of pTW113/ABL115, purification of KPI(−4→57)

[0174] Yeast cultures were grown in a rich broth and the galactose promoter of the KPI expression vector induced with the addition of galactose as described by Sherman, *Methods Enzymol.* 194:3 (1991). A single well-isolated colony of pTW113/ABL115 was used to inoculate a 10 ml overnight culture in Yeast Batch Medium. The next day, 1 L Yeast Batch Medium which had been made 0.2% glucose was inoculated to an OD_{600} of 0.1 with the overnight culture. Following 24 hours at 30° C. with vigorous shaking, the 1 L culture was induced by the addition of 20 ml Yeast Galactose Feed Medium. Following induction, the culture was fed every 12 hours with the addition of 20 ml Yeast Galactose Feed Medium. At 48 hours after induction, the yeast broth was harvested by centrifugation, then adjusted to pH 7.0 with 2M Tris, pH 10. The broth was subjected to trypsin-Sepharose affinity chromatography, and bound KPI(−4→57) was eluted with 20 mM Tris pH 2.5. See Schilling et al., *Gene* 98:225 (1991) . Final purification of KPI(−4→57) was accomplished by HPLC chromatography on a semi-prep Vydac C4 column in a gradient of 20% to 35% acetonitrile. The sample was dried and resuspended in PBS at 1-2 mg/ml. The amino acid sequence of KPI(−4→57) is shown in **FIG. 8**.

Example 2

[0175] Recombinant Expression of site-directed KPI(−4→57) variants

[0176] Expression vectors for the production of specific variants of KPI(−4→57) were all constructed using the pTW113 backbone as a starting point. For each KPI variant, an expression construct was created by replacing the 40 bp RsrII-AatII fragment of the synthetic KPI gene contained in pTW113 with a pair of annealed oligonucleotides which encode specific codons mutated from the wild-type KPI(−4→57) sequence. In the following Examples the convention used for designating the amino substituents in the KPI variants indicates first the single letter code for the amino acid found in wild-type KPI, followed by the position of the residue using the numbering convention described supra, followed by the code for the replacement amino acid. Thus, for example, M15R indicates that the methionine residue at position 15 is replaced by an arginine.

[0177] A. Construction of pTW6165

[0178] The strategy for constructing pTW6165 is shown in **FIG. 9**. Plasmid pTW113 was digested with RsrII and AatII, and the larger of the two resulting fragments was isolated. An oligonucleotide pair (812+813) was phosphorylated, annealed and gel-purified as described above.

[0179] 812: GTCCGTGCCGTGCAGCTATCTG-GCGCTGGTACTTTGACGT

[0180] 813: CAAAGTACCAGCGCCAGATAGCTG-CACGGCACG

[0181] The annealed oligonucleotides were ligated into the RsrII and AatII-digested pTW113, and the ligation product was used to transform *E. coli* strain MC1061. Transformed colonies were selected by ampicillin resistance. The resulting plasmid, pTW6165, encodes the 445 bp synthetic gene for the α-factor-KPI(−4→57; M15A, S17W) fusion. See **FIG. 10**.

[0182] B. Construction of pTW6166, pTW6175, pBG028, pTW6183, pTW6184, pTW6185, pTW6173, pTW6174.

[0183] Construction of the following KPI(−4→57) variants was accomplished exactly as outlined for pTW6165. The oligonucleotides utilized for each construct are denoted below, and the sequences of annealed oligonucleotide pairs are shown in **FIG. 11**. FIGS. **12**-19 show the synthetic genes for the α-factor fusions with each KPI(−4→57) variant.

[0184] pTW6166: KPI(−4→57; M15A, S17Y)—See **FIG. 12**

[0185] 814: GTCCGTGCCGTGCAGCTATCTAC-CGCTGGTACTTTGACGT

[0186] 815: CAAAGTACCAGCGGTAGATAGCTG-CACGGCACG

[0187] pTW6175: KPI(−4→57; M15L, S17F)—See **FIG. 13**

[0188] 867: GTCCGTGCCGTGCATTGATCTTC-CGCTGGTACTTTGACGT

[0189] 868: CAAAGTACCAGCGGAAGATCAATG-CACGGCACG

[0190] pBG028: KPI(−4→57; M15L, S17Y)—See **FIG. 14**

[0191] 1493: GTCCGTGCCGTGCTTTGATCTAC-CGCTGGTACTTTGACGT

[0192] 1494: CAAAGTACCAGCGGTAGATCAAAG-CACGGCACG

[0193] pTW6183: KPI(−4→57; I16H, S17F)—See **FIG. 15**

[0194] 925: GTCCGTGCCGTGCAATGCACTTC-CGCTGGTACTTTGACGT

[0195] 926: CAAAGTACCAGCGGAAGTGCATTG-CACGGCACG

[0196] pTW6184: KPI(−4→57; I16H, S17Y)—See **FIG. 16**

[0197] 927: GTCCGTGCCGTGCAATGCACTAC-CGCTGGTACTTTGACGT

[0198] 928: CAAAGTACCAGCGGTAGTGCATTG-CACGGCACG

[0199] pTW6185: KPI(−4→57; I16H, S17W)—See **FIG. 17**

[0200] 929: GTCCGTGCCGTGCAATGCACTG-GCGCTGGTACTTTGACGT

[0201] 930: CAAAGTACCAGCGCCAGTGCATTG-CACGGCACG

[0202] pTW6173: KPI(−4→57; M15A, I16H)—See **FIG. 18**

[0203] 863: GTCCGTGCCGTGCAGCTCACTC-CCGCTGGTACTTTGACGT

[0204] 864: CAAAGTACCAGCGGGAGTGAGCTG-CACGGCACG

[0205] pTW6174: KPI(−4→57; M15L, I16H)—See **FIG. 19**

[0206] 865: GTCCGTGCCGTGCATTGCACTC-CCGCTGGTACTTTGACGT

[0207] 866: CAAAGTACCAGCGGGAGTGCAATG-CACGGCACG

[0208] C. Transformation of yeast with expression vectors

[0209] Yeast strain ABL115 was transformed by electroporation exactly according to the protocol described for transformation by pTW113.

[0210] D. Induction of transformed yeast strains, purification of KPI(−4→57) variants.

[0211] Cultures of yeast strains were grown and induced, and recombinant secreted KPI(−4→57) variants were purified according to the procedure described for KPI(−4→57). The amino acid sequences of KPI(−4→57) variants are shown in FIGS. **20-29**.

Example 3

[0212] Identification of KPI(−4→57; M15A, S17F) DD185 by phage display.

[0213] A. Construction of vector pSP26:Amp:F1

[0214] The construction of pSP26:Amp:F1 is outlined in **FIG. 30**. Vector pSP26:Amp:F1 contributes the basic plasmid backbone for the construction of the phage display vector for the phoA:KPI fusion, PDW1 #14. pSP26:Amp:F1 contains a low-copy number origin of replication, the ampicillin-resistance gene (Amp) and the F1 origin for production of single-stranded phagemid DNA.

[0215] The ampicillin-resistance gene (Amp) was generated through polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification from the plasmid genome of PUC19 using oligonucleotides 176 and 177.

[0216] 176: GCCATCGATGGTTTCTTAAGCGT-CAGGTGGCACTTTTC

[0217] 177: GCGCCAATTCTTGGTC-TACGGGGTCTGACGCTCAGTGGAACGAA

[0218] The PCR amplification of Amp was done according to standard techniques, using Taq polymerase (Perkin-Elmer Cetus, Norwalk, Conn.). Amplification from plasmid pUC19 with these oligonucleotides yielded a fragment of 1159 bp, containing Pf1MI and C1aI restriction sites. The PCR product was digested with Pf1MI and C1aI and purified by agarose gel electrophoresis in 3% NuSieve Agarose (FMC Corp.). Bacterial- expression vector pSP26 (supra) was digested with Pf1MI and C1aI and the larger vector fragment was purified. The Pf1MI-C1aI PCR fragment was ligated into the previously digested pSP26 containing the Amp gene. The ligation product was used to transform *E. coli* strain MC1061 and colonies were selected by ampicillin resistance. The resulting plasmid is denoted pSP26:Amp.

[0219] The F1 origin of replication from the mammalian expression vector pcDNAII (Invitrogen) was isolated in a 692 bp EarI fragment. Plasmid pcDNAII was digested with EarI and the resulting 692 bp fragment purified by agarose gel electrophoresis. EarI-NotI adapters were added to the 692 bp EarI fragment by ligation of two annealed oligonucleotide pairs, 179+180 and 181+182. The oligo pairs were annealed as described above.

[0220] 179: GGCCGCTCTTCC

[0221] 180: AAAGGAAGAGC

[0222] 181: CTAGAATTGC

[0223] 182: GGCCGCAATTC

[0224] The oligonucleotide-ligated fragment was then ligated into the single NotI site of PSP26:Amp to yield the vector pSP26:Amp:F1.

[0225] B. Construction of vector pgIII

[0226] The construction of pgIII is outlined in **FIG. 31**. The portion of the phage geneIII protein gene contained by the PDW1 #14 phagemid vector was originally obtained as a PCR amplification product from vector m13mp8. A portion of m13mp8 geneIII encoding the carboxyl-terminal 158 amino acid residues of the geneIII product was isolated by PCR amplification of ml3mp8 nucleotide residues 2307-2781 using PCR oligos 6162 and 6160.

[0227] 6162: GCCGGATCCGCTATTTCCGGTG-GTGGCTCTGGTTCC

[0228] 6160: GCCAAGCTTATTAAGACTCCTTAT-TACGCAG

[0229] The PCR oligos contain BamHI and HindIII restriction recognition sites such that PCR from m13mp8 plasmid DNA with the oligo pair yielded a 490 bp BamHI-HindIII fragment encoding the appropriate portion of geneIII. The PCR product was ligated between the BamHI and HindIII sites within the polylinker of PUC19 to yield plasmid pgIII.

[0230] C. Construction of pPhoA:KPI:gIII

[0231] Construction of pPhoA:KPI:gIII is outlined in **FIG. 32**. A portion of the phoA signal sequence and KPI fusion encoded by the phage display vector PDW1 #14 originates with pPhoA:KPI:gIII. The 237 bp NdeI-HindIII fragment of pTW10:KPI encoding the entire phoA:KPI(1→57) fusion was isolated by preparative agarose gel electrophoresis, and inserted between the NdeI and HindIII sites of pUC19 to yield plasmid pPhoA:KPI. The 490 bp BamHI-HindIII fragment of pgIII encoding the C-terminal portion of the geneIII product was then isolated and ligated between the BamHI and HindIII sites of pPhoA:KPI to yield vector pPhoa:KPI:gIII. The pPhoA:KPI:gIII vector encodes a 236

amino acid residue fusion of the phoA signal peptide, KPI(1→57) and the carboxyl-terminal portion of the geneIII product.

[0232] D. Construction of PLG1

[0233] Construction of pLG1 is illustrated in **FIG. 33**. The exact geneIII sequences contained in vector PDW1 #14 originate with phage display vector pLG1. A modified geneIII segment was generated by PCR amplification of the geneIII region from pgIII using PCR oligonucleotides 6308 and 6305.

[0234] 6308: AGCTCCGATCTAGGATCCGGTG-GTGGCTCTGGTTCCGGT

[0235] 6305: GCAGCGGCCGTTAAGCTTATTAA-GACTCCT

[0236] PCR amplification from pgIII with these oligonucleotides yielded a 481 bp BamHI-HindIII fragment encoding a geneIII product shortened by 3 amino acid residues at the amino-terminal portion of the segment of the geneIII fragment encoded by pgIII. A 161 bp NdeI-BamHI fragment was generated by PCR amplification from bacterial expression plasmid pTHW05 using oligonucleotides 6306 and 6307.

[0237] 6306: GATCCTTGTGTCCATATGAAA-CAAAGC

[0238] 6307: CACGTCGGTCGAGGATCCCTAAC-CACGGCCTTTAACCAG

[0239] The 161 bp NdeI-BamHI fragment and the 481 bp BamHI-HindIII fragment were gel-purified, and then ligated in a three-way ligation into PTW10 which had previously been digested with NdeI and HindIII. The resulting plasmid pLG1 encodes a phoA signal peptide-insert-geneIII fusion for phage display purposes.

[0240] E. Construction of pAL51

[0241] Construction of pAL51 is illustrated in **FIG. 34**. Vector pAL51 contains the geneIII sequences of pLG1 which are to be incorporated in vector pDW1 #14.

[0242] A 1693 bp fragment of plasmid pBR322 was isolated, extending from the BamHI site at nucleotide 375 to the PvuII site at position 2064. Plasmid pLG1 was digested with Asp718I and BamHI, removing an 87 bp fragment. The overhanging Asp718I end was blunted by treatment with Klenow fragment, and the PvuII-BamHI fragment isolated from pBR322 was ligated into this vector, resulting in the insertion of a 1693 bp "stuffer" region between the Asp718I and BamHI sites. The 78 bp NdeI-Asp718I region of the resulting plasmid was removed and replaced with the annealed oligo pair 6512+6513.

[0243] 6512: TATGAAACAAAGCACTATTG-CACTGGCACTCTTACCGTTACTGTT TACCCCG-GTGACCAAAGCCCACGCTGAAG

[0244] 6513: GTACCTTCAGCGTGGGCTTTGGT-CACCGGGGTAAACAGTAACGGT AAGAGTGC-CAGTGCAATAGTGCTTTGTTTCA

[0245] The newly created 74 bp NdeI-Asp718I fragment encodes the phoA signal peptide, and contains a BstEII cloning site. The resulting plasmid is denoted pAL51.

[0246] F. Construction of pAL53

[0247] Construction of pAL53 is outlined in **FIG. 35**. Plasmid pAL53 contributes most of the vector sequence of pDW1 #14, including the basic vector backbone with Amp gene, F1 origin, low copy number origin of replication, geneIII segment, phoA promotor and phoA signal sequence.

[0248] Plasmid pAL51 was digested with NdeI and HindIII and the resulting 2248 bp NdeI-HindIII fragment encoding the phoA signal peptide, stuffer region and geneIII region was isolated by preparative agarose gel electrophoresis. The NdeI-HindIII fragment was ligated into plasmid pSP26:Amp:F1 between the NdeI and HindIII sites, resulting in plasmid pAL52.

[0249] The phoA promoter region and signal peptide was generated by amplification of a portion of the *E. coli* genome by PCR, using oligonucleotide primers 405 and 406.

[0250] 405: CCGGACGCGTGGAGATTATCGT-CACTG

[0251] 406: GCTTTGGTCACCGGGGTAAACAG-TAACGG

[0252] The resulting PCR product is a 332 bp M1uI-BstEII fragment which contains the phoA promoter region and signal peptide sequence. This fragment was used to replace the 148 bp M1uI-BstEII segment of PAL52, resulting in vector pAL53.

[0253] G. Construction of pSP26:Amp:F1:PhoA:KPI:gIII

[0254] Construction of pSP26:Amp:F1:PhoA:KPI:gIII is illustrated in **FIG. 36**. This particular vector is the source of the KPI coding sequence found in vector pDW1 #14. Plasmid pPhoa:KPI:gIII was digested with NdeI and HindIII, and the resulting 714 bp NdeI-HindIII fragment was purified, and then inserted into vector pSP26:Amp:F1 between the NdeI and HindIII sites. The resulting plasmid is denoted pSP26:Amp:F1:PhoA:KPI:gIII.

[0255] H. Construction of pDW1 #14

[0256] Construction of pDW1 #14 is illustrated in **FIG. 37**. The sequences encoding KPI were amplified from plasmid pSP26:Amp:F1:PhoA:KPI:gIII by PCR, using oligonucleotide primers 424 and 425.

[0257] 424: CTGTTTACCCCGGTGACCAAAGC-CGAGGTGTGCTCTGAACAA

[0258] 425: AATAGCGGATCCGCACACTGCCATG-CAGTACTCTTC

[0259] The resulting 172 bp BstEII-BamHI fragment encodes most of KPI(1→55). This fragment was used to replace the stuffer region in pAL53 between the BstEII and BamHI sites. The resulting plasmid, PDW1 #14, is the parent KPI phage display vector for preparation of randomized KPI phage libraries. The coding region for the phoA-KPI (1→55)-geneIII fusion is shown in **FIG. 38**.

[0260] I. Construction of pDW1 14-2

[0261] Construction of pDW1 14-2 is illustrated in **FIG. 39**. The first step in the construction of the KPI phage libraries in pDW1 #14 was the replacement of the AgeI-BamHI fragment within the KPI coding sequence with a stuffer fragment. This greatly aids in preparation of random-

ized KPI libraries which are substantially free of contamination of phagemid genomes encoding wild-type KPI sequence.

[0262] Plasmid pDW1 #14 was digested with AgeI and BamHI, and the 135 bp AgeI-BamHI fragment encoding KPI was discarded. A stuffer fragment was created by PCR amplification of a portion of the PBR322 Tet gene, extending from the BamHI site at nucleotide 375 to nucleotide 1284, using oligo primers 266 and 252.

[0263] 266: GCTTTAAACCGGTAGGTGGCCCG-GCTCCATGCACC

[0264] 252: CGAATTCACCGGTGTCATCCTCG-GCACCGTCACCCT

[0265] The resulting 894 bp AgeI-BamHI stuffer fragment was then inserted into the AgeI/BamHI-digested pDW1 #14 to yield the phagemid vector pDW1 14-2. This vector was the starting point for construction of the randomized KPI libraries.

[0266] J. Construction of KPI Library 16-19

[0267] Construction of KPI Library 16-19 is outlined in **FIG. 40**. Library 16-19 was constructed to display KPI-geneIII fusions in which amino acid positions Ala^{14}, Met^{15}, Ile^{16} and Ser^{17} are randomized. For preparation of the library, plasmid pDW1 14-2 was digested with AgeI and BamHI to remove the stuffer region, and the resulting vector was purified by preparative agarose gel electrophoresis. Plasmid pDW1 #14 was used as template in a PCR amplification of the KPI region extending from the AgeI site to the BamHI site. The oligonucleotide primers used were 544 and 551.

[0268] 544: GGGCTGAGACCGGTCCGTGCCGT-$(NNS)_4$ CGCTGGTACTTTGACGTC

[0269] 551: GGAATAGCGGATCCGCACACTGC-CATGCAG

[0270] Oligonucleotide primer 544 contains four randomized codons of the sequence NNS, where N represents equal mixtures of A/G/C/T and S an equal mixture of G or C. Each NNS codon thus encodes all 20 amino acids plus a single possible stop codon, in 32 different DNA sequences. PCR amplification from the wild-type KPI gene resulted in the production of a mixture of 135 bp AgeI-BamHI fragments all containing different sequences in the randomized region. The PCR product was purified by preparative agarose gel electrophoresis and ligated into the AgeI/BamHI digested PDW1 14-2 vector. The ligation mixture was used to transform *E. coli* $Top10F^1$ cells (Invitrogen) by electroporation according to the manufacturer's directions. The resulting Library 16-19 contained approximately 400,000 independent clones. The potential size of the library, based upon the degeneracy of the priming PCR oligo #544 was 1,048,576 members. The expression unit encoded by the members of Library 16-19 is shown in **FIG. 41**.

[0271] K. Selection of Library 16-19 with human plasma kallikrein

[0272] KPI phage were prepared and amplified by infecting transformed cells with M13KO7 helper phage as described by Matthews et al., *Science* 260:1113 (1993). Human plasma kallikrein (Enzyme Research Laboratories, South Bend, Ind.), was coupled to Sepharose 6B resin. Prior to phage binding, the immobilized kallikrein resin was washed three times with 0.5 ml assay buffer (AB=100 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 0.5M NaCl, 5 mM each of KCl, $CaCl_2$, $MgCl_2$, 0.1% gelatin, and 0.05% Triton X-100). Approximately 5×10^9 phage particles of the amplified Library 16-19 in PBS, pH 7.5, containing 300 mM NaCl and 0.1% gelatin, were bound to 50 μl kallikrein resin containing 15 pmoles of active human plasma kallikrein in a total volume of 250 μl. Phage were allowed to bind for 4 h at room temperature, with rocking. Unbound phage were removed by washing the kallikrein resin three times in 0.5 ml AB. Bound phage were eluted sequentially by successive 5 minute washes: 0.5 ml 50 mM sodium citrate, pH 6.0, 150 mM NaCl; 0.5 ml 50 mM sodium citrate, pH 4.0, 150 mM NaCl; and 0.5 ml 50 mM glycine, pH 2.0, 150 mM NaCl. Eluted phage were neutralized immediately and phagemids from the pH 2.0 elution were titered and amplified for reselection. After three rounds of selection on kallikrein-Sepharose, phagemid DNA was isolated from 22 individual colonies and subjected to DNA sequence analysis.

[0273] The most frequently occurring randomized KPI region encoded: Ala^{14}-Ala^{15}-Ile^{16}-Phe^{17}. The phoA-KPI-geneIII region encoded by this class of selected KPI phage is shown in **FIG. 42**. The KPI variant encoded by these phagemids is denoted KPI(1→55; M15A, S17F).

[0274] L. Construction of pDD185 KPI(−4→57; M15A, S17F)

[0275] **FIG. 43** outlines the construction of pDD185 KPI (−4→57; M15A, S17F). The sequences encoding KPI(1→55; M15A, S17F) were moved from one phagemid vector, pDW1 (16-19) 185, to the yeast expression vector so that the KPI variant could be purified and tested.

[0276] Plasmid pTW113 encoding wild-type KPI(−4→57) was digested with AgeI and BamHI and the 135 bp AgeI-BamHI fragment was discarded. The 135 bp AgeI-BamHI fragment of pDW1 (16-19) 185 was isolated and ligated into the yeast vector to yield plasmid pDD185, encoding α-factor fused to KPI(−4→57; M15A, S17F). See **FIG. 44**.

[0277] M. Purification of KPI(−4→57; M15A, S17F) pDD185

[0278] Transformation of yeast strain ABL115 with pDD185, induction of yeast cultures, and purification of KPI (−4→57; M15A, S17F) pDD185 was accomplished as described for the other KPI variants.

[0279] N. Construction of KPI Library 6—M15A, with residues 14, 16-18 random.

[0280] Library 6 was constructed to display KPI-geneIII fusions in which amino acid positions Ala^{14}, Ile^{16}, Ser^{17} and Arg^{18} are randomized, but position 15 was held constant as Ala. For preparation of the library, plasmid pDW1 #14 was used as template in a PCR amplification of the KPI region extending from the AgeI site to the BamHI site. The oligonucleotide primers used were 551 and 1003.

[0281] 1003: GCTGAGACCGGTCCGTGCCGTNNS-GCA$(NNS)_3$ TGGTACTTTGACGTC

[0282] 551: GGAATAGCGGATCCGCACACTGC-CATGCAG

[0283] Oligonucleotide primer 1003 contained four randomized codons of the sequence NNS, where N represents equal mixtures of A/G/C/T and S an equal mixture of G or C. Each NNS codon thus encodes all 20 amino acids plus a single possible stop, in 32 different DNA sequences. PCR amplification from the wild-type KPI gene resulted in the production of a mixture of 135 bp AgeI-BamHI fragments all containing different sequences in the randomized region. The PCR product was phenol extracted, ethanol precipitated, digested with BamHI and purified by preparative agarose gel electrophoresis. Plasmid pDW1 14-2 was digested with BamHI, phenol extracted and ethanol precipitated. The insert was ligated at high molar ratio to the vector which was then digested with AgeI to remove the stuffer region. The vector containing the insert was purified by agarose gel electrophoresis and recircularized. The resulting library contains approximately 5×10^6 independent clones.

[0284] O. Construction of KPI Library 7—residues 14-18 random.

[0285] Library 7 was constructed to display KPI-geneIII fusions in which amino acid positions Ala^{14}, Met^{15}, Ile^{16}, Ser^{17} and Arg^{18} are randomized. For preparation of the library, plasmid pDW1 #14 was used as template in a PCR amplification of the KPI region extending from the AgeI site to the BamHI site. The oligonucleotide primers used were 551 and 1179.

[0286] 1179: GCTGAGACCGGTCCGTGCCGT $(NNS)_5$TGGTACTTTGACGTC

[0287] 551: GGAATAGCGGATCCGCACACTGCCATGCAG

[0288] Oligonucleotide primer 1179 contains five randomized codons of the sequence NNS, where N represents equal mixtures of A/G/C/T and S an equal mixture of G or C. Each NNS codon thus encoded all 20 amino acids plus a single possible stop, in 32 different DNA sequences. PCR amplification from the wild-type KPI gene resulted in the production of a mixture of 135 bp AgeI-BamHI fragments all containing different sequences in the randomized region. The PCR product was phenol extracted, ethanol precipitated, digested with BamHI and purified by preparative agarose gel electrophoresis. Plasmid pDW1 14-2 was digested with BamHI, phenol extracted and ethanol precipitated. The insert was ligated at high molar ratio to the vector which was then digested with AgeI to remove the stuffer region. The vector containing the insert was purified by agarose gel electrophoresis and recircularized. The resulting library contains approximately 1×10^7 independent clones.

[0289] P. Selection of Libraries 6 & 7 with human factor XIIa

[0290] KPI phage were prepared and amplified by infecting transformed cells with M13K07 helper phage (Matthews and Wells, 1993). Human factor XIIa (Enzyme Research Laboratories, South Bend, Ind.), was biotinylated as follows. Factor XIIa (0.5 mg) in 5 mM sodium acetate pH 8.3 was incubated with Biotin Ester (Zymed) at room temperature for 1.5 h, then buffer-exchanged into assay buffer (AB). Approximately 1×10^{10} phage particles of each amplified Library 6 or 7 in PBS, pH 7.5, containing 300 mM NaCl and 0.1% gelatin, were incubated with 50 pmoles of active biotinylated human factor XIIa in a total volume of 200 μl. Phage were allowed to bind for 2 h at room temperature, with rocking. Following the binding period, 100 μl Strepavidin Magnetic Particles (Boehringer Mannheim) were added to the mixture and incubated at room temperature for 30 minutes. Separation of magnetic particles from the supernatant and wash/elution buffers was carried out using MPC-E-1 Neodymium-iron-boron permanent magnets (Dynal). Unbound phage were removed by washing the magnetically bound biotinylated XIIa-phage complexes three times with 0.5 ml AB. Bound phage were eluted sequentially by successive 5 minute washes: 0.5 ml S0MM sodium citrate, pH 6.0, 150 mM NaCl; 0.5 ml 50 mM sodium citrate, pH 4.0, 150 mM NaCl; and 0.5 ml 50 mM glycine, pH 2.0, 150 mM NaCl. Eluted phage were neutralized immediately and phagemids from the pH 2.0 elution were titered and amplified for reselection. After 3 or 4 rounds of selection with factor XIIa, phagemid DNA was isolated from individual colonies and subjected to DNA sequence analysis.

[0291] Sequences in the randomized regions were compared with one another to identify consensus sequences appearing more than once. From Library 6 a phagemid was identified which encoded M15L, S17Y, R18H. From Library 7 a phagemid was identified which encoded M15A, S17Y, R18H.

[0292] Q. Construction of pBG015 KPI(−4→57; M15L, S17Y, R18H), pBG022 (−4→57; M15A, S17Y, R18H)

[0293] The sequences encoding KPI(1→55; M15L, S17Y, R18H) and KPI(1→55; M17A, S17Y, R18H) were moved from the phagemid vectors to the yeast expression vector so that the KPI variant could be purified and tested.

[0294] Plasmid pTW113 encoding wild-type KPI(−4→57) was digested with AgeI and BamHI and the 135 bp AgeI-BamHI fragment was discarded. The 135 bp AgeI-BamHI fragment of the phagemid vectors were isolated and ligated into the yeast vector to yield plasmids pBG015 and pBG022, encoding alpha-factor fused to KPI(−4→57; M15L, S17Y, R18H), and KPI(−4→57; M15A, S17Y, R18H), respectively.

[0295] R. Construction of PBG029 KPI(−4→57, T9V, M15L, S17Y, R18H)

[0296] Plasmid pBG015 was digested with XbaI and RsrII, and the larger of the two resulting fragments was isolated. An oligonucleotide pair (1593+1642) was phosphorylated, annealed and gel-purified as described previously.

[0297] 1593: CTAGATAAAAGAGAGGTTGTTAGAGAGGTGTGCTCTGAACAAGCT GAGGTTG

[0298] 1642: GACCAACCTCAGCTTGTTCAGAGCACACCTCTCTAA CAACCTCTCTTTTAT

[0299] The annealed oligonucleotides were ligated into the XbaI and RsrII-digested pBG015, and the ligation product was used to transform *E. coli* strain MC1061 to ampicillin resistance. The resulting plasmid pBG029, encodes the 445 bp synthetic gene for the alpha-factor-KPI(−4→57; T9V, M15L, S17F, R18H) fusion.

[0300] S. Construction of pBG033 KPI(−4→57; T9V, M15A, S17Y, R18H)

[0301] Plasmid pBG022 was digested with XbaI and RsrII, and the larger of the two resulting fragments was isolated. An oligonucleotide pair (1593+1642) was phos-

phorylated, annealed and gel-purified as described previously. The annealed oligonucleotides were ligated into the XbaI and RsrII-digested pBG022, and the ligation product was used to transform *E. coli* strain MC1061 to ampicillin resistance. The resulting plasmid pBG033, encodes the 445 bp synthetic gene for the alpha-factor-KPI(−4→57; T9V, M15A, S17F, R18H) fusion.

[0302] T. Selection of Library 16-19 with human factor Xa

[0303] KPI phage were prepared and amplified by infecting transformed cells with M13K07 helper phage (Matthews and Wells, 1993). Human factor Xa (Haematologic Technologies, Inc., Essex Junction, Vt.) was coupled to Sepharose 6B resin. Prior to phage binding, the immobilized Xa resin was washed three times with 0.5 ml assay buffer (AB=100 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 0.5M NaCl, 5 mM each of KCl, $CaCl_2$, $MgCl_2$, 0.1% gelatin, and 0.05% Triton X-100). Approximately 4×10^{10} phage particles of the amplified Library 16-19 in PBS, pH 7.5, containing 300 mM NaCl and 0.1% gelatin, were bound to 50 μl Xa resin in a total volume of 250 μl. Phage were allowed to bind for 4 h at room temperature, with rocking. Unbound phage were removed by washing the Xa resin three times in 0.5 ml AB. Bound phage were eluted sequentially by successive 5 minute washes: 0.5 ml 50 mM sodium citrate, pH 6.0, 150 mM NaCl; 0.5 ml 50 mM sodium citrate, pH 4.0 150 mM NaCl; and 0.5 ml 50 mM glycine, pH 2.0, 150 mM NaCl. Eluted phage were neutralized immediately and phagemids from the pH 2.0 elution were titered and amplified for reselection. After three rounds of selection on Xa-Sepharose, phagemid DNA was isolated and subjected to DNA sequence analysis.

[0304] Sequences in the randomized Ala^{14}-Ser^{17} region were compared with one another to identify consensus sequences appearing more than once. A phagemid was identified which encoded KPI(1→55; M15L, I16F, S17K).

[0305] U. Construction of pDD131 KPI(−4→57; M15L, I16F, S17K)

[0306] The sequences encoding KPI(1→55; M15L, I16F, S17K) were moved from the phagemid vector to the yeast expression vector so that the KPI variant could be purified and tested.

[0307] Plasmid pTW113 encoding wild-type KPI(−4→57) was digested with AgeI and BamHI and the 135 bp AgeI-BamHI fragment was discarded. The 135 bp AgeI-BamHI fragment of the phagemid vector was isolated and ligated into the yeast vector to yield plasmid pDD131, encoding alpha-factor fused to KPI(−4→57; M15L, I16F, S17K).

[0308] V. Construction of pDD134 KPI(−4→57; M15L, I 16F, S17K, G37Y)

[0309] Plasmid pDD131 was digested with AatI and BamHI, and the larger of the two resulting fragments was isolated. An oligonucleotide pair (738+739) was phosphorylated, annealed and gel-purified as described previously.

[0310] 738: CACTGAAGGTAAGTGCGCTCCATTCTTTTACGGCGGTTGCTACGGCAACCGTAACAACTTTGACACTGAAGAGTACTGCATGGCAGTGTGCG

[0311] 739: GATCCGCACACTGCCATGCAGTACTCTTCAGTGTCAAAGTTGTTACGGTTGCCGTAGCAACCGCCGTAAAAGAATGGAGCGCACTTACCTTCAGTGACGT

[0312] The annealed oligonucleotides were ligated into the AatI and BamHI-digested pDD131, and the ligation product was used to transform *E. coli* strain MC1061 to ampicillin resistance. The resulting plasmid pDD134, encodes the 445 bp synthetic gene for the alpha-factor-KPI(−4→57; M15L, I16F, S17K, G37Y) fusion.

[0313] W. Construction of pDD135 KPI(−4→57; M15L, I16F, S17K, G37L)

[0314] Plasmid pDD131 was digested with AatII and BamHI, and the larger of the two resulting fragments was isolated. An oligonucleotide pair (724+725) was phosphorylated, annealed and gel-purified as described previously.

[0315] 738: CACTGAAGGTAAGTGCGCTCCATTCTTTTACGGCGGTTGCTACGGCAACCGTAACAACTTTGACACTGAAGAGTACTGCATGGCAGTGTGCG

[0316] 739: GATCCGCACACTGCCATGCAGTACTCTTCAGTGTCAAAGTTGTTACGGTTGCCGTAGCAACCGCCGTAAAAGAATGGAGCGCACTTACCTTCAGTGACGT

[0317] The annealed oligonucleotides were ligated into the AatII and BamHI-digested pDD131, and the ligation product was used to transform *E. coli* strain MC1061 to ampicillin resistance. The resulting plasmid pDD135, encodes the 445 bp synthetic gene for the alpha-factor-KPI(−4→57; M15L, I16F, S17K, G37L) fusion.

Example 4

[0318] Kinetic analysis of KPI(−4-57) variants

[0319] The concentrations of active human plasma kallikrein, factor XIIa, and trypsin were determined by titration with p-nitrophenyl p'-guanidinobenzoate as described by Bender et al., supra, and Chase et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 29:508 (1967). Accurate concentrations of active KPI(−4-57) inhibitors were determined by titration of the activity of a known amount of active-site-titrated trypsin. For testing against kallikrein and trypsin, each KPI(−4→57) variant (0.5 to 100 nM) was incubated with protease in low-binding 96-well microtiter plates at 30° C. for 15-25 min, in 100 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, with 500 mM NaCl, 5 mM KCl, 5 mM CaCl2, 5 mM MgCl2, 0.1% Difco gelatin, and 0.05% Triton X-100. Chromogenic synthetic substrate was then be added, and initial rates at 30° C. recorded by the SOFTmax kinetics program via a THERMOmax microplate reader (Molecular Devices Corp., Menlo Park, Calif.). The substrates used were N-α-benzoyl-L-Arg p-nitroanilide (1 mM) for trypsin (20 nM), and N-benzoyl-Pro-Phe-Arg p-nitroanilide (0.3 mM) for plasma kallikrein (1 nM). The Enzfitter (Elsevier) program was used both to plot fractional activity (i.e., activity with inhibitor, divided by activity without inhibitor), a, versus total concentration of inhibitor,

I_t, and to calculate the dissociation constant of the inhibitor (K_i) by fitting the curve to the following equation:

$$a = 1 - \frac{[E]_t + [I]_t + K_i - \sqrt{([E]_t + [I]_t + K_i)^2 - 4[E]_t[I]_t}}{2[E]_t}$$

[0320] The K_is determined for purified KPI variants are shown in **FIG. 45**. The most potent variant, KPI(−4→57; M15A, S17F) DD185 is 115-fold more potent as a human kallikrein inhibitor than wild-type KPI(−4→57). The least potent variant, KPI(−4→57; I16H, S17W) TW6185 is still 35-fold more potent than wild-type KPI.

[0321] For testing against factor XIIa, essentially the same reaction conditions were used, except that the substrate was N-benzoyl-Ile-Glu-Gly-Arg p-nitroaniline hydrochloride and its methyl ester (obtained from Pharmacia Hepar, Franklin, Ohio), and corn trypsin inhibitor (Enzyme Research Laboratories, South Bend, Ind.) was used as a control inhibitor. Factor XIIa was also obtained from Enzyme Research Laboratories.

[0322] Various data for inhibition of the serine proteases of interest kallikrein, plasmin, and factors Xa, XIa, and XIIa by a series of KPI variants are given in **FIG. 46**. The results indicate that KPI variants can be produced that can bind to and preferably inhibit the activity of serine proteases. The results also indicate that the peptides of the invention may exhibit the preferable more potent and specific inhibition of one or more serine proteases of interest.

Example 5

[0323] Effect of KPI variant KPI185-1 on postoperative bleeding

[0324] A randomized, double-blinded study using an acute porcine cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) model was used to investigate the effect of KPI185-1 on postoperative bleeding. Sixteen pigs (55-65 kg) underwent 60 minutes of hypothermic (28° C.) open-chest CPB with 30 minutes of cardioplegic cardiac arrest. Pigs were randomized against a control solution of physiological saline (NS; n=8) or KPI-185 (n=8) groups. During aortic cross-clamping, the tricuspid valve was inspected through an atriotomy which was subsequently repaired. Following reversal of heparin with protamine, dilateral thoracostomy tubes were placed and shed blood collected for 3 hours. Shed blood volume and hemoglobin (Hgb) loss were calculated from total chest tube output and residual intrathoracic blood at time of sacrifice.

[0325] Total blood loss was significantly reduced in the KPI185-1 group (245.75±66.24 ml vs. 344.25±63.97 ml, p=0.009). In addition, there was a marked reduction in total Hgb loss in the treatment group (13.59±4.26 gm vs. 23.61±4.69 gm, p=0.0005). Thoracostomy drainage Hgb was significantly increased at 30 and 60 minutes in the control group [6.89±1.44 vs. 4.41±1.45 gm/dl (p=0.004) and 7.6±1.03 vs. 5.26±1.04 gm/dl (p=0.0002), respectively]. Preoperative and post-CPB hematocrits were not statistically different between the groups. These results are shown in graphical form in FIGS. **47-50**.

[0326] The invention has been disclosed broadly and illustrated in reference to representative embodiments described above. Those skilled in the art will recognize that various modifications can be made to the present invention without departing from the spirit and scope thereof.

What is claimed is:

1. A protease inhibitor comprising the sequence:

X^1-Val-Cys-Ser-Glu-Gln-Ala-Glu-X^2-Gly-X^3-Cys-Arg-Ala-X^4-X^5-X^6-X^7-Trp-Tyr-Phe-Asp-Val-Thr-Glu-Gly-Lys-Cys-Ala-Pro-Phe-X^8-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Cys-X^9-X^{10}-X^{11}-X^{12}-Asn-Asn-Phe-Asp-Thr-Glu-Glu-Tyr-Cys-Met-Ala-Val-Cys-Gly-Ser-Ala-Ile,

wherein:

X^1 is selected from Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, Asp, or Glu;

X^2 is selected from Thr, Val, Ile and Ser;

X^3 is selected from Pro and Ala;

X^4 is selected from Arg, Ala, Leu, Gly, or Met;

X^5 is selected from Ile, His, Leu, Lys, Ala, or Phe;

X^6 is selected from-Ser, Ile, Pro, Phe, Tyr, Trp, Asn, Leu, His, Lys, or Glu;

X^7 is selected from Arg, His, or Ala;

X^8 is selected from Phe, Val, Leu, or Gly;

X^9 is selected from Gly, Ala, Lys, Pro, Arg, Leu, Met, or Tyr;

X^{10} is selected from Ala, Arg, or Gly;

X^{11} is selected from Lys, Ala, or Asn;

X^{12} is selected from Ser, Ala, or Arg;

provided that:

when X^4 is Arg, X^6 is Ile;

when X^9 is Arg, X^4 is Ala or Leu; when X^9 is Tyr, X^4 is Ala or X^5 is His; and

either X^5 is not Ile; or X^6 is not Ser; or X^9 is not Leu, Phe, Met, Tyr, or Asn; or X^{10} is not Gly; or X^{11} is not Asn; or X^{12} is not Arg.

2. A protease inhibitor comprising the sequence:

X^1-Val-Cys-Ser-Glu-Gln-Ala-Glu-Thr-Gly-Pro-Cys-Arg-Ala-X^2-X^3-X^4-Arg-Trp-Tyr-Phe-Asp-Val-Thr-Glu-Gly-Lys-Cys-Ala-Pro-Phe-Phe-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Cys-X^5-Gly-Asn-Arg-Asn-Asn-Phe-Asp-Thr-Glu-Glu-Tyr-Cys-Met-Ala-Val-Cys-Gly-Ser-Ala-Ile,

wherein:

X^1 is selected from Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, Asp, or Glu;

X^2 is selected from Ala, Leu, Gly, or Met;

X^3 is selected from Ile, His, Leu, Lys, Ala, or Phe;

X^4 is selected from Ser, Ile, Pro, Phe, Tyr, Trp, Asn, Leu, His, Lys, or Glu;

X^5 is selected from Gly, Ala, Lys, Pro, Arg, Leu, Met, or Tyr;

provided that:

when X^5 is Arg, X^2 is Ala or Leu; when X^5 is Tyr, X^2 is Ala or X^3 is His; and

either X^3 is not Ile; or X^4 is not Ser; or X^5 is not Leu, Phe, Met, Tyr, or Asn.

3. A protease inhibitor comprising the sequence:

Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-Val-Cys-Ser-Glu-Gln-Ala-Glu-Thr-Gly-Pro-Cys-Arg-Ala-X^1-X^2-X^3-Arg-Trp-Tyr-Phe-Asp-Val-Thr-Glu-Gly-Lys-Cys-Ala-Pro-Phe-Phe-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Cys-X^4-Gly-Asn-Arg-Asn-Asn-Phe-Asp-Thr-Glu-Glu-Tyr-Cys-Met-Ala-Val-Cys-Gly-Ser-Ala-Ile,

wherein:

X^1 is selected from Ala, Leu, Gly, or Met;

X^2 is selected from Ile, His, Leu, Lys, Ala, or Phe;

X^3 is selected from Ser, Ile, Pro, Phe, Tyr, Trp, Asn, Leu, His, Lys, or Glu;

X^4 is selected from Gly, Arg, Leu, Met, or Tyr;

provided that:

when X^1 is Ala, X^2 is Ile, His, or Leu;

when X^1 is Leu, X^2 is Ile or His;

when X^1 is Leu and X^2 is Ile, X^3 is not Ser;

when X^1 is Gly, X^2 is Ile;

when X^4 is Arg, X^1 is Ala or Leu;

when X^4 is Tyr, X^1 is Ala or X^2 is His; and

either X^1 is not Met, or X^2 is not Ile, or X^3 is not Ser, or X^4 is not Gly.

4. A protease inhibitor according to claim 1, wherein at least two amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of X^4, X^5, X^6, and X^7 differ from the residues found in the naturally occurring sequence of KPI.

5. A protease inhibitor according to claim 1, wherein X^1 is Asp or Glu, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, and X^{12} is Ser.

6. A protease inhibitor according to claim 5, wherein X^1 is Glu, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, and X^{11} is Asn.

7. A protease inhibitor according to claim 5, wherein X^1 is Asp, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Arg, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ile, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Val, X^9 is Arg, X^{10} is Ala, and X^{11} is Lys.

8. A protease inhibitor according to claim 1, wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Asn, and X^{12} is Ala.

9. A protease inhibitor according to claim 1, wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Ala, and X^{12} is Arg.

10. A protease inhibitor according to claim 1, wherein X^1 is Glu, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Ala, x^{11} is Asn, and X^{12} is Arg.

11. A protease inhibitor according to claim 1, wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Arg, X^{11} is Asn, and X^{12} is Arg.

12. A protease inhibitor according to claim 1, wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Arg, x^8 is Val, Leu, or Gly, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Asn, and X^{12} is Arg.

13. A protease inhibitor according to claim 1, wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Met, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Ser, X^7 is Ala, X^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Asn, and X^{12} is Arg.

14. A protease inhibitor according to claim 1, wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, Val, or Ser, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Ala or Leu, X^5 is Ile, X^6 is Tyr, X^7 His, X^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Ala, and X^{12} is Arg.

15. A protease inhibitor according to claim 14, wherein X^2 is Thr, and X^4 is Ala.

16. A protease inhibitor according to claim 14, wherein X^2 is Thr, and X^4 is Leu.

17. A protease inhibitor according to claim 14, wherein X^2 is Val, and X^4 is Ala.

18. A protease inhibitor according to claim 14, wherein X^2 is Ser, and X^4 is Ala.

19. A protease inhibitor according to claim 14, wherein X^2 is Val, and X^4 is Leu.

20. A protease inhibitor according to claim 14, wherein X^2 is Ser, and X^4 is Leu.

21. A protease inhibitor according to claim 1, wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Leu, X^5 is Phe, X^6 is Lys, X^7 is Arg, X^8 is Phe, X^9 is Gly, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Ala, and X^{12} is Arg.

22. A protease inhibitor according to claim 1, wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Leu, X^5 is Phe, X^6 is Lys, X^7 is Arg, X^8 is Phe, X^9 is Tyr, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Ala, and X^{12} is Arg.

23. A protease inhibitor according to claim 1, wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Pro, X^4 is Leu, X^5 is Phe, X^6 is Lys, X^7 is Arg, X^8 is Phe, X^9 is Leu, X^{10} is Gly, X^{11} is Ala, and X^{12} is Arg.

24. A protease inhibitor according to claim 2, wherein X^1 is Glu, X^2 is Met, X^3 is Ile, X^4 is Ile, and X^5 is Gly.

25. A protease inhibitor according to claim 3, wherein X^1 is Met, X^3 is Ser, and X^4 is Gly.

26. A protease inhibitor according to claim 25, wherein X^2 is selected from His, Ala, Phe, Lys, and Leu.

27. A protease inhibitor according to claim 26, wherein X^2 is His.

28. A protease inhibitor according to claim 27, wherein X^2 is Ala.

29. A protease inhibitor according to claim 27, wherein X^2 is Phe.

30. A protease inhibitor according to claim 27, wherein X^2 is Lys.

31. A protease inhibitor according to claim 27, wherein X^2 is Leu.

32. A protease inhibitor according to claim 3, wherein X^1 is Met, X^2 is Ile, and X^4 is Gly.

33. A protease inhibitor according to claim 32, wherein X^3 is Ile.

34. A protease inhibitor according to claim 32, wherein X^3 is Pro.

35. A protease inhibitor according to claim 32, wherein X^3 is Phe.

36. A protease inhibitor according to claim 32, wherein X^3 is Tyr.

37. A protease inhibitor according to claim 32, wherein X^3 is Trp.

38. A protease inhibitor according to claim 32, wherein X^3 is Asn.

39. A protease inhibitor according to claim 32, wherein X^3 is Leu.

40. A protease inhibitor according to claim 32, wherein X^3 is Lys.

41. A protease inhibitor according to claim 32, wherein X^3 is His.

42. A protease inhibitor according to claim 32, wherein X^3 is Glu.

43. A protease inhibitor according to claim 3, wherein X^1 is Ala.

44. A protease inhibitor according to claim 43, wherein X^2 is Ile.

45. A protease inhibitor according to claim 44, wherein X^3 is Phe, and X^4 is Gly.

46. A protease inhibitor according to claim 44, wherein X^3 is Tyr, and X^4 is Gly.

47. A protease inhibitor according to claim 44, wherein X^3 is Trp, and X^4 is Gly.

48. A protease inhibitor according to claim 44, wherein X^3 is Ser or Phe, and X^4 is Arg or Tyr.

49. A protease inhibitor according to claim 43, wherein X^2 is His or Leu, X^3 is Phe, and X^4 is Gly.

50. A protease inhibitor according to claim 3, wherein X^1 is Leu.

51. A protease inhibitor according to claim 50, wherein X^2 is His, X^3 is Asn or Phe, and X^4 is Gly.

52. A protease inhibitor according to claim 50, wherein X^2 is Ile, X^3 is Pro, and X^4 is Gly.

53. A protease inhibitor according to claim 3, wherein X^1 is Gly, X^2 is Ile, X^3 is Tyr, and X^4 is Gly.

54. A protease inhibitor according to claim 3, wherein X^1 is Met, X^2 is His, X^3 is Ser, and X^4 is Tyr.

55. An isolated DNA molecule comprising a DNA sequence encoding a protease inhibitor according to claim 1.

56. An isolated DNA molecule according to claim 55, operably linked to a regulatory sequence that controls expression of the coding sequence in a host cell.

57. An isolated DNA molecule according to claim 56, further comprising a DNA sequence encoding a secretory signal peptide.

58. An isolated DNA molecule according to claim 57, wherein said secretory signal peptide comprises the signal sequence of yeast alpha-mating factor.

59. A host cell transformed with a DNA molecule according to claim 55.

60. A host cell according to claim 59, wherein said host cell is *E. coli* or a yeast cell.

61. A host cell according to claim 60, wherein said host cell is *Saccharomyces cerevisiae.*

62. A method for producing a protease inhibitor, comprising the steps of culturing a host cell according to claim 59 and isolating and purifying said protease inhibitor.

63. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a protease inhibitor according to claim 1, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable sterile vehicle.

64. A method of treatment of a clinical condition associated with increased activity of one or more serine proteases, comprising administering to a patient suffering from said clinical condition an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 63.

65. The method of treatment of claim 64, wherein said clinical condition is blood loss during surgery.

66. A method for inhibiting the activity of serine proteases of interest in a mammal comprising administering a therapeutically effective dose of a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 63.

67. The method of claim 66, wherein said serine proteases are selected from the group consisting of: kallikrein; chymotrypsins A and B; trypsin; elastase; subtilisin; coagulants and procoagulants, particularly those in active form, including coagulation factors such as factors VIIa, IXa, Xa, XIa, and XIIa; plasmin; thrombin; proteinase-3; enterokinase; acrosin; cathepsin; urokinase; and tissue plasminogen activator.

68. A protease inhibitor comprising the sequence:

X^1-Val-Cys-Ser-Glu-Gln-Ala-Glu-X^2-Gly-Pro-Cys-Arg-Ala-X^3-X^4-X^5-X^6-Arg-Trp-Tyr-Phe-Asp-Val-Thr-Glu-Gly-Lys-Cys-Ala-Pro-Phe-Phe-Tyr-Gly-Gly-Cys-X^7-Gly-Asn-Arg-Asn-Asn-Phe-Asp-Thr-Glu-Glu-Tyr-Cys-Met-Ala-Val-Cys-Gly-Ser-Ala-Ile,

wherein:

X^1 is selected from Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, Asp, or Glu;

X^2 is selected from Thr, Val, Ile and Ser;

X^3 is selected from Arg, Ala, Leu, Gly, or Met;

X^4 is selected from Ile, His, Leu, Lys, Ala, or Phe;

X^5 is selected from Ser, Ile, Pro, Phe, Tyr, Trp, Asn, Leu, His, Lys, or Glu;

X^6 is selected from Arg, His, or Ala; and

X^7 is selected from Gly, Ala, Lys, Pro, Arg, Leu, Met, or Tyr.

69. A protease inhibitor according to claim 68, wherein at least two amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of X^3, X^4, X^5, and X^6 differ from the residues found in the naturally occurring sequence of KPI.

70. A protease inhibitor according to claim 68, wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, Val, or Ser, X^3 is Ala or Leu, X^4 is Ile, X^5 is Tyr, X^6 is His and X^7 is Gly.

71. A protease inhibitor according to claim 70, wherein X^2 is Thr, and X^3 is Ala.

72. A protease inhibitor according to claim 70, wherein X^2 is Thr, and X^3 is Leu.

73. A protease inhibitor according to claim 70, wherein X^2 is Val, and X^3 is Ala.

74. A protease inhibitor according to claim 70, wherein X^2 is Ser, and X^3 is Ala.

75. A protease inhibitor according to claim 70, wherein X^2 is Val, and X^3 is Leu.

76. A protease inhibitor according to claim 70, wherein X^2 is Ser, and X^3 is Leu.

77. A protease inhibitor according to claim 68, wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Leu, X^4 is Phe, X^5 is Lys, X^6 is Arg and X^7 is Gly.

78. A protease inhibitor according to claim 68, wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Leu, X^4 is Phe, $X^5$is Lys, X^6 is Arg and X^7 is Tyr.

79. A protease inhibitor according to claim 68, wherein X^1 is Glu-Val-Val-Arg-Glu-, X^2 is Thr, X^3 is Leu, X^4 is Phe, X^5 is Lys, X^6 is Arg and X^7 is Leu.

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