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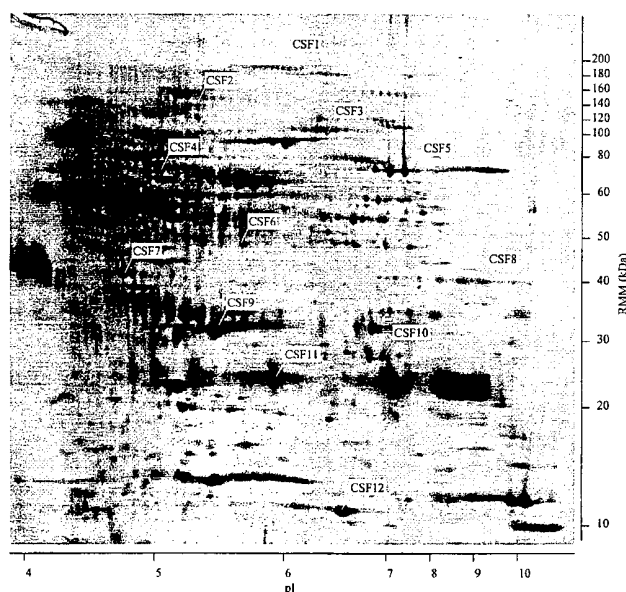
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides methods and compositions for screening, diagnosis and prognosis of Vascular Dementia, for monitoring the effectiveness of Vascular Dementia treatment, identifying patients most likely to respond to a particular therapeutic treatment and for drug development. Vascular Dementia-Associated Features (VFs), detectable by two-dimensional electrophoresis of cerebrospinal fluid, serum or plasma are described. The invention further provides Vascular Dementia-Associated Protein Isoforms (VPIs) detectable in cerebrospinal fluid, serum or plasma, preparations comprising isolated VPIs, antibodies immunospecific for VPIs, and kits comprising the aforesaid.



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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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All claims relating to (VF-4) VPI-2, VPI-29, VPI-15, VPI-21, VPI-273 and VPI-154
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

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

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Although claims 24, 25, or 26 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box I.1

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

1. Claims: Invention 1: Claims 1-7 (partially)

Diagnosis of vascular dementia using VF-4 as marker.

2. Claims: Inventions 2-712: Claims 1-46 (all partially)

Diagnosis or treatment of vascular dementia using one of VF-5 to VF-372 or one of VPI-2 to VPI-273 as marker/target.

3. Claims: Invention 713: 47-54 (fully)

Method of screening for agents effective for the treatment of vascular dementia involving IGF-II

4. Claims: Invention 714: Claims 55-62 (fully)

Method of screening for agents effective for the treatment of vascular dementia involving TIMP-1

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