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(57) ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to enzyme preparations consisting essentially of an enzyme which has cellulolytic activity and comprises a first amino acid sequence having the following sequence

(SEQ ID NO: 79)

Thr Arg Xaa Xaa Asp Cys Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Trp Xaa
13 14

and a second amino acid sequence having the following sequence

(SEQ ID NO: 80)

Trp Cys Cys Xaa Cys
1 2 3 4 5

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wherein, at position 3 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Trp, Tyr or Phe; at position 4 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Arg, Lys or His; at positions 9, 10, 12 and 14, respectively, of the first sequence, and at position 4 of the second sequence, the amino acid is any of the 20 naturally occurring amino acid residues with the provisos that, in the first amino acid sequence, (i) when the amino residue at position 12 is Ser, then the amino acid residue at position 14 is not Ser, and (ii) when the amino residue at position 12 is Gly, then the amino acid residue at position 14 is not Ala, performs very well in industrial applications such as laundry compositions, for biopolishing of newly manufactured textiles, for providing an abraded look of cellulosic fabric or garment, and for treatment of paper pulp. Further, the invention relates to DNA constructs encoding such enzymes, a method for providing a gene encoding for such enzymes, a method of producing the enzymes, enzyme preparations containing such enzymes, and the use of these enzymes for a number of industrial applications.

Acromonium I 1 - - - - - M R S T S I L I G L V A G V A A - - - - - Q S S G S G H 23
V. colletorichoides 1 - - - - - M R S S A V L I G L V A G V A A - - - - - Q S S G T G R 23
C. scobello 1 M V H P N M L K T L A P L I L L A A S V T A - - - - - Q T A G V - - 27
Acromonium II 1 - - - - - M I S A W I L L G L V G A V P S S V M A A S G K G H 26
T. ferresfris 1 - - - - - M A S T P V L R T T L A A A L P L V A S - A A S G S G Q 27
M. thermophila 1 - - - - - M H L S A I T G F L A L P V L A L D Q L S G I G Q 25
H. phaseolina 1 - - - - - M F S P L W A L S A L L L F P A T - - - - - E A T S G V 23
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C. scobello 20 T T R Y W D C C K P S C G W S G K A S V S A P V R T C D R L N G N 59
Acromonium II 27 T T R Y W D C C K T S C A W E G K A S V S E P V L L C L K Q D L V 58
T. ferresfris 28 S T R Y W D C C K P S C A W P G K A L A V S O P V V Y A C D A N F Q 59
M. thermophila 26 T T R Y W D C C K P S C A W P G K G P S S P V Q A C D K N D N 56
H. phaseolina 24 T T R Y W D C C K P S C A W T G K A S V S K P V I G T C D I N D N 55
Acromonium I 58 P L S P G - A V S G C D P M G V A F T C N D N D P W A V N D S 85
V. colletorichoides 56 P L A S T - A R S G C D S M G V A Y T C N D N D P W A V N D N 85
C. scobello 80 T L G P D - V K S G C D S G G T S F T C A N N G P E A L D N N 89
Acromonium II 59 P I V D A N - A R S G C D G G Q - A L F A C T N N S P W A V S E D 88
T. ferresfris 60 R L S D F N - V Q S G C N - G G S A Y S C A D Q T P W A V N D N 89
M. thermophila 57 P L N D G G S T R S G C A G G S A Y M C S S Q S P W A V S D E 00
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Acromonium I 86 V A Y G F A A T A F P G G A E A S W C C A C Y A L Q F T S G P V 117
V. colletorichoides 88 L A Y G F A A I A E S G G S E A S W C C A C Y A L Q F T S G P V 117
C. scobello 90 T A Y G F A A L A H L A G S S E A A W C C Q C Y E L L T F T S G P V 121
Acromonium II 89 L A Y G F A A T A L S G G T E G S W C C A C Y A L I T F T S G P V 120
T. ferresfris 90 L A Y G F A A T S L A G G S E S W C C A C Y A L T F T S G P V 121
M. thermophila 89 L S Y G F A A V K L A G S S E S W C C A C Y E L T F T S G P V 120
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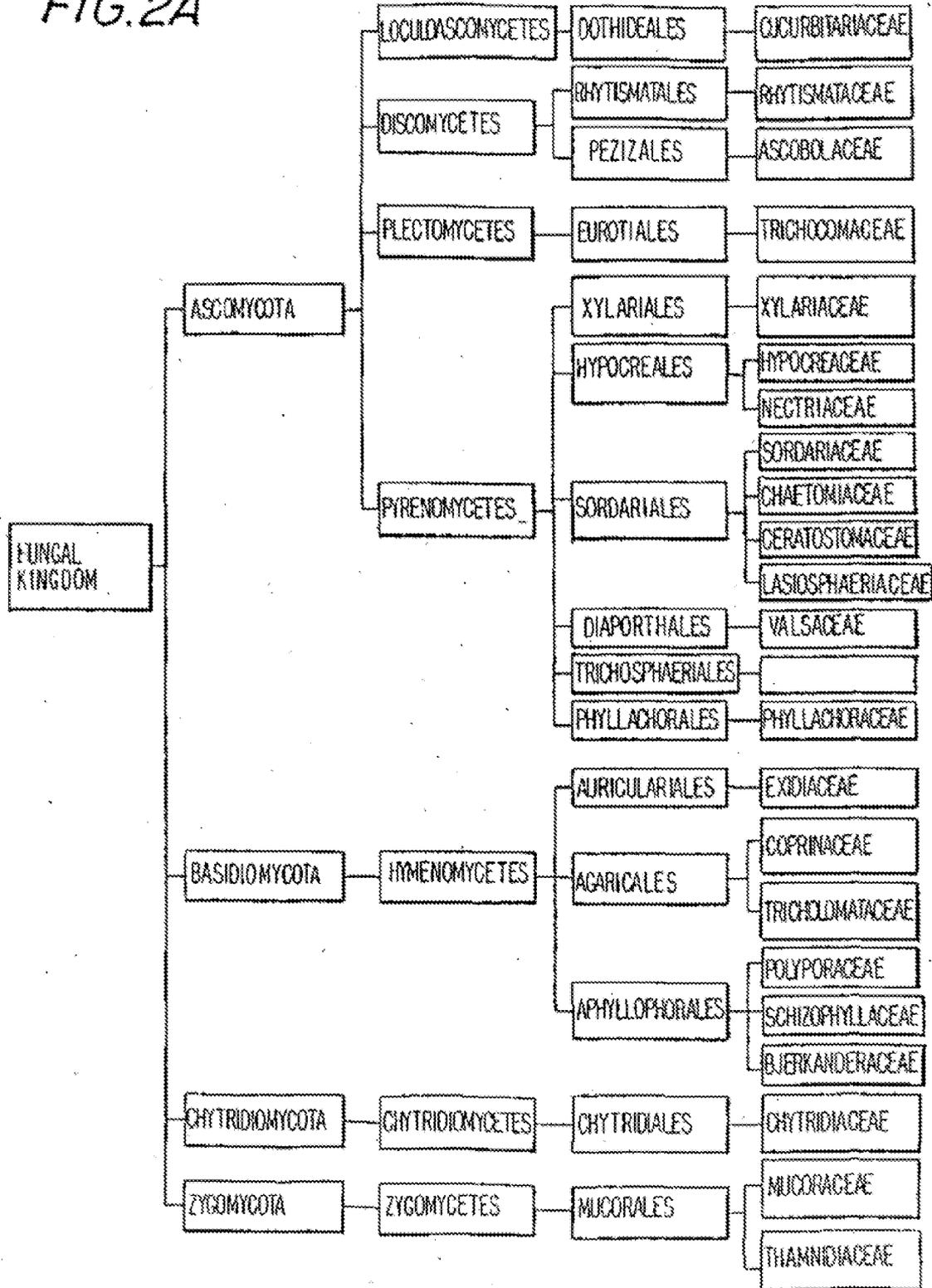
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Acremonium I	118	A G K T M V V O S T N T G G D L S G I H F D I Q M P G G G L G I	149
V. colletotrichoides	118	A G K T M V V O S T N T G G D L S G N H F D I L M P G G G L G I	149
C. scabellia	122	V G K K L T V Q V T N T G G D L S M N H F D L M I P G G G V G I	153
Acremonium II	121	A G K K M V V O S T N T G G D L S M N H F D L M I P G G G L G I	152
T. terrestris	122	A G K T M V V O S T S I G G D L G S N Q F D I A M P G G G V G I	153
M. thermophila	121	A G K K M I V Q A T N T G G D L G D N H F D L A I P G G G V G I	152
M. phaseolus	119	S G K Q M I V Q I T N T G G D L G N N H F D I A M P G G G V G I	150
Acremonium I	150	F - D G C T P Q F G F T F P - - G N R Y G G Y T S R S Q C A E L	178
V. colletotrichoides	150	F - D G C T P Q W G V S F P - - G N R Y G G Y T S R S Q C S Q I	178
C. scabellia	154	F T Q G C P A Q F G S W N G - - G A Q Y G G V S S R I D Q C S Q L	183
Acremonium II	153	F - D G C S A Q F G Q L L P - - G E R Y G G V S S R S Q C D G M	181
T. terrestris	154	F - N G C S S O F G G L P - - G A Q Y G G I S S R I D Q C D S F	181
M. thermophila	153	F - N A C T D Q Y G A P P N G W G D B Y G G I H S K E E C E S F	183
M. phaseolus	151	F - N G C S K Q W N G I - - N L G N Q Y G G F T D R S Q C A T L	179
Acremonium I	179	P S V L R D G C H W R Y D W F N D A D N P N V N W R R V R C P A	210
V. colletotrichoides	179	P S A L Q P G C N W R Y D W F N D A D N P D V S W R R V C C P A	210
C. scabellia	184	P A A V Q A G C Q F R F D W M G G A D N P N V T F R P V T C P A	215
Acremonium II	182	P E L L K D G C Q W R F D W F K N S D N P D I E F E Q V Q C P K	213
T. terrestris	182	P A P L K P G C Q W R F D W F Q N A D N P T F T F Q Q V Q C P A	213
M. thermophila	184	P E A L K P G C N W R F D W F Q N A D N P S V T E Q E V A C P S	215
M. phaseolus	180	P S K W Q A S C N W R F D W F E N A D N P T V D W E P V T C P Q	211
Acremonium I	211	A L T N R S G C V I R N D D N S Y P V F E P G T G T P P T T -	241
V. colletotrichoides	211	A L T D R T G C R R S D D G N Y P V F Q P G P P A T T I R T S	242
C. scabellia	216	Q L T N I S G C V R K -	226
Acremonium II	214	E L I A V S G C V R D D D S S F P V F Q G S G S G D V N P P K	245
T. terrestris	214	E L V A R S G C K R M D D S S F P - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	244
M. thermophila	216	E L T S K S G C S R I -	225
M. phaseolus	212	E L V A R T G C S R T -	222

FIG. 1B

FIG. 2A



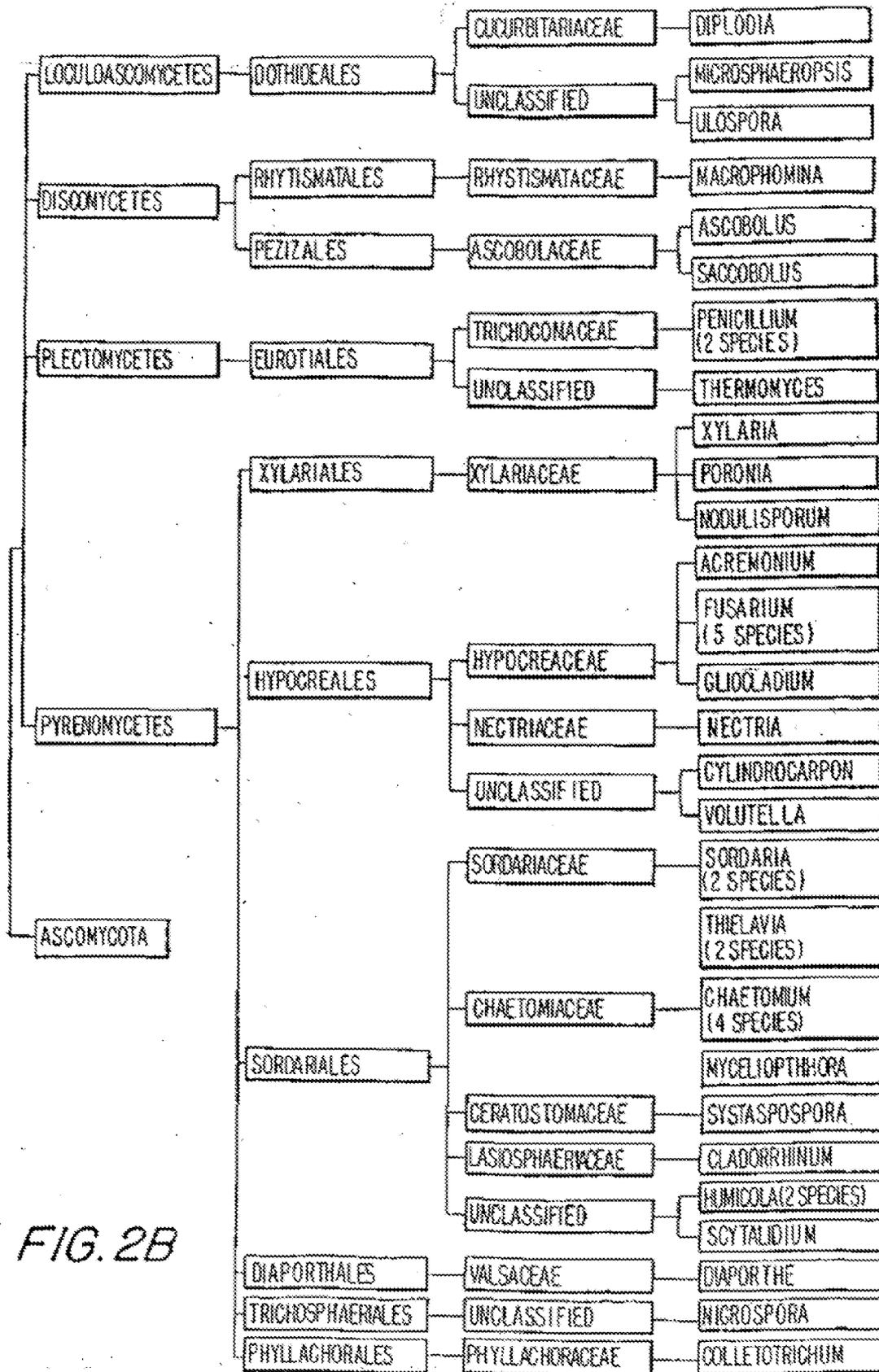


FIG. 2B

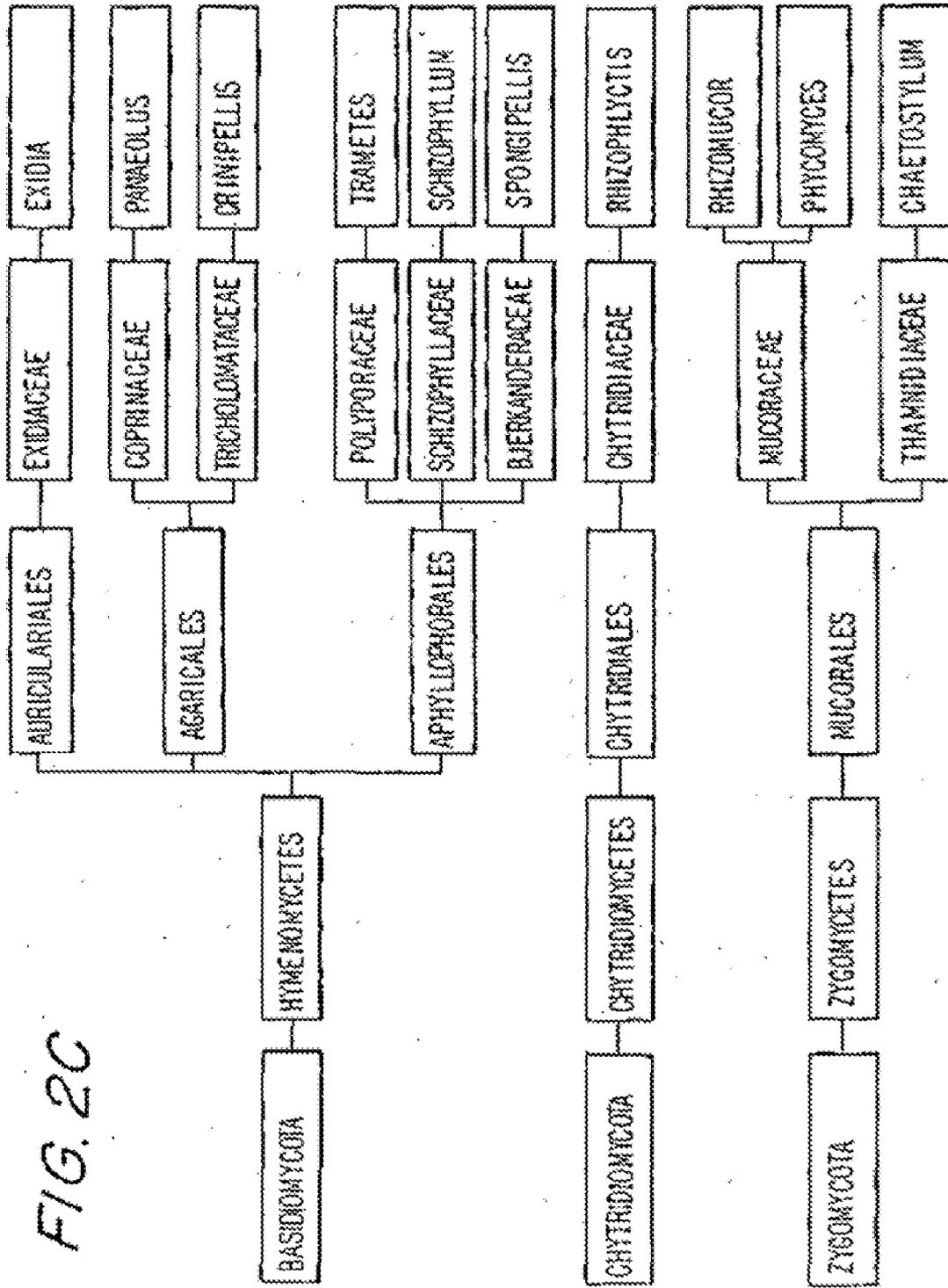


FIG. 2C

H. nigrescens	29	A	N	Q	T	P	W	A	V	S	D	F	A	Y	G	F	A	A	T	A	L	A	G	51
T. verrucosus	27	A	K	Q	T	P	W	A															33	
H. griseo	32	A	D	Q	T	P	W	A	L	N	D	F	A	Y	G	F	A	A	T	A	I	S	G	59
C. longenarium	27	S																					27	
P. punctata	15	S	N	Q	S	P	W	A	V	N	D	L	A	Y	G	W	A	A	V	S	I	A	G	37
X. hypoxylon	25	S	N	Q	S	P	W	A	V	N	D	S	L	S	Y	G	W	A	A	V	R	I	Y	59
Coniothecium sp.	32	S	T	Q	Q	P	W	A	V	N	D	N	L	A	Y	G	F	A	A	T	A	I	S	57
P. verruculosum	16	S	N	Q	Q	P	W	V	N	D	S	L	A	Y	G	F	A	A	V	R	I	A	G	38
F. anguoides	34	S	S	H	S	P	W	A	V	S	D	S	L	S	Y	G	W	A	A	V	R	I	A	59
S. ditellus	14	A	S	Q	E	P	W	A	V	S	N	V	A	Y	G	F	A	A	V	R	I	S	G	36
F. oxy. ssp. lycop.	25	T	N	Y	S	P	W	A	V	N	D	E	L	A	Y	G	F	A	A	T	K	I	S	59
T. thermophilu	24	S	N	Y	S	P	W	A	V	N	D	D	L	A	Y	G	F	A	A	V	T	K	I	50
P. nitens	28	T	N	Y	S	P	W	A	V	N	D	N	L	A	Y	G	F	A	A	T	K	L	A	53
C. virescens	27	Y	N	Y	S	P	E	A	V	N	D	N	L	A	Y	G	F	A	A	T	K	L	A	53
Nigrospora sp.	25	S	N	T	S	P	W	A	V	S	D	Q	L	A	Y	G	Y	V	A	T	S	I	S	51
CBS 271.96	27	S	N	T	S	P	W	A	V	S	D	Q	L	A	Y	G	Y	L	A	T	S	I	S	53
C. foecundissimum	33	A	N	N	S	P	W	A	V	N	D	Q	L	A	Y	G	F	A	A	T	K	L	S	60
N. pineo	12	A	N	N	S	P	W	A	V	N	D	Q	L	A	Y	G	F	A	A	T	K	L	S	21
C. buniculorum	33	S	N	M	S	P	W	A	V	D	D	Q	T	A	Y	G	F	A	A	T	A	I	S	60
C. fresenii	29	S	N	N	S	P	W	A	V	D	D	Q	T	A	Y	G	F	A	A	T	A	I	S	53
S. boninensis	11	S	N	N	S	P	W	A	V	N	E	D												21
T. roseum	30	A	N	Y	Q	P	W	A	V	N	D	Q	L	A	Y	G	F	A	A	T	A	I	N	55
D. gossypino	27	T	Y	S	T	P	W	A	V	D	N	L	S	Y	G	F	A	A	A	K	L	S	G	49
E. glauca	27	N	Q	S	P	W	A	V	N	D	L	V	S	Y	G	F	A	A	T	A	I	N	G	51
U. bilgramii	20	S	N	Q	S	P	W	A	V	N	D	T	F	S	Y	G	F	A	G	I	F	I	T	45
CBS 270.96	0																						28	

FIG. 3B

ENDOGLUCANASES

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 10/965,499 filed on Oct. 14, 2004, which is a continuation of U.S. application no. 10/007,521 filed Dec. 10, 2001, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,855,531, which is a continuation of U.S. application no. 09/229,911 filed Jan. 13, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,387,690, which is a divisional of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/651,136 filed May 21, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,001,639, which is a continuation of international application no. PCT/DK96/00105 filed Mar. 18, 1996, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Danish application nos. 0272/95, 0885/95, 0886/95, 0887/95, 0888/95, and 0137/96 filed Mar. 17, 1995, Aug. 8, 1995, Aug. 8, 1995, Aug. 8, 1995, Aug. 8, 1995 and Feb. 12, 1996, respectively, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention relates to novel enzyme preparations comprising an enzyme exhibiting endoglucanase activity which performs very well in industrial applications such as laundry compositions, for biopolishing of newly manufactured textiles, for providing an abraded look of cellulose fabric or garment, and for treatment of paper pulp. Further, the invention relates to DNA constructs encoding such enzymes, a method for providing a gene encoding for such enzymes, a method of producing the enzymes, enzyme preparations containing such enzymes, and the use of these enzymes for a number of industrial applications.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] Cellulases or cellulytic enzymes are enzymes involved in hydrolysis of cellulose. In the hydrolysis of native cellulose, it is known that there are three major types of cellulase enzymes involved, namely cellobiohydrolase (1,4-beta-D-glucan cellobiohydrolase, EC 3.2.1.91), endo-beta-1,4-glucanase (endo-1,4-beta-D-glucan 4-glucanohydrolase, EC 3.2.1.4) and beta-glucosidase (EC 3.2.1.21).

[0004] Cellulases are synthesized by a large number of microorganisms which include fungi, to actinomycetes, mycobacteria and true bacteria but also by plants. Especially endoglucanases of a wide variety of specificities have been identified.

[0005] A very important industrial use of cellulytic enzymes is the use for treatment of cellulosic textile or fabric, e.g., as ingredients in detergent compositions or fabric softener compositions, for bio-polishing of new fabric (garment finishing), and for obtaining a "stone-washed" look of cellulose containing fabric, especially denim, and several methods for such treatment have been suggested, e.g., in GB-A-1 368 599, EP-A-0 307 564 and EP-A-0 435 876, WO 91/17243, WO 91/10732, WO 91/17244, PCT/DK95/000108 and PCT/DK95/00132.

[0006] Another important industrial use of cellulytic enzymes is the use for treatment of paper pulp, e.g., for improving the drainage or for deinking of recycled paper.

[0007] Especially the endoglucanases (EC No. 3.2.1.4) constitute an interesting group of hydrolases for the mentioned industrial uses. Endoglucanases catalyses endo hydrolysis of 1,4-beta-D-glycosidic linkages in cellulose, cellulose derivatives (such as carboxy methyl cellulose and

hydroxy ethyl cellulose), lichenin, beta-1,4 bonds in mixed beta-1,3 glucans such as cereal beta-D-glucans or xyloglucans and other plant material containing cellulosic parts. The authorized name is endo-1,4-beta-D-glucan 4-glucanohydrolase, but the abbreviated term endoglucanase is used in the present specification. Reference can be made to T.-M. Enveri, "Microbial Cellulases" in W. M. Fogarty, Microbial Enzymes and Biotechnology, Applied Science Publishers, p. 183-224 (1983); Methods in Enzymology, Vol. 160, p. 200-391 (1988) (edited by Wood, W. A. and Kellogg, S. T.); Béguin, P., "Molecular Biology of Cellulose Degradation", Annu. Rev. Microbiol. Vol. 44, pp. 219-248 (1990); Béguin, P. and Aubert, J.-P., "The biological degradation of cellulose", FEMS Microbiology Reviews Vol. 13, pp. 25-58 (1994); Henrissat, B., "Cellulases and their interaction with cellulose", Cellulose, Vol. 1, pp. 169-196 (1994).

[0008] Fungal endoglucanases have been described in numerous publications, especially those derived from species as, e.g., *Fusarium oxysporum*, *Trichoderma reesei*, *Trichoderma longibrachiatum*, *Aspergillus aculeatus*, *Neocallimastix patriciarum*, and, e.g., from species of the genera *Piromyces*, *Humicola*, *Myceliophthora*, *Geotricum*, *Penicillium*, *Irpex*, *Coprinus*.

[0009] For example, fungal endoglucanases have been described by Sheppard, P. O., et al., "The use of conserved cellulase family-specific sequences to clone Cellulase homologue cDNAs from *Fusarium oxysporum*", Gene, Vol. 15, pp. 163-167 (1994); Saloheimo, A., et al., "A novel, small endoglucanase gene, egl5, from *Trichoderma reesei* isolated by expression in yeast", Molecular Microbiology Vol. 13(2), pp. 219-228 (1994); van Arsdell, J. N. et al., Cloning, characterization, and expression in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* of endoglucanase I from *Trichoderma reesei*, Bio/Technology 5, 60-64 (1987); Penttilä, M. et al., "Homology between cellulase genes of *Trichoderma reesei*: complete nucleotide sequence of the endoglucanase I gene", Gene 45: 253-263 (1986); Saloheimo, M. et al., "EGIII, a new endoglucanase from *Trichoderma reesei* the characterization of both gene and enzyme", Gene 63: 11-21 (1988); Gonzales, R., et al., "Cloning, sequence analysis and yeast expression of the egl1 gene from *Trichoderma longibrachiatum*", Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol., Vol. 38, pp. 370-375 (1992); Ooi, T. et al., "Cloning and sequence analysis of a cDNA for cellulase (FI-CM-Case) from *Aspergillus aculeatus*", Curr. Genet., Vol. 18, pp. 217-222 (1990); Ooi, T. et al., "Complete nucleotide sequence of a gene coding for *Aspergillus aculeatus* cellulase (FI-CMCase)", Nucleic Acids Research, Vol. 18, No. 19, p. 5884 (1990); Xue, G. et al., "Cloning and expression of multiple cellulase cDNAs from the anaerobic rumen fungus *Neocallimastix patriciarum* in *E. coli*", J. Gen. Microbiol., Vol. 138, pp 1413-1420 (1992); Xue, G. et al., "A novel polysaccharide hydrolase cDNA (celD) from *Neocallimastix patriciarum* encoding three multi-functional catalytical domains with high endoglucanase, cellobiohydrolase and xylanase activities", 3. Gen. Microbiol., Vol. 138, pp. 2397-2403 (1992); Zhou, L. et al., "Intronless celB from the anaerobic fungus *Neocallimastix patriciarum* encodes a modular family A endoglucanase", Biochem. J., Vol. 297, pp. 359-364 (1994); Dalbøge, H. and Heldt-Hansen, H. P. "A novel method for efficient cloning of fungal enzyme genes", Mol. Gen. Genet., Vol. 243, pp. 253-260 (1994); Ali, B. R. S. et al., "Cellulases and hemicellulases of the anaerobic fungus *Piromyces* constitute a multiprotein cellulose-binding complex and are encoded by multigene families", "FEMS Microbiol.

Lett., Vol. 125, No. 1, pp. 15-21 (1995). Further, the DNA Data Bank of Japan (DDBJ database publicly available at Internet) comprises two DNA sequences cloned from *Penicillium janthinellum* encoding endoglucanases (cloned by A. Koch and G. Mernitz, respectively) and a DNA sequence cloned from *Humicola grisea var thermoidea* encoding an endoglucanase (cloned by T. Uozumi). Two endoglucanases from *Macrophomina phaseolina* have been cloned and sequenced, see Wang, H. Y. and Jones, R. W. "Cloning, characterization and functional expression of an endoglucanase-encoding gene from the phytopathogenic fungus *Macrophomina phaseolina*" in *Gene*, 158:125-128, 1995, and Wang, H. Y. and Jones, R. W.: "A unique endoglucanase-encoding gene cloned from the phytopathogenic fungus *Macrophomina phaseolina*" in *Applied And Environmental Microbiology*, 61:2004-2006, 1995. One of these endoglucanases shows high homology to the egl3 endoglucanase from the fungus *Trichoderma reesei*, the other shows homology to the egl1 from the microbial phytopathogen *Pseudomonas solanacearum* indicating that both endoglucanases belong to family 5 of glycosylhydrolases (B. Henrissat, *Biochem J* 280; 309-316 (1991)). Filament-specific expression of a cellulase gene in the dimorphic fungus *Ustilago maydis* is disclosed in Schauwecker, F. et al. (1995).

[0010] WO 91/17243 (Novo Nordisk A/S) discloses a cellulase preparation consisting of a homogenous endoglucanase component immunoreactive with an antibody raised against a highly purified 43 kDa endoglucanase derived from *Humicola insolens*, DSM 1800; WO 91/17244 (Novo Nordisk A/S) discloses a new (hemi)cellulose degrading enzyme, such as an endoglucanase, a cellobiohydrolase or a beta-glucosidase, which may be derived from fungi other than *Trichoderma* and *Phanerochaete*; WO 93/20193 discloses an endoglucanase derivable from *Aspergillus aculeatus*; WO 94/21801 (Genencor Inc.) concerns a cellulase system isolated from *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* exhibiting endoglucanase activity, WO 94/26880 (Gist Brocades N. V.) discloses an isolated mixture of cellulose degrading enzymes, which preferable are obtained from *Trichoderma Aspergillus* or *Disporotrichum*, comprising endoglucanase, cellobiohydrolase, and xyloglucanase activity; and WO 95/02043 (Novo Nordisk A/S) describes an enzyme with endoglucanase activity derived from *Trichoderma harzianum*, which can be used for a number of purposes including e.g., degradation or modification of plant cell walls.

[0011] It is also known that cellulases may or may not have a cellulose binding domain (a CBD). The CBD enhances the binding of the enzyme to a cellulose containing fiber and increases the efficacy of the catalytic active part of the enzyme.

[0012] There is an ever existing need for providing novel cellulase enzyme preparations which may be used for applications where cellulase preferably an endoglucanase, activity is desirable.

[0013] The object of the present invention is to provide novel enzyme preparations having substantial cellulolytic activity at acid, neutral or alkaline conditions and improved performance in paper pulp processing, textile treatment, laundry processes or in animal feed; preferably novel cellulases,

more preferably well-performing endoglucanases, which are contemplated to be producible or produced by recombinant techniques.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0014] Surprisingly, it has been found that a group of endoglucanases having certain unique characteristics perform very well in those industrial applications for which endoglucanases are conventionally used. These unique characteristics can be described in terms of conserved regions of the amino acid sequence of the enzyme protein and the inventors have found that cellulolytic enzymes, i.e., enzymes exhibiting cellulolytic activity, having certain conserved regions are very effective, e.g., in the treatment of laundry, in the treatment of newly manufactured textile, in the treatment of papermaking pulp.

[0015] Accordingly, in its first aspect the present invention relates to an enzyme preparation consisting essentially of an enzyme having cellulolytic activity and comprising a first amino acid sequence consisting of 14 amino acid residues having the following sequence

(SEQ ID NO: 79)

Thr	Arg	Xaa	Xaa	Asp	Cys	Cys	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Cys	Xaa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Trp Xaa
13 14

and a second amino acid sequence consisting of 5 amino acid residues having the following sequence

(SEQ ID NO: 80)

Trp	Cys	Cys	Xaa	Cys
1	2	3	4	5

wherein

[0016] at position 3 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Trp, Tyr or Phe;

[0017] at position 4 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Trp, Tyr or Phe;

[0018] at position 8 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Arg, Lys or His;

[0019] at positions 9, 10, 12 and 14, respectively, of the first sequence, and at position 4 of the second sequence, the amino acid is any of the 20 naturally occurring amino acid residues with the provisos that, in the first amino acid sequence, (i) when the amino residue at position 12 is Ser, then the amino acid residue at position 14 is not Ser, and (ii) when the amino residue at position 12 is Gly, then the amino acid residue at position 14 is not Ala.

[0020] This surprising finding of clearly recognisable conserved regions, in spite of rather prominent variations found within well-performing endoglucanase enzymes, is a result of studies of a number of fungal DNA sequences encoding for specific amino acid sequences of enzymes having significant cellulolytic, especially endoglucanase, activities.

[0021] Based on this finding, a novel molecular method tailored to screen specifically for genomic DNA or cDNA characterized by encoding the enzymes of the invention has been developed. As tools for these three sets of degenerated primers were constructed. Accordingly, in its second aspect, the invention relates to a method for providing a gene encoding for cellulolytic enzymes having the above conserved regions.

[0022] By using this method, i.e., the set of primers for a PCR screening on genomic DNA, it was surprisingly found that DNA encoding for said enzymes can be found from a broad range of fungi, belonging to taxonomically very different organisms and inhabiting ecologically very different niches.

[0023] Further, by using this method it has been possible to find DNA sequences encoding for the core regions (catalytically active regions or domains) of said enzymes without any attached cellulose binding domain (CBD) which core regions of enzymes would not have been selected by using conventional performance based screening approaches. The inventors have verified experimentally that the linking of a CBD region to a core region enzyme (comprising the catalytically active region or domain of the enzyme) of the present invention results in a significantly improved performance, e.g., a fifty times higher performance, of the multiple domain enzyme.

[0024] Accordingly, the present invention provides novel cellulases, especially endoglucanases, having improved performance in industrial applications, either in their native form, or homo- or heterologously produced.

[0025] In further aspects, the present invention relates to novel cellulolytic enzyme preparations which are derivable from taxonomically specific phyla, classes, orders, families, genera, and species; e.g., from Basidiomycotous *Hymenomycetes*, *Zygomycota*, *Chytridiomycota*; or from the classes *Discomycetes*, *Loculoascomycetes*, *Plectomycetes*; *Archaeascomycetes*, *Hemiascomycetes* or from the orders *Diaportales*, *Xylariales*, *Trichosphaeriales*, *Phyllachorales*; or from the families *Nectriaceae*, *Sordariaceae*, *Chaetomiaceae*, *Ceratostomaceae*, *Lasiosphaeriaceae*; or from the genera *Cylindrocarpon*, *Gliocladium*, *Volutella*, *Scytalidium*, *Acremonium*, or from the species *Fusarium lycopersici*, *Fusarium passiflora*, *Fusarium solani*, *Fusarium anguioides*, *Fusarium poae*, *Humicola nigrescens*, *Humicola grisea*, especially such consisting essentially of an enzyme comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of the sequences

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(SEQ ID NOS: 105-107)
Xaa Thr Arg Xaa Phe Asp Xaa
1 2 3 4 5 6 7;

Xaa Thr Arg Xaa Tyr Asp Xaa
1 2 3 4 5 6 7;
and

Xaa Thr Arg Xaa Trp Asp Xaa
1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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wherein Xaa at position 4 is Trp, Tyr or Phe and Xaa at positions 1 and 7 is any of the 20 naturally occurring amino acid residues.

[0026] More specifically, the enzyme preparation of the invention is preferably obtainable from the taxonomically specific phyla, classes, orders, families, genera, and species mentioned above which all produce endoglucanases comprising a first peptide consisting of 13 amino acid residues having the following sequence

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(SEQ ID NO: 108)
Thr Arg Xaa Xaa Asp Cys Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
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Trp
13

and a second peptide consisting of 5 amino acid residues having the following sequence

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Trp Cys Cys Xaa Cys (SEQ ID NO: 80)
1 2 3 4 5
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wherein, at position 3 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Trp, Tyr or Phe; at position 4 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Trp, Tyr or Phe; at position 8 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Arg, Lys or His; at positions 9, 10, and 12, respectively, of the first sequence, and at position 4 of the second sequence, the amino acid is any of the 20 naturally occurring amino acid residues.

[0027] In yet further aspects, the present invention provides DNA constructs comprising a DNA sequence encoding an enzyme exhibiting endoglucanase activity, which DNA sequence comprises the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, and 25, respectively, or analogues thereof.

[0028] The present invention also relates to a recombinant expression vector comprising a DNA construct of the invention, to a cell comprising a DNA construct or a recombinant expression vector of the invention; to a method of producing an enzyme, e.g., a recombinant enzyme, of the invention; to a method of providing colour clarification of laundry by using the enzyme of the invention to a laundry composition comprising the enzyme of the invention, to uses of the enzyme of the invention for degradation or modification of plant material, e.g., cell walls, for treatment of fabric, textile or garment, for treatment of paper pulp; and to an enzyme preparation which is enriched in an enzyme of the present invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

[0029] FIGS. 1A, 1B and 1C show an alignment of the deduced encoded amino acid sequences of *Acremonium* sp. (I) (SEQ ID NO: 8), *Volutella colletotrichoides* (SEQ ID NO: 22), *Crinipellis scabella* (SEQ ID NO: 16), *Acremonium* sp. (II) (SEQ ID NO: 10), *Myceliophthora thermophila* (SEQ ID NO: 2), *Thielavia terrestris* (SEQ ID NO: 12), *Macrophomina phaseolina* (SEQ ID NO: 14). The Pileup program (Feng and Doolittle, 1987) (GCG package, version 8.0) was used to create the best alignment. Identical residues in at least four sequences (boxed) are indicated around the corresponding amino acids.

[0030] FIGS. 2A, B and C illustrate the taxonomic classification within the Fungal Kingdom of all the microorganisms disclosed herein as being capable of producing said enzyme preparations and enzymes of the invention.

[0031] The taxonomic classification used herein builds primarily on the system used in the NIH Data Base (Entrez, version spring 1996) available on the internet.

[0032] Regarding classification of organisms which are not included in the Entrez data base the following generally available and world wide accepted reference books have been used:

[0033] For *Ascomycetes*: Eriksson, O. E. & Hawksworth, D. L.: *Systema Ascomycetum* vol 12 (1993).

[0034] For *Basidiomycetes*: Jülich, W.: *Higher Taxa of Basidiomycetes*, *Bibliotheca Mycologia* 85, 485 pp (1981).

[0035] For *Zygomycetes*: O'Donnell, K.: *Zygomycetes* in culture, University of Georgia, US, 257 pp (1979).

[0036] General Mycological Reference Books; Hawksworth, D. L., Kirk, P. M., Sutton, B. C. and Pegler, D. N.: *Dictionary of the fungi*, International Mycological Institute, 616 pp (1995);

VonArx, J. A.: The genera of fungi sporulating in culture, 424 pp (1981).

[0037] The taxonomic implacement of the genus *Humicola* has until recently remained unclear. However, studies of 18SRNA of a wide selection of Sordariales has given strong indications of referring *Humicola* to the order Sordariales (Taylor, Clausen & Oxenbøll, unpublished). Further these data suggests *Humicola* along with *Scytalidium* to be only rather distantly related to the families Sordariaceae, Chaetomiaceae, Ceratostomataceae, and Lasiosphaeriaceae. In accordance with the above *Humicola* and *Scytalidium* are here placed within the order Sordariales, with unclassified Family.

[0038] FIGS. 3A and 3B show an alignment of the deduced partial amino acid sequences derived from a selection of 26 of the 46 microorganisms described in Example 5 (SEQ ID NOS: 40, 30, 38, 74, 64, 32, 52, 62, 66, 28, 34, 68, 76, 72, 46, 54, 42, 36, 48, 44, 78, 58, 50, 60, and 56).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0039] In the present context, the term "the 20 naturally occurring amino acid residues" denotes the amino acid residues usually found in proteins and conventionally known as alanine (Ala or A), valine (Val or V), leucine (Leu or L), isoleucine (Ile or I), proline (Pro or P), phenylalanine (Phe or F), tryptophan (Trp or W), methionine (Met or M), glycine (Gly or G), serine (Ser or S), threonine (Thr or T), cysteine (Cys or C), tyrosine (Tyr or Y), asparagine (Asn or N), glutamine (Gln or Q), aspartic acid (Asp or D), glutamic acid (Glu or E), lysine (Lys or K), arginine (Arg or R), and histidine (H is or H).

[0040] According to the present invention there is provided novel well-performing endoglucanases comprising conserved amino acid sequence regions, especially a first amino acid sequence consisting of 14 amino acid residues having the following sequence

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                                     (SEQ ID NO: 79)
Thr Arg Xaa Xaa Asp Cys Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa
1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12

Trp Xaa
13 14

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and a second amino acid sequence consisting of 5 amino acid residues having the following sequence

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Trp Cys Cys Xaa Cys          (SEQ ID NO: 80)
1  2  3  4  5

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wherein

[0041] at position 3 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Trp, Tyr or Phe;

[0042] at position 4 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Trp, Tyr or Phe;

[0043] at position 8 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Arg, Lys or His;

[0044] at positions 9, 10, 12 and 14, respectively, of the first sequence, and at position 4 of the second sequence, the amino acid is any of the 20 naturally occurring amino acid residues with the provisos that, in the first amino acid sequence, (i) when the amino residue at position 12 is Ser, then the amino

acid residue at position 14 is not Ser, and (ii) when the amino residue at position 12 is Gly, then the amino acid residue at position 14 is not Ala.

[0045] Preferably, the enzyme of the invention is of microbial origin, i.e., obtainable from a microorganism such as a fungus.

[0046] In a preferred embodiment, the amino acid residue at position 9 of the first sequence is selected from the group consisting of proline, threonine, valine, alanine, leucine, isoleucine, phenylalanine, glycine, cysteine, asparagine, glutamine, tyrosine, serine, methionine and tryptophan, preferably from the group consisting of proline and threonine.

[0047] In another preferred embodiment, the amino acid residue at position 10 of the first sequence is selected from the group consisting of proline, threonine, valine, alanine, leucine, isoleucine, phenylalanine, glycine, cysteine, asparagine, glutamine, tyrosine, serine, methionine and tryptophan, preferably serine.

[0048] In yet another preferred embodiment, the amino acid residue at position 12 of the first sequence is selected from the group consisting of proline, threonine, valine, alanine, leucine, isoleucine, phenylalanine, glycine, cysteine, asparagine, glutamine, tyrosine, serine, methionine and tryptophan, preferably from the group consisting of alanine and glycine.

[0049] In yet another preferred embodiment, the amino acid residue at position 14 of the first sequence is selected from the group consisting of proline, threonine, valine, alanine, leucine, isoleucine, phenylalanine, glycine, cysteine, asparagine, glutamine, tyrosine, serine, methionine, tryptophan, glutamic acid and aspartic acid, preferably from the group consisting of proline, threonine, serine, alanine, glutamic acid and aspartic acid.

[0050] Preferably, the amino acid residue at position 4 of the second sequence is selected from the to group consisting of proline, threonine, valine, alanine, leucine, isoleucine, phenylalanine, glycine, cysteine, asparagine, glutamine, tyrosine, serine, methionine, tryptophan, glutamic acid and aspartic acid, more preferably from the group consisting of alanine, glycine, and glutamine.

[0051] Examples of more preferred embodiments are such wherein, in the first sequence, the amino acid residue at position 3 is tyrosine; or the amino acid residue at position 4 is tryptophan; or the amino acid residue at position 8 is lysine.

[0052] In an especially preferred embodiment, the enzyme of the invention has a first sequence comprising the amino acid sequence

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                                     (SEQ ID NO: 79)
Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro Ser Cys Ala
1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12

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Trp
13,

or the amino acid sequence

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                                     (SEQ ID NO: 79)
Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys Thr Ser Cys Ala
1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12

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Trp
13,

or the amino acid sequence

(SEQ ID NO: 79)
 Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro Ser Cys Gly
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Trp
 13.

[0053] In a second aspect, the present invention provides a method for providing a microbial strain comprising a gene encoding such an enzyme which method comprises hybridization, e.g., PCR amplification, under standard conditions with an oligonucleotide derived from any of the conserved regions, illustrated in FIG. 1.

[0054] A useful oligonucleotide comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding at least a pentapeptide comprised in a peptide selected from the group consisting of

(SEQ ID NO: 79)
 Thr Arg Xaa Xaa Asp Cys Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Trp Xaa
 13 14

the amino acid at position 3 or 4 being Trp, Tyr or Phe;
 the amino acid in position 8 being Arg, Lys or His;
 the amino acid at positions 9, 10, 12 and 14, respectively, being any of the 20 naturally occurring amino acid residues;
 and
 b.

Trp Cys Cys Xaa Cys Tyr (SEQ ID NO. 81)
 1 2 3 4 5 6

the amino acid at position 4 being any of the 20 naturally occurring amino acid residues; and
 c.

(SEQ ID NO: 82)
 Xaa Pro Gly Gly Gly Xaa Gly Xaa Phe
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

the amino acid at position 1 being Met or Ile;
 the amino acid at positions 6 and 8, respectively, is Leu, Ile or Val; and
 d.

(SEQ ID NO: 83)
 Gly Cys Xaa Xaa Arg Xaa Asp Trp Xaa
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

the amino acid at position 3 being any of the 20 naturally occurring amino acid residues;
 the amino acid at positions 4 and 6, respectively, being Trp, Tyr or Phe; and
 the amino acid at position 9 being Phe or Met;

[0055] The useful oligonucleotides also comprise nucleotide sequences complementary to the sequences mentioned.

[0056] In a preferred embodiment of the method of the invention, the oligonucleotide corresponds to a PCR primer selected from the PCR primers

sense:

(SEQ ID NO: 84)
 5'-CCCCAAGCTTACI^A/_CGITA^C/_TTGGGA^C/_TTG^C/_TTG^C/_TAA^A/_G
^A/_CC-3'

antisense 1:

(SEQ ID NO: 85)
 5'-CTAGTCTAGATA^A/_CCAIGC^A/_CCA^A/_GCACC-3';

antisense 2:

(SEQ ID NO: 86)
 CTAGTCTAGAAAIA^A/_G/_TICCI^A/_C/_GICCCICIGG-3';

antisense 3:

(SEQ ID NO: 87)
 5'-CTAGTCTAGAIAACCA^A/_GTCA^A/_G/_TAIC^C/_TCC-3.

[0057] In a third aspect, the present invention provides an enzyme preparation which essentially consists of an enzyme having cellulolytic activity and having the conserved regions found by the inventors, i.e., which comprises a peptide consisting of 7 amino acid residues having the following sequence (SEQ ID NOS: 105-107)

Xaa Thr Arg Xaa Phe Asp Xaa
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7;

Xaa Thr Arg Xaa Tyr Asp Xaa
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7;
 and

Xaa Thr Arg Xaa Trp Asp Xaa
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

wherein Xaa at position 4 is Trp, Tyr or Phe; and Xaa at positions 1 and 7 is any of the 20 naturally occurring amino acid residues.

[0058] This enzyme is obtainable from a strain belonging to Basidiomycotous *Hymenomyces* (see FIG. 2), more preferably to the group consisting of the orders *Agaricales*, *Auriculariales*, and *Aphyllaphorales*, even more preferably to the group consisting of the families *Exidiaceae*, *Tricholomataceae*, *Coprinaceae*, *Schizophyllaceae*, *Bjerkanderaceae* and *Polyporaceae*, especially to the group consisting of the genera *Exidia*, *Crinipellis*, *Fomes*, *Panaeolus*, *Trametes*, *Schizophyllum*, and *Spongipellis*.

[0059] Specific examples are endoglucanases obtainable from a strain belonging to the group consisting of the species *Exidia glandulosa*, *Crinipellis scabella*, *Fomes fomentarius*, and *Spongipellis* sp., more specific examples being *Exidia glandulosa*, CBS 277.96, *Crinipellis scabella*, CBS 280.96, *Fomes fomentarius*, CBS 276.96, and *Spongipellis* sp., CBS 283.96.

[0060] *Exidia glandulosa* was deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures, Oosterstraat 1, Postbus 273, NL-3740 AG Baarn, the Netherlands, on 12 Mar., 199, under the deposition number CBS 277.96; *Crinipellis scabella* was deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures on 12 Mar., 1996, under the deposition number CBS 280.96, *Fomes fomentarius* was deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures on 12 Mar., 1996, under the deposition number CBS 276.96, and *Spongipellis* sp. was deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures on 12 Mar., 1996, under the deposition number CBS 283.96, all deposited under the Budapest Treaty.

[0061] The enzyme preparation of the invention is also obtainable from a strain belonging to *Chytridiomycota*, preferably from a strain belonging to the class of *Chytridiomycetes*, more preferably belonging to the group consisting of the order *Spizellomyetales*, even more preferably to the family *Spizellomycetaceae*, especially belonging to the genus *Rhizophlyctis*. A specific example is a strain belonging to the species *Rhizophlyctis rosea*, more specifically to *Rhizophlyctis rosea*, CBS 282.96.

[0062] *Rhizophlyctis rosea* was deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures on 12 Mar. 1996, under the deposition number CBS 282.96, under the Budapest Treaty.

[0063] The enzyme preparation of the invention is also obtainable from a strain belonging to *Zygomycota*, preferably belonging to the class *Zygomycetes*, more preferably to the order *Mucorales*, even more preferably to the group of families consisting of *Mucoraceae* and *Thamniaceae*, especially belonging to the group consisting of the genera *Rhizomucor*, *Phycomyces* and *Chaetostylum*. Specific examples are strains belonging to the genera *Rhizomucor pusillus*, *Phycomyces nitens*, and *Chaetostylum fresenii* more specifically to *Rhizomucor pusillus*, IFO 4578, and *Phycomyces nitens*, IFO 4814 and *Chaetostylum fresenii*, NRRL 2305.

[0064] Further, the enzyme preparation of the invention is also obtainable from a strain belonging to the group consisting of *Archaeascomycetes*, *Discomycetes*, *Hemiascomycetes*, *Loculoascomycetes*, and *Plectomycetes*, preferably belonging to the group consisting of the orders *Pezizales*, *Rhytismatales*, *Dothideales*, and *Eurotiales*. Especially, the enzyme is obtainable from a strain belonging to the group consisting of the families *Cucurbitariaceae*, *Ascobolaceae*, *Rhytismataceae*, and *Trichocomaceae*, preferably belonging to the group consisting of the genera *Diplodia*, *Microsphaeropsis*, *Ulospora*, *Macrophomina*, *Ascobolus*, *Saccobolus*, *Penicillium*, and *Thermomyces*. Specific examples are enzymes obtainable from a strain belonging to the group consisting of the species *Diplodia gossypina*, *Microsphaeropsis* sp., *Ulospora bilgramii*, *Aureobasidium* sp., *Macrophomina phaseolina*, *Ascobolus stictoides*, *Saccobolus diutellus*, *Peziza*, *Penicillium verruculosum*, *Penicillium chrysogenum*, and *Thermomyces verrucosus*, more specifically *Diplodia gossypina*, CBS 274.96, *Ulospora bilgramii* NKBC 1444, *Macrophomina phaseolina*, CBS 281.96, *Saccobolus dilutellus*, CBS 275.96, *Penicillium verruculosum*, ATCC 62396, *Penicillium chrysogenum*, ATCC 9480, and *Thermomyces verrucosus*, CBS 285.96.

[0065] *Diplodia gossypina* was deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures on 12 Mar., 1996, under the deposition number CBS 274.96, *Macrophomina phaseolina* was deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures on 12 Mar., 1996, under the deposition number CBS 281.96, *Saccobolus dilutellus* was deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures on 12 Mar., 1996, under the deposition number CBS 275.96; *Thermomyces verrucosus* was deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures on 12 Mar., 1996, under the deposition number CBS 285.96; all under the Budapest Treaty.

[0066] Yet further, the enzyme is obtainable from a strain belonging to the group consisting of the orders *Diaportales*, *Xylariales*, *Trichosphaeriales* and *Phyllachorales*, preferably from a strain belonging to the group consisting of the families *Xylariaceae*, *Vaisaceae*, and *Phyllachoraceae*, more preferably belonging to the genera *Diaporthe*, *Colletotrichum*, *Nigrospora*, *Xylaria*, *Nodulisporium* and *Poronia*. Specific

examples are the species *Diaporthe syngenesia*, *Colletotrichum lagenarium*, *Xylaria hypoxylon*, *Nigrospora* sp., *Nodulisporium* sp., and *Poronia punctata*, more specifically *Diaporthe syngenesia*. CBS 278.96, *Colletotrichum lagenarium*, ATCC 52609, *Nigrospora* sp., CBS 272.96, *Xylaria hypoxylon*, CBS 284.96.

[0067] *Diaporthe syngenesia* was deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures on 12 Mar., 1996, under the deposition number CBS 278.96, *Nigrospora* sp. was deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures on 12 Mar., 1996, under the deposition number CBS 272.96, *Xylaria hypoxylon* was deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures on 12 Mar., 1996, under the deposition number CBS 284.96, all under the Budapest Treaty.

[0068] The enzyme is also obtainable from the unidentified fungal, mitosporic, coleomycetous deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures on 12 Mar. 1996, under the deposition numbers CBS 270.96, CBS 271.96 and CBS 273.96, respectively, under the Budapest Treaty.

[0069] The enzyme is also obtainable from a strain belonging to the group consisting of the genera *Cylindrocarpon*, *Gliocladium*, *Nectria*, *Volutella*, *Sordaria*, *Scytalidium*, *Thielavia*, *Syspastospora*, *Cladorrhinum*, *Chaetomium*, *Myceliophthora* and *Acremonium*, especially from a strain belonging to the group consisting of the species *Cylindrocarpon* sp., *Nectria pinea*, *Volutella colletotrichoides*, *Sordaria fimicola*, *Sordaria macrospora*, *Thielavia terrestris*, *Thielavia thermophila*, *Syspastospora boninensis*, *Cladorrhinum foecundissimum*, *Chaetomium murorum*, *Chaetomium virescens*, *Chaetomium brasiliensis*, *Chaetomium cunicolorum*, *Myceliophthora thermophila*, *Gliocladium catenulatum*, *Scytalidium thermophila*, and *Acremonium* sp., more specifically from *Nectria pinea*, CBS 279.96, *Volutella colletotrichoides*, CBS 400.58, *Sordaria fimicola*, ATCC 52644, *Sordaria macrospora*, ATCC 60255, *Thielavia terrestris*, NRRL 8126, *Thielavia thermophila*, CCBS174.70, *Chaetomium murorum*, CBS 163.52, *Chaetomium virescens*, CBS 547.75, *Chaetomium brasiliensis*, CBS 122.65, *Chaetomium cunicolorum*, CBS 799.83, *Syspastospora boninensis* NKBC 1515, *Cladorrhinum foecundissimum*, ATCC 62373, *Myceliophthora thermophila*, CBS 117.65, *Scytalidium thermophila*, ATCC 28085, *Gliocladium catenulatum*, ATCC 10523, and *Acremonium* sp., CBS 478.94.

[0070] *Nectria pinea* was deposited at Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures on 12 Mar., 1996, under the deposition number CBS 279.96, and *Acremonium Chaetomium* sp. was deposited on 28 Sep. 1994 under the deposition number CBS 478.94, both according to the Budapest Treaty.

[0071] The enzyme is also obtainable from a strain belonging to the group consisting of the species *Fusarium solani*, *Fusarium anguioides*, *Fusarium poae*, *Fusarium oxysporum* sp. *lycopersici*, *Fusarium oxysporum* ssp. *passiflora*, *Humicola nigrescens* and *Humicola grisea*, especially *Fusarium oxysporum* ssp. *lycopersici* CBS 645.78, *Fusarium oxysporum* ssp. *passiflora*, CBS 744.79, *Fusarium solani*, IMI 107.511, *Fusarium anguioides*, IFO 4467, *Fusarium poae*, ATCC 60883, *Humicola nigrescens*, CBS 819.73 and *Humicola grisea*, ATCC 22726. It is to be noted that *Humicola grisea* is different from *Humicola grisea* var. *thermoidea*.

[0072] In a preferred embodiment, the enzyme preparation of the invention is derived from the disclosed classes, orders, families, genera and species and essentially consists of an enzyme comprising a first peptide consisting of 13 amino acid residues having the following sequence

(SEQ ID NO: 79)
 Thr Arg Xaa Xaa Asp Cys Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

and a second peptide consisting of 5 amino acid residues having the following sequence

Trp Cys Cys Xaa Cys (SEQ ID NO: 80)
 1 2 3 4 5

wherein, at position 3 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Trp, Tyr or Phe; at position 4 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Trp, Tyr or Phe; at position 8 of the first sequence, the amino acid is Arg, Lys or His; at positions 9, 10, and 12, respectively, of the first sequence, and at position 4 of the second sequence, the amino acid is any of the 20 naturally occurring amino acid residues.

[0073] Preferably, the amino acid residue at position 9 of the first sequence is selected from the group consisting of proline, threonine, valine, alanine, leucine, isoleucine, phenylalanine, glycine, cysteine, asparagine, glutamine, tyrosine, serine, methionine and tryptophan, more preferably from the group consisting of proline and threonine; the amino acid residue at position 10 of the first sequence which is selected from the group consisting of proline, threonine, valine, alanine, leucine, isoleucine, phenylalanine, glycine, cysteine, asparagine, glutamine, tyrosine, serine, methionine and tryptophan, preferably serine; the amino acid residue at position 12 of the first sequence is selected from the group consisting of proline, threonine, valine, alanine, leucine, isoleucine, phenylalanine, glycine, cysteine, asparagine, glutamine, tyrosine, serine, methionine and tryptophan, preferably from the group consisting of alanine and glycine; and the amino acid residue at position 4 of the second sequence is selected from the group consisting of proline, threonine, valine, alanine, leucine, isoleucine, phenylalanine, glycine, cysteine, asparagine, glutamine, tyrosine, serine, methionine, tryptophan, glutamic acid and aspartic acid, more preferably from the group consisting of alanine, glycine, and glutamine.

[0074] In further aspects, the present invention provides a DNA construct comprising a DNA sequence encoding an enzyme exhibiting endoglucanase activity, which DNA sequence comprises

[0075] a) the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, or 25, respectively, or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, *Escherichia coli*, DSM 10512, DSM 10511, DSM 10571, DSM 10576, respectively; or

[0076] b) an analogue of the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, or 25, respectively, or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, *Escherichia coli*, DSM 10512, DSM 10511, DSM 10571, DSM 10576, respectively, which

[0077] i) is homologous with the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, or 25, respectively, or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, *Escherichia coli* DSM 10512, DSM 10511, DSM 10571, DSM 10576, respectively,

[0078] ii) hybridizes with the same oligonucleotide probe as the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21,

or 25 respectively, or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, *Escherichia coli*, DSM 10512, DSM 10511, DSM 10571, DSM 10576, respectively, **[0079]** iii) encodes a polypeptide which is homologous with the polypeptide encoded by a DNA sequence comprising the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, or 25 respectively, or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, *Escherichia coli*, DSM 10512, DSM 10511, DSM 10571, DSM 10576, respectively, **[0080]** iv) encodes a polypeptide which is immunologically reactive with an antibody raised against the purified endoglucanase encoded by the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, or 25, respectively, or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, *Escherichia coli*, DSM 10512, DSM 10511, DSM 10571, DSM 10576, respectively.

[0081] *Escherichia coli* DSM 10512 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 2 Feb., 1996, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0082] *Escherichia coli* DSM 10511 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 2 Feb., 1996, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0083] *Escherichia coli* DSM 10571 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 6 Mar., 1996, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0084] *Escherichia coli* DSM 10576 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 12 Mar., 1996, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0085] *Escherichia coli* DSM 10583 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 13 Mar., 1996, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0086] *Escherichia coli* DSM 10584 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 13 Mar., 1996, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0087] *Escherichia coli* DSM 10585 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 13 Mar., 1996, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0088] *Escherichia coli* DSM 10586 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 13 Mar., 1996, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0089] *Escherichia coli* DSM 10587 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 13 Mar., 1996, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0090] *Escherichia coli* DSM 10588 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 13 Mar., 1996, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0091] *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 9770 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 24 Feb., 1995, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0092] *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 10082 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 30 Jun., 1995, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0093] *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 10080 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 30 Jun., 1995, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0094] *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 10081 was deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 30 Jun., 1995, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

[0095] The DNA construct of the invention relating to SEQ ID NO: 1 can be isolated from or produced on the basis of a DNA library of a strain of *Myceliophthora*, in particular a strain of *M. thermophila*, especially *M. thermophila*, CBS 117.65.

[0096] The DNA constructs of the invention relating to SEQ ID NOS: 7 and 9 can be isolated from or produced on the basis of a DNA library of a strain of *Acremonium*, especially *Acremonium* sp., CBS 478.94.

[0097] The DNA construct of the invention relating to SEQ ID NO: 11 can be isolated from or produced on the basis of a DNA library of a strain of *Thielavia* in particular a strain of *Thielavia terrestris*, especially *Thielavia terrestris*, NRRL 8126.

[0098] The DNA construct of the invention relating to SEQ ID NO-13 can be isolated from or produced on the basis of a DNA library of a strain of *Macrophomina*, in particular a strain of *M. phaseolina*, especially *M. phaseolina*, CBS 281.96

[0099] The DNA construct of the invention relating to SEQ ID NO: 15 can be isolated from or produced on the basis of a DNA library of a strain of *Crinipellis*, in particular a strain of *C. scabellia*, especially *C. scabellia*, CBS 280.96.

[0100] The DNA construct of the invention relating to SEQ ID NO: 25 can be isolated from or produced on the basis of a DNA library of a strain of *Sordaria*, in particular a strain of *Sordaria fimicola*.

[0101] In the present context, the “analogue” of the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, or 25, respectively, is intended to indicate any DNA sequence encoding an enzyme exhibiting endoglucanase activity, which has any or all of the properties i)-iv). The analogous DNA sequence

[0102] a) may be isolated from another or related (e.g., the same) organism producing the enzyme with endoglucanase activity on the basis of the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, or 25, respectively, e.g., using the procedures described herein; the homologue may be an allelic variant of the DNA sequence comprising the DNA sequences shown herein, i.e., an alternative form of a gene that arises through mutation; mutations can be silent (no change in the encoded enzyme) or may encode enzymes having altered amino acid sequence; the homologue of the present DNA sequence may also be a genus or species homologue, i.e., encoding an enzyme with a similar activity derived from another species,

[0103] b) may be constructed on the basis of the DNA sequences of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, or 25, respectively, e.g., by introduction of nucleotide substitutions

which do not give rise to another amino acid sequence of the endoglucanase encoded by the DNA sequence, but which correspond to the codon usage of the host organism intended for production of the enzyme, or by introduction of nucleotide substitutions which may give rise to a different amino acid sequence. However, in the latter case amino acid changes are preferably of a minor nature, that is conservative amino acid substitutions that do not significantly affect the folding or activity of the protein, small deletions, typically of one to about 30 amino acid; small amino- or carboxyl-terminal extensions, such as an amino-terminal methionine residue, a small linker peptide of up to about 20 residues, or a small extension that facilitates purification, such as a poly-histidine tract, an antigenic epitope or a binding domain. See in general Ford et al., Protein Expression and Purification 2: 95-107, 1991, Examples of conservative substitutions are within the group of basic amino acids (such as arginine, lysine, histidine), acidic amino acids (such as glutamic acid and aspartic acid), polar amino acids (such as glutamine and asparagine), hydrophobic amino acids (such as leucine, isoleucine, valine), aromatic amino acids (such as phenylalanine, tryptophan, tyrosine) and small amino acids (such as glycine, alanine, serine, threonine, methionine).

[0104] It will be apparent to persons skilled in the art that such substitutions can be made outside the regions critical to the function of the molecule and still result in an active polypeptide. Amino acids essential to the activity of the polypeptide encoded by the DNA construct of the invention, and therefore preferably not subject to substitution, may be identified according to procedures known in the art, such as site-directed mutagenesis or alanine-scanning mutagenesis (Cunningham and Wells, Science 244: 1081-1085 (1989)). In the latter technique mutations are introduced at every residue in the molecule, and the resultant mutant molecules are tested for biological (i.e., endoglucanase) activity to identify amino acid residues that are critical to the activity of the molecule. Sites of substrate-enzyme interaction can also be determined by analysis of crystal structure as determined by such techniques as nuclear magnetic resonance, crystallography or photoaffinity labeling. See, for example, de Vos et al., Science 255: 306-312 (1992); Smith et al. J. Mol. Biol. 224: 899-904 (1992); Wlodaver et al., FEBS Lett. 309: 59-64 (1992).

[0105] The endoglucanase encoded by the DNA sequence of the DNA construct of the invention may comprise a cellulose binding domain (CBD) existing as an integral part of the encoded enzyme, or a CBD from another origin may be introduced into the endoglucanase enzyme thus creating an enzyme hybrid. In this context, the term “cellulose-binding domain” is intended to be understood as defined by Peter Tomme et al. “Cellulose-Binding Domains, Classification and Properties” in “Enzymatic Degradation of Insoluble Carbohydrates”, John N. Saddler and Michael H. Penner (Eds.), ACS Symposium Series, No. 618, 1996. This definition classifies more than 120 cellulose-binding domains (CBDs) into 10 families (I-X), and it demonstrates that CBDs are found in various enzymes such as cellulases, xylanases, mannanases, arabinofuranosidases, acetyl esterases and chitinases. CBDs have also been found in algae, e.g., the red alga *Porphyra purpurea* as a non-hydrolytic polysaccharide-binding protein, for reference see Peter Tomme et al., supra. However, most of the CBDs are from cellulases and xylanases, CBDs are found at the N or C termini of proteins or are internal, Enzyme hybrids are known in the art, see, e.g., WO 90/00609 and WO 95/16782, and may be prepared by transforming into

a host cell a DNA construct comprising at least a fragment of DNA encoding the cellulose-binding domain ligated, with or without a linker, to a DNA sequence encoding the enzyme of interest and growing the host cell to express the fused gene. Enzyme hybrids may be described by the following formula,

CBD-MR-X,

wherein CBD is the N-terminal or the C-terminal region of an amino acid sequence corresponding to at least the cellulose-binding domain; MR is the middle region (the linker), and may be a bond, or a short linking group preferably of from about 2 to about 100 carbon atoms, more preferably of from 2 to 40 carbon atoms; or is preferably from about 2 to about 100 amino acids, more preferably of from 2 to 40 amino acids; and X is an N-terminal or C-terminal region of a polypeptide encoded by the DNA sequence of the invention.

[0106] The homology referred to in i) above is determined as the degree of identity between the two sequences indicating a derivation of the first sequence from the second. The homology may suitably be determined by means of computer programs known in the art such as GAP provided in the GCG program package (Needleman, S. B. and Wunsch, C. D., *Journal of Molecular Biology*, 48: 443-453, 1970). Using GAP with the following settings for DNA sequence comparison: GAP creation penalty of 5.0 and GAP extension penalty of 0.3, the coding region of the DNA sequence exhibits a degree of identity preferably of at least 60%, more preferably at least 65%, more preferably at least 70%, even more preferably at least 80%, especially at least 90%, with the coding region of the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, or 21, respectively, or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, *Escherichia coli* DSM 10512, DSM 10511, DSM 10571, or DSM 10576, respectively.

[0107] The hybridization referred to in ii) above is intended to indicate that the analogous DNA sequence hybridizes to the same probe as the DNA sequence encoding the endoglucanase enzyme under certain specified conditions which are described in detail in the Materials and Methods section hereinafter. The oligonucleotide probe to be used is the DNA sequence corresponding to the endoglucanase encoding part of the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 or 21, respectively, or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, *Escherichia coli*, DSM 10512, DSM 10511, DSM 10571 or DSM 10576, respectively.

[0108] The homology referred to in iii) above is determined as the degree of identity between the two sequences indicating a derivation of the first sequence from the second. The homology may suitably be determined by means of computer programs known in the art such as GAP provided in the GCG program package (Needleman, S. B. and Wunsch, C. D., *Journal of Molecular Biology*, 48: 443-453, 1970). Using GAP with the following settings for polypeptide sequence comparison: GAP creation penalty of 3.0 and GAP extension penalty of 0.1 the polypeptide encoded by an analogous DNA sequence exhibits a degree of identity preferably of at least 55%, more preferably at least 80%, more preferably at least 85%, even more preferably at least 70%, more preferably at least 80%, especially at least 90%, with the enzyme encoded by a DNA construct comprising the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, or 25, respectively, or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cer-*

visiae, DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, *Escherichia coli*, DSM 10512, DSM 10511, DSM 10571 or DSM 10576, respectively.

[0109] In connection with property iv) above it is intended to indicate an endoglucanase encoded by a DNA sequence isolated from strain *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080: DSM 10081, *Escherichia coli*, DSM 10512, DSM 10511: DSM 10571 or DSM 105768 respectively, and produced in a host organism transformed with said DNA sequence or the corresponding endoglucanase naturally produced by *Myceliophthora thermophila*, *Acremonium* sp., *Thielavia terrestris*, *Macrophomina phaseolina*, *Crinipellis scabella*, *Volutella colletotrichoides*, or *Sordaria fimicola*, respectively. The immunological reactivity may be determined by the method described in the Materials and Methods section below.

[0110] In further aspects the invention relates to an expression vector harbouring a DNA construct of the invention, a cell comprising the DNA construct or expression vector and a method of producing an enzyme exhibiting endoglucanase activity which method comprises culturing said cell under conditions permitting the production of the enzyme, and recovering the enzyme from the culture.

[0111] In a still further aspect the invention relates to an enzyme exhibiting endoglucanase activity, which enzyme

[0112] a) is encoded by a DNA construct of the invention

[0113] b) produced by the method of the invention, and/or

[0114] c) is immunologically reactive with an antibody raised against a purified endoglucanase encoded by the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, or 21, respectively, or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, *Escherichia coli*, DSM 10512, DSM 10511, DSM 10571 or DSM 10576, respectively.

[0115] The endoglucanase mentioned in c) above may be encoded by the DNA sequence isolated from the strain *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, *Escherichia coli*, DSM 10512, DSM 10511, DSM 10571 or DSM 10576, respectively, and produced in a host organism transformed with said DNA sequence or the corresponding endoglucanase naturally produced by *Myceliophthora thermophila*, *Acremonium* sp., *Thielavia terrestris*, *Macrophomina phaseolina*, *Crinipellis scabella*, *Volutella colletotrichoides* or *Sordaria fimicola*, respectively.

[0116] Generally, in the present context the term "enzyme" is understood to include a mature protein or a precursor form thereof as well to a functional fragment thereof which essentially has the activity of the full-length enzyme. Furthermore, the term "enzyme" is intended to include homologues of said enzyme.

[0117] Homologues of the present enzyme may have one or more amino acid substitutions, deletions or additions. These changes are preferably of a minor nature, that is conservative amino acid substitutions that do not significantly affect the folding or activity of the protein, small deletions, typically of one to about 30 amino acids; small amino- or carboxyl-terminal extensions, such as an amino-terminal methionine residue, a small linker peptide of up to about 20-25 residues, or a small extension that facilitates purification, such as a poly-histidine tract, an antigenic epitope or a binding domain. See in general Ford et al., *Protein Expression and Purification* 2: 95-107 (1991). Examples of conservative substitutions are within the group of basic amino acids (such as arginine,

lysine, histidine), acidic amino acids (such as glutamic acid and aspartic acid), polar amino acids (such as glutamine and asparagine), hydrophobic amino acids (such as leucine, isoleucine, valine), aromatic amino acids (such as phenylalanine, tryptophan, tyrosine) and small amino acids (such as glycine, alanine, serine, threonine, methionine).

[0118] It will be apparent to persons skilled in the art that such substitutions can be made outside the regions critical to the function of the molecule and still result in an active enzyme. Amino acids essential to the activity of the enzyme of the invention, and therefore preferably not subject to substitution, may be identified according to procedures known in the art, such as site-directed mutagenesis or alanine-scanning mutagenesis (Cunningham, 1989). In the latter technique mutations are introduced at every residue in the molecule, and the resultant mutant molecules are tested for cellulytic activity to identify amino acid residues that are critical to the activity of the molecule. Sites of ligand-receptor interaction can also be determined by analysis of crystal structure as determined by such techniques as nuclear magnetic resonance, crystallography or photoaffinity labelling. See, for example, de Vos et al., 1992; Smith et al., 1992, Wlodaver et al., 1992.

[0119] The homologue may be an allelic variant, i.e., an alternative form of a gene that arises through mutation, or an altered enzyme encoded by the mutated gene, but having substantially the same activity as the enzyme of the invention. Hence mutations can be silent (no change in the encoded enzyme) or may encode enzymes having altered amino acid sequence.

[0120] The homologue of the present enzyme may also be a genus or species homologue, i.e. an enzyme with a similar activity derived from another species.

[0121] A homologue of the enzyme may be isolated by using the procedures described herein.

Molecular Screening and, Cloning by Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

[0122] Molecular screening for DNA sequences of the invention may be carried out by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using genomic DNA or double-stranded cDNA isolated from a suitable source, such as any of the herein mentioned organisms, and synthetic oligonucleotide primers prepared on the basis of the DNA sequences or the amino acid sequences disclosed herein. For instance, it suitable oligonucleotide primers may be the primers described in the Materials and Methods section.

[0123] In accordance with well-known procedures, the PCR fragment generated in the molecular screening may be isolated and subcloned into a suitable vector. The PCR fragment may be used for screening DNA libraries by, e.g., colony or plaque hybridization.

Expression Cloning in Yeast

[0124] The DNA sequence of the invention encoding an enzyme exhibiting endoglucanase activity may be isolated by a general method involving

[0125] cloning, in suitable vectors, a DNA library from a suitable source, such as any of the herein mentioned organisms

[0126] transforming suitable yeast host cells with said vectors,

[0127] culturing the host cells under suitable conditions to express any enzyme of interest encoded by a clone in the DNA library,

[0128] screening for positive clones by determining any endoglucanase activity of the enzyme produced by such clones, and

[0129] isolating the enzyme encoding DNA from such clones.

[0130] The general method is further disclosed in WO 94/14953 the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference. A more detailed description of the screening method is given in Example 1 below.

[0131] The DNA sequence coding for the enzyme may for instance be isolated by screening a cDNA library of *Macrophomina phaseolina*, *Crinipellis scabella*, *Sordaria fimicola* or *Volutella colletotrichoides*, and selecting for clones expressing the appropriate enzyme activity (i.e., endoglucanase activity) or from *Escherichia coli* DSM 10512 deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 2 Feb. 1996, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany), or from *Escherichia coli* DSM 10511 deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 2 Feb. 1996, at DSM, or from *Escherichia coli* DSM 10576, deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 12 Mar. 1996, at DSM; or from *Escherichia coli* DSM 10571 deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 6 Mar. 1996, at DSM; or by screening a cDNA library of *Myceliphthora thermophila*, CBS 117.65, *Acremonium* sp., CBS 478.94 or *Thielavia terrestris*, NRRL 8126, and selecting for clones expressing the appropriate enzyme activity (i.e., endoglucanase activity) or from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 9770 deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 24 Feb. 1995, at DSM (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 16, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany), or from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 10082 deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 30 Jun., 1996, at DSM, from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 10080 deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 30 Jun. 1995, or from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 10081 deposited under the Budapest Treaty on 30 Jun. 1995, at DSM. The appropriate DNA sequence may then be isolated from the clone by standard procedures, e.g., as described in Example 1.

Nucleic Acid Construct

[0132] As used herein the term "nucleic acid construct" is intended to indicate any nucleic acid molecule of cDNA, genomic DNA, synthetic DNA or RNA origin. The term "construct" is intended to indicate a nucleic acid segment which may be single or double-stranded, and which may be based on a complete or partial naturally occurring nucleotide sequence encoding an enzyme of interest. The construct may optionally contain other nucleic acid segments.

[0133] The nucleic acid construct encoding the enzyme of the invention may suitably be of genomic or cDNA origin, for instance obtained by preparing a genomic or cDNA library and screening for DNA sequences coding for all or part of the enzyme by hybridization using synthetic oligonucleotide probes in accordance with standard techniques (cf. Sambrook et al., 1989).

[0134] The nucleic acid construct encoding the enzyme may also be prepared synthetically by established standard methods, e.g., the phosphoramidite method described by Beaucage and Caruthers (1981), or the method described by Matthes et al. (1984). According to the phosphoramidite method, oligonucleotides are synthesized, e.g., in an automatic DNA synthesizer, purified, annealed, ligated and cloned in suitable vectors.

[0135] Furthermore, the nucleic acid construct may be of mixed synthetic and genomic, mixed synthetic and cDNA or mixed genomic and cDNA origin prepared by ligating fragments of synthetic, genomic or cDNA origin (as appropriate), the fragments corresponding to various parts of the entire nucleic acid construct, in accordance with standard techniques.

[0136] The nucleic acid construct may also be prepared by polymerase chain reaction using specific primers, for instance as described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,683,202 or Saiki et al. (1988).

[0137] The nucleic acid construct is preferably a DNA construct which term will be used exclusively in this specification and claims,

Recombinant Vector

[0138] A recombinant vector comprising a DNA construct encoding the enzyme of the invention may be any vector which may conveniently be subjected to recombinant DNA procedures, and the choice of vector will often depend on the host cell into which it is to be introduced. Thus, the vector may be an autonomously replicating vector, i.e., a vector which exists as an extrachromosomal entity, the replication of which is independent of chromosomal replication, e.g., a plasmid. Alternatively, the vector may be one which, when introduced into a host cell, is integrated into the host cell genome and replicated together with the chromosome(s) into which it has been integrated.

[0139] The vector is preferably an expression vector in which the DNA sequence encoding the enzyme of the invention is operably linked to additional segments required for transcription of the DNA. In general, the expression vector is derived from plasmid or viral DNA, or may contain elements of both. The term, "operably linked" indicates that the segments are arranged so that they function in concert for their intended purposes, e.g., transcription initiates in a promoter and proceeds through the DNA sequence coding for the enzyme.

[0140] The promoter may be any DNA sequence which shows transcriptional activity in the host cell of choice and may be derived from genes encoding proteins either homologous or heterologous to the host cell.

[0141] Examples of suitable promoters for use in yeast host cells include promoters from yeast glycolytic genes (Hitzman et al., J. Biol. Chem. 255: 12073-12080 (1980); Alber and Kawasaki, J. Mol. Appl. Gen. 1: 419-434 (1982)) or alcohol dehydrogenase genes (Young et al., in Genetic Engineering of Microorganisms for Chemicals (Hollaender et al, eds.), Plenum Press, New York, 1982), or the TPI1 (U.S. Pat. No. 4,599,311) or ADH2-4c (Russell et al., Nature 304: 652-654 (1983)) promoters.

[0142] Examples of suitable promoters for use in filamentous fungus host cells are, for instance, to the ADH3 promoter (McKnight et al., The EMBO J. 4: 2093-2099 (1985)) or the tpiA promoter. Examples of other useful promoters are those derived from the gene encoding *A. oryzae* TAKA amylase, *Rhizomucor miehei* aspartic proteinase, *A. niger* neutral alpha-amylase, *A. niger* acid stable alpha-amylase, *A. niger* or *A. awamori* glucoamylase (gluA), *Rhizomucor miehei* lipase, *A. oryzae* alkaline protease, *A. oryzae* triose phosphate isomerase or *A. nidulans* acetamidase. Preferred are the TAKA-amylase and gluA promoters.

[0143] Examples of suitable promoters for use in bacterial host cells include the promoter of the *Bacillus stearothermo-*

philus maltogenic amylase gene, the *Bacillus licheniformis* alpha-amylase gene, the *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* BAN amylase gene, the *Bacillus subtilis* alkaline protease gene, or the *Bacillus pumilus* xylosidase gene, or by the phage Lambda P_R or P_L promoters or the *E. coli* lac, trp, or tac promoters.

[0144] The DNA sequence encoding the enzyme of the invention may also, if necessary, be operably connected to a suitable terminator.

[0145] The recombinant vector of the invention may further comprise a DNA sequence enabling the vector to replicate in the host cell in question.

[0146] The vector may also comprise a selectable marker, e.g., a gene the product of which complements a defect in the host cell, such as the gene coding for dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) or the *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* TPI gene (described by P. R. Russell, Gene 40, 1985, pp. 125-130). For filamentous fungi, selectable markers include amdS pyrG, argB, niaD, sC.

[0147] To direct an enzyme of the present invention into the secretory pathway of the host cells, a secretory signal sequence (also known as a leader sequence, prepro sequence or pre sequence) may be provided in the recombinant vector. The secretory signal sequence is joined to the DNA sequence encoding the enzyme in the correct reading frame. Secretory signal sequences are commonly positioned 5' to the DNA sequence encoding the enzyme. The secretory signal sequence may be that normally associated with the enzyme or may be from a gene encoding another secreted protein.

[0148] For secretion from yeast cells, the secretory signal sequence may encode any signal peptide which ensures efficient direction of the expressed enzyme into the secretory pathway of the cell. The signal peptide may be a naturally occurring signal peptide, or a functional part thereof, or it may be a synthetic peptide. Suitable signal peptides have been found to be the alpha-factor signal peptide (cf. U.S. Pat. No. 4,870,008), the signal peptide of mouse salivary amylase (cf. O. Hagenbuchle et al., Nature 289, 1981, pp. 643-646), a modified carboxypeptidase signal peptide (cf. L. A. Valls et al., Cell 48, 1987, pp. 887-897), the yeast BAR1 signal peptide (cf. WO 87/02670), or the yeast aspartic protease 3 (YAP3) signal peptide (cf. M. Egel-Mitani et al., Yeast 6, 1990, pp. 127-137).

[0149] For efficient secretion in yeast, a sequence encoding a leader peptide may also be inserted downstream of the signal sequence and upstream of the DNA sequence encoding the enzyme. The function of the leader peptide is to allow the expressed enzyme to be directed from the endoplasmic reticulum to the Golgi apparatus and further to a secretory vesicle for secretion into the culture medium (i.e., exportation of the enzyme across the cell wall or at least through the cellular membrane into the periplasmic space of the yeast cell). The leader peptide may be the yeast alpha-factor leader (the use of which is described in, e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 4,546,082, EP 16 201, EP 123 294, EP 123 544 and EP 163 529). Alternatively, the leader peptide may be a synthetic leader peptide, which is to say a leader peptide not found in nature. Synthetic leader peptides may, for instance, be constructed as described in WO 89102463 or WO 92/11378.

[0150] For use in filamentous fungi, the signal peptide may conveniently be derived from a gene encoding an *Aspergillus* sp. amylase or glucoamylase, a gene encoding a *Rhizomucor miehei* lipase or protease, a *Humicola lanuginosa* lipase. The signal peptide is preferably derived from a gene encoding *A.*

oryzae TAKA amylase, *A. niger* neutral alpha-amylase, *A. niger* acid-stable amylase, or *A. niger* glucoamylase.

[0151] The procedures used to ligate the DNA sequences coding for the present enzyme, the promoter and optionally the terminator and/or secretory signal sequence, respectively, and to insert them into suitable vectors containing the information necessary for replication, are well known to persons skilled in the art (cf., for instance, Sambrook et al., cit.).

Host Cells

[0152] The DNA sequence encoding the present enzyme introduced into the host cell may be either homologous or heterologous to the host in question. If homologous to the host cell, i.e., produced by the host cell in nature, it will typically be operably connected to another promoter sequence or, if applicable, another secretory signal sequence and/or terminator sequence than in its natural environment. The term "homologous" is intended to include a cDNA sequence encoding an enzyme native to the host organism in question. The term "heterologous" is intended to include a DNA sequence not expressed by the host cell in nature. Thus, the DNA sequence may be from another organism, or it may be a synthetic sequence.

[0153] The host cell into which the DNA construct or the recombinant vector of the invention is introduced may be any cell which is capable of producing the present enzyme and includes bacteria, yeast, fungi and higher eukaryotic cells.

[0154] Examples of bacterial host cells which, on cultivation, are capable of producing the enzyme of the invention are gram-positive bacteria such as strains of *Bacillus*, such as strains of *B. subtilis*, *B. licheniformis*, *B. lentus*, *B. brevis*, *B. stearothermophilus*, *B. alkalophilus*, *B. amyloliquefaciens*, *B. coagulans*, *B. circulans*, *B. lautus*, *B. megatherium* or *B. thuringiensis*, or strains of *Streptomyces*, such as *S. lividans* or *S. murinus*, or gram-negative bacteria such as *Echerichia coli*. The transformation of the bacteria may be effected by protoplast transformation or by using competent cells in a manner known per se (cf. Sambrook et al., supra).

[0155] When expressing the enzyme in bacteria such as *E. coli*, the enzyme may be retained in the cytoplasm, typically as insoluble granules (known as inclusion bodies), or may be directed to the periplasmic space by a bacterial secretion sequence. In the former case, the cells are lysed and the granules are recovered and denatured after which the enzyme is refolded by diluting the denaturing agent. In the latter case, the enzyme may be recovered from the periplasmic space by disrupting the cells, e.g., by sonication or osmotic shock, to release the contents of the periplasmic space and recovering the enzyme.

[0156] Examples of suitable yeasts cells include cells of *Saccharomyces* spp. or *Schizosaccharomyces* spp., in particular strains of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* or *Saccharomyces kluyveri*. Methods for transforming yeast cells with heterologous DNA and producing heterologous enzymes therefrom are described, e.g., in U.S. Pat. No. 4,599,311, U.S. Pat. No. 4,931,373, U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,870,008, 5,037,743, and U.S. Pat. No. 4,845,075, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference. Transformed cells are selected by a phenotype determined by a selectable marker, commonly drug resistance or the ability to grow in the absence of a particular nutrient, e.g., leucine. A preferred vector for use in yeast is the POT1 vector disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,931,373. The DNA sequence encoding the enzyme of the invention may be preceded by a signal sequence and optionally a leader sequence, e.g., as

described above. Further examples of suitable yeast cells are strains of *Kluyveromyces* such as *K. lactis*, *Hansenula*, e.g., *H. polymorpha*, or *Pichia*, e.g., *P. pastoris* (cf. Gleeson et al., S. Gen. Microbiol. 132, 1986, pp. 3459-3465; U.S. Pat. No. 4,882,279).

[0157] Examples of other fungal cells are cells of filamentous fungi, e.g., *Aspergillus* spp., *Neurospora* spp., *Fusarium* spp. or *Trichoderma* spp., in particular strains of *A. oryzae*, *A. nidulans*, *A. niger*, or *Fusarium graminearum*. The use of *Aspergillus* spp. for the expression of proteins is described in, e.g., EP 272 277, ER 230 023. The transformation of *F. oxysporum* may, for instance, be carried out as described by Malaridier et al., 1989, Gene 78; 147-156.

[0158] When a filamentous fungus is used as the host cell, it may be transformed with the DNA construct of the invention, conveniently by integrating the DNA construct in the host chromosome to obtain a recombinant host cell. This integration is generally considered to be an advantage as the to DNA sequence is more likely to be stably maintained in the cell. Integration of the DNA constructs into the host chromosome may be performed according to conventional methods, e.g., by homologous or heterologous recombination.

[0159] The transformed or transfected host cell described above is then cultured in a suitable nutrient medium under conditions permitting the expression of the present enzyme, after which the resulting enzyme is recovered from the culture.

[0160] The medium used to culture the cells may be any conventional medium suitable for growing the host cells, such as minimal or complex media containing appropriate supplements. Suitable media are available from commercial suppliers or may be prepared according to published recipes (e.g., in catalogues of the American Type Culture Collection). The enzyme produced by the cells may then be recovered from the culture medium by conventional procedures including separating the host cells from the medium by centrifugation or filtration, precipitating the proteinaceous components of the supernatant or filtrate by means of a salt, e.g., ammonium sulphate, purification by a variety of chromatographic procedures, e.g., ion exchange chromatography, gel filtration chromatography, affinity chromatography, or the like, dependent on the type of enzyme in question.

[0161] In a still further aspect, the present invention relates to a method of producing an enzyme according to the invention, wherein a suitable host cell transformed with a DNA sequence encoding the enzyme is cultured under conditions permitting the production of the enzyme, and the resulting enzyme is recovered from the culture.

Enzyme Screening Driven by Taxonomy as Well as Ecology,

[0162] A powerful tool like the molecular screening disclosed herein, designed to detect and select said type of interesting enzymes, can still not stand on its own. In order to maximize the chances of making interesting discoveries the molecular screening approach was in the present investigation combined with careful selection of which fungi to screen. The selection was done through a thorough insight in the identification of fungi, in taxonomical classification and in phylogenetic relationships.

[0163] A taxonomic hot spot for production of cellulytic enzymes can further only be fully explored if also the ecological approach is included. Thorough knowledge about the adaptation to various substrates (especially saprotrophic, necrotrophic or biotrophic degradation of plant materials) are

prerequisites for designing an intelligent screening and for managing a successful selection of strains and ecological niches to be searched.

[0164] Both the taxonomy and the ecological approach disclosed herein aim at maximizing discovery of said enzymes in the molecular screening program. However, still several hundreds (or if all preliminary work is included) several thousand fungi have been brought in culture in order to detect the 53 hits of said type of cellulytic enzyme here reported.

[0165] The screening and cloning may be carried out using the following:

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List of Organisms:

[0166] *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, or *Escherichia coli*, DSM 10512, DSM 10511, DSM 10571, DSM 10576, respectively, containing the plasmid comprising the full length DNA sequence, coding for the endoglucanase of the invention, in the shuttle vector pYES 2.0.

[0167] *Escherichia coli* DSM 10583, 10584, 10585, 10586, 10587, and 10588.

[0168] *Diplodia gossypina* Cooke

Deposit of Strain, Acc No: CBS 274.96

Classification: Ascomycota, Loculoascomycetes, Dothideales, Cucurbitariaceae

[0169] *Ulospora bilgramii* (Hawksw. et al) Hawksw. et al., Acc No of strain: NKBC 1444, Nippon University, (Prof. Tubaki collection)

Classification: Ascomycota, Loculoascomycetes, Dothideales, (family unclassified)

[0170] *Microspheeropsis* sp.

Isolated from: Leaf of *Camellia japonica* (Theaceae, Guttiferales), grown in Kunming Botanical garden, Yunnan Province, China

Classification: Ascomycota, Loculoascomycetes, Dothideales, (family unclassified)

[0171] *Macrophomina phaseolina* (Tassi) Goidannich

Syn: *Rhizoctonia bataticola*

Deposit of Strain, Acc No.: CBS 281.96

[0172] Isolated from seed of *Glycine max* (Leguminosa), cv CMM 60, grown in Thailand, 1990

Classification: Ascomycota, Discomycetes, Rhytismatales, Rhytismataceae

[0173] *Ascobolus stictoides* Speg.

Isolated from goose dung, Svalbard, Norway

Classification: Ascomycota, Discomycetes, Pezizales, Ascobolaceae

[0174] *Saccobolus dilutellus* (Fuck.) Sacc.

Deposit of strain: Acc No CBS 275.96

Classification: Ascomycota, Discomycetes, Pezizales, Ascobolaceae

[0175] *Penicillium verrucosum* Peyronel

Ex on Acc No of species: ATCC 62396

Classification, Ascomycota, Plectomycetes, Eurotiales, Trichocomaceae

[0176] *Penicillium chrysogenum* Thom

Acc No of Strain: ATCC 9480

Classification: Ascomycota, Plectomycetes, Eurotiales, Trichocomaceae

[0177] *Thermomyces verrucosus* Pugh et al

Deposit of Strain, Acc No.: CBS 285.96

[0178] Classification: Ascomycota, Plectomycetes, Eurotiales, (family unclassified affiliation based on 18S RNA, sequencing and homologies)

[0179] *Xylaria hypoxylon* L. ex Greville

Deposit of Strain, Acc No: CBS 284.96

Classification Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Xylariales, Xylariaceae

[0180] *Poronia punctata* (Fr. ex L.) Fr,

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Xylariales, Xylariaceae

[0181] *Nodulisporum* sp

Isolated from leaf of *Camellia reticulata* (Theaceae, Guttiferales), grown in Kunming Botanical Garden, Yunnan Province, China

Classification, Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Xylariales, Xylariaceae

[0182] *Cylindrocarpon* sp

Isolated from marine sample, the Bahamas

Classification, Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes., Hypocreales (unclassified)

[0183] *Acremonium* sp

Deposit of Strain, Acc. No.: CBS 478.94

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Hypocreales, Hypocreaceae

[0184] *Fusarium anguioides* Sherbakoff

Acc No of strain: IFO 4467

Classification Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Hypocreales, Hypocreaceae

[0185] *Fusarium poae* (Peck) Wr.

Ex on Acc No of species: ATCC 60883

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Hypocreales, Hypocreaceae

[0186] *Fusarium solani* (Mart.)Sacc.emnd.Snyd & Hans.

Acc No of strain: IMI 107.511

Classification, Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Hypocreales, Hypocreaceae

[0187] *Fusarium oxysporum* ssp *lycopersici* (Sacc.)Snyd. & Hans.

Acc No of strain: CBS 645.78

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Hypocreales, Hypocreaceae

[0188] *Fusarium oxysporum* ssp *passiflora*

Acc No of strain: CBS 744.79

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Hypocreales, Hypocreaceae

[0189] *Gliocladium catenulatum* Gilman & Abbott

Acc. No. of strain: CBS 227.48

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Hypocreales, Hypocreaceae

[0190] *Nectria pinea* Dingley

Deposit of Strain. Acc. No. CBS 279.96

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Hypocreales, Nectriaceae

[0191] *Volutella colletotrichoides*

Acc No of Strain: CBS 400.58

[0192] Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Hypocreales (unclassified)

[0193] *Sordaria macrospora* Auerswald

Ex on Acc No of species: ATCC 60255

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, Sordariaceae

[0194] *Sordaria fimicola* (Roberge) Cesati et De Notaris

Ex on Acc. No. for the species: ATCC 52644

Isolated from dung by H. Dissing, ISP, KU, Denmark

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, Sordariaceae

[0195] *Humicola grisea* Traeen

ex on Acc No for the species: ATCC 22726

Source: Hatfield Polytechnic

[0196] Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, (fam. unclassified)

[0197] *Humicola nigrescens* Omvik

Acc No of strain: CBS 819.73

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, (fam. unclassified)

[0198] *Scytalidium thermophilum* (Cooney et Emerson) Aushtick

Acc No of strain: ATCC 28085

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, (fam. unclassified)

[0199] *Thielavia thermophila* Fergus et Sinden

(syn *Corynascus thermophilus*)

Acc No of strain: CBS 174.70, IMI 145.136

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, Chaetomiaceae

[0200] Isolated from Mushroom compost

[0201] *Thielavia terrestris* (Appinis) Malloch et Cain

Acc No of strain: NRRL8126

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, Chaetomiaceae

[0202] *Cladorrhinum foecundissimum* Saccardo et Marchal

Ex on Acc No of species, ATCC 62373

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, Lasiosphaeriaceae

[0203] Isolated from leaf of *Selandin* sp. (Compositaceae, Asterales), Dallas Mountain, Jamaica

[0204] *Syspastospora boninensis*

Acc No of strain: NKBC 1515 (Nippon University, profe Tubaki Collection)

Classification, Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, Cerastomataceae

[0205] *Chaetomium cuniculorum* Fuckel

Acc. No. of strain: CBS 799.83

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, Chaetomiaceae

[0206] *Chaetomium brasiliense* Batista et Potual

Acc No of strain: CBS 122.65

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, Chaetomiaceae

[0207] *Chaetomium murorum* Corda

Acc No of strain: CBS 163.52

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, Chaetomiaceae

[0208] *Chaetomium virescens* (von Arx) Udagawa

Acc. No. of strain: CBS 547.75

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, Chaetomiaceae

[0209] *Myceliophthora thermophila* (Apinis) Oorschot

Deposit of Strain, Acc No: CBS 117.65

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Sordariales, Chaetomiaceae

[0210] *Nigrospora* sp

Deposit of strain, Acc No: CBS 272.96

Isolated from leaf of *Artocarpus altilis* Moraceae, Urticales grown in Christiana, Jamaica

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Trichosphaeriales, (family unclassified)

[0211] *Nigrospora* sp

Isolated from leaf of *Pinus yuannanensis*, Botanical Garden, Kunming, Yunnan,

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Trichosphaeriales, Abietaceae, Pinales.

[0212] *Diaporthe syngenesia*

Deposit of strain, Acc No: CBS 278.96

Classification: Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Diaporthales, Valsaceae

[0213] *Colletotrichum lagenarium* (Passerini) Ellis et Halsted

syn *Glomerella cingulata* var *orbiculare* Jenkins et Winstead

Ex on acc No of species: ATCC 52609

Classification, Ascomycota, Pyrenomycetes, Phyllachorales

[0214] *Exidia glandulosa* Fr.

Deposit of Strain. Acc No: CBS 27796

Classification: Basidiomycota, Hymenormycetes, Auriculariales, Exidiaceae

[0215] *Crinipellis scabella* (Alb. & Schw.; Fr)Murr

Deposit of strain: Acc No CBS 280.96

Classification: Basidiomycota, Hymenormycetes, Agaricales,

[0216] *Panaeolus retirgis* (Fr.) Gill.

Acc. No. of strain: CBS 275.47

Classification: Basidiomycota, Hymenormycetes, Agaricales, Coprinaesae

[0217] *Fomes fomentarius* (L.) Fr.

Deposit of strain: Acc No. CBS 276.96

Classification: Basidiomycota, Hymenormycetes, Aphyllophorales, Fomitaceae

[0218] *Spongipellis* Sp.

Deposit of Strain: Acc No CBS 283.96

Classification: Basidiomycota, Hymenormycetes, Aphyllophorales,

[0219] Bjerkanderaceae (identified and affiliated taxonomically by 18S sequence and homology)

[0220] *Trametes sanguinea* (Fr.) Lloyd
syn: *Polyporus sanguineus*; *Pycnoporus sanguineus* (L.:Fr.) Murril
Acc No of strain: AKU 5062 (Kyoto University Culture Collection)

Classification, Basidiomycota, Aphyllphorales, Polyporaceae

[0221] *Schizophyllum commune* Fr
Acc. No. of species: ATCC 38548

Classification: Basidiomycota, Aphyllphorales, Schizophyllaceae

[0222] *Rhizophlyctis rosea* (de Bary & Wor) Fischer

Deposit of Strain: Acc No.: CBS 282.96

Classification: Chytridiomycota, Chytridiomycetes, Spizellomyetales, Spizellomycetaceae

[0223] *Rhizomucor pusillus* (Lindt) Schipper
syn: *Mucor pusillus*
Acc No of strain: IFO 4578
Ex on Acc No of species: ATCC 46883

Classification Zygomycota, Zygomycetes, Mucorales, Mucoraceae

[0224] *Phycomyces nitens* (Kunze) van Tieghem & Le Monnier
Acc No of strain: IFO 4814
Ex on Aco No of species: ATCC 16327

Classification; Zygomycota, Zygomycetes, Mucorales, Mucoraceae

[0225] *Chaetostylum fresenii* van Tieghem & Le Monnier
syn. *Helicostylum fresenii*
Acc No of strain NRRL 2305

Classification: Zygomycota, Zygomycetes, Mucorales, Thamniaceae

Unclassified:

[0226] *Trichothecium roseum*
Acc No of strain: IFO 5372

[0227] *Coniothecium* sp
Endophyte, isolated from leaf of unidentified higher plant, growing in Kunming, Yunnan, China

Unclassified and Un-identified:

[0228] Deposit of strain, Acc No.: CBS 271.96
Isolated from leaf of *Artocarpus altillis* (Moraceae, Urticales), grown in Christiana, Jamaica

[0229] Deposit of strain, Acc No.; CBS 273.96
Isolated from leaf of *Pimenta dioica* (Myrtaceae, Myrtales) grown in Dallas Mountain, Jamaica

[0230] Deposit of strain: CBS 270.96
Isolated from leaf of *Pseudocalymma alliaceum* (Bignoniaceae, Solanales) growing in Dallas Mountain, Jamaica
Other strains:

[0231] *Escherichia coli* MC1061 and DH10B.

[0232] Yeast strain: The *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain used was W3124 (MAT α ; ura 3-52, leu 2-3, 112, h is 3-D200; pep 4-1137; prc1; HIS3; prb2: LEU2; cir+).

Plasmids:

[0233] The *Aspergillus* expression vector pH D414 is a derivative of the plasmid p775 (described in EP 238 023). The construction of pH414 is further described in WO 93/11249.

pYES 2.0 (Invitrogen)

pA2C477, pA2C193, pA2C357, pA2C371, pA2C385, pA2C475, pA2C488, pA2C502 (See example 1, 2, 3 and 4),

Isolation of the DNA Sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 1113, 15, 21, or 25, Respectively:

[0234] The full length DNA sequence, comprising the cDNA sequence of SEC ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, or 25, respectively, coding for the endoglucanase of the invention, can be obtained from the deposited organism *S. cerevisiae*, DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, *E. coli*, DSM 10512, DSM 10511, DSM 10571 or DSM 10576, respectively, by extraction of plasmid DNA by methods known in the art (Sambrook et al. (1989) Molecular cloning: A laboratory manual, Cold Spring Harbor lab., Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.).

PCR primers for molecular screening of cellulases of the present invention:

[0235] The four degenerate, deoxyinosine-containing oligonucleotide primers (sense; s and antisense; as1, as2 and as3) corresponding to four highly conserved amino acid regions found in the deduced amino acid sequences of *Thielavia terrestris* cellulase, *Myceliophthora thermophilum* cellulase, and two cellulases from *Acremonium* sp. The residues are numbered according to the *Myceliophthora thermophilum* sequence. The deoxyinosines are depicted by an I in the primer sequences, and the restriction sites are underlined.

	27	35	
NH ₂ -	Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro/Thr	-COOH	(SEQ ID NO: 79)
S 5'-	CCCC <u>AAGCCTT</u> ACI AGI TAC TGG GAC TGC TGC AAA AC	-3'	(SEQ ID NO: 84)
HindIII	C T T T G C		
	106	111	
NH ₂ -	Trp Cys Cys Ala Cys Tyr	-COOH	(SEQ ID NO: 81)
as1 3'-	CC ACA ACA CGI ACA AT	<u>AGATCTGATC</u> -5'	(SEQ ID NO: 85)
	G G G	XbaI	

-continued

NH ₂ -	Pro	Gly	Gly	Gly	Leu/Val	Gly	Ile/Leu	Phe	-COOH	(SEQ ID NO: 82)
as2 3' -	GGI	CCI	CCI	CCI	AAI	CCI	AAI	AA	<u>AGATCTGATC</u>	(SEQ ID NO: 86)
	-5'									
			C			G				
			G			T				
	193						198			
NH ₂ -	Trp	Arg	Phe/Tyr	Asp	Trp	Phe	-COOH			(SEQ ID NO: 83)
as3 3' -	CC	CGI	AAA	CTA	ACC	AAA	<u>AGATCTGATC</u>	-5'		(SEQ ID NO: 87)
		T	TG		G	G	XbaI			

Molecular Screening by Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR):

[0236] In Vitro Amplification of Genomic DNA and Double-Stranded cDNA.

[0237] Directional, double-stranded cDNA was synthesized from 5 micrograms of poly(A)+ RNA as described below. Genomic DNA was isolated according to Yelton et al.

[0238] Approximately 10 to 20 ng of double-stranded, cellulase-induced cDNA or 100 to 200 ng of genomic DNA from a selection of fungal strains was PCR amplified in PCR buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.3, 50 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.01% (w/v) gelatin) containing 200 micro-M of each dNTP and 100 pmol of each degenerate primer in three combinations,

1) sense, (SEQ ID NO: 84)
5' -CCCCAAGCTTACI^A/_CGITA^C/_TTGGGA^C/_TTG^C/_TTG^C/_TAA^A/_G
^A/_C-3'

antisense 1, (SEQ ID NO: 85)
5' -CTAGTCTAGATA^A/_GCAIGC^A/_GCA^A/_GCACC-3' ;
or

2) sense, (SEQ ID NO: 84)
5' -CCCCAAGCTTACI^A/_CGITA^C/_TTGGGA^C/_TTG^C/_TTG^C/_TAA^A/_G
^A/_C-3'

antisense 2, (SEQ ID NO: 86)
CTAGTCTAGAAAIA^A/_G/_TICCIA^A/_C/_GICCI^CICCI^CIGG-3' ;
or

3) sense, (SEQ ID NO: 84)
5' -CCCCAAGCTTACI^A/_CGITA^C/_TTGGGA^C/_TTG^C/_TTG^C/_TAA^A/_G
^A/_C-3'

antisense 3, (SEQ ID NO: 87)
5' -CTAGTCTAGAAIACCA^A/_GTC^A/_G/_TAIC^C/_TCC-3 ;

a DNA thermal cyler (Landgraf, Germany) and 2.5 units of Taq polymerase (Perkin-Elmer, Cetus, USA). Thirty cycles of PCR were performed using a cycle profile of denaturation at 94° C. for 1 min, annealing at 64° C. for 2 min, and extension at 72° C. for 3 min. Ten microliter aliquots of the amplification products were analyzed by electrophoresis in 3% agarose gels (NuSieve, FMC) with HaeIII-digested ϕ 174 RF DNA as a size marker.

Direct Sequencing of the PCR Products.

[0239] Eighty microliter aliquots of the PCR products were purified using the QIAquick PCR purification kit (Qiagen,

USA) according to the manufacturers instructions. The nucleotide sequences of the amplified PCR fragments were determined directly on the purified PCR products by the dideoxy chain-termination method, using 50-150 ng template, the Taq deoxy-terminal cycle sequencing kit (Perkin-Elmer, USA), fluorescent labeled terminators and 5 pmol of the sense primer: 5'-CCCCAAGCTTACI^A/_CGITA^C/_TTGGGA^C/_TTG^C/_TTG^C/_TAA^A/_G/_C-3' (SEQ ID NO: 84). Analysis of the sequence data was performed according to Devereux at al

Cloning by Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR):

Subcloning of PCR Fragments.

[0240] Twenty five microliter aliquots of the PCR products generated as described above were electrophoresed in 0.8% low gelling temperature agarose (SeaPlaque GTG, FMC) gels, the relevant fragments were excised from the gels, and recovered by agarase treatment by adding 0.1 vol of 10× agarase buffer (New England Biolabs) and 2 units per 100 microliters molten agarose to the sample, followed by incubation at 45° C. for 1.5 h. The sample was phenol and chloroform extracted, and precipitated by addition of 2 vols of 96% EtOH and 0.1 of 3 M NaAc, pH 5.2. The PCP fragments were recovered by centrifugation, washed in 70% EtOH, dried and resuspended in 20 microliters of restriction enzyme buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 10 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT). The fragments were digested with HindIII and XbaI, phenol and chloroform extracted, recovered by precipitation with 2 vols of 96% EtOH and 0.1 of 3 M NaAc, pH 5.2, and subcloned into HindIII/XbaI-cleaved pYES 2.0 vector. Screening of cDNA Libraries and Characterization of the Positive Clones

[0241] cDNA libraries in *S. cerevisiae* or *E. coli*, constructed as described below, were screened by colony hybridization (Sambrook, 1989) using the corresponding random-primed (Feinberg and Vogelstein) ³²P-labeled (>1×10⁹ cpm/microgram) PCR products as probes. The hybridizations were carried out in 2×SSC (Sambrook, 1989), 5×Denhardt's solution (Sambrook, 1989), 0.5% (w/v) SDS, 100 micrograms/ml denatured salmon sperm DNA for 20 h at 65° C. followed by washes in 5×SSC at 25° C. (2×15 min), 2×SSC 0.5% SDS at 65° C. (30 min), 0.2×SSC 0.5% SDS at 65° C. (30 min) and finally in 5×SSC (2×15 min) at 25° C. The positive cDNA clones were characterized by sequencing the ends of the cDNA inserts with pYES 2.0 polylinker primers (Invitrogen, USA), and by determining the nucleotide sequence of the longest cDNA from both strands by the dideoxy chain termination method (Sanger et al.) using fluorescent labeled terminators. Qiagen purified plasmid DNA (Qiagen, USA) was sequenced with the Taq deoxy terminal cycle sequencing kit (Perkin Elmer, USA) and either pYES 2.0 polylinker primers (Invitrogen, USA) or synthetic oligonucleotide primers using an Applied Biosystems 373A auto-

mated sequencer according to the manufacturer's instructions. Analysis of the sequence data was performed according to Devereux et al.

[0242] Extraction of total RNA was performed with guanidinium thiocyanate followed by ultracentrifugation through a 5.7 M CsCl cushion, and isolation of poly(A)⁺ RNA was carried out by oligo(dT)-cellulose affinity chromatography using the procedures described in WO 94/14953.

cDNA Synthesis

[0243] Double-stranded cDNA was synthesized from 5 micrograms poly(A)⁺ RNA by the RNase H method (Gubler and Hoffman Gene 25:263-269 (1983), Sambrook et al. (1939) Molecular cloning: A laboratory manual, Cold Spring Harbor lab., Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.) using the hair-pin modification developed by F. S. Hagen (pers. comm.). The poly(A)⁺ RNA (5 micrograms in 5 microliters of DEPC-treated water) was heated at 70° C. for 8 min. in a pre-siliconized, RNase-free Eppendorph tube, quenched on ice and combined in a final volume of 50 microliters with reverse transcriptase buffer (50 mM Tris-Cl, pH 8.3, 75 mM KCl, 3 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM DTT, Bethesda Research Laboratories) containing 1 mM of dATP, dGTP and dTTP and 0.5 mM 5-methyl-dCTP (Pharmacia), 40 units human placental ribonuclease inhibitor (RNasin, Promega), 1.45 micrograms of oligo(dT)₁₈-Not I primer (Pharmacia) and 1000 units SuperScript II RNase H reverse transcriptase (Bethesda Research Laboratories). First-strand cDNA was synthesized by incubating the reaction mixture at 45° C. for 1 hour. After synthesis, the mRNA:cDNA hybrid mixture was gelfiltrated through a MicroSpin S-400 HR (Pharmacia) spin column according to the manufacturer's instructions.

[0244] After the gelfiltration, the hybrids were diluted in 250 microliters second strand buffer (20 mM Tris-Cl, pH 7.4, 90 mM KCl, 4.6 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM (NH₄)₂SO₄, 0.16 mM βNAD⁺) containing 200 micro-M of each dNTP, 60 units *E. coli* DNA polymerase I (Pharmacia), 5.25 units RNase H (Promega) and 15 units *E. coli* DNA ligase (Boehringer Mannheim). Second strand cDNA synthesis was performed by incubating the reaction tube at 16° C. for 2 hours and additional 15 min. at 25° C. The reaction was stopped by addition of EDTA to a final concentration of 20 mM followed by phenol x's and chloroform extractions.

Mung Bean Nuclease Treatment

[0245] The double-stranded cDNA was precipitated at -20° C. for 12 hours by addition of 2 vols 96% EtOH, 0.2 vol 10 M NH₄Ac, recovered by centrifugation, washed in 70% EtOH, dried and resuspended in 30 microliters Mung bean nuclease buffer (30 mM NaAc, pH 4.6, 300 mM NaCl, 1 mM ZnSO₄, 0.35 mM DTT, 2% glycerol) containing 25 units Mung bean nuclease (Pharmacia). The single-stranded hair-pin DNA was clipped by incubating the reaction at 30° C. for 30 min., followed by addition of 70 microliters 10 mM Tris-Cl, pH 7.5, 1 mM EDTA, phenol extraction and precipitation with 2 vols of 96% EtOH and 0.1 vol 3 M NaAc, pH 5.2 on ice for 30 min.

Blunt-Ending with T4 DNA Polymerase

[0246] The double-stranded cDNAs were recovered by centrifugation and blunt-ended in 30 microliters T4 DNA polymerase buffer (20 mM Tris-acetate, pH 7.9, 10 mM MgAc, 50 mM KAc, 1 mM DTT) containing 0.5 mM of each dNTP and 5 units T4 DNA polymerase (New England Biolabs) by incubating the reaction mixture at 16° C. for 1 hour. The reaction was stopped by addition of EDTA to a final

concentration of 20 mM, followed by phenol and chloroform extractions, and precipitation for 12 hours at -20° C. by adding 2 vols 96% EtOH and 0.1 vol 3 M NaAc pH 5.2.

Adaptor Ligation, Not I Digestion and Size Selection:

[0247] After the fill-in reaction the cDNAs were recovered by centrifugation, washed in 70% EtOH and dried. The cDNA pellet was resuspended in 25 microliters ligation buffer (30 mM Tris-Cl, pH 7.8, 10 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM DTT, 0.5 mM ATP) containing 2.5 micrograms non-palindromic BstXI adaptors (invitrogen) and 30 units T4 ligase (Promega) and incubated at 15° C. for 12 hours. The reaction was stopped by heating at 65° C. for 20 min. and then cooling on ice for 5 min. The adapted cDNA was digested with Not I restriction enzyme by addition of 20 microliters water, 5 microliters 10× Not I restriction enzyme buffer (New England Biolabs) and 50 units Not I (New England Biolabs), followed by incubation for 2.5 hours at 37° C. The reaction was stopped by heating at 65° C. for 10 min. The cDNAs were size-fractionated by gel electrophoresis on a 0.8% SeaPlaque GTG low melting temperature agarose gel (FMC) in 1×TBE to separate unligated adaptors and small cDNAs. The cDNA was size-selected with a cut-off at 0.7 kb and rescued from the gel by use of beta-Agarase (New England Biolabs) according to the manufacturer's instructions and precipitated for 12 hours at -20° C. by adding 2 vols 96% EtOH and 0.1 vol 3 M NaAc pH 5.2.

Construction of Libraries

[0248] The directional, size-selected cDNA was recovered by centrifugation, washed in 70% EtOH, dried and resuspended in 30 microliters 10 mM Tris-Cl, pH 7.5, 1 mM EDTA. The cDNAs were desalted by gelfiltration through a MicroSpin S-300 HR (Pharmacia) spin column according to the manufacturers instructions. Three test ligations were carried out in 10 microliters ligation buffer (30 mM Tris-Cl, pH 7.8, 10 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM DTT, 0.5 mM ATP) containing 5 microliters double-stranded cDNA (reaction tubes #1 and #2), 15 units T4 ligase (Promega) and 30 ng (tube #1), 40 ng (tube #2) and 40 ng (tube #3, the vector background control) of BstXI-NotI cleaved pYES 2.0 vector. The ligation reactions were performed by incubation at 16° C. for 12 hours, heating at 70° C. for 20 min. and addition of 10 microliters water to each tube. One microliter of each ligation mixture was electroporated into 40 microliters electrocompetent *E. coli* DH10B cells (Bethesda research Laboratories) as described (Sambrook et al. (1989) Molecular cloning: A laboratory manual, Cold Spring Harbor lab., Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.). Using the optimal conditions a library was established in *E. coli* consisting of pools. Each pool was made by spreading transformed *E. coli* on LB+ampicillin agar plates giving 15.000-30.000 colonies/plate after incubation at 37° C. for 24 hours. 20 ml LB+ampicillin was added to the plate and the cells were suspended herein. The cell suspension was shaken in a 50 ml tube for 1 hour at 37° C. Plasmid DNA was isolated from the cells according to the manufacturer's instructions using QIAGEN plasmid kit and stored at -20° C.

[0249] One microliter aliquots of purified plasmid DNA (100 ng/microliter) from individual pools were transformed into *S. cerevisiae* W3124 by electroporation (Becker and

Guarante, *Methods Enzymol.* 194: 182-187 (1991)) and the transformants were plated on SC agar containing 2% glucose and incubated at 30° C.

Identification of Positive Colonies

[0250] After 3-5 days of growth, the agar plates were replica plated onto a set of SC+galactose-uracil agar plates containing 0.1% AZCL HE cellulose. These plates were incubated for 3-7 days at 30° C. Endoglucanase positive colonies were identified as colonies surrounded by a blue halo.

[0251] Cells from enzyme-positive colonies were spread for single colony isolation on agar, and an enzyme-producing single colony was selected for each of the endoglucanase-producing colonies identified.

Characterization of Positive Clones

[0252] The positive clones were obtained as single colonies, the cDNA inserts were amplified directly from the yeast colony using biotinylated polylinker primers, purified by magnetic beads (Dynabead M-280, Dynal) system and characterized individually by sequencing the 5'-end of each cDNA clone using the chain-termination method (Sanger et al. (1977) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 74: 5463-5467) and the Sequence system (United States Biochemical).

[0253] The nucleotide sequence was determined of the longest cDNA from both strands by the dideoxy chain termination method (Sanger et al.) using fluorescent labeled terminators. Plasmid DNA was rescued by transformation into *E. coli* as described below. Qiagen purified plasmid DNA (Qiagen, USA) was sequenced with the Taq deoxy terminal cycle sequencing kit (Perkin Elmer, USA) and either pYES 2.0 polylinker primers (Invitrogen, USA) or synthetic oligonucleotide primers using an Applied Biosystems 373A automated sequencer according to the manufacturer's instructions. Analysis of the sequence data was performed according to Devereux et al

Isolation of a cDNA Gene for Expression in *Aspergillus*

[0254] An endoglucanase-producing yeast colony was inoculated into 20 ml YPD broth in a 50 ml grass test tube. The tube was shaken for 2 days at 30° C. The cells were harvested by centrifugation for 10 min. at 3000 rpm.

[0255] DNA was isolated according to WO 94/14953 and dissolved in 50 microliters water. The DNA was transformed into *E. coli* by standard procedures. Plasmid DNA was isolated from *E. coli* using standard procedures, and analyzed by restriction enzyme analysis. The cDNA insert was excised using appropriate restriction enzymes and ligated into an *Aspergillus* expression vector.

Transformation of *Aspergillus oryzae* or *Aspergillus Niger*

[0256] Protoplasts may be prepared as described in WO 95/02043, p. 16, line 21-page 17, line 12, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

[0257] 100 microliters of protoplast suspension is mixed with 5-25 micrograms of the appropriate DNA in 10 microliters of STC (1.2 M sorbitol, 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 10 mM CaCl₂. Protoplasts are mixed with p3SR2 (an *A. nidulans* amdS gene carrying plasmid). The mixture is left at room temperature for 25 minutes. 0.2 ml of 60% PEG 4000 (BDH 29576); 10 mM CaCl₂ and 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5 is added and carefully mixed (twice) and finally 0.85 ml of the same solution is added and carefully mixed. The mixture is left at room temperature for 25 minutes, spun at 2500 g for 15 minutes and the pellet is resuspended in 2 ml of 1.2 M sorbi-

tol. After one more sedimentation the protoplasts are spread on minimal plates (Cove, *Biochem. Biophys. Acta* 113: 51-56 (1966)) containing 1.0 M sucrose, pH 7.0, 10 mM acetamide as nitrogen source and 20 mM CsCl to inhibit background growth. After incubation for 4-7 days at 37° C. spores are picked and spread for single colonies. This procedure is repeated and spores of a single colony after the second resolution is stored as a defined transformant.

Test of *A. oryzae* Transformants

[0258] Each of the transformants were inoculated in 10 ml YPM and propagated. After 2-5 days of incubation at 37° C., 10 ml supernatant was removed. The endoglucanase activity was identified by AZCL HE cellulose as described above.

Hybridization conditions (to be used in evaluating property ii) of the DNA construct of the invention): Suitable conditions for determining hybridization between a nucleotide probe and a homologous DNA or RNA sequence involves presoaking of the filter containing the DNA fragments or RNA to hybridize in 5×SSC (standard saline citrate) for 10 min, and prehybridization of the filter in a solution of 5×SSC (Sambrook et al. 1989), 5×Denhardt's solution (Sambrook et al. 1989), 0.5% SDS and 100 micrograms/ml of denatured sonicated salmon sperm DNA (Sambrook et al. 1989), followed by hybridization in the same solution containing a random-primed (Feinberg, A. P. and Vogelstein, B., *Anal. Biochem.* 132:6-13 (1983)), ³²P-dCTP-labeled (specific activity >1×10⁹ cpm/microgram) probe for 12 hours at ca. 45° C. The filter is then washed two times for 30 minutes in 2×SSC, 0.5% SDS at preferably not higher than 50° C., more preferably not higher than 55° C., more preferably not higher than 60° C., more preferably not higher than 65° C., even more preferably not higher than 70° C., especially not higher than 75° C.

[0259] The nucleotide probe to be used in the hybridization is the DNA sequence corresponding to the endoglucanase encoding part of the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21 or 25, respectively, and/or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *S. cerevisiae*, DSM 9770, DSM 10082, DSM 10080, DSM 10081, *E. coli*, DSM 10512, DSM 10511: DSM 10571 or DSM 10576, respectively.

Immunological Cross-Reactivity

[0260] Antibodies to be used in determining immunological cross-reactivity may be prepared by use of a purified cellulase. More specifically, antiserum against the cellulase of the invention may be raised by immunizing rabbits (or other rodents) according to the procedure described by N. Axelsen et al. in: *A Manual of Quantitative Immunoelectrophoresis*, Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1973, Chapter 23, or A. Johnstone and R. Thorpe, *Immunochemistry in Practice*, Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1982 (more specifically pp. 27-31). Purified immunoglobulins may be obtained from the antisera, for example by salt precipitation ((NH₄)₂ SO₄), followed by dialysis and ion exchange chromatography, e.g., on DEAE-Sephadex. Immunochemical characterization of proteins may be done either by Ouchterlony double-diffusion analysis (O. Ouchterlony in: *Handbook of Experimental Immunology* (D. M., Weir, Ed.), Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1967, pp. 655-706), by crossed

immuno-electrophoresis (N. Axelsen et al., supra, Chapters 3 and 4), or by rocket immuno-electrophoresis (N. Axelsen et al., Chapter 2).

Media

[0261] YPD: 10 g yeast extract, 20 g peptone, H₂O to 900 ml. Autoclaved, 100 ml 20% glucose (sterile filtered) added.

[0262] YPM: 10 g yeast extract, 20 g peptone, H₂O to 900 ml. Autoclaved, 100 ml 20% maltodextrin (sterile filtered) added.

[0263] 10× Basal salt: 75 g yeast nitrogen base, 113 g succinic acid, 68 g NaOH, H₂O ad 1000 ml, sterile filtered.

[0264] SC-URA: 100 ml 10× Basal salt, 28 ml 20% casamino acids without vitamins, 10 ml 1% tryptophan, H₂O ad 900 ml, autoclaved, 3.6 ml 5% threonine and 100 ml 20% glucose or 20% galactose added.

[0265] SC-URA agar: SC-URA, 20 g/l agar added.

[0266] PD agar: 39 g potato dextrose agar, DIFCO 0013; add deionized water up to 1000 ml; autoclave (121° C. for 15-20 min).

[0267] PC agar: Potatoes and carrots (grinded, 20 g of each) and water, added up to 1000 ml, are boiled for 1 hr; agar (20 g/l of Merck 1614); autoclave (121° C. for 20 min)

[0268] PC liquid broth: as PC agar but without the Agar

[0269] PD liquid broth: 24 g potato dextrose broth, Difco 0549, deionized water up to 1000 ml; autoclave (121° C. for 15-20 min)

[0270] PC and PD liquid broth with cellulose: add 30 g Solcaflor (Dicacel available from Dicalite-Europe-Nord, 9000 Gent, Belgium) per 1000 ml

[0271] PB-9 liquid broth: 12 g Rofec (Roquette 101-0441) and 24 g glucose are added to 1000 ml water; pH is adjusted to 5.5; 5 ml mineral oil and 5 g CaCO₃ are added per 1000 ml. Autoclave (121° C. for 40 min)

[0272] YPG liquid broth: 4 g yeast extract (Difco 0127), 1 g KH₂PO₄ (Merck4873), 0.5 g MgSO₄·7H₂O Merck 5886, 15 g Dextrose, Roquette 101-0441, 0.1 ml Pluronic (101-3088); deionized water up to 1000 ml; autoclave (20 min at 121° C.)

[0273] Dilute salt solution (DS): Make up two stock solutions:

P-stock: 13.61 g KH₂PO₄; 13.21 g (NH₄)₂PO₄, 17.42 g KH₂PO₄; deionized water up to 100 ml Ca/Mg stock: 7.35 g CaCl₂·2H₂O, 10.7 g MgCl₂·6H₂O, deionized water up to 100 ml; pH adjusted to 7.0; autoclaving (121° C.; 20 min)

[0274] Mix 0.5 ml P-stock with 0.1 ml Ca/Mg stock

[0275] add deionized water up to 1000 ml

[0276] AZCL HE cellulose (Megazyme, Australia).

Uses

[0277] During washing and wearing, dyestuff from dyed fabrics or garment will conventionally bleed from the fabric which then looks faded and worn. Removal of surface fibers from the fabric will partly restore the original colours and looks of the fabric. By the term "colour clarification", as used herein, is meant the partly restoration of the initial colours of fabric or garment throughout multiple washing cycles.

[0278] The term "de-pilling" denotes removing of pills from the fabric surface.

[0279] The term "soaking liquor" denotes an aqueous liquor in which laundry may be immersed prior to being subjected to a conventional washing process. The soaking liquor may contain one or more ingredients conventionally used in a washing or laundering process.

[0280] The term "washing liquor" denotes an aqueous liquor in which laundry is subjected to a washing process, i.e., usually a combined chemical and mechanical action either manually or in a washing machine. Conventionally, the washing liquor is an aqueous solution of a powder or liquid detergent composition.

[0281] The term "rinsing liquor" denotes an aqueous liquor in which laundry is immersed and treated, conventionally immediately after being subjected to a washing process, in order to rinse the laundry, i.e., essentially remove the detergent solution from the laundry. The rinsing liquor may contain a fabric conditioning or softening composition.

[0282] The laundry subjected to the method of the present invention may be conventional washable laundry. Preferably, the major part of the laundry is sewn or unsewn fabrics, including knits, wovens, denims, yarns, and toweling, made from cotton, cotton blends or natural or manmade cellulose (e.g., originating from xylan-containing cellulose fibers such as from wood pulp) or blends thereof. Examples of blends are blends of cotton or rayon/viscose with one or more companion material such as wool, synthetic fibers (e.g., polyamide fibers, acrylic fibers, polyester fibers, polyvinyl alcohol fibers, polyvinyl chloride fibers, polyvinylidene chloride fibers, polyurethane fibers, polyurea fibers, aramid fibers), and cellulose-containing fibers (e.g., rayon/viscose, ramie, flax/linen, jute, cellulose acetate fibers, lyocell).

Detergent Compositions

[0283] According to one aspect of the present invention, the present endoglucanases may typically be components of a detergent composition. As such, they may be included in the detergent composition in the form of a non-dusting granulate, a stabilized liquid, or protected enzymes. Non-dusting granulates may be produced, e.g., as disclosed in U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,106,991 and 4,661,452 (both to to Novo Industri A/S) and may optionally be coated by methods known in the art. Examples of waxy coating materials are poly(ethylene oxide) products (polyethyleneglycol, PEG) with mean molecular weights of 1000 to 20000; ethoxylated nonylphenols having from 16 to 50 ethylene oxide units; ethoxylated fatty alcohols in which the alcohol contains from 12 to 20 carbon atoms and in which there are 15 to 80 ethylene oxide units; fatty alcohols; fatty acids; and mono and di- and triglycerides of fatty acids. Examples of film-forming coating materials suitable for application by fluid bed techniques are given in patent GB 1483591. Liquid enzyme preparations may, for instance, be stabilized by adding a polyol such as propylene glycol, a sugar or sugar alcohol, lactic acid or boric acid according to established methods. Other enzyme stabilizers are well known in the art. Protected enzymes may be prepared according to the method disclosed in EP 238,216.

[0284] The detergent composition of the invention may be in any convenient form, e.g., as powder, granules, paste or liquid. A liquid detergent may be aqueous, typically containing up to 70% water and 0-30% organic solvent, or nonaqueous.

[0285] The detergent composition comprises one or more surfactants, each of which may be anionic, nonionic, cationic, or zwitterionic. The detergent will usually contain 0-50% of anionic surfactant such as linear alkylbenzenesulfonate (LAS), alpha-olefinsulfonate (AOS), alkyl sulfate (fatty alcohol sulfate) (AS), alcohol ethoxysulfate (AEOS or AES), secondary alkanesulfonates (SAS), alpha-sulfo fatty acid methyl esters, alkyl- or alkenylsuccinic acid, or soap. It may

also contain 0-40% of nonionic surfactant such as alcohol ethoxylate (AEO or AE), carboxylated alcohol ethoxylates, nonylphenol ethoxylate, alkylpolyglycoside, alkyltrimethylamine oxide, ethoxylated fatty acid monoethanolamide, fatty acid monoethanolamide, or polyhydroxy alkyl fatty acid amide (e.g. as described in WO 92/06154).

[0286] The detergent composition may additionally comprise one or more other enzymes such as amylase, lipase, cutinase, protease, peroxidase, and oxidase, e.g., laccase.

[0287] The detergent may contain 1-65% of a detergent builder or complexing agent such as zeolite, diphosphate, triphosphate, phosphonate, citrate, nitrilotriacetic acid (NTA), ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid (DTMPA), alkyl- or alkenylsuccinic acid, soluble silicates or layered silicates (eg., SKS-6 from Hoechst). The detergent may also be inbuilt, i.e., essentially free of detergent builder.

[0288] The detergent may comprise one or more polymers. Examples are carboxymethylcellulose (CMC), poly(vinylpyrrolidone) (PVP), polyethyleneglycol (PEG), poly(vinyl alcohol) (PVA), polycarboxylates such as polyacrylates, maleic/acrylic acid copolymers and lauryl methacrylate/acrylic acid copolymers.

[0289] The detergent may contain a bleaching system which may comprise a H₂O₂ source such as perborate or percarbonate which may be combined with a peracid-forming bleach activator such as tetraacetylenediamine (TAED) or Nonanoyloxybenzenesulfonate (NOBS). Alternatively, the bleaching system may comprise peroxyacids of, erg., the amide, imide, or sulfone type.

[0290] The enzymes of the detergent composition of the invention may be stabilized using conventional stabilizing agents, e.g., a polyol such as propylene glycol or glycerol, a sugar or sugar alcohol, lactic acid, boric acid, or a boric acid derivative such as, e.g., an aromatic borate ester, and the composition may be formulated as described in, e.g., WO 92/19709 and WO 92/19708.

[0291] The detergent may also contain other conventional detergent ingredients such as, e.g., fabric conditioners including clays, foam boosters, suds suppressors, anti-corrosion agents, soil-suspending agents, anti-soil-redeposition agents, dyes, bactericides, optical brighteners, or perfume.

[0292] The pH (measured in aqueous solution at use concentration) will usually be neutral or alkaline, e.g., in the range of 7-11.

[0293] Particular forms of detergent compositions within the scope of the invention include:

1) A detergent composition formulated as a granulate having a bulk density of at least 600 g/l comprising

Linear alkylbenzenesulfonate (calculated as acid)	7-12%
Alcohol ethoxysulfate (e.g., C ₁₂₋₁₈ alcohol, 1-2 EO) or alkyl sulfate (e.g., C ₁₆₋₁₈)	1-4%
Alcohol ethoxylate (e.g., C ₁₄₋₁₅ alcohol, 7 EO)	5-9%
Sodium carbonate (as Na ₂ CO ₃)	14-20%
Soluble silicate (as Na ₂ O, 2SiO ₂)	2-6%
Zeolite (as NaAlSiO ₄)	15-22%
Sodium sulfate (as Na ₂ SO ₄)	0-6%
Sodium citrate/citric acid (as C ₆ H ₅ Na ₃ O ₇ /C ₆ H ₈ O ₇)	0-15%
Sodium perborate (as NaBO ₃ ·H ₂ O)	11-18%
TAED	2-6%
Carboxymethylcellulose	0-2%
Polymers (e.g., maleic/acrylic acid copolymer, PVP, PEG)	0-3%

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Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., suds suppressors, perfume, optical brightener, photobleach)	0-5%

2) A detergent composition formulated as a granulate having a bulk density of at least 600 g/l comprising

Linear alkylbenzenesulfonate (calculated as acid)	6-11%
Alcohol ethoxysulfate (e.g., C ₁₂₋₁₈ alcohol, 1-2 EO) or alkyl sulfate (e.g., C ₁₆₋₁₈)	1-3%
Alcohol ethoxylate (e.g., C ₁₄₋₁₅ alcohol, 7 EO)	5-9%
Sodium carbonate (as Na ₂ CO ₃)	15-21%
Soluble silicate (as Na ₂ O, 2SiO ₂)	1-4%
Zeolite (as NaAlSiO ₄)	24-34%
Sodium sulfate (as Na ₂ SO ₄)	4-10%
Sodium citrate/citric acid (as C ₆ H ₅ Na ₃ O ₇ /C ₆ H ₈ O ₇)	0-15%
Carboxymethylcellulose	0-2%
Polymers (e.g., maleic/acrylic acid copolymer, PVP, PEG)	1-6%
Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., suds suppressors, perfume)	0-5%

3) A detergent composition formulated as a granulate having a bulk density of at least 600 g/l comprising

Linear alkylbenzenesulfonate (calculated as acid)	5-9%
Alcohol ethoxylate (e.g., C ₁₂₋₁₅ alcohol, 7 EO)	7-14%
Soap as fatty acid (e.g., C ₁₆₋₂₂ fatty acid)	1-3%
Sodium carbonate (as Na ₂ CO ₃)	10-17%
Soluble silicate (as Na ₂ O, 2SiO ₂)	3-9%
Zeolite (as NaAlSiO ₄)	23-33%
Sodium sulfate (as Na ₂ SO ₄)	0-4%
Sodium perborate (as NaBO ₃ ·H ₂ O)	8-16%
TAED	2-8%
Phosphonate (e.g., EDTMPA)	0-1%
Carboxymethylcellulose	0-2%
Polymers (e.g., maleic/acrylic acid copolymer, PVP, PEG)	0-3%
Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., suds suppressors, perfume, optical brightener)	0-5%

4) A detergent composition formulated as a granulate having a bulk density of at least 600 g/l comprising

Linear alkylbenzenesulfonate (calculated as acid)	8-12%
Alcohol ethoxylate (e.g., C ₁₂₋₁₅ alcohol, 7 EO)	10-25%
Sodium carbonate (as Na ₂ CO ₃)	14-22%
Soluble silicate (as Na ₂ O, 2SiO ₂)	1-5%
Zeolite (as NaAlSiO ₄)	25-35%
Sodium sulfate (as Na ₂ SO ₄)	0-10%
Carboxymethylcellulose	0-2%
Polymers (e.g., maleic/acrylic acid copolymer, PVP, PEG)	1-3%
Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., suds suppressors, perfume)	0-5%

5) An aqueous liquid detergent composition comprising

Linear alkylbenzenesulfonate (calculated as acid)	15-21%
Alcohol ethoxylate (e.g., C ₁₂₋₁₅ alcohol, 7 EO) or C ₁₂₋₁₅ alcohol, 5 EO)	12-18%

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Soap as fatty acid (e.g., oleic acid)	3-13%
Alkenylsuccinic acid (C ₁₂₋₁₄)	0-13%
Aminoethanol	8-18%
Citric acid	2-8%
Phosphonate	0-3%
Polymers (e.g., PVP, PEG)	0-3%
Borate (as B ₄ O ₇)	0-2%
Ethanol	0-3%
Propylene glycol	8-14%
Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., dispersants, suds suppressors, perfume, optical brightener)	0-5%

6) An aqueous structured liquid detergent composition comprising

Linear alkylbenzenesulfonate (calculated as acid)	15-21%
Alcohol ethoxylate (e.g., C ₁₂₋₁₅ alcohol, 7 EO, or C ₁₂₋₁₅ alcohol, 5 EO)	3-9%
Soap as fatty acid (e.g., oleic acid)	3-10%
Zeolite (as NaAlSiO ₄)	14-22%
Potassium citrate	9-18%
Borate (as B ₄ O ₇)	0-2%
Carboxymethylcellulose	0-2%
Polymers (e.g., PEG, PVP)	0-3%
Anchoring polymers such as, e.g., lauryl methacrylate/acrylic acid copolymer; molar ratio 25:1; MW 3800	0-3%
Glycerol	0-5%
Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., dispersants, suds suppressors, perfume, optical brighteners)	0-5%

7) A detergent composition formulated as a granulate having a bulk density of at least 600 g/l comprising

Fatty alcohol sulfate	5-10%
Ethoxylated fatty acid monoethanolamide	3-9%
Soap as fatty acid	0-3%
Sodium carbonate (as Na ₂ CO ₃)	5-10%
Soluble silicate (as Na ₂ O, 2SiO ₂)	1-4%
Zeolite (as NaAlSiO ₄)	20-40%
Sodium sulfate (as Na ₂ SO ₄)	2-8%
Sodium perborate (as NaBO ₃ •H ₂ O)	12-18%
TAED	2-7%
Polymers (e.g., maleic/acrylic acid copolymer, PEG)	1-5%
Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., optical brightener, suds suppressors, perfume)	0-5%

8) A detergent composition formulated as a granulate comprising

Linear alkylbenzenesulfonate (calculated as acid)	8-14%
Ethoxylated fatty acid monoethanolamide	5-11%
Soap as fatty acid	0-3%
Sodium carbonate (as Na ₂ CO ₃)	4-10%
Soluble silicate (as Na ₂ O, 2SiO ₂)	1-4%
Zeolite (as NaAlSiO ₄)	30-50%
Sodium sulfate (as Na ₂ SO ₄)	3-11%
Sodium citrate (as C ₆ H ₅ Na ₃ O ₇)	5-12%
Polymers (e.g., PVP, maleic/acrylic acid copolymer, PEG)	1-5%
Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., suds suppressors, perfume)	0-5%

9) A detergent composition formulated as a granulate comprising

Linear alkylbenzenesulfonate (calculated as acid)	6-12%
Nonionic surfactant	1-4%
Soap as fatty acid	2-6%
Sodium carbonate (as Na ₂ CO ₃)	14-22%
Zeolite (as NaAlSiO ₄)	18-32%
Sodium sulfate (as Na ₂ SO ₄)	5-20%
Sodium citrate (as C ₆ H ₅ Na ₃ O ₇)	3-8%
Sodium perborate (as NaBO ₃ •H ₂ O)	4-9%
Bleach activator (e.g., NOBS or TAED)	1-5%
Carboxymethylcellulose	0-2%
Polymers (e.g., polycarboxylate or PEG)	1-5%
Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., optical brightener, perfume)	0-5%

10) An aqueous liquid detergent composition comprising

Linear alkylbenzenesulfonate (calculated as acid)	15-23%
Alcohol ethoxysulfate (e.g., C ₁₂₋₁₅ alcohol, 2-3 EO)	8-15%
Alcohol ethoxylate (e.g., C ₁₂₋₁₅ alcohol, 7 EO, or C ₁₂₋₁₅ alcohol, 5 EO)	3-9%
Soap as fatty acid (e.g., lauric acid)	0-3%
Aminoethanol	1-5%
Sodium citrate	5-10%
Hydrotrope (e.g., sodium toluenesulfonate)	2-6%
Borate (as B ₄ O ₇)	0-2%
Carboxymethylcellulose	0-1%
Ethanol	1-3%
Propylene glycol	2-5%
Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., polymers, dispersants, perfume, optical brighteners)	0-5%

11) An aqueous liquid detergent composition comprising

Linear alkylbenzenesulfonate (calculated as acid)	20-32%
Alcohol ethoxylate (e.g., C ₁₂₋₁₅ alcohol, 7 EO, or C ₁₂₋₁₅ alcohol, 5 EO)	6-12%
Aminoethanol	2-6%
Citric acid	8-14%
Borate (as B ₄ O ₇)	1-3%
Polymer (e.g., maleic/acrylic acid copolymer, anchoring polymer such as, e.g., lauryl methacrylate/acrylic acid copolymer)	0-3%
Glycerol	3-8%
Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., hydrotropes, dispersants, perfume, optical brighteners)	0-5%

12) A detergent composition formulated as a granulate having a bulk density of at least 600 gal comprising

Anionic surfactant (linear alkylbenzenesulfonate, alkyl sulfate, alpha-olefinsulfonate, alpha-sulfo fatty acid methyl esters, alkanesulfonates, soap)	25-40%
Nonionic surfactant (e.g., alcohol ethoxylate)	1-10%
Sodium carbonate (as Na ₂ CO ₃)	8-25%
Soluble silicates (as Na ₂ O, 2SiO ₂)	5-15%
Sodium sulfate (as Na ₂ SO ₄)	0-5%
Zeolite (as NaAlSiO ₄)	15-28%
Sodium perborate (as NaBO ₃ •4H ₂ O)	0-20%
Bleach activator (TAED or NOBS)	0-5%
Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., perfume, optical brighteners)	0-3%

13) Detergent formulations as described in 1)-12) wherein all or part of the linear alkylbenzenesulfonate is replaced by (C₁₂-C₁₈) alkyl sulfate. 14) A detergent composition formulated as a granulate having a bulk density of at least 600 g/l comprising

(C ₁₂ -C ₁₈) alkyl sulfate	9-15%
Alcohol ethoxylate	3-6%
Polyhydroxy alkyl fatty acid amide	1-5%
Zeolite (as NaAlSiO ₄)	10-20%
Layered disilicate (e.g., SK56 from Hoechst)	10-20%
Sodium carbonate (as Na ₂ CO ₃)	3-12%
Soluble silicate (as Na ₂ O, 2SiO ₂)	0-6%
Sodium citrate	4-8%
Sodium percarbonate	13-22%
TAED	3-8%
Polymers (e.g., polycarboxylates and PVP =	0-5%
Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., optical brightener, photo bleach, perfume, suds suppressors)	0-5%

15) A detergent composition formulated as a granulate having a bulk density of at least 600 g/l comprising

(C ₁₂ -C ₁₈) alkyl sulfate	4-8%
Alcohol ethoxylate	11-15%
Soap	1-4%
Zeolite MAP or zeolite A	35-45%
Sodium carbonate (as Na ₂ CO ₃)	2-8%
Soluble silicate (as Na ₂ O, 2SiO ₂)	0-4%
Sodium percarbonate	13-22%
TAED	1-8%
Carboxymethyl cellulose	0-3%
Polymers (e.g., polycarboxylates and PVP)	0-3%
Enzymes (calculated as pure enzyme protein)	0.0001-0.1%
Minor ingredients (e.g., optical brightener, phosphonate, perfume)	0-3%

16) Detergent formulations as described in 1)-15) which contain a stabilizer or encapsulated peracid, either as an additional component or as a substitute for already specified bleach systems.

17) Detergent compositions as described in 1), 3), 7), 9) and 12) wherein perborate is replaced by percarbonate.

18) Detergent compositions as described in 1), 3), 7), 9), 12), 14) and 15) which additionally contain a manganese catalyst. The manganese catalyst may, e., be one of the compounds described in "Efficient manganese catalysts for low-temperature bleaching", *Nature* 369, 1994, pp. 637-639.

19) Detergent composition formulated as a nonaqueous detergent liquid comprising a liquid nonionic surfactant such as, e.g., linear alkoxyated primary alcohol, a builder system (e.g., phosphate), enzyme and alkali. The detergent may also comprise anionic surfactant and/or a bleach system.

[0294] The endoglucanase may be incorporated in concentrations conventionally employed in detergents. It is at present contemplated that, in the laundry composition of the invention, the cellulase may be added in an amount corresponding to 0.0001-10 mg (calculated as pure enzyme protein) of cellulase per liter of wash liquor.

[0295] According to yet another aspect of the present invention, endoglucanase may typically be a component of a

fabric conditioning or softener composition. Examples of conventional softener compositions are disclosed in, e.g., EP 0 233 910.

Textile Applications

[0296] In another embodiment, the present invention relates to use of the endoglucanase of the invention in the biopolishing process. Bio-Polishing is a specific treatment of the yarn surface which improves fabric quality with respect to handle and appearance without loss of fabric wettability. The most important effects of Bio-Polishing can be characterized by less fuzz and pilling, increased gloss/luster, improved fabric handle, increased durable softness and altered water absorbency. Bio-Polishing usually takes place in the wet processing of the manufacture of knitted and woven fabrics. Wet processing comprises such steps as, e.g., desizing, scouring, bleaching, washing, dyeing/printing and finishing. During each of these steps, the fabric is more or less subjected to mechanical action. In general, after the textiles have been knitted or woven, the fabric proceeds to a desizing stage, followed by a scouring stage, etc. Desizing is the act of removing size from textiles. Prior to weaving on mechanical looms, warp yarns are often coated with size starch or starch derivatives in order to increase their tensile strength. After weaving, the size coating must be removed before further processing the fabric in order to ensure a homogeneous and wash-proof result. It is known that in order to achieve the effects of Bio-Polishing, a combination of cellulytic and mechanical action is required. It is also known that "super-softness" is achievable when the treatment with a cellulase is combined with a conventional treatment with softening agents. It is contemplated that use of the endoglucanase of the invention for bio-polishing of cellulosic fabrics is advantageous, e.g., a more thorough polishing can be achieved. Bio-polishing may be obtained by applying the method described, e.g., in WO 93/20278.

Stone-washing

[0297] It is known to provide a "stone-washed" look (localized abrasion of the colour) in dyed fabric, to especially in denim fabric or jeans, either by washing the denim or jeans made from such fabric in the presence of pumice stones to provide the desired localized lightening of the colour of the fabric or by treating the fabric enzymatically, in particular with cellulytic enzymes. The treatment with an endoglucanase of the present invention may be carried out either alone such as disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,832,864, together with a smaller amount of pumice than required in the traditional process, or together with perlite such as disclosed in WO 95/09225.

Pulp and Paper Applications

[0298] In the papermaking pulp industry, the endoglucanase of the present invention may be applied advantageously, e.g., as follows:

[0299] For debarking; pretreatment with the endoglucanase may degrade the cambium layer prior to debarking in mechanical drums resulting in advantageous energy savings.

[0300] For defibrillation: treatment of a material containing cellulosic fibers with the endoglucanase prior to refining or beating may result in reduction of the energy consumption due to the hydrolyzing effect of the cellu-

lase on the interfiber surfaces. Use of the endoglucanase may result in improved energy savings as compared to the use of known enzymes, since it is believed that the enzyme composition of the invention may possess a higher ability to penetrate fiber warts.

[0301] For fiber modification, i.e., improvement of fiber properties where partial hydrolysis across the fiber warts is needed which requires deeper penetrating enzymes (eg., in order to make coarse fibers more flexible). Deep treatment of fibers has so far not been possible for high yield pulps, e.g., mechanical pulps or mixtures of recycled pulps. This has been ascribed to the nature of the fiber warts structure that prevents the passage of enzyme molecules due to physical restriction of the pore matrix of the fiber wall, it is contemplated that the present endoglucanase is capable of penetrating into the fiber wall,

[0302] For drainage improvement. The drainability of papermaking pulps may be improved by treatment of the pulp with hydrolyzing enzymes, e.g., cellulases. Use of the present endoglucanase may be more effective, e.g., result in a higher degree of loosening bundles of strongly hydrated micro-fibrils in the fines fraction (consisting of fiber debris) that limits the rate of drainage by blocking hollow spaces between fibers and in the wove mesh of the paper machine. The Canadian standard freeness (CSF) increases and the Schopper-Riegler drainage index decreases when pulp is subjected to cellulase treatment, see, e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 4,923,565; TAPPI T227, SCANC 19:65 encc.

[0303] For inter fiber bonding. Hydrolytic enzymes are applied in the manufacture of papermaking to pulps for improving the interfiber bonding. The enzymes rinse the fiber surfaces for impurities, eg., cellulosic debris, thus enhancing the area of exposed cellulose with attachment to the fiber wall, thus improving the fiber-to-fiber hydrogen binding capacity. This process is also referred to as dehornification. Paper and board produced with a cellulase containing enzyme preparation may have an improved strength or a reduced grammage, a smoother surface and an improved printability.

[0304] For enzymatic deinking. Partial hydrolysis of recycled paper during or upon pulping by use of hydrolyzing enzymes such as cellulases are known to facilitate the removal and agglomeration of ink particles. Use of the present endoglucanase may give a more effective loosening of ink from the surface structure due to a better penetration of the enzyme molecules into the fibrillar matrix of the fiber wall, thus softening the surface whereby ink particles are effectively loosened. The agglomeration of loosened ink particles are also improved, due to a more efficient hydrolysis of cellulosic fragments found attached to ink particles originating from the fibers.

[0305] The treatment of lignocellulosic pulp may, e.g., be performed as described in WO 91/14819, WO 91/14822, WO 92/17573 and WO 92/18688.

Degradation of Plant Material

[0306] In yet another embodiment, the present invention relates to use of the endoglucanase and/or enzyme preparation according to the invention for degradation of plant material, eg., cell walls.

[0307] It is contemplated that the novel endoglucanase and/or enzyme preparation of the invention is useful in the preparation of wine, fruit or vegetable juice in order to increase yield. Endoglucanases according to the invention may also be applied for enzymatic hydrolysis of various plant cell-wall derived materials or waste materials, e.g., agricultural residues such as wheat-straw, corn cobs, whole corn plants, nut shells, grass, vegetable hulls, bean hulls, spent grains, sugar beet pulp, and the like. The plant material may be degraded in order to improve different kinds of processing, facilitate purification or extraction of other components like purification of beta-glucan or beta-glucan oligomers from cereals, improve the feed value, decrease the water binding capacity, improve the degradability in waste water plants, improve the conversion of, eg., grass and corn to ensilage, etc.

[0308] The following examples illustrate the invention.

EXAMPLE 1

[0309] Cellulytic enzymes from 4 fungi, belonging to 3 families under two orders within the *Ascomycetes* were detected by expression cloning; corresponding DNA sequences were determined; the enzymes heterologously expressed, and produced by liquid fermentation, characterized and demonstrated to give good performance in colour clarification assays.

[0310] Isolate CBS 117.65, CBS 478.94, NRRL 8126, and ATCC 10523 were grown in shake flask cultures on cellulose enriched potato dextrose broth, incubated for 5 days at 26° C. (shaking conditions, 150 rpm).

A. Cloning and Expression of an Endoglucanase from *Myceliophthora thermophila*, *Acremonium* sp., and *Thielavia terrestris* and *Volutella colletotrichoides*

[0311] mRNA was isolated from *Myceliophthora thermophila*, *Acremonium* sp., *Thielavia terrestris* and *Volutella colletotrichoides*, respectively, grown in a cellulose-containing fermentation medium with agitation to ensure sufficient aeration. Mycelia were harvested after 3-5 days' growth, immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80° C. Libraries from *Myceliophthora thermophila*, *Acremonium* sp., *Thielavia terrestris* and *Volutella colletotrichoides*, respectively, each consisting of approx. 106 individual clones were constructed in *E. coli* as described with a vector background of 1%.

[0312] Plasmid DNA from some of the pools from each library was transformed into yeast, and 50-100 plates containing 250-400 yeast colonies were obtained from each pool.

[0313] Endoglucanase-positive colonies were identified and isolated on SC-agar plates with the AZCL HE cellulose assay. cDNA inserts were amplified directly from the yeast colonies and characterized as described in the Materials and Methods section above.

[0314] The DNA sequence of the cDNA encoding the endoglucanase from *Myceliophthora thermophila* is SEQ ID NO: 1 and the corresponding amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 2. The cDNA is obtainable from the plasmid in DSM 9770.

[0315] The DNA sequence of the cDNA encoding the endoglucanase from *Acremonium* sp. is SEQ ID NO: 7 and the corresponding amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 8. The cDNA is obtainable from the plasmid in DSM 10032.

[0316] The DNA sequence of the cDNA encoding the endoglucanase from *Thielavia terrestris* is SEQ ID NO: 11

and the corresponding amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 12. The cDNA is obtainable from the plasmid in DSM 10081.

[0317] The DNA sequence of the cDNA encoding the endoglucanase from *Volutella colletotrichoides* is SEQ ID NO: 21 and the corresponding amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 22. The cDNA is obtainable from the plasmid in DSM 10571.

[0318] Total DNA was isolated from a yeast colony and plasmid DNA was rescued by transformation of *E. coli* as described above. In order to express the endoglucanases in *Aspergillus*, the DNA was digested with appropriate restriction enzymes, size fractionated on gel, and a fragment corresponding to the endoglucanase gene from *Myceliophthora thermophila*, *Acremonium* sp., *Thielavia terrestris* and *Volutella colletotrichoides*, respectively, was purified. The genes were subsequently ligated to pHD414, digested with appropriate restriction enzymes, resulting in the plasmids pA2C193, pA2C357, pA2C385 and pA2C488, respectively.

[0319] After amplification of the DNA in *E. coli* the plasmids were transformed into *Aspergillus oryzae* as described above.

Test of *A. oryzae* Transformants

[0320] Each of the transformants were tested for endoglucanase activity as described above. Some of the transformants had endoglucanase activity which was significantly larger than the *Aspergillus oryzae* background. This demonstrates efficient expression of the endoglucanases in *Aspergillus oryzae*. The transformants with the highest endoglucanase activity were selected and inoculated in a 500 ml shake flask with YPM media. After 3-5 days of fermentation with sufficient agitation to ensure good aeration, the culture broth was centrifuged for 10 minutes at 2000 g and the supernatant recovered.

B. Determination of Endoglucanase Activity The cellulytic activity of the endoglucanase may be determined relative to an analytical standard and expressed in the unit S-CEVU.

[0321] Cellulytic enzymes hydrolyze OMC, thereby decreasing the viscosity of the incubation mixture. The resulting reduction in viscosity may be determined by a vibration viscometer (e.g., MIVI 3000 from Sofraser, France).

[0322] Determination of the cellulytic activity, measured in terms of S-CEVU, may be determined according to the analysis method AF 301.1 which is available from the Applicant upon request.

[0323] The S-CEVU assay quantifies the amount of catalytic activity present in the sample by measuring the ability of the sample to reduce the viscosity of a solution of carboxymethylcellulose (CMC). The assay is carried out at 40° C., pH 7.5 using a relative enzyme standard for reducing the viscosity of the CMC substrate.

[0324] Assay for determination of endoglucanase activity in terms of SAVI units using phosphoric-acid swollen cellulose (PASC):

Definition: 1 SAVI-U is the amount of enzyme which forms an amount of reducing carbohydrates equivalent to 1 micromol of glucose per minute.

Assay Condition:

[0325] Enzyme solution, 0.5 ml

[0326] 4 g/l PASC in 0.1 M Buffer: 2.0 ml

[0327] 20 min, 40° C.

Sensitivity:

[0328] Max 0.1 SAVIU/ml=approx. 1 S-CEVU/ml (CMC viscosity)

[0329] Min 0.01 SAVIU/ml=approx. 0.1 S-CEVU/ml

Determination of Formation of Reducing Sugars:

[0330] The reducing groups assay was performed according to Lever, M. A new reaction for colorimetric determination of carbohydrates. Anal. Biochem. 1972. Vol 47 (273-279). Reagent mixture was prepared by mixing 1.5 gram p-hydroxybenzoic-acid hydrazide (PHBAH) with 5 gram sodium tartrate in 100 ml 2% sodium hydroxide.

Substrate:

[0331] PASC stock solution was prepared the following way using ice cold acetone and phosphoric acid. 5 gram of cellulose (Avicel®) was moistened with water, and 150 ml ice cold 85% ortho-phosphoric acid was added. The mixture was placed in ice bath under slow stirring for 1 hr. Then 100 ml ice cold acetone was added with stirring. The slurry was transferred to a Buchner filter with pyrex sintered disc number 3 and then washed three times with 100 ml ice cold acetone, and sucked as dry as possible after each wash. Finally, the filter cake was washed twice with 500 ml water, sucked as dry as possible after each wash. The PASC was mixed with deionized water to a total volume of 300 ml, blended to homogeneity (using the Ultra Turrax Homogenizer) and stored in refrigerator (up to one month).

[0332] Substrate equilibration with buffer: 20 gram phosphoric acid swollen cellulose PASC stock solution was centrifuged for 20 min at 5000 rpm., the supernatant was poured off; the sediment was resuspended in 30 ml of buffer and centrifuged for 20 min. at 5000 rpm., the supernatant was poured off, and the sediment was resuspended in buffer to a total of 60 g corresponding to a substrate concentration of 5 g cellulose/liter.

Buffer for pH 8.5 determination: 0.1 M Barbitol,

Buffer for pH 10 determination: 0.1 M Glycine.

Procedure:

A. Dilution of Enzyme Samples

[0333] The enzyme solution is diluted in the same buffer as the substrate.

2. Enzyme Reaction

[0334] The substrate in buffer solution is preheated for 5 min. at 40° C. (2 ml). Then the enzyme solution (diluted to between 0.2 and 1 S-CEVU/ml) 0.5 ml is added and mixed for 5 sec. Enzymes blanks are obtained by adding the stop reagent before enzyme solution. Incubate for 20 min. at 40° C., The reaction is stopped by adding 0.5 ml 2% NaOH solution and mixing for 5 sec.

[0335] The samples are centrifuged for 20 min. at 5000 rpm. 1 ml supernatant is mixed with 0.5 ml PHBAH reagent and boiled for 10 min. The test tubes are cooled in an ice water bath.

3. Determination of Reducing End Groups:

[0336] The absorbency at 410 nm is measured using a spectrophotometer. Blanks are prepared by adding sodium hydroxide before adding enzyme solution.

[0337] A standard glucose curve was obtained by using glucose concentrations of 5, 10, 15 and 25 mg/l in the same buffer and adding PHBAH reagent before boiling. The release of reducing glucose equivalent is calculated using this standard curve.

4. Calculation of Catalytic Activity:

[0338] Measure absorbance at 410 nm

1) Standard Curve

[0339] (Glucose)-(H₂O) vs concentration of glucose

2) Enzyme Sample

[0340] (Sample)-(Blank)

Calculate Glucose Concentration According to a Standard Curve

Activity (SAVIU/ml):

[0341]

$$\frac{X(\text{mg glucose/l}) * \text{Dilution}}{180.16(\text{MW of glucose}) * 20(\text{min})}$$

C. Purification and Characterization of the Endoglucanase from *M. Thermophila*

[0342] *Aspergillus oryzae* transformed with pA2C193 was grown on YPM medium for 4 days. The liquid was then centrifuged and sterile filtered.

[0343] The sample was concentrated by ultrafiltration on AMICON cells using a DOW membrane GR61PP with cut-off 20 kD. The Uf-concentrate was analyzed for S-CEVU/ml and SaviU/ml with the following result:

UF-concentrate	S-CEVU/ml	SaviU/ml
9.25 ml	570	41

Purification:

[0344] 2 ml of the UF-concentrate was diluted 5 times to tower the ionic strength and filtered through 0.22 micro-m disk filter. This sample was applied to a Mono Q® HR5/5 Pharmacia column, equilibrated with 50 mM Tris/HCl buffer, pH 7.5, (buffer A) and a flow of 1 ml/min. After wash to baseline, with buffer A, the column was eluted with a Tris/HCl buffer, pH 7.5, containing 1 M NaCl (buffer B), the elution gradient was 0-50% buffer B in 1 hour.

[0345] After 36 min. a peak complex showed up, 1 ml fractions were picked up and the first 10 fractions showed cellulase activity on COM/Agarose/congo-red plates.

[0346] These fractions were pooled and concentrated, by ultrafiltration on AMICON cells using a DOW membrane GR61PP with cut-off 20 kD, to 3 ml.

[0347] This sample was applied to a HiLoad 26/60 Superdex 75™ prep grade Pharmacia column, equilibrated with 100 mM Na-Acetate buffer, pH 6.35, and a 1 ml/min flow.

[0348] After 82 min. a peak showed up, 1 ml fractions were picked up and the first 10 fractions showed cellulase activity on CMC/Agarose/congo-red plates.

[0349] These fractions were pooled and the following results were obtained;

A₂₈₀=0.15

A₂₈₀/A₂₆₀=1.62

Mw(SDS)=22 kD

[0350] pI=3.5-5

Purity on SDS-PAGE=100%

S-CEVU/ml=28.5

S-CEVU/A₂₈₀=188

S-CEVU/mg=436

[0351] Extinction coefficient=54880 (calculated)

Mw(calculated)=22 kD

[0352] The Extinction coefficient is based on the content of tyrosine, tryptophane and cysteine calculated from the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 (the amino acid sequence). SOS-Page was performed on NOVEX Pre-Cast Gels 4-20% Tris-Glycine Gel 1.0 mm×10 Well.

[0353] IEF was performed on Pharmacia PAGplate pH 3.5-9.5, the activity was visualized by CMC-Congored overlaying.

[0354] Determination of K_M & k_{cat}:

k_m and k_{cat} was determined in the same manner as the determination of SAVI Units at pH 8.5 with a substrate concentration up to 8 g/l.

[0355] The following results were obtained:

k_{cat} 38 per sec.

k_m 5 g/l,

phosphoric acid swollen cellulose, pH 8.5.

Specific activity on CMC at pH 7.5;

436 S-CEVU per mg protein.

D. Determination of pH and Temperature Profile of the Endoglucanase from *M. thermophila*

[0356] The pH profile was determined at the following conditions:

[0357] Buffers of pH values between 2.5 and 10.0 were made by mixing 0.1 M Tri-sodium phosphate with 0.1 M citric acid. Purified endoglucanase was diluted to ensure the assay response to be within the linear range of the assay. The substrate was a 0.4% suspension of AZCL-HE-cellulose (MegaZyme) mixed 1:1 with the citrate/phosphate buffer to a final substrate concentration of 0.2% AZCL-H E-cellulose. 1 ml substrate in Eppendorf® 1.5 ml polypropylene tubes were added 10 microliters of enzyme solution and incubated for 15 minutes in Eppendorf® temperature controlled Thermomixers before heat-inactivation of enzymes for 20 minutes at 95° C. in a separate Thermomixer. The tubes were centrifuged and 200 microliters of each supernatant was transferred to a well in a 96 well microtiter plate and OD was measured at 620 nm in an ELISA reader (Labsystems Multiskan® MCC/1340).

[0358] For the pH optimum incubations took place at 30° C. For each pH value, three tubes were added enzyme and incubated before heat-inactivation, whereas one tube (the blank) was added enzyme and heat-inactivated immediately. The mean value of the three incubated samples was calculated and the blank value was subtracted.

[0359] The following pH profile was determined:

pH	Relative Activity
2.5	<10%
3	<10%
3.5	22%
4	87%
4.5	89%
5	100%
6	94%
6.5	86%
7	78%
7.5	73%
8	68%
8.5	54%
9	31%
10	18%

[0360] It is seen that the endoglucanase has more than 60% activity between pH 4.0 and 8.0 and optima activity at pH 5.0-6.0.

Temperature Profile:

[0361] The temperature optimum was determined in the same manner at pH 5.5. The temperatures ranged from 30° C. to 80° C. For each temperature three incubations were carried out and the mean calculated. Three blanks were produced by immediate heat-inactivation of enzyme and the mean was subtracted from the incubated sample values.

[0362] It is seen that the endoglucanase has optimal activity at 50-70° C.

Relative Activity	Temp. (° C.)					
	30	40	50	60	70	80
	74%	77%	99%	100%	93%	62%

[0363] The temperature stability was determined in the same manner at pH 5.5 and 30° C., and, further, the enzyme solutions were preheated for 1 hour at the actual temperature and cooled on ice. The residual activity is shown below in % of the activity of a non-preheated enzyme sample:

Relative Activity	Temp. (° C.)				
	40	50	60	70	80
	95%	84%	92%	86%	24%

E. Color Clarification of *Myceliophthora* Cellulase (SEQ ID NO: 2) Measured as Removal of Surface Fibrils and Fibers Protruding from the Yam of a Textile Containing Cellulosic Fibers

Apparatus	Terg-o-tometer
Liquid volume	100 ml
Agitation	150 movements/min with vertical stirrer
Rinse time	5 min in tapwater
Washing temp	40° C.

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Washing liquor	0.05 M phosphate buffer
pH	7.0
Washing time	30 min
Repetitions	2
Enzymes	<i>Myceliophthora</i> cellulase (SEQ ID NO: 2)
Dosage	500 and 2500 S-CEVU/l
Textile	2 swatches of aged black 100% cotton 5 × 6 cm (0.9 gram)
Drying	Tumble dry
Evaluation	The light remission is measured by a Datacolor Elrepho Remission spectrophotometer. Remission is calculated as delta L (Hunter Lab-values). When the surface fibrils and fibers protruding from the yam are removed by the cellulase, the surface of the black fabric appears darker, and lower L values are obtained.

[0364] The sample is compared with a blind sample, i.e., washed without enzyme:

	No cellulase	500 ECU/l	2500 ECU/l
	0.00	-1.41	-1.91

Delta L-Values Compared to Blind Sample.

[0365] The data shows that *Myceliophthora* cellulase without CBD gives good color clarification under the conditions tested.

F. Construction of the Gene Fusions Between the Endoglucanase from *Myceliophthora thermophila* and the 43 kD Endoglucanase from *Humicola insolens*

[0366] The purpose of the two constructions was to make derivatives of the endoglucanase from *M. thermophila* with the linker and CBD from the 43 kD endoglucanase from *H. insolens* (disclosed in WO 91/17243). The native endoglucanase from *M. thermophila* do not have a linker and/or a cellulose binding domain, CBD.

[0367] CM1: Construction 1 consists of the endoglucanase from *M. thermophila* (225 amino acids) and the 72 C-terminal amino acids from the *H. insolens* 43 kD endoglucanase.

[0368] CM2: Construction 2 consists of the endoglucanase from *M. thermophila* (225 amino acids) and the 83 C-terminal amino acids from the *H. insolens* 43 kD endoglucanase.

[0369] The 43 kD endoglucanase cDNA from *H. insolens* was cloned into pHD414 in such a way that the endoglucanase gene was transcribed from the Taka-promoter. The resulting plasmid was named pCaHj418.

[0370] In a similar way the cDNA encoding the endoglucanase from *M. thermophila* was cloned into in pHD414 and the resulting plasmid was named pA2C193. Primers;

primer 1: (SEQ ID NO: 88)
5' -CGGAGCTCACGTCCAAGAGCGGCTGCTCCCGTCCCTCCAGCAGCACC

AGTCTCCGG-3'

primer 2: (SEQ ID NO: 89)
5' -CCGGAGAGCTGGTGTGCTGGAGGGACGGGAGCAGCCGCTCTTGAC

GTGAGCTCCG-3'

-continued

primer 3: (SEQ ID NO: 90)
 5'-CGGAGCTCACGTCCAAGAGCGGCTGCTCCCGTAACGACGACGGCAAC
 TTCCTGCCG-3'

primer 4 (SEQ ID NO: 91)
 5'-CGGCAGGGAAGTTGCCGTCGTCGTACGGGAGCAGCCGCTCTTGGAC
 GTGAGCTCCG-3'

Take-pro primer: (SEQ ID NO: 92)
 5'-CAACATCACATCAAGCTCTCC-3'

AMS-term primer: (SEQ ID NO: 93)
 5'-CCCCATCCTTTAACTATAGCG-3'

[0371] The endoglucanase fusions were constructed by the PCR overlap-extension method as described by Higuchi et al. 1988.

Construction 1:

[0372] Reaction A: The Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) was used to amplify the fragment of pCaHj418 between primer 1 and AMG-term. primer (the linker and CBD from the 43 kD endoglucanase from *H. insolens*).

Reaction B. PCR amplification of the fragment between Taka-pro, primer and primer 2 in pA2C193, the endoglucanase gene from *M. thermophila*.

Reaction C: The two purified fragments were used in a third PCR in the presence of the primers flanking the total region, i.e., Taka-pro. primer and AMG-term. primer.

Construction 2:

[0373] The same procedure was used where primer 3 and primer 4 had replaced respectively primer 1 and primer 2.

[0374] The fragment amplified in reaction C was purified, digested with restriction enzymes Xba I and BstE II. The purified digested fragment was ligated into pA2C193 digested with restriction enzymes Xba I and BstE II.

[0375] Competent cells from *E. coli* strain DH5 α F⁺ (New England Biolabs.) were transformed with the ligated plasmid and colonies containing the gene fusion were isolated. The sequence of the cloned part was verified by DNA sequencing.

[0376] The sequences of the genes in the two constructs are SEQ ID NO: 3 and SEQ ID NO: 5.

[0377] Polymerase Chain Reactions were carried out under standard conditions, as recommended by Perkin-Elmer.

[0378] Reactions A and B started with 2 min. at 94° C. followed by 20 cycles of (30 sec. at 94° C., 30 sec. at 50° C. and 1 min. at 72° C.) and end with 4 min. at 72° C.

[0379] Reaction C started with (2 min. at 94° C., 1 min. at 52° C. and 2 min. at 72° C.), followed by 15 cycles of (30 sec. at 94° C., 30 sec. at 52° C. and 90 sec. at 72° C.) and end with 4 min. at 72° C.

[0380] The two constructs were transformed into *Aspergillus oryzae* as described above.

G. Purification and Characterization of Cloned Cellulases with Cellulose Binding Domains:

[0381] The cloned product is recovered after fermentation by separation of the extracellular fluid to from the production organism.

[0382] About one gram of cellulase is then highly purified by affinity chromatography using 150 gram of Avicel in a slurry with 20 mm Sodium-phosphate pH 7.5.

[0383] The Avicel is mixed with the crude fermentation broth, which contains total about 1 gram of cellulase. After mixing at 4° C. for 20 min the Avicel enzyme is packed into a column with a dimension of 50 times 200 mm about 400 ml total.

[0384] The column is washed with the 200 ml buffer, then washed with 0.5 M NaCl in the same buffer until no more protein elutes, Then washed with 500 ml 20 mm Tris pH 8.5. Finally the pure full length enzyme is eluted with 1% triethylamine pH 11.8.

[0385] The eluted enzyme solution is adjusted to pH 8 and concentrated using a Amicon cell unit with a membrane DOW GR61PP (polypropylene with a cut off of 20 KD) to above 5 mg protein per ml.

[0386] The purified cellulases were characterized as follows;

	Mw SDS-PAGE	pI	Molar E.280	S-CEVU per A.280
<i>Myceliophthora</i> (SEQ ID NO: 4)	43 kD	4	74.950	135
<i>Acremonium</i> (SEQ ID NO: 8)	40 kD	5	68.020	185
<i>Thielavia</i> (SEQ ID NO: 12)	35 kD	4.3	52.470	75
	pH Activity above 50%	N-terminal	Thermostability DSC	
<i>Myceliophthora</i> (SEQ ID NO: 4)	5.0-9.0	Blocked.	80° C.	
<i>Acremonium</i> (SEQ ID NO: 8)	6.0-9.5	Blocked.	61° C.	
<i>Thielavia</i> (SEQ ID NO: 12)	5.0-9.0	ASGSG---	83° C.	

[0387] The purified cellulases was analysed for MW by SDS-PAGE and using standard LMW protein marker kit from Pharmacia the MW was calculated for the cellulases. The MW is apparently higher than the MW of the composition of the coding amino acids and is due to the fact the linker region is O-glycosylated resulting in this higher MW. The pt was determined using a Pharmacia Ampholine PAG plate pH 3.5 to 9.5 and again using a Pharmacia kit with known pI proteins.

[0388] The molar extinction coefficient was calculated based on the amino acids composition using the known absorbance of Tryptophan, Tyrosine and Cystein.

[0389] pH activity profile was obtained using CMC substrate, incubation for 20 min at 40° C. at a 0.5 pH interval and measuring the formation of reducing sugars. The relative activity at the different pH was calculated and the table contains the interval with more than 50% relative activity has been measured.

[0390] The N-terminal was determined for the purified cellulase using a Applied Biosystems model 473A sequencer. The protein sequencer was run according to the manufacturer's instructions.

[0391] Two of the cellulases were blocked, this is due to the N-terminal glutamine which forms a MC pyroglutamate which can not be detected and which blocks further sequencing.

[0392] Differential scanning calorimetry (“DSC”) was done at neutral pH (7.0) using a MicroCalc Inc. MC calorimeter with a constant scan rate and raising the temperature from 20 to 90° C. at a rate of 900 per hour.

[0393] Raising antibody. The cellulases from *Myceliophthora*, *Acremonium* and *Thielavia* were used for raising antibody in rabbits. 0.1 mg of the purified cellulases in 0.9% NaCl solution mixed with Freund's adjuvant immediately prior to injection. The rabbits were immunized 10 times with one week interval. The immunoglobulin G fraction (IgG) was purified by ammonium sulfate precipitation (25% saturation). The precipitate was solubilized in water and then dialyzed extensively against sodium acetate buffer (pH 5.0, 50 mM) altering with deionized water. After filtration, the IgG fraction was stabilized with sodium azide (0.01%).

[0394] Using immunodiffusion in agar plates all three cellulases form a single immunoprecipitate with its homologous antiserum and no precipitate was seen between the 3 cloned cellulases and the sera raised against the other two cellulases. H-I. Performance of Endoglucanase of Construction 1 (SEQ ID NO: 3) Measured in Buffer as Removal of Surface Fibrils and Fibers Protruding from the Yarn of a Textile Containing Cellulosic Fibers

Apparatus	Terg-o-tometer
Liquid volume	100 ml
Agitation	150 movements/min (rpm)
Rinse time	5 min in tap water
Washing temp	40° C.
Water Hardness	1 mM CaCl ₂
Washing liquor	0.05 M phosphate buffer
pH	7.0
Washing time	30 min
Repetitions	2
Textile	2 swatches of aged black, 100% cotton 5 × 6 cm
Drying	Tumble dry

Evaluation:

[0395] The light remission was measured by a Macbeth Color Eye 7000 Remission spectrophotometer. Remission is calculated as delta L (Hunter Lab-values). When the surface fibrils and fibers protruding from the yarn were removed by the cellulase, the surface appeared more bright and lower L values were obtained.

Results:

[0396]

S-CEVU/l	0	250	1000
Inventive enzyme	0	-1.4	-1.6

[0397] The data show that the enzyme of the invention gives very good color clarification under the conditions tested.

H-I. Performance of Cloned Endoglucanase from *Thielavia terrestris* (SEQ ID NO: 12) in Buffer Measured as Removal

of Surface Fibrils and Fibers Protruding from the Yarn of a Textile Containing Cellulosic Fibers

7Apparatus	Terg-o-tometer
Liquid volume	100 ml
Agitation	150 movements/min with vertical stirrer
Rinse time	10 min in tapwater
Washing temp	40°
Washing liquor	0.05 M phosphate buffer.
pH	7.0
Washing time	30 min
Repetitions	2
Textile	2 swatches of aged black cotton 5 × 6 cm (app. 150 g/m ²)
Drying	Tumble dry

Evaluation:

[0398] The light remission was measured by a Datacolor Elrepho Remission spectrophotometer. Remission is calculated as delta L (Hunter Lab-values). When the surface fibrils and fibers protruding from the yarn are removed by the cellulase, the surface of the black fabric appears darker and nicer, and lower L values are obtained.

Results:

[0399]

S-CEVU/l	0	50	200
Inventive enzyme	0	-0.66 ± 0.10	-1.32 ± 0.06

[0400] The data show that the cellulose gives good color clarification under the conditions tested.

H-III Performance Of Endoglucanase Of *Volutella colletri-choides* (SEQ ID NO: 9) Measured in Buffer as Removal of Surface Fibrils and Fibers Protruding from the Yarn of a Textile Containing Cellulosic Fibers

Apparatus	Terg-o-tometer
Liquid volume	100 ml
Agitation	150 movements/min with vertical stirrer
Rinse time	5 min in tapwater
Washing temp	40°
Washing liquor	0.05 M phosphate buffer
pH	7.0
Washing time	30 min
Repetitions	2
Dosage	2.5 S-CEVU/ml
Textile	2 swatches of aged black 100% cotton 5 × 6 cm (0.9 gram)
Drying	Tumble dry

Evaluation,

[0401] The light remission is measured by a Datacolor Elrepho Remission spectrophotometer. Remission is calculated as delta L (Hunter Lab-values). When the surface fibrils and fibers protruding from the yarn are removed by the cellulase, the surface of the black fabric appears darker, and lower L values are obtained.

[0402] The sample is compared with a blind sample, i.e., washed without enzyme:

No cellulase	With cellulase
0.00	-0.57

Delta L remission values compared to blind sample.

[0403] The data shows that the *Volutella colletrichoides* cellulase gives good color clarification under the conditions tested.

H-IV. Performance of Cloned Cellulases from *Thielavia terrestris* and *Acremonium* sp. CBS 478.94 in high pH Heavy Duty Detergent Measured as Removal of Surface Fibrils and Fibers Protruding from the Yarn of a Textile Containing Cellulosic Fibers

Apparatus	Terg-o-tometer
Liquid volume	150 ml
Agitation	150 movements/min with vertical stirrer
Rinse time	10 min in tapwater
Washing temp	35° C.
Washing liqour	1.0 g/l US type HDG (zeolite/soda built, anionic/nonionic weight ratio >2.5)
pH	10.0
Hardness	1.0 mM CaCl ₂ 0.34 mM MgCl ₂
Washing time	12 min
Repetitions	6
Textile	2 swatches of aged black cotton 5 × 6 cm (app. 150 g/m ²) 2 swatches of heavy knitted cotton 5 × 6 cm (app. 600 g/m ²)
Drying	Tumble dry

Evaluation:

[0404] The light remission is measured by a Datacolor Elrepho Remission spectrophotometer. Remission is calculated as delta L (Hunter Lab-values). When the surface fibrils and fibers protruding from the yarn are removed by the cellulase, the surface of the black fabric appears darker and nicer, and lower L values are obtained. Different dosages of cloned cellulases from *Thielavia terrestris* (SEQ ID NO: 12) and *Acremonium* sp. CBS 478.94 (SEQ ID NO: 8), respectively, (denoted A and B, respectively) were tested.

Results:

[0405]

S-CEVU/l	0	500	2000
A	0	-2.09 ± 0.22	-2.86 ± 0.19
B	0	-0.60 ± 0.36	-1.96 ± 0.23

[0406] The data show that both cellulases gives good color clarification under the conditions tested.

H-V. Performance of Cellulases Cloned from *Thielavia terrestris* and *Acremonium* sp. CBS 478.94, and Construction 1

(SEQ ID NO: 3) Measured as Removal of Surface Fibrils and Fibers Protruding from the Yarn of a Textile Containing Cellulosic Fibers

Apparatus	Terg-o-tometer
Liquid volume	150 ml
Agitation	150 movements/min with vertical stirrer
Rinse time	10 min in tapwater
Washing temp	35° C.
Hardness	1.0 mM CaCl ₂ 0.34 mM MgCl ₂
Washing liqour	2.0 g/l HDL (neutral, citrate built HDL, with nonionic/anionic weight ration >0.5)
pH	7.5
Washing time	30 min
Repetitions	2
Textile	2 swatches of aged black cotton 5 × 6 cm (app. 150 g/m ²) 2 swatches of heavy knitted cotton 4 × 7 cm (app. 600 g/m ²)
Drying	Tumble dry

Evaluation:

[0407] The light remission is measured by a Datacolor Elrepho Remission spectrophotometer. Remission is calculated as delta L (CIE Lab-values). When the surface fibrils and fibers protruding from the yarn are removed by the cellulase, the surface of the black fabric appears darker and nicer, and lower L values are obtained. Three different dosages of cloned cellulases from *Thielavia terrestris* (SEQ ID NO: 12) and *Acremonium* sp. CBS 478.94 (SEQ ID NO: 8) and the construction 1 (SEQ ID NO: 3), respectively, (denoted A and B and C, respectively) were tested.

Results:

[0408]

S-CEVU/l	0	100	200	400
A	0	-3.06 ± 0.24	-3.15 ± 0.27	-3.92 ± 0.26
B	0	-1.75 ± 0.27	-3.08 ± 0.32	-3.51 ± 0.44
C	0	-1.84 ± 0.39	-1.70 ± 0.47	-2.30 ± 0.61

[0409] The data show that all cellulases give very good color clarification under the conditions tested.

I. Application of Endoglucanases from *Thielavia terrestris*, *Acremonium* sp. and Construction 1 (SEQ ID NO: 3) in Denim Finishing

Experimental

[0410]

Apparatus:	Washing machine Wascator FL 120
Liquid volume:	20 L
Fabric:	1.1 kg denim fabric, 14½ oz 100% cotton
Desizing:	10 min, 55° C., pH 7 50 ml Aquazyme 120 L 2.5 g/l Phosphate buffer
Abrasion:	2 hours;

[0411] pH and temperature varied according to the following table:

Enzyme SEQ ID	Activity	pH/temp	Buffer system
NO: 3	1400 S-CEVU/g	6/55° C.	2.5 g/l phosphate buffer
NO: 12	292 S-CEVU/g	5/65° C.	1 g/l citrate buffer
NO: 8	782 S-CEVU/g	7/45° C.	2.5 g/l phosphate buffer

Inactivation: 15 min, 80° C.

[0412] 1 g/l sodium carbonate

Rinses: Three rinse cycles of 5 min in cold tap water

Evaluation:

[0413] Abrasion: The remission from the fabric was determined at 420 nm using a Texflash 2000 as a measure of the abrasion level.

[0414] The results from the treatment of the denim fabric with different endoglucanases of the invention is shown in the following table:

Enzyme	Dosage	Trial conditions	Abrasion 420 nm
Blank	0 S-CEVU/g textile	pH 6, 55° C.	9.96
SEQ ID NO: 3	10 S-CEVU/g textile	pH 6, 55° C.	14.37
Blank	0 S-CEVU/g textile	pH 5, 65° C.	9.26
SEQ ID NO: 12	10 S-CEVU/g textile	pH 5, 65° C.	16.86
Blank	0 S-CEVU/g textile	pH 7, 45° C.	9.47
SEQ ID NO: 8	10 S-CEVU/g textile	pH 7, 45° C.	14.08

[0415] All tested cellulases show excellent performance in denim finishing, although each enzyme is unique in its own way. When applying the enzyme corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 3 for denim finishing it is possible to reach a high abrasion level with a minimum of strength loss. When treating denim with the enzyme corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 12, a very high wash down can be reached which leaves the fabric with an almost bleached appearance. Denim finishing with the enzyme corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 8 gives a high abrasion level at a low temperature optimum which makes it possible to reduce the processing temperature and save energy.

J. Use of Cloned Cellulases from *Acremonium* sp. and *Thielavia Terrestris* for Biopolishing of Lyocell Fibers

[0416] Lyocell fibers which are sold under the trade name Tencel are spun from wood pulp its cellulose in a more environmentally friendly waterbased solvent than is the case for normal viscose production). However, the fibers have a tendency to fibrillate when they are processed into textiles which is seen on the surface and denoted "fuzz". By using cellulases it is possible to permanently remove the exposed and Fuzzy fibers and significantly improve the look of the finished fabric, the treatment generally known as Biopolishing. The endoglucanases of the present invention are especially suited for the removal of Lyocell surface fibers,

Materials and Methods

[0417] The textile substrate was either 100% woven or different kinds of jersey knitted dark blue almost. The dark colour and jersey knit was preferred in order to enhance the

visual effects which simplified the evaluation. A woven 70/30 Tencel/Rayon blend was also used to a lesser extent.

[0418] The assays were either performed in 200 ml scale using a Launder-o-meter or in the 20 l scale using a Wascator. The treatment time was 60 min at 55° C. in Wascator and 60-90 min in LOM. The buffer was 2 g/l sodium acetate adjusted to pH 5 with acetic acid, The fabric to liquid ratio was 1:10 but in the Launder-o-meter 20 steel balls with a diameter of 14 mm (11 g each) was used to obtain sufficient mechanical abrasion. The biopolishing was immediately followed by inactivation using 2 g/l sodium carbonate at 80° C. for 15 min followed by rinsing in cold water.

[0419] The results were evaluated using a fuzz note scale from 1-5 where 1 is the fibrillated look of the starting material and 5 is a high quality look with no visible fibers on the surface. Since the performance of endoglucanases is specific towards a surface treatment the weightloss is below 2% and is therefore not included in the evaluation. Two cellulases were evaluated: the cellulases cloned from *Acremonium* sp. (SEQ ID NO: 8) and from *Thielavia terrestris* (SEQ ID NO: 12).

[0420] The two cellulases are able to defibrillate both Tencel and Tencel blended fabrics. By using an endoglucanase of the invention, only small fibrils are removed rather than whole fibers such as is the case when using acid cellulase mixtures from *Trichoderma*. The strength loss of the treated fabric is therefore kept at a minimum when using endoglucanases of the present invention.

[0421] The following dosages gave a superior defibrillation, i.e., fuzz note 4 or above:

15 S-CEVU/g fabric of cellulase from *Acremonium* sp (SEQ ID NO: 8); and

10 S-CEVU/g fabric of cellulase from *Thielavia terrestris* (SEQ ID NO: 12).

EXAMPLE 2

A New Cellulytic Enzyme was by Expression Cloning as Well as by PCR Cloning Detected to be Produced by a Plant Pathogen, Isolated from Soy Bean Seeds and Identified as *Macrophomina Phaseolina*

Production of Biomass for PCR and Expression Cloning Procedures:

[0422] Isolate CBS 281.96 was grown in shake flask cultures on cellulose enriched potato dextrose broth, incubated for 5 days at 26° C (shaking conditions: 150 rpm).

A. Cloning and Expression of an Endoglucanase from *Macrophomina Phaseolina*

[0423] mRNA was isolated from *Macrophomina phaseolina*, grown in a cellulose-containing fermentation medium with agitation to ensure sufficient aeration. Mycelia were harvested after 3-5 days' growth, immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80° C. A library from *Macrophomina phaseolina*, consisting of approx. 10⁶ individual clones was constructed in *E. coli* as described with a vector background of 1%.

[0424] Plasmid DNA from some of the pools was transformed into yeast, and 50-100 plates containing 250-400 yeast colonies were obtained from each pool.

[0425] Endoglucanase-positive colonies were identified and isolated on SC-agar plates with the AZCL HE cellulose assay, cDNA inserts were amplified directly from the yeast colonies and characterized as described in the Materials and Methods section above. The DNA sequence of the cDNA

encoding the endoglucanase is SEQ ID NO: 13 and the corresponding amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 14.

[0426] The cDNA is obtainable from the plasmid in DSM 10512.

[0427] Total DNA was isolated from a yeast colony and plasmid DNA was rescued by transformation of *E. coli* as described above. In order to express the endoglucanase in *Aspergillus*, the DNA was digested with appropriate restriction enzymes, size fractionated on gel, and a fragment corresponding to the endoglucanase gene was purified. The gene was subsequently ligated to pHD414, digested with appropriate restriction enzymes, resulting in the plasmid pA2C477.

[0428] After amplification of the DNA in *E. coli* the plasmid was transformed into *Aspergillus oryzae* as described above.

Screening of the cDNA Library by Hybridization and Characterization of the Positive Clones.

[0429] Approximately 6000 colony forming units (c.f.u.) from the Macrophomina phaseolina cDNA library in *E. coli* was screened by colony hybridization using a random-primed ³²P-labeled PCR to product from *M. phaseolina* as probe. The PCR product was generated as described in the Materials and Methods section. The positive cDNA clones were characterized by sequencing the ends of the cDNA inserts, and by determining the nucleotide sequence of the longest cDNA from both strands. The DNA sequence of the cDNA encoding the endoglucanase is SEQ ID NO: 13 and the corresponding amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 14.

B. Construction of Gene Fusion Between the Endoglucanase from *Macrophomina Phaseolina* and the 43 kD Endoglucanase from *Humicola insolens*

[0430] One construction was prepared in order to make a derivative of the endoglucanase from *M. phaseolina* with the linker and CBD from the 43 kD endoglucanase from *H. insolens* (disclosed in WO 91/17243) The native endoglucanase from *M. phaseolina* does not have a linker and/or a cellulose binding domain, CBD.

[0431] The construction consists of the endoglucanase from *M. phaseolina* (222 amino acids) and the 72 C-terminal amino acids from the *H. insolens* 43 kD endoglucanase (SEQ ID NO: 24).

[0432] The 43 kD endoglucanase cDNA from *H. insolens* is cloned into pHD414 in such a way that the endoglucanase gene is transcribed from the Taka-promoter. The resulting plasmid is named pCaHj418.

[0433] The cDNA encoding the endoglucanase from *M. phaseolina* (SEQ ID NO: 13) is cloned into pYES2.0 as a BstX I/Not I fragment and the resulting plasmid is named pC1C477.

[0434] Primers:

primer 1: (SEQ ID NO: 94)
5'-GGTCGCCCGGACTGGCTGTTCCCGTACCCCTCCAGCAGCACCAGCT
CTCCGG-3'

primer 2: (SEQ ID NO: 95)
5'-CCGAGAGCTGGTGCTGCTGGAGGGGGTACGGGAACAGCCAGTCCGG
GCGACC-3'

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pYES2.0 F.HT primer: (SEQ ID NO: 96)
5'-CGGACTACTAGCAGCTGTAATACG-3'

AMO-term Primer: (SEQ ID NO: 93)
5'-CCCCATCCTTTAACTATAGCG-3'

[0435] The endoglucanase fusion is constructed by the PCR overlap-extension method as described by Higuchi et al. 1988.

[0436] Reaction A: The Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) is used to amplify the fragment of pCaHj418 between primer 1 and AMG-term. primer (the linker and CBD from the 43 kD 2 endoglucanase from *H. insolens*).

[0437] Reaction B: PCR amplification of the fragment between pYES2.0 F.HT primer and primer 2 in pC1C477, the endoglucanase gene from *M. phaseolina*.

[0438] Reaction C. The two purified fragments are used in a third PCR in the presence of the primers flanking the total region, i.e., pYES2.0 F.HT primer and AMG-term. primer.

[0439] The fragment amplified in reaction C is purified, digested with restriction enzymes, e.g. Xba I and BamHI. The purified digested fragment is ligated into pHD414 digested with restriction enzymes, e.g., Xba I and BamH I.

[0440] Competent cells from *E. coli* strain DH5αF' (New England Biolabs) are transformed with the ligated plasmid and colonies containing the gene fusion are isolated. The sequence of the cloned to part was verified by DNA sequencing.

[0441] Polymerase Chain Reactions are carried out under standard conditions, as recommended by Perkin-Elmer.

[0442] Reaction A and B start with 2 min. at 94° C. followed by 20 cycles of (30 sec. at 94° C., 30 sec. at 52° C. and 1 min. at 72° C.) and ends with 4 min. at 72° C.

[0443] Reaction C starts with (2 min. at 94° C., 1 min. at 52° C. and 2 ml. at 72° C.), followed by 20 cycles of (30 sec. at 94° C., 30 sec. at 52° C. and 90 sec. at 72° C.) and ends with 4 min. at 72° C.

[0444] The construct may be transformed into *Aspergillus oryzae* as described above.

EXAMPLE 3

Cloning and Expression of an Endoglucanase from *Acremonium* sp. and *Sordaria fimicola* Production of Biomass for Expression Cloning Procedures

[0445] Isolates CBS 478.94 and ATCC 52644, respectively, were grown in shake flask cultures on cellulose enriched potato dextrose broth, incubated for 5 days at 260 C (shaking conditions: 150 rpm).

[0446] mRNA was isolated from *Acremonium* sp., CBS 478.94, and *Sordaria fimicola*, ATCC 52644, respectively, grown in a cellulose-containing fermentation medium with agitation to ensure sufficient aeration. Mycelia were harvested after 3-5 days' growth, immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80° C. Libraries from *Acremonium* sp., and *Sordaria fimicola*, respectively, each consisting of approx. 106 individual clones were constructed in *E. coli* as described with a vector background of 1%.

[0447] Plasmid DNA from some of the pools from each library was transformed into yeast, and 50-100 plates containing 250-400 yeast colonies were obtained from each pool.

[0448] Endoglucanase-positive colonies were identified and isolated on SC-agar plates with the AZCL HE cellulose

assay. cDNA inserts were amplified directly from the yeast colonies and characterized as described in the Materials and Methods section above.

[0449] The DNA sequence of the cDNA encoding the endoglucanase from *Acremonium* sp. is SEQ ID NO: 9 and the corresponding amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 10. The cDNA is obtainable from the plasmid in DSM 10080.

[0450] The partial DNA sequence of the cDNA encoding the endoglucanase from *Sordaria fimicola* is SEQ ID NO-25 (Nucleotide sequence of the 5'-end of the cDNA) and the corresponding amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 26. The cDNA is obtainable from the plasmid in DSM 10576.

[0451] Total DNA was isolated from a yeast colony and plasmid DNA was rescued by transformation of *E. coli* as described above. In order to express the endoglucanase in *Aspergillus*, the DNA was digested with appropriate restriction enzymes, size fractionated on gel, and a fragment corresponding to the endoglucanase gene from *Acremonium* sp. and *Sordaria fimicola*, respectively, was purified. The genes were subsequently ligated to pHD414, digested with appropriate restriction enzymes, resulting in the plasmids pA2C371 and pA2C502, respectively.

[0452] After amplification of the DNA in *E. coli* the plasmids were transformed into *Aspergillus oryzae* as described above.

EXAMPLE 4

A. Cloning by PCR an Endoglucanase from *Crinipellis scabella*, CBS 280.96

[0453] Isolate CBS 280.96 was grown in static flask cultures, holding wheat bran medium (per flask, 300 g wheat bran added 450 ml salt solution), incubated for 6 days at 26° C. After incubation the wheat bran was extracted with distilled water (300 ml per flask) and the extract tested for endoglucanase activity (0.1% AZCL-HE-Cellulose (megazyme) in 1% agarose (Litex agarose, Medinova). Activity was observed on the plates holding pH of 3.0, 7.0 and 9.5.

[0454] mRNA was isolated from *Crinipellis scabella* grown as describe above. Mycelia were harvested after 3-5 days' growth, immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80° C. A library from *Crinipellis scabella*, consisting of approx. 10⁶ individual clones was constructed in *E. coli* as described with a vector background of 1%.

[0455] Approximately 10 000 colony forming units (c.f.u.) from the *Crinipellis scabella* cDNA library in *E. coli* was screened by colony hybridization using a random-primed ³²P-labeled PCR product from *C. scabella* as probe. The PCR product was generated as described in the Materials and methods section. The positive cDNA clones were characterized by sequencing the ends of the cDNA inserts, and by determining the nucleotide sequence of the longest cDNA from both strands.

[0456] The DNA sequence of the cDNA encoding the endoglucanase is SEQ ID NO: 15 and the corresponding amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 16.

[0457] The cDNA is obtainable from the plasmid in DSM 10511.

[0458] Total DNA was isolated from a yeast colony and plasmid DNA was rescued by transformation of *E. coli* as described above. In order to express the endoglucanase in *Aspergillus*, the DNA was digested with appropriate restriction enzymes, size fractionated on gel, and a fragment corresponding to the endoglucanase gene was purified. The gene

was subsequently ligated to pHD414, digested with appropriate restriction enzymes, resulting in the plasmid pA2C475.

[0459] After amplification of the DNA in *E. coli* the plasmid was transformed into *Aspergillus oryzae* as described above.

Construction of Two Gene Fusions Between the Endoglucanase from *Crinipellis Scabella* and the Linker/CBD Region of the 43 kDa Endoglucanase from *Humicola insolens*.

[0460] The native endoglucanase from *Crinipellis scabella* neither has a linker nor a cellulose binding domain (CBD). In addition, the full-length cDNA contains an ATG start codon upstream from the endoglucanase encoding open reading frame (ORF), presumably resulting in scrambled translation initiation upon heterologous expression of the cDNA, such as in the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and the filamentous fungus *Aspergillus oryzae*. Thus, two gene fusions between the endoglucanase from *Crinipellis scabella* and the linker/CBD region of the 43 kD endoglucanase from *Humicola insolens* (disclosed in WO 91/17243) has been constructed using splicing by overlap extension (SOE) (Horton et al, 1989).

[0461] Construction 1 consists of the cDNA encoding the 226-residue endoglucanase from *C. scabella* fused by PCR with the 3'-end cDNA of *H. insolens* coding for the linker and CBD region (72 amino acids) at the COOH-terminus of the *H. insolens* 43 kD endoglucanase. The second hybrid construct is identical to the abovementioned gene fusion, except that the first five residues from the putative signal peptide have been deleted by PCR resulting in a shorter signal, which starts with the second in-frame ATG start codon.

Plasmid Constructs

[0462] The plasmid pC1C475 contains the full-length cDNA from *C. scabella*, cloned into BstXI/NotI-cut yeast expression vector pYES 2.0, the plasmid pC1C144 contains the full-length cDNA from *H. insolens*, cloned into the BstXI site of pYES 2.0.

Splicing by Overlap Extension

[0463] Two PCR fragments encoding the core region of the endoglucanase from *C. scabella* were generated in PCR buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.3, 50 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.01% gelatin; containing 200 micro-M each dNTP), using 50-100 ng of pC1C475 as template, and 250 pmol of the reverse primer (5'-GACCGGAGAGCTGGTGTGCTG-GAGGGTTTACGACACAGCCCGAGATATAGTG-3 (SEQ ID NO: 97)) in two combinations with 300-350 pmol of each forward primer (forward no. 1 5'-CCCCAAGTTGACTTG-GAACCAATGGTCCATCG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 98), forward no. 2 5'-CCCCAAGCTTOCATOCACAAACATGCT-TAAAACOGTOG-3, (SEQ ID NO: 99)), a DNA thermal cycler (Landgraf, Germany) and 2.5 units of Taq polymerase (Perkin-Elmer, Cetus, USA). Thirty cycles of PCR were performed using a cycle profile of denaturation at 94° C. for 1 min, annealing at 55° C. for 2 min, and extension at 72° C. for 3 min. The PCR fragment coding for the linker and CBD of the endoglucanase of *H. insolens* was generated in PCR buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.3, 50 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.01% gelatin; containing 200 micro-M each dNTP) using 100 ng of the pC1C144 template, 250 pmol forward primer (5'-CACTAATATCTCGGCTGTGTTTCGTAAC-CCTCCAGCAGCACCAGCTCTCCGGTC-3'(SEQ ID NO:100)), 250 pmol of the pYES 2.0 reverse primer (5'-

GGGCGTGAATGTAAGCGTGACATA-3' (SEQ ID NO-101)), a DNA thermal cycler (Landgraf, Germany) and 2.5 units of Taq polymerase (Perkin-Elmer, USA). Thirty cycles of PCR were performed as above. The PCR products were electrophoresed in 0.7% low gelling temperature agarose gels (SeaPlaque, FMC), the fragments of interest were excised from the gel and recovered by treatment with agarase (New England Biolabs, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions, followed by phenol extraction and ethanol precipitation at -20° C. for 12 h by adding 2 vols of 96% EtOH and 0.1 vol of 3 M NaAc.

[0464] The recombinant hybrid genes between the endoglucanase from *Crinipellis scabella* and the linker/CBD region of the 43 kD endoglucanase from *Humicola insolens* were generated by combining the overlapping PCR fragments from above (ca 50 ng of each template) in two combinations in PCR buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.3, 50 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.01% gelatin; containing 200 micro-M each dNTP). The SOE reaction was carried out using the DNA thermal cycler (Landgraf, Germany) and 2.5 units of Taq polymerase (Perkin-Elmer, Cetus, USA). Two cycles of PCR were performed using a cycle profile of denaturation at 94° C. for 1 min, annealing at 55° C. for 2 min, and extension at 72° C. for 3 min, the reaction was stopped, 250 pmol of each end-primer (forward no. 1 5'-CCCCAAGCTTGACTTG-GAACCAATGGTCCATCC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 98), forward no. 2 5'-CCCCAAGCCTCCATCCAAACATGCT-TAAAACGCTCG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 99), reverse primer 5'GGGCGTGAATGTAAGCGTGACATA-3' (SEQ ID NO: 101)) was added to the reaction mixture, and an additional 30 cycles of PCR were performed using a cycle profile of denaturation at 94° C. for 1 min annealing at 55° C. for 2 min, and extension at 72° C. for 3 min.

Construction of the Expression Cassettes for Heterologous Expression in *Aspergillus oryzae*

[0465] The PCR-generated, recombinant fragments were electrophoresed in a 0.7% low gelling temperature agarose gel (SeaPlaque, FMC), the fragments of interest were excised from the gel and recovered by treatment with agarase (New England Biolabs, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions, followed by phenol extraction and ethanol precipitation at -20° C. for 12 h. The DNA fragments were digested to completion with HindIII and XbaI, and ligated into HindIII/XbaI-cleaved pHD414 vector followed by electroporation of the constructs into *E. coli* DH10B cells according to the manufacturer's instructions (Life Technologies, USA).

[0466] The nucleotide sequence of the resulting gene fusions was determined from both strands as described in the Materials and methods section, SEQ ID NOS: 17 and 19. The constructs may be transformed into *A. oryzae* as described.

EXAMPLE 5

PCR Facilitated Detection of Said Type of Cellulytic Enzyme from 46 Filamentous and Monocentric Fungi, Representing 32 Genera, from 23 Families, Belonging to 15 Orders of 7 Classes, Covering all in all all Four Groups of the True Fungi: Ascomycetous, Basidiomycetous, Chytridiomycetous and Zygomycetous fungi

5.1 Materials

[0467] 1. *Diplodia gossypina* Cooke

Deposit of Strain, Acc No: CBS 274.96

[0468] 2. *Ulospora bilgramii* (Hawksw et al.)

Acc No of strain: NKBC 1444,

3. *Microsphaeropsis* sp

[0469] 4. *Ascobolus stictoides* Speg.

Acc No of strain: Q026 (Novo Nordisk collection)

Isolated from goose dung, Svalbard, Norway

5. *Saccobolus dilutellus* (Fuck) Sacc.

Deposit of strain: Acc No CBS 275.96

6. *Penicillium verruculosum* Peyronel

Ex on Acc No of species ATCC 62396

7. *Penicillium chrysogenum* Thom

Acc No of Strain: ATCC 9480

[0470] 8. *Thermomyces verrucosus* Pugh et al

Deposit of Strain, Acc No.: CBS 285.96

[0471] 9. *Xylaria hypoxylon* L. ex Greville

Deposit of Strain. Acc No: CBS 284.96

10. *Poronia punctata* (Fr. ex L.) Fr.

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Dansk Botanisk Arkiv, Vol 17, 1 1957

11. *Nodulisporam* sp

[0472] Isolated from leaf of *Camellia reticulata* (Theaceae, Guttiferales),

Kunming Botanical Garden, Yunnan Province, China

12. *Cylindrocarpon* sp

[0473] Isolated from marine sample, the Bahamas

13. *Fusarium anguioides* Sherbakoff

Acc No of strain: IFO 4467

14. *Fusarium poae* (Peck) WV.

Ex on Acc No of species: ATCC 60883

15. *Fusarium solani* (Mart.)Sacc.emnd.Snyd & Hans.

Acc No of strain: IMI 107.511

16. *Fusarium oxysporum* ssp lycopersici (Sacc.)Snyd. & Hans.

Acc No of strain: CBS 645.78

17. *Fusarium oxysporum* ssp pass/flora

Acc No of strain: CBS 744.79

18. *Gliocladium catenulatum* Gilman & Abbott

Acc. No of strain: ATCC 10523

19. *Nectria pinea* Dingley

Deposit of Strain, Acc. No. CBS 279.96

20. *Sordaria macrospora* Auerswald

ex on Acc No of species. ATCC 60255

21. *Humicola grisea* Traeen

ex on Acc No for the species: ATCC 22726

22. *Humicola nigrescens* Omvik

Acc No of strain: CBS 819.73

23. *Scytalidium thermophilum* (Cooney et Emerson) Austwick

Acc No of strain: ATCC 28085

24. *Thielavia thermophila* Fergus et Sinden

(syn *Corynascus thermophilus*)

Acc No of strain: CBS 174.70, IMI 145.136

25. *Cladorrhinum foecundissimum* Saccardo et Marchal

Ex on Acc No of species: ATCC 62373

26. *Syspastospora boninensis*

Acc No of strain: NKBC 1515 (Nippon University, profe Tubaki Collection)

27. *Chaetomium cuniculorum* Fuckel

Acc. No, of strain: CBS 799.83

28. *Chaetomium brasiliense* Batista et Potual

Acc No of strain: CBS 122.65

29. *Chaetomium murorum* Corda

Acc No of strain: CBS 163.52

30. *Chaetomium virescens* (von Arx) Udagawa

Acc. No. of strain: CBS 547.75

31. *Nigrospora* sp

[0474] Deposit of strain, Acc No: CBS 272.96

32. *Nigrospora* sp

[0475] Isolated from:

33. *Diaporthe syngenesia*

Deposit of strain, Acc No: CBS 278.96

34. *Colletotrichum lagenarium* (Passerini) Ells et Halsted

syn *Glomerella cingulata* var *orbiculata* Jenkins et Winstead

Ex on acc No of species: ATCC 52609

35. *Exidia glandulosa* Fr.

Deposit of Strain, Acc No: CBS 277.96

[0476] 36. *Fomes fomentarius* (L.) Fr.

deposit of strain: Ac No. CBS 276.96

37. *Spongipellis* (?)

Deposit of Strain, Acc No CBS 283.96

[0477] 38. *Rhizophlyctis rosea* (de Bary & Wor) Fischer

Deposit of Strain: Acc No.: CBS 282.96

[0478] 39. *Rhizomucor pusillus* (Lindt) Schipper

syn: *Mucor pusillus*

Acc No of strain: IFO 4578

40. *Phycomyces nitens* (Kunze) van Tieghem & Le Monnier

Acc No of strain: IFO 4814

41. *Chaetostylum fresenii* van Tieghem & Le Monnier

syn. *Helicostylum fresenii*

Acc No of strain NRRL 2305

42. *Trichothecium roseum*, Acc No of strain: IFO 5372

43. *Coniothecium* sp,

[0479] Endophyte, isolated from leaf of flowering plant,

Kunming, Yunnan, China

[0480] 44. Deposit of strain, Acc No., CBS 271.96

Coelomycete, isolated from leaf of *Artocarpus altilis*

(Moraceae, Urticales), Christiana, Jamaica

[0481] 45, Deposit of strain, Acc No.: CBS 273.96

Coelomycete, isolated from leaf of *Pimenta dioica*

(Myrtaceae, Myrtales), Dallas Mountain, Jamaica

[0482] 46. Deposit of strain, CBS 270.96

Coelomycete, isolated from leaf of *Pseudocalymma alliaceum* (Bignoniaceae, Solanales) growing in Dallas Mountain, Jamaica

5.2 Procedure

Maintenance of Strains and Production of Biomass:

[0483] The strains were maintained on agar in petrie dishes (9 cm) or on slants (see list of Media: PCA and PDA). 44 of the strains were grown in shake flasks under the following growth conditions: general fungal media as PC, PD and PB 9

or YPG (see list of media); incubation time from 3 to 9 days, temperature 26° C.; rpm between 150 and 175. Strain No 14 (*F. poae*) was grown on wheat bran for 15 days (26° C.; static) Strain No 38 was grown in dilute salt solution (DS/2), added 1 cm² pieces of autoclaved filter paper.

Activity Test:

[0484] Activity was tested on 0.1% AZCL-HE-Cellulose (Megazyme) plates (14 cm Petrie dishes), made up in 1% agarose (HSB, Litex Agarose, Medinova). All tests were done in triplicate, viz. AZCL-HE-Cellulose dissolved in three buffers, adjusted to pH 3, 7 or 9.5 (using various proportions of the following two ingredients Citric acid monohydrate, Merck art. No 100244 (21.0 g) dissolved in water, making a total of 1000 ml. 0.1M tri-Sodium dodecylbrohydrate, Merck art. no. 6578 (38 g), dissolved in water, making a total of 1000 ml. The mixing is done immediately before use.

Harvesting of Biomass:

[0485] The biomass was harvested by filtering (mesh adjusted to the growth of the fungus, the finest used for fungi which have highly sporulating mycelium as, e.g., *Fusarium* spp.) The biomass on the filter was scraped into a sterile plastic bag and immediately frozen (by submerging into liquid nitrogen).

5.3 Results

[0486] I. Using the PCR screening and amplification techniques described in Materials and Methods the following partial cDNA sequences were obtained:

[0487] *Saccobolus dilutellus* (Fuck) Sacc., CBS 275.96: SEQ ID NO: 27 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 28);

[0488] *Thermomyces verrucosus*, CBS 285.96; SEQ ID NO: 29 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 30);

[0489] *Xylaria hypoxylon*, CBS 284.96 SEQ ID NO: 31 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 32);

[0490] *Fusarium oxysporum* ssp *lycopersici*, CBS 645.78: SEQ ID NO: 33 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 34);

[0491] *Nectria pinea*, CBS 279.96: SEQ ID NO: 35 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:36);

[0492] *Humicola grisea*, ATCC 22726: SEQ ID NO: 37 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 38);

[0493] *Humicola nigrescens* CBS 819.73 SEQ ID NO: 39 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 40);

[0494] *Cladorrhinum foecundissimum* ATCC 62373: SEQ ID NO: 41 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 42);

[0495] *Sypastospora boninensis*, NKBC 1515: SEQ ID NO: 43 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 44);

[0496] *Nigrospora* sp., CBS 272.96: SEQ ID NO: 45 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 46);

[0497] *Chaetostylum fresenii*: SEQ ID NO: 47 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 48);

[0498] *Exidia glandulosa*, CBS 277.96: SEQ ID NO: 49 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 50);

[0499] *Coniothecium* sp.: SEQ ID NO: 51 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 52);

[0500] Deposition No. CBS 271.96: SEQ ID NO: 53 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 54);

- [0501] Deposition No, CBS 270.96: SEQ ID NO: 55 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 56);
- [0502] *Diplodia gossypina*, CBS 274.96: SEQ ID NO: 57 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 58);
- [0503] *Ulospora bilgramii*, NKBC 1444: SEQ ID NO: 59 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 60);
- [0504] *Penicillium verruculosum*, ATCC 62396: SEQ ID NO: 61 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 62);
- [0505] *Poronia punctata*: SEQ ID NO: 63 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 64);
- [0506] *Fusarium anguoides*, IFO 4467 SEQ ID NO: 65 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 6);
- [0507] *Thielavia thermophila*, CBS 174.70: SEQ ID NO: 67 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 68);
- [0508] *Chaetomium cunicolorum*, CBS 799.83: SEQ ID NO: 69 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 70);
- [0509] *Chaetomium virescens*: SEQ ID NO: 71 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 72);
- [0510] *Colletotrichum lagenarium*: SEQ ID NO: 73 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 74);
- [0511] *Phycomyces nitens*: SEQ ID NO: 75 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 76); and
- [0512] *Trichothecium roseum*: SEQ ID NO: 77 (and the deduced amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 78);
- [0513] II. Using the PCR screening and amplification techniques described in Materials and Methods partial cDNA encoding partially for the enzyme of the invention was obtained and the plasmid was deposited according to the Budapest Treaty:
Escherichia coli, DSM 10583, deposition date 13 Mar. 1996; cDNA from *Trichothecium roseum*;
Escherichia coli, DSM 10584, deposition date 13 Mar. 1996, cDNA from *Syspastospora boninensis*;
Escherichia coli, DSM 10585, deposition date 13 Mar. 1996; cDNA from *Cheatomium murorum*;
Escherichia coli, DSM 10587, deposition date 13 Mar. 1996; cDNA from *Sordaria fimicola*;
Escherichia coli, DSM 10588, deposition date 13 Mar. 1996; cDNA from the unidentified strain CBS 273.96;
Escherichia coli, DSM 10586, deposition date 13 Mar. 1996; cDNA from *Spongipeillis* sp.

Color Clarification of Crude Supernatants

[0514] During normal wash the fabric will often fade. However, the fabric appearance is improved and the original colours are much better preserved or maintained if the fabric is washed with a cellulase giving color clarification. Color clarification is measured as removal of surface fibrils and fibers protruding from the yarn of a textile containing cellulose fibers.

Apparatus	Terg-o-tometer
Liquid volume	100 ml
Agitation	150 movements/min with vertical stirrer
Rinse time	5 min in tapwater
Washing temp	40°
Washing liqour	0.05 M phosphate buffer
pH	7.0
Washing time	30 min
Repetitions	2
Enzymes	Crude supernatants from the strains shown below.

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Dosage	Two dosages from 200, 500, 1000 or 2500 S-CEVU/l
Textile	2 swatches of aged black 100% cotton 5 x 6 cm (0.9 gram)
Drying	Tumble dry

Evaluation:

[0515] The light remission is measured by a Datacolor Elrepho Remission spectrophotometer. Remission is calculated as delta L (Hunter Lab-values). When the surface fibrils and fibers protruding from the yarn are removed by the cellulase, the surface of the black fabric appears darker, and lower L values are obtained.

[0516] The samples are compared with a blind sample, i.e., washed without enzyme. Below is shown the delta L remission values compared to a blind sample.

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ATT AAT GAC TGG TAC CAT CAG TGC CTG TAG	894
Ile Asn Asp Trp Tyr His Gln Cys Leu	
515 520	

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 4:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 297 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 4:

Met His Leu Ser Ala Thr Thr Gly Phe Leu Ala Leu Pro Val Leu Ala	
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20 25 30	
Cys Lys Pro Ser Cys Ala Trp Pro Gly Lys Gly Pro Ser Ser Pro Val	
35 40 45	
Gln Ala Cys Asp Lys Asn Asp Asn Pro Leu Asn Asp Gly Gly Ser Thr	
50 55 60	
Arg Ser Gly Cys Asp Ala Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Met Cys Ser Ser Gln	
65 70 75 80	
Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Ser Asp Glu Leu Ser Tyr Gly Trp Ala Ala Val	
85 90 95	
Lys Leu Ala Gly Ser Ser Glu Ser Gln Trp Cys Cys Ala Cys Tyr Glu	
100 105 110	
Leu Thr Phe Thr Ser Gly Pro Val Ala Gly Lys Lys Met Ile Val Gln	
115 120 125	
Ala Thr Asn Thr Gly Gly Asp Leu Gly Asp Asn His Phe Asp Leu Ala	
130 135 140	
Ile Pro Gly Gly Gly Val Gly Ile Phe Asn Ala Cys Thr Asp Gln Tyr	

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410	415	420	425	
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Ala Thr Asn Thr Gly Gly Asp Leu Gly Asp Asn His Phe Asp Leu Ala	430	435	440	
ATC CCC GGT GGC GGT GTC GGT ATT TTC AAC GCC TGC ACC GAC CAG TAC				480
Ile Pro Gly Gly Gly Val Gly Ile Phe Asn Ala Cys Thr Asp Gln Tyr	445	450	455	
GGC GCT CCC CCG AAC GGC TGG GGC GAC CGC TAC GGC GGC ATC CAT TCC				528
Gly Ala Pro Pro Asn Gly Trp Gly Asp Arg Tyr Gly Gly Ile His Ser	460	465	470	
AAG GAA GAG TGC GAA TCC TTC CCG GAG GCC CTC AAG CCC GGC TGC AAC				576
Lys Glu Glu Cys Glu Ser Phe Pro Glu Ala Leu Lys Pro Gly Cys Asn	475	480	485	
TGG CGC TTC GAC TGG TTC CAA AAC GCC GAC AAC CCG TCG GTC ACC TTC				624
Trp Arg Phe Asp Trp Phe Gln Asn Ala Asp Asn Pro Ser Val Thr Phe	490	495	500	505
CAG GAG GTG GCC TGC CCG TCG GAG CTC ACG TCC AAG AGC GGC TGC TCC				672
Gln Glu Val Ala Cys Pro Ser Glu Leu Thr Ser Lys Ser Gly Cys Ser	510	515	520	
CGT AAC GAC GAC GGC AAC TTC CCT GCC GTC CAG ATC CCC TCC AGC AGC				720
Arg Asn Asp Asp Gly Asn Phe Pro Ala Val Gln Ile Pro Ser Ser Ser	525	530	535	
ACC AGC TCT CCG GTC AAC CAG CCT ACC AGC ACC AGC ACC ACG TCC ACC				768
Thr Ser Ser Pro Val Asn Gln Pro Thr Ser Thr Ser Thr Ser Thr	540	545	550	
TCC ACC ACC TCG AGC CCG CCA GTC CAG CCT ACG ACT CCC AGC GGC TGC				816
Ser Thr Thr Ser Ser Pro Pro Val Gln Pro Thr Thr Pro Ser Gly Cys	555	560	565	
ACT GCT GAG AGG TGG GCT CAG TGC GGC GGC AAT GGC TGG AGC GGC TGC				864
Thr Ala Glu Arg Trp Ala Gln Cys Gly Gly Asn Gly Trp Ser Gly Cys	570	575	580	585
ACC ACC TGC GTC GCT GGC AGC ACT TGC ACG AAG ATT AAT GAC TGG TAC				912
Thr Thr Cys Val Ala Gly Ser Thr Cys Thr Lys Ile Asn Asp Trp Tyr	590	595	600	
CAT CAG TGC CTG TAG				927
His Gln Cys Leu	605			

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 6:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 308 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 6:

Met	His	Leu	Ser	Ala	Thr	Thr	Gly	Phe	Leu	Ala	Leu	Pro	Val	Leu	Ala
1				5					10					15	
Leu	Asp	Gln	Leu	Ser	Gly	Ile	Gly	Gln	Thr	Thr	Arg	Tyr	Trp	Asp	Cys
			20					25					30		
Cys	Lys	Pro	Ser	Cys	Ala	Trp	Pro	Gly	Lys	Gly	Pro	Ser	Ser	Pro	Val
		35					40					45			
Gln	Ala	Cys	Asp	Lys	Asn	Asp	Asn	Pro	Leu	Asn	Asp	Gly	Gly	Ser	Thr
	50					55					60				
Arg	Ser	Gly	Cys	Asp	Ala	Gly	Gly	Ser	Ala	Tyr	Met	Cys	Ser	Ser	Gln
65					70					75					80

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Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Ser Asp Glu Leu Ser Tyr Gly Trp Ala Ala Val
85 90 95

Lys Leu Ala Gly Ser Ser Glu Ser Gln Trp Cys Cys Ala Cys Tyr Glu
100 105 110

Leu Thr Phe Thr Ser Gly Pro Val Ala Gly Lys Lys Met Ile Val Gln
115 120 125

Ala Thr Asn Thr Gly Gly Asp Leu Gly Asp Asn His Phe Asp Leu Ala
130 135 140

Ile Pro Gly Gly Gly Val Gly Ile Phe Asn Ala Cys Thr Asp Gln Tyr
145 150 155 160

Gly Ala Pro Pro Asn Gly Trp Gly Asp Arg Tyr Gly Gly Ile His Ser
165 170 175

Lys Glu Glu Cys Glu Ser Phe Pro Glu Ala Leu Lys Pro Gly Cys Asn
180 185 190

Trp Arg Phe Asp Trp Phe Gln Asn Ala Asp Asn Pro Ser Val Thr Phe
195 200 205

Gln Glu Val Ala Cys Pro Ser Glu Leu Thr Ser Lys Ser Gly Cys Ser
210 215 220

Arg Asn Asp Asp Gly Asn Phe Pro Ala Val Gln Ile Pro Ser Ser Ser
225 230 235 240

Thr Ser Ser Pro Val Asn Gln Pro Thr Ser Thr Ser Thr Ser Thr
245 250 255

Ser Thr Thr Ser Ser Pro Pro Val Gln Pro Thr Thr Pro Ser Gly Cys
260 265 270

Thr Ala Glu Arg Trp Ala Gln Cys Gly Gly Asn Gly Trp Ser Gly Cys
275 280 285

Thr Thr Cys Val Ala Gly Ser Thr Cys Thr Lys Ile Asn Asp Trp Tyr
290 295 300

His Gln Cys Leu
305

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 7:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 1154 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 51..935

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 7:

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 Met Arg
 310

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 Ser Thr Ser Ile Leu Ile Gly Leu Val Ala Gly Val Ala Ala Gln Ser
 315 320 325

TCT GGC TCT GGC CAT ACA ACC AGG TAC TGG GAC TGC TGC AAG CCC TCA 152
 Ser Gly Ser Gly His Thr Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro Ser
 330 335 340

TGC GCC TGG GAT GAG AAG GCG GCT GTC AGC CGG CCG GTC ACA ACA TGC 200

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Cys	Ala	Trp	Asp	Glu	Lys	Ala	Ala	Val	Ser	Arg	Pro	Val	Thr	Thr	Cys		
	345							350							355		
GAC	AGG	AAC	AAC	AGC	CCC	CTT	TCG	CCC	GGC	GCT	GTG	AGC	GGC	TGC	GAC	248	
Asp	Arg	Asn	Asn	Ser	Pro	Leu	Ser	Pro	Gly	Ala	Val	Ser	Gly	Cys	Asp		
	360					365					370						
CCC	AAC	GGC	GTT	GCA	TTC	ACC	TGC	AAC	GAC	AAC	CAG	CCT	TGG	GCC	GTA	296	
Pro	Asn	Gly	Val	Ala	Phe	Thr	Cys	Asn	Asp	Asn	Gln	Pro	Trp	Ala	Val		
	375				380					385					390		
AAC	AAC	AAT	GTC	GCC	TAC	GGT	TTT	GCG	GCT	ACC	GCC	TTC	CCT	GGT	GGC	344	
Asn	Asn	Asn	Val	Ala	Tyr	Gly	Phe	Ala	Ala	Thr	Ala	Phe	Pro	Gly	Gly		
				395					400					405			
AAT	GAG	GCG	TCG	TGG	TGC	TGT	GCC	TGC	TAT	GCT	CTT	CAA	TTC	ACA	TCC	392	
Asn	Glu	Ala	Ser	Trp	Cys	Cys	Ala	Cys	Tyr	Ala	Leu	Gln	Phe	Thr	Ser		
			410					415						420			
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Gly	Pro	Val	Ala	Gly	Lys	Thr	Met	Val	Val	Gln	Ser	Thr	Asn	Thr	Gly		
		425					430					435					
GGA	GAT	CTC	AGC	GGC	ACT	CAC	TTC	GAT	ATC	CAG	ATG	CCC	GGT	GGA	GGT	488	
Gly	Asp	Leu	Ser	Gly	Thr	His	Phe	Asp	Ile	Gln	Met	Pro	Gly	Gly	Gly		
	440					445					450						
CTC	GGC	ATC	TTC	GAC	GGC	TGC	ACC	CCG	CAG	TTC	GGC	TTC	ACG	TTC	CCC	536	
Leu	Gly	Ile	Phe	Asp	Gly	Cys	Thr	Pro	Gln	Phe	Gly	Phe	Thr	Phe	Pro		
	455				460					465					470		
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Gly	Asn	Arg	Tyr	Gly	Gly	Thr	Thr	Ser	Arg	Ser	Gln	Cys	Ala	Glu	Leu		
				475					480					485			
CCC	TCC	GTC	CTC	CGT	GAC	GGC	TGC	CAC	TGG	CGT	TAC	GAC	TGG	TTC	AAC	632	
Pro	Ser	Val	Leu	Arg	Asp	Gly	Cys	His	Trp	Arg	Tyr	Asp	Trp	Phe	Asn		
			490					495					500				
GAT	GCC	GAC	AAC	CCC	AAC	GTC	AAC	TGG	CGC	CGC	GTC	CGA	TGC	CCG	GCG	680	
Asp	Ala	Asp	Asn	Pro	Asn	Val	Asn	Trp	Arg	Arg	Val	Arg	Cys	Pro	Ala		
		505					510						515				
GCC	CTC	ACG	AAC	CGC	TCC	GGC	TGC	GTC	CGC	AAC	GAC	GAC	AAC	AGC	TAC	728	
Ala	Leu	Thr	Asn	Arg	Ser	Gly	Cys	Val	Arg	Asn	Asp	Asp	Asn	Ser	Tyr		
		520				525						530					
CCC	GTC	TTC	GAG	CCC	GGC	ACG	GGC	ACC	CCG	CCG	ACC	CCC	ACG	ACC	ACG	776	
Pro	Val	Phe	Glu	Pro	Gly	Thr	Gly	Thr	Pro	Pro	Thr	Pro	Thr	Thr	Thr		
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Thr	Thr	Ser	Ser	Pro	Pro	Gln	Pro	Thr	Asn	Gly	Gly	Gly	Gly	Gly	Thr		
				555					560						565		
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Ser	Pro	His	Trp	Gly	Gln	Cys	Gly	Gly	Gln	Gly	Trp	Ser	Gly	Pro	Thr		
			570					575						580			
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		585					590						595				
CAG	TGC	ATT	CCC	AAC	TAAGT	GAT	TCC	GGGCATT	GCG	GTC	GAA	AGGG	GACCG	TTAGT		975	
Gln	Cys	Ile	Pro	Asn												600	
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CGAGT	ACATA	CTATT	GAA	TG	AAA	AAT	AGAG	CGG	CTC	GGAC	CAT	GAG	CAGA	TGCC	ATT	GTA	1095
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(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: CDS

(B) LOCATION: 110..1156

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 9:

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	Met Ile
TCA GCT TGG ATT CTC CTG GGG CTG GTA GGC GCC GTG CCC TCC TCC GTC	163
Ser Ala Trp Ile Leu Leu Gly Leu Val Gly Ala Val Pro Ser Ser Val	
300 305 310	
ATG GCC GCC TCG GGC AAA GGC CAC ACC ACC CGC TAC TGG GAT TGC TGC	211
Met Ala Ala Ser Gly Lys Gly His Thr Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys	
315 320 325	
AAG ACT TCT TGC GCA TGG GAG GGC AAG GCA TCC GTC TCC GAG CCT GTC	259
Lys Thr Ser Cys Ala Trp Glu Gly Lys Ala Ser Val Ser Glu Pro Val	
330 335 340 345	
CTG ACC TGT AAC AAG CAG GAC AAC CCC ATC GTC GAT GCC AAC GCC AGA	307
Leu Thr Cys Asn Lys Gln Asp Asn Pro Ile Val Asp Ala Asn Ala Arg	
350 355 360	
AGC GGC TGC GAC GGC GGC GGG GCA TTT GCC TGT ACC AAC AAT TCC CCT	355
Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Gly Ala Phe Ala Cys Thr Asn Asn Ser Pro	
365 370 375	
TGG GCC GTG AGC GAG GAC CTG GCC TAC GGA TTT GCT GCC ACA GCC CTC	403
Trp Ala Val Ser Glu Asp Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr Ala Leu	
380 385 390	
AGC GGC GGC ACT GAG GGC AGC TGG TGC TGC GCG TGT TAC GCC ATC ACA	451
Ser Gly Gly Thr Glu Gly Ser Trp Cys Cys Ala Cys Tyr Ala Ile Thr	
395 400 405	
TTC ACG AGT GGC CCT GTG GCT GGC AAG AAG ATG GTC GTC CAG TCC ACG	499
Phe Thr Ser Gly Pro Val Ala Gly Lys Lys Met Val Val Gln Ser Thr	
410 415 420 425	
AAC ACG GGA GGC GAC CTG TCC AAC AAC CAC TTT GAC CTG ATG ATT CCC	547
Asn Thr Gly Gly Asp Leu Ser Asn Asn His Phe Asp Leu Met Ile Pro	
430 435 440	
GGT GGA GGC CTC GGC ATC TTT GAC GGT TGC TCG GCT CAG TTC GGA CAA	595
Gly Gly Gly Leu Gly Ile Phe Asp Gly Cys Ser Ala Gln Phe Gly Gln	
445 450 455	
CTT CTT CCC GGC GAG CGT TAC GGA GGT GTT TCG TCC CGC TCT CAA TGC	643
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460 465 470	
GAT GGC ATG CCC GAG CTC TTG AAA GAC GGT TGC CAG TGG CGC TTC GAC	691
Asp Gly Met Pro Glu Leu Leu Lys Asp Gly Cys Gln Trp Arg Phe Asp	
475 480 485	
TGG TTC AAG AAC TCA GAC AAC CCT GAC ATC GAG TTC GAG CAG GTC CAG	739
Trp Phe Lys Asn Ser Asp Asn Pro Asp Ile Glu Phe Glu Gln Val Gln	
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TGT CCC AAA GAG CTC ATT GCG GTC TCT GGG TGC GTC CGT GAC GAC GAT	787
Cys Pro Lys Glu Leu Ile Ala Val Ser Gly Cys Val Arg Asp Asp Asp	
510 515 520	
AGC AGC TTT CCC GTC TTC CAA GGT TCG GGC TCA GGA GAT GTC AAC CCA	835
Ser Ser Phe Pro Val Phe Gln Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Asp Val Asn Pro	
525 530 535	
CCT CCC AAG CCG ACT ACG ACT ACG ACC TCG TCA AAG CCG AAA ACA ACC	883
Pro Pro Lys Pro Thr Thr Thr Thr Thr Ser Ser Lys Pro Lys Thr Thr	
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AAC ACT GAT AGA CCT GCC GAG ACA ACC ACT ACC AAG CTG CCT GCC CTG	979
Asn Thr Asp Arg Pro Ala Glu Thr Thr Thr Lys Leu Pro Ala Leu	
570 575 580 585	
CCG GCC ACG ACG AGC AGC CCT GCT GTC TCA GTT CCT TCG TCC AGC GCT	1027
Pro Ala Thr Thr Ser Ser Pro Ala Val Ser Val Pro Ser Ser Ser Ala	
590 595 600	
CGC GTG CCT TTG TGG GGG CAA TGC GAC TCG GAA GCT TCA TGG GAC GCA	1075
Arg Val Pro Leu Trp Gly Gln Cys Asp Ser Glu Ala Ser Trp Asp Ala	
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CCT AAG AAG TGT GCA AAG GGC ACC AAG TGT GTC TAC GTC AAC GAC TGG	1123
Pro Lys Lys Cys Ala Lys Gly Thr Lys Cys Val Tyr Val Asn Asp Trp	
620 625 630	
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Tyr Ser Gln Cys Gln Pro Lys Asn Ser Cys Ala	
635 640	
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ATGCTTCATT TCTTGCTTGT TTCTGTCTTT CCTGCACGCA GCTTTCACG ATACCCTTCA	1296
TGCGATTGCC CTACGATCAG ATGATGGGCA CGACATGGAG GATGGTTTGG GCACTCACGC	1356
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 10:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 349 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 10:

Met Ile Ser Ala Trp Ile Leu Leu Gly Leu Val Gly Ala Val Pro Ser	
1 5 10 15	
Ser Val Met Ala Ala Ser Gly Lys Gly His Thr Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp	
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35 40 45	
Pro Val Leu Thr Cys Asn Lys Gln Asp Asn Pro Ile Val Asp Ala Asn	
50 55 60	
Ala Arg Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Gly Ala Phe Ala Cys Thr Asn Asn	
65 70 75 80	
Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Ser Glu Asp Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr	
85 90 95	
Ala Leu Ser Gly Gly Thr Glu Gly Ser Trp Cys Cys Ala Cys Tyr Ala	
100 105 110	
Ile Thr Phe Thr Ser Gly Pro Val Ala Gly Lys Lys Met Val Val Gln	
115 120 125	
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130 135 140	
Ile Pro Gly Gly Gly Leu Gly Ile Phe Asp Gly Cys Ser Ala Gln Phe	
145 150 155 160	

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 165 170 175

Gln Cys Asp Gly Met Pro Glu Leu Leu Lys Asp Gly Cys Gln Trp Arg
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 195 200 205

Val Gln Cys Pro Lys Glu Leu Ile Ala Val Ser Gly Cys Val Arg Asp
 210 215 220

Asp Asp Ser Ser Phe Pro Val Phe Gln Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Asp Val
 225 230 235 240

Asn Pro Pro Pro Lys Pro Thr Thr Thr Thr Thr Ser Ser Lys Pro Lys
 245 250 255

Thr Thr Ser Ala Pro Ser Thr Leu Ser Asn Pro Ser Ala Pro Gln Gln
 260 265 270

Pro Gly Asn Thr Asp Arg Pro Ala Glu Thr Thr Thr Thr Lys Leu Pro
 275 280 285

Ala Leu Pro Ala Thr Thr Ser Ser Pro Ala Val Ser Val Pro Ser Ser
 290 295 300

Ser Ala Arg Val Pro Leu Trp Gly Gln Cys Asp Ser Glu Ala Ser Trp
 305 310 315 320

Asp Ala Pro Lys Lys Cys Ala Lys Gly Thr Lys Cys Val Tyr Val Asn
 325 330 335

Asp Trp Tyr Ser Gln Cys Gln Pro Lys Asn Ser Cys Ala
 340 345

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 11:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 1174 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 - (B) LOCATION: 60..956

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 11:

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 350 355 360 365

CTG GTC GCC TCC GCG GCC AGT GGC AGT GGC CAG TCC ACG AGA TAC TGG 155
 Leu Val Ala Ser Ala Ala Ser Gly Ser Gly Gln Ser Thr Arg Tyr Trp
 370 375 380

GAC TGC TGC AAG CCG TCG TGC GCT TGG CCC GGG AAG GCC GCC GTC AGC 203
 Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro Ser Cys Ala Trp Pro Gly Lys Ala Ala Val Ser
 385 390 395

CAA CCG GTC TAC GCG TGC GAT GCC AAC TTC CAG CGC CTG TCC GAC TTC 251
 Gln Pro Val Tyr Ala Cys Asp Ala Asn Phe Gln Arg Leu Ser Asp Phe
 400 405 410

AAT GTC CAG TCG GGC TGC AAC GGC GGC TCG GCC TAC TCC TGC GCC GAC 299
 Asn Val Gln Ser Gly Cys Asn Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Ser Cys Ala Asp
 415 420 425

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Gln Thr Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Asn Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala	
430 435 440 445	
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Ala Leu Thr Phe Thr Ser Gly Pro Val Ala Gly Lys Thr Met Val Val	
465 470 475	
CAG TCA ACG AGC ACT GGC GGC GAC CTG GGA AGT AAC CAG TTC GAT ATC	491
Gln Ser Thr Ser Thr Gly Gly Asp Leu Gly Ser Asn Gln Phe Asp Ile	
480 485 490	
GCC ATG CCC GGC GGC GGC GTG GGC ATC TTC AAC GGC TGC AGC TCG CAG	539
Ala Met Pro Gly Gly Gly Val Gly Ile Phe Asn Gly Cys Ser Ser Gln	
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TTC GGC GGC CTC CCC GGC GCT CAA TAC GGC GGC ATT TCG TCG CGC GAC	587
Phe Gly Gly Leu Pro Gly Ala Gln Tyr Gly Gly Ile Ser Ser Arg Asp	
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Val Gln Cys Pro Ala Glu Ile Val Ala Arg Ser Gly Cys Lys Arg Asn	
560 565 570	
GAC GAC TCC AGC TTC CCC GTC TTC ACC CCC CCA AGC GGT GGC AAC GGT	779
Asp Asp Ser Ser Phe Pro Val Phe Thr Pro Pro Ser Gly Gly Asn Gly	
575 580 585	
GGC ACC GGC ACG CCC ACG TCG ACT GCG CCT GGG TCG GGC CAG ACG TCT	827
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CCC GGC GGC GGC AGT GGC TGC ACG TCT CAG AAG TGG GCT CAG TGC GGT	875
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Gly Ile Gly Phe Ser Gly Cys Thr Thr Cys Val Ser Gly Thr Thr Cys	
625 630 635	
CAG AAG TTG AAC GAC TAC TAC TCG CAG TGC CTC TAAACAGCTT TTCGCACGAG	976
Gln Lys Leu Asn Asp Tyr Tyr Ser Gln Cys Leu	
640 645	
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ACATACATAA CCTTCGATTG TTGTACATAG CACGCCGTA CACATCTCAC ACCGACTTTG	1096
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 12:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 299 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 12:

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Gln Pro Val Tyr Ala Cys Asp Ala Asn Phe Gln Arg Leu Ser Asp Phe		55	60
50			
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65			80
Gln Thr Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Asn Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala		85	90
			95
Thr Ser Ile Ala Gly Gly Ser Glu Ser Ser Trp Cys Cys Ala Cys Tyr		100	105
			110
Ala Leu Thr Phe Thr Ser Gly Pro Val Ala Gly Lys Thr Met Val Val		115	120
			125
Gln Ser Thr Ser Thr Gly Gly Asp Leu Gly Ser Asn Gln Phe Asp Ile		130	135
			140
Ala Met Pro Gly Gly Gly Val Gly Ile Phe Asn Gly Cys Ser Ser Gln		145	150
			155
Phe Gly Gly Leu Pro Gly Ala Gln Tyr Gly Gly Ile Ser Ser Arg Asp		160	165
			170
Gln Cys Asp Ser Phe Pro Ala Pro Leu Lys Pro Gly Cys Gln Trp Arg		175	180
			185
Phe Asp Trp Phe Gln Asn Ala Asp Asn Pro Thr Phe Thr Phe Gln Gln		190	195
			200
Val Gln Cys Pro Ala Glu Ile Val Ala Arg Ser Gly Cys Lys Arg Asn		205	210
			215
Asp Asp Ser Ser Phe Pro Val Phe Thr Pro Pro Ser Gly Gly Asn Gly		220	225
			230
Gly Thr Gly Thr Pro Thr Ser Thr Ala Pro Gly Ser Gly Gln Thr Ser		235	240
			245
Pro Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Cys Thr Ser Gln Lys Trp Ala Gln Cys Gly		250	255
			260
Gly Ile Gly Phe Ser Gly Cys Thr Thr Cys Val Ser Gly Thr Thr Cys		265	270
			275
Gln Lys Leu Asn Asp Tyr Tyr Ser Gln Cys Leu		280	285
			290
			295

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 13:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 913 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 - (B) LOCATION: 41..706

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 13:

GCACATATTCT CAGCTCCATT CTCCTTGAA GTAATTCACC ATG TTC TCT CCG CTC
Met Phe Ser Pro Leu
300

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TGG GCC CTG TCG GCT CTG CTC CTA TTT CCT GCC ACT GAA GCC ACT AGC	103
Trp Ala Leu Ser Ala Leu Leu Leu Phe Pro Ala Thr Glu Ala Thr Ser	
305 310 315 320	
GGC GTG ACA ACC AGG TAC TGG GAC TGC TGC AAG CCG TCT TGT GCT TGG	151
Gly Val Thr Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro Ser Cys Ala Trp	
325 330 335	
ACG GGC AAA GCA TCC GTC TCC AAG CCC GTC GGA ACC TGC GAC ATC AAC	199
Thr Gly Lys Ala Ser Val Ser Lys Pro Val Gly Thr Cys Asp Ile Asn	
340 345 350	
GAC AAC GCC CAG ACG CCG AGC GAT CTG CTC AAG TCG TCC TGT GAT GGC	247
Asp Asn Ala Gln Thr Pro Ser Asp Leu Leu Lys Ser Ser Cys Asp Gly	
355 360 365	
GGC AGC GCC TAC TAC TGC AGC AAC CAG GGC CCA TGG GCC GTG AAC GAC	295
Gly Ser Ala Tyr Tyr Cys Ser Asn Gln Gly Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp	
370 375 380	
AGC CTT TCC TAC GGC TTC GCT GCC GCC AAG CTG TCC GGA AAG CAG GAG	343
Ser Leu Ser Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Ala Lys Leu Ser Gly Lys Gln Glu	
385 390 395 400	
ACT GAT TGG TGC TGT GGC TGC TAC AAG CTC ACA TTC ACC TCC ACC GCC	391
Thr Asp Trp Cys Gly Cys Tyr Lys Leu Thr Phe Thr Ser Thr Ala	
405 410 415	
GTT TCC GGC AAG CAA ATG ATC GTG CAA ATC ACG AAC ACG GGC GGC GAC	439
Val Ser Gly Lys Gln Met Ile Val Gln Ile Thr Asn Thr Gly Gly Asp	
420 425 430	
CTC GGC AAC AAC CAC TTC GAC ATC GCC ATG CCG GGC GGC GGC GTC GGC	487
Leu Gly Asn Asn His Phe Asp Ile Ala Met Pro Gly Gly Gly Val Gly	
435 440 445	
ATC TTC AAC GGG TGC TCC AAG CAA TGG AAC GGC ATC AAT CTG GGC AAC	535
Ile Phe Asn Gly Cys Ser Lys Gln Trp Asn Gly Ile Asn Leu Gly Asn	
450 455 460	
CAG TAT GGC GGC TTC ACT GAC CGC TCG CAA TGT GCG ACG CTC CCG TCC	583
Gln Tyr Gly Gly Phe Thr Asp Arg Ser Gln Cys Ala Thr Leu Pro Ser	
465 470 475 480	
AAG TGG CAG GCC AGC TGC AAC TGG CGC TTC GAC TGG TTC GAG AAT GCC	631
Lys Trp Gln Ala Ser Cys Asn Trp Arg Phe Asp Trp Phe Glu Asn Ala	
485 490 495	
GAC AAC CCC ACC GTC GAT TGG GAG CCT GTC ACT TGC CCA CAG GAA TTG	679
Asp Asn Pro Thr Val Asp Trp Glu Pro Val Thr Cys Pro Gln Glu Leu	
500 505 510	
GTC GCC CGG ACT GGC TGT TCC CGT ACC TAAGTGGGGG TGGAACCTCC	726
Val Ala Arg Thr Gly Cys Ser Arg Thr	
515 520	
ATGTGAATTG GTGTATATAG CTCCTGCCTG AGCATCCACC AGTTCGCATG TGTGATCAG	786
GAGTGTGTGT GCCTTGCTAG GAAAGACTTT GTTGAAACT TGC GTGTTA TTCCAATTGA	846
ATAACCCTGT ATAGACCGGT CACATTTTTC TCTGAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA	906
AAAAAAA	913

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 14:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 222 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 14:

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Met Phe Ser Pro Leu Trp Ala Leu Ser Ala Leu Leu Leu Phe Pro Ala
 1 5 10 15
 Thr Glu Ala Thr Ser Gly Val Thr Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys
 20 25 30
 Pro Ser Cys Ala Trp Thr Gly Lys Ala Ser Val Ser Lys Pro Val Gly
 35 40 45
 Thr Cys Asp Ile Asn Asp Asn Ala Gln Thr Pro Ser Asp Leu Leu Lys
 50 55 60
 Ser Ser Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Tyr Cys Ser Asn Gln Gly Pro
 65 70 75 80
 Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Ser Leu Ser Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Ala Lys Leu
 85 90 95
 Ser Gly Lys Gln Glu Thr Asp Trp Cys Cys Gly Cys Tyr Lys Leu Thr
 100 105 110
 Phe Thr Ser Thr Ala Val Ser Gly Lys Gln Met Ile Val Gln Ile Thr
 115 120 125
 Asn Thr Gly Gly Asp Leu Gly Asn Asn His Phe Asp Ile Ala Met Pro
 130 135 140
 Gly Gly Gly Val Gly Ile Phe Asn Gly Cys Ser Lys Gln Trp Asn Gly
 145 150 155 160
 Ile Asn Leu Gly Asn Gln Tyr Gly Gly Phe Thr Asp Arg Ser Gln Cys
 165 170 175
 Ala Thr Leu Pro Ser Lys Trp Gln Ala Ser Cys Asn Trp Arg Phe Asp
 180 185 190
 Trp Phe Glu Asn Ala Asp Asn Pro Thr Val Asp Trp Glu Pro Val Thr
 195 200 205
 Cys Pro Gln Glu Leu Val Ala Arg Thr Gly Cys Ser Arg Thr
 210 215 220

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 15:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 808 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 - (B) LOCATION: 37..714

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 15:

CCGCTGCTGG GTATATAATG CTCAGACTTG GAACCA ATG GTC CAT CCA AAC ATG 54
 Met Val His Pro Asn Met
 225
 CTT AAA ACG CTC GCT CCA TTG ATC ATC TTG GCC GCC TCG GTC ACA GCG 102
 Leu Lys Thr Leu Ala Pro Leu Ile Leu Ala Ala Ser Val Thr Ala
 230 235 240
 CAA ACA GCA GGA GTT ACG ACC CGC TAC TGG GAC TGC TGC AAG CCA AGC 150
 Gln Thr Ala Gly Val Thr Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro Ser
 245 250 255 260
 TGT GGA TGG AGT GGA AAG GCT TCT GTT TCT GCT CCA GTC AGA ACT TGC 198
 Cys Gly Trp Ser Gly Lys Ala Ser Val Ser Ala Pro Val Arg Thr Cys
 265 270 275

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GAT CGT AAT GGA AAT ACA CTT GGC CCA GAC GTG AAA AGC GGA TGT GAT	246
Asp Arg Asn Gly Asn Thr Leu Gly Pro Asp Val Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp	
280 285 290	
AGC GGT GGA ACG TCA TTC ACT TGC GCG AAC AAT GGT CCA TTT GCG ATT	294
Ser Gly Gly Thr Ser Phe Thr Cys Ala Asn Asn Gly Pro Phe Ala Ile	
295 300 305	
GAC AAT AAC ACT GCA TAT GGT TTT GCT GCA GCC CAC TTA GCG GGC TCT	342
Asp Asn Asn Thr Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Ala His Leu Ala Gly Ser	
310 315 320	
AGC GAA GCA GCC TGG TGT TGC CAG TGC TAC GAA TTG ACG TTT ACG AGT	390
Ser Glu Ala Ala Trp Cys Cys Gln Cys Tyr Glu Leu Thr Phe Thr Ser	
325 330 335 340	
GGA CCC GTA GTT GGG AAG AAA CTG ACC GTT CAA GTC ACA AAC ACG GGA	438
Gly Pro Val Val Gly Lys Lys Leu Thr Val Gln Val Thr Asn Thr Gly	
345 350 355	
GGT GAC CTC GGA AAT AAT CAC TTT GAC CTG ATG ATC CCC GGT GGA GGT	486
Gly Asp Leu Gly Asn Asn His Phe Asp Leu Met Ile Pro Gly Gly Gly	
360 365 370	
GTT GGC CTC TTC ACA CAA GGA TGT CCT GCT CAG TTT GGG AGC TGG AAC	534
Val Gly Leu Phe Thr Gln Gly Cys Pro Ala Gln Phe Gly Ser Trp Asn	
375 380 385	
GGG GGT GCT CAA TAC GGG GGT GTG TCC AGC CGT GAC CAA TGC TCC CAA	582
Gly Gly Ala Gln Tyr Gly Gly Val Ser Ser Arg Asp Gln Cys Ser Gln	
390 395 400	
CTT CCA GCA GCT GTG CAA GCT GGA TGT CAA TTC CGT TTC GAC TGG ATG	630
Leu Pro Ala Ala Val Gln Ala Gly Cys Gln Phe Arg Phe Asp Trp Met	
405 410 415 420	
GGT GGC GCG GAT AAC CCC AAC GTC ACC TTC CGA CCT GTG ACC TGC CCA	678
Gly Gly Ala Asp Asn Pro Asn Val Thr Phe Arg Pro Val Thr Cys Pro	
425 430 435	
GCG CAG CTC ACT AAT ATC TCG GGC TGT GTT CGT AAA TGATTCACGA	724
Ala Gln Leu Thr Asn Ile Ser Gly Cys Val Arg Lys	
440 445	
ATATGTAGTG TCGAATATGT ACATGTGTAT GTACTATAGC TTCAAAGATG GAGGGTCTGT	784
TTAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAAA	808

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 16:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 226 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 16:

Met Val His Pro Asn Met Leu Lys Thr Leu Ala Pro Leu Ile Ile Leu	
1 5 10 15	
Ala Ala Ser Val Thr Ala Gln Thr Ala Gly Val Thr Thr Arg Tyr Trp	
20 25 30	
Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro Ser Cys Gly Trp Ser Gly Lys Ala Ser Val Ser	
35 40 45	
Ala Pro Val Arg Thr Cys Asp Arg Asn Gly Asn Thr Leu Gly Pro Asp	
50 55 60	
Val Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Ser Gly Gly Thr Ser Phe Thr Cys Ala Asn	
65 70 75 80	
Asn Gly Pro Phe Ala Ile Asp Asn Asn Thr Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala	

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	85		90		95	
Ala His Leu	Ala Gly Ser Ser Glu	Ala Ala Trp Cys Cys Gln Cys Tyr				
	100		105		110	
Glu Leu Thr	Phe Thr Ser Gly Pro Val Val Gly Lys Lys Leu Thr Val					
	115		120		125	
Gln Val Thr	Asn Thr Gly Gly Asp Leu Gly Asn Asn His Phe Asp Leu					
	130		135		140	
Met Ile Pro	Gly Gly Gly Val Gly Leu Phe Thr Gln Gly Cys Pro Ala					
	145		150		155	160
Gln Phe Gly	Ser Trp Asn Gly Gly Ala Gln Tyr Gly Gly Val Ser Ser					
	165		170		175	
Arg Asp Gln	Cys Ser Gln Leu Pro Ala Ala Val Gln Ala Gly Cys Gln					
	180		185		190	
Phe Arg Phe	Asp Trp Met Gly Gly Ala Asp Asn Pro Asn Val Thr Phe					
	195		200		205	
Arg Pro Val	Thr Cys Pro Ala Gln Leu Thr Asn Ile Ser Gly Cys Val					
	210		215		220	
Arg Lys						
225						

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 17:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 1048 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 - (B) LOCATION: 13..906

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 17:

GACTTGGAAC CA ATG GTC CAT CCA AAC ATG CTT AAA ACG CTC GCT CCA	48
Met Val His Pro Asn Met Leu Lys Thr Leu Ala Pro	
230 235	
TTG ATC ATC TTG GCC GCC TCG GTC ACA GCG CAA ACA GCA GGA GTT ACG	96
Leu Ile Ile Leu Ala Ala Ser Val Thr Ala Gln Thr Ala Gly Val Thr	
240 245 250	
ACC CGC TAC TGG GAC TGC TGC AAG CCA AGC TGT GGA TGG AGT GGA AAG	144
Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro Ser Cys Gly Trp Ser Gly Lys	
255 260 265 270	
GCT TCT GTT TCT GCT CCA GTC AGA ACT TGC GAT CGT AAT GGA AAT ACA	192
Ala Ser Val Ser Ala Pro Val Arg Thr Cys Asp Arg Asn Gly Asn Thr	
275 280 285	
CTT GGC CCA GAC GTG AAA AGC GGA TGT GAT AGC GGT GGA ACG TCA TTC	240
Leu Gly Pro Asp Val Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Ser Gly Gly Thr Ser Phe	
290 295 300	
ACT TGC GCG AAC AAT GGT CCA TTT GCG ATT GAC AAT AAC ACT GCA TAT	288
Thr Cys Ala Ala Asn Asn Gly Pro Phe Ala Ile Asp Asn Asn Thr Ala Tyr	
305 310 315	
GGT TTT GCT GCA GCC CAC TTA GCG GGC TCT AGC GAA GCA GCC TGG TGT	336
Gly Phe Ala Ala Ala His Leu Ala Gly Ser Ser Glu Ala Ala Trp Cys	
320 325 330	
TGC CAG TGC TAC GAA TTG ACG TTT ACG AGT GGA CCC GTA GTT GGG AAG	384
Cys Gln Cys Tyr Glu Leu Thr Phe Thr Ser Gly Pro Val Val Gly Lys	

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Val Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Ser Gly Gly Thr Ser Phe Thr Cys Ala Asn
 65 70 75 80

Asn Gly Pro Phe Ala Ile Asp Asn Asn Thr Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala
 85 90 95

Ala His Leu Ala Gly Ser Ser Glu Ala Ala Trp Cys Cys Gln Cys Tyr
 100 105 110

Glu Leu Thr Phe Thr Ser Gly Pro Val Val Gly Lys Lys Leu Thr Val
 115 120 125

Gln Val Thr Asn Thr Gly Gly Asp Leu Gly Asn Asn His Phe Asp Leu
 130 135 140

Met Ile Pro Gly Gly Gly Val Gly Leu Phe Thr Gln Gly Cys Pro Ala
 145 150 155 160

Gln Phe Gly Ser Trp Asn Gly Gly Ala Gln Tyr Gly Gly Val Ser Ser
 165 170 175

Arg Asp Gln Cys Ser Gln Leu Pro Ala Ala Val Gln Ala Gly Cys Gln
 180 185 190

Phe Arg Phe Asp Trp Met Gly Gly Ala Asp Asn Pro Asn Val Thr Phe
 195 200 205

Arg Pro Val Thr Cys Pro Ala Gln Leu Thr Asn Ile Ser Gly Cys Val
 210 215 220

Arg Lys Pro Ser Ser Ser Thr Ser Ser Pro Val Asn Gln Pro Thr Ser
 225 230 235 240

Thr Ser Thr Thr Ser Thr Ser Thr Thr Ser Ser Pro Pro Val Gln Pro
 245 250 255

Thr Thr Pro Ser Gly Cys Thr Ala Glu Arg Trp Ala Gln Cys Gly Gly
 260 265 270

Asn Gly Trp Ser Gly Cys Thr Thr Cys Val Ala Gly Ser Thr Cys Thr
 275 280 285

Lys Ile Asn Asp Trp Tyr His Gln Cys Leu
 290 295

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 19:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 1031 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 - (B) LOCATION: 11..889

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 19:

CCATCCAAC ATG CTT AAA ACG CTC GCT CCA TTG ATC ATC TTG GCC GCC 49
 Met Leu Lys Thr Leu Ala Pro Leu Ile Ile Leu Ala Ala
 300 305 310

TCG GTC ACA GCG CAA ACA GCA GGA GTT ACG ACC CGC TAC TGG GAC TGC 97
 Ser Val Thr Ala Gln Thr Ala Gly Val Thr Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys
 315 320 325

TGC AAG CCA AGC TGT GGA TGG AGT GGA AAG GCT TCT GTT TCT GCT CCA 145
 Cys Lys Pro Ser Cys Gly Trp Ser Gly Lys Ala Ser Val Ser Ala Pro
 330 335 340

GTC AGA ACT TGC GAT CGT AAT GGA AAT ACA CTT GGC CCA GAC GTG AAA 193
 Val Arg Thr Cys Asp Arg Asn Gly Asn Thr Leu Gly Pro Asp Val Lys

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345	350	355	
AGC GGA TGT GAT AGC GGT GGA ACG TCA TTC ACT TGC GCG AAC AAT GGT Ser Gly Cys Asp Ser Gly Gly Thr Ser Phe Thr Cys Ala Asn Asn Gly 360 365 370 375			241
CCA TTT GCG ATT GAC AAT AAC ACT GCA TAT GGT TTT GCT GCA GCC CAC Pro Phe Ala Ile Asp Asn Asn Thr Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Ala His 380 385 390			289
TTA GCG GGC TCT AGC GAA GCA GCC TGG TGT TGC CAG TGC TAC GAA TTG Leu Ala Gly Ser Ser Glu Ala Ala Trp Cys Cys Gln Cys Tyr Glu Leu 395 400 405			337
ACG TTT ACG AGT GGA CCC GTA GTT GGG AAG AAA CTG ACC GTT CAA GTC Thr Phe Thr Ser Gly Pro Val Val Gly Lys Lys Leu Thr Val Gln Val 410 415 420			385
ACA AAC ACG GGA GGT GAC CTC GGA AAT AAT CAC TTT GAC CTG ATG ATC Thr Asn Thr Gly Gly Asp Leu Gly Asn Asn His Phe Asp Leu Met Ile 425 430 435			433
CCC GGT GGA GGT GTT GGC CTC TTC ACA CAA GGA TGT CCT GCT CAG TTT Pro Gly Gly Gly Val Gly Leu Phe Thr Gln Gly Cys Pro Ala Gln Phe 440 445 450 455			481
GGG AGC TGG AAC GGG GGT GCT CAA TAC GGG GGT GTG TCC AGC CGT GAC Gly Ser Trp Asn Gly Gly Ala Gln Tyr Gly Gly Val Ser Ser Arg Asp 460 465 470			529
CAA TGC TCC CAA CTT CCA GCA GCT GTG CAA GCT GGA TGT CAA TTC CGT Gln Cys Ser Gln Leu Pro Ala Ala Val Gln Ala Gly Cys Gln Phe Arg 475 480 485			577
TTC GAC TGG ATG GGT GGC GCG GAT AAC CCC AAC GTC ACC TTC CGA CCT Phe Asp Trp Met Gly Gly Ala Asp Asn Pro Asn Val Thr Phe Arg Pro 490 495 500			625
GTG ACC TGC CCA GCG CAG CTC ACT AAT ATC TCG GGC TGT GTT CGT AAA Val Thr Cys Pro Ala Gln Leu Thr Asn Ile Ser Gly Cys Val Arg Lys 505 510 515			673
CCC TCC AGC AGC ACC AGC TCT CCG GTC AAC CAG CCT ACC AGC ACC AGC Pro Ser Ser Ser Thr Ser Ser Pro Val Asn Gln Pro Thr Ser Thr Ser 520 525 530 535			721
ACC ACG TCC ACC TCC ACC ACC TCG AGC CCG CCA GTC CAG CCT ACG ACT Thr Thr Ser Thr Thr Thr Ser Ser Pro Pro Val Gln Pro Thr Thr 540 545 550			769
CCC AGC GGC TGC ACT GCT GAG AGG TGG GCT CAG TGC GGC GGC AAT GGC Pro Ser Gly Cys Thr Ala Glu Arg Trp Ala Gln Cys Gly Gly Asn Gly 555 560 565			817
TGG AGC GGC TGC ACC ACC TGC GTC GCT GGC AGC ACT TGC ACG AAG ATT Trp Ser Gly Cys Thr Thr Cys Val Ala Gly Ser Thr Cys Thr Lys Ile 570 575 580			865
AAT GAC TGG TAC CAT CAG TGC CTG TAGACGCAGG GCAGCTTGAG GGCCTTACTG Asn Asp Trp Tyr His Gln Cys Leu 585 590			919
GTGGCGCAAC GAAATGACAC TCCCAATCAC TGTATTAGTT CTTGTACATA ATTCGTCAT			979
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 20:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 293 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 20:

Met Leu Lys Thr Leu Ala Pro Leu Ile Ile Leu Ala Ala Ser Val Thr
 1 5 10 15

Ala Gln Thr Ala Gly Val Thr Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro
 20 25 30

Ser Cys Gly Trp Ser Gly Lys Ala Ser Val Ser Ala Pro Val Arg Thr
 35 40 45

Cys Asp Arg Asn Gly Asn Thr Leu Gly Pro Asp Val Lys Ser Gly Cys
 50 55 60

Asp Ser Gly Gly Thr Ser Phe Thr Cys Ala Asn Asn Gly Pro Phe Ala
 65 70 75 80

Ile Asp Asn Asn Thr Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Ala His Leu Ala Gly
 85 90 95

Ser Ser Glu Ala Ala Trp Cys Cys Gln Cys Tyr Glu Leu Thr Phe Thr
 100 105 110

Ser Gly Pro Val Val Gly Lys Lys Leu Thr Val Gln Val Thr Asn Thr
 115 120 125

Gly Gly Asp Leu Gly Asn Asn His Phe Asp Leu Met Ile Pro Gly Gly
 130 135 140

Gly Val Gly Leu Phe Thr Gln Gly Cys Pro Ala Gln Phe Gly Ser Trp
 145 150 155 160

Asn Gly Gly Ala Gln Tyr Gly Gly Val Ser Ser Arg Asp Gln Cys Ser
 165 170 175

Gln Leu Pro Ala Ala Val Gln Ala Gly Cys Gln Phe Arg Phe Asp Trp
 180 185 190

Met Gly Gly Ala Asp Asn Pro Asn Val Thr Phe Arg Pro Val Thr Cys
 195 200 205

Pro Ala Gln Leu Thr Asn Ile Ser Gly Cys Val Arg Lys Pro Ser Ser
 210 215 220

Ser Thr Ser Ser Pro Val Asn Gln Pro Thr Ser Thr Ser Thr Thr Ser
 225 230 235 240

Thr Ser Thr Thr Ser Ser Pro Pro Val Gln Pro Thr Thr Pro Ser Gly
 245 250 255

Cys Thr Ala Glu Arg Trp Ala Gln Cys Gly Gly Asn Gly Trp Ser Gly
 260 265 270

Cys Thr Thr Cys Val Ala Gly Ser Thr Cys Thr Lys Ile Asn Asp Trp
 275 280 285

Tyr His Gln Cys Leu
 290

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 21:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 1132 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 42..971

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 21:

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CAACAGTTCA AACACCTACA AGGTCCCGTG CCCTGTAGAC C ATG CGT TCC TCT	53
Met Arg Ser Ser	
295	
GCA GTC CTC ATC GGC CTC GTG GCC GGT GTG GCC GCC CAG TCC TCT GGC	101
Ala Val Leu Ile Gly Leu Val Ala Gly Val Ala Ala Gln Ser Ser Gly	
300 305 310	
ACC GGC CGC ACC ACC AGA TAC TGG GAC TGC TGC AAG CCG TCC TGC GGG	149
Thr Gly Arg Thr Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro Ser Cys Gly	
315 320 325	
TGG GAC GAA AAG GCC TCC GTC AGC CAG CCC GTC AAG ACG TGC GAT AGG	197
Trp Asp Glu Lys Ala Ser Val Ser Gln Pro Val Lys Thr Cys Asp Arg	
330 335 340 345	
AAC AAC AAC CCT CTC GCG TCC ACG GCC AGG AGC GGC TGC GAT TCC AAC	245
Asn Asn Asn Pro Leu Ala Ser Thr Ala Arg Ser Gly Cys Asp Ser Asn	
350 355 360	
GGC GTC GCC TAC ACG TGC AAC GAT AAC CAG CCG TGG GCT GTC AAC GAT	293
Gly Val Ala Tyr Thr Cys Asn Asp Asn Gln Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp	
365 370 375	
AAC CTG GCC TAT GGT TTT GCT GCC ACG GCT TTC AGT GGT GGA TCG GAG	341
Asn Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr Ala Phe Ser Gly Gly Ser Glu	
380 385 390	
GCC AGC TGG TGC TGT GCC TGC TAT GCC CTT CAG TTC ACC TCC GGC CCT	389
Ala Ser Trp Cys Cys Ala Cys Tyr Ala Leu Gln Phe Thr Ser Gly Pro	
395 400 405	
GTT GCG GGA AAG ACC ATG GTC GTC CAG TCG ACA AAC ACC GGC GGC GAC	437
Val Ala Gly Lys Thr Met Val Val Gln Ser Thr Asn Thr Gly Gly Asp	
410 415 420 425	
CTC AGC GGC AAC CAC TTT GAC ATC CTC ATG CCC GGC GGC GGC CTG GGC	485
Leu Ser Gly Asn His Phe Asp Ile Leu Met Pro Gly Gly Gly Leu Gly	
430 435 440	
ATC TTC GAC GGC TGC ACC CCG CAA TGG GGC GTC AGC TTC CCC GGA AAC	533
Ile Phe Asp Gly Cys Thr Pro Gln Trp Gly Val Ser Phe Pro Gly Asn	
445 450 455	
CGC TAC GGC GGC ACC ACC AGC CGC AGC CAG TGC TCC CAA ATC CCC TCG	581
Arg Tyr Gly Gly Thr Thr Ser Arg Ser Gln Cys Ser Gln Ile Pro Ser	
460 465 470	
GCC CTG CAG CCC GGC TGC AAC TGG CGG TAC GAC TGG TTC AAC GAC GCC	629
Ala Leu Gln Pro Gly Cys Asn Trp Arg Tyr Asp Trp Phe Asn Asp Ala	
475 480 485	
GAC AAC CCC GAC GTC TCG TGG CGC CGC GTC CAG TGC CCC GCC GCA CTC	677
Asp Asn Pro Asp Val Ser Trp Arg Arg Val Gln Cys Pro Ala Ala Leu	
490 495 500 505	
ACC GAC CGC ACC GGC TGC CGC CGC TCC GAT GAC GGG AAC TAT CCC GTC	725
Thr Asp Arg Thr Gly Cys Arg Arg Ser Asp Asp Gly Asn Tyr Pro Val	
510 515 520	
TTC CAG CCC GGT CCG CCC CCG GCC ACG ACG ATC AGG ACA TCG ACT ACC	773
Phe Gln Pro Gly Pro Pro Pro Ala Thr Thr Ile Arg Thr Ser Thr Thr	
525 530 535	
ATC ACA GCC TCA TCG TCG TCT TCG TCT TCG TCG TCG TCG ACT ACG GCT	821
Ile Thr Ala Ser Thr Thr Ala	
540 545 550	
GGT AGC CCG CCT GTG CCG ACT GGT GGT GGT AGT GGG CCA ACG TCG CCT	869
Gly Ser Pro Pro Val Pro Thr Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Pro Thr Ser Pro	
555 560 565	
GTC TGG GGA CAG TGC GGC GGT CAG GGA TGG AGT GGT CCT ACG CGT TGT	917
Val Trp Gly Gln Cys Gly Gly Gln Gly Trp Ser Gly Pro Thr Arg Cys	
570 575 580 585	

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Pro Thr Arg Cys Val Ala Gly Ser Thr Cys Ser Val Val Asn Pro Trp
 290 295 300

Tyr Ser Gln Cys Phe Pro
 305 310

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 23:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 885 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..882

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 23:

ATG TTC TCT CCG CTC TGG GCC CTG TCG GCT CTG CTC CTA TTT CCT GCC 48
 Met Phe Ser Pro Leu Trp Ala Leu Ser Ala Leu Leu Leu Phe Pro Ala
 315 320 325

ACT GAA GCC ACT AGC GGC GTG ACA ACC AGG TAC TGG GAC TGC TGC AAG 96
 Thr Glu Ala Thr Ser Gly Val Thr Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys
 330 335 340

CCG TCT TGT GCT TGG ACG GGC AAA GCA TCC GTC TCC AAG CCC GTC GGA 144
 Pro Ser Cys Ala Trp Thr Gly Lys Ala Ser Val Ser Lys Pro Val Gly
 345 350 355

ACC TGC GAC ATC AAC GAC AAC GCC CAG ACG CCG AGC GAT CTG CTC AAG 192
 Thr Cys Asp Ile Asn Asp Asn Ala Gln Thr Pro Ser Asp Leu Leu Lys
 360 365 370

TCG TCC TGT GAT GGC GGC AGC GCC TAC TAC TGC AGC AAC CAG GGC CCA 240
 Ser Ser Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Tyr Cys Ser Asn Gln Gly Pro
 375 380 385 390

TGG GCC GTG AAC GAC AGC CTT TCC TAC GGC TTC GCT GCC GCC AAG CTG 288
 Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Ser Leu Ser Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Ala Lys Leu
 395 400 405

TCC GGA AAG CAG GAG ACT GAT TGG TGC TGT GGC TGC TAC AAG CTC ACA 336
 Ser Gly Lys Gln Glu Thr Asp Trp Cys Cys Gly Cys Tyr Lys Leu Thr
 410 415 420

TTC ACC TCC ACC GCC GTT TCC GGC AAG CAA ATG ATC GTG CAA ATC ACG 384
 Phe Thr Ser Thr Ala Val Ser Gly Lys Gln Met Ile Val Gln Ile Thr
 425 430 435

AAC ACG GGC GGC GAC CTC GGC AAC AAC CAC TTC GAC ATC GCC ATG CCG 432
 Asn Thr Gly Gly Asp Leu Gly Asn Asn His Phe Asp Ile Ala Met Pro
 440 445 450

GGC GGC GGC GTC GGC ATC TTC AAC GGG TGC TCC AAG CAA TGG AAC GGC 480
 Gly Gly Gly Val Gly Ile Phe Asn Gly Cys Ser Lys Gln Trp Asn Gly
 455 460 465 470

ATC AAT CTG GGC AAC CAG TAT GGC GGC TTC ACT GAC CGC TCG CAA TGT 528
 Ile Asn Leu Gly Asn Gln Tyr Gly Gly Phe Thr Asp Arg Ser Gln Cys
 475 480 485

GCG ACG CTC CCG TCC AAG TGG CAG GCC AGC TGC AAC TGG CGC TTC GAC 576
 Ala Thr Leu Pro Ser Lys Trp Gln Ala Ser Cys Asn Trp Arg Phe Asp
 490 495 500

TGG TTC GAG AAT GCC GAC AAC CCC ACC GTC GAT TGG GAG CCT GTC ACT 624
 Trp Phe Glu Asn Ala Asp Asn Pro Thr Val Asp Trp Glu Pro Val Thr
 505 510 515

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TGC CCA CAG GAA TTG GTC GCC CGG ACT GGC TGT TCC CGT ACC CCC TCC	672
Cys Pro Gln Glu Leu Val Ala Arg Thr Gly Cys Ser Arg Thr Pro Ser	
520 525 530	
AGC AGC ACC AGC TCT CCG GTC AAC CAG CCT ACC AGC ACC AGC ACC ACG	720
Ser Ser Thr Ser Ser Pro Val Asn Gln Pro Thr Ser Thr Ser Thr Thr	
535 540 545 550	
TCC ACC TCC ACC ACC TCG AGC CCG CCA GTC CAG CCT ACG ACT CCC AGC	768
Ser Thr Ser Thr Thr Ser Ser Pro Pro Val Gln Pro Thr Thr Pro Ser	
555 560 565	
GGC TGC ACT GCT GAG AGG TGG GCT CAG TGC GGC GGC AAT GGC TGG AGC	816
Gly Cys Thr Ala Glu Arg Trp Ala Gln Cys Gly Gly Asn Gly Trp Ser	
570 575 580	
GGC TGC ACC ACC TGC GTC GCT GGC AGC ACT TGC ACG AAG ATT AAT GAC	864
Gly Cys Thr Thr Cys Val Ala Gly Ser Thr Cys Thr Lys Ile Asn Asp	
585 590 595	
TGG TAC CAT CAG TGC CTG TAG	885
Trp Tyr His Gln Cys Leu	
600	

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 24:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 294 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 24:

Met Phe Ser Pro Leu Trp Ala Leu Ser Ala Leu Leu Leu Phe Pro Ala	
1 5 10 15	
Thr Glu Ala Thr Ser Gly Val Thr Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys	
20 25 30	
Pro Ser Cys Ala Trp Thr Gly Lys Ala Ser Val Ser Lys Pro Val Gly	
35 40 45	
Thr Cys Asp Ile Asn Asp Asn Ala Gln Thr Pro Ser Asp Leu Leu Lys	
50 55 60	
Ser Ser Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Tyr Cys Ser Asn Gln Gly Pro	
65 70 75 80	
Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Ser Leu Ser Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Ala Lys Leu	
85 90 95	
Ser Gly Lys Gln Glu Thr Asp Trp Cys Cys Gly Cys Tyr Lys Leu Thr	
100 105 110	
Phe Thr Ser Thr Ala Val Ser Gly Lys Gln Met Ile Val Gln Ile Thr	
115 120 125	
Asn Thr Gly Gly Asp Leu Gly Asn Asn His Phe Asp Ile Ala Met Pro	
130 135 140	
Gly Gly Gly Val Gly Ile Phe Asn Gly Cys Ser Lys Gln Trp Asn Gly	
145 150 155 160	
Ile Asn Leu Gly Asn Gln Tyr Gly Gly Phe Thr Asp Arg Ser Gln Cys	
165 170 175	
Ala Thr Leu Pro Ser Lys Trp Gln Ala Ser Cys Asn Trp Arg Phe Asp	
180 185 190	
Trp Phe Glu Asn Ala Asp Asn Pro Thr Val Asp Trp Glu Pro Val Thr	
195 200 205	
Cys Pro Gln Glu Leu Val Ala Arg Thr Gly Cys Ser Arg Thr Pro Ser	

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 26:

Met Arg Ser Ser Thr Ile Leu Gln Thr Gly Leu Val Ala Val Leu Pro
 1 5 10 15
 Phe Ala Val Gln Ala Ala Ser Gly Ser Gly Lys Ser Thr Arg Tyr Trp
 20 25 30
 Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro Ser Cys Ala Trp Ser Gly Lys Ala Ser Val Asn
 35 40 45
 Arg Pro Val Leu Ala Cys Asn Ala Asn Asn Asn Pro Leu Asn Asp Ala
 50 55 60
 Asn Val Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Thr Cys Ala Asn
 65 70 75 80
 Asn Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Asn Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala
 85 90 95
 Thr Lys Leu Ser Gly Gly Thr Glu Ser Ser Trp Cys Cys Ala Cys Tyr
 100 105 110
 Ala Leu Thr Phe Thr Ser Gly Pro Val Ser Gly Lys Thr Leu Val Val
 115 120 125
 Gln Ser Thr Ser Thr Gly Gly Asp Leu Gly
 130 135

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 27:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 108 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..108

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 27:

TCG GCT TGC GAT AAC GGT GGT GGC ACT GCA TAC ATG TGT GCC AGC CAG 48
 Ser Ala Cys Asp Asn Gly Gly Gly Thr Ala Tyr Met Cys Ala Ser Gln
 140 145 150
 GAG CCG TGG GCA GTG AGC TCC AAC GTC GCG TAC GGC TTT GCT GCA GTT 96
 Glu Pro Trp Ala Val Ser Ser Asn Val Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Val
 155 160 165 170
 AGA ATC AGC GGA 108
 Arg Ile Ser Gly

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 28:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 36 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 28:

Ser Ala Cys Asp Asn Gly Gly Gly Thr Ala Tyr Met Cys Ala Ser Gln
 1 5 10 15

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Glu Pro Trp Ala Val Ser Ser Asn Val Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Val
 20 25 30

Arg Ile Ser Gly
 35

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 29:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 99 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..99

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 29:

GCC TGC AAC GCA AAC TTC CAG CGC ATC AGT GAC CCC AAC GCC AAG TCG 48
 Ala Cys Asn Ala Asn Phe Gln Arg Ile Ser Asp Pro Asn Ala Lys Ser
 40 45 50

GGC TGC GAT GGT GGC TCG GCC TTC TCT TGC GCC AAA CAA ACC CCT TGG 96
 Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Ser Cys Ala Lys Gln Thr Pro Trp
 55 60 65

GCC 99
 Ala

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 30:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 33 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 30:

Ala Cys Asn Ala Asn Phe Gln Arg Ile Ser Asp Pro Asn Ala Lys Ser
 1 5 10 15

Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Ser Cys Ala Lys Gln Thr Pro Trp
 20 25 30

Ala

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 31:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 225 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..225

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 31:

GAC CAG CCG CTC GGC GGA CAA CGG ACG CGA CCA AGG AGC GCG TGC GAC 48
 Asp Gln Pro Leu Gly Gly Gln Arg Thr Arg Pro Arg Ser Ala Cys Asp
 35 40 45

AAT GGC GGC TCT GCA TAC ATG TGC AGC AAC CAG AGC CCG TGG GCC GTC 96

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Asn Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Met Cys Ser Asn Gln Ser Pro Trp Ala Val
 50          55          60          65
GAC GAT TCT CTC AGT TAC GGA TGG GCT GCC GTT AGG ATC TAT GGA CAT    144
Asp Asp Ser Leu Ser Tyr Gly Trp Ala Ala Val Arg Ile Tyr Gly His
          70          75          80
ACC GAA ACT ACT TGG TGC TGC GCT TGC TAC GAG TTG ACT TTT ACC AGC    192
Thr Glu Thr Thr Trp Cys Cys Ala Cys Tyr Glu Leu Thr Phe Thr Ser
          85          90          95
GGT CCG GTT AGC GGC AAG AAG ATG ATT GTT CAG    225
Gly Pro Val Ser Gly Lys Lys Met Ile Val Gln
          100          105

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 32:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 75 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 32:

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Asp Gln Pro Leu Gly Gly Gln Arg Thr Arg Pro Arg Ser Ala Cys Asp
 1          5          10          15
Asn Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Met Cys Ser Asn Gln Ser Pro Trp Ala Val
          20          25          30
Asp Asp Ser Leu Ser Tyr Gly Trp Ala Ala Val Arg Ile Tyr Gly His
          35          40          45
Thr Glu Thr Thr Trp Cys Cys Ala Cys Tyr Glu Leu Thr Phe Thr Ser
          50          55          60
Gly Pro Val Ser Gly Lys Lys Met Ile Val Gln
          65          70          75

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 33:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 177 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..177

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 33:

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AGA AAC GAC AAC CCC ATC TCC AAC ACC AAC GCT GTC AAC GGT TGT GAG    48
Arg Asn Asp Asn Pro Ile Ser Asn Thr Asn Ala Val Asn Gly Cys Glu
          80          85          90
GGT GGT GGT TCT GCT TAT GCT TGC ACC AAC TAC TCT CCC TGG GCT GTC    96
Gly Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Ala Cys Thr Asn Tyr Ser Pro Trp Ala Val
          95          100          105
AAC GAT GAG CTT GCC TAC GGT TTC GCT GCT ACC AAG ATC TCC GGT GGC    144
Asn Asp Glu Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr Lys Ile Ser Gly Gly
          110          115          120
TCC GAG GCC AGC TGG TGC TGT GCC TGC TAT CTA    177
Ser Glu Ala Ser Trp Cys Cys Ala Cys Tyr Leu
          125          130

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(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 1..177

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 37:

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AAC CAG CCT GTC TTC ACT TGC GAC GCC AAA TTC CAG CGC ATC ACC GAC      48
Asn Gln Pro Val Phe Thr Cys Asp Ala Lys Phe Gln Arg Ile Thr Asp
          25                      30                      35

CCC AAT ACC AAG TCG GGC TGC GAT GGC GGC TCG GCC TTT TCG TGT GCT      96
Pro Asn Thr Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Ser Cys Ala
          40                      45                      50

GAC CAA ACC CCC TGG GCT CTG AAC GAC GAT TTC GCC TAT GGC TTC GCT     144
Asp Gln Thr Pro Trp Ala Leu Asn Asp Asp Phe Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala
          55                      60                      65

GCC ACG GCT ATT TCG GGT GGA TCG GAA GCC TCG                          177
Ala Thr Ala Ile Ser Gly Gly Ser Glu Ala Ser
          70                      75                      80

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 38:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 59 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 38:

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Asn Gln Pro Val Phe Thr Cys Asp Ala Lys Phe Gln Arg Ile Thr Asp
  1                      5                      10                      15

Pro Asn Thr Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Ser Cys Ala
          20                      25                      30

Asp Gln Thr Pro Trp Ala Leu Asn Asp Asp Phe Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala
          35                      40                      45

Ala Thr Ala Ile Ser Gly Gly Ser Glu Ala Ser
          50                      55

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 39:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 153 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 1..153

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 39:

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GTC TAC GCC TGC AAC GCA AAC TTC CAG CGC ATC ACC GAC GCC AAC GCC      48
Val Tyr Ala Cys Asn Ala Asn Phe Gln Arg Ile Thr Asp Ala Asn Ala
          60                      65                      70                      75

AAG TCC GGC TGC GAT GGC GGC TCC GCC TTC TCG TGC GCC AAC CAG ACC      96
Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Ser Cys Ala Asn Gln Thr
          80                      85                      90

CCG TGG GCC GTG AGC GAC GAC TTT GCC TAC GGT TTC GCG GCT ACG GCG     144
Pro Trp Ala Val Ser Asp Asp Phe Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr Ala
          95                      100                      105

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CTC GCC GGC 153
 Leu Ala Gly
 110

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 40:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 51 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 40:

Val Tyr Ala Cys Asn Ala Asn Phe Gln Arg Ile Thr Asp Ala Asn Ala 48
 1 5 10 15
 Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Ser Cys Ala Asn Gln Thr 96
 20 25 30
 Pro Trp Ala Val Ser Asp Asp Phe Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr Ala 144
 35 40 45
 Leu Ala Gly 180
 50

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 41:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 180 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..180

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 41:

GTC AAC CGC CCT GTC CTC GCC TGC GAC GCA AAC AAC AAC CCT CTG ACC 48
 Val Asn Arg Pro Val Leu Ala Cys Asp Ala Asn Asn Asn Pro Leu Thr
 55 60 65
 GAC GCC GGC GTC AAG TCC GGA TGT GAT GGC GGT TCT GCA TAC ACC TGT 96
 Asp Ala Gly Val Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Thr Cys
 70 75 80
 GCC AAC AAC TCC CCA TGG GCA GTG AAC GAC CAG CTC GCC TAC GGC TTT 144
 Ala Asn Asn Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Gln Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe
 85 90 95
 GCC GCC ACC AAA CTG AGC GGC GGA ACT GAG TCG TCA 180
 Ala Ala Thr Lys Leu Ser Gly Gly Thr Glu Ser Ser
 100 105 110

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 42:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 60 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 42:

Val Asn Arg Pro Val Leu Ala Cys Asp Ala Asn Asn Asn Pro Leu Thr
 1 5 10 15

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Asp Ala Gly Val Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Thr Cys
 20 25 30

Ala Asn Asn Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Gln Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe
 35 40 45

Ala Ala Thr Lys Leu Ser Gly Gly Thr Glu Ser Ser
 50 55 60

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 43:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 63 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..63

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 43:

GGC TGC GAC GGC GGC AGC GCC TTC ACC TGC TCC AAC AAC TCT CCA TGG 48
 Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Thr Cys Ser Asn Asn Ser Pro Trp
 65 70 75

GCT GTG AAC GAA GAT 63
 Ala Val Asn Glu Asp
 80

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 44:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 21 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 44:

Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Thr Cys Ser Asn Asn Ser Pro Trp
 1 5 10 15

Ala Val Asn Glu Asp
 20

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 45:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 153 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..153

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 45:

ACA AGA AAC GAC GGG CCC CTG TCC AGC CCC GAT GCC GCC TCC GGC TGT 48
 Thr Arg Asn Asp Gly Pro Leu Ser Ser Pro Asp Ala Ala Ser Gly Cys
 25 30 35

GAT GGC GGC GAA GCC TTT GCC TGT TCT AAT ACC TCG CCT TGG GCC GTC 96
 Asp Gly Gly Glu Ala Phe Ala Cys Ser Asn Thr Ser Pro Trp Ala Val
 40 45 50

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AGC GAC CAG CTC GCG TAC GGA TAC GTC GCC ACG TCC ATC TCC GGC GGC      144
Ser Asp Gln Leu Ala Tyr Gly Tyr Val Ala Thr Ser Ile Ser Gly Gly
      55                60                65

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ACC GAG TCA      153
Thr Glu Ser
      70

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 46:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
    (A) LENGTH: 51 amino acids
    (B) TYPE: amino acid
    (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 46:

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Thr Arg Asn Asp Gly Pro Leu Ser Ser Pro Asp Ala Ala Ser Gly Cys
  1                5                10                15

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Asp Gly Gly Glu Ala Phe Ala Cys Ser Asn Thr Ser Pro Trp Ala Val
      20                25                30

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Ser Asp Gln Leu Ala Tyr Gly Tyr Val Ala Thr Ser Ile Ser Gly Gly
      35                40                45

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Thr Glu Ser
      50

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 47:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
    (A) LENGTH: 159 base pairs
    (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
    (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
    (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:

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    (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
    (B) LOCATION: 1..159

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 47:

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GTC CGA ACG TGT AGT GCC AAC GAC TCG CCC TTG TCC GAC CCA AAT GCC      48
Val Arg Thr Cys Ser Ala Asn Asp Ser Pro Leu Ser Asp Pro Asn Ala
      55                60                65

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CCA AGT GGG TGT GAC GGT GGT AGC GCC TTC ACT TGT TCC AAC AAC TCC      96
Pro Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Thr Cys Ser Asn Asn Ser
      70                75                80

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CCG TGG GCA GTC GAT GAC CAG ACA GCT TAT GGC TTT GCG GCA ACA GCC      144
Pro Trp Ala Val Asp Asp Gln Thr Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr Ala
      85                90                95

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ATC AGT GGC CAG TCC      159
Ile Ser Gly Gln Ser
      100

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 48:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
    (A) LENGTH: 53 amino acids
    (B) TYPE: amino acid
    (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 48:

Val Arg Thr Cys Ser Ala Asn Asp Ser Pro Leu Ser Asp Pro Asn Ala
 1 5 10 15
 Pro Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Thr Cys Ser Asn Asn Ser
 20 25 30
 Pro Trp Ala Val Asp Asp Gln Thr Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr Ala
 35 40 45
 Ile Ser Gly Gln Ser
 50

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 49:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 153 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..153

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 49:

TGT GAG AAG AAC GAC AAC CCC TTA GCT GAC TTC AGC ACG AAA TCC GGG 48
 Cys Glu Lys Asn Asp Asn Pro Leu Ala Asp Phe Ser Thr Lys Ser Gly
 55 60 65
 TGT GAA AGC GGA GGT TCG GCT TAT ACG TGT AAC AAC CAA TCA CCA TGG 96
 Cys Glu Ser Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Thr Cys Asn Asn Gln Ser Pro Trp
 70 75 80 85
 GCC GTC AAT GAC TTG GTG TCG TAT GGC TTC GCC GCC ACA GCG ATC AAT 144
 Ala Val Asn Asp Leu Val Ser Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr Ala Ile Asn
 90 95 100
 GGT GGC AAT 153
 Gly Gly Asn

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 50:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 51 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 50:

Cys Glu Lys Asn Asp Asn Pro Leu Ala Asp Phe Ser Thr Lys Ser Gly
 1 5 10 15
 Cys Glu Ser Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Thr Cys Asn Asn Gln Ser Pro Trp
 20 25 30
 Ala Val Asn Asp Leu Val Ser Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr Ala Ile Asn
 35 40 45
 Gly Gly Asn
 50

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 51:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 171 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid

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(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 1..171

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 51:

AGC CGC CCC GTC GGA ACC TGC AAG AGG AAC GAC AAC CCC CTC TCC GAC 48
Ser Arg Pro Val Gly Thr Cys Lys Arg Asn Asp Asn Pro Leu Ser Asp
55 60 65

CCC GAT GCC AAG TCC GGC TGC GAC GGC GGC GGC GCC TTC ATG TGC TCC 96
Pro Asp Ala Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Gly Ala Phe Met Cys Ser
70 75 80

ACC CAG CAG CCG TGG GCC GTC AAC GAC AAT CTG GCA TAT GGC TTC GCC 144
Thr Gln Gln Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Asn Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala
85 90 95

GCC ACG GCC ATC AGC GGC GGC AAC GAG 171
Ala Thr Ala Ile Ser Gly Gly Asn Glu
100 105

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 52:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 57 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 52:

Ser Arg Pro Val Gly Thr Cys Lys Arg Asn Asp Asn Pro Leu Ser Asp
1 5 10 15

Pro Asp Ala Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Gly Ala Phe Met Cys Ser
20 25 30

Thr Gln Gln Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Asn Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala
35 40 45

Ala Thr Ala Ile Ser Gly Gly Asn Glu
50 55

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 53:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 159 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 1..159

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 53:

ACT TGC AAC AAG AAC GAC GGG CCC CTG TCC AGC CCC GAT GCC GCC TCC 48
Thr Cys Asn Lys Asn Asp Gly Pro Leu Ser Ser Pro Asp Ala Ala Ser
60 65 70

GGC TGT GAT GGC GGC GAA GCC TTT GCC TGT TCT AAT ACC TCG CCT TGG 96
Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Glu Ala Phe Ala Cys Ser Asn Thr Ser Pro Trp
75 80 85

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GCC GTC AGC GAC CAG CTC GCG TAC GGA TAC CTC GCC ACG TCC ATC TCC 144
 Ala Val Ser Asp Gln Leu Ala Tyr Gly Tyr Leu Ala Thr Ser Ile Ser
 90 95 100 105

GGC GGC ACC GAG TCG 159
 Gly Gly Thr Glu Ser
 110

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 54:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 53 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 54:

Thr Cys Asn Lys Asn Asp Gly Pro Leu Ser Ser Pro Asp Ala Ala Ser
 1 5 10 15

Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Glu Ala Phe Ala Cys Ser Asn Thr Ser Pro Trp
 20 25 30

Ala Val Ser Asp Gln Leu Ala Tyr Gly Tyr Leu Ala Thr Ser Ile Ser
 35 40 45

Gly Gly Thr Glu Ser
 50

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 55:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 84 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..84

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 55:

CCA GTT TTC TCC TGT GAC AAG TAC GAC AAC CCT CTA CCT GAC GCC AAT 48
 Pro Val Phe Ser Cys Asp Lys Tyr Asp Asn Pro Leu Pro Asp Ala Asn
 55 60 65

GCT GTG TCC GGG TGT GAC CCC GGA GGT ACT GCC TTC 84
 Ala Val Ser Gly Cys Asp Pro Gly Gly Thr Ala Phe
 70 75 80

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 56:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 28 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 56:

Pro Val Phe Ser Cys Asp Lys Tyr Asp Asn Pro Leu Pro Asp Ala Asn
 1 5 10 15

Ala Val Ser Gly Cys Asp Pro Gly Gly Thr Ala Phe
 20 25

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 57:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 147 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..147

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 57:

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ACC TGC GAC GCC TGC GAC AGC CCC CTC AGC GAC TAC GAC GCC AAG TCC      48
Thr Cys Asp Ala Cys Asp Ser Pro Leu Ser Asp Tyr Asp Ala Lys Ser
   30                               35                               40

GGC TGC GAC GGC GGT AGC GCA TAC ACC TGC ACC TAC TCT ACC CCC TGG      96
Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Thr Cys Thr Tyr Ser Thr Pro Trp
   45                               50                               55                               60

GCC GTC GAC GAC AAC CTC TCC TAC GGT TTC GCC GCC GCC AAG CTG AGC     144
Ala Val Asp Asp Asn Leu Ser Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Ala Lys Leu Ser
           65                               70                               75

GGA
Gly
  
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 58:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 49 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 58:

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Thr Cys Asp Ala Cys Asp Ser Pro Leu Ser Asp Tyr Asp Ala Lys Ser
  1                               5                               10                               15

Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Thr Cys Thr Tyr Ser Thr Pro Trp
           20                               25                               30

Ala Val Asp Asp Asn Leu Ser Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Ala Lys Leu Ser
   35                               40                               45

Gly
  
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 59:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 135 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..135

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 59:

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CCA CTA GCA GAT TTC ACC GGT GGA ACC GGC TGT AAT GGC GGT TCG ACA      48
Pro Leu Ala Asp Phe Thr Gly Gly Thr Gly Cys Asn Gly Gly Ser Thr
   50                               55                               60                               65

TTC TCA TGC TCA AAC CAA CAA CCA TGG GCG GTC AAC GAC ACA TTC TCG      96
  
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Phe Ser Cys Ser Asn Gln Gln Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Thr Phe Ser
      70              75              80

TAC GGC TTT GCG GGC ATC TTT ATC ACA GGC CAT GTC GAG      135
Tyr Gly Phe Ala Gly Ile Phe Ile Thr Gly His Val Glu
      85              90

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 60:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
    (A) LENGTH: 45 amino acids
    (B) TYPE: amino acid
    (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 60:

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Pro Leu Ala Asp Phe Thr Gly Gly Thr Gly Cys Asn Gly Gly Ser Thr
  1          5          10          15

Phe Ser Cys Ser Asn Gln Gln Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Thr Phe Ser
      20          25          30

Tyr Gly Phe Ala Gly Ile Phe Ile Thr Gly His Val Glu
      35          40          45

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 61:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
    (A) LENGTH: 114 base pairs
    (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
    (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
    (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:

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    (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
    (B) LOCATION: 1..114

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 61:

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GCC AAA TCT GGA TGT GAT GCT GGT GGA GGT CAA GCC TAC ATG TGC TCC      48
Ala Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Ala Gly Gly Gly Gln Ala Tyr Met Cys Ser
      50          55          60

AAC CAA CAA CCT TGG GTA GTC AAC GAC AAC CTC GCC TAC GGT TTC GCC      96
Asn Gln Gln Pro Trp Val Val Asn Asp Asn Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala
      65          70          75

GCA GTC AAC ATT GCC GGC      114
Ala Val Asn Ile Ala Gly
      80

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 62:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
    (A) LENGTH: 38 amino acids
    (B) TYPE: amino acid
    (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 62:

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Ala Lys Ser Gly Cys Asp Ala Gly Gly Gly Gln Ala Tyr Met Cys Ser
  1          5          10          15

Asn Gln Gln Pro Trp Val Val Asn Asp Asn Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala
      20          25          30

Ala Val Asn Ile Ala Gly

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 63:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 113 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 2..112

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 63:

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T TCG ACG TCC GGG TGC GAC AAT GGC GGC AGC GCC TTC ATG TGC TCT      46
  Ser Thr Ser Gly Cys Asp Asn Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Met Cys Ser
    40                45                50

AAC CAA AGC CCC TGG GCC GTC AAC GAC GAT CTG GCC TAC GGC TGG GCC      94
  Asn Gln Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Asp Leu Ala Tyr Gly Trp Ala
    55                60                65

GCC GTC TCA ATC GCG GGC C      113
  Ala Val Ser Ile Ala Gly
    70                75

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 64:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 37 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 64:

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Ser Thr Ser Gly Cys Asp Asn Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Met Cys Ser Asn
  1                5                10                15

Gln Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Asp Leu Ala Tyr Gly Trp Ala Ala
    20                25                30

Val Ser Ile Ala Gly
    35

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 65:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 177 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..177

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 65:

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TCA ACA CCG GTG CAG ACG TGC GAC CGC AAC GAC AAC CCG CTC TAC GAC      48
  Ser Thr Pro Val Gln Thr Cys Asp Arg Asn Asp Asn Pro Leu Tyr Asp
    40                45                50

GGC GGC TCG ACG CGG TCC GGC TGC GAC GCC GGC GGC GGC GCC TAC ATG      96
  Gly Gly Ser Thr Arg Ser Gly Cys Asp Ala Gly Gly Gly Ala Tyr Met
    55                60                65

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TGC TCG TCG CAC AGC CCG TGG GCC GTC AGC GAC AGC CTC TCG TAC GGC 144
 Cys Ser Ser His Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Ser Asp Ser Leu Ser Tyr Gly
 70 75 80 85

TGG GCG GCC GTC CGC ATC GCC GGC CAG TCC GAG 177
 Trp Ala Ala Val Arg Ile Ala Gly Gln Ser Glu
 90 95

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 66:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 59 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 66:

Ser Thr Pro Val Gln Thr Cys Asp Arg Asn Asp Asn Pro Leu Tyr Asp
 1 5 10 15

Gly Gly Ser Thr Arg Ser Gly Cys Asp Ala Gly Gly Gly Ala Tyr Met
 20 25 30

Cys Ser Ser His Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Ser Asp Ser Leu Ser Tyr Gly
 35 40 45

Trp Ala Ala Val Arg Ile Ala Gly Gln Ser Glu
 50 55

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 67:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 150 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..150

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 67:

AAC GAC AAC CCC ATC TCC AAC ACC AAC GCT GTC AAC GGT TGT GAG GGT 48
 Asn Asp Asn Pro Ile Ser Asn Thr Asn Ala Val Asn Gly Cys Glu Gly
 60 65 70 75

GGT GGT TCT GCT TAC GCT TGC TCC AAC TAC TCT CCC TGG GCT GTC AAC 96
 Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Ala Cys Ser Asn Tyr Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Asn
 80 85 90

GAT GAC CTT GCC TAC GGT TTC GCT GTT ACC AAG ATC TCC GGT GGC TCC 144
 Asp Asp Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Val Thr Lys Ile Ser Gly Gly Ser
 95 100 105

GAG GCC 150
 Glu Ala

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 68:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 50 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 68:

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Asn Asp Asn Pro Ile Ser Asn Thr Asn Ala Val Asn Gly Cys Glu Gly
 1 5 10 15

Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Ala Cys Ser Asn Tyr Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Asn
 20 25 30

Asp Asp Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Val Thr Lys Ile Ser Gly Gly Ser
 35 40 45

Glu Ala
 50

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 69:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 180 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..180

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 69:

GTC AAT CAG CCC ATC CGA ACG TGT AGT GCC AAC GAC TCG CCC TTG TCC 48
 Val Asn Gln Pro Ile Arg Thr Cys Ser Ala Asn Asp Ser Pro Leu Ser
 55 60 65

GAC CCA AAT ACC CCA AGT GGC TGT GAC GGT GGT AGC GCC TTC ACT TGT 96
 Asp Pro Asn Thr Pro Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Thr Cys
 70 75 80

TCC AAC AAC TCC CCG TGG GCA GTC GAT GAC CAG ACA GCT TAT GGC TTT 144
 Ser Asn Asn Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Asp Asp Gln Thr Ala Tyr Gly Phe
 85 90 95

GCG GCA ACA GCC ATC AGT GGC CAG TCC GAG AGC AGC 180
 Ala Ala Thr Ala Ile Ser Gly Gln Ser Glu Ser Ser
 100 105 110

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 70:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 60 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 70:

Val Asn Gln Pro Ile Arg Thr Cys Ser Ala Asn Asp Ser Pro Leu Ser
 1 5 10 15

Asp Pro Asn Thr Pro Ser Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Thr Cys
 20 25 30

Ser Asn Asn Ser Pro Trp Ala Val Asp Asp Gln Thr Ala Tyr Gly Phe
 35 40 45

Ala Ala Thr Ala Ile Ser Gly Gln Ser Glu Ser Ser
 50 55 60

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 71:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 159 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid

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(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 1..159

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 71:

ACC TGC GAC AAG AAG GAC AAC CCC ATC TCT GAT GCC AAC GCC AAG AGC 48
 Thr Cys Asp Lys Lys Asp Asn Pro Ile Ser Asp Ala Asn Ala Lys Ser
 65 70 75

GGC TGT GAT GGC GGT TCT GCT TTC GCC TGC ACC AAC TAC TCT CCC TTC 96
 Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Ala Cys Thr Asn Tyr Ser Pro Phe
 80 85 90

GCC GTC AAC GAC AAC CTC GCC TAC GGT TTC GCT GCC ACC AAG CTT GCT 144
 Ala Val Asn Asp Asn Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr Lys Leu Ala
 95 100 105

GGA GGC TCC GAG GCT 159
 Gly Gly Ser Glu Ala
 110

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 72:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 53 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 72:

Thr Cys Asp Lys Lys Asp Asn Pro Ile Ser Asp Ala Asn Ala Lys Ser
 1 5 10 15

Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Ala Cys Thr Asn Tyr Ser Pro Phe
 20 25 30

Ala Val Asn Asp Asn Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr Lys Leu Ala
 35 40 45

Gly Gly Ser Glu Ala
 50

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 73:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 81 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 1..81

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 73:

ACC TGC TAC GCC AAT GAC CAG CGC ATC GCC GAC CGC AGC ACC AAG TCC 48
 Thr Cys Tyr Ala Asn Asp Gln Arg Ile Ala Asp Arg Ser Thr Lys Ser
 55 60 65

GGC TGC GAC GGC GGC TCG GCC TAC TCC TGT TCT 81
 Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Ser Cys Ser
 70 75 80

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 74:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 27 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 74:

Thr Cys Tyr Ala Asn Asp Gln Arg Ile Ala Asp Arg Ser Thr Lys Ser
 1 5 10 15

Gly Cys Asp Gly Gly Ser Ala Tyr Ser Cys Ser
 20 25

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 75:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 160 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..159

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 75:

ACC TGT GAC AAG AAG GAC AAC CCC ATC TCA AAC TTG AAC GCT GTC AAC 48
 Thr Cys Asp Lys Lys Asp Asn Pro Ile Ser Asn Leu Asn Ala Val Asn
 30 35 40

GGT TGT GAG GGT GGT GGT TCT GCC TTC GCC TGC ACC AAC TAC TCT CCT 96
 Gly Cys Glu Gly Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Ala Cys Thr Asn Tyr Ser Pro
 45 50 55

TGG GCG GTC AAT GAC AAC CTT GCC TAC GGC TTC GCT GCA ACC AAG CTT 144
 Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Asn Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr Lys Leu
 60 65 70 75

GCC GGT GGC TCC GAG G 160
 Ala Gly Gly Ser Glu
 80

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 76:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 53 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 76:

Thr Cys Asp Lys Lys Asp Asn Pro Ile Ser Asn Leu Asn Ala Val Asn
 1 5 10 15

Gly Cys Glu Gly Gly Gly Ser Ala Phe Ala Cys Thr Asn Tyr Ser Pro
 20 25 30

Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Asn Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr Lys Leu
 35 40 45

Ala Gly Gly Ser Glu
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 77:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 165 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..165

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 77:

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CCA GTA GGC ACC TGC GAC GCC GGC AAC AGC CCC CTC GGC GAC CCC CTG      48
Pro Val Gly Thr Cys Asp Ala Gly Asn Ser Pro Leu Gly Asp Pro Leu
      55                60                65

GCC AAG TCT GGC TGC GAG GGC GGC CCG TCG TAC ACG TGC GCC AAC TAC      96
Ala Lys Ser Gly Cys Glu Gly Gly Pro Ser Tyr Thr Cys Ala Asn Tyr
      70                75                80                85

CAG CCG TGG GCG GTC AAC GAC CAG CTG GCC TAC GGC TTC GCG GCC ACG      144
Gln Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Gln Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr
      90                95                100

GCC ATC AAC GGC GGC ACC GAG      165
Ala Ile Asn Gly Gly Thr Glu
      105

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 78:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 55 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 78:

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Pro Val Gly Thr Cys Asp Ala Gly Asn Ser Pro Leu Gly Asp Pro Leu
      1                5                10                15

Ala Lys Ser Gly Cys Glu Gly Gly Pro Ser Tyr Thr Cys Ala Asn Tyr
      20                25                30

Gln Pro Trp Ala Val Asn Asp Gln Leu Ala Tyr Gly Phe Ala Ala Thr
      35                40                45

Ala Ile Asn Gly Gly Thr Glu
      50                55

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 79:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 14 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 79:

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Thr Arg Xaa Xaa Asp Cys Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa Trp Xaa
      1                5                10

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 80:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

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- (A) LENGTH: 5 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 80:

Trp Cys Cys Xaa Cys
1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 81:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 6 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 81:

Trp Cys Cys Xaa Cys Tyr
1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 82:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 82:

Xaa Pro Gly Gly Gly Xaa Gly Xaa Phe
1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 83:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 83:

Gly Cys Xaa Xaa Arg Xaa Asp Trp Xaa
1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 84:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 36 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 84:

CCCCAAGCTT ACNMGNTAYT GGGAYTGYTG YAARMC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 85:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 26 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 85:

CTAGTCTAGA TARCANGCRC ARCACC

26

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 86:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 33 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 86:

CTAGTCTAGA AANADNCCNA VNCCNCCNC NGG

33

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 87:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 28 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 87:

CTAGTCTAGA NAACCARTCA RWANCKCC

28

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 88:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 57 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 88:

CGGAGCTCAC GTCCAAGAGC GGCTGCTCCC GTCCTCCAG CAGCACCAGC TCTCCGG

57

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 89:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 57 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 89:

CCGGAGAGCT GGTGCTGCTG GAGGGACGGG AGCAGCCGCT CTTGGACGTG AGCTCCG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 90:

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- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 57 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 90:
CGGAGCTCAC GTCCAAGAGC GGCTGCTCCC GTAACGACGA CGGCAACTTC CCTGCCG 57
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 91:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 57 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 91:
CGGCAGGGAA GTTGCCGTGC TCGTTACGGG AGCAGCCGCT CTTGGACGTG AGCTCCG 57
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 92:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 21 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 92:
CAACATCACA TCAAGCTCTC C 21
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 93:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 21 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 93:
CCCCATCCTT TAACTATAGC G 21
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 94:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 53 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 94:
GGTCGCCCGG ACTGGCTGTT CCCGTACCCC CTCCAGCAGC ACCAGCTCTC CGG 53
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 95:

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- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 53 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 95:
CCGAGAGCT GGTGCTGCTG GAGGGGGTAC GGGAACAGCC AGTCCGGGCG ACC 53
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 96:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 24 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 96:
CGGACTACTA GCAGCTGTAA TACG 24
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 97:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 55 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 97:
GACCGGAGAG CTGGTGTGC TGGAGGGTTT ACGAACACAG CCCGAGATAT TAGTG 55
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 98:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 33 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 98:
CCCCAAGCTT GACTTGGAAC CAATGGTCCA TCC 33
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 99:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 36 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 99:
CCCCAAGCTT CCATCCAAAC ATGCTTAAAA CGCTCG 36
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 100:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

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- (A) LENGTH: 55 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 100:

CACTAATATC TCGGGCTGTG TTCGTAAACC CTCCAGCAGC ACCAGCTCTC CGGTC 55

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 101:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 24 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 101:

GGGCGTGAAT GTAAGCGTGA CATA 24

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 102:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 102:

Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro Ser Cys Ala Trp
1 5 10

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 103:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 103:

Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys Thr Ser Cys Ala Trp
1 5 10

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 104:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 104:

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Thr Arg Tyr Trp Asp Cys Cys Lys Pro Ser Cys Gly Trp
1 5 10

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 105:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 105:

Xaa Thr Arg Xaa Phe Asp Xaa
1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 106:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 106:

Xaa Thr Arg Xaa Tyr Asp Xaa
1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 107:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 107:

Xaa Thr Arg Xaa Trp Asp Xaa
1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 108:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 108:

Thr Arg Xaa Xaa Asp Cys Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa Trp
1 5 10

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 109:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 5 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid

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(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 109:

Trp Cys Cys Xaa Cys
1 5

1. An enzyme preparation consisting essentially of an enzyme which has cellulolytic activity and comprises a first amino acid sequence having the following sequence

(SEQ ID NO: 79)
Thr Arg Xaa Xaa Asp Cys Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Trp Xaa
13 14

and a second amino acid sequence having the following sequence

Trp Cys Cys Xaa Cys (SEQ ID NO: 80)
1 2 3 4 5

wherein

- (a) the amino acid residue at position 3 of the first sequence is Trp, Tyr or Phe;
- (b) the amino acid residue at position 4 of the first sequence is Trp, Tyr or Phe;
- (c) the amino acid residue at position 8 of the first sequence is Arg, Lys or His; and
- (d) the amino acid residues at positions 9, 10, 12 and 14 of the first sequence and at position 4 of the second sequence are independently any of the 20 naturally occurring amino acid residues, provided that, in the first amino acid sequence, (i) when the amino acid residue at position 12 is Ser, then the amino acid residue at position 14 is not Ser, and (ii) when the amino acid residue at position 12 is Gly, then the amino acid residue at position 14 is not Ala.

2-10. (canceled)

11. An enzyme preparation consisting essentially of an enzyme having cellulolytic activity and being obtainable from a strain belonging to Hymenomycetes (Basidiomycota) which enzyme comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of the sequences

Xaa Thr Arg Xaa Phe Asp Xaa (SEQ ID NO: 105)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7;

Xaa Thr Arg Xaa Tyr Asp Xaa (SEQ ID NO: 106)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7;
and

Xaa Thr Arg Xaa Trp Asp Xaa (SEQ ID NO: 107)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

wherein

- (a) Xaa at position 4 is Trp, Tyr or Phe; and
- (b) Xaa at positions 1 and 7 is independently any of the 20 naturally occurring amino acid residues.

12-65. (canceled)

66. A DNA construct comprising a DNA sequence encoding an enzyme exhibiting cellulolytic activity, which DNA sequence comprises

- (a) the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, and/or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 9770, or
- (b) an analogue of the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 9770, which
 - (i) is homologous, preferably at least 70% homologous, with the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 and/or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 9770,
 - (ii) hybridizes under the conditions described herein with the same nucleotide probe as the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 and/or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 9770,
 - (iii) encodes a polypeptide which is homologous preferably at least 65% homologous, with the polypeptide encoded by a DNA sequence comprising the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 and/or the DNA sequence obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DSM 9770,
 - (iv) encodes a polypeptide which is immunologically reactive with an antibody raised against the purified endoglucanase encoded by the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or obtainable from the plasmid in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, DSM 9770.

67. The DNA construct of claim 66, in which the DNA sequence is isolated from or produced on the basis of a DNA library of a strain belonging to the family Chaetomiaceae, preferably to the genus *Myceliophthora*, in particular a strain of *M. thermophila*, especially *M. thermophila*, CBS 117.65.

68-83. (canceled)

84. A recombinant expression vector comprising a DNA construct of claim 66.

85. A cell comprising a DNA construct of claim 66.

86. A cell comprising a recombinant expression vector of claim 84.

87-88. (canceled)

89. A method of producing an enzyme exhibiting endoglucanase activity, comprising culturing a cell of claim 85 under conditions permitting the production of the enzyme, and recovering the enzyme from the culture.

90. (canceled)

91. A method of providing colour clarification of laundry, which method comprising treating the laundry with a soaking, washing or rinsing liquor comprising an enzyme preparation of claim 1.

92-96. (canceled)

97. A laundry composition comprising the enzyme preparation of claim 1, and a compound selected from the group consisting of a surfactant, a builder compound, and a fabric softening agent.

98. The laundry composition of claim 97, which further comprises one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of proteases, amylases, lipases, cellulases, xylanases, peroxidases and laccases.

99. The composition of claim 97, wherein the surfactant is a nonionic, anionic, cationic, zwitterionic, ampholytic or amphoteric surfactant.

100. The composition of claim 97, wherein the fabric softening agent is a cationic or nonionic softening agent, preferably a quaternary ammonium compound, and which optionally further comprises one or more compounds selected from a surfactant an electrolyte, a buffer, an antioxidant and a liquid carrier.

101-105. (canceled)

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