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(54) Alpha-Subunit of the Mac-1 Leukocyte Adhesion Receptor

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

. The present invention relates to Mac-1 alpha-subunit which is involved in the process through which cells recognize and migrate to sites of inflammation as well as attach to cellular substrates during inflammation. The invention is directed toward such molecules, the functional derivatives of such molecules, screening assays for identifying such molecules and therapeutic and diagnostic uses for such molecules.

THE ALPHA-SUBUNIT OF THE MAC-1 LEUKOCYTE ADHESION RECEPTOR

The present invention relates to the leukocyte adhesion receptor Mac-1. The invention further pertains to the cloning of DNA sequences which encode the alpha-subunit of this molecule.

The immune system is responsible for protecting an animal from foreign invaders, such as bacteria, viruses, etc. An excellent review of the defense system is provided by Eisen, H.W. (In: Microbiology, 3rd Ed., Harper & Row, Philadelphia, PA (1980), pp. 290-295 and 381-418). The ability of the immune system to protect an animal against foreign invaders depends, in large measure, on the presence and function of blood cells known as leukocytes. The ability of leukocytes to provide such protection has been found to require that these cells adhere to cellular and extracellular substrates.

For example, leukocytes must be able to attach to endothelial cells so that they can migrate from circulation to sites of ongoing inflammation. Furthermore, they must attach to antigen-presenting cells so that a normal immune response can occur. They must also be able to attach to appropriate target cells so that the lysis of

virally-infected (or tumor) cells can occur. Furthermore, leukocytes must be able to attach to various activated proteins (such as iC3b- the activated form of the third component of complement) so that they may efficiently phagocytose and clear microbial and cellular debris. Thus, leukocyte adhesion is a requisite of a normally functioning host defense system. The inhibition of this defense system is desirable in cases such as transplantation, because the host "sees" the transplanted tissue as foreign and initiates an immune response to that tissue. Leukocyte adhesion is, therefore, also involved in the rejection of transplanted tissue and organs. Thus, an understanding of leukocyte adhesion may enable one to either augment an animal's ability to fight infection or suppress an animal's capacity to reject transplanted tissue.

Recently, leukocyte surface molecules involved in mediating leukocyte adhesion were identified using hybridoma technology. Briefly, monoclonal antibodies directed against human T-cells (Davignon, D., et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78:4535-4539 (1981)) and mouse spleen cells (Springer, T., et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 9:301-306 (1979)) were identified which bound to leukocyte surfaces and inhibited the attachment-related functions described above (Springer, T., et al., Fed. Proc. 44:2660-2663 (1985)). The molecules which were recognized by these antibodies comprise a set of leukocyte adhesion receptors known as the "Lymphocyte Function-Associated Antigen-1 family" (or the "LFA-1 family") of adhesion receptor molecules.

The LFA-1 family of adhesion receptor molecules contains three highly related cell surface glycoproteins. These glycoproteins have been found to mediate cell-cell interactions in inflammation. The glycoproteins have been designated "LFA-1" (lymphocyte function-associated antigen-1), "Mac-1" and "p150,95." Whereas LFA-1 is found on the surfaces of most leukocytes (Springer, T.A., et al., Immunol. Rev. 68:111-135 (1982)), Mac-1 and p150,95 are found primarily on macrophages, granulocytes and other large granular lymphocytes

(Springer, T.A., et al., Immunol. Rev. 68:111-135 (1982); Keizer, G., et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 15:1142-1147 (1985)).

The LFA-1 glycoprotein family is composed of heterodimers, each containing an alpha-subunit which is non-covalently associated with a beta-subunit. The alpha-subunits of the family have been found to differ from one another and are designated CD11a, CD11b, and CD11c, respectively. The glycosylated alpha-subunits have approximate molecular weights of 180, 170, and 150 kd, respectively. In contrast, the beta-subunit of the LFA-1 family of adhesion receptors has been found to be identical, and to have a molecular weight of 95 kd (Sanchez-Madrid, F., et al., J. Exper. Med. 158:1785-1803 (1983); Keizer, G.D., et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 15:1142-1147 (1985); Springer, T., Fed. Proc. 44:2660-2663 (1985); Sanchez-Madrid, F., et al., J. Exper. Med. 158:586-602 (1983)).

Although the alpha-subunits of the glycoproteins do not exhibit the extensive homology shared by the beta-subunits, close analysis of the alpha-subunits of the glycoproteins has revealed that there are substantial similarities between them. Reviews of the similarities between the alpha and beta-subunits of the adhesion molecule glycoprotein family are provided by Sanchez-Madrid, F., et al. (J. Exper. Med. 158:586-602 (1983); J. Exper. Med. 158:1785-1803 (1983); Miller, L.J., et al., J. Immunol. 138:2381-2383 (1987)).

The importance of the LFA-1 family of receptors was initially recognized in studies which showed the ability of monoclonal antibodies (which were capable of binding to either the specific alpha-subunits, or the common beta-subunit) to inhibit adhesion-dependent leukocyte functions (Sanchez-Madrid, F., et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 79:7489-7493 (1982); Beller, D.I., et al., J. Exper. Med. 156:1000-1009 (1982)).

Recently, a group of individuals has been identified who are unable to express normal amounts of any member of the Mac-1 adhesion protein family on their leukocyte cell surfaces. This disease has been termed "Leukocyte Adhesion Deficiency" or "LAD" and is charac-

terized by chronic and recurring infections, as well as other clinical symptoms (Anderson, D.C., et al., Fed. Proc. 44:2671-2677 (1985); Anderson, D.C., et al., J. Infect. Dis. 152:668-689 (1985)). Leukocytes from LAD patients display in vitro defects which were similar to those observed when leukocytes of normal individuals were antagonized by antibody specific for members of the LFA-1 family. LAD patients were found to be unable to mount a normal immune response. This failure was found to be due to an inability of the leukocytes of LAD patients to adhere to cellular and extracellular substrates (Anderson, D.C., et al., Fed. Proc. 44:2671-2677 (1985); Anderson, D.C., et al., J. Infect. Dis. 152:668-689 (1985)). These studies show that inflammatory reactions are mitigated when leukocytes are unable to adhere in a normal fashion due to the lack of functional adhesion molecules on their cell surface.

Thus, in summary, the ability of leukocytes to maintain the health and viability of an animal requires that they be capable of adhering to other cells (such as endothelial cells) and proteins (such as iC3b). This adherence has been found to require contacts which involve specific receptor molecules present on the leukocyte surface of the leukocytes. These cell surface receptor molecules have been found to be highly related to one another. Humans whose leukocytes lack these cell surface receptor molecules exhibit chronic and recurring infections, as well as other clinical symptoms.

Since leukocyte adhesion is involved in the process through which foreign tissue is identified and rejected, an understanding of this process is of significant value in the fields of organ transplantation, tissue grafts, allergy and oncology.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to leukocyte cell surface adhesion receptor molecules, and in particular, to the cloning and expression of the alpha-subunit of the Mac-1 receptor molecule through the use of

recombinant DNA technology. The invention pertains to the adhesion molecule itself, to functional fragments of the molecule, to nucleic acid (i.e., DNA, and especially cDNA) capable of encoding these receptor molecules, and to plasmids which contain such nucleic acid sequences. The present invention further provides a prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell comprising such nucleic acid sequences, wherein said cell is capable of expressing the above-mentioned adhesion receptor molecules, in particular, the Mac-1 alpha-subunit. The present invention additionally encompasses methods for producing the receptor molecules which employ recombinant DNA technology.

One aspect of the invention provides an isolated human Mac-1 alpha-subunit comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 2 or a functional derivative thereof, wherein said functional derivative comprises a fragment or variant of said amino acid sequence and is a compound which possesses a biological activity that is substantially similar to a biological activity of said Mac-1 alpha-subunit, and wherein said fragment comprises any polypeptide subset of said amino acid sequence, and wherein said variant comprises a molecule substantially similar in structure to either said amino acid sequence or said fragment, provided that said variant has at least one biological activity that is either similar to an activity of said Mac-1 alpha-subunit or inhibitory to an activity of said Mac-1 alpha-subunit, and wherein said variant is not the polypeptide:
F-N-L-D-T-E-N-A-V-T-F-Q-E-N-A-R-G-F-G-Q-G-V-V-Q-L-Q-G-S or a fragment thereof.

In detail, the invention pertains to isolated human Mac-1 alpha-subunit, or a functional derivative thereof.

The invention further pertains to the above Mac-1 alpha-subunit or the functional derivative thereof, which is additionally capable of binding to a molecule present on the surface of a cell.

5 The invention also includes the above Mac-1 alpha-subunit molecule, wherein the molecule contains at least one polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

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| | a. A-N-Q-R-G-S-L; | h. Y-I-L-T-S-H-N; |
| | b. M-E-Q-L-K-K-S; | i. C-Q-D-D-L-S-I; |
| 10 | c. T-D-G-E-K-F-G; | j. T-I-Q-N-Q-L-R; |
| | d. G-V-F-L-Y-T-S; | k. V-Q-S-L-V-L-G; |
| | e. V-D-V-D-S-S-N-G-S-T; | l. Y-Q-H-I-G-L-V; |
| | f. D-V-N-G-D-K-L-T-D-V-A; | m. L-F-T-A-L-F-P; and |
| | g. D-L-T-M-D-G-L-V-D-L; | n. F-S-L-V-G-T-P. |

The invention also relates to a commercial package comprising an anti-inflammatory amount of human Mac-1 alpha-subunit or a functional derivative thereof together with instructions for use thereof to treat inflammation resulting from a response of a non-specific defence system in a mammalian subject.

The invention also includes a recombinant DNA molecule capable of expressing either the human Mac-1 alpha-subunit or a functional derivative thereof.

10 The invention also provides a method for recovering human Mac-1 alpha-subunit in substantially pure form which comprises the steps:

(a) solubilizing Mac-1 alpha-subunit from the membranes of cells expressing Mac-1 alpha-subunit, to form a
15 solubilized Mac-1 alpha-subunit preparation,

(b) introducing the solubilized Mac-1 alpha-subunit preparation to an affinity matrix, the matrix containing immobilized antibody capable of binding to Mac-1 alpha-subunit,

(c) permitting the Mac-1 alpha-subunit to bind to the
20 antibody of the affinity matrix,

(d) removing from the matrix any compound incapable of binding to the antibody and

(e) recovering the Mac-1 alpha-subunit in substantially pure form by eluting the Mac-1 alpha-subunit from
25 the matrix.

The invention also provides a method for treating inflammation resulting from a response of the non-specific defense system (such as adult respiratory distress syndrome; atherosclerosis; multiple organ injury syndrome secondary to

septicemia; multiple organ injury syndrome secondary to trauma; reperfusion injury of tissue; acute glomerulonephritis; reactive arthritis; dermatosis with acute inflammatory components; a central nervous system inflammatory disorder; 5 thermal injury; hemodialysis, leukapheresis; ulcerative colitis; Crohn's disease; necrotizing enterocolitis; granulocyte transfusion associated syndrome; and cytokine-induced toxicity) in a mammalian subject which comprises providing to a subject in need of such treatment an anti- 10 inflammatory agent, in an amount sufficient to suppress said inflammation; wherein said anti-inflammatory agent is selected from the group consisting of: the Mac-1 alpha-subunit; and a functional derivative of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit.

The invention further provides a use of the above- 15 mentioned anti-inflammatory agent to treat inflammation resulting from a response of a non-specific defence system in a mammalian subject as described above.

The invention also pertains to the above method and use which additionally comprises the co-administration of an 20 agent selected from the group consisting of: the Mac-1 beta-subunit, and a functional derivative of the Mac-1 beta-subunit.

The invention further provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising as an active ingredient an effective amount of the above-mentioned Mac-1 alpha-subunit or a 25 functional derivative thereof in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

The invention also provides a commercial package comprising an anti-inflammatory amount of a Mac-1 alpha-subunit or functional derivative thereof together with instructions for 30 use thereof to treat inflammation resulting from a response of a non-specific defence system in a mammalian subject.

Figure 1 shows the restriction map of Mac-1 alpha-subunit cDNA clones and sequencing strategy. The thick line represents the coding

region of the cDNA. The polyadenylation signals are shown as black boxes. The regions deleted in λ M90 is indicated as a dotted line. The indicated restriction sites are Bal I (B), Bam HI (Ba), Bgl II (Bg), Eco RI (E), Eco RV (Ev), Hinc II (Hc), Hind III (H), Sma I (S), and Pst I (P).

Figure 2 shows the nucleotide and cDNA-derived amino acid sequence of the alpha-subunit of Mac-1. The putative N-glycosylation sites are underlined. The signal sequence and the putative transmembrane region are indicated by a dotted line. The termination codon is labeled with an asterisk. Boxes in the 3' untranslated region show the polyadenylation signal sequences. Arrows mark the boundaries of a potential intron spliced out of some of the cDNAs.

Figure 3 shows Mac-1 α homologous repeats. Common residues are boxed. The three repeats containing putative divalent cation-binding sites (V-VII) are aligned with additional N-terminal related sequences lacking the putative Ca^{++} or Mg^{++} -binding sites (I-IV). based on the frequency of each residue in the seven repeats of the α -subunits of Mac-1 and of other integrins (p150,95, the fibrinogen receptor, the vitronectin receptor and the platelet glycoprotein IIb) ((Corbi, A. et al., EMBO J. 6:4023-4028 (1987)),12-14), consensus sequences were derived for the regions flanking the putative divalent cation-binding sites. Consensus residues were defined as those appearing in at least 30% of the analyzed sequences. The consensus divalent cation-binding sequence and the coordination axes of the residues ligating the divalent cation are based on the sequence and the 3-dimensional structure of the Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} -binding proteins parvalbumin, troponin C and calmodulin (38) and are shown below the alignments of the seven repeats.

Figure 4 shows a comparison of the primary structure of the α -subunits of Mac-1, p150,95, vitronectin receptor, fibrinogen receptor, and glycoprotein IIb. Identities between Mac-1 and the rest of the integrin α -subunits are boxed. The putative divalent cation-binding sites and the conserved flanking sequences are underlined by

continuous and dotted lines, respectively. The putative transmembrane regions are indicated by TM.

Figure 5 shows a comparison of the sequences of the leukocyte specific domain of Mac-1 alpha-subunit and p150,95 alpha-subunit with the A repeats of von Willebrand factor, complement component C2 and factor B. Common residues between the sequences of Mac-1 α and/or p150,95 α and the rest of the proteins are boxed. The alignments were performed as described under Experimental Procedures.

Figure 6 shows the proposed evolutionary relationships of the Mac-1 α -subunit, the A domains of von Willebrand factor, factor B and C2. The binding domains and the ligands for von Willebrand factor are indicated on top (Shelton-Inloes, B.B. *et al.*, Biochem. 25:3164-3171 (1986); Girma, J.P. *et al.*, Blood 70:605-611 (1987)). The structures of factor B and C2 are as previously described (Mole, J.E. *et al.*, J. Biol. Chem. 259:3407-3412 (1984); Bentley, D.R., Biochem. J. 239:339-345 (1986)) were also examined. RCA (Regulator of complement activation) repeats in factor B and C2 are 60 amino acids homologous repeats common to many complement components and receptors. The N-glycosylation sites and the cysteine residues in the α -subunit of Mac-1 are shown on top and bottom of its schematic representation, respectively.

I. The Nature of the Leukocyte Adhesion Proteins of the Mac-1 Family

The three leukocyte adhesion proteins Mac-1, p150,95, and LFA-1 differ in function and in expression on leukocyte subpopulations. Mac-1 and p150,95 are expressed on neutrophils, and monocytes (Springer, T.A., *et al.*, In: Biochemistry of Macrophages (CIBA Symposium 118); Pitman, London, pp. 102-126 (1986)). During differentiation of blood monocytes into tissue macrophages, expression of

p150,95 is greatly increased and Mac-1 expression is decreased (Schwartz, R., et al., Blood 65:974-983 (1985); Hogg, N., et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 16:240-248 (1986)). p150,95 is also expressed on certain types of activated T and B lymphocytes, but is not expressed on these cells in the blood (Kaligaris-Cappio, F., et al., Blood 66:1035-1042 (1985); Miller, L.J., et al., J. Immunol. 137:2891-2900 (1986); Keizer, G.D., et al., J. Immunol. 138:3130-3136 (1987)).

LFA-1 is present on all leukocytes except a subset of macrophages. Monoclonal antibody blocking studies have shown that LFA-1 is important in T-lymphocyte-mediated killing, T helper lymphocyte responses, natural killing, and antibody-dependent killing (Springer, T.A., et al., Ann. Rev. Immunol. 5:223-252 (1987)). Adhesion to the target cell is a step which is blocked by antibodies against LFA-1. Functional studies have suggested that LFA-1 interacts with several ligands, one of which is ICAM-1 (Rothlein, R., et al., J. Immunol. 137:1270-1274 (1986)).

Mac-1 and p150,95 are expressed in an intracellular, vesicular compartment in circulating neutrophils and monocytes which is mobilized to the cell surface by inflammatory mediators (Todd, R.F., et al., J. Clin. Invest. 74:1280-1290 (1984); Springer, T.A., et al., In: Biochemistry of Macrophages (CIBA Symposium 118), Pitman, London, pp. 102-126 (1986); Lanier, L.L., et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 15:713-718 (1985); Yancey, K.B., et al., J. Immunol. 135:465-470 (1985)). This mobilization correlates with increased adhesiveness (Anderson, D.C., et al., Ann. Rev. Med. 38:175-194 (1987)). Mac-1 α -subunit message was detected in blood monocytes and PMA-induced myeloid cell lines, but not in cells of the T or B lineages, correlating with Mac-1 protein surface expression.

Some cytotoxic T lymphocyte clones have been found to express similar quantities of p150,95 and LFA-1. Monoclonal antibodies to the LFA-1 and p150,95 alpha-subunits inhibit killing by such CTL clones to similar extents and are additive in their inhibitory effects (Keizer, G.D., et al., J. Immunol. 138:3130-3136 (1987)). Furthermore,

antibodies to p150,95 alpha-subunits have been shown to inhibit monocyte attachment to endothelium (Keizer, G.D., et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 17:1317-1322 (1987)).

Monoclonal antibodies to Mac-1 or p150,95 inhibit neutrophil aggregation and adherence to endothelial cells, protein-coated surfaces, bacteria, protozoan parasites, and fungi (Harlan, J.M., et al., Blood 66:167-178 (1985); Springer, T.A., et al., In: Biochemistry of Macrophages (CIBA Symposium 118), Pitman, London, pp. 102-126 (1986); Dana, N., et al., J. Immunol. 137:3259 (1986); Bullock, W.D., et al., J. Exper. Med. 165:195-210 (1987); Mosser, D.M., et al., J. Immunol. 135:2785-2789 (1985)).

Mac-1 (CD 11b/CD18) is a leukocyte adhesion heterodimeric glycoprotein which functions as a receptor for iC3b (CR3) in addition to its role in cell-cell and cell-substrate adhesive interactions (Beller, D.I., et al., J. Exper. Med. 156:1000-1009 (1982)). Detergent-soluble Mac-1 and p150,95 have been shown to be able to bind to iC3b-Sepharose (Micklem, K.J., et al., Biochem. J. 231:233-236 (1985)).

The α -subunit of Mac-1 is a transmembrane protein of 1137 residues with a long extracellular domain (1092 residues) and a 19-amino acid cytoplasmic tail. The extracellular domain contains 3 putative divalent cation-binding sequences and 19 potential N-glycosylation sites. The amino acid sequence of Mac-1 α shows that it is a member of the integrin superfamily; Mac-1 α shows 63% identity to the α -subunit of the leukocyte adhesion glycoprotein p150,95 and 25% to the α -subunits of the extracellular matrix receptors platelet glycoprotein IIb/IIIa, the fibronectin receptor and the vitronectin receptor. The Mac-1 α -subunit putative divalent cation-binding sites and the flanking regions exhibit a high degree of identity both to the p150,95 α -subunit (87% identity at the amino acid level) and to the rest of the integrin α -subunits (38%). The α -subunit of Mac-1, like the p150,95 α -subunit, contains a domain of 187 amino acids in the extracellular region which is absent in other integrins. This

leukocyte or "L" domain is homologous to the A domains of van Willebrand factor, which in turn are homologous to regions of the C3-binding proteins factor B and C2. These findings draw attention to this region of Mac-1 as a potential binding site for iC3b.

The functional role of Mac-1 was first illustrated by the ability of anti-Mac-1 α -subunit monoclonal antibodies (MAb) to block the rosetting of iC3b-coated erythrocytes to macrophages and polymorphonuclear leukocytes (Beller, D.I. et al., J. Exper. Med. 156:1000-1009 (1982)), demonstrating that Mac-1 is indistinguishable from the complement receptor type three (CR3). Subsequently, the involvement of Mac-1 in inflammatory processes was evidenced by the inhibition of neutrophil aggregation and adhesion to endothelial cells by anti-Mac-1 α -subunit and anti- β -subunit-specific MAb (Anderson, D.C. et al., J. Immunol. 137:15-27 (1986); Dana, N. et al., J. Immunol. 137:3259-3263 (1986); Vedder, N.B. et al., J. Clin. Invest. 81:672-682 (1988)). Recent epitope mapping studies have suggested that the sites involved in iC3b-binding are distinct from those involved in neutrophil aggregation and adherence to protein-coated plastic (Anderson, D.C. et al., J. Immunol. 137:15-27 (1986); Dana, N. et al., J. Immunol. 137:3259-3263 (1986), Rosen, H. et al., J. Exper. Med. 166:1685-1701 (1987)). Therefore, Mac-1 appears to be a multivalent receptor with at least two independent adhesion-related functions.

The expression of functional activity of Mac-1 is regulated during leukocyte differentiation and activation. Differentiation and maturation of myelomonocytic cell lines results in increased Mac-1 expression (Miller, L.J. et al., J. Immunol. 137:2891-2900 (1986)), while blood monocyte differentiation into tissue macrophages is accompanied by a considerable decrease in the amount of Mac-1 on all cell surface (Hogg, N. et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 16:240-248 (1986)). The expression of Mac-1 on the surface of circulating neutrophils and monocytes is upregulated by inflammatory stimuli; Mac-1 is stored in an intracellular vesicular compartment which is rapidly mobilized to

the cell surface by chemoattractants (Todd, R.F. et al., J. Clin. Invest. 74:1280-1290 (1984)); Miller, L.J. et al., J. Clin. Invest. 80:535-544 (1987)). Although the augmented expression of Mac-1 can lead to increased adhesiveness, qualitative changes after cell activation may also be important in regulation ligand binding (Detmers, P.A. et al., J. Cell Biol. 105:1137-1145 (1987)). Both the qualitative and quantitative changes may be important in regulation of leukocyte binding to post-capillary endothelium at inflammatory sites.

The N-terminal sequence of the murine and human Mac-1 α -subunits (Miller, L.J. et al., J. Immunol. 138:2381-2383 (1987); Springer, T.A. et al., Nature 314:540-542 (1985)) and a murine genomic clone encoding a short N-terminal exon (Sastre, L. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (U.S.A.) 83:5644-5648 (1986)) have been reported.

Most of the Mac-1 α -subunit is similar to the α -subunits of the extracellular matrix receptor integrins, with an additional domain which is related to the A repeats of von Willebrand factor and to two C3-binding proteins, Factor B and C2.

II. Cloning of the Mac-1 Alpha-subunit

Any of a variety of methods may be used to clone the Mac-1 alpha-subunit gene. One such method entails analyzing a shuttle vector library of cDNA inserts (derived from a Mac-1 alpha-subunit expressing cell) for the presence of an insert which contains the Mac-1 alpha-subunit gene. Such an analysis may be conducted by transfecting cells with the vector, and then assaying for Mac-1 alpha-subunit expression. Mac-1 alpha-subunit is preferably assayed using antibodies specific for the Mac-1 alpha-subunit. A preferred method for cloning the Mac-1 alpha-subunit gene entails determining the amino acid sequence of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit molecule, or tryptic peptides of the molecule. To accomplish this task, Mac-1 alpha-subunit molecules are preferably purified from producer cells by monoclonal antibody affinity chromatography and isolated by preparative sodium dodecyl sulfate-

polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis ("SDS-PAGE") and electroelution (Miller, L.J., et al., J. Immunol. 138:2381-2383 (1987), which reference herein is incorporated by reference). The alpha-subunit molecules are fragmented as with cyanogen bromide, or with proteases such as papain, chymotrypsin, or trypsin (Oike, Y., et al., J. Biol. Chem. 257:9751-9758 (1982); Liu, C., et al., Int. J. Pept. Protein Res. 21:209-215 (1983)). Preferably, the alpha-subunit is proteolytically digested with trypsin. The resulting peptides are separated by reverse-phase HPLC and subjected to amino acid sequencing. To accomplish this task, the protein is, preferably, analyzed by automated sequenators. Although it is possible to determine the entire amino acid sequence of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit, it is preferable to determine the sequence of peptide fragments of the molecule. A preferred source of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit is the SKW3 cell line.

The sequence of amino acid residues in a peptide is designated herein either through the use of their commonly employed three-letter designations or by their single-letter designations. A listing of these three-letter and one-letter designations may be found in textbooks such as Biochemistry, Lehninger, A., Orth Publishers, New York, NY (1970). When such a sequence is listed vertically, the amino terminal residue is intended to be at the top of the list, and the carboxy terminal residue of the peptide is intended to be at the bottom of the list. Similarly, when listed horizontally, the amino terminus is intended to be on the left end whereas the carboxy terminus is intended to be at the right end.

The residues of amino acids in a peptide may be separated by hyphens. Such hyphens are intended solely to facilitate the presentation of a sequence. As a purely illustrative example, the amino acid sequence designated:

-Gly-Ala-Ser-Phe-

indicates that an Ala residue is linked to the carboxy group of Gly, and that a Ser residue is linked to the carboxy group of the Ala residue and to the amino group of a Phe residue. The designation

further indicates that the amino acid sequence contains the tetrapeptide Gly-Ala-Ser-Phe. The designation is not intended to limit the amino acid sequence to this one tetrapeptide, but is intended to include (1) the tetrapeptide having one or more amino acids linked to either its amino or carboxy end, (2) the tetrapeptide having one or more amino acid residues linked to both its amino and its carboxy ends, (3) the tetrapeptide having no additional amino acid residues.

Once one or more suitable peptide fragments have been sequenced, the DNA sequences capable of encoding them are examined. Because the genetic code is degenerate, more than one codon may be used to encode a particular amino acid (Watson, J.D., In: Molecular Biology of the Gene, 3rd Ed., W.A. Benjamin, Inc., Menlo Park, CA (1977), pp. 356-357). The peptide fragments are analyzed to identify sequences of amino acids which may be encoded by oligonucleotides having the lowest degree of degeneracy. This is preferably accomplished by identifying sequences that contain amino acids which are encoded by only a single codon.

Although occasionally an amino acid sequences may be encoded by only a single oligonucleotide, frequently the amino acid sequence may be encoded by any of a set of similar oligonucleotides. Important, whereas all of the members of this set contain oligonucleotides which are capable of encoding the peptide fragment and, thus, potentially contain the same oligonucleotide sequence as the gene which encodes the peptide fragment, only one member of the set contains the nucleotide sequence that is identical to the nucleotide sequence of the gene. Because this member is present within the set, and is capable of hybridizing to DNA even in the presence of the other members of the set, it is possible to employ the unfractionated set of oligonucleotides in the same manner in which one would employ a single oligonucleotide to clone the gene that encodes the peptide.

A suitable oligonucleotide, or set of oligonucleotides, which is capable of encoding a fragment of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit gene (or which is complementary to such an oligonucleotide, or set of oligo-

nucleotides) is identified (using the above-described procedure), synthesized, and hybridized by means well known in the art, against a DNA or, more preferably, a cDNA preparation derived from human cells which are capable of expressing the Mac-1 alpha-subunit gene. Techniques of nucleic acid hybridization are disclosed by Maniatis, T., et al. (In: Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1982)), and by Haymes, B.D., et al. (In: Nucleic Acid Hybridization, A Practical Approach, IRL Press, Washington, DC (1985)).

The source of DNA or cDNA used will preferably have been enriched for Mac-1 alpha-subunit sequences. Such enrichment can most easily be obtained from cDNA obtained by extracting RNA from cells which produce high levels of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit.

Techniques such as, or similar to, those described above have successfully enabled the cloning of genes for human aldehyde dehydrogenases (Hsu, L.C., et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 82:3771-3775 (1985)), fibronectin (Suzuki, S., et al., Eur. Mol. Biol. Organ. J. 4:2519-2524 (1985)), the human estrogen receptor gene (Walter, P., et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 82:7889-7893 (1985)), tissue-type plasminogen activator (Pennica, D., et al., Nature 301:214-221 (1983)) and human term placental alkaline phosphatase complementary DNA (Kam, W., et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 82:8715-8719 (1985)).

Using the genetic code (Watson, J.D., In: Molecular Biology of the Gene, 3rd Ed., W.A. Benjamin, Inc., Menlo Park, CA (1977)), one or more different oligonucleotides can be identified, each of which would be capable of encoding the Mac-1 alpha-subunit tryptic peptides. The probability that a particular oligonucleotide will, in fact, constitute the actual Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding sequence can be estimated by considering abnormal base pairing relationships and the frequency with which a particular codon is actually used (to encode a particular amino acid) in eukaryotic cells. Such "codon usage rules" are disclosed by Lathe, R., et al., J. Molec. Biol. 183:1-12 (1985). Using the "codon usage rules" of Lathe, a single oligonucleotide, or a



set of oligonucleotides, that contains a theoretical "most probable" nucleotide sequence capable of encoding the Mac-1 alpha-subunit tryptic peptide sequences is identified.

The oligonucleotide, or set of oligonucleotides, containing the theoretical "most probable" sequence capable of encoding the Mac-1 alpha-subunit fragments is used to identify the sequence of a complementary oligonucleotide or set of oligonucleotides which is capable of hybridizing to the "most probable" sequence, or set of sequences. An oligonucleotide containing such a complementary sequence can be employed as a probe to identify and isolate the Mac-1 alpha-subunit gene (Maniatis, T., et al., Molecular Cloning A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1982).

Thus, in summary, the actual identification of Mac-1 alpha-subunit peptide sequences permits the identification of a theoretical "most probable" DNA sequence, or a set of such sequences, capable of encoding such a peptide. By constructing an oligonucleotide complementary to this theoretical sequence (or by constructing a set of oligonucleotides complementary to the set of "most probable" oligonucleotides), one obtains a DNA molecule (or set of DNA molecules), capable of functioning as a probe to identify and isolate the Mac-1 alpha-subunit gene.

Single stranded oligonucleotide molecules complementary to the "most probable" Mac-1 alpha-subunit tryptic peptide encoding sequences were synthesized using procedures which are well known to those of ordinary skill in the art (Belagaje, R., et al., J. Biol. Chem. 254:5765-5780 (1979); Maniatis, T., et al., In: Molecular Mechanisms in the Control of Gene Expression, Nierlich, D.P., et al., Eds., Acad. Press, NY (1976); Wu, R., et al., Prog. Nucl. Acid Res. Molec. Biol. 21:101-141 (1978); Khorana, R.G., Science 203:614-625 (1979)). Additionally, DNA synthesis may be achieved through the use of automated synthesizers.

It is possible to clone the Mac-1 alpha-subunit gene from eukaryotic DNA preparations suspected of containing this gene. To

identify and clone the gene which encodes the Mac-1 alpha-subunit protein, a DNA, or more preferably a cDNA, library is screened for its ability to hybridize with the oligonucleotide probes described above. Suitable DNA preparations (such as human genomic DNA) are enzymatically cleaved, or randomly sheared, and ligated into recombinant vectors. The ability of these recombinant vectors to hybridize to the above-described oligonucleotide probes is then measured. Procedures for hybridization are disclosed, for example, in Maniatis, T., Molecular Cloning A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1982) or in Haymes, B.T., et al., Nucleic Acid Hybridization a Practical Approach, IRL Press, Oxford, England (1985). Vectors found capable of such hybridization are then analyzed to determine the extent and nature of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit sequences which they contain. Based purely on statistical considerations, a gene such as that which encodes the Mac-1 alpha-subunit molecule could be unambiguously identified (via hybridization screening) using an oligonucleotide probe having only 18 nucleotides.

The cloned Mac-1 alpha-subunit gene, obtained through the method described above, may be operably linked to an expression vector, and introduced into prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells to produce the Mac-1 alpha-subunit protein. Techniques for such manipulations are disclosed by Maniatis, T., et al., supra, and are well known in the art.

III. The Expression of the Mac-1 Alpha-subunit

The present invention derives, in part, from the discovery of the cDNA sequence which encodes the alpha-subunit of the Mac-1 molecule. By operably linking this sequence (or a fragment of this sequence) to a functional promoter, it is possible to direct the expression of the alpha-subunit of Mac-1 (or a functional derivative thereof) in a cell, or organism.

A nucleic acid molecule, such as DNA, is said to be "capable of expressing" a polypeptide if it contains nucleotide sequences which contain transcriptional and translational regulatory information and such sequences are "operably linked" to nucleotide sequences which encode the polypeptide. An operable linkage is a linkage in which the regulatory DNA sequences and the DNA sequence sought to be expressed are connected in such a way as to permit gene expression. The precise nature of the regulatory regions needed for gene expression may vary from organism to organism, but shall in general include a promoter region which, in prokaryotes, contains both the promoter (which directs the initiation of RNA transcription) as well as the DNA sequences which, when transcribed into RNA, will signal the initiation of protein synthesis. Regulatory regions in eukaryotic cells will in general include a promoter region sufficient to direct the initiation of RNA synthesis.

Two DNA sequences (such as a promoter region sequence and a Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding sequence) are said to be operably linked if the nature of the linkage between the two DNA sequences does not (1) result in the introduction of a frame-shift mutation, (2) interfere with the ability of the promoter region sequence to direct the transcription of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding sequence, or (3) interfere with the ability of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding sequence to be transcribed by the promoter region sequence. Thus, a promoter region would be operably linked to a DNA sequence if the promoter were capable of effecting transcription of that DNA sequence.

The present invention encompasses the expression of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit (or a functional derivative thereof) in either prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells. To express the Mac-1 alpha-subunit (or a functional derivative thereof) in a prokaryotic cell (such as, for example, E. coli, B. subtilis, Pseudomonas, Streptomyces, etc.), it is necessary to operably link the Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding sequence to a functional prokaryotic promoter. Such promoters may be either constitutive or, more preferably, regulatable (i.e., inducible or

derepressible). Examples of constitutive promoters include the int promoter of bacteriophage λ , the bla promoter of the β -lactamase gene of pBR322, and the CAT promoter of the chloramphenicol acetyl transferase gene of pPR325, etc. Examples of inducible prokaryotic promoters include the major right and left promoters of bacteriophage λ (P_L and P_R), the trp, recA, lacZ, lacI, and gal promoters of E. coli, the α -amylase (Ulmanen, I., et al., J. Bacteriol. 162:176-182 (1985)) and the σ -28-specific promoters of B. subtilis (Gilman, M.Z., et al., Gene 32:11-20 (1984)), the promoters of the bacteriophages of Bacillus (Gryczan, T.J., In: The Molecular Biology of the Bacilli, Academic Press, Inc., NY (1982)), and Streptomyces promoters (Ward, J.M., et al., Mol. Gen. Genet. 203:468-478 (1986)). Prokaryotic promoters are reviewed by Glick, B.R., (J. Ind. Microbiol. 1:277-282 (1987)); Cenatiempo, Y. (Biochimie 68:505-516 (1986)); and Gottesman, S. (Ann. Rev. Genet. 18:415-442 (1984)).

Proper expression in a prokaryotic cell requires the presence of a ribosome binding site upstream of the gene-encoding sequence. Such ribosome binding sites are disclosed, for example, by Gold, L., et al. (Ann. Rev. Microbiol. 35:365-404 (1981)).

If expression is desired in a eukaryotic cell, such as yeast, fungi, mammalian cells, or plant cells, then it shall be necessary to employ a promoter capable of directing transcription in such a eukaryotic host. Preferred eukaryotic promoters include the promoter of the mouse metallothionein I gene (Hamer, D., et al., J. Mol. Appl. Gen. 1:273-288 (1982)); the TK promoter of Herpes virus (McKnight, S., Cell 31:355-365 (1982)); the SV40 early promoter (Benoist, C., et al., Nature (London) 290:304-310 (1981)); the yeast gal4 gene promoter (Johnston, S.A., et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA) 79:6971-6975 (1982); Silver, P.A., et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA) 81:5951-5955 (1984)).

As is widely known, translation of eukaryotic mRNA is initiated at the codon which encodes the first methionine. For this reason, it is preferable to ensure that the linkage between a eukaryotic promoter

and a DNA sequence which encodes the Mac-1 alpha-subunit (or a functional derivative thereof) does not contain any intervening codons which are capable of encoding a methionine (i.e., AUG). The presence of such codons results either in a formation of a fusion protein (if the AUG codon is in the same reading frame as the Mac-1 encoding DNA sequence) or a frame-shift mutation (if the AUG codon is not in the same reading frame as the Mac-1 encoding sequence).

A DNA sequence which encodes the Mac-1 protein (or a functional derivative thereof) when operably linked to a functional promoter is preferably introduced into a recipient cell by any of a variety of suitable means: transformation, transfection, conjugation, protoplast fusion, electroporation, etc.

The Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding sequence and an operably linked promoter may be introduced into a recipient cell either as a non-replicating DNA (or RNA) molecule, which may either be a linear molecule or, more preferably, a closed covalent circular molecule. Since such molecules are incapable of autonomous replication, the expression of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit polypeptide may occur through the transient expression of the introduced sequence. Alternatively, permanent expression may occur through the integration of the introduced sequence into the host chromosome.

Preferably, the introduced sequence will be incorporated into a plasmid or viral vector capable of autonomous replication in the recipient host. Any of a wide variety of vectors may be employed for this purpose. Factors of importance in selecting a particular plasmid or viral vector include: the ease with which recipient cells that contain the vector may be recognized and selected from those recipient cells which do not contain the vector; the number of copies of the vector which are desired in a particular host; and whether it is desirable to be able to "shuttle" the vector between host cells of different species. Preferred prokaryotic vectors include plasmids such as those capable of replication in E. coli (such as, for example, pBR322, ColE1, pSC101, pACYC 184, π VX. Such plasmids are, for

example, disclosed by Maniatis, T., et al. (In: Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1982)). Bacillus plasmids include pC194, pC221, pT127, etc. Such plasmids are disclosed by Gryczan, T. (In: The Molecular Biology of the Bacilli, Academic Press, NY (1982), pp. 307-329). Suitable Streptomyces plasmids include pIJ101 (Kendall, K.J., et al., J. Bacteriol. 169:4177-4183 (1987)), and streptomyces bacteriophages such as ϕ C31 (Chater, K.F., et al., In: Sixth International Symposium on Actinomyceteles Biology, Akademiai Kaido, Budapest, Hungary (1986), pp. 45-54). Pseudomonas plasmids are reviewed by John, J.F., et al. (Rev. Infect. Dis. 8:693-704 (1986)), and Izaki, K. (Jpn. J. Bacteriol. 33:729-742 (1978)).

Preferred eukaryotic plasmids include BPV, vaccinia, SV40, 2-micron circle, etc., or their derivatives. Such plasmids are well known in the art (Botstein, D., et al., Miami Wntr. Symp. 19:265-274 (1982); Broach, J.R., In: The Molecular Biology of the Yeast Saccharomyces: Life Cycle and Inheritance, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, p. 445-470 (1981); Broach, J.R., Cell 28:203-204 (1982); Bollon, D.P., et al., J. Clin. Hematol. Oncol. 10:39-48 (1980); Maniatis, T., In: Cell Biology: A Comprehensive Treatise, Vol. 3, Gene Expression, Academic Press, NY, pp. 563-608 (1980)).

IV. Uses of the Mac-1 Alpha-subunit, or Fragments Thereof

The present invention provides the nucleic acid and protein sequences of the alpha-subunit of the Mac-1 receptor molecule. This discovery permits the use of recombinant DNA technology to produce the Mac-1 alpha-subunit molecule. As discussed further below, one embodiment of the present invention pertains to the use of the alpha-subunit of the Mac-1 molecule by itself, as an anti-inflammatory agent. In a preferred embodiment, the alpha-subunit of the Mac-1 molecule will be used in combination with its beta-subunit. Most

preferably in a combination which creates a functional Mac-a alpha and beta heterodimer. Most preferably, such heterodimers will contain recombinant Mac-1 alpha-subunits or their functional derivatives. Such a combination may be produced using a variety of methods. For example, the beta-subunit of Mac-1 may be produced separately from the Mac-1 alpha-subunit, and the two molecules may then be mixed together. It is, however, preferable to produce both the alpha and beta-subunits of Mac-1 in the same host cell in order to facilitate their self-assembly into the Mac-1 heterodimer receptor molecule. The beta-subunit of Mac-1 (which is common to LFA-1, and p150,95) may be produced either by chemical synthesis, or by recombinant DNA technique (Kishimoto, T.K., et al., Cell 48:681-690 (1987)). The cloning of the beta-subunit of Mac-1 is further disclosed in Canadian patent application Serial No. 559,833 filed on February 25th, 1988.

One aspect of the present invention relates to the discovery of the nucleic acid and protein sequences of the alpha-subunit of the Mac-1 receptor molecule. This discovery permits the use of recombinant DNA technology to produce functional derivatives of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit which may function as antagonists of cellular adhesion. As used herein, an "antagonist of cellular adhesion" is meant to refer to any molecule capable of inhibiting the process of cell-cell or cell-substrate adhesion. It is possible to determine whether a particular compound is an antagonist by performing an assay of monocyte adhesion to endothelial cells, neutrophil aggregation, or iCb3 rosetting of neutrophils. Suitable assays of cellular adhesion are disclosed, for example, by Anderson, D.C., et al. (J. Immunol. 137:15-27

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(1986)) and by Keizer, G.D., et al. (Eur. J. Immunol. 17:1317-1322 (1987)). Antagonists of cellular adhesion may be employed as anti-inflammatory agents.

As used herein, a "functional derivative" of the alpha-subunit of Mac-1 is a compound which possesses a biological activity (either functional or structural) that is substantially similar to a biological activity of the alpha-subunit of Mac-1. Examples of biological activities include the ability to bind to the natural ligand of Mac-1, or well on the ability to bind to the β -subunit of the LFA family of glycoproteins. Such binding would inhibit adhesion related events such as granulocyte migration through endothelium, granulocyte aggregation and iCb3 rosetting. A molecule is said to be "substantially similar" to another molecule if both molecules have substantially similar structures or if both molecules possess a similar biological activity. The "functional derivatives" of the alpha-subunit of Mac-1 include both "fragments" and "variants" of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit. The term "fragment of the alpha-subunit of Mac-1" is meant to refer to any polypeptide subset of that molecule. The term "variant of the alpha-subunit of Mac-1" is meant to refer to a molecule substantially similar in structure to either the entire molecule, or to a fragment thereof provided that the "variant" has at least one biological activity that is either similar to an activity of the alpha-subunit of Mac-1 or inhibitory to an activity of Mac-1. Thus, provided that a molecule possesses at least one biological activity that is either similar to an activity of Mac-1 or inhibitory to such an activity, it is considered a "variant" of the alpha-subunit Mac-1, as that term is used herein, even if one of the molecules contains one or more amino acids not found in the other, or if the sequences of amino acid residues in the two molecules are not identical. Thus, for example, a compound lacking (or containing) one or more amino acid residues found (or not found) in the alpha-subunit of Mac-1 would be considered to be a variant of the alpha-subunit of Mac-1 if that compound possessed a biological activity similar to (or inhibitory to) a biological activity of the alpha-subunit of Mac-1. The term "biological activity" is intended to encompass "catalytic" as well as "structural" activity (i.e., the capacity to bind to another

molecule, such as the beta-subunit of Mac-1, anti-alpha-subunit Mac-1 antibody, iCb3, or another natural ligand of Mac-1), etc.

The present invention provides a method for producing functional derivatives of the alpha-subunit of the Mac-1 molecule. To obtain such derivatives, it is necessary only to mutagenize a DNA, RNA, or (more preferably) the cDNA sequence which encodes the Mac-1 alpha-subunit. Mutagenesis can either be random, or site specific. Further, mutagenesis may either be spontaneous or induced using chemical, radioactive, or recombinant techniques.

The scope of the present invention is further intended to include functional derivatives which lack certain amino acid residues, or which contain altered amino acid residues, so long as such derivatives exhibit the capacity to enhance or inhibit cellular adhesion.

Chemical mutagens include base analogs (such as, for example, 5-bromouracil, or 2-aminopurine); deaminating agents (such as, for example, nitrous acid, hydroxylamine, etc.); alkylating agents (such as, for example, methyl methanesulphonate, nitrosoguanidine, etc.); or intercalating agents (such as, for example, acridine orange, ethidium bromide, psoralen, etc.). Radiation-induced mutation can be caused by agents such as ultraviolet light, gamma, X-ray, etc. Techniques for mutagenizing nucleic acid molecules may be found in Miller, J.H. (In: Experiments in Molecular Biology, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1972)), and Silhavy, T.J., et al. (In: Experiments with Gene Fusions, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1984)).

Site-specific mutagenesis may be employed to produce specific mutations at desired sites of the nucleic acid encoding the Mac-1 alpha-subunit. In brief, such procedures generally entail the synthesis of a synthetic oligonucleotide having a desired and defined DNA sequence. Methods for synthesizing such oligonucleotides are disclosed by Itakura, K., et al. (Ann. Rev. Biochem. 53:323-356 (1984)). A nucleic acid molecule which encodes the Mac-1 alpha-subunit protein, or a functional derivative thereof, is generally

subcloned onto a double-stranded vector such as M13, ϕ X174, etc., whose single strands may be separated one from another. A single strand of the vector is then incubated in the presence of the synthetic oligonucleotide. Since the DNA of the oligonucleotide is controllably defined, it is possible to construct an oligonucleotide capable of base pairing with any region of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding nucleic acid. Once base pairing has occurred between the oligonucleotide and the single-stranded plasmid, it is possible to extend the oligonucleotide using DNA polymerase to create a double-stranded DNA molecule which may then be sealed by DNA ligase. When this double-stranded DNA molecule is introduced into a cell, semi-conservative DNA replication will result in the production of progeny molecules in which the DNA sequence of the oligonucleotide fragment has been incorporated into the Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding sequences.

The Mac-1 alpha subunit of the present invention, or its functional derivatives, may alternatively be prepared by synthetic chemical method using the well-known Merrieffield or other techniques of peptide synthesis. Alternatively, such molecules may also be prepared by chemical synthesis of nucleic acid molecules (using, for example, phosphodiester synthesis techniques), which, upon expression, will result in their production.

Thus, if one desired to introduce a point mutation, and exogenous DNA sequence into a specific site in the Mac-1-encoding sequence, or to create a deletion of nucleotides normally present in such a sequence, one would design an oligonucleotide fragment which contained (or lacked) the mutation or sequence, and then pursue the above-described procedure. In order to introduce such a mutation or exogenous DNA sequence into a particular region of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding nucleic acid, it is necessary to surround the mutation or the exogenous DNA sequence with flanking DNA sequences that are complementary to the DNA sequence of the region whose mutagenesis is desired. (Jenkins, F., et al., Bioessays 5:244-247 (1986); Doerfler, W., Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl. 23:919-931 (1984);

Kaina, B., Biol. Zentralbl. 99:513-531 (1980); Kunkel, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA) 82:488-492 (1985); Nisbet, I.T., et al., Gene Anal. Tech. 2:23-29 (1985); Hines, J.C., et al., Gene 11:207-218 (1980); Messing, J., et al., Nucl. Acid. Res. 9:309 (1981)).

Mutations can also be produced through the application of recombinant DNA technology. For example, the nucleotide sequence of a nucleic acid molecule which encodes the Mac-1 alpha-subunit can be scanned to identify oligonucleotide sites which are recognizable by restriction endonucleases. Such endonucleases can then be used to specifically cleave the nucleic acid sequence at a recognized site. By using a restriction endonuclease that recognizes (and cleaves at) two positions in the Mac-1-encoding sequence, it is possible to excise a fragment of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding sequence. Alternatively, it is possible to use two different endonucleases for this purpose. By incubating the cleaved molecules in the presence of DNA ligase, it is possible to reseal the Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding sequences to form a single sequence (which lacks the excised fragment). If no appropriate restriction endonuclease recognition sites exist in the Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding sequences, then such sites may be introduced into the sequences by the site-specific mutagenesis procedure described above.

Mutations may alternatively be introduced by cleaving the Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding sequence and "nibbling" the free termini with an exonuclease. By such treatment it is possible to introduce not only deletions, but frame-shift and other types of mutations. This technique is, moreover, capable of introducing novel restriction endonuclease sites into the Mac-1 alpha-subunit-encoding sequence. Methods for using restriction endonucleases, DNA ligases, and exonucleases are disclosed, for example, by Maniatis, T., et al. (In: Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1982)).

Recombinant DNA techniques may also be used to produce fusion proteins composed of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit protein (or a functional

derivative thereof) and a novel polypeptide. This novel polypeptide is not limited to any particular polypeptide and may comprise either a single amino acid or any set or permutation of amino acids. Such fusion molecules may be produced by ligating a DNA sequence which encodes the novel polypeptide to a DNA sequence which encodes the Mac-1 alpha-subunit (or a functional derivative thereof), in a manner which does not introduce a frame-shift mutation. Examples of preferred polypeptides which may be fused to the Mac-1 alpha-subunit gene (or a functional derivative thereof) include eukaryotic or prokaryotic signal sequences (Gilbert, W., et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,411,994; Casadaban, M., et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA) 76:4530-4533 (1979)), or polypeptides which extend (or diminish) the stability, biological half-life, or potency of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit (or a functional derivative thereof). An excellent review of the methodology of gene fusions is provided by Silhavy, T.J., et al. (In: Experiments with Gene Fusions, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1984)).

Antibodies (especially monoclonal antibodies) may be elicited in response to immunization with fragments of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit or to the recombinant Mac-1 alpha subunit. Such antibodies can be used to prevent the binding of some leukocytes to endothelial cells, and thus may be employed as anti-inflammatory agents.

Using the methods described above, fragments of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit may be prepared and assayed to determine whether they are antagonists of cellular adhesion. Fragments found to be antagonists of cellular adhesion may be employed as anti-inflammatory agents in accordance with the present invention.

The present invention derives in part from the discovery that the adhesion ability of circulating neutrophils and monocytes results from interactions involving the Mac-1 receptor molecule. Since cellular adhesion is required in order that such cells may migrate to sites of inflammation and/or carry out various effector functions contributing to inflammation, agents which inhibit such cellular adhesion will

attenuate or prevent inflammation. The Mac-1 receptor molecule is present on the surface of neutrophils and monocyte cells. The adhesion of these cells to plastic surfaces, or to monolayers of endothelial cells, is mediated by the Mac-1 receptor molecule. In addition, the ability of monocytes to phagocytose foreign material has been found to be mediated by the Mac-1 receptor molecule. The receptor molecule has also been implicated as having a role in chemokinesis, and chemotaxis of monocytes.

Agents which interfere with the capacity of the Mac-1 receptor molecule to bind to its natural binding ligand are thus capable of impairing all of the above-described Mac-1-dependent functions. Hence, these agents may serve as anti-inflammatory agents in accordance with the present invention. Such agents include the Mac-1 alpha-subunit, Mac-1 (i.e., the heterodimer composed of alpha and beta-subunits), a composition composed of the non-associated Mac-1 alpha and beta subunits, and antibody capable of binding to the Mac-1 alpha-subunit, or to fragments of that subunit. In one embodiment of the present invention, such agents are composed of soluble Mac-1 alpha subunits or soluble functional derivatives thereof, and are able to interfere with or inhibit either the binding of natural Mac-1 alpha with its beta subunit, or inhibit the ability of Mac-1 to bind to any of its natural binding ligands. All of such agents may be used in accordance with the present invention. The anti-inflammatory agents of the present invention are capable of treating inflammation caused by a reaction of the non-specific defense system.

A "non-specific defense system reaction" is a response mediated by leukocyte cells incapable of immunological memory. Such cells include lymphocytes and macrophages. As used herein, inflammation is said to result from a response of the non-specific defense system, if the inflammation is caused by, mediated by, or associated with a reaction of the non-specific defense system. Examples of inflammation which result, at least in part, from a reaction of the non-specific defense system include inflammation associated with conditions such

as: adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) or multiple organ injury syndromes secondary to septicemia or trauma; reperfusion injury of myocardial or other tissues; acute glomerulonephritis; reactive arthritis; dermatoses with acute inflammatory components; acute purulent meningitis or other central nervous system inflammatory disorders; thermal injury; hemodialysis; leukapheresis; ulcerative colitis; Crohn's disease; necrotizing enterocolitis; granulocyte transfusion associated syndromes; cytokine-induced toxicity; and atherosclerosis.

Since Mac-1 is expressed on cells which are capable of binding to endothelial tissue, the administration of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit, or Mac-1 (alpha and beta-subunits) to a patient provides a means for imaging or visualizing endothelial tissue. Moreover, this procedure provides diagnostic information concerning the quantity and distribution of the binding ligands of the Mac-1 receptor molecule which are present on the visualized tissue. In such a use, the Mac-1 alpha-subunits (or Mac-1 alpha beta receptor molecules) are detectably labeled, through the use of radioisotopes, affinity labels (such as biotin, avidin, etc.) fluorescent labels, paramagnetic atoms, etc. Procedures for accomplishing such labeling are well known to the art. The antibodies (or fragments thereof) may be detectably labeled through the use of radioisotopes, enzyme labels, fluorescent labels, paramagnetic labels, electron-dense labels, toxin labels, etc. Preferred toxin labels include the diphtheria toxin, ricin, and cholera toxins. The administration of such labeled molecules into an individual will identify sites of inflammation. Such detectable labels can also be used to assay the status of a patient's immune system. Clinical application of antibodies in diagnostic imaging are reviewed by Grossman, H.B., Urol. Clin. North Amer. 13:465-474 (1986)), Unger, E.C. et al., Invest. Radiol. 20:693-700 (1985)), and Khaw, B.A. et al., Science 209:295-297 (1980)).

The ability of monocytes to migrate spontaneously to sites of inflammation is dependent upon Mac-1 (Keizer, G.D., et al., Eur. J.

Immunol. 17:1317-1322 (1987)). Such migration may be inhibited by administering Mac-1 alpha-subunits, or Mac-1 (alpha and beta-subunit) to a patient.

Similarly, the ability of monocytoïd cells to adhere to endothelial cells, and the ability of monocytoïd cells to undergo chemotaxis, chemokinesis, or phagocytosis has been found to be dependent upon Mac-1 (Keizer, G.D., et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 17:1317-1322 (1987)). Any of the anti-inflammatory agents of the present invention may be employed to inhibit such activities.

ICAMs (such as ICAM-1) are recognized by certain human viruses (particularly rhinoviruses of the major type (which bind to ICAM-1)). These viruses bind to human cells by virtue of this recognition, and thereby mediate viral infection. Thus, a central step in the etiology of viral disease is the interaction between these cellular receptors and the virus.

Agents which suppress, compete with, or inhibit the ability of a virus to bind to an ICAM molecule thus have use in the treatment of viral (and particularly rhinoviral) infection.

One aspect of the present invention thus concerns the ability of the alpha-subunit of MAC-1 and its functional derivatives to interact with ICAM-1 and to thereby either prevent cell-viral attachment and viral infection, or to attenuate or diminish the severity or duration of such infection.

Of particular interest to the present invention are functional derivatives of the alpha-subunit of MAC-1 such as solubilized forms of the alpha-subunit of MAC-1, fragments of the alpha-subunit of MAC-1, etc. Such agents are preferably provided to a recipient patient as a heterodimer containing the molecule in association with a molecule of the beta-subunit of the CD-18 family. The above-described goal of treating viral infection may be accomplished with a single agent or with a combination of more than one agents.

For the purpose of treating viral infection, the above-described agent(s) of the present invention is to be provided to a recipient patient (for example, by intranasal means) at a dosage sufficient to permit the agent(s) to suppress, compete with, or inhibit the ability of a virus to bind to an ICAM molecule. Such a dosage shall, in general, be (for each agent provided) from 0.01 pg/kg patient weight to 1 mg/kg patient weight, although greater or lesser amounts can be employed.

For the purpose of treating viral infection, the administration of such agent(s) may be provided either "prophylactically" or "therapeutically." When provided prophylactically, the agent(s) are provided in advance of (i.e. prior to, at, or shortly after) the time of infection but in advance of any symptoms of viral infection. The prophylactic administration of the agent(s) serves to prevent or attenuate any subsequent infection. When provided therapeutically, the agent(s) are provided at (or shortly after) the onset of a symptom of actual viral infection (such as, for example, the appearance of virally induced nasal congestion, etc. or the detection of virus in bodily fluids, or the detection of antibodies, directed against the virus, in the serum of an infected patient, etc). The therapeutic administration of the agent(s) serves to attenuate any actual infection, and thus lessen its severity or duration.

V. Administration of the Mac-1 Alpha-Subunit

The therapeutic effects of Mac-1 alpha-subunit may be obtained by providing to a patient the Mac-1 receptor molecule (α and β -subunits), the entire Mac-1 alpha-subunit molecule, or any therapeutically active functional derivative thereof. These molecules may be obtained either synthetically, or through the use of recombinant DNA technology. Fragments of the Mac-1 receptor or its alpha-subunit may additionally be obtained by proteolysis. The therapeutic advantages of these molecules may be augmented through the use of functional derivatives which possess additional amino acid residues added to enhance coupling to carrier or to enhance activity.

The molecules of the present invention are said to be "substantially free of natural contaminants" if preparations which contain them are substantially free of materials with which these products are normally and naturally found.

In providing a patient with the therapeutic molecules of the present invention, the dosage of administered agent will vary depending upon such factors as the patient's age, weight, height, sex, general medical condition, previous medical history, etc. In general, it is desirable to provide the recipient with a dosage of Mac-1 alpha-subunit (or a functional derivative thereof) which is in the range of

from about 1 pg/kg to 10 mg/kg (body weight of patient), although a lower or higher dosage may be administered.

The molecules of the present invention may be administered to patients intravenously, intramuscularly, subcutaneously, enterally, or parenterally. Administration may be by continuous infusion, or by single or multiple boluses.

The anti-inflammatory agents of the present invention are intended to be provided to recipient subjects in an amount sufficient to suppress inflammation. An amount is said to be sufficient to suppress inflammation if the dosage, route of administration, etc. of the agent are sufficient to attenuate or prevent inflammation. The anti-inflammatory agents of the present invention may be provided either prior to the onset of inflammation (so as to suppress the anticipated inflammation) or after the initiation of inflammation.

A composition is said to be "pharmacologically acceptable" if its administration can be tolerated by a recipient patient. Such an agent is said to be administered in a "therapeutically effective amount" if the amount administered is physiologically significant. An agent is physiologically significant if its presence results in a detectable change in the physiology of a recipient patient. The molecules of the present invention can be formulated according to known methods to prepare pharmaceutically acceptable compositions, whereby these materials, or their functional derivatives, are combined in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier vehicle. Suitable vehicles and their formulation, inclusive of other human proteins, e.g., human serum albumin, are described, for example, in Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences (16th ed.), Osol, A., ed., Mack, Easton, PA (1980). In order to form a pharmaceutically effective composition suitable for effective administration, such compositions will contain a therapeutically effective amount of Mac-1 alpha-subunit, or its fragments or functional derivatives, together with a suitable amount of carrier vehicle.

Additional pharmaceutical methods may be employed to control the duration of action. Controlled release preparations may be achieved through the use of polymers to complex or absorb Mac-1 alpha-subunit or its fragments or functional derivatives. The controlled delivery may be exercised by selecting appropriate macromolecules (for example, polyesters, polyamino acids, polyvinyl, pyrrolidone, ethylene vinylacetate, methylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose, or protamine sulfate) and the concentration of macromolecules as well as the methods of incorporation in order to control release. Another possible method to control the duration of action by controlled release preparations is to incorporate Mac-1 alpha-subunit molecules, their fragments, or their functional derivatives, into particles of a polymeric material such as polyesters, polyamino acids, hydrogels, poly(lactic acid), or ethylene vinylacetate copolymers. Alternatively, instead of incorporating these agents into polymeric particles, it is possible to entrap these molecules in microcapsules prepared, for example, by coacervation techniques or by interfacial polymerization, for example, hydroxymethyl cellulose or gelatin-microcapsules and poly(methylmethacrylate) microcapsules, respectively, or in colloidal drug delivery systems, for example, liposomes, albumin microspheres, microemulsions, nanoparticles, and nanocapsules in macroemulsions. Such techniques are disclosed in Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences (1980).

Having now generally described the invention, the same will be more readily understood through reference to the following examples which are provided by way of illustration, and are not intended to be limiting of the present invention, unless specified.

EXAMPLE 1Protein Purification and Sequencing

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The Mac-1 α/β complex was purified from leukocyte Triton X-100^{*} lysates by monoclonal antibody-affinity chromatography. Such purification was accomplished either through the use of the anti-Mac-1 α -subunit monoclonal antibody, LM2/1 (Miller, L.J. et al., J. Immunol. 138:2381-2383 (1987)), or, more preferably, through the use of anti- β monoclonal antibody, IB4.5 (Wright, S.D. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (U.S.A.) 80:5699-5703 (1983)). Affinity chromatography was accomplished by coupling the antibody to Sepharose^{*} as described by (Miller, L.J. et al., J. Immunol. 138:2381-2383 (1987); Schneider, C. et al., J. Biol. Chem. 257:10766-10769 (1982)).

Lysates of Mac-1 expressing cells were prepared according to the method of (Miller, L.J. et al., J. Immunol. 138:2381-2383 (1987)). The lysate was passed through a 3 ml protein A-Sepharose^{*} pre-column connected in series with the 3.5 ml IB4.5 column after pre-washing of both columns with 50 ml of 0.5% Triton X-100, 0.5% sodium deoxycholate, 20 mM Tris-HCl pH 8. After loading the lysate, the column was washed with 40 ml of the same solution and the elution of the bound material was carried out by successive washings with buffers of increasing pH or ionic strength: 1) 10 ml of 0.1% Triton X-100, 0.1 M glycine pH 9; 2) 20 ml of 0.1% Triton X-100, 0.1 M glycine, pH 10; 3) 50 ml of 0.1% Triton X-100, 0.1 M TEA, pH 11.5; and 4) 40 ml of 0.14 M NaCl, 0.5% Triton X-100, 0.01 M Tris-HCl pH 8. SDS-PAGE of the fractions showed that most of the bound material was eluted at pH 11.5.

The α -subunit of Mac-1 was isolated by preparative SDS-polyacryamide gel electrophoresis of the affinity-purified antigen. After electroelution, the isolated α -subunit was precipitated with ethanol and reduced and alkylated. 50 μ g of purified α -subunit was dissolved in 0.1 M ammonium bicarbonate, 0.1 mM calcium chloride, 0.3% zwittergent 3-14 and digested with 2% (w/w) trypsin at 37°C for 6

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hours, with further additions of 1% trypsin every 2 hours. The resulting peptides were separated by reverse-phase HPLC on a C4 column (Vydac)* and eluted with a gradient of acetonitrile (0-60%) in 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) for 2 hours. Collected fractions were concentrated and subjected to microsequencing on an applied Biosystems* gas-liquid phase sequencer.

Immunoprecipitation with-subunit-specific monoclonal antibody showed that Mac-1 was the prevalent molecule eluted from the anti- β monoclonal antibody-Sepharose column, as expected since neutrophils are the primary cell in the leukocyte lysate and express much more Mac-1 than LFA-1 or p150,95.

EXAMPLE 2

Isolation and Sequencing of cDNA Clones

The purified α -subunit was digested with trypsin and the resulting peptides separated by reverse-phase HPLC and subjected to protein micro-sequencing (Table I). Comparison of the Mac-1 α -subunit peptide sequences with the sequence of the p150,95 α -subunit (Corbi, A. et al., EMBO J. 6:4023-4028 (1987)) showed a high degree of similarity. Table I shows the tryptic peptides of the Mac-1 α -subunit, and their positions in the cDNA-derived sequence. In the Table, positions without amino acid assignment are shown by "X;" uncertain positions are shown in parentheses. Peptides were obtained from Mac-1 purified on IB4 monoclonal antibody-Protein-A-Sepharose, except for peptide 86 that was obtained from Mac-1 purified on LM2/1 monoclonal antibody-Sepharose, and peptides 88 and 90 that were obtained from both sources. The peptide sequence used for the design of the oligonucleotide probe is underlined.

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TABLE I
SEQUENCES OF TRYPTIC PEPTIDES OF Mac-1 ALPHA-subunit

Peptide	Amino Acid Sequence	Residues
14	T I Q N Q L R	307-313
32	V Q S L V L G A P R	400-409
43	Y V I G V G D A F R	267-276
44	Y Q H I G L V A M F R	410-420
53A	W Q C (D) A V L Y G E Q G Q P X G R	488-504
53B	E F V (S) X X (M) (E) (Q) (L)	155-164
54A	F (G) D P L G Y E D V I P E A D R	246-261
71	L F T A L F P F E K	744-753
79A	V D S D M N D A Y L G (Y)	379-390
79B	X Q (C) X I P F F G I Q E	1015-1026
86	G C P Q E D S D I A F L I D G S G S I I P H D F R	127-151
88	<u>T Q T V F F F P L D L S Y R</u>	801-814
90	L X F S L V G T P L S A F G N L R P V L A E D A Q R	718-743

Peptide sequences were used to design 4 single sequence oligonucleotide probes. The peptide 88 was selected to design a 42-mer oligonucleotide specific for the α -subunit of Mac-1 because of its low level of redundancy and its homology to a region of the p150,95 α -subunit close to the C-terminus (i.e., towards the 3' end of a cDNA).

The oligonucleotides were end-labeled using T4 polynucleotide kinase and [γ^{32} P]-ATP (Maniatis, T., et al. (In: Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1982)) and used to screen a sized-selected cDNA library from PMA-induced HL60 cells (Corbi, A. et al., EMBO J. 6:4023-4028 (1987)). 5×10^5 primary recombinants were plated, transferred to duplicate nitrocellulose filters, and prehybridized overnight as described (Corbi, A. et al., EMBO J. 6:4023-4028 (1987)). Hybridization with the oligonucleotides was done in 6 x SSC, 0.1% SDS, 0.05% sodium pyrophosphate, and 100 μ g/ml of tRNA at 37°C overnight. Filters were washed in the same solution without the tRNA at room temperature for 30 min. and at 45°C for 15 minutes. Wet filters were exposed overnight to pre-flashed X-Ray film with intensifying screen.

Phage plaques giving duplicate positive signals were obtained after screening with a 42-mer oligonucleotide:

5'-ACCCAGGTGACCTTCTTCTTCCCCCTAGACCTGTCCTACCGG-3'

and were subjected to three additional rounds of subcloning and screening with the same probe. Isolation of full-length cDNA clones was carried out by re-screening the filters with an end-labeled oligonucleotide having the sequence:

5'-GGATGGACTGGTAGACCTGACTGTAGGAGC-3'

and nick-translated probes from the 5' end of the partial cDNA clone λ M14.

The screening of the 5×10^5 primary recombinants from the PMA-induced HL-60 cDNA library with the 42-mer yield 16 positive clones and the longest one (λ M14, 2.9 kb) was selected for sequencing (Figure 1). The λ M14 cDNA-derived amino acid sequence encodes four of the tryptic peptides derived from the purified Mac-1 α -subunit. To isolate a full-length Mac-1 α cDNA clone, the library was re-screened with a 1.0 kb EcoRI fragment and a 30-mer derived from the 5' end of λ M14 and twenty-four new cDNA clones extending towards the N-terminus of the protein were selected. Isolation of the inserts of these 24 cDNA clones showed that three of them (λ M23, λ M42 and λ M90) extend 2 kb 5' of λ M14 (Figure 1).

λ M23 is a full-length Mac-1 α cDNA clone. It encodes the protein N-terminus (Miller, L.J. *et al.*, J. Immunol. 138:2381-2383 (1987)) and the tryptic peptides not detected in λ M14. λ M14 and λ M23 exhibit identical restriction maps in their overlapping regions.

EXAMPLE 3

Restriction Mapping and Sequencing

DNA from the positive phages was purified, cloned into pUC13, 18 or 19, and restriction mapped using standard procedures (Maniatis, T., *et al.* (In: Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1982)). Restriction

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fragments were subcloned into M13 mp18 and mp19 and sequenced by the dideoxy termination method (Sanger, F. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (U.S.A.) 74:5463-5467 (1977)). Oligonucleotide-primed DNA sequencing was used in cases where no convenient restriction sites were available. The whole coding region, the 5' untranslated region and more than 60% of the 3' untranslated region were sequenced in both strands. The 3' untranslated regions of the cDNA clones λ M23 and λ M90 were subjected to dideoxy sequencing of plasmid DNA and using the Erase-a-base* system (Promega) to make deletions according to the manufacturer's instructions (Henikoff, S. Gene 28:351-359 (1984)).

The composite cDNA sequence of λ M23 contains 4740 bp and has a long open reading frame of 3534 nucleotides, leaving a 5' untranslated region of 72 bp and a 3' untranslated region of 1.2 kb (Figure 2). The 3' untranslated region of λ M14 contains an inverted stretch of poly-(CA) (nucleotides 3667-3862) (Sun, L. et al., Nucl. Acid Res. 12:2669-2690 (1984)), a partial Kpn I interspersed repeat (nucleotides 4566-4631) (Sun, L. et al., Nucl. Acid Res. 12:2669-2690 (1984)), and ends with a stretch of more than 40 adenosines. There are 2 consensus polyadenylation signals at nucleotides 4191 and 4678. Analysis of the 3' untranslated regions from λ M14, λ M23, and λ M90 indicates that the first polyadenylation signal is used in λ M23 and the second one in λ M14 and λ M90, indicating that both polyadenylation signals are functional. Restriction mapping of 15 additional cDNA clones suggests that both polyadenylation sites are used with equal frequency. The 3' untranslated region of λ M90 (and λ M42) lack 440 bp found between nucleotides 3629 and 4070 in λ M14 and λ M23 (Figures 1). The sequences GAA/GTATCC and AAG/A at the boundaries of the deletion (arrows, Figure 2) conform to the GT/AG rule for splicing sites (Mount, S.M., Nucl. Acid Res. 10:459-472 (1982)) and thus the two different classes of cDNA's appear to correspond to alternatively spliced mRNA's.

The open reading frame from λ M14/ λ M23 translates into a protein of 1137 residues, with a signal peptide of 16 amino acids defined by the previously reported Mac-1 α -subunit N-terminal sequence (Miller,

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L.J. et al., J. Immunol. 138:2381-2383 (1987); Pierce, M.W. et al., Biochim. Biophys. Acta 874:368-372 (Figure 2). In addition to the agreement with the protein N-terminal sequence, the 186 residues determined by tryptic peptide sequencing (Table I) agreed perfectly with the translated sequence. This confirmed the isolation of authentic Mac-1 α -subunit cDNA clones. The amino acid sequence of the Mac-1 α -subunit has the characteristics of a classical transmembrane protein, with an N-terminal 1092-residue domain, a 25-residue hydrophobic putative transmembrane domain, and a 19 residue C-terminal hydrophilic domain (Figure 2). The presence in the N-terminal 1092-residue domain of 19 potential N-glycosylation sites (Asn-Xaa-Ser/Thr), one of which was sequenced in peptide 90 (residues 718-743), confirms that this is the extracellular domain. The predicted molecular weight of the protein is 125,611 daltons, consistent with previous estimations after N-glycanase treatment of the α -subunit of Mac-1 (137,000 Mr) (Miller, L.J. et al., J. Immunol. 139:842-847 (1987)). Assuming 2,500 Mr per high mannose carbohydrate, Mr=173,001 is predicted for the Mac-1 α -subunit precursor, compared to the observed M=160,000 (Miller, L.J. et al., J. Immunol. 139:842-847 (1987)). After carbohydrate processing, the Mac-1 α -subunit is 170,000 Mr.

The primary structure of the α -subunit of Mac-1 suggests the presence of seven internal repeats (Figure 3). Repeats V, VI, and VII show the highest degree of similarity to one another which is statistically significant ($p < 10^{-2}$ to $p < 10^{-4}$) and contain sequences similar to the divalent cation-binding EF-hand loop motif of proteins like calmodulin and parvalbumin (Szebenyi, D.M.E. et al., Nature 294:327-332 (1981)) (Figure 3), correlating with the divalent cation requirements of the Mac-1-mediated adhesion (Wright, S.D. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (U.S.A.) 80:5699-5703 (1983)). Repeats I-IV lack the EF-hand loop-like sequences but contain the highly conserved sequences Y F G A S/A L and L V T V G A P flanking the center of the repeats (Figure 3). These consensus flanking sequences are also

conserved in other integrins (Figure 3). The presence of the seven repeats suggest that much of the N-terminal portion of the Mac-1 α -subunit may have arisen by duplication events.

EXAMPLE 4

Northern Blot Analysis

Adherent mononuclear cells from peripheral blood were isolated by Ficoll-Hypaque centrifugation and incubation of the mononuclear cells in tissue culture plates with RPMI 1640 and 10% fetal calf serum for 30 min. at 37°C. Non-adherent cells were removed from the plates by extensive washing with RPMI 1640. Adherent cells were detached from the plates by incubation with 10 ml of PBS, 5 mM EDTA, for 15 minutes at 37°C. More than 95% of the adherent cells were positive for the presence of Mac-1 as detected by indirect immunofluorescence. PMA-treatment of the cell lines HL-60 and U937 was performed as described (Miller, L.J. *et al.*, J. Immunol. 137:2891-2900 (1986)). total RNA was extracted from peripheral blood adherent cells, as well as from the cell lines SKW3, JY, HL-60, and U937, using guanidine isothiocyanate (Maniatis, T., *et al.* (In: Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1982)). 10 or 20 μ g from each sample was run on a 1% formaldehyde-agarose gel and transferred onto a nylon membrane. Hybridizations were performed using the 2.3 kb Eco RI fragment from λ M23 as a probe.

The cell surface expression of the Mac-1 α/β complex was found to be almost exclusively restricted to cells of the myeloid lineage (Miller, L.J. *et al.*, J. Immunol. 137:2891-2900 (1986)). Northern blots showed that the Mac-1 α -subunit mRNA is 4.7 kb and was present in monocytes and myeloid cell lines, but not in T or B cell lines.

Mac-1 expression was regulated during leukocyte differentiation, and could be induced in myelomonocytic cell lines by culture with phorbol ester for 1-3 days (Miller, L.J. *et al.*, J. Immunol. 137:2891-

2900 (1986)). Northern blot analysis revealed that the steady-state level of Mac-1 α RNA in the HL-60 and U937 myelomonocytic cell lines was extremely low or nil (Miller, L.J. et al., J. Immunol. 137:2891-2900 (1986)). PMA-treatment of both cell lines induced expression of the Mac-1 α -subunit mRNA and increased the expression of the β -subunit mRNA. These findings are concordant with previous studies on the biosynthesis of the Mac-1 α and β -subunits (Miller, L.J. et al., J. Immunol. 139:842-847 (1987)), on the surface expression of the Mac-1 α/β complex on these cell lines (Miller, L.J. et al., J. Immunol. 137:2891-2900 (1986)), and suggest that the cell surface expression of Mac-1 is regulated by mRNA level. Similarly, treatment of the murine premyelocytic cell line M1 with γ -interferon induces expression of the murine Mac-1 α -subunit mRNA (Sastre, L. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (U.S.A.) 83:5644-5648 (1986)). Two Mac-1 α -subunit messages of approximately 4.7 and 4.4 kb were resolved in the myelomonocytic cell lines HL60 and U937 upon prolonged electrophoresis of the RNA. The presence of multiple Mac-1 α mRNA species may be the result of the alternative use of the two polyadenylation signals or alternative splicing. The size of the mRNA species is consistent with these possibilities. Southern blot analysis under stringent conditions on human DNA demonstrated that Mac-1 α -subunit is encoded by a single copy gene.

EXAMPLE 5

Sequence Homologies

The sequence of Mac-1 α -subunit was compared with the protein sequence database in the National Biomedical Research Foundation (NBRF) (Washington, DC). The ALIGN program was used for alignment of sequences (Dayhoff, M.O. et al., Met. Enzymol. 91:524-545 (1983)). The statistical significance of the alignments was assessed obtaining the alignment scores for 100 random permutations of the aligned

sequences and calculating the number of standard deviations between the mean of the scores for the randomized comparisons and the score of the actual alignment. The scoring used the 250 PAM mutation data matrix, with a gap penalty = 6 and a bias = 6.

EXAMPLE 6

Mac-1 as a Member of the Integrin Gene Superfamily

The determination of the primary structure of the Mac-1/LFA-1/p150,95 common β -subunit (Kishimoto, T.K. et al., Cell 48:681-690 (1987); Law, S.K.A. et al., EMBO J. 6:915-919 (1987)) and the α -subunit of p150,95 (Corbi, A. et al., EMBO J. 6:4023-4028 (1987)) has shown that the leukocyte adhesion receptors are evolutionary related to the extracellular matrix (ECM) receptors, and led to the concept of a gene superfamily of cell-cell and cell-matrix receptors termed "integrins" (Hynes, R.O. Cell 48:549-554 (1987)).

Three subfamilies of integrin molecules, each with a distinct β -subunit, have been defined, namely the fibronectin receptor subfamily (sharing integrin β_1), the leukocyte adhesion receptor subfamily (sharing integrin β_2), and the vitronectin receptor-IIb/IIIa subfamily (sharing integrin β_3).

Comparisons of the amino acid and nucleic acid sequences which encode the integrins with those of the Mac-1 α -subunit were undertaken to define the relationships among the α -subunits of the different integrin subfamilies (Figure 4). The α -subunits of Mac-1 and p150,95 were found to be 63% identical at the amino acid level and 68% identical at the nucleotide level. The high degree of structural similarity between the α -subunits of Mac-1 and p150,95 is reflected at the functional level: Mac-1 and p150,95 exhibit iC3b-binding ability (Beller, D.I. et al., J. Exper. Med. 156:1000-1009 (1982); Micklem, K.J. et al., Biochem. J. 231:233-236 (1985)) and both proteins are known to play a role in neutrophil aggregation and neutrophil and monocyte adhesion to endothelial cells (Anderson, D.C. et al., J.

Immunol. 137:15-27 (1986); Vedder, N.B. et al., J. Clin. Invest. 81:672-682 (1988); Te Velde, A.A. et al., Immunol. 61:261-267 (1987)). The α -subunit of LFA-1 is 35% identical to the α -subunits of Mac-1 and p150,95. The α -subunits of the fibronectin receptor, vitronectin receptor and the glycoprotein IIb are 40% identical to one another. Since the α -subunits of Mac-1 and p150,95 are 25% identical to the α -subunits of the three ECM receptors, the α -subunits of Mac-1, P150,95, and LFA-1 are more closely related to each other than to the rest of the integrin α -subunits. The leukocyte α -subunits also resemble one another in containing a segment of 187 residues not found in the ECM α -subunits (amino acids 150-338 in the α -subunit of Mac-1), and in lacking a region of 28 amino acids (gap at residue 1002 in Mac-1) where the ECM receptor α -subunits are proteolytically cleaved during processing to generate two disulfide-linked chains (Ruoslahti, E. et al., Science 238:491-497 (1987)).

The area of highest extended identity between Mac-1 α -subunit and the rest of the integrin α -subunits lies between residues 434-592, precisely the boundaries of the three internal repeats containing putative divalent cation-binding sequences. Over this region, Mac-1 α -subunit shows 88% identity to p150,95 α -subunit at the amino acid level and 90% at the nucleotide level, and the percentage of identity to the ECM receptor integrin α -subunits is 38%. The ECM receptor α -subunits have four putative divalent cation-binding sites within their primary structure (Suzuki, S. et al., J. Biol. Chem. 262:14080-14085 (1987); Argraves, W.S. et al., J. Cell Biol. 105:1183-1190 (1987); Poncz, M. et al., J. Biol. Chem. 262:8476-8482 (1987)), which align with the repeats IV-VII in the α -subunits of Mac-1 and p150,95; repeat IV in Mac-1 and p150,95 does not contain the putative divalent cation-binding sequence (Figure 3). Ligand-binding by the ECM receptor integrins is calcium-dependent (Ruoslahti, E. et al., Science 238:491-497 (1987)) and in the case of the α -subunit of the glycoprotein IIb/IIIa the binding of radioactive calcium has been verified (Ruoslahti, E. et al., Science 238:491-497 (1987)). The high degree

of conservation of these regions suggests a role in maintaining receptor conformation or a direct involvement in ligand binding.

An additional region of high conservation among the integrin α -subunits are the membrane spanning regions. The transmembrane domain of Mac-1 α exhibits 88% identity with the one in p150,95 α and 40-50% identity with those of the Iib, VNR and FNR α -subunits (Tamkun, J.W. *et al.*, Cell 46:271-282 (1986); Argraves, W.S. *et al.*, J. Cell Biol. 105:1183-1190 (1987); Poncz, M. *et al.*, J. Biol. Chem. 262:8476-8482 (1987)) (Figure 4). A similar conservation has been noted in the transmembrane and cytoplasmic domains of the different β -subunits (Kishimoto, T.K. *et al.*, Cell 48:681-690 (1987); Law, S.K.A. *et al.*, EMBO J. 6:915-919 (1987)); Tamkun, J.W. *et al.*, Cell 46:271-282 (1986); Fitzgerald, L.A. *et al.*, J. Biol. Chem. 262:3936-3939 (1987); Argraves, W.S. *et al.*, J. Cell Biol. 105:1183-1190 (1987)). Based on this high degree of conservation it is conceivable that these regions may play a role in the regulation of the ligand-binding (Vedder, N.B. *et al.*, J. Clin. Invest. 81:672-682 (1988)) through interactions with other membrane components or with the cytoskeleton. The finding that the fibronectin receptor binds talin (Horwitz, A. *et al.*, Nature 320:531-533 (1986)), that LFA-1 mediated interactions are dependent on the integrity of the cytoskeleton (Springer, T.A. *et al.*, Ann. Rev. Immunol. 5:223-252 (1987)), and that LFA-1 co-caps with talin after phorbol ester stimulation (Burn, P. *et al.*, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (U.S.A.) 85:497-501 (1988)) further supports the involvement of these domains in cytoskeletal interactions and in signal transduction.

EXAMPLE 7

Mapping of the Mac-1 Alpha Gene

The Mac-1, LFA-1, and p150,95 α and β -subunit genes have been located by Southern blot on mouse x human somatic cell hybrids and by chromosomal in situ hybridization using cDNA probes. The genes encoding the α -subunits of LFA-1, Mac-1 and p150,95 map to chromosome

16, between bands p11-p13.1, defining a gene cluster involved in leukocyte adhesion. The common structural characteristics and the close proximity of the three α -subunit genes strongly suggest that the genes for the α -subunits of Mac-1, p150,95, and LFA-1 evolved by gene duplication events, and that these gene duplications took place after the divergence of the different integrin α -subunit subfamilies.

EXAMPLE 8

Homology with von Willebrand factor and factor B

As previously described for p150,95 (Corbi, A. et al., EMBO J. 6:4023-4028 (1987)), there is a region of 187 amino acids in the Mac-1 α -subunit (residues 150-338) without counterpart in the 3 sequenced ECM receptor integrin α -subunits. This region is referred to as the L domain, because of its presence in leukocyte integrins. The above discussed search of the National Biomedical Research Foundation sequence data base using the FASTP program revealed homology of residues 128-314 of the Mac-1 α -subunit with von Willebrand factor (vWF) (Shelton-Inloes, B.B. et al., Biochem. 25:3164-3171 (1986)) (Figure 5). The homologous regions are of particular interest because they correspond in Mac-1 almost exactly to the L domain, and in vWF to the type A domain, a domain previously defined by its presence in 3 homologous tandem repeats of 200 residues denoted A1 (497-716), A2 (717-909), and (910-1111) (Shelton-Inloes, B.B. et al., Biochem. 25:3164-3171 (1986)). The p150,95 α -subunit (Figure 4) and the murine Mac-1 α -subunit also show homology to the vWF A domains. Since the vWF A domains have previously have shown to be homologous to factor B (Shelton-Inloes, B.B. et al., Biochem. 25:3164-3171 (1986); Mole, J.E. et al., J. Biol. Chem. 259:3407-3412 (1984)), a component of the alternative complement pathway which interacts with C3, homologies with factor B and with its homologue in the classical pathway, C2 (Bentley, D.R., Biochem. J. 239:339-345 (1986)) were also examined (Figure 5). The homologous domain in factor B is clearly demarcated

on the N-terminal side by the site at which factor B is cleaved to give the active Bb factor, and on the C-terminal side by the serine protease domain (Mole, J.E. et al., J. Biol. Chem. 259:3407-3412 (1984)); Bentley, D.R., Biochem. J. 239:339-345 (1986)) (Figure 6). Evaluation with the ALIGN program (Dayhoff, M.O. et al., Met. Enzymol. 91:524-545 (1983)) showed that the homology of Mac-1 with vWF domains A1, A2, and A3 and with factor B is highly statistically significant (Table II), and, thus, that the homologous amino acid segments in each of these proteins must have evolved from a single primordial domain. Although the homology of Mac-1 with C2 is not statistically significant, factor B shows significant homology to C2 and serves as an evolutionary link, showing that the segment in C2 evolved from the same primordial domain. Table II compares the alignment scores of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit leukocyte specific domain (128-314), with the A repeats of von Willebrand factor (A1:509-692; A2:730-903; A3:923-1103), Factor B (240-443), and C2 (228-434). The table was compiled using the ALIGN program. The alignment scores are presented in standard deviation units. The probability of the alignments (shown in Figure 6) have occurred by chance is shown in parentheses below each alignment score.

TABLE II

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ALIGNMENT SCORES OF THE Mac-1 ALPHA-subunit
LEUKOCYTE-SPECIFIC DOMAIN WITH THE von WILLEBRAND FACTOR A REPEATS,
FACTOR B AND C2

	vWf A1	vWf A2	vWf A3	Factor B	C2
Mac-1	7.4 ($<10^{-11}$)	7.2 ($<10^{-11}$)	8.1 ($<10^{-15}$)	6.9 ($<10^{-10}$)	1.8 ($<10^{-1}$)
vWf A1	---	10.3 ($<10^{-23}$)	9.1 ($<10^{-18}$)	7.0 ($<10^{-11}$)	4.6 ($<10^{-5}$)
vWf A2	---	---	13.4 ($<10^{-23}$)	4.0 ($<10^{-4}$)	4.1 ($<10^{-4}$)
vWf A3	---	---	---	4.8 ($<10^{-5}$)	3.2 ($<10^{-2}$)
Factor B	---	---	---	---	23.8 ($<10^{-23}$)

EXAMPLE 9The Ligand Binding Site of the Mac-1 Alpha-subunit

The homology between factor B and the L domain, and the ability of factor B to bind C3b, support the conclusion that the L domain is the iC3b ligand-binding site of Mac-1 and p150,95. It is also of interest that binding of Bb to C3b requires Mg^{+2} (Muller-Eberhard, H.J. et al., Adv. Immunol. 29:1-53 (1980)). Similarly, binding of

isolated Mac-1 and p150,95 to iC3b-sensitized cells or to iC3b-Sepharose requires divalent cations (Wright, S.D. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (U.S.A.) 80:5699-5703 (1983); Micklem, K.J. et al., Biochem. J. 231:233-236 (1985)). A putative divalent cation binding site in the L domain may be represented by one sequence motif containing dG and another containing DG and GD which are concerned in Mac-1, p150,95, and factor B (underlined in Figure 5). If these sites were contiguous in the 3 dimensional structure they could form a divalent cation binding site similar in sequence to those present in internal repeats V to VII of the α -subunit of Mac-1. The L domain and the following region containing repeats IV-VII are relatively free of N-linked glycosylation sites and cysteines (Figure 6), allowing them to be accessible and conformationally flexible. The idea that the L domain could be involved in recognition of iC3b raises the possibility of recognition of a sequence in iC3b distinct from RGD. Although RGD is present in iC3b, evidence that it is important in recognition by Mac-1 (Wright, S.D. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (U.S.A.) 84:1965-1968 (1987)) remains to be confirmed by peptide inhibition data.

Both the A1 and A3 domains of vWF bind collagen (Girma, J.P. et al., Blood 70:605-611 (1987)) and the A1 domain binds the platelet glycoprotein Ib and heparin (Girma, J.P. et al., Blood 70:605-611 (1987)). The alternative complement pathway in which factor B plays an important role is the most primitive mechanism of the immune system for distinguishing self from non-self (Muller-Eberhard, H.J. et al., Adv. Immunol. 29:1-53 (1980)). Thus, the 200 amino acid domain appears to be a primitive recognition unit which has been duplicated and embedded in a number of proteins which have evolved to play diverse recognition functions in hemostasis (vWF), the extracellular matrix (CMP) complement activation (factor B and C2), and complement receptor and cell-cell interactions (leukocyte integrins).

EXAMPLE 10The Phylogenetic Relationship Between the Integrins

The ECM receptor integrins are phylogenetically ancient as shown at the level of sequence homology in *Drosophila* (Ruoslahti, E. et al., Science 238:491-497 (1987)) and by immunological cross-reaction with proteins of similar size in nematodes and fungi. These results demonstrate that the Mac-1 α -subunit evolved by the introduction of a primordial recognition domain into the ECM receptor-type of α -subunit evolved by the introduction of a primordial recognition domain into the ECM receptor-type of α -subunit (Figure 6). The introduction of the extra domain may have increased the potential for recognition of diverse ligands by the leukocyte integrins and may explain their somewhat different ligand specificity, since recognition of the ICAM-1 ligand by LFA-1 does not involve RGD (Marlin, S. et al., Cell 51:813-819 (1987); Staunton, D.E. et al., Cell 52:925-933 (1988); Simmons, D. et al., Nature 331:624-627 (1988)).

The availability of cDNA clones for both the α and β -subunits of Mac-1 allows the identification of the distinct ligand binding sites involved in iC3b binding and in cell-cell adhesion, and the testing of the hypothesis that cell stimulation results in a conformational change in the ligand binding site, transmitted from the cytoplasmic or membrane domains, that alters affinity for ligand.

While the invention has been described in connection with specific embodiments thereof, it will be understood that it is capable of further modifications and this application is intended to cover any variations, uses, or adaptations of the invention following, in general, the principles of the invention and including such departures from the present disclosure as come within known or customary practice within the art to which the invention pertains and as may be applied to the essential features hereinbefore set forth as follows in the scope of the appended claims.

CLAIMS:

1. An isolated human Mac-1 alpha-subunit comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 2 or a functional derivative thereof, wherein said functional derivative
5 comprises a fragment or variant of said amino acid sequence and is a compound which possesses a biological activity that is substantially similar to a biological activity of said Mac-1 alpha-subunit, and wherein said fragment comprises any polypeptide subset of said amino acid sequence, and wherein
10 said variant comprises a molecule substantially similar in structure to either said amino acid sequence or said fragment, provided that said variant has at least one biological activity that is either similar to an activity of said Mac-1 alpha-subunit or inhibitory to an activity of said Mac-1 alpha-subunit, and wherein said variant is not the polypeptide:
15 F-N-L-D-T-E-N-A-V-T-F-Q-E-N-A-R-G-F-G-Q-G-V-V-Q-L-Q-G-S or a fragment thereof.
2. The Mac-1 alpha-subunit of claim 1, wherein said Mac-1 alpha-subunit is capable of associating with a Mac-1
20 beta-subunit to form a Mac-1 heterodimer.
3. The Mac-1 alpha-subunit of claim 1, wherein said Mac-1 alpha-subunit is additionally capable of binding to a molecule present on the surface of a cell.
4. The Mac-1 alpha-subunit according to claim 1, wherein
25 said Mac-1 alpha-subunit is additionally capable of binding to an iC3b molecule present on the surface of a cell or another natural ligand of Mac-1.
5. The Mac-1 alpha-subunit according to claim 1 which comprises at least one polypeptide selected from the group
30 consisting of:

a. A-N-Q-R-G-S-L;

h. Y-I-L-T-S-H-N;

b. M-E-Q-L-K-K-S;

i. C-Q-D-D-L-S-I;

c. T-D-G-E-K-F-G;

j. T-I-Q-N-Q-L-R;

d. G-V-F-L-Y-T-S;

k. V-Q-S-L-V-L-G;

5 e. V-D-V-D-S-S-N-G-S-T;

l. Y-Q-H-I-G-L-V;

f. D-V-N-G-D-K-L-T-D-V-A;

m. L-F-T-A-L-F-P; and

g. D-L-T-M-D-G-L-V-D-L;

n. F-S-L-V-G-T-P.

6. A functional derivative of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit according to any one of claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 comprising a
10 fragment of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit or a variant, analog, or chemical derivative of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit.

7. A recombinant DNA molecule capable of expressing the Mac-1 alpha-subunit according to claim 1, wherein said molecule comprises nucleotide sequence(s) which encode the Mac-1
15 alpha-subunit according to claim 1.

8. The DNA molecule of claim 7, additionally comprising nucleotide sequence(s) which contain transcriptional and translational regulatory information.

9. The DNA molecule of claim 7 or 8, wherein said
20 nucleotide sequence(s) which encode the Mac-1 alpha-subunit according to claim 1 comprise the nucleotide sequence as set forth in Figure 2.

10. The DNA molecule of claim 7 or 8, wherein said Mac-1 alpha-subunit contains at least one polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

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| a. | A-N-Q-R-G-S-L; | h. | Y-I-L-T-S-H-N; |
| 5 b. | M-E-Q-L-K-K-S; | i. | C-Q-D-D-L-S-I; |
| c. | T-D-G-E-K-F-G; | j. | T-I-Q-N-Q-L-R; |
| d. | G-V-F-L-Y-T-S; | k. | V-Q-S-L-V-L-G; |
| e. | V-D-V-D-S-S-N-G-S-T; | l. | Y-Q-H-I-G-L-V; |
| f. | D-V-N-G-D-K-L-T-D-V-A; | m. | L-F-T-A-L-F-P; and |
| 10 g. | D-L-T-M-D-G-L-V-D-L; | n. | F-S-L-V-G-T-P. |

11. A prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell comprising the DNA molecule according to any one of claims 7 to 10, wherein said cell is capable of expressing a Mac-1 alpha-subunit.

12. A method of producing Mac-1 alpha-subunit according to claim 1 comprising the steps of:

providing the cell of claim 11; and

expressing said Mac-1 alpha-subunit.

13. Use of an anti-inflammatory effective amount of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit according to claim 1 to treat inflammation resulting from a response of a non-specific defence system in a mammalian subject.

14. Use according to claim 13 which additionally comprises an effective amount of a Mac-1 beta-subunit.

15. Use according to claim 13 or 14 wherein said Mac-1 alpha-subunit is produced by expression of a recombinant nucleic acid molecule.

16. Use according to claim 14 wherein said Mac-1 alpha-subunit is produced by expression of a recombinant nucleic acid molecule and wherein said Mac-1 alpha-subunit is associated with said beta-subunit to thereby form a Mac-1 heterodimer.

5 17. Use according to any one of claims 13 to 16 to provide said antiinflammatory agent to said subject prior to the initiation of said inflammation.

18. Use according to any one of claims 13 to 17 wherein said inflammation is associated with a condition selected from
10 the group consisting of: adult respiratory distress syndrome; atherosclerosis; multiple organ injury syndrome secondary to septicemia, multiple organ injury syndrome secondary to trauma; reperfusion injury of tissue; acute glomerulonephritis; reactive arthritis; dermatosis with acute inflammatory
15 components; a central nervous system inflammatory disorder; thermal injury; hemodialysis, leukapheresis; ulcerative colitis; Crohn's disease; necrotizing enterocolitis; granulocyte transfusion associated syndrome; and cytokine-induced toxicity.

20 19. Use according to any one of claims 13 to 17 wherein said inflammation is associated with reperfusion injury of myocardial tissue.

20. Use according to any one of claims 13 to 17 wherein said inflammation is associated with acute purulent meningitis.

25 21. Use according to any one of claims 13 to 17 to treat a viral infection.

22. A pharmaceutical composition comprising as an active ingredient an effective amount the Mac-1 alpha-subunit according to claim 1 in association with a pharmaceutically
30 acceptable diluent or carrier.

23. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 22 additionally comprising an effective amount of the Mac-1 beta-subunit.

24. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 23
5 wherein the alpha and beta-subunits are associated to form a Mac-1 heterodimer.

25. A pharmaceutical composition according to any one of claims 22, 23 and 24 wherein said composition is in unit dose form and each unit dose comprises a dose sufficient to provide
10 from about 1 pg to about 10 mg of active ingredient per kg body weight of patient.

26. A pharmaceutical composition according to any one of claims 22, 23 and 24 wherein said composition is in unit dose form and each unit dose comprises a dose sufficient to provide
15 from about 0.01 pg to about 1 mg of active ingredient per kg body weight of patient.

27. A commercial package comprising an anti-inflammatory amount of a human Mac-1 alpha-subunit or functional derivative thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 5 together with
20 instructions for use thereof to treat inflammation resulting from a response of a non-specific defence system in a mammalian subject.

28. Use of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit as defined in claim 1 for the manufacture of a medicament to treat inflammation
25 resulting from a response of a non-specific defence system in a mammalian subject.

29. Use of the Mac-1 alpha-subunit as defined in claim 1 and a Mac-1 beta-subunit, for the manufacture of a medicament

to treat inflammation resulting from a response of a non-specific defence system in a mammalian subject.

30. Use according to claim 28 or 29 wherein said Mac-1 alpha-subunit is produced by expression of a recombinant
5 nucleic acid molecule.

31. Use according to claim 29 wherein said Mac-1 alpha-subunit is produced by expression of a recombinant nucleic acid molecule and wherein said Mac-1 alpha-subunit is associated with said beta-subunit to thereby form a Mac-1 heterodimer.

10 32. Use according to any one of claims 28 to 31 for treatment prior to the initiation of said inflammation.

33. Use according to any one of claims 28 to 32 wherein said inflammation is associated with a condition selected from the group consisting of: adult respiratory distress syndrome;
15 atherosclerosis; multiple organ injury syndrome secondary to septicemia, multiple organ injury syndrome secondary to trauma; reperfusion injury of tissue; acute glomerulonephritis; reactive arthritis; dermatosis with acute inflammatory components; a central nervous system inflammatory disorder;
20 thermal injury; hemodialysis, leukapheresis; ulcerative colitis; Crohn's disease; necrotizing enterocolitis; granulocyte transfusion associated syndrome; and cytokine-induced toxicity.

34. Use according to any one of claims 28 to 32 wherein
25 said inflammation is associated with reperfusion injury of myocardial tissue.

35. Use according to any one of claims 28 to 32 wherein said inflammation is associated with acute purulent meningitis.

36. Use according to any one of claims 28 to 32 to treat a viral infection.

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FIG. 5

Mac-1 128 C P Q E D S D I A F L I D G S G S I I P H D F R R M K E F V S T V M E Q I K K - - S K I T L F - - S L M Q Y S E F R I H F T F K 187
p150,95 126 C P R Q E Q D I V F L I D G S G S I S S R N F A T M M N F V R A V I S Q F Q R - - P S T Q F - - S L M Q F S N K F Q T H F T F E 185
vWF A1 509 C S R L - L D L V F L L D G S S R I S E A E F E V L K A F V V D M M E R L R I - - S Q K W V R V A V V E Y H D G S H A Y I G L K 569
vWF A2 730 N S M V - L D V A F V L E G S D K I G E A D F N R S K E F M E E V I Q R M D V - - G Q D S I H V T V L Q Y S Y M V T V E Y P E S 790
vWF A3 923 C S Q P - L D V I L L D G S S S F P A S Y F D E M K S F A K A F I S K A N I - - G P R L I T Q V S V L Q Y G S I T T I D V P W N 983
Factor B 240 D P S G S M N I Y L V L D G S D S I G A S N F T G A K K C L V N L I E K V A S Y G V K P R Y - - G L V T Y A T Y P K I W V K V S 300
C2 228 Q R S G H I N L Y L L D C S Q S V S E N D F L I F K E S A S L M V D R I F S F E I N V S V - - A I I T F A S E P K V L M S V L 289

Mac-1 188 E F Q N N P N P R S L V K P I T Q L L G R T H T A T G - - I R K V V R E L F - - - - - N I - T N G A R K N A F K I - L V V 239
p150,95 186 E F R R T S N P L S L L A S V H Q L Q G F T Y T A T A - - - - - H A - S Y G A R R D A T K I - L I V 237
vWF A1 570 D R K R P S E L R R I A S Q V K Y A G S Q V A S T S E - - - - - Q I F S K I D R P E A S R I A L L L 621
vWF A2 791 E A Q S K G D I L Q R V R E I R Y Q G G N R T N - - - - - T G L A L R Y L S - - - - - D H - S F L V S Q G D R E Q A P N L 840
vWF A3 984 V V P E K A H L L S L V D V M Q R E G G P S Q I G D A - - - - - L G F A V R Y L T - - - - - S E - M H G A R P G A S K A V V I L 1036
Factor B 301 E - A D S S N A D W V T K Q L N E I N Y E D H K L K S G T N T K A L Q A V Y S M M S W P D D V - P P E G W N R I R H V - I I L 361
C2 290 N - D N S R D M T E V I S S L E N A N Y K D H E N G T G T N T Y A A L N S V Y L M M N N Q M R L L G M E T M A W Q E I R H A - I I L 353

Mac-1 240 I T D G - E K F - G D P L G Y E D V I P E - - - - - A D R E G V I R - Y V I G V G D A F R S E K S R R Q E L N T T I A S K P 291
p150,95 238 I T D G - K K E - G D S L D Y K D V I P M - - - - - A D A A G I I R - Y A I G V G L A F Q N R N S W K E L N D I A S K P 289
vWF A1 622 M A S Q - E P Q R - M S R N F V R Y V Q G - - - - - L K K K K V I - V I P V G I G P - - - - - H A N L K Q I R L I E K Q A 669
vWF A2 841 V Y M V - - - - - T G N P A S D E I K R L P - - - - - G D - I Q V - - - - - V P I G V G P - - - - - N A N V Q E L E R I - G W P 882
vWF A3 1037 V T D V - - - - - S V D S V D A A D A A R - - - - - S N R V T V - - - - - R Y D A A Q L R I L A G P A 1080
Factor B 362 M T D G L H N M G G D P I T V I D E I R D L L Y I G K D R K N P R E D Y L D V Y V F G V G - P L V N Q V N I N A L A S - - K K D 422
C2 354 L T D G K S N M G G S P K T A V D H I R E I L N I N Q K - - - - - R N D Y L D I Y A I G V G - K L D V D W R E L N E L G S - - K K D 441

Mac-1 292 P R D H V F Q V N N F E A L K T I Q N Q L R E 314
p150,95 290 S Q E H I F K V E D F D A L K D I Q N Q L K E 312
vWF A1 670 P E N K A F V L S S V D E L E Q Q R D E I V S 692
vWF A2 884 N A P I L - - I Q D F E T L P R E A P D L V L 903
vWF A3 1081 G D S N V V K L Q R T E D L P T M V T L G N S 1103
Factor B 432 N E Q H V F K V K D H E N L E D V F Y Q M I D 443
C2 412 G E R H A F I L Q D T K A L H Q V F E H M L D 434

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