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Description**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

[0001] The present invention relates to antibodies, including specified portions or variants, specific for at least one IL-23 protein or fragment thereof, as well as anti-idiotypic antibodies, and nucleic acids encoding anti-IL-23p19 antibodies, complementary nucleic acids, vectors, host cells, and methods of making and using thereof, including therapeutic formulations, administration and devices.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] Interleukin (IL)-12 is a secreted heterodimeric cytokine comprised of 2 disulfide-linked glycosylated protein subunits, designated p35 and p40 for their approximate molecular weights. IL-12 is produced primarily by antigen-presenting cells and drives cell-mediated immunity by binding to a two-chain receptor complex that is expressed on the surface of T cells or natural killer (NK) cells. The IL-12 receptor beta-1 (IL-12R β 1) chain binds to the p40 subunit of IL-12, providing the primary interaction between IL-12 and its receptor. However, it is IL-12p35 ligation of the second receptor chain, IL-12R β 2, that confers intracellular signaling (e.g. STAT4 phosphorylation) and activation of the receptor-bearing cell (Presky et al, 1996). IL-12 signaling concurrent with antigen presentation is thought to invoke T cell differentiation towards the T helper 1 (Th1) phenotype, characterized by interferon gamma (IFN γ) production (Trinchieri, 2003). Th1 cells are believed to promote immunity to some intracellular pathogens, generate complement-fixing antibody isotypes, and contribute to tumor immunosurveillance. Thus, IL-12 is thought to be a significant component to host defense immune mechanisms.

[0003] It was discovered that the p40 protein subunit of IL-12 can also associate with a separate protein subunit, designated p19, to form a novel cytokine, IL-23 (Oppman et al, 2000). IL-23 also signals through a two-chain receptor complex. Since the p40 subunit is shared between IL-12 and IL-23, it follows that the IL-12R β 1 chain is also shared between IL-12 and IL-23. However, it is the IL-23p19 ligation of the second component of the IL-23 receptor complex, IL-23R, that confers IL-23 specific intracellular signaling (e.g., STAT3 phosphorylation) and subsequent IL-17 production by T cells (Parham et al, 2002; Aggarwal et al. 2003). Recent studies have demonstrated that the biological functions of IL-23 are distinct from those of IL-12, despite the structural similarity between the two cytokines (Langrish et al, 2005).

[0004] Abnormal regulation of IL-12 and Th1 cell populations has been associated with many immune-mediated diseases since neutralization of IL-12 by antibodies is effective in treating animal models of psoriasis, multiple sclerosis (MS), rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, insulin-dependent (type 1) diabetes mellitus, and uveitis (Leonard et al, 1995; Hong et al, 1999; Malfait et al, 1998; Davidson et al, 1998). However, since these studies targeted the shared p40 subunit, both IL-12 and IL-23 were neutralized *in vivo*. Therefore, it was unclear whether IL-12 or IL-23 was mediating disease, or if both cytokines needed to be inhibited to achieve disease suppression. Recent studies have confirmed through IL-23p19 deficient mice or specific antibody neutralization of IL-23 that IL-23 inhibition can provide equivalent benefit as anti-IL-12p40 strategies (Cua et al, 2003, Murphy et al, 2003, Benson et al 2004). Therefore, there is increasing evidence for the specific role of IL-23 in immune-mediated disease. Neutralization of IL-23 without inhibition of IL-12 pathways could then provide effective therapy of immune-mediated disease with limited impact on important host defense immune mechanism. This would represent a significant improvement over current therapeutic options. US 2004/223969 and WO 2005/108425 disclose anti-p19 antibodies.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0005] The invention provides an isolated IL-23p19 antibody, which is an antibody that binds to the p19 subunit of IL-23, comprising:

(i)

(a) at least one light chain variable region, said light chain variable region comprising:

a complementarity determining region light chain 1 (CDRL1) amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:46;
a CDRL2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:52; and
a CDRL3 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:58-61; and

(b) at least one heavy chain variable region, said heavy chain variable region comprising:

a complementarity determining region heavy chain 1 (CDRH1) amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1;

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a CDRH2 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:7 and 8; and
a CDRH3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:40;

(ii)

(a) at least one light chain variable region, said light chain variable region comprising:

a CDRL1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:47;
a CDRL2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:53; and
a CDRL3 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:62-67; and

(b) at least one heavy chain variable region, said heavy chain variable region comprising:

a CDRH1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;
a CDRH2 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:9-15; and
a CDRH3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:41;

(iii)

(a) at least one light chain variable region, said light chain variable region comprising:

a CDRL1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:49;
a CDRL2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:55; and
a CDRL3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:70; and

(b) at least one heavy chain variable region, said heavy chain variable region comprising:

a CDRH1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4;
a CDRH2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18; and
a CDRH3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:43;

(iv)

(a) at least one light chain variable region, said light chain variable region comprising:

a CDRL1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:50;
a CDRL2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:56; and
a CDRL3 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:58-68 and 71-73; and

(b) at least one heavy chain variable region, said heavy chain variable region comprising:

a CDRH1 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:5;
a CDRH2 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:19 and 21-27; and
a CDRH3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 44;

(v)

(a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:82-85;
and

(b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:80
and 81;

(vi)

(a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:93-98;
and

(b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:86-92;

(vii)

- (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 102; and
- (b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:101;

(viii)

- (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:113-116; and
- (b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 103-112;

(ix)

- (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:82-85; and
- (b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:80 and 81;

(x)

- (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:93-98; and
- (b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:86-92;

(xi)

- (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:102; and
- (b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:101;

(xii)

- (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:113-116; and
- (b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:103-112;

(xiii)

- (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:136-138; and
- (b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:133-135;

(xiv)

- (a) a light chain variable region sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the nucleotide sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:136-138; and
- (b) a heavy chain variable region sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the nucleotide sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:133-135; or

(xv)

- (a) a light chain variable region sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the nucleotide sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:142-144; and

(b) a heavy chain variable region sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the nucleotide sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 139-141.

[0006] The invention also provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding at least one isolated IL-23p19 antibody according to the invention.

[0007] The invention also provides an isolated nucleic acid vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of the invention.

[0008] The invention also provides a prokaryotic or eukaryotic host cell comprising: (a) the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to the invention; or (b) (i) a nucleic acid vector encoding a light chain variable region, said light chain variable region comprising: a CDRL1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:50; a CDRL2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:56; and a CDRL3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:73; and (ii) a nucleic acid vector encoding a heavy chain variable region, said heavy chain variable region comprising: a CDRH1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5; a CDRH2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:20; and a CDRH3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:44.

[0009] The invention also provides an *in vitro* method for producing at least one IL-23p19, comprising translating the nucleic acid molecule according to the invention under conditions such that the IL-23p19 antibody is expressed in detectable or recoverable amounts.

[0010] The invention also provides a composition comprising at least one isolated IL-23p19 antibody according to the invention and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

[0011] The invention also provides the antibody of the invention for use in an *in vivo* method for diagnosing or treating an IL-23 related condition in a cell, tissue, organ or animal. The invention also provides a medical device, comprising an IL-23p19 antibody according to the invention. The invention also provides an article of manufacture for human pharmaceutical or diagnostic use, comprising packaging material and a container comprising a solution or a lyophilized form of an IL-23p19 antibody according to the invention.

[0012] The invention also provides a method for producing an isolated IL-23p19 antibody according to the invention, comprising providing a host cell or non-human transgenic animal or transgenic plant or plant cell capable of expressing in recoverable amounts said antibody.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

[0013]

Figure 1A shows that human IL-23p19 antibodies bind specifically to hrIL-23 and not hrIL-12 or hrp40 monomer. An anti-IL-12/IL-23 p40 antibody is shown to bind IL-23, IL-12 and the p40 monomer.

Figure 1B shows that human IL-23p19 antibodies bind to human IL-23, but not to murine IL-23 or its subunits.

Figure 2 shows the IL-23 binding to two of the plate-immobilized IL-23p19 antibodies of the invention.

Figure 3A shows that antibodies MOR04083 and MOR04190 block normal IL-23/IL-23R binding.

Figure 3B shows that antibodies MOR04083 and MOR04190 do not block normal IL-23/IL-12R β 1 binding.

Figure 3C shows that antibodies MOR04083, MOR04190, and MOR04217 do not inhibit IL-12 binding to IL-12R β 1-Fc binding.

Figure 4 shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies MOR04083 and MOR04190 of the invention inhibit hrIL-23 mediated STAT 3 phosphorylation.

Figure 5A shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies MOR04083 and MOR04190 of the invention inhibit recombinant hrIL-23 mediated IL-17 production.

Figure 5B shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies MOR04083 and MOR04190 of the invention inhibit native hrIL-23 mediated IL-17 production.

Figure 5C shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies MOR04083 and MOR04190 of the invention inhibit native cynomolgous monkey IL-23 mediated IL-17 production.

Figure 6 shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies MOR04083 and MOR04190 of the invention do not inhibit hrIL-12

mediated IFN γ production.

Figures 7A-C show that the IL-23p19 antibodies MOR04083, MOR04190, and MOR04217 of the invention cross-compete with each other for binding to hIL-23.

Figure 8 shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies MOR05028, 05038, 05040, 05042, 05045, 05049, and 05053 of the invention inhibit recombinant hrIL-23 mediated IL-17 production.

Figure 9 shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies MOR05028, 05038, 05040, 05042, 05045, 05049, and 05053 of the invention block normal IL-23/IL-23R binding.

Figure 10 shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} of the invention bind specifically to hrIL-23 and not hrIL-12 or hrp40 monomer, comparable to the anti-IL-23p19 murine monoclonal antibody, mAb23A. The anti-IL-12/IL-23p40 antibody mAb12A is shown to bind IL-23, IL-12 and the p40 monomer.

Figure 11A shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} of the invention block normal IL-23/IL-23R binding.

Figure 11B shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} of the invention do not block normal IL-23/IL-12R β 1 binding.

Figure 11C shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} of the invention do not inhibit IL-12 binding to IL-12R β 1-Fc binding.

Figure 12 shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} of the invention do not inhibit IL-12 induced INF γ production from NK92MI cells.

Figure 13 shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} of the invention inhibit recombinant hrIL-23 mediated IL-17 production.

Figure 14 shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} of the invention inhibit native hrIL-23 mediated IL-17 production.

Figure 15 shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} of the invention inhibit native cynomolgous monkey IL-23 mediated IL-17 production.

Figure 16A shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} of the invention and mAb23A compete with the binding of IL-23 to immobilized mAb23A.

Figure 16B shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} of the invention and, to a lesser extent, mAb23A compete with the binding of IL-23 to immobilized 5040^{Q/EV} mAb.

Figure 16C shows that the IL-23p19 antibodies 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} of the invention and mAb23A compete with the binding of IL-23 to immobilized 3759^{EQ/QS} mAb.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0014] The present invention provides isolated, recombinant and/or synthetic anti-IL-23p19 antibodies, including, without limitation, mammalian (e.g., human antibodies) and IL-23p19 anti-idiotypic antibodies thereto, as well as compositions and encoding nucleic acid molecules comprising at least one polynucleotide encoding at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody or anti-idiotypic antibody. The present invention further includes, but is not limited to, methods of making and using such nucleic acids and antibodies, including diagnostic and therapeutic compositions, methods and devices.

[0015] As used herein, an "anti-IL-23p19 antibody," "IL-23p19 antibody," "anti-IL-23p19 antibody portion," or "anti-IL-23p19 antibody fragment" and/or "anti-IL-23p19 antibody variant" and the like include any protein or peptide containing molecule that comprises at least a portion of an immunoglobulin molecule, such as but not limited to, at least one complementarity determining region (CDR) of a heavy or light chain or a ligand binding portion thereof, a heavy chain or light chain variable region, a heavy chain or light chain constant region, a framework region, or any portion thereof, or at least one portion of an IL-23 receptor or binding protein, which can be incorporated into an antibody of the present

invention. Such antibody optionally further affects a specific ligand, such as but not limited to, where such antibody modulates, decreases, increases, antagonizes, agonizes, mitigates, alleviates, blocks, inhibits, abrogates and/or interferes with at least one IL-23 activity or binding, or with IL-23 receptor activity or binding, *in vitro*, *in situ* and/or *in vivo*. As a non-limiting example, a suitable anti-IL-23p19 antibody, specified portion or variant of the present invention can bind at least one IL-23 molecule, or specified portions, variants or domains thereof. A suitable anti-IL-23p19 antibody, specified portion, or variant can also optionally affect at least one of IL-23p19 activity or function, such as but not limited to, RNA, DNA or protein synthesis, IL-23 release, IL-23 receptor signaling, membrane IL-23 cleavage, IL-23 activity, IL-23 production and/or synthesis.

[0016] The term "antibody" is further intended to encompass antibodies, digestion fragments, specified portions and variants thereof, including, without limitation, antibody mimetics or comprising portions of antibodies that mimic the structure and/or function of an antibody or specified fragment or portion thereof, including, without limitation, single chain antibodies, single domain antibodies, and fragments thereof. Functional fragments include antigen-binding fragments that bind to a human IL-23p19. For example, antibody fragments capable of binding to IL-23p19 or portions thereof, including, but not limited to, Fab (e.g., by papain digestion), Fab' (e.g., by pepsin digestion and partial reduction) and F(ab')₂ (e.g., by pepsin digestion), facb (e.g., by plasmin digestion), pFc' (e.g., by pepsin or plasmin digestion), Fd (e.g., by pepsin digestion, partial reduction and reaggregation), Fv or scFv (e.g., by molecular biology techniques) fragments, are encompassed by the invention (see, e.g., Colligan, Immunology, supra).

[0017] Such fragments can be produced by enzymatic cleavage, synthetic or recombinant techniques, as known in the art and/or as described herein. Antibodies can also be produced in a variety of truncated forms using antibody genes in which one or more stop codons have been introduced upstream of the natural stop site. For example, a combination gene encoding a F(ab')₂ heavy chain portion can be designed to include DNA sequences encoding the CH₁ domain and/or hinge region of the heavy chain. The various portions of antibodies can be joined together chemically by conventional techniques, or can be prepared as a contiguous protein using genetic engineering techniques.

[0018] The term "human antibody," as used herein, is intended to include antibodies having variable and constant regions derived from or closely matching human germline immunoglobulin sequences. The human antibodies of the invention may include amino acid residues not encoded by human germline immunoglobulin sequences (e.g., mutations introduced by random or site-specific mutagenesis *in vitro* or by somatic mutation *in vivo*). Thus, as used herein, the term "human antibody" refers to an antibody in which substantially every part of the protein (e.g., CDR, framework, C_L, C_H domains (e.g., C_H1, C_H2, C_H3), hinge, (V_L, V_H)) is substantially similar to a human germline antibody. Human antibodies have been classified into groupings based on their amino acid sequence similarities, see e.g. <http://people.cryst.bbk.ac.uk/~ubcg07s/>. Thus, using a sequence similarity search, an antibody with similar linear sequence can be chosen as a template to create "humanized antibodies."

[0019] "Humanization" (also called Reshaping or CDR-grafting) is now a well-established technique for reducing the immunogenicity of monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) from xenogeneic sources (commonly rodent) and for improving the effector functions (ADCC, complement activation, C1q binding). The engineered mAb is engineered using the techniques of molecular biology, however simple CDR-grafting of the rodent complementarity-determining regions (CDRs) into human frameworks often results in loss of binding affinity and/or specificity of the original mAb. In order to humanize an antibody, the design of the humanized antibody includes variations such as conservative amino acid substitutions in residues of the CDRs, and back substitution of residues from the rodent mAb into the human framework regions (back-mutations). The positions can be discerned or identified by sequence comparison for structural analysis or by analysis of a homology model of the variable regions' 3D structure. The process of affinity maturation has most recently used phage libraries to vary the amino acids at chosen positions. Similarly, many approaches have been used to choose the most appropriate human frameworks in which to graft the rodent CDRs. As the datasets of known parameters for antibody structures increases, so does the sophistication and refinement of these techniques. Consensus or germline sequences from a single antibody or fragments of the framework sequences within each light or heavy chain variable region from several different human mAbs can be used. Another approach to humanization is to modify only surface residues of the rodent sequence with the most common residues found in human mAbs and has been termed "resurfacing" or "veneering." Known human Ig sequences are disclosed, e.g., www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi; www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/igblast; www.atcc.org/phage/hdb.html; www.kabatdatabase.com/top.html; www.antibodyresource.com/onlinecomp.html; www.appliedbiosystems.com; www.biodesign.com; antibody.bath.ac.uk; www.unizh.ch; www.cryst.bbk.ac.uk/~ubcg07s/; Kabat et al., Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest, U.S. Dept. Health (1983). Often, the human or humanized antibody is substantially non-immunogenic in humans.

[0020] Similarly, antibodies designated primate (monkey, baboon, chimpanzee, etc.), rodent (mouse, rat, rabbit, guinea pig, hamster, and the like) and other mammals designate such species, sub-genus, genus, sub-family, and family specific antibodies. Further, chimeric antibodies can include any combination of the above. Such changes or variations optionally and preferably retain or reduce the immunogenicity in humans or other species relative to non-modified antibodies. Thus, a human antibody is distinct from a chimeric or humanized antibody.

[0021] It is pointed out that a human antibody can be produced by a non-human animal or prokaryotic or eukaryotic

cell that is capable of expressing functionally rearranged human immunoglobulin (e.g., heavy chain and/or light chain) genes. Further, when a human antibody is a single chain or single domain antibody, it can comprise a linker peptide that is not found in native human antibodies. For example, an Fv can comprise a linker peptide, such as two to about eight glycine or other amino acid residues, which connects the variable region of the heavy chain and the variable region of the light chain. Such linker peptides are considered to be of human origin.

[0022] Bispecific, heterospecific, heteroconjugate or similar antibodies can also be used that are monoclonal, preferably, human or humanized, antibodies that have binding specificities for at least two different antigens. In the present case, one of the binding specificities is for at least one IL-23p19 protein subunit, the other one is for any other antigen. Methods for making bispecific antibodies are known in the art. Traditionally, the recombinant production of bispecific antibodies is based on the co-expression of two immunoglobulin heavy chain-light chain pairs, where the two heavy chains have different specificities (Milstein and Cuello, *Nature* 305:537 (1983)). Because of the random assortment of immunoglobulin heavy and light chains, these hybridomas (quadromas) produce a potential mixture of 10 different antibody molecules, of which only one has the correct bispecific structure. The purification of the correct molecule is usually done by affinity chromatography steps. Similar procedures are disclosed, e.g., in WO 93/08829, US Patent Nos, 6210668, 6193967, 6132992, 6106833, 6060285, 6037453, 6010902, 5989530, 5959084, 5959083, 5932448, 5833985, 5821333, 5807706, 5643759, 5601819, 5582996, 5496549, 4676980, WO 91/00360, WO 92/00373, EP 03089, Trautnecker et al., *EMBO J.* 10:3655 (1991), Suresh et al., *Methods in Enzymology* 121:210 (1986).

[0023] Anti-IL-23p19 antibodies useful in the methods and compositions of the present invention can optionally be characterized by high affinity binding to IL-23p19 and, optionally and preferably, as having low toxicity. In particular, an antibody, specified fragment or variant of the invention, where the individual components, such as the variable region, constant region and framework, individually and/or collectively, optionally and preferably possess low immunogenicity, is useful in the present invention. The antibodies that can be used in the invention are optionally characterized by their ability to treat patients for extended periods with measurable alleviation of symptoms and low and/or acceptable toxicity. Low or acceptable immunogenicity and/or high affinity, as well as other suitable properties, can contribute to the therapeutic results achieved. "Low immunogenicity" is defined herein as the incidence of titrable levels of antibodies to the anti-IL-23p19 antibody in patients treated with anti-IL-23p19 antibody as occurring in less than 25% of patients treated, preferably, in less than 10% of patients treated with the recommended dose for the recommended course of therapy during the treatment period.

[0024] The isolated nucleic acids of the present invention can be used for production of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody or specified variant thereof, which can be used to measure or effect in an cell, tissue, organ or animal (including mammals and humans), to diagnose, monitor, modulate, treat, alleviate, help prevent the incidence of, or reduce the symptoms of, at least one IL-23 related condition, selected from, but not limited to, at least one of an immune disorder or disease, a cardiovascular disorder or disease, an infectious, malignant, and/or neurologic disorder or disease, or other known or specified IL-23 related condition.

[0025] Such a method can comprise administering an effective amount of a composition or a pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody to a cell, tissue, organ, animal or patient in need of such modulation, treatment, alleviation, prevention, or reduction in symptoms, effects or mechanisms. The effective amount can comprise an amount of about 0.001 to 500 mg/kg per single (e.g., bolus), multiple or continuous administration, or to achieve a serum concentration of 0.01-5000 µg/ml serum concentration per single, multiple, or continuous administration, or any effective range or value therein, as done and determined using known methods, as described herein or known in the relevant arts.

Antibodies of the Present Invention - Production and Generation

[0026] At least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody of the present invention can be optionally produced by a cell line, a mixed cell line, an immortalized cell or clonal population of immortalized cells, as well known in the art. See, e.g., Ausubel, et al., ed., *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., NY, NY (1987-2001); Sambrook, et al., *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, 2nd Edition, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1989); Harlow and Lane, *Antibodies, a Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1989); Colligan, et al., eds., *Current Protocols in Immunology*, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., NY (1994-2001); Colligan et al., *Current Protocols in Protein Science*, John Wiley & Sons, NY, NY, (1997-2001).

[0027] Antibodies that are specific for human IL-23p19 proteins or fragments thereof can be obtained from recombinant human antibody libraries using an appropriate antigen, such as an isolated IL-23p19 protein and/or a portion thereof (including synthetic molecules, such as synthetic peptides). Other specific or general antibodies, including, without limitation, mammalian antibodies, can be similarly raised. Preparation of antigens, and isolation of antibodies from human libraries can be performed using any suitable technique.

[0028] In one approach, a recombinant antibody is obtained by phage display using antibody libraries (Hoogenboom HR. Overview of antibody phage-display technology and its applications. *Methods in Molecular Biology*. 178:1-37, 2002). In a preferred approach, a recombinant human Fab is isolated from the HuCal Gold™ Library developed by MorphoSys,

AG (Kretzschmar, 2002) and subsequently improved in its activity by CDR cassette diversification (Knappik et al., 2000; Krebs et al., 2001).

[0029] Recombinant human antibodies recovered from phage display libraries may be engineered to replace certain residues with specific amino acids corresponding to consensus or specific human antibody sequences. These sequences are identified by comparisons to databases of known human germline or rearranged antibodies.

[0030] Known human Ig sequences are disclosed, e.g., www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi; www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/igblast; www.atcc.org/phage/hdb.html; www.mrc-cpe.cam.ac.uk/ALIGNMENTS.php; www.kabatdatabase.com/top.html; [ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/repository/kabat](ftp://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/repository/kabat); www.imgt.cines.fr.8104/; www.biochem.unizh.ch/antibody/index.html; www.sciquest.com; www.abcam.com; www.antibodyresource.com/onlinecomp.html; www.public.iastate.edu/~pedro/research_tools.html; www.whfreeman.com/immunology/CH05/kuby05.htm; www.hhmi.org/grants/lectures/1996/vlab; www.path.cam.ac.uk/~mrc7/mikeimages.html; mcb.harvard.edu/BioLinks/Immunology.html; www.immunologylink.com; pathbox.wustl.edu/~hcenter/index.html; www.appliedbiosystems.com; www.nal.usda.gov/awic/pubs/antibody; www.m.ehime-u.ac.jp/~yasuhito/Elisa.html; www.biodesign.com; www.cancerresearchuk.org; www.biotech.ufl.edu; www.isac-net.org; baserv.uci.kun.nl/~jraats/links1.html; www.recab.uni-hd.de/immuno.bme.nwu.edu; www.mrc-cpe.cam.ac.uk; www.ibt.unam.mx/vir/V_mice.html; http://www.bioinf.org.uk/abs; antibody.bath.ac.uk; www.unizh.ch; www.cryst.bbk.ac.uk/~ubcg07s; www.nimr.mrc.ac.uk/CC/caewg/caewg.html; www.path.cam.ac.uk/~mrc7/humanisation/TAHHP.html; www.ibt.unam.mx/vir/structure/stat_aim.html; www.biosci.missouri.edu/smithgip/index.html; www.jerini.de; Kabat et al., Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest, U.S. Dept. Health (1983).

[0031] Such replaced amino acids can be used to reduce immunogenicity or reduce, enhance or modify binding, affinity, on-rate, off-rate, avidity, specificity, half-life, or any other suitable characteristic, as known in the art. In general, the CDR residues are directly and most substantially involved in influencing antigen binding.

[0032] Optionally, human antibodies can be engineered with retention of high affinity for the antigen and other favorable biological properties. To achieve this goal, the human antibodies can be optionally prepared by a process of analysis of the parental sequences and various conceptual engineered products using three-dimensional models of the parental, engineered, and human sequences. Three-dimensional immunoglobulin models are commonly available and are familiar to those skilled in the art. Computer programs are available which illustrate and display probable three-dimensional conformational structures of selected candidate immunoglobulin sequences. Inspection of these displays permits analysis of the likely role of the residues in the functioning of the candidate immunoglobulin sequence, i.e., the analysis of residues that influence the ability of the candidate immunoglobulin to bind its antigen. In this way, residues can be selected and combined from the parent and reference human sequences so that the desired antibody characteristic, such as affinity for the target antigen(s), is achieved. Alternatively, or in addition to, the above procedures, engineering can be accomplished empirically by CDR cassette diversification and selection for the desired activity, such as described for the MorphoSys HuCAL system (Knappik et al., 2000; Krebs et al., 2001).

[0033] In addition, the IL-23p19 antibody of the present invention may comprise a human germline light chain framework. In particular embodiments, the light chain germline sequence is selected from human VK sequences including, but not limited to, A1, A10, A11, A14, A17, A18, A19, A2, A20, A23, A26, A27, A3, A30, A5, A7, B2, B3, L1, L10, L11, L12, L14, L15, L16, L18, L19, L2, L20, L22, L23, L24, L25, L4/18a, L5, L6, L8, L9, O1, O11, O12, O14, O18, O2, O4, and O8. In certain embodiments, this light chain human germline framework is selected from V1-11, V1-13, V1-16, V1-17, V1-18, V1-19, V1-2, V1-20, V1-22, V1-3, V1-4, V1-5, V1-7, V1-9, V2-1, V2-11, V2-13, V2-14, V2-15, V2-17, V2-19, V2-6, V2-7, V2-8, V3-2, V3-3, V3-4, V4-1, V4-2, V4-3, V4-4, V4-6, V5-1, V5-2, V5-4, and V5-6. See PCT WO 2005/005604 for a description of the different germline sequences.

[0034] In other embodiments, the IL-23 antibody of the present invention may comprise a human germline heavy chain framework. In particular embodiments, this heavy chain human germline framework is selected from VH1-18, VH1-2, VH1-24, VH1-3, VH1-45, VH1-46, VH1-58, VH1-69, VH1-8, VH2-26, VH2-5, VH2-70, VH3-11, VH3-13, VH3-15, VH3-16, VH3-20, VH3-21, VH3-23, VH3-30, VH3-33, VH3-35, VH3-38, VH3-43, VH3-48, VH3-49, VH3-53, VH3-64, VH3-66, VH3-7, VH3-72, VH3-73, VH3-74, VH3-9, VH4-28, VH4-31, VH4-34, VH4-39, VH4-4, VH4-59, VH4-61, VH5-51, VH6-1, and VH7-81. See PCT WO 2005/005604 for a description of the different germline sequences.

[0035] In particular embodiments, the light chain variable region and/or heavy chain variable region comprises a framework region or at least a portion of a framework region (e.g., containing 2 or 3 subregions, such as FR2 and FR3). In certain embodiments, at least FRL1, FRL2, FRL3, or FRL4 is fully human. In other embodiments, at least FRH1, FRH2, FRH3, or FRH4 is fully human. In some embodiments, at least FRL1, FRL2, FRL3, or FRL4 is a germline sequence (e.g., human germline) or comprises human consensus sequences for the particular framework (readily available at the sources of known human Ig sequences described above). In other embodiments, at least FRH1, FRH2, FRH3, or FRH4 is a germline sequence (e.g., human germline) or comprises human consensus sequences for the particular framework. In preferred embodiments, the framework region is a human framework region.

[0036] Engineering of antibodies of the present invention can be performed using any known method, such as but not limited to those described in, Winter (Jones et al., Nature 321:522 (1986); Riechmann et al., Nature 332:323 (1988);

Verhoeyen et al., Science 239:1534 (1988)), Sims et al., J. Immunol. 151: 2296 (1993); Chothia and Lesk, J. Mol. Biol. 196:901 (1987), Carter et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 89:4285 (1992); Presta et al., J. Immunol. 151:2623 (1993), US patent Nos: 5723323, 5976862, 5824514, 5817483, 5814476, 5763192, 5723323, 5,766886, 5714352, 6204023, 6180370, 5693762, 5530101, 5585089, 5225539; 4816567, PCT/: US98/16280, US96/18978, US91/09630, US91/05939, US94/01234, GB89/01334, GB91/01134, GB92/01755; WO90/14443, WO90/14424, WO90/14430, EP 229246.

[0037] In certain embodiments, the antibody comprises an altered (e.g., mutated) Fc region. For example, in some embodiments, the Fc region has been altered to reduce or enhance the effector functions of the antibody. In some embodiments, the Fc region is an isotype selected from IgM, IgA, IgG, IgE, or other isotype.

[0038] Alternatively or additionally, it may be useful to combine amino acid modifications with one or more further amino acid modifications that alter C1q binding and/or the complement dependent cytotoxicity (CDC) function of the Fc region of an IL-23p19 binding molecule. The binding polypeptide of particular interest may be one that binds to C1q and displays complement dependent cytotoxicity. Polypeptides with pre-existing C1q binding activity, optionally further having the ability to mediate CDC may be modified such that one or both of these activities are enhanced. Amino acid modifications that alter C1q and/or modify its complement dependent cytotoxicity function are described, for example, in WO/0042072.

[0039] As disclosed above, one can design an Fc region of the IL-23p19 antibody of the present invention with altered effector function, e.g., by modifying C1q binding and/or FcγR binding and thereby changing CDC activity and/or ADCC activity. "Effector functions" are responsible for activating or diminishing a biological activity (e.g., in a subject). Examples of effector functions include, but are not limited to: C1q binding; complement dependent cytotoxicity (CDC); Fc receptor binding; antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC); phagocytosis; down regulation of cell surface receptors (e.g., B cell receptor; BCR), etc. Such effector functions may require the Fc region to be combined with a binding domain (e.g., an antibody variable domain) and can be assessed using various assays (e.g., Fc binding assays, ADCC assays, CDC assays, etc.).

[0040] For example, one can generate a variant Fc region of the IL-23p19 antibody with improved C1q binding and improved FcγRIII binding (e.g., having both improved ADCC activity and improved CDC activity). Alternatively, if it is desired that effector function be reduced or ablated, a variant Fc region can be engineered with reduced CDC activity and/or reduced ADCC activity. In other embodiments, only one of these activities may be increased, and, optionally, also the other activity reduced (e.g., to generate an Fc region variant with improved ADCC activity, but reduced CDC activity and vice versa).

[0041] Fc mutations can also be introduced and engineered to alter their interaction with the neonatal Fc receptor (FcRn) and improve their pharmacokinetic properties. A collection of human Fc variants with improved binding to the FcRn have been described (Shields et al., (2001). High resolution mapping of the binding site on human IgG1 for FcγRI, FcγRII, FcγRIII, and FcRn and design of IgG1 variants with improved binding to the FcγR, (J. Biol. Chem. 276:6591-6604).

[0042] Another type of amino acid substitution serves to alter the glycosylation pattern of the Fc region of the IL-23p19 antibody. Glycosylation of an Fc region is typically either N-linked or O-linked. N-linked refers to the attachment of the carbohydrate moiety to the side chain of an asparagine residue. O-linked glycosylation refers to the attachment of one of the sugars N-acetylgalactosamine, galactose, or xylose to a hydroxyamino acid, most commonly serine or threonine, although 5-hydroxyproline or 5-hydroxylysine may also be used. The recognition sequences for enzymatic attachment of the carbohydrate moiety to the asparagine side chain peptide sequences are asparagine-X-serine and asparagine-X-threonine, where X is any amino acid except proline. Thus, the presence of either of these peptide sequences in a polypeptide creates a potential glycosylation site.

[0043] The glycosylation pattern may be altered, for example, by deleting one or more glycosylation site(s) found in the polypeptide, and/or adding one or more glycosylation site(s) that are not present in the polypeptide. Addition of glycosylation sites to the Fc region of an IL-23p19 antibody is conveniently accomplished by altering the amino acid sequence such that it contains one or more of the above-described tripeptide sequences (for N-linked glycosylation sites). An exemplary glycosylation variant has an amino acid substitution of residue Asn 297 of the heavy chain. The alteration may also be made by the addition of, or substitution by, one or more serine or threonine residues to the sequence of the original polypeptide (for O-linked glycosylation sites). Additionally, a change of Asn 297 to Ala can remove one of the glycosylation sites.

[0044] In certain embodiments, the IL-23p19 antibody of the present invention is expressed in cells that express beta (1,4)-N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase III (GnT III), such that GnT III adds GlcNAc to the IL-23p19 antibody. Methods for producing antibodies in such a fashion are provided in WO/9954342, WO/03011878, patent publication 20030003097A1, and Umana et al., Nature Biotechnology, 17:176-180, Feb. 1999.

[0045] Screening antibodies for specific binding to similar proteins or fragments can be conveniently achieved using peptide display libraries. This method involves the screening of large collections of peptides for individual members having the desired function or structure. Antibody screening of peptide display libraries is well known in the art. The displayed peptide sequences can be from 3 to 5000 or more amino acids in length, frequently from 5-100 amino acids

long, and often from about 8 to 25 amino acids long. In addition to direct chemical synthetic methods for generating peptide libraries, several recombinant DNA methods have been described. One type involves the display of a peptide sequence on the surface of a bacteriophage or cell. Each bacteriophage or cell contains the nucleotide sequence encoding the particular displayed peptide sequence. Such methods are described in PCT Patent Publication Nos. 91/17271, 91/18980, 91/19818, and 93/08278.

[0046] Other systems for generating libraries of peptides have aspects of both in vitro chemical synthesis and recombinant methods. See, PCT Patent Publication Nos. 92/05258, 92/14843, and 96/19256. See also, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,658,754; and 5,643,768. Peptide display libraries, vector, and screening kits are commercially available from such suppliers as Invitrogen (Carlsbad, CA), and Cambridge Antibody Technologies (Cambridgeshire, UK). See, e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 4704692, 4939666, 4946778, 5260203, 5455030, 5518889, 5534621, 5656730, 5763733, 5767260, 5856456, assigned to Enzon; 5223409, 5403484, 5571698, 5837500, assigned to Dyax, 5427908, 5580717, assigned to Affymax; 5885793, assigned to Cambridge Antibody Technologies; 5750373, assigned to Genentech, 5618920, 5595898, 5576195, 5698435, 5693493, 5698417, assigned to Xoma, Colligan, *supra*; Ausubel, *supra*; or Sambrook, *supra*.

[0047] Antibodies of the present invention can also be prepared using at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody encoding nucleic acid to provide transgenic animals or mammals, such as goats, cows, horses, sheep, rabbits and the like, that produce such antibodies in their milk. Such animals can be provided using known methods. See, e.g., but not limited to, US Patent Nos. 5,827,690; 5,849,992; 4,873,316; 5,849,992; 5,994,616; 5,565,362; 5,304,489, and the like.

[0048] Antibodies of the present invention can additionally be prepared using at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody encoding nucleic acid to provide transgenic plants and cultured plant cells (e.g., but not limited to, tobacco and maize) that produce such antibodies, specified portions or variants in the plant parts or in cells cultured therefrom. As a non-limiting example, transgenic tobacco leaves expressing recombinant proteins have been successfully used to provide large amounts of recombinant proteins, e.g., using an inducible promoter. See, e.g., Cramer et al., Curr. Top. Microbol. Immunol. 240:95-118 (1999) and references cited therein. Also, transgenic maize have been used to express mammalian proteins at commercial production levels, with biological activities equivalent to those produced in other recombinant systems or purified from natural sources. See, e.g., Hood et al., Adv. Exp. Med. Biol. 464:127-147 (1999) and references cited therein. Antibodies have also been produced in large amounts from transgenic plant seeds including antibody fragments, such as single chain antibodies (scFv's), including tobacco seeds and potato tubers. See, e.g., Conrad et al., Plant Mol. Biol. 38:101-109 (1998) and references cited therein. Thus, antibodies of the present invention can also be produced using transgenic plants, according to known methods. See also, e.g., Fischer et al., Biotechnol. Appl. Biochem. 30:99-108 (Oct., 1999), Ma et al., Trends Biotechnol. 13:522-7 (1995); Ma et al., Plant Physiol. 109:341-6 (1995); Whitelam et al., Biochem. Soc. Trans. 22:940-944 (1994); and references cited therein.

[0049] The antibodies of the invention can bind human IL-23p19 with a wide range of affinities (K_D). In a preferred embodiment, at least one mAb of the present invention can optionally bind human IL-23p19 with high affinity. For example, a human or other mAb can bind human IL-23p19 with a K_D equal to or less than about 10^{-7} M, such as but not limited to, 0.1-9.9 (or any range or value therein) $\times 10^{-7}$, 10^{-8} , 10^{-9} , 10^{-10} , 10^{-11} , 10^{-12} , 10^{-13} , 10^{-14} , 10^{-15} or any range or value therein, as determined by surface plasmon resonance or the Kinexa method, as practiced by those of skill in the art. In one embodiment, the antibodies of the invention bind human IL-23p19 with a K_D between about 4 and about 4400pM.

[0050] The affinity or avidity of an antibody for an antigen can be determined experimentally using any suitable method. (See, for example, Berzofsky, et al., "Antibody-Antigen Interactions," In Fundamental Immunology, Paul, W. E., Ed., Raven Press: New York, NY (1984); Kuby, Janis Immunology, W. H. Freeman and Company: New York, NY (1992); and methods described herein). The measured affinity of a particular antibody-antigen interaction can vary if measured under different conditions (e.g., salt concentration, pH). Thus, measurements of affinity and other antigen-binding parameters (e.g., K_D , K_{on} , K_{off}) are preferably made with standardized solutions of antibody and antigen, and a standardized buffer, such as the buffer described herein.

[0051] Competitive assays can be performed with the antibody of the present invention in order to determine what proteins, antibodies, and other antagonists compete for binding to IL-23p19 with the antibody of the present invention and/or share the epitope region. These assays as readily known to those of ordinary skill in the art evaluate competition between antagonists or ligands for a limited number of binding sites on a protein, e.g., p19. The protein and/or antibody is immobilized or insolubilized before or after the competition and the sample bound to the p19 subunit is separated from the unbound sample, for example, by decanting (where the protein/antibody was preinsolubilized) or by centrifuging (where the protein/antibody was precipitated after the competitive reaction). Also, the competitive binding may be determined by whether function is altered by the binding or lack of binding of the antibody to the protein, e.g., whether the antibody molecule inhibits or potentiates the enzymatic activity of, for example, a label. ELISA and other functional assays may be used, as well known in the art.

[0052] Certain embodiments of the anti-IL-23p19 antibodies of the invention have the sequences shown in the Sequence Tables below. For example, an anti-IL-23p19 antibody of the invention has one of the light chain CDR1 sequences of SEQ ID NOS:46-51; one of the light chain CDR2 sequences of SEQ ID NOS:52-57; one of the light chain CDR3 sequences of SEQ ID NOS:58-79; one of the heavy chain CDR1 sequences SEQ ID NOS:1-6; one of the heavy chain

CDR2 sequences SEQ ID NOS:7-39 and 146; and/or one of the heavy chain CDR3 sequences SEQ ID NOS:40-45.

Nucleic Acid Molecules

[0053] Using the information provided herein, for example, the nucleotide sequences encoding at least 70-100% of the contiguous amino acids of at least one of the light chain variable regions of the antibodies of the invention (e.g., SEQ ID NOS:136-138 and 142-144) and at least one of the heavy chain variable regions of the antibodies of the invention (e.g., SEQ ID NOS: 133-135 and 139-141), specified fragments, variants or consensus sequences thereof, or a deposited vector comprising at least one of these sequences, a nucleic acid molecule of the present invention encoding at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody can be obtained using methods described herein or as known in the art.

[0054] Nucleic acid molecules of the present invention can be in the form of RNA, such as mRNA, hnRNA, tRNA or any other form, or in the form of DNA, including, but not limited to, cDNA and genomic DNA obtained by cloning or produced synthetically, or any combinations thereof. The DNA can be triple-stranded, double-stranded or single-stranded, or any combination thereof. Any portion of at least one strand of the DNA or RNA can be the coding strand, also known as the sense strand, or it can be the non-coding strand, also referred to as the anti-sense strand.

[0055] Isolated nucleic acid molecules of the present invention can include nucleic acid molecules comprising an open reading frame (ORF), optionally, with one or more introns, e.g., but not limited to, at least one specified portion of at least one CDR, such as CDR1, CDR2 and/or CDR3 of at least light chain (SEQ ID NOS: 46-51, 52-57, or 58-79) or at least one heavy chain (SEQ ID NOS: 1-6, 7-39, or 40-45); nucleic acid molecules comprising the coding sequence for an anti-IL-23p19 antibody or variable region (e.g., light chain variable regions of SEQ ID NOS: 82-85, 93-98, 100, 102, 113-116, and 128-132 and heavy chain variable regions of SEQ ID NOS: 80, 81, 86-92, 99, 101, 103-112, 117-127, and 147); and nucleic acid molecules which comprise a nucleotide sequence substantially different from those described above but which, due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, still encode at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody as described herein and/or as known in the art. Of course, the genetic code is well known in the art. Thus, it would be routine for one skilled in the art to generate such degenerate nucleic acid variants that code for specific anti-IL-23p19 antibodies of the present invention. See, e.g., Ausubel, et al., *supra*, and such nucleic acid variants are included in the present invention.

[0056] As indicated herein, nucleic acid molecules of the present invention which comprise a nucleic acid encoding an anti-IL-23p19 antibody can include, but are not limited to, those encoding the amino acid sequence of an antibody fragment, by itself; the coding sequence for the entire antibody or a portion thereof; the coding sequence for an antibody, fragment or portion, as well as additional sequences, such as the coding sequence of at least one signal leader or fusion peptide, with or without the aforementioned additional coding sequences, such as at least one intron, together with additional, non-coding sequences, including but not limited to, non-coding 5' and 3' sequences, such as the transcribed, non-translated sequences that play a role in transcription, mRNA processing, including splicing and polyadenylation signals (for example, ribosome binding and stability of mRNA); an additional coding sequence that codes for additional amino acids, such as those that provide additional functionalities. Thus, the sequence encoding an antibody can be fused to a marker sequence, such as a sequence encoding a peptide that facilitates purification of the fused antibody comprising an antibody fragment or portion.

Polynucleotides Selectively Hybridizing to a Polynucleotide as Described Herein

[0057] The present invention provides isolated nucleic acids that hybridize under selective hybridization conditions to a polynucleotide disclosed herein. Thus, the polynucleotides of this embodiment can be used for isolating, detecting, and/or quantifying nucleic acids comprising such polynucleotides. For example, polynucleotides of the present invention can be used to identify, isolate, or amplify partial or full-length clones in a deposited library. In some embodiments, the polynucleotides are genomic or cDNA sequences isolated, or otherwise complementary to, a cDNA from a human or mammalian nucleic acid library.

[0058] Preferably, the cDNA library comprises at least 80% full-length sequences, preferably, at least 85% or 90% full-length sequences, and, more preferably, at least 95% full-length sequences. The cDNA libraries can be normalized to increase the representation of rare sequences. Low or moderate stringency hybridization conditions are typically, but not exclusively, employed with sequences having a reduced sequence identity relative to complementary sequences. Moderate and high stringency conditions can optionally be employed for sequences of greater identity. Low stringency conditions allow selective hybridization of sequences having about 70% sequence identity and can be employed to identify orthologous or paralogous sequences.

[0059] Optionally, polynucleotides of this invention will encode at least a portion of an antibody encoded by the polynucleotides described herein. The polynucleotides of this invention embrace nucleic acid sequences that can be employed for selective hybridization to a polynucleotide encoding an antibody of the present invention. See, e.g., Ausubel, *supra*; Colligan, *supra*.

Construction of Nucleic Acids

[0060] The isolated nucleic acids of the present invention can be made using (a) recombinant methods, (b) synthetic techniques, (c) purification techniques, and/or (d) combinations thereof, as well-known in the art.

[0061] The nucleic acids can conveniently comprise sequences in addition to a polynucleotide of the present invention. For example, a multi-cloning site comprising one or more endonuclease restriction sites can be inserted into the nucleic acid to aid in isolation of the polynucleotide. Also, translatable sequences can be inserted to aid in the isolation of the translated polynucleotide of the present invention. For example, a hexa-histidine marker sequence provides a convenient means to purify the proteins of the present invention. The nucleic acid of the present invention, excluding the coding sequence, is optionally a vector, adapter, or linker for cloning and/or expression of a polynucleotide of the present invention.

[0062] Additional sequences can be added to such cloning and/or expression sequences to optimize their function in cloning and/or expression, to aid in isolation of the polynucleotide, or to improve the introduction of the polynucleotide into a cell. Use of cloning vectors, expression vectors, adapters, and linkers is well known in the art. (See, e.g., Ausubel, *supra*; or Sambrook, *supra*)

Recombinant Methods for Constructing Nucleic Acids

[0063] The isolated nucleic acid compositions of this invention, such as RNA, cDNA, genomic DNA, or any combination thereof, can be obtained from biological sources using any number of cloning methodologies known to those of skill in the art. In some embodiments, oligonucleotide probes that selectively hybridize, under stringent conditions, to the polynucleotides of the present invention are used to identify the desired sequence in a cDNA or genomic DNA library. The isolation of RNA, and construction of cDNA and genomic libraries, are well known to those of ordinary skill in the art. (See, e.g., Ausubel, *supra*; or Sambrook, *supra*)

Nucleic Acid Screening and Isolation Methods

[0064] A cDNA or genomic library can be screened using a probe based upon the sequence of a polynucleotide of the present invention, such as those disclosed herein. Probes can be used to hybridize with genomic DNA or cDNA sequences to isolate homologous genes in the same or different organisms. Those of skill in the art will appreciate that various degrees of stringency of hybridization can be employed in the assay; and either the hybridization or the wash medium can be stringent. As the conditions for hybridization become more stringent, there must be a greater degree of complementarity between the probe and the target for duplex formation to occur. The degree of stringency can be controlled by one or more of temperature, ionic strength, pH and the presence of a partially denaturing solvent, such as formamide. For example, the stringency of hybridization is conveniently varied by changing the polarity of the reactant solution through, for example, manipulation of the concentration of formamide within the range of 0% to 50%. The degree of complementarity (sequence identity) required for detectable binding will vary in accordance with the stringency of the hybridization medium and/or wash medium. The degree of complementarity will optimally be 100%, or 70-100%, or any range or value therein. However, it should be understood that minor sequence variations in the probes and primers can be compensated for by reducing the stringency of the hybridization and/or wash medium.

[0065] Methods of amplification of RNA or DNA are well known in the art and can be used according to the present invention without undue experimentation, based on the teaching and guidance presented herein.

[0066] Known methods of DNA or RNA amplification include, but are not limited to, polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and related amplification processes (see, e.g., U.S. Patent Nos. 4,683,195, 4,683,202, 4,800,159, 4,965,188, to Mullis, et al.; 4,795,699 and 4,921,794 to Tabor, et al.; 5,142,033 to Innis; 5,122,464 to Wilson, et al.; 5,091,310 to Innis; 5,066,584 to Gyllenstein, et al.; 4,889,818 to Gelfand, et al.; 4,994,370 to Silver, et al.; 4,766,067 to Biswas; 4,656,134 to Ringold) and RNA mediated amplification that uses anti-sense RNA to the target sequence as a template for double-stranded DNA synthesis (U.S. Patent No. 5,130,238 to Malek, et al, with the tradename NASBA). (See, e.g., Ausubel, *supra*; or Sambrook, *supra*.)

[0067] For instance, polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technology can be used to amplify the sequences of polynucleotides of the present invention and related genes directly from genomic DNA or cDNA libraries. PCR and other in vitro amplification methods can also be useful, for example, to clone nucleic acid sequences that code for proteins to be expressed, to make nucleic acids to use as probes for detecting the presence of the desired mRNA in samples, for nucleic acid sequencing, or for other purposes. Examples of techniques sufficient to direct persons of skill through in vitro amplification methods are found in Berger, *supra*, Sambrook, *supra*, and Ausubel, *supra*, as well as Mullis, et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,683,202 (1987); and Innis, et al., PCR Protocols A Guide to Methods and Applications, Eds., Academic Press Inc., San Diego, CA (1990). Commercially available kits for genomic PCR amplification are known in the art. See, e.g., Advantage-GC Genomic PCR Kit (Clontech). Additionally, e.g., the T4 gene 32 protein (Boehringer Mannheim)

can be used to improve yield of long PCR products.

Synthetic Methods for Constructing Nucleic Acids

[0068] The isolated nucleic acids of the present invention can also be prepared by direct chemical synthesis by known methods (see, e.g., Ausubel, et al., supra). Chemical synthesis generally produces a single-stranded oligonucleotide, which can be converted into double-stranded DNA by hybridization with a complementary sequence, or by polymerization with a DNA polymerase using the single strand as a template. One of skill in the art will recognize that while chemical synthesis of DNA can be limited to sequences of about 100 or more bases, longer sequences can be obtained by the ligation of shorter sequences.

Recombinant Expression Cassettes

[0069] The present invention further provides recombinant expression cassettes comprising a nucleic acid of the present invention. A nucleic acid sequence of the present invention, for example, a cDNA or a genomic sequence encoding an antibody of the present invention, can be used to construct a recombinant expression cassette that can be introduced into at least one desired host cell. A recombinant expression cassette will typically comprise a polynucleotide of the present invention operably linked to transcriptional initiation regulatory sequences that will direct the transcription of the polynucleotide in the intended host cell. Both heterologous and non-heterologous (i.e., endogenous) promoters can be employed to direct expression of the nucleic acids of the present invention.

[0070] In some embodiments, isolated nucleic acids that serve as promoter, enhancer, or other elements can be introduced in the appropriate position (upstream, downstream or in the intron) of a non-heterologous form of a polynucleotide of the present invention so as to up or down regulate expression of a polynucleotide of the present invention. For example, endogenous promoters can be altered *in vivo* or *in vitro* by mutation, deletion and/or substitution.

Vectors and Host Cells

[0071] The present invention also relates to vectors that include isolated nucleic acid molecules of the present invention, host cells that are genetically engineered with the recombinant vectors, and the production of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody by recombinant techniques, as is well known in the art. See, e.g., Sambrook, et al., supra; Ausubel, et al., supra.

[0072] The polynucleotides can optionally be joined to a vector containing a selectable marker for propagation in a host. Generally, a plasmid vector is introduced in a precipitate, such as a calcium phosphate precipitate, or in a complex with a charged lipid. If the vector is a virus, it can be packaged *in vitro* using an appropriate packaging cell line and then transduced into host cells.

[0073] The DNA insert should be operatively linked to an appropriate promoter. The expression constructs will further contain sites for transcription initiation, termination and, in the transcribed region, a ribosome binding site for translation. The coding portion of the mature transcripts expressed by the constructs will preferably include a translation initiating at the beginning and a termination codon (e.g., UAA, UGA or UAG) appropriately positioned at the end of the mRNA to be translated, with UAA and UAG preferred for mammalian or eukaryotic cell expression.

[0074] Expression vectors will preferably but optionally include at least one selectable marker. Such markers include, e.g., but are not limited to, methotrexate (MTX), dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR, US Pat.Nos. 4,399,216; 4,634,665; 4,656,134; 4,956,288; 5,149,636; 5,179,017, ampicillin, neomycin (G418), mycophenolic acid, or glutamine synthetase (GS, US Pat.Nos. 5,122,464; 5,770,359; 5,827,739) resistance for eukaryotic cell culture, and tetracycline or ampicillin resistance genes for culturing in *E. coli* and other bacteria or prokaryotics. Appropriate culture mediums and conditions for the above-described host cells are known in the art. Suitable vectors will be readily apparent to the skilled artisan. Introduction of a vector construct into a host cell can be effected by calcium phosphate transfection, DEAE-dextran mediated transfection, cationic lipid-mediated transfection, electroporation, transduction, infection or other known methods. Such methods are described in the art, such as Sambrook, supra, Chapters 1-4 and 16-18; Ausubel, supra, Chapters 1,9,13,15,16.

[0075] At least one antibody of the present invention can be expressed in a modified form, such as a fusion protein, and can include not only secretion signals, but also additional heterologous functional regions. For instance, a region of additional amino acids, particularly charged amino acids, can be added to the N-terminus of an antibody to improve stability and persistence in the host cell, during purification, or during subsequent handling and storage. Also, peptide moieties can be added to an antibody of the present invention to facilitate purification. Such regions can be removed prior to final preparation of an antibody or at least one fragment thereof. Such methods are described in many standard laboratory manuals, such as Sambrook, supra, Chapters 17.29-17.42 and 18.1-18.74; Ausubel, supra, Chapters 16, 17 and 18.

[0076] Those of ordinary skill in the art are knowledgeable in the numerous expression systems available for expression

of a nucleic acid encoding a protein of the present invention. Alternatively, nucleic acids of the present invention can be expressed in a host cell by turning on (by manipulation) in a host cell that contains endogenous DNA encoding an antibody of the present invention. Such methods are well known in the art, e.g., as described in US patent Nos. 5,580,734, 5,641,670, 5,733,746, and 5,733,761.

[0077] Illustrative of cell cultures useful for the production of the antibodies, specified portions or variants thereof, are mammalian cells. Mammalian cell systems often will be in the form of monolayers of cells although mammalian cell suspensions or bioreactors can also be used. A number of suitable host cell lines capable of expressing intact glycosylated proteins have been developed in the art, and include the COS-1 (e.g., ATCC CRL 1650), COS-7 (e.g., ATCC CRL-1651), HEK293, BHK21 (e.g., ATCC CRL-10), CHO (e.g., ATCC CRL 1610) and BSC-1 (e.g., ATCC CRL-26) cell lines, Cos-7 cells, CHO cells, hep G2 cells, P3X63Ag8.653, SP2/0-Ag14, 293 cells, HeLa cells and the like, which are readily available from, for example, American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, Va (www.atcc.org). Preferred host cells include cells of lymphoid origin, such as myeloma and lymphoma cells. Particularly preferred host cells are P3X63Ag8.653 cells (ATCC Accession Number CRL-1580) and SP2/0-Ag14 cells (ATCC Accession Number CRL-1851). In a particularly preferred embodiment, the recombinant cell is a P3X63Ab8.653 or a SP2/0-Ag14 cell.

[0078] Expression vectors for these cells can include one or more of the following expression control sequences, such as, but not limited to, an origin of replication; a promoter (e.g., late or early SV40 promoters, the CMV promoter (US Pat.Nos. 5,168,062; 5,385,839), an HSV tk promoter, a pgk (phosphoglycerate kinase) promoter, an EF-1 alpha promoter (US Pat.No. 5,266,491), at least one human immunoglobulin promoter; an enhancer, and/or processing information sites, such as ribosome binding sites, RNA splice sites, polyadenylation sites (e.g., an SV40 large T Ag poly A addition site), and transcriptional terminator sequences. See, e.g., Ausubel et al., supra; Sambrook, et al., supra. Other cells useful for production of nucleic acids or proteins of the present invention are known and/or available, for instance, from the American Type Culture Collection Catalogue of Cell Lines and Hybridomas (www.atcc.org) or other known or commercial sources.

[0079] When eukaryotic host cells are employed, polyadenylation or transcription terminator sequences are typically incorporated into the vector. An example of a terminator sequence is the polyadenylation sequence from the bovine growth hormone gene. Sequences for accurate splicing of the transcript can also be included. An example of a splicing sequence is the VP1 intron from SV40 (Sprague, et al., J. Virol. 45:773-781 (1983)). Additionally, gene sequences to control replication in the host cell can be incorporated into the vector, as known in the art.

Purification of an Antibody

[0080] An anti-IL-23p19 antibody can be recovered and purified from recombinant cell cultures by well-known methods including, but not limited to, protein A purification, ammonium sulfate or ethanol precipitation, acid extraction, anion or cation exchange chromatography, phosphocellulose chromatography, hydrophobic interaction chromatography, affinity chromatography, hydroxylapatite chromatography and lectin chromatography. High performance liquid chromatography ("HPLC") can also be employed for purification. See, e.g., Colligan, Current Protocols in Immunology, or Current Protocols in Protein Science, John Wiley & Sons, NY, NY, (1997-2001), e.g., Chapters 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10.

[0081] Antibodies of the present invention include naturally purified products, products of chemical synthetic procedures, and products produced by recombinant techniques from a eukaryotic host, including, for example, yeast, higher plant, insect and mammalian cells. Depending upon the host employed in a recombinant production procedure, the antibody of the present invention can be glycosylated or can be non-glycosylated, with glycosylated preferred. Such methods are described in many standard laboratory manuals, such as Sambrook, supra, Sections 17.37-17.42; Ausubel, supra, Chapters 10, 12, 13, 16, 18 and 20, Colligan, Protein Science, supra, Chapters 12-14.

Anti-IL-23p19 Antibodies

[0082] An anti-IL-23p19 antibody described herein includes any protein or peptide containing molecule that comprises at least a portion of an immunoglobulin molecule, such as but not limited to, at least one ligand binding portion (LBP), such as but not limited to, a complementarity determining region (CDR) of a heavy or light chain or a ligand binding portion thereof, a heavy chain or light chain variable region, a framework region (e.g., FR1, FR2, FR3, FR4 or fragment thereof, further optionally comprising at least one substitution, insertion or deletion), a heavy chain or light chain constant region, (e.g., comprising at least one CH1, hinge1, hinge2, hinge3, hinge4, CH2, or CH3 or fragment thereof, further optionally comprising at least one substitution, insertion or deletion), or any portion thereof, that can be incorporated into an antibody of the present invention. An antibody of the invention can include or be derived from any mammal, such as but not limited to, a human, a mouse, a rabbit, a rat, a rodent, a primate, or any combination thereof, and the like.

[0083] The isolated antibodies disclosed herein comprise the antibody amino acid sequences disclosed herein encoded by any suitable polynucleotide, or any isolated or prepared antibody. Preferably, the human antibody or antigen-binding fragment binds human IL-23p19 and, thereby, partially or substantially neutralizes at least one biological activity of the

protein. An antibody, or specified portion or variant thereof, that partially or preferably substantially neutralizes at least one biological activity of at least one IL-23 protein or fragment can bind the protein or fragment and thereby inhibit activities mediated through the binding of IL-23 to the IL-23 receptor or through other IL-23-dependent or mediated mechanisms. As used herein, the term "neutralizing antibody" refers to an antibody that can inhibit an IL-23-dependent activity by about 20-120%, preferably by at least about 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100% or more depending on the assay. The capacity of an anti-IL-23p19 antibody to inhibit an IL-23-dependent activity is preferably assessed by at least one suitable IL-23 protein or receptor assay, as described herein and/or as known in the art. A human antibody of the invention can be of any class (IgG, IgA, IgM, IgE, IgD, etc.) or isotype and can comprise a kappa or lambda light chain. In one embodiment, the human antibody comprises an IgG heavy chain or defined fragment, for example, at least one of isotypes, IgG1, IgG2, IgG3 or IgG4 (e.g., $\gamma 1$, $\gamma 2$, $\gamma 3$, or $\gamma 4$). Antibodies of this type can be prepared by employing a transgenic mouse or other transgenic non-human mammal comprising at least one human light chain (e.g., IgG, IgA, and IgM) transgenes as described herein and/or as known in the art. In another embodiment, the anti-human IL-23p19 antibody comprises an IgG1 heavy chain and an IgG1 light chain.

[0084] At least one antibody disclosed herein at least one specified epitope specific to at least one IL-23p19 protein, subunit, fragment, portion or any combination thereof. The at least one epitope can comprise at least one antibody binding region that comprises at least one portion of the protein, which epitope is preferably comprised of at least one extracellular, soluble, hydrophilic, external or cytoplasmic portion of the protein. The at least one specified epitope can comprise any combination of at least one amino acid sequence of at least 1-3 amino acids to the entire specified portion of contiguous amino acids of amino acid residues 93-105 of SEQ ID NO:145 (that contains the initial 19 amino acid signal sequence for the p19 protein subunit) (or amino acid residues 74-86 of the p19 sequence without inclusion of the signal sequence), for example, amino acid residues 93, 93-94, 93-95, 93-96, 97-99, 100-102 of SEQ ID NO:145, etc. that include any portions or combinations of these sequences.

[0085] Generally, the antibody or antigen-binding fragment disclosed herein will comprise an antigen-binding region that comprises at least one complementarity determining region (CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3) or variant of at least one heavy chain variable region and at least one complementarity determining region (CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3) or variant of at least one light chain variable region. Optionally, the CDR sequences may be derived from human germline sequences or closely match the germline sequences. For example, the CDRs from a synthetic library derived from the original mouse CDRs can be used. As a non-limiting example, the antibody or antigen-binding portion or variant can comprise at least one of the heavy chain CDR3, e.g., selected from SEQ ID NOS: 1-6, 7-39 and 146, or 40-45, and/or a light chain CDR3, e.g., selected from SEQ ID NOS: 46-51, 52-57, or 58-79. In a particular embodiment, the antibody or antigen-binding fragment can have an antigen-binding region that comprises at least a portion of at least one heavy chain CDR (i.e., CDR1, CDR2 and/or CDR3) (e.g., those disclosed herein). In another particular embodiment, the antibody or antigen-binding portion or variant can have an antigen-binding region that comprises at least a portion of at least one light chain CDR (i.e., CDR1, CDR2 and/or CDR3) (e.g., those disclosed herein).

[0086] In a preferred embodiment, the three heavy chain CDRs and the three light chain CDRs of the antibody or antigen-binding fragment can be prepared by chemically joining together the various portions (e.g., CDRs, framework) of the antibody using conventional techniques, by preparing and expressing a (i.e., one or more) nucleic acid molecule that encodes the antibody using conventional techniques of recombinant DNA technology or by using any other suitable method.

[0087] The anti-IL-23p19 antibody can comprise at least one of a heavy or light chain variable region having a defined amino acid sequence. For example, in a preferred embodiment, the anti-IL-23p19 antibody comprises at least one of at least one heavy chain variable region optionally selected from SEQ ID NOS: 80, 81, 86-92, 99, 101, 103-112, 117-127, and 147 and/or at least one light chain variable region optionally selected from SEQ ID NOS: 82-85, 93-98, 100, 102, 113-116, and 128-132. Antibodies that bind to human IL-23p19 and that comprise a defined heavy or light chain variable region can be prepared using suitable methods. The antibody, specified portion or variant can be expressed using the encoding nucleic acid or portion thereof in a suitable host cell.

Amino Acid Codes

[0088] The amino acids that make up anti-IL-23p19 antibodies of the present invention are often abbreviated. The amino acid designations can be indicated by designating the amino acid by its single letter code, its three letter code, name, or three nucleotide codon(s) as is well understood in the art (see Alberts, B., et al., Molecular Biology of The Cell, Third Ed., Garland Publishing, Inc., New York, 1994). An anti-IL-23p19 antibody of the present invention can include one or more amino acid substitutions, deletions or additions, either from natural mutations or human manipulation, as specified herein. Amino acids in an anti-IL-23p19 antibody of the present invention that are essential for function can be identified by methods known in the art, such as site-directed mutagenesis or alanine-scanning mutagenesis (e.g., Ausubel, supra, Chapters 8, 15; Cunningham and Wells, Science 244:1081-1085 (1989)). The latter procedure introduces single alanine mutations at every residue in the molecule. The resulting mutant molecules are then tested for biological

activity, such as, but not limited to, at least one IL-23 neutralizing activity. Sites that are critical for antibody binding can also be identified by structural analysis, such as crystallization, nuclear magnetic resonance or photoaffinity labeling (Smith, et al., J. Mol. Biol. 224:899-904 (1992) and de Vos, et al., Science 255:306-312 (1992)).

[0089] Anti-IL-23p19 antibodies disclosed herein can include, but are not limited to, at least one portion, sequence or combination selected from 5 to all of the contiguous amino acids of the variable region sequences of SEQ ID NOS: 82-85, 93-98, 100, 102, 113-116, and 128-132 and SEQ ID NOS: 80, 81, 86-92, 99, 101, 103-112, 117-127, and 147.

[0090] Non-limiting variants that can enhance or maintain at least one of the listed activities include, but are not limited to, any of the above polypeptides, further comprising at least one mutation corresponding to at least one substitution in the residues varied among the disclosed variant amino acid sequences.

[0091] An anti-IL-23p19 antibody can further optionally comprise a polypeptide with an amino acid sequence that varies from the sequences disclosed herein (e.g., one or more conservative substitutions from the sequences provided herein). Also, more specifically, disclosed herein are variants of the amino acid sequence of a light chain variable region of SEQ ID NOS: 82-85, 93-98, 100, 102, 113-116, and 128-132 or the amino acid sequence of a heavy chain variable region of SEQ ID NOS: 80, 81, 86-92, 99, 101, 103-112, 117-127, and 147.

[0092] As those of skill will appreciate, the present invention includes at least one biologically active antibody of the present invention. Biologically active antibodies have a specific activity at least 20%, 30%, or 40%, and, preferably, at least 50%, 60%, or 70%, and, most preferably, at least 80%, 90%, or 95%-1000% or more of that of the native (non-synthetic), endogenous or related and known antibody. Methods of assaying and quantifying measures of enzymatic activity and substrate specificity are well known to those of skill in the art.

[0093] In another aspect, the invention relates to human antibodies and antigen-binding fragments, as described herein, which are modified by the covalent attachment of an organic moiety. Such modification can produce an antibody or antigen-binding fragment with improved pharmacokinetic properties (e.g., increased *in vivo* serum half-life). The organic moiety can be a linear or branched hydrophilic polymeric group, fatty acid group, or fatty acid ester group. In particular embodiments, the hydrophilic polymeric group can have a molecular weight of about 800 to about 120,000 Daltons and can be a polyalkane glycol (e.g., polyethylene glycol (PEG), polypropylene glycol (PPG)), carbohydrate polymer, amino acid polymer or polyvinyl pyrrolidone, and the fatty acid or fatty acid ester group can comprise from about eight to about forty carbon atoms.

[0094] The modified antibodies and antigen-binding fragments of the invention can comprise one or more organic moieties that are covalently bonded, directly or indirectly, to the antibody. Each organic moiety that is bonded to an antibody or antigen-binding fragment of the invention can independently be a hydrophilic polymeric group, a fatty acid group or a fatty acid ester group. As used herein, the term "fatty acid" encompasses mono-carboxylic acids and di-carboxylic acids. A "hydrophilic polymeric group," as the term is used herein, refers to an organic polymer that is more soluble in water than in octane. For example, polylysine is more soluble in water than in octane. Thus, an antibody modified by the covalent attachment of polylysine is encompassed by the invention. Hydrophilic polymers suitable for modifying antibodies of the invention can be linear or branched and include, for example, polyalkane glycols (e.g., PEG, monomethoxy-polyethylene glycol (mPEG), PPG and the like), carbohydrates (e.g., dextran, cellulose, oligosaccharides, polysaccharides and the like), polymers of hydrophilic amino acids (e.g., polylysine, polyarginine, polyaspartate and the like), polyalkane oxides (e.g., polyethylene oxide, polypropylene oxide and the like) and polyvinyl pyrrolidone. Preferably, the hydrophilic polymer that modifies the antibody of the invention has a molecular weight of about 800 to about 150,000 Daltons as a separate molecular entity. For example, PEG₅₀₀₀ and PEG_{20,000}, wherein the subscript is the average molecular weight of the polymer in Daltons, can be used. The hydrophilic polymeric group can be substituted with one to about six alkyl, fatty acid or fatty acid ester groups. Hydrophilic polymers that are substituted with a fatty acid or fatty acid ester group can be prepared by employing suitable methods. For example, a polymer comprising an amine group can be coupled to a carboxylate of the fatty acid or fatty acid ester, and an activated carboxylate (e.g., activated with N, N-carbonyl diimidazole) on a fatty acid or fatty acid ester can be coupled to a hydroxyl group on a polymer.

[0095] Fatty acids and fatty acid esters suitable for modifying antibodies of the invention can be saturated or can contain one or more units of unsaturation. Fatty acids that are suitable for modifying antibodies of the invention include, for example, n-dodecanoate (C₁₂, laurate), n-tetradecanoate (C₁₄, myristate), n-octadecanoate (C₁₈, stearate), n-eicosanoate (C₂₀, arachidate), n-docosanoate (C₂₂, behenate), n-triacontanoate (C₃₀), n-tetracontanoate (C₄₀), *cis*- Δ 9-octadecanoate (C₁₈, oleate), all *cis*- Δ 5,8,11,14-eicosatetraenoate (C₂₀, arachidonate), octanedioic acid, tetradecanedioic acid, octadecanedioic acid, docosanedioic acid, and the like. Suitable fatty acid esters include mono-esters of dicarboxylic acids that comprise a linear or branched lower alkyl group. The lower alkyl group can comprise from one to about twelve, preferably, one to about six, carbon atoms.

[0096] The modified human antibodies and antigen-binding fragments can be prepared using suitable methods, such as by reaction with one or more modifying agents. A "modifying agent" as the term is used herein, refers to a suitable organic group (e.g., hydrophilic polymer, a fatty acid, a fatty acid ester) that comprises an activating group. An "activating group" is a chemical moiety or functional group that can, under appropriate conditions, react with a second chemical group thereby forming a covalent bond between the modifying agent and the second chemical group. For example,

amine-reactive activating groups include electrophilic groups, such as tosylate, mesylate, halo (chloro, bromo, fluoro, iodo), N-hydroxysuccinimidyl esters (NHS), and the like. Activating groups that can react with thiols include, for example, maleimide, iodoacetyl, acryloyl, pyridyl disulfides, 5-thiol-2-nitrobenzoic acid thiol (TNB-thiol), and the like. An aldehyde functional group can be coupled to amine- or hydrazide-containing molecules, and an azide group can react with a trivalent phosphorous group to form phosphoramidate or phosphorimide linkages. Suitable methods to introduce activating groups into molecules are known in the art (see for example, Hermanson, G. T., *Bioconjugate Techniques*, Academic Press: San Diego, CA (1996)). An activating group can be bonded directly to the organic group (e.g., hydrophilic polymer, fatty acid, fatty acid ester), or through a linker moiety, for example, a divalent C₁-C₁₂ group wherein one or more carbon atoms can be replaced by a heteroatom, such as oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur. Suitable linker moieties include, for example, tetraethylene glycol, -(CH₂)₃-, -NH-(CH₂)₆-NH-, -(CH₂)₂-NH- and -CH₂-O-CH₂-CH₂-O-CH₂-CH₂-O-CH₂-NH-. Modifying agents that comprise a linker moiety can be produced, for example, by reacting a mono-Boc-alkyldiamine (e.g., mono-Boc-ethylenediamine, mono-Boc-diaminohexane) with a fatty acid in the presence of 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide (EDC) to form an amide bond between the free amine and the fatty acid carboxylate. The Boc protecting group can be removed from the product by treatment with trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) to expose a primary amine that can be coupled to another carboxylate, as described, or can be reacted with maleic anhydride and the resulting product cyclized to produce an activated maleimido derivative of the fatty acid. (See, for example, Thompson, et al., WO 92/16221)

[0097] The modified antibodies of the invention can be produced by reacting a human antibody or antigen-binding fragment with a modifying agent. For example, the organic moieties can be bonded to the antibody in a non-site specific manner by employing an amine-reactive modifying agent, for example, an NHS ester of PEG. Modified human antibodies or antigen-binding fragments can also be prepared by reducing disulfide bonds (e.g., intra-chain disulfide bonds) of an antibody or antigen-binding fragment. The reduced antibody or antigen-binding fragment can then be reacted with a thiol-reactive modifying agent to produce the modified antibody of the invention. Modified human antibodies and antigen-binding fragments comprising an organic moiety that is bonded to specific sites of an antibody of the present invention can be prepared using suitable methods, such as reverse proteolysis (Fisch et al., *Bioconjugate Chem.*, 3:147-153 (1992); Werlen et al., *Bioconjugate Chem.*, 5:411-417 (1994); Kumaran et al., *Protein Sci.* 6(10):2233-2241 (1997); Itoh et al., *Bioorg. Chem.*, 24(1): 59-68 (1996); Capellas et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.*, 56(4):456-463 (1997)), and the methods described in Hermanson, G. T., *Bioconjugate Techniques*, Academic Press: San Diego, CA (1996).

Anti-Idiotypic Antibodies to Anti-IL-23p19 Antibody Compositions

[0098] In addition to monoclonal anti-IL-23p19 antibodies an anti-idiotypic (anti-Id) antibody specific for such antibodies of the invention is also disclosed. An anti-Id antibody is an antibody which recognizes unique determinants generally associated with the antigen-binding region of another antibody. The anti-Id can be prepared by immunizing an animal of the same species and genetic type (e.g., mouse strain) as the source of the Id antibody with the antibody or a CDR containing region thereof. The immunized animal will recognize and respond to the idiotypic determinants of the immunizing antibody and produce an anti-Id antibody. The anti-Id antibody may also be used as an "immunogen" to induce an immune response in yet another animal, producing a so-called anti-anti-Id antibody.

[0099] Also disclosed is at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody composition comprising at least one, at least two, at least three, at least four, at least five, at least six or more anti-IL-23p19 antibodies thereof, as described herein and/or as known in the art that are provided in a non-naturally occurring composition, mixture or form. Such compositions comprise non-naturally occurring compositions comprising at least one or two full length, C- and/or N-terminally deleted variants, domains, fragments, or specified variants, of the anti-IL-23p19 antibody amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of 70-100% of the contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NOS:1-132, 146, and 147, or specified fragments, domains or variants thereof. Preferred anti-IL-23p19 antibody compositions include at least one or two full length, fragments, domains or variants of at least one CDR or LBP containing portions of the anti-IL-23p19 antibody sequence described herein, for example, 70-100% of SEQ ID NOS:1-132, 146, and 147, or specified fragments, domains or variants thereof. Further preferred compositions comprise, for example, 40-99% of at least one of 70-100% of SEQ ID NOS:1-132, 146, and 147, or specified fragments, domains or variants thereof. Such composition percentages are by weight, volume, concentration, molarity, or molality as liquid or dry solutions, mixtures, suspension, emulsions, particles, powder, or colloids, as known in the art or as described herein.

Antibody Compositions Comprising Further Therapeutically Active Ingredients

[0100] The antibody compositions of the invention can optionally further comprise an effective amount of at least one compound or protein selected from at least one of an anti-infective drug, a cardiovascular (CV) system drug, a central nervous system (CNS) drug, an autonomic nervous system (ANS) drug, a respiratory tract drug, a gastrointestinal (GI) tract drug, a hormonal drug, a drug for fluid or electrolyte balance, a hematologic drug, an antineoplastic, an immu-

nomodulation drug, an ophthalmic, otic or nasal drug, a topical drug, a nutritional drug or the like. Such drugs are well known in the art, including formulations, indications, dosing and administration for each presented herein (see, e.g., Nursing 2001 Handbook of Drugs, 21st edition, Springhouse Corp., Springhouse, PA, 2001; Health Professional's Drug Guide 2001, ed., Shannon, Wilson, Stang, Prentice-Hall, Inc, Upper Saddle River, NJ; Pharmacotherapy Handbook, Wells et al., ed., Appleton & Lange, Stamford, CT).

[0101] The anti-infective drug can be at least one selected from amebicides or at least one of antiprotozoals, anthelmintics, antifungals, antimalarials, antituberculosics or at least one antileptotics, aminoglycosides, penicillins, cephalosporins, tetracyclines, sulfonamides, fluoroquinolones, antivirals, macrolide anti-infectives, and miscellaneous anti-infectives. The CV drug can be at least one selected from inotropics, antiarrhythmics, antianginals, antihypertensives, antilipemics, and miscellaneous cardiovascular drugs. The CNS drug can be at least one selected from nonnarcotic analgesics or at least one selected from antipyretics, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, narcotic or at least one opioid analgesics, sedative-hypnotics, anticonvulsants, antidepressants, antianxiety drugs, antipsychotics, central nervous system stimulants, antiparkinsonians, and miscellaneous central nervous system drugs. The ANS drug can be at least one selected from cholinergics (parasympathomimetics), anticholinergics, adrenergics (sympathomimetics), adrenergic blockers (sympatholytics), skeletal muscle relaxants, and neuromuscular blockers. The respiratory tract drug can be at least one selected from antihistamines, bronchodilators, expectorants or at least one antitussive, and miscellaneous respiratory drugs. The GI tract drug can be at least one selected from antacids or at least one adsorbent or at least one antilipulent, digestive enzyme or at least one gallstone solubilizer, antidiarrheals, laxatives, antiemetics, and antiulcer drugs. The hormonal drug can be at least one selected from corticosteroids, androgens or at least one anabolic steroid, estrogen or at least one progestin, gonadotropin, antidiabetic drug or at least one glucagon, thyroid hormone, thyroid hormone antagonist, pituitary hormone, and parathyroid-like drug. The drug for fluid and electrolyte balance can be at least one selected from diuretics, electrolytes or at least one replacement solution, acidifier or at least one alkalizer. The hematologic drug can be at least one selected from hematinics, anticoagulants, blood derivatives, and thrombolytic enzymes. The antineoplastics can be at least one selected from alkylating drugs, antimetabolites, antibiotic antineoplastics, antineoplastics that alter hormone balance, and miscellaneous antineoplastics. The immunomodulation drug can be at least one selected from immunosuppressants, vaccines or at least one toxoid, antitoxin or at least one antivenin, immune serum, and biological response modifier. The ophthalmic, otic, and nasal drugs can be at least one selected from ophthalmic anti-infectives, ophthalmic antiinflammatories, miotics, mydriatics, ophthalmic vasoconstrictors, miscellaneous ophthalmics, otics, and nasal drugs. The topical drug can be at least one selected from local anti-infectives, scabicides or at least one pediculicide or topical corticosteroid. The nutritional drug can be at least one selected from vitamins, minerals, or caloric. See, e.g., contents of *Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook*, *supra*.

[0102] The at least one amebicide or antiprotozoal can be at least one selected from atovaquone, chloroquine hydrochloride, chloroquine phosphate, metronidazole, metronidazole hydrochloride, and pentamidine isethionate. The at least one anthelmintic can be at least one selected from mebendazole, pyrantel pamoate, and thiabendazole. The at least one antifungal can be at least one selected from amphotericin B, amphotericin B cholesteryl sulfate complex, amphotericin B lipid complex, amphotericin B liposomal, fluconazole, flucytosine, griseofulvin microsize, griseofulvin ultramicrosize, itraconazole, ketoconazole, nystatin, and terbinafine hydrochloride. The at least one antimalarial can be at least one selected from chloroquine hydrochloride, chloroquine phosphate, doxycycline, hydroxychloroquine sulfate, mefloquine hydrochloride, primaquine phosphate, pyrimethamine, and pyrimethamine with sulfadoxine. The at least one antituberculous or antileptotic can be at least one selected from clofazimine, cycloserine, dapsone, ethambutol hydrochloride, isoniazid, pyrazinamide, rifabutin, rifampin, rifapentine, and streptomycin sulfate. The at least one aminoglycoside can be at least one selected from amikacin sulfate, gentamicin sulfate, neomycin sulfate, streptomycin sulfate, and tobramycin sulfate. The at least one penicillin can be at least one selected from amoxicillin/clavulanate potassium, amoxicillin trihydrate, ampicillin, ampicillin sodium, ampicillin trihydrate, ampicillin sodium/sulbactam sodium, cloxacillin sodium, dicloxacillin sodium, mezlocillin sodium, nafcillin sodium, oxacillin sodium, penicillin G benzathine, penicillin G potassium, penicillin G procaine, penicillin G sodium, penicillin V potassium, piperacillin sodium, piperacillin sodium/tazobactam sodium, ticarcillin disodium, and ticarcillin disodium/clavulanate potassium. The at least one cephalosporin can be at least one selected from cefaclor, cefadroxil, cefazolin sodium, cefdinir, cefepime hydrochloride, cefixime, cefmetazole sodium, cefonicid sodium, cefoperazone sodium, cefotaxime sodium, cefotetan disodium, cefoxitin sodium, cefpodoxime proxetil, cefprozil, ceftazidime, ceftibuten, ceftizoxime sodium, ceftriaxone sodium, cefuroxime axetil, cefuroxime sodium, cephalexin hydrochloride, cephalexin monohydrate, cephradine, and loracarbef. The at least one tetracycline can be at least one selected from demeclocycline hydrochloride, doxycycline calcium, doxycycline hyclate, doxycycline hydrochloride, doxycycline monohydrate, minocycline hydrochloride, and tetracycline hydrochloride. The at least one sulfonamide can be at least one selected from co-trimoxazole, sulfadiazine, sulfamethoxazole, sulfisoxazole, and sulfisoxazole acetyl. The at least one fluoroquinolone can be at least one selected from alatrofloxacin mesylate, ciprofloxacin, enoxacin, levofloxacin, lomefloxacin hydrochloride, nalidixic acid, norfloxacin, ofloxacin, sparfloxacin, and trovafloxacin mesylate. The at least one fluoroquinolone can be at least one selected from alatrofloxacin mesylate, ciprofloxacin, enoxacin, levofloxacin, lomefloxacin hydrochloride, nalidixic acid, norfloxacin, ofloxacin, sparfloxacin, and trovafloxacin mesylate.

The at least one antiviral can be at least one selected from abacavir sulfate, acyclovir sodium, amantadine hydrochloride, amprenavir, cidofovir, delavirdine mesylate, didanosine, efavirenz, famciclovir, fomivirsen sodium, foscarnet sodium, ganciclovir, indinavir sulfate, lamivudine, lamivudine/zidovudine, nelfinavir mesylate, nevirapine, oseltamivir phosphate, ribavirin, rimantadine hydrochloride, ritonavir, saquinavir, saquinavir mesylate, stavudine, valacyclovir hydrochloride, zalcitabine, zanamivir, and zidovudine. The at least one macro line anti-infective can be at least one selected from azithromycin, clarithromycin, dirithromycin, erythromycin base, erythromycin estolate, erythromycin ethylsuccinate, erythromycin lactobionate, and erythromycin stearate. The at least one miscellaneous anti-infective can be at least one selected from aztreonam, bacitracin, chloramphenicol sodium succinate, clindamycin hydrochloride, clindamycin palmitate hydrochloride, clindamycin phosphate, imipenem and cilastatin sodium, meropenem, nitrofurantoin macrocrystals, nitrofurantoin microcrystals, quinupristin/dalfopristin, spectinomycin hydrochloride, trimethoprim, and vancomycin hydrochloride. (See, e.g., pp. 24-214 of Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook.)

[0103] The at least one inotropic can be at least one selected from amrinone lactate, digoxin, and milrinone lactate. The at least one antiarrhythmic can be at least one selected from adenosine, amiodarone hydrochloride, atropine sulfate, bretylium tosylate, diltiazem hydrochloride, disopyramide, disopyramide phosphate, esmolol hydrochloride, flecainide acetate, ibutilide fumarate, lidocaine hydrochloride, mexiletine hydrochloride, moricizine hydrochloride, phenytoin, phenytoin sodium, procainamide hydrochloride, propafenone hydrochloride, propranolol hydrochloride, quinidine bisulfate, quinidine gluconate, quinidine polygalacturonate, quinidine sulfate, sotalol, tocainide hydrochloride, and verapamil hydrochloride. The at least one antianginal can be at least one selected from amlodipine besylate, amyl nitrite, bepridil hydrochloride, diltiazem hydrochloride, isosorbide dinitrate, isosorbide mononitrate, nadolol, nicardipine hydrochloride, nifedipine, nitroglycerin, propranolol hydrochloride, verapamil, and verapamil hydrochloride. The at least one antihypertensive can be at least one selected from acebutolol hydrochloride, amlodipine besylate, atenolol, benazepril hydrochloride, betaxolol hydrochloride, bisoprolol fumarate, candesartan cilexetil, captopril, carteolol hydrochloride, carvedilol, clonidine, clonidine hydrochloride, diazoxide, diltiazem hydrochloride, doxazosin mesylate, enalaprilat, enalapril maleate, eprosartan mesylate, felodipine, fenoldopam mesylate, fosinopril sodium, guanabenz acetate, guanadrel sulfate, guanfacine hydrochloride, hydralazine hydrochloride, irbesartan, isradipine, labetalol hydrochloride, lisinopril, losartan potassium, methyldopa, methyldopate hydrochloride, metoprolol succinate, metoprolol tartrate, minoxidil, moexipril hydrochloride, nadolol, nicardipine hydrochloride, nifedipine, nisoldipine, nitroprusside sodium, penbutolol sulfate, perindopril erbumine, phentolamine mesylate, pindolol, prazosin hydrochloride, propranolol hydrochloride, quinapril hydrochloride, ramipril, telmisartan, terazosin hydrochloride, timolol maleate, trandolapril, valsartan, and verapamil hydrochloride. The at least one antilipemic can be at least one selected from atorvastatin calcium, cerivastatin sodium, cholestyramine, colestipol hydrochloride, fenofibrate (micronized), fluvastatin sodium, gemfibrozil, lovastatin, niacin, pravastatin sodium, and simvastatin. The at least one miscellaneous CV drug can be at least one selected from abciximab, alprostadil, arbutamine hydrochloride, cilostazol, clopidogrel bisulfate, dipyridamole, eptifibatide, midodrine hydrochloride, pentoxifylline, ticlopidine hydrochloride, and tirofiban hydrochloride. (See, e.g., pp. 215-336 of Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook.)

[0104] The at least one nonnarcotic analgesic or antipyretic can be at least one selected from acetaminophen, aspirin, choline magnesium trisalicylate, diflunisal, and magnesium salicylate. The at least one nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug can be at least one selected from celecoxib, diclofenac potassium, diclofenac sodium, etodolac, fenoprofen calcium, flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, indomethacin, indomethacin sodium trihydrate, ketoprofen, ketorolac tromethamine, nabumetone, naproxen, naproxen sodium, oxaprozin, piroxicam, rofecoxib, and sulindac. The at least one narcotic or opioid analgesic can be at least one selected from alfentanil hydrochloride, buprenorphine hydrochloride, butorphanol tartrate, codeine phosphate, codeine sulfate, fentanyl citrate, fentanyl transdermal system, fentanyl transmucosal, hydromorphone hydrochloride, meperidine hydrochloride, methadone hydrochloride, morphine hydrochloride, morphine sulfate, morphine tartrate, nalbuphine hydrochloride, oxycodone hydrochloride, oxycodone pectinate, oxymorphone hydrochloride, pentazocine hydrochloride, pentazocine hydrochloride and naloxone hydrochloride, pentazocine lactate, propoxyphene hydrochloride, propoxyphene napsylate, remifentanil hydrochloride, sufentanil citrate, and tramadol hydrochloride. The at least one sedative-hypnotic can be at least one selected from chloral hydrate, estazolam, flurazepam hydrochloride, pentobarbital, pentobarbital sodium, phenobarbital sodium, secobarbital sodium, temazepam, triazolam, zaleplon, and zolpidem tartrate. The at least one anticonvulsant can be at least one selected from acetazolamide sodium, carbamazepine, clonazepam, clorazepate dipotassium, diazepam, divalproex sodium, ethosuximide, fosphenytoin sodium, gabapentin, lamotrigine, magnesium sulfate, phenobarbital, phenobarbital sodium, phenytoin, phenytoin sodium, phenytoin sodium (extended), primidone, tiagabine hydrochloride, topiramate, valproate sodium, and valproic acid. The at least one antidepressant can be at least one selected from amitriptyline hydrochloride, amitriptyline pamoate, amoxapine, bupropion hydrochloride, citalopram hydrobromide, clomipramine hydrochloride, desipramine hydrochloride, doxepin hydrochloride, fluoxetine hydrochloride, imipramine hydrochloride, imipramine pamoate, mirtazapine, nefazodone hydrochloride, nortriptyline hydrochloride, paroxetine hydrochloride, phenelzine sulfate, sertraline hydrochloride, transylcypromine sulfate, trimipramine maleate, and venlafaxine hydrochloride. The at least one antianxiety drug can be at least one selected from alprazolam, buspirone hydrochloride, chlordiazepoxide, chlordiazepoxide hydrochloride, clorazepate dipotassium, diazepam, doxepin hydrochloride, hydroxyzine embonate, hydroxyzine hydrochloride, hydroxyzine

pamoate, lorazepam, mephrobamate, midazolam hydrochloride, and oxazepam. The at least one antipsychotic drug can be at least one selected from chlorpromazine hydrochloride, clozapine, fluphenazine decanoate, fluphenazine enanthate, fluphenazine hydrochloride, haloperidol, haloperidol decanoate, haloperidol lactate, loxapine hydrochloride, loxapine succinate, mesoridazine besylate, molindone hydrochloride, olanzapine, perphenazine, pimozide, prochlorperazine, quetiapine fumarate, risperidone, thioridazine hydrochloride, thiothixene, thiothixene hydrochloride, and trifluoperazine hydrochloride. The at least one central nervous system stimulant can be at least one selected from amphetamine sulfate, caffeine, dextroamphetamine sulfate, doxapram hydrochloride, methamphetamine hydrochloride, methylphenidate hydrochloride, modafinil, pemoline, and phentermine hydrochloride. The at least one antiparkinsonian can be at least one selected from amantadine hydrochloride, benzotropine mesylate, biperiden hydrochloride, biperiden lactate, bromocriptine mesylate, carbidopa-levodopa, entacapone, levodopa, pergolide mesylate, pramipexole dihydrochloride, ropinirole hydrochloride, selegiline hydrochloride, tolcapone, and trihexyphenidyl hydrochloride. The at least one miscellaneous central nervous system drug can be at least one selected from bupropion hydrochloride, donepezil hydrochloride, droperidol, fluvoxamine maleate, lithium carbonate, lithium citrate, naratriptan hydrochloride, nicotine polacrilex, nicotine transdermal system, propofol, rizatriptan benzoate, sibutramine hydrochloride monohydrate, sumatriptan succinate, tacrine hydrochloride, and zolmitriptan. (See, e.g., pp. 337-530 of Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook.)

[0105] The at least one cholinergic (e.g., parasympathomimetic) can be at least one selected from bethanechol chloride, edrophonium chloride, neostigmine bromide, neostigmine methylsulfate, physostigmine salicylate, and pyridostigmine bromide. The at least one anticholinergic can be at least one selected from atropine sulfate, dicyclomine hydrochloride, glycopyrrolate, hyoscyamine, hyoscyamine sulfate, propantheline bromide, scopolamine, scopolamine butylbromide, and scopolamine hydrobromide. The at least one adrenergic (sympathomimetics) can be at least one selected from dobutamine hydrochloride, dopamine hydrochloride, metaraminol bitartrate, norepinephrine bitartrate, phenylephrine hydrochloride, pseudoephedrine hydrochloride, and pseudoephedrine sulfate. The at least one adrenergic blocker (sympatholytic) can be at least one selected from dihydroergotamine mesylate, ergotamine tartrate, methysergide maleate, and propranolol hydrochloride. The at least one skeletal muscle relaxant can be at least one selected from baclofen, carisoprodol, chlorzoxazone, cyclobenzaprine hydrochloride, dantrolene sodium, methocarbamol, and tizanidine hydrochloride. The at least one neuromuscular blocker can be at least one selected from atracurium besylate, cisatracurium besylate, doxacurium chloride, mivacurium chloride, pancuronium bromide, pipecuronium bromide, rapacuronium bromide, rocuronium bromide, succinylcholine chloride, tubocurarine chloride, and vecuronium bromide. (See, e.g., pp. 531-84 of Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook.)

[0106] The at least one antihistamine can be at least one selected from brompheniramine maleate, cetirizine hydrochloride, chlorpheniramine maleate, clemastine fumarate, cyproheptadine hydrochloride, diphenhydramine hydrochloride, fexofenadine hydrochloride, loratadine, promethazine hydrochloride, promethazine theoclate, and triprolidine hydrochloride. The at least one bronchodilator can be at least one selected from albuterol, albuterol sulfate, aminophylline, atropine sulfate, ephedrine sulfate, epinephrine, epinephrine bitartrate, epinephrine hydrochloride, ipratropium bromide, isoproterenol, isoproterenol hydrochloride, isoproterenol sulfate, levalbuterol hydrochloride, metaproterenol sulfate, oxtriphylline, pirbuterol acetate, salmeterol xinafoate, terbutaline sulfate, and theophylline. The at least one expectorant or antitussive can be at least one selected from benzonatate, codeine phosphate, codeine sulfate, dextromethorphan hydrobromide, diphenhydramine hydrochloride, guaifenesin, and hydromorphone hydrochloride. The at least one miscellaneous respiratory drug can be at least one selected from acetylcysteine, beclomethasone dipropionate, beractant, budesonide, calfactant, cromolyn sodium, dornase alfa, epoprostenol sodium, flunisolide, fluticasone propionate, montelukast sodium, nedocromil sodium, palivizumab, triamcinolone acetonide, zafirlukast, and zileuton. (See, e.g., pp. 585-642 of Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook.)

[0107] The at least one antacid, adsorbent, or antiflatulent can be at least one selected from aluminum carbonate, aluminum hydroxide, calcium carbonate, magaldrate, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium oxide, simethicone, and sodium bicarbonate. The at least one digestive enzyme or gallstone solubilizer can be at least one selected from pancreatin, pancrelipase, and ursodiol. The at least one antidiarrheal can be at least one selected from attapulgite, bismuth subsalicylate, calcium polycarbophil, diphenoxylate hydrochloride and atropine sulfate, loperamide, octreotide acetate, opium tincture, and opium tincture (camphorated). The at least one laxative can be at least one selected from bisocodyl, calcium polycarbophil, cascara sagrada, cascara sagrada aromatic fluidextract, cascara sagrada fluidextract, castor oil, docusate calcium, docusate sodium, glycerin, lactulose, magnesium citrate, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium sulfate, methylcellulose, mineral oil, polyethylene glycol or electrolyte solution, psyllium, senna, and sodium phosphates. The at least one antiemetic can be at least one selected from chlorpromazine hydrochloride, dimenhydrinate, dolasetron mesylate, dronabinol, granisetron hydrochloride, meclizine hydrochloride, metoclopramide hydrochloride, ondansetron hydrochloride, perphenazine, prochlorperazine, prochlorperazine edisylate, prochlorperazine maleate, promethazine hydrochloride, scopolamine, thiethylperazine maleate, and trimethobenzamide hydrochloride. The at least one antiulcer drug can be at least one selected from cimetidine, cimetidine hydrochloride, famotidine, lansoprazole, misoprostol, nizatidine, omeprazole, rabeprazole sodium, ranitidine bismuth citrate, ranitidine hydrochloride, and sucralfate. (See, e.g., pp. 643-95 of Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook.)

[0108] The at least one corticosteroid can be at least one selected from betamethasone, betamethasone acetate or betamethasone sodium phosphate, betamethasone sodium phosphate, cortisone acetate, dexamethasone, dexamethasone acetate, dexamethasone sodium phosphate, fludrocortisone acetate, hydrocortisone, hydrocortisone acetate, hydrocortisone cypionate, hydrocortisone sodium phosphate, hydrocortisone sodium succinate, methylprednisolone, methylprednisolone acetate, methylprednisolone sodium succinate, prednisolone, prednisolone acetate, prednisolone sodium phosphate, prednisolone tebutate, prednisone, triamcinolone, triamcinolone acetonide, and triamcinolone diacetate. The at least one androgen or anabolic steroid can be at least one selected from danazol, fluoxymesterone, methyltestosterone, nandrolone decanoate, nandrolone phenpropionate, testosterone, testosterone cypionate, testosterone enanthate, testosterone propionate, and testosterone transdermal system. The at least one estrogen or progestin can be at least one selected from esterified estrogens, estradiol, estradiol cypionate, estradiol/norethindrone acetate transdermal system, estradiol valerate, estrogens (conjugated), estropipate, ethinyl estradiol, ethinyl estradiol and desogestrel, ethinyl estradiol and ethynodiol diacetate, ethinyl estradiol and desogestrel, ethinyl estradiol and ethynodiol diacetate, ethinyl estradiol and levonorgestrel, ethinyl estradiol and norethindrone, ethinyl estradiol and norethindrone acetate, ethinyl estradiol and norgestimate, ethinyl estradiol and norgestrel, ethinyl estradiol and norethindrone and acetate and ferrous fumarate, levonorgestrel, medroxyprogesterone acetate, mestranol and norethindrone, norethindrone acetate, norgestrel, and progesterone. The at least one gonadotropin can be at least one selected from ganirelix acetate, gonadoreline acetate, histrelin acetate, and menotropins. The at least one antidiabetic or glucagon can be at least one selected from acarbose, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, glipizide, glucagon, glyburide, insulins, metformin hydrochloride, miglitol, pioglitazone hydrochloride, repaglinide, rosiglitazone maleate, and troglitazone. The at least one thyroid hormone can be at least one selected from levothyroxine sodium, liothyronine sodium, liotrix, and thyroid. The at least one thyroid hormone antagonist can be at least one selected from methimazole, potassium iodide, potassium iodide (saturated solution), propylthiouracil, radioactive iodine (sodium iodide ^{131}I), and strong iodine solution. The at least one pituitary hormone can be at least one selected from corticotropin, cosyntropin, desmopressin acetate, leuprolide acetate, repository corticotropin, somatrem, somatropin, and vasopressin. The at least one parathyroid-like drug can be at least one selected from calcifediol, calcitonin (human), calcitonin (salmon), calcitriol, dihydrotachysterol, and etidronate disodium. (See, e.g., pp. 696-796 of *Nursing 2001*

Drug Handbook.)

[0109] The at least one diuretic can be at least one selected from acetazolamide, acetazolamide sodium, amiloride hydrochloride, bumetanide, chlorthalidone, ethacrynic acid, furosemide, hydrochlorothiazide, indapamide, mannitol, metolazone, spironolactone, torsemide, triamterene, and urea. The at least one electrolyte or replacement solution can be at least one selected from calcium acetate, calcium carbonate, calcium chloride, calcium citrate, calcium gluconate, calcium gluceptate, calcium gluconate, calcium lactate, calcium phosphate (dibasic), calcium phosphate (tribasic), dextran (high-molecular-weight), dextran (low-molecular-weight), hetastarch, magnesium chloride, magnesium sulfate, potassium acetate, potassium bicarbonate, potassium chloride, potassium gluconate, Ringer's injection, Ringer's injection (lactated), and sodium chloride. The at least one acidifier or alkalizer can be at least one selected from sodium bicarbonate, sodium lactate, and tromethamine. (See, e.g., pp. 797-833 of *Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook.*)

[0110] The at least one hematinic can be at least one selected from ferrous fumarate, ferrous gluconate, ferrous sulfate, ferrous sulfate (dried), iron dextran, iron sorbitol, polysaccharide-iron complex, and sodium ferric gluconate complex. The at least one anticoagulant can be at least one selected from ardeparin sodium, dalteparin sodium, danaparoid sodium, enoxaparin sodium, heparin calcium, heparin sodium, and warfarin sodium. The at least one blood derivative can be at least one selected from albumin 5%, albumin 25%, antihemophilic factor, anti-inhibitor coagulant complex, antithrombin III (human), factor IX (human), factor IX complex, and plasma protein fractions. The at least one thrombolytic enzyme can be at least one selected from alteplase, anistreplase, reteplase (recombinant), streptokinase, and urokinase. (See, e.g., pp. 834-66 of *Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook.*)

[0111] The at least one alkylating drug can be at least one selected from busulfan, carboplatin, carmustine, chlorambucil, cisplatin, cyclophosphamide, ifosfamide, lomustine, mechlorethamine hydrochloride, melphalan, melphalan hydrochloride, streptozocin, temozolomide, and thiopeta. The at least one antimetabolite can be at least one selected from capecitabine, cladribine, cytarabine, floxuridine, fludarabine phosphate, fluorouracil, hydroxyurea, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, methotrexate sodium, and thioguanine. The at least one antibiotic antineoplastic can be at least one selected from bleomycin sulfate, dactinomycin, daunorubicin citrate liposomal, daunorubicin hydrochloride, doxorubicin hydrochloride, doxorubicin hydrochloride liposomal, epirubicin hydrochloride, idarubicin hydrochloride, mitomycin, pentostatin, plicamycin, and valrubicin. The at least one antineoplastic that alters hormone balance can be at least one selected from anastrozole, bicalutamide, estramustine phosphate sodium, exemestane, flutamide, goserelin acetate, letrozole, leuprolide acetate, megestrol acetate, nilutamide, tamoxifen citrate, testolactone, and toremifene citrate. The at least one miscellaneous antineoplastic can be at least one selected from asparaginase, bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) (live intravesical), dacarbazine, docetaxel, etoposide, etoposide phosphate, gemcitabine hydrochloride, irinotecan

hydrochloride, mitotane, mitoxantrone hydrochloride, paclitaxel, pegaspargase, porfimer sodium, procarbazine hydrochloride, rituximab, teniposide, topotecan hydrochloride, trastuzumab, tretinoin, vinblastine sulfate, vincristine sulfate, and vinorelbine tartrate. (See, e.g., pp. 867-963 of Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook.)

[0112] The at least one immunosuppressant can be at least one selected from azathioprine, basiliximab, cyclosporine, daclizumab, lymphocyte immune globulin, muromonab-CD3, mycophenolate mofetil, mycophenolate mofetil hydrochloride, sirolimus, and tacrolimus. The at least one vaccine or toxoid can be at least one selected from BCG vaccine, cholera vaccine, diphtheria and tetanus toxoids (adsorbed), diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine adsorbed, diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and whole-cell pertussis vaccine, *Haemophilus b* conjugate vaccines, hepatitis A vaccine (inactivated), hepatitis B vaccine (recombinant), influenza virus vaccine 1999-2000 trivalent types A & B (purified surface antigen), influenza virus vaccine 1999-2000 trivalent types A & B (subvirion or purified subvirion), influenza virus vaccine 1999-2000 trivalent types A & B (whole virion), Japanese encephalitis virus vaccine (inactivated), Lyme disease vaccine (recombinant OspA), measles and mumps and rubella virus vaccine (live), measles and mumps and rubella virus vaccine (live attenuated), measles virus vaccine (live attenuated), meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine, mumps virus vaccine (live), plague vaccine, pneumococcal vaccine (polyvalent), poliovirus vaccine (inactivated), poliovirus vaccine (live, oral, trivalent), rabies vaccine (adsorbed), rabies vaccine (human diploid cell), rubella and mumps virus vaccine (live), rubella virus vaccine (live, attenuated), tetanus toxoid (adsorbed), tetanus toxoid (fluid), typhoid vaccine (oral), typhoid vaccine (parenteral), typhoid Vi polysaccharide vaccine, varicella virus vaccine, and yellow fever vaccine. The at least one antitoxin or antivenin can be at least one selected from black widow spider antivenin, Crotalidae antivenom (polyvalent), diphtheria antitoxin (equine), and *Micrurus fulvius* antivenin. The at least one immune serum can be at least one selected from cytomegalovirus immune globulin (intravenous), hepatitis B immune globulin (human), immune globulin intramuscular, immune globulin intravenous, rabies immune globulin (human), respiratory syncytial virus immune globulin intravenous (human), Rho(D) immune globulin (human), Rho(D) immune globulin intravenous (human), tetanus immune globulin (human), and varicella-zoster immune globulin. The at least one biological response modifier can be at least one selected from aldesleukin, epoetin alfa, filgrastim, glatiramer acetate for injection, interferon alfacon-1, interferon alfa-2a (recombinant), interferon alfa-2b (recombinant), interferon beta-1a, interferon beta-1b (recombinant), interferon gamma-1b, levamisole hydrochloride, oprelvekin, and sargramostim. (See, e.g., pp. 964-1040 of Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook.)

[0113] The at least one ophthalmic anti-infective can be selected from bacitracin, chloramphenicol, ciprofloxacin hydrochloride, erythromycin, gentamicin sulfate, ofloxacin 0.3%, polymyxin B sulfate, sulfacetamide sodium 10%, sulfacetamide sodium 15%, sulfacetamide sodium 30%, tobramycin, and vidarabine. The at least one ophthalmic anti-inflammatory can be at least one selected from dexamethasone, dexamethasone sodium phosphate, diclofenac sodium 0.1%, fluorometholone, flurbiprofen sodium, ketorolac tromethamine, prednisolone acetate (suspension) and prednisolone sodium phosphate (solution). The at least one miotic can be at least one selected from acetylcholine chloride, carbachol (intraocular), carbachol (topical), echothiophate iodide, pilocarpine, pilocarpine hydrochloride, and pilocarpine nitrate. The at least one mydriatic can be at least one selected from atropine sulfate, cyclopentolate hydrochloride, epinephrine hydrochloride, epinephryl borate, homatropine hydrobromide, phenylephrine hydrochloride, scopolamine hydrobromide, and tropicamide. The at least one ophthalmic vasoconstrictor can be at least one selected from naphazoline hydrochloride, oxymetazoline hydrochloride, and tetrahydrozoline hydrochloride. The at least one miscellaneous ophthalmic can be at least one selected from apraclonidine hydrochloride, betaxolol hydrochloride, brimonidine tartrate, carteolol hydrochloride, dipivefrin hydrochloride, dorzolamide hydrochloride, emedastine difumarate, fluorescein sodium, ketotifen fumarate, latanoprost, levobunolol hydrochloride, metipranolol hydrochloride, sodium chloride (hypertonic), and timolol maleate. The at least one otic can be at least one selected from boric acid, carbamide peroxide, chloramphenicol, and triethanolamine polypeptide oleate-condensate. The at least one nasal drug can be at least one selected from beclomethasone dipropionate, budesonide, ephedrine sulfate, epinephrine hydrochloride, flunisolide, fluticasone propionate, naphazoline hydrochloride, oxymetazoline hydrochloride, phenylephrine hydrochloride, tetrahydrozoline hydrochloride, triamcinolone acetonide, and xylometazoline hydrochloride. (See, e.g., pp. 1041-97 of Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook.)

[0114] The at least one local anti-infective can be at least one selected from acyclovir, amphotericin B, azelaic acid cream, bacitracin, butoconazole nitrate, clindamycin phosphate, clotrimazole, econazole nitrate, erythromycin, gentamicin sulfate, ketoconazole, mafenide acetate, metronidazole (topical), miconazole nitrate, mupirocin, naftifine hydrochloride, neomycin sulfate, nitrofurazone, nystatin, silver sulfadiazine, terbinafine hydrochloride, terconazole, tetracycline hydrochloride, tioconazole, and tolnaftate. The at least one scabicide or pediculicide can be at least one selected from crotamiton, lindane, permethrin, and pyrethrins. The at least one topical corticosteroid can be at least one selected from betamethasone dipropionate, betamethasone valerate, clobetasol propionate, desonide, desoximetasone, dexamethasone, dexamethasone sodium phosphate, diflorasone diacetate, fluocinonide acetonide, fluocinonide, flurandrenolide, fluticasone propionate, halcionide, hydrocortisone, hydrocortisone acetate, hydrocortisone butyrate, hydrocortisone valerate, mometasone furoate, and triamcinolone acetonide. (See, e.g., pp. 1098-1136 of Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook.)

[0115] The at least one vitamin or mineral can be at least one selected from vitamin A, vitamin B complex, cyanocobalamin, folic acid, hydroxocobalamin, leucovorin calcium, niacin, niacinamide, pyridoxine hydrochloride, riboflavin,

thiamine hydrochloride, vitamin C, vitamin D, cholecalciferol, ergocalciferol, vitamin D analogue, doxercalciferol, paricalcitol, vitamin E, vitamin K analogue, phytonadione, sodium fluoride, sodium fluoride (topical), trace elements, chromium, copper, iodine, manganese, selenium, and zinc. The at least one caloric can be at least one selected from amino acid infusions (crystalline), amino acid infusions in dextrose, amino acid infusions with electrolytes, amino acid infusions with electrolytes in dextrose, amino acid infusions for hepatic failure, amino acid infusions for high metabolic stress, amino acid infusions for renal failure, dextrose, fat emulsions, and medium-chain triglycerides. (See, e.g., pp. 1137-63 of Nursing 2001 Drug Handbook.)

[0116] Anti-IL-23p19 antibody compositions disclosed herein can further comprise at least one of any suitable and effective amount of a composition or pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody contacted or administered to a cell, tissue, organ, animal or patient in need of such modulation, treatment or therapy, optionally further comprising at least one selected from at least one TNF antagonist (e.g., but not limited to a TNF chemical or protein antagonist, TNF monoclonal or polyclonal antibody or fragment, a soluble TNF receptor (e.g., p55, p70 or p85) or fragment, fusion polypeptides thereof, or a small molecule TNF antagonist, e.g., TNF binding protein I or II (TBP-1 or TBP-II), nerelimonmab, infliximab, etanercept, CDP-571, CDP-870, afelimomab, lenercept, and the like), an antirheumatic (e.g., methotrexate, auranofin, aurothioglucose, azathioprine, etanercept, gold sodium thiomalate, hydroxychloroquine sulfate, leflunomide, sulfasalazine), a muscle relaxant, a narcotic, a non-steroid anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), an analgesic, an anesthetic, a sedative, a local anesthetic, a neuromuscular blocker, an antimicrobial (e.g., aminoglycoside, an antifungal, an antiparasitic, an antiviral, a carbapenem, cephalosporin, a fluorquinolone, a macrolide, a penicillin, a sulfonamide, a tetracycline, another antimicrobial), an antipsoriatic, a corticosteroid, an anabolic steroid, a diabetes related agent, a mineral, a nutritional, a thyroid agent, a vitamin, a calcium related hormone, an antidiarrheal, an antitussive, an antiemetic, an antiulcer, a laxative, an anticoagulant, an erythropoietin (e.g., epoetin alpha), a filgrastim (e.g., G-CSF, Neupogen), a sargramostim (GM-CSF, Leukine), an immunization, an immunoglobulin, an immunosuppressive (e.g., basiliximab, cyclosporine, daclizumab), a growth hormone, a hormone replacement drug, an estrogen receptor modulator, a mydriatic, a cycloplegic, an alkylating agent, an antimetabolite, a mitotic inhibitor, a radiopharmaceutical, an antidepressant, antimanic agent, an antipsychotic, an anxiolytic, a hypnotic, a sympathomimetic, a stimulant, donepezil, tacrine, an asthma medication, a beta agonist, an inhaled steroid, a leukotriene inhibitor, a methylxanthine, a cromolyn, an epinephrine or analog, dornase alpha (Pulmozyme), a cytokine or a cytokine antagonist. Non-limiting examples of such cytokines include, but are not limited to, any of IL-1 to IL-28 (e.g., IL-1, IL-2, etc.). Suitable dosages are well known in the art. See, e.g., Wells et al., eds., Pharmacotherapy Handbook, 2nd Edition, Appleton and Lange, Stamford, CT (2000); PDR Pharmacopoeia, Tarascon Pocket Pharmacopoeia 2000, Deluxe Edition, Tarascon Publishing, Loma Linda, CA (2000).

[0117] Such anti-cancer or anti-infectives can also include toxin molecules that are associated, bound, co-formulated or co-administered with at least one antibody of the present invention. The toxin can optionally act to selectively kill the pathologic cell or tissue. The pathologic cell can be a cancer or other cell. Such toxins can be, but are not limited to, purified or recombinant toxin or toxin fragment comprising at least one functional cytotoxic domain of toxin, e.g., selected from at least one of ricin, diphtheria toxin, a venom toxin, or a bacterial toxin. The term toxin also includes both endotoxins and exotoxins produced by any naturally occurring, mutant or recombinant bacteria or viruses which may cause any pathological condition in humans and other mammals, including toxin shock, which can result in death. Such toxins may include, but are not limited to, enterotoxigenic *E. coli* heat-labile enterotoxin (LT), heat-stable enterotoxin (ST), *Shigella* cytotoxin, *Aeromonas* enterotoxins, toxic shock syndrome toxin-1 (TSST-1), Staphylococcal enterotoxin A (SEA), B (SEB), or C (SEC), Streptococcal enterotoxins and the like. Such bacteria include, but are not limited to, strains of a species of enterotoxigenic *E. coli* (ETEC), enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* (e.g., strains of serotype O157:H7), Staphylococcus species (e.g., *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus pyogenes*), *Shigella* species (e.g., *Shigella dysenteriae*, *Shigella flexneri*, *Shigella boydii*, and *Shigella sonnei*), *Salmonella* species (e.g., *Salmonella typhi*, *Salmonella cholerae-suis*, *Salmonella enteritidis*), *Clostridium* species (e.g., *Clostridium perfringens*, *Clostridium difficile*, *Clostridium botulinum*), *Camphlobacter* species (e.g., *Camphlobacter jejuni*, *Camphlobacter fetus*), *Helicobacter* species, (e.g., *Helicobacter pylori*), *Aeromonas* species (e.g., *Aeromonas sobria*, *Aeromonas hydrophila*, *Aeromonas caviae*), *Pleisomonas shigelloides*, *Yersinia enterocolitica*, *Vibrios* species (e.g., *Vibrios cholerae*, *Vibrios parahemolyticus*), *Klebsiella* species, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, and *Streptococci*. See, e.g., Stein, ed., INTERNAL MEDICINE, 3rd ed., pp 1-13, Little, Brown and Co., Boston, (1990); Evans et al., eds., Bacterial Infections of Humans: Epidemiology and Control, 2d. Ed., pp 239-254, Plenum Medical Book Co., New York (1991); Mandell et al, Principles and Practice of Infectious Diseases, 3d. Ed., Churchill Livingstone, New York (1990); Berkow et al, eds., The Merck Manual, 16th edition, Merck and Co., Rahway, N.J., 1992; Wood et al, FEMS Microbiology Immunology, 76:121-134 (1991); Marrack et al, Science, 248:705-711 (1990).

[0118] Anti-IL-23p19 antibody compounds, compositions or combinations of the present invention can further comprise at least one of any suitable auxiliary, such as, but not limited to, diluent, binder, stabilizer, buffers, salts, lipophilic solvents, preservative, adjuvant or the like. Pharmaceutically acceptable auxiliaries are preferred. Non-limiting examples of, and methods of preparing such sterile solutions are well known in the art, such as, but limited to, Gennaro, Ed., Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, 18th Edition, Mack Publishing Co. (Easton, PA) 1990. Pharmaceutically acceptable carriers

can be routinely selected that are suitable for the mode of administration, solubility and/or stability of the anti-IL-23p19 antibody, fragment or variant composition as well known in the art or as described herein.

[0119] Pharmaceutical excipients and additives useful in the present composition include, but are not limited to, proteins, peptides, amino acids, lipids, and carbohydrates (e.g., sugars, including monosaccharides, di-, tri-, tetra-, and oligosaccharides; derivatized sugars, such as alditols, aldonic acids, esterified sugars and the like; and polysaccharides or sugar polymers), which can be present singly or in combination, comprising alone or in combination 1-99.99% by weight or volume. Exemplary protein excipients include serum albumin, such as human serum albumin (HSA), recombinant human albumin (rHA), gelatin, casein, and the like. Representative amino acid/antibody components, which can also function in a buffering capacity, include alanine, glycine, arginine, betaine, histidine, glutamic acid, aspartic acid, cysteine, lysine, leucine, isoleucine, valine, methionine, phenylalanine, aspartame, and the like. One preferred amino acid is glycine.

[0120] Carbohydrate excipients suitable for use in the invention include, for example, monosaccharides, such as fructose, maltose, galactose, glucose, D-mannose, sorbose, and the like; disaccharides, such as lactose, sucrose, trehalose, cellobiose, and the like; polysaccharides, such as raffinose, melezitose, maltodextrins, dextrans, starches, and the like; and alditols, such as mannitol, xylitol, maltitol, lactitol, xylitol sorbitol (glucitol), myoinositol and the like. Preferred carbohydrate excipients for use in the present invention are mannitol, trehalose, and raffinose.

[0121] Anti-IL-23p19 antibody compositions can also include a buffer or a pH-adjusting agent; typically, the buffer is a salt prepared from an organic acid or base. Representative buffers include organic acid salts, such as salts of citric acid, ascorbic acid, gluconic acid, carbonic acid, tartaric acid, succinic acid, acetic acid, or phthalic acid; Tris, tromethamine hydrochloride, or phosphate buffers. Preferred buffers for use in the present compositions are organic acid salts, such as citrate.

[0122] Additionally, anti-IL-23p19 antibody compositions of the invention can include polymeric excipients/additives, such as polyvinylpyrrolidones, ficolls (a polymeric sugar), dextrates (e.g., cyclodextrins, such as 2-hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin), polyethylene glycols, flavoring agents, antimicrobial agents, sweeteners, antioxidants, antistatic agents, surfactants (e.g., polysorbates, such as "TWEEN 20" and "TWEEN 80"), lipids (e.g., phospholipids, fatty acids), steroids (e.g., cholesterol), and chelating agents (e.g., EDTA).

[0123] These and additional known pharmaceutical excipients and/or additives suitable for use in the anti-IL-23p19 antibody, portion or variant compositions according to the invention are known in the art, e.g., as listed in "Remington: The Science & Practice of Pharmacy", 19th ed., Williams & Williams, (1995), and in the "Physician's Desk Reference", 52nd ed., Medical Economics, Montvale, NJ (1998). Preferred carrier or excipient materials are carbohydrates (e.g., saccharides and alditols) and buffers (e.g., citrate) or polymeric agents. An exemplary carrier molecule is the mucopolysaccharide, hyaluronic acid, which may be useful for intraarticular delivery.

Formulations

[0124] As noted above, the invention provides for stable formulations, which preferably comprise a phosphate buffer with saline or a chosen salt, as well as preserved solutions and formulations containing a preservative as well as multi-use preserved formulations suitable for pharmaceutical or veterinary use, comprising at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody of the invention in a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation. Preserved formulations contain at least one known preservative or optionally selected from the group consisting of at least one phenol, m-cresol, p-cresol, o-cresol, chlorocresol, benzyl alcohol, phenylmercuric nitrite, phenoxyethanol, formaldehyde, chlorobutanol, magnesium chloride (e.g., hexahydrate), alkylparaben (methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl and the like), benzalkonium chloride, benzethonium chloride, sodium dehydroacetate and thimerosal, polymers, or mixtures thereof in an aqueous diluent. Any suitable concentration or mixture can be used as known in the art, such as about 0.0015%, or any range, value, or fraction therein. Non-limiting examples include, no preservative, about 0.1-2% m-cresol (e.g., 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.9, 1.0%), about 0.1-3% benzyl alcohol (e.g., 0.5, 0.9, 1.1, 1.5, 1.9, 2.0, 2.5%), about 0.001-0.5% thimerosal (e.g., 0.005, 0.01), about 0.001-2.0% phenol (e.g., 0.05, 0.25, 0.28, 0.5, 0.9, 1.0%), 0.0005-1.0% alkylparaben(s) (e.g., 0.00075, 0.0009, 0.001, 0.002, 0.005, 0.0075, 0.009, 0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.075, 0.09, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 0.75, 0.9, 1.0%), and the like.

[0125] As noted above, the invention provides an article of manufacture, comprising packaging material and at least one vial comprising a solution of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody of the invention with the prescribed buffers and/or preservatives, optionally in an aqueous diluent, wherein said packaging material comprises a label that indicates that such solution can be held over a period of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 18, 20, 24, 30, 36, 40, 48, 54, 60, 66, 72 hours or greater. The invention further comprises an article of manufacture, comprising packaging material, a first vial comprising lyophilized at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody of the invention, and a second vial comprising an aqueous diluent of prescribed buffer or preservative, wherein said packaging material comprises a label that instructs a patient to reconstitute the at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody in the aqueous diluent to form a solution that can be held over a period of twenty-four hours or greater.

[0126] The at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody used in accordance with the present invention can be produced by

recombinant means, including from mammalian cell or transgenic preparations, or can be purified from other biological sources, as described herein or as known in the art.

[0127] The range of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody in the product of the present invention includes amounts yielding upon reconstitution, if in a wet/dry system, concentrations from about 1.0 µg/ml to about 1000 mg/ml, although lower and higher concentrations are operable and are dependent on the intended delivery vehicle, e.g., solution formulations will differ from transdermal patch, pulmonary, transmucosal, or osmotic or micro pump methods.

[0128] Preferably, the aqueous diluent optionally further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable preservative. Preferred preservatives include those selected from the group consisting of phenol, m-cresol, p-cresol, o-cresol, chlorocresol, benzyl alcohol, alkylparaben (methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl and the like), benzalkonium chloride, benzethonium chloride, sodium dehydroacetate and thimerosal, or mixtures thereof. The concentration of preservative used in the formulation is a concentration sufficient to yield an anti-microbial effect. Such concentrations are dependent on the preservative selected and are readily determined by the skilled artisan.

[0129] Other excipients, e.g., isotonicity agents, buffers, antioxidants, and preservative enhancers, can be optionally and preferably added to the diluent. An isotonicity agent, such as glycerin, is commonly used at known concentrations. A physiologically tolerated buffer is preferably added to provide improved pH control. The formulations can cover a wide range of pHs, such as from about pH 4 to about pH 10, and preferred ranges from about pH 5 to about pH 9, and a most preferred range of about 6.0 to about 8.0. Preferably, the formulations of the present invention have a pH between about 6.8 and about 7.8. Preferred buffers include phosphate buffers, most preferably, sodium phosphate, particularly, phosphate buffered saline (PBS).

[0130] Other additives, such as a pharmaceutically acceptable solubilizers like Tween 20 (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate), Tween 40 (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monopalmitate), Tween 80 (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monooleate), Pluronic F68 (polyoxyethylene polyoxypropylene block copolymers), and PEG (polyethylene glycol) or non-ionic surfactants, such as polysorbate 20 or 80 or poloxamer 184 or 188, Pluronic® polyols, other block co-polymers, and chelators, such as EDTA and EGTA, can optionally be added to the formulations or compositions to reduce aggregation. These additives are particularly useful if a pump or plastic container is used to administer the formulation. The presence of pharmaceutically acceptable surfactant mitigates the propensity for the protein to aggregate.

[0131] The formulations of the present invention can be prepared by a process which comprises mixing at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody of the invention and a preservative selected from the group consisting of phenol, m-cresol, p-cresol, o-cresol, chlorocresol, benzyl alcohol, alkylparaben, (methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl and the like), benzalkonium chloride, benzethonium chloride, sodium dehydroacetate and thimerosal or mixtures thereof in an aqueous diluent. Mixing the at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody and preservative in an aqueous diluent is carried out using conventional dissolution and mixing procedures. To prepare a suitable formulation, for example, a measured amount of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody in buffered solution is combined with the desired preservative in a buffered solution in quantities sufficient to provide the protein and preservative at the desired concentrations. Variations of this process would be recognized by one of ordinary skill in the art. For example, the order the components are added, whether additional additives are used, the temperature and pH at which the formulation is prepared, are all factors that can be optimized for the concentration and means of administration used.

[0132] The claimed formulations can be provided to patients as clear solutions or as dual vials comprising a vial of lyophilized at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody that is reconstituted with a second vial containing water, a preservative and/or excipients, preferably, a phosphate buffer and/or saline and a chosen salt, in an aqueous diluent. Either a single solution vial or dual vial requiring reconstitution can be reused multiple times and can suffice for a single or multiple cycles of patient treatment and thus can provide a more convenient treatment regimen than currently available.

[0133] The present claimed articles of manufacture are useful for administration over a period ranging from immediate to twenty-four hours or greater. Accordingly, the presently claimed articles of manufacture offer significant advantages to the patient. Formulations of the invention can optionally be safely stored at temperatures of from about 2°C to about 40°C and retain the biological activity of the protein for extended periods of time, thus allowing a package label indicating that the solution can be held and/or used over a period of 6, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 72, or 96 hours or greater. If preserved diluent is used, such label can include use up to 1-12 months, one-half, one and a half, and/or two years.

[0134] The solutions of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody of the invention can be prepared by a process that comprises mixing at least one antibody in an aqueous diluent. Mixing is carried out using conventional dissolution and mixing procedures. To prepare a suitable diluent, for example, a measured amount of at least one antibody in water or buffer is combined in quantities sufficient to provide the protein and, optionally, a preservative or buffer at the desired concentrations. Variations of this process would be recognized by one of ordinary skill in the art. For example, the order the components are added, whether additional additives are used, the temperature and pH at which the formulation is prepared, are all factors that can be optimized for the concentration and means of administration used.

[0135] The claimed products can be provided to patients as clear solutions or as dual vials comprising a vial of lyophilized at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody that is reconstituted with a second vial containing the aqueous diluent. Either a single solution vial or dual vial requiring reconstitution can be reused multiple times and can suffice for a single

or multiple cycles of patient treatment and thus provides a more convenient treatment regimen than currently available.

[0136] The claimed products can be provided indirectly to patients by providing to pharmacies, clinics, or other such institutions and facilities, clear solutions or dual vials comprising a vial of lyophilized at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody that is reconstituted with a second vial containing the aqueous diluent. The clear solution in this case can be up to one liter or even larger in size, providing a large reservoir from which smaller portions of the at least one antibody solution can be retrieved one or multiple times for transfer into smaller vials and provided by the pharmacy or clinic to their customers and/or patients.

[0137] Recognized devices comprising single vial systems include pen-injector devices for delivery of a solution, such as BD Pens, BD Autojector®, Humaject®, NovoPen®, B-D®Pen, AutoPen®, and OptiPen®, GenotropinPen®, GenotroNorm Pen®, Humatro Pen®, Reco-Pen®, Roferon Pen®, Biojector®, Iject®, J-tip Needle-Free Injector®, Intraject®, Medi-Ject®, e.g., as made or developed by Becton Dickinson (Franklin Lakes, NJ, www.bectondickenson.com), Disetronic (Burgdorf, Switzerland, www.disetronic.com), Bioject, Portland, Oregon (www.bioject.com), National Medical Products, Weston Medical (Peterborough, UK, www.weston-medical.com), Medi-Ject Corp (Minneapolis, MN, www.mediject.com), and similar suitable devices. Recognized devices comprising a dual vial system include those pen-injector systems for reconstituting a lyophilized drug in a cartridge for delivery of the reconstituted solution, such as the HumatroPen®. Examples of other devices suitable include pre-filled syringes, auto-injectors, needle free injectors and needle free IV infusion sets.

[0138] The products presently claimed include packaging material. The packaging material provides, in addition to the information required by the regulatory agencies, the conditions under which the product can be used. The packaging material of the present invention provides instructions to the patient to reconstitute the at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody in the aqueous diluent to form a solution and to use the solution over a period of 2-24 hours or greater for the two vial, wet/dry, product. For the single vial, solution product, the label indicates that such solution can be used over a period of 2-24 hours or greater. The presently claimed products are useful for human pharmaceutical product use.

[0139] The formulations of the present invention can be prepared by a process that comprises mixing at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody of the invention and a selected buffer, preferably, a phosphate buffer containing saline or a chosen salt. Mixing the at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody and buffer in an aqueous diluent is carried out using conventional dissolution and mixing procedures. To prepare a suitable formulation, for example, a measured amount of at least one antibody in water or buffer is combined with the desired buffering agent in water in quantities sufficient to provide the protein and buffer at the desired concentrations. Variations of this process would be recognized by one of ordinary skill in the art. For example, the order the components are added, whether additional additives are used, the temperature and pH at which the formulation is prepared, are all factors that can be optimized for the concentration and means of administration used.

[0140] The claimed stable or preserved formulations can be provided to patients as clear solutions or as dual vials comprising a vial of lyophilized at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody that is reconstituted with a second vial containing a preservative or buffer and excipients in an aqueous diluent. Either a single solution vial or dual vial requiring reconstitution can be reused multiple times and can suffice for a single or multiple cycles of patient treatment and thus provides a more convenient treatment regimen than currently available.

[0141] Other formulations or methods of stabilizing the anti-IL-23p19 antibody may result in other than a clear solution of lyophilized powder comprising the antibody. Among non-clear solutions are formulations comprising particulate suspensions, said particulates being a composition containing the anti-IL-23p19 antibody in a structure of variable dimension and known variously as a microsphere, microparticle, nanoparticle, nanosphere, or liposome. Such relatively homogeneous, essentially spherical, particulate formulations containing an active agent can be formed by contacting an aqueous phase containing the active agent and a polymer and a nonaqueous phase followed by evaporation of the nonaqueous phase to cause the coalescence of particles from the aqueous phase as taught in U.S. 4,589,330. Porous microparticles can be prepared using a first phase containing active agent and a polymer dispersed in a continuous solvent and removing said solvent from the suspension by freeze-drying or dilution-extraction-precipitation as taught in U.S. 4,818,542. Preferred polymers for such preparations are natural or synthetic copolymers or polymers selected from the group consisting of gleatin agar, starch, arabinogalactan, albumin, collagen, polyglycolic acid, polylactic acid, glycolide-L(-) lactide poly(epsilon-caprolactone), poly(epsilon-caprolactone-CO-lactic acid), poly(epsilon-caprolactone-CO-glycolic acid), poly(beta-hydroxy butyric acid), polyethylene oxide, polyethylene, poly(alkyl-2-cyanoacrylate), poly(hydroxyethyl methacrylate), polyamides, poly(amino acids), poly(2-hydroxyethyl DL-aspartamide), poly(ester urea), poly(L-phenylalanine/ethylene glycol/1,6-diisocyanatohexane) and poly(methyl methacrylate). Particularly preferred polymers are polyesters, such as polyglycolic acid, polylactic acid, glycolide-L(-) lactide poly(epsilon-caprolactone), poly(epsilon-caprolactone-CO-lactic acid), and poly(epsilon-caprolactone-CO-glycolic acid). Solvents useful for dissolving the polymer and/or the active include: water, hexafluoroisopropanol, methylenechloride, tetrahydrofuran, hexane, benzene, or hexafluoroacetone sesquihydrate. The process of dispersing the active containing phase with a second phase may include pressure forcing said first phase through an orifice in a nozzle to affect droplet formation.

[0142] Dry powder formulations may result from processes other than lyophilization, such as by spray drying or solvent

extraction by evaporation or by precipitation of a crystalline composition followed by one or more steps to remove aqueous or nonaqueous solvent. Preparation of a spray-dried antibody preparation is taught in U.S. 6,019,968. The antibody-based dry powder compositions may be produced by spray drying solutions or slurries of the antibody and, optionally, excipients, in a solvent under conditions to provide a respirable dry powder. Solvents may include polar compounds, such as water and ethanol, which may be readily dried. Antibody stability may be enhanced by performing the spray drying procedures in the absence of oxygen, such as under a nitrogen blanket or by using nitrogen as the drying gas. Another relatively dry formulation is a dispersion of a plurality of perforated microstructures dispersed in a suspension medium that typically comprises a hydrofluoroalkane propellant as taught in WO 9916419. The stabilized dispersions may be administered to the lung of a patient using a metered dose inhaler. Equipment useful in the commercial manufacture of spray dried medicaments are manufactured by Buchi Ltd. or Niro Corp.

[0143] At least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody in either the stable or preserved formulations or solutions described herein, can be administered to a patient in accordance with the present invention via a variety of delivery methods including SC or IM injection; transdermal, pulmonary, transmucosal, implant, osmotic pump, cartridge, micro pump, or other means appreciated by the skilled artisan, as well-known in the art.

Therapeutic Applications

[0144] A method for modulating or treating at least one IL-23 related disease, in a cell, tissue, organ, animal, or patient, as known in the art or as described herein, using at least one IL-23p19 antibody of the present invention, e.g., administering or contacting the cell, tissue, organ, animal, or patient with a therapeutic effective amount of IL-23p19 antibody is disclosed herein. A method for modulating or treating at least one IL-23 related disease, in a cell, tissue, organ, animal, or patient including, but not limited to, at least one of obesity, an immune related disease, a cardiovascular disease, an infectious disease, a malignant disease or a neurologic disease is disclosed herein.

[0145] A method for modulating or treating at least one IL-23 related immune related disease, in a cell, tissue, organ, animal, or patient including, but not limited to, at least one of rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, systemic onset juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, gastric ulcer, seronegative arthropathies, osteoarthritis, osteolysis, aseptic loosening of orthopedic implants, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis, systemic lupus erythematosus, antiphospholipid syndrome, iridocyclitis/uveitis/optic neuritis, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, systemic vasculitis/wegener's granulomatosis, sarcoidosis, orchitis/vasectomy reversal procedures, allergic/atopic diseases, asthma, allergic rhinitis, eczema, allergic contact dermatitis, allergic conjunctivitis, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, transplants, organ transplant rejection, graft-versus-host disease, systemic inflammatory response syndrome, sepsis syndrome, gram positive sepsis, gram negative sepsis, culture negative sepsis, fungal sepsis, neutropenic fever, urosepsis, meningococcemia, trauma/hemorrhage, burns, ionizing radiation exposure, acute pancreatitis, adult respiratory distress syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, alcohol-induced hepatitis, chronic inflammatory pathologies, sarcoidosis, Crohn's pathology, sickle cell anemia, diabetes, nephrosis, atopic diseases, hypersensitivity reactions, allergic rhinitis, hay fever, perennial rhinitis, conjunctivitis, endometriosis, asthma, urticaria, systemic anaphylaxis, dermatitis, pernicious anemia, hemolytic disease, thrombocytopenia, graft rejection of any organ or tissue, kidney transplant rejection, heart transplant rejection, liver transplant rejection, pancreas transplant rejection, lung transplant rejection, bone marrow transplant (BMT) rejection, skin allograft rejection, cartilage transplant rejection, bone graft rejection, small bowel transplant rejection, fetal thymus implant rejection, parathyroid transplant rejection, xenograft rejection of any organ or tissue, allograft rejection, anti-receptor hypersensitivity reactions, Graves disease, Raynaud's disease, type B insulin-resistant diabetes, asthma, myasthenia gravis, antibody-mediated cytotoxicity, type III hypersensitivity reactions, POEMS syndrome (polyneuropathy, organomegaly, endocrinopathy, monoclonal gammopathy, and skin changes syndrome), polyneuropathy, organomegaly, endocrinopathy, monoclonal gammopathy, skin changes syndrome, antiphospholipid syndrome, pemphigus, scleroderma, mixed connective tissue disease, idiopathic Addison's disease, diabetes mellitus, chronic active hepatitis, primary biliary cirrhosis, vitiligo, vasculitis, post-MI cardiotomy syndrome, type IV hypersensitivity, contact dermatitis, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, allograft rejection, granulomas due to intracellular organisms, drug sensitivity, metabolic/idiopathic, Wilson's disease, hemochromatosis, alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency, diabetic retinopathy, hashimoto's thyroiditis, osteoporosis, hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis evaluation, primary biliary cirrhosis, thyroiditis, encephalomyelitis, cachexia, cystic fibrosis, neonatal chronic lung disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), familial hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis, dermatologic conditions, psoriasis, alopecia, nephrotic syndrome, nephritis, glomerular nephritis, acute renal failure, hemodialysis, uremia, toxicity, preeclampsia, okt3 therapy, anti-cd3 therapy, cytokine therapy, chemotherapy, radiation therapy (e.g., including but not limited to, asthenia, anemia, cachexia, and the like), chronic salicylate intoxication, and the like is disclosed herein. See, e.g., the Merck Manual, 12th-17th Editions, Merck & Company, Rahway, NJ (1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1999), Pharmacotherapy Handbook, Wells et al., eds., Second Edition, Appleton and Lange, Stamford, Conn. (1998, 2000).

[0146] A method for modulating or treating at least one cardiovascular disease in a cell, tissue, organ, animal, or patient, including, but not limited to, at least one of cardiac stun syndrome, myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure,

stroke, ischemic stroke, hemorrhage, acute coronary syndrome, arteriosclerosis, atherosclerosis, restenosis, diabetic arteriosclerotic disease, hypertension, arterial hypertension, renovascular hypertension, syncope, shock, syphilis of the cardiovascular system, heart failure, cor pulmonale, primary pulmonary hypertension, cardiac arrhythmias, atrial ectopic beats, atrial flutter, atrial fibrillation (sustained or paroxysmal), post perfusion syndrome, cardiopulmonary bypass inflammation response, chaotic or multifocal atrial tachycardia, regular narrow QRS tachycardia, specific arrhythmias, ventricular fibrillation, His bundle arrhythmias, atrioventricular block, bundle branch block, myocardial ischemic disorders, coronary artery disease, angina pectoris, myocardial infarction, cardiomyopathy, dilated congestive cardiomyopathy, restrictive cardiomyopathy, valvular heart diseases, endocarditis, pericardial disease, cardiac tumors, aortic and peripheral aneurysms, aortic dissection, inflammation of the aorta, occlusion of the abdominal aorta and its branches, peripheral vascular disorders, occlusive arterial disorders, peripheral atherosclerotic disease, thromboangitis obliterans, functional peripheral arterial disorders, Raynaud's phenomenon and disease, acrocyanosis, erythromelalgia, venous diseases, venous thrombosis, varicose veins, arteriovenous fistula, lymphodermatitis, lipedema, unstable angina, reperfusion injury, post pump syndrome, ischemia-reperfusion injury, and the like is disclosed herein. Such a method can optionally comprise administering an effective amount of a composition or pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody to a cell, tissue, organ, animal or patient in need of such modulation, treatment or therapy.

[0147] A method for modulating or treating at least one IL-23 related infectious disease in a cell, tissue, organ, animal or patient, including, but not limited to, at least one of: acute or chronic bacterial infection, acute and chronic parasitic or infectious processes, including bacterial, viral and fungal infections, HIV infection/HIV neuropathy, meningitis, hepatitis (e.g., A, B or C, or the like), septic arthritis, peritonitis, pneumonia, epiglottitis, *e. coli* 0157:h7, hemolytic uremic syndrome/thrombolytic thrombocytopenic purpura, malaria, dengue hemorrhagic fever, leishmaniasis, leprosy, toxic shock syndrome, streptococcal myositis, gas gangrene, mycobacterium tuberculosis, mycobacterium avium intracellulare, pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, pelvic inflammatory disease, orchitis/epididymitis, legionella, lyme disease, influenza a, epstein-barr virus, viral-associated hemaphagocytic syndrome, viral encephalitis/aseptic meningitis, and the like is disclosed herein.

[0148] A method for modulating or treating at least one IL-23 related malignant disease in a cell, tissue, organ, animal or patient, including, but not limited to, at least one of: leukemia, acute leukemia, acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), acute lymphocytic leukemia, B-cell, T-cell or FAB ALL, acute myeloid leukemia (AML), acute myelogenous leukemia, chronic myelocytic leukemia (CML), chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), hairy cell leukemia, myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), a lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, a malignant lymphoma, non-hodgkin's lymphoma, Burkitt's lymphoma, multiple myeloma, Kaposi's sarcoma, colorectal carcinoma, pancreatic carcinoma, nasopharyngeal carcinoma, malignant histiocytosis, paraneoplastic syndrome/hypercalcemia of malignancy, solid tumors, bladder cancer, breast cancer, colorectal cancer, endometrial cancer, head cancer, neck cancer, hereditary nonpolyposis cancer, Hodgkin's lymphoma, liver cancer, lung cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, renal cell carcinoma, testicular cancer, adenocarcinomas, sarcomas, malignant melanoma, hemangioma, metastatic disease, cancer related bone resorption, cancer related bone pain, and the like is disclosed herein.

[0149] A method for modulating or treating at least one IL-23 related neurologic disease in a cell, tissue, organ, animal or patient, including, but not limited to, at least one of: neurodegenerative diseases, multiple sclerosis, migraine headache, AIDS dementia complex, demyelinating diseases, such as multiple sclerosis and acute transverse myelitis; extrapyramidal and cerebellar disorders, such as lesions of the corticospinal system; disorders of the basal ganglia; hyperkinetic movement disorders, such as Huntington's Chorea and senile chorea; drug-induced movement disorders, such as those induced by drugs which block CNS dopamine receptors; hypokinetic movement disorders, such as Parkinson's disease; Progressive supranuclear Palsy; structural lesions of the cerebellum; spinocerebellar degenerations, such as spinal ataxia, Friedreich's ataxia, cerebellar cortical degenerations, multiple systems degenerations (Mencel, Dejerine-Thomas, Shi-Drager, and Machado-Joseph); systemic disorders (Refsum's disease, abetalipoproteinemia, ataxia, telangiectasia, and mitochondrial multi-system disorder); demyelinating core disorders, such as multiple sclerosis, acute transverse myelitis; and disorders of the motor unit, such as neurogenic muscular atrophies (anterior horn cell degeneration, such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, infantile spinal muscular atrophy and juvenile spinal muscular atrophy); Alzheimer's disease; Down's Syndrome in middle age; Diffuse Lewy body disease; Senile Dementia of Lewy body type; Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome; chronic alcoholism; Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease; Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis, Hallerorden-Spatz disease; Dementia pugilistica; neurotraumatic injury (e.g., spinal cord injury, brain injury, concussion, repetitive concussion); pain; inflammatory pain; autism; depression; stroke; cognitive disorders; epilepsy; and the like. Such a method can optionally comprise administering an effective amount of a composition or pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one TNF antibody or specified portion or variant to a cell, tissue, organ, animal or patient in need of such modulation, treatment or therapy is disclosed herein. See, e.g., the Merck Manual, 16th Edition, Merck & Company, Rahway, NJ (1992).

[0150] A method for modulating or treating at least one IL-23 related wound, trauma or tissue injury or related chronic condition, in a cell, tissue, organ, animal or patient, including, but not limited to, at least one of: bodily injury or a trauma associated with oral surgery including periodontal surgery, tooth extraction(s), endodontic treatment, insertion of tooth

implants, application and use of tooth prosthesis; or wherein the wound is selected from the group consisting of aseptic wounds, contused wounds, incised wounds, lacerated wounds, non-penetrating wounds, open wounds, penetrating wounds, perforating wounds, puncture wounds, septic wounds, infarctions and subcutaneous wounds; or wherein the wound is selected from the group consisting of ischemic ulcers, pressure sores, fistulae, severe bites, thermal burns and donor site wounds; or wherein the wound is an aphthous wound, a traumatic wound or a herpes associated wound is disclosed herein.

[0151] Wounds and/or ulcers are normally found protruding from the skin or on a mucosal surface or as a result of an infarction in an organ ("stroke"). A wound may be a result of a soft tissue defect or a lesion or of an underlying condition. In the present context, the term "skin" relates to the outermost surface of the body of an animal, including a human, and embraces intact or almost intact skin as well as an injured skin surface. The term "mucosa" relates to undamaged or damaged mucosa of an animal, such as a human, and may be the oral, buccal, aural, nasal, lung, eye, gastrointestinal, vaginal, or rectal mucosa.

[0152] In the present context the term "wound" denotes a bodily injury with disruption of the normal integrity of tissue structures. The term is also intended to encompass the terms "sore," "lesion," "necrosis," and "ulcer." Normally, the term "sore" is a popular term for almost any lesion of the skin or mucous membranes and the term "ulcer" is a local defect, or excavation, of the surface of an organ or tissue, which is produced by the sloughing of necrotic tissue. Lesion generally relates to any tissue defect. Necrosis is related to dead tissue resulting from infection, injury, inflammation or infarctions.

[0153] The term "wound" used in the present context denotes any wound (see below for a classification of wounds) and at any particular stage in the healing process, including the stage before any healing has initiated or even before a specific wound like a surgical incision is made (prophylactic treatment). Examples of wounds which can be prevented and/or treated are, e.g., aseptic wounds, contused wounds, incised wounds, lacerated wounds, non-penetrating wounds (i.e., wounds in which there is no disruption of the skin but there is injury to underlying structures), open wounds, penetrating wounds, perforating wounds, puncture wounds, septic wounds, subcutaneous wounds, etc. Examples of sores are bed sores, canker sores, chrome sores, cold sores, pressure sores, etc. Examples of ulcers are, e.g., a peptic ulcer, duodenal ulcer, gastric ulcer, gouty ulcer, diabetic ulcer, hypertensive ischemic ulcer, stasis ulcer, ulcus cruris (venous ulcer), sublingual ulcer, submucous ulcer, symptomatic ulcer, trophic ulcer, tropical ulcer, and venereal ulcer, e.g., caused by gonorrhoea (including urethritis, endocervicitis and proctitis). Conditions related to wounds or sores which may be successfully treated are burns, anthrax, tetanus, gas gangrene, scarlatina, erysipelas, sycosis barbae, folliculitis, impetigo contagiosa, or impetigo bullosa, etc. There is often a certain overlap between the use of the terms "wound" and "ulcer" and "wound" and "sore" and, furthermore, the terms are often used at random. Therefore, as mentioned above, in the present context the term "wound" encompasses the terms "ulcer," "lesion," "sore" and "infarction," and the terms are indiscriminately used unless otherwise indicated.

[0154] The kinds of wounds to be treated according include also (i) general wounds, such as, e.g., surgical, traumatic, infectious, ischemic, thermal, chemical and bullous wounds; (ii) wounds specific for the oral cavity, such as, e.g., post-extraction wounds, endodontic wounds especially in connection with treatment of cysts and abscesses, ulcers and lesions of bacterial, viral or auto immunological origin, mechanical, chemical, thermal, infectious and lichenoid wounds; herpes ulcers, stomatitis aphthosa, acute necrotising ulcerative gingivitis and burning mouth syndrome are specific examples; and (iii) wounds on the skin, such as, e.g., neoplasm, burns (e.g. chemical, thermal), lesions (bacterial, viral, autoimmunological), bites and surgical incisions. Another way of classifying wounds is as (i) small tissue loss due to surgical incisions, minor abrasions and minor bites, or as (ii) significant tissue loss. The latter group includes ischemic ulcers, pressure sores, fistulae, lacerations, severe bites, thermal burns and donor site wounds (in soft and hard tissues) and infarctions.

[0155] Other wounds that are of importance are wounds like ischemic ulcers, pressure sores, fistulae, severe bites, thermal burns and donor site wounds. Ischemic ulcers and pressure sores are wounds which normally only heal very slowly and especially in such cases, an improved and more rapid healing process is of course of great importance for the patient. Furthermore, the costs involved in the treatment of patients suffering from such wounds are markedly reduced when the healing is improved and takes place more rapidly.

[0156] Donor site wounds are wounds which, e.g., occur in connection with removal of hard tissue from one part of the body to another part of the body, e.g., in connection with transplantation. The wounds resulting from such operations are very painful and an improved healing is therefore most valuable. The term "skin" is used in a very broad sense embracing the epidermal layer of the skin and - in those cases where the skin surface is more or less injured - also the dermal layer of the skin. Apart from the stratum corneum, the epidermal layer of the skin is the outer (epithelial) layer and the deeper connective tissue layer of the skin is called the dermis.

[0157] Also disclosed is a method for modulating or treating psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis, and optic neuritis, among the other diseases listed above as IL-23 related, in a cell, tissue, organ, animal, or patient including, but not limited to, at least one of immune related disease, cardiovascular disease, infectious, malignant and/or neurologic disease. Such a method can optionally comprise administering an effective amount of at least one composition or pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody to a cell, tissue, organ, animal

or patient in need of such modulation, treatment or therapy.

[0158] Any method disclosed herein can comprise administering an effective amount of a composition or pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody to a cell, tissue, organ, animal or patient in need of such modulation, treatment or therapy. Such a method can optionally further comprise co-administration or combination therapy for treating such diseases or disorders, wherein the administering of said at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody, specified portion or variant thereof, further comprises administering, before concurrently, and/or after, at least one selected from at least one TNF antagonist (e.g., but not limited to, a TNF chemical or protein antagonist, TNF monoclonal or polyclonal antibody or fragment, a soluble TNF receptor (e.g., p55, p70 or p85) or fragment, fusion polypeptides thereof, or a small molecule TNF antagonist, e.g., TNF binding protein I or II (TBP-1 or TBP-II), nerelimonmab, infliximab, etanercept (Enbrel™), adalimumab (Humira™), CDP-571, CDP-870, afelimomab, lenercept, and the like), an antirheumatic (e.g., methotrexate, auranofin, aurothioglucose, azathioprine, gold sodium thiomalate, hydroxychloroquine sulfate, leflunomide, sulfasalazine), a muscle relaxant, a narcotic, a non-steroid anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), an analgesic, an anesthetic, a sedative, a local anesthetic, a neuromuscular blocker, an antimicrobial (e.g., aminoglycoside, an antifungal, an antiparasitic, an antiviral, a carbapenem, cephalosporin, a fluorquinolone, a macrolide, a penicillin, a sulfonamide, a tetracycline, another antimicrobial), an antipsoriatic, a corticosteroid, an anabolic steroid, a diabetes related agent, a mineral, a nutritional, a thyroid agent, a vitamin, a calcium related hormone, an antidiarrheal, an antitussive, an antiemetic, an antiulcer, a laxative, an anticoagulant, an erythropoietin (e.g., epoetin alpha), a filgrastim (e.g., G-CSF, Neupogen), a sargramostim (GM-CSF, Leukine), an immunization, an immunoglobulin, an immunosuppressive (e.g., basiliximab, cyclosporine, daclizumab), a growth hormone, a hormone replacement drug, an estrogen receptor modulator, a mydriatic, a cycloplegic, an alkylating agent, an antimetabolite, a mitotic inhibitor, a radiopharmaceutical, an antidepressant, antimanic agent, an antipsychotic, an anxiolytic, a hypnotic, a sympathomimetic, a stimulant, donepezil, tacrine, an asthma medication, a beta agonist, an inhaled steroid, a leukotriene inhibitor, a methylxanthine, a cromolyn, an epinephrine or analog, dornase alpha (Pulmozyme), a cytokine or a cytokine antagonist. Suitable dosages are well known in the art. See, e.g., Wells et al., eds., Pharmacotherapy Handbook, 2nd Edition, Appleton and Lange, Stamford, CT (2000); PDR Pharmacopoeia, Tarascon Pocket Pharmacopoeia 2000, Deluxe Edition, Tarascon Publishing, Loma Linda, CA (2000); Nursing 2001 Handbook of Drugs, 21st edition, Springhouse Corp., Springhouse, PA, 2001; Health Professional's Drug Guide 2001, ed., Shannon, Wilson, Stang, Prentice-Hall, Inc, Upper Saddle River, NJ.

[0159] TNF antagonists suitable for compositions, combination therapy, co-administration, devices and/or methods of the present invention (further comprising at least one antibody, specified portion and variant thereof, of the present invention), include, but are not limited to, anti-TNF antibodies (e.g., at least one TNF antagonist as defined above), antigen-binding fragments thereof, and receptor molecules which bind specifically to TNF; compounds which prevent and/or inhibit TNF synthesis, TNF release or its action on target cells, such as thalidomide, tenidap, phosphodiesterase inhibitors (e.g. pentoxifylline and rolipram), A2b adenosine receptor agonists and A2b adenosine receptor enhancers; compounds which prevent and/or inhibit TNF receptor signalling, such as mitogen activated protein (MAP) kinase inhibitors; compounds which block and/or inhibit membrane TNF cleavage, such as metalloproteinase inhibitors; compounds which block and/or inhibit TNF activity, such as angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors (e.g., captopril); and compounds which block and/or inhibit TNF production and/or synthesis, such as MAP kinase inhibitors.

[0160] As used herein, a "tumor necrosis factor antibody," "TNF antibody," "TNF α antibody," or fragment and the like decreases, blocks, inhibits, abrogates or interferes with TNF α activity *in vitro*, *in situ* and/or, preferably, *in vivo*. For example, a suitable TNF human antibody can bind TNF α and includes anti-TNF antibodies, antigen-binding fragments thereof, and specified mutants or domains thereof that bind specifically to TNF α . A suitable TNF antibody or fragment can also decrease block, abrogate, interfere, prevent and/or inhibit TNF RNA, DNA or protein synthesis, TNF release, TNF receptor signaling, membrane TNF cleavage, TNF activity, TNF production and/or synthesis.

[0161] An example of a TNF antibody or antagonist is the chimeric antibody cA2. Additional examples of monoclonal anti-TNF antibodies that can be are described in the art (see, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 5,231,024; Möller, A. et al., Cytokine 2(3):162-169 (1990); U.S. Application No. 07/943,852 (filed September 11, 1992); Rathjen et al., International Publication No. WO 91/02078 (published February 21, 1991); Rubin et al., EPO Patent Publication No. 0 218 868 (published April 22, 1987); Yone et al., EPO Patent Publication No. 0 288 088 (October 26, 1988); Liang, et al., Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm. 137:847-854 (1986); Meager, et al., Hybridoma 6:305-311 (1987); Fendly et al., Hybridoma 6:359-369 (1987); Bringman, et al., Hybridoma 6:489-507 (1987); and Hirai, et al., J. Immunol. Meth. 96:57-62 (1987).

TNF Receptor Molecules

[0162] Preferred TNF receptor molecules useful in the present invention are those that bind TNF α with high affinity (see, e.g., Feldmann et al., International Publication No. WO 92/07076 (published April 30, 1992); Schall et al., Cell 61:361-370 (1990); and Loetscher et al., Cell 61:351-359 (1990)) and optionally possess low immunogenicity. In particular, the 55 kDa (p55 TNF-R) and the 75 kDa (p75 TNF-R) TNF cell surface receptors are useful in the present invention. Truncated forms of these receptors, comprising the extracellular domains (ECD) of the receptors or functional portions

thereof (see, e.g., Corcoran et al., Eur. J. Biochem. 223:831-840 (1994)), are also useful. Truncated forms of the TNF receptors, comprising the ECD, have been detected in urine and serum as 30 kDa and 40 kDa TNF α inhibitory binding proteins (Engelmann, H. et al., J. Biol. Chem. 265:1531-1536 (1990)). TNF receptor multimeric molecules and TNF immunoreceptor fusion molecules, and derivatives and fragments or portions thereof, are additional examples of TNF receptor molecules which are useful in the methods and compositions of the present invention.

[0163] TNF receptor multimeric molecules comprise all or a functional portion of the ECD of two or more TNF receptors linked via one or more polypeptide linkers or other nonpeptide linkers, such as polyethylene glycol (PEG). An example of such a TNF immunoreceptor fusion molecule is TNF receptor/IgG fusion protein. TNF immunoreceptor fusion molecules and methods for their production have been described in the art (Lesslauer et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 21:2883-2886 (1991); Ashkenazi et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 88:10535-10539 (1991); Peppel et al., J. Exp. Med. 174:1483-1489 (1991); Kolls et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 91:215-219 (1994); Butler et al., Cytokine 6(6):616-623 (1994); Baker et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 24:2040-2048 (1994); Beutler et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,447,851; and U.S. Application No. 08/442,133 (filed May 16, 1995), each of which references are entirely incorporated herein by reference). Methods for producing immunoreceptor fusion molecules can also be found in Capon et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,116,964; Capon et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,225,538; and Capon et al., Nature 337:525-531 (1989).

[0164] Cytokines include any known cytokine. See, e.g., CopewithCytokines.com. Cytokine antagonists include, but are not limited to, any antibody, fragment or mimetic, any soluble receptor, fragment or mimetic, any small molecule antagonist, or any combination thereof.

Therapeutic Treatments

[0165] Any method of the disclosed herein can comprise a method for treating an IL-23 mediated disorder, comprising administering an effective amount of a composition or pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody to a cell, tissue, organ, animal or patient in need of such modulation, treatment or therapy. Such a method can optionally further comprise co-administration or combination therapy for treating such diseases or disorders, wherein the administering of said at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody, specified portion or variant thereof, further comprises administering before, concurrently, and/or after, at least one selected from an anti-infective drug, a cardiovascular (CV) system drug, a central nervous system (CNS) drug, an autonomic nervous system (ANS) drug, a respiratory tract drug, a gastrointestinal (GI) tract drug, a hormonal drug, a drug for fluid or electrolyte balance, a hematologic drug, an antineoplastic, an immunomodulation drug, an ophthalmic, otic or nasal drug, a topical drug, a nutritional drug or the like, at least one TNF antagonist (e.g., but not limited to a TNF antibody or fragment, a soluble TNF receptor or fragment, fusion proteins thereof, or a small molecule TNF antagonist), an antirheumatic (e.g., methotrexate, auranofin, aurothioglucose, azathioprine, etanercept, gold sodium thiomalate, hydroxychloroquine sulfate, leflunomide, sulfasalazine), a muscle relaxant, a narcotic, a non-steroid anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), an analgesic, an anesthetic, a sedative, a local anesthetic, a neuromuscular blocker, an antimicrobial (e.g., aminoglycoside, an antifungal, an antiparasitic, an antiviral, a carbapenem, cephalosporin, a fluorquinolone, a macrolide, a penicillin, a sulfonamide, a tetracycline, another antimicrobial), an antipsoriatic, a corticosteroid, an anabolic steroid, a diabetes related agent, a mineral, a nutritional, a thyroid agent, a vitamin, a calcium related hormone, an antidiarrheal, an antitussive, an antiemetic, an antiulcer, a laxative, an anticoagulant, an erythropoietin (e.g., epoetin alpha), a filgrastim (e.g., G-CSF, Neupogen), a sargramostim (GM-CSF, Leukine), an immunization, an immunoglobulin, an immunosuppressive (e.g., basiliximab, cyclosporine, daclizumab), a growth hormone, a hormone replacement drug, an estrogen receptor modulator, a mydriatic, a cycloplegic, an alkylating agent, an antimetabolite, a mitotic inhibitor, a radiopharmaceutical, an antidepressant, antimanic agent, an antipsychotic, an anxiolytic, a hypnotic, a sympathomimetic, a stimulant, donepezil, tacrine, an asthma medication, a beta agonist, an inhaled steroid, a leukotriene inhibitor, a methylxanthine, a cromolyn, an epinephrine or analog, dornase alpha (Pulmozyme), a cytokine or a cytokine antagonist. Such drugs are well known in the art, including formulations, indications, dosing and administration for each presented herein (see., e.g., Nursing 2001 Handbook of Drugs, 21st edition, Springhouse Corp., Springhouse, PA, 2001; Health Professional's Drug Guide 2001, ed., Shannon, Wilson, Stang, Prentice-Hall, Inc, Upper Saddle River, NJ; Pharmacotherapy Handbook, Wells et al., ed., Appleton & Lange, Stamford, CT).

[0166] Typically, treatment of pathologic conditions is effected by administering an effective amount or dosage of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody composition that total, on average, a range from at least about 0.01 to 500 milligrams of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody per kilogram of patient per dose, and, preferably, from at least about 0.1 to 100 milligrams antibody/kilogram of patient per single or multiple administration, depending upon the specific activity of the active agent contained in the composition. Alternatively, the effective serum concentration can comprise 0.1-5000 μ g/ml serum concentration per single or multiple administration. Suitable dosages are known to medical practitioners and will, of course, depend upon the particular disease state, specific activity of the composition being administered, and the particular patient undergoing treatment. In some instances, to achieve the desired therapeutic amount, it can be necessary to provide for repeated administration, *i.e.*, repeated individual administrations of a particular monitored or metered dose, where the individual administrations are repeated until the desired daily dose or effect is achieved.

[0167] Preferred doses can optionally include about 0.1-99 and/or 100-500 mg/kg/administration, or any range, value or fraction thereof, or to achieve a serum concentration of about 0.1-5000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ serum concentration per single or multiple administration, or any range, value or fraction thereof. A preferred dosage range for the anti-IL-23p19 antibody of the present invention is from about 1 mg/kg, up to about 3, about 6 or about 12 mg/kg of body weight of the patient.

[0168] Alternatively, the dosage administered can vary depending upon known factors, such as the pharmacodynamic characteristics of the particular agent, and its mode and route of administration; age, health, and weight of the recipient; nature and extent of symptoms, kind of concurrent treatment, frequency of treatment, and the effect desired. Usually a dosage of active ingredient can be about 0.1 to 100 milligrams per kilogram of body weight. Ordinarily 0.1 to 50, and, preferably, 0.1 to 10 milligrams per kilogram per administration or in sustained release form is effective to obtain desired results.

[0169] As a non-limiting example, treatment of humans or animals can be provided as a one-time or periodic dosage of at least one antibody of the present invention about 0.1 to 100 mg/kg or any range, value or fraction thereof per day, on at least one of day 1-40, or, alternatively or additionally, at least one of week 1-52, or, alternatively or additionally, at least one of 1-20 years, or any combination thereof, using single, infusion or repeated doses.

[0170] Dosage forms (composition) suitable for internal administration generally contain from about 0.001 milligram to about 500 milligrams of active ingredient per unit or container. In these pharmaceutical compositions the active ingredient will ordinarily be present in an amount of about 0.5-99.999% by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

[0171] For parenteral administration, the antibody can be formulated as a solution, suspension, emulsion, particle, powder, or lyophilized powder in association, or separately provided, with a pharmaceutically acceptable parenteral vehicle. Examples of such vehicles are water, saline, Ringer's solution, dextrose solution, and about 1-10% human serum albumin. Liposomes and nonaqueous vehicles, such as fixed oils, can also be used. The vehicle or lyophilized powder can contain additives that maintain isotonicity (e.g., sodium chloride, mannitol) and chemical stability (e.g., buffers and preservatives). The formulation is sterilized by known or suitable techniques.

[0172] Suitable pharmaceutical carriers are described in the most recent edition of Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, A. Osol, a standard reference text in this field.

Alternative Administration

[0173] Many known and developed modes can be used for administering pharmaceutically effective amounts of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody according to the present invention. While pulmonary administration is used in the following description, other modes of administration can be used with suitable results. IL-23p19 antibodies of the present invention can be delivered in a carrier, as a solution, emulsion, colloid, or suspension, or as a dry powder, using any of a variety of devices and methods suitable for administration by inhalation or other modes described here within or known in the art.

Parenteral Formulations and Administration

[0174] Formulations for parenteral administration can contain as common excipients sterile water or saline, polyalkylene glycols, such as polyethylene glycol, oils of vegetable origin, hydrogenated naphthalenes and the like. Aqueous or oily suspensions for injection can be prepared by using an appropriate emulsifier or humidifier and a suspending agent, according to known methods. Agents for injection can be a non-toxic, non-orally administrable diluting agent, such as aqueous solution, a sterile injectable solution or suspension in a solvent. As the usable vehicle or solvent, water, Ringer's solution, isotonic saline, etc. are allowed; as an ordinary solvent or suspending solvent, sterile involatile oil can be used. For these purposes, any kind of involatile oil and fatty acid can be used, including natural or synthetic or semisynthetic fatty oils or fatty acids; natural or synthetic or semisynthetic mono- or di- or tri-glycerides. Parental administration is known in the art and includes, but is not limited to, conventional means of injections, a gas pressured needle-less injection device as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,851,198, and a laser perforator device as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,839,446.

Alternative Delivery

[0175] The disclosure further relates to the administration of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody by parenteral, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous, intrarticular, intrabronchial, intraabdominal, intracapsular, intracartilaginous, intracavitary, intracelial, intracerebellar, intracerebroventricular, intracolic, intracervical, intragastric, intrahepatic, intramyocardial, intraosteal, intrapelvic, intrapericardiac, intraperitoneal, intrapleural, intraprostatic, intrapulmonary, intrarectal, intrarenal, intraretinal, intraspinal, intrasynovial, intrathoracic, intrauterine, intravesical, intralesional, bolus, vaginal, rectal, buccal, sublingual, intranasal, or transdermal means. At least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody composition can be prepared for use for parenteral (subcutaneous, intramuscular or intravenous) or any other administration particularly in the form

of liquid solutions or suspensions; for use in vaginal or rectal administration particularly in semisolid forms, such as, but not limited to, creams and suppositories; for buccal, or sublingual administration, such as, but not limited to, in the form of tablets or capsules; or intranasally, such as, but not limited to, the form of powders, nasal drops or aerosols or certain agents; or transdermally, such as not limited to a gel, ointment, lotion, suspension or patch delivery system with chemical enhancers such as dimethyl sulfoxide to either modify the skin structure or to increase the drug concentration in the transdermal patch (Junginger, et al. In "Drug Permeation Enhancement," Hsieh, D. S., Eds., pp. 59-90 (Marcel Dekker, Inc. New York 1994), or with oxidizing agents that enable the application of formulations containing proteins and peptides onto the skin (WO 98/53847), or applications of electric fields to create transient transport pathways, such as electroporation, or to increase the mobility of charged drugs through the skin, such as iontophoresis, or application of ultrasound, such as sonophoresis (U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,309,989 and 4,767,402)

Pulmonary/Nasal Administration

[0176] For pulmonary administration, preferably, at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody composition is delivered in a particle size effective for reaching the lower airways of the lung or sinuses. At least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody can be delivered by any of a variety of inhalation or nasal devices known in the art for administration of a therapeutic agent by inhalation. These devices capable of depositing aerosolized formulations in the sinus cavity or alveoli of a patient include metered dose inhalers, nebulizers, dry powder generators, sprayers, and the like. Other devices suitable for directing the pulmonary or nasal administration of antibodies are also known in the art. All such devices can use formulations suitable for the administration for the dispensing of antibody in an aerosol. Such aerosols can be comprised of either solutions (both aqueous and non aqueous) or solid particles.

[0177] Metered dose inhalers like the Ventolin® metered dose inhaler, typically use a propellant gas and require actuation during inspiration (See, e.g., WO 94/16970, WO 98/35888). Dry powder inhalers like Turbuhaler™ (Astra), Rotahaler® (Glaxo), Diskus® (Glaxo), Spiros™ inhaler (Dura), devices marketed by Inhale Therapeutics, and the Spinhaler® powder inhaler (Fisons), use breath-actuation of a mixed powder (US 4668218 Astra, EP 237507 Astra, WO 97/25086 Glaxo, WO 94/08552 Dura, US 5458135 Inhale, WO 94/06498 Fisons). Nebulizers like AERx™ Aradigm, the Ultravent® nebulizer (Mallinckrodt), and the Acorn II® nebulizer (Marquest Medical Products) (US 5404871 Aradigm, WO 97/22376), produce aerosols from solutions, while metered dose inhalers, dry powder inhalers, etc. generate small particle aerosols. These specific examples of commercially available inhalation devices are intended to be a representative of specific devices.

[0178] Preferably, a composition comprising at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody is delivered by a dry powder inhaler or a sprayer. There are several desirable features of an inhalation device for administering at least one antibody of the present invention. For example, delivery by the inhalation device is advantageously reliable, reproducible, and accurate. The inhalation device can optionally deliver small dry particles, e.g., less than about 10 µm, preferably about 1-5 µm, for good respirability.

Administration of IL-23p19 Antibody Compositions as a Spray

[0179] A spray including IL-23p19 antibody composition can be produced by forcing a suspension or solution of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody through a nozzle under pressure. The nozzle size and configuration, the applied pressure, and the liquid feed rate can be chosen to achieve the desired output and particle size. An electrospray can be produced, for example, by an electric field in connection with a capillary or nozzle feed. Advantageously, particles of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody composition delivered by a sprayer have a particle size less than about 10 µm, preferably, in the range of about 1 µm to about 5 µm, and, most preferably, about 2 µm to about 3 µm.

[0180] Formulations of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody composition suitable for use with a sprayer typically include antibody composition in an aqueous solution at a concentration of about 0.1 mg to about 100 mg of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody composition per ml of solution or mg/gm, or any range, value, or fraction therein. The formulation can include agents, such as an excipient, a buffer, an isotonicity agent, a preservative, a surfactant, and, preferably, zinc. The formulation can also include an excipient or agent for stabilization of the antibody composition, such as a buffer, a reducing agent, a bulk protein, or a carbohydrate. Bulk proteins useful in formulating antibody compositions include albumin, protamine, or the like. Typical carbohydrates useful in formulating antibody compositions include sucrose, mannitol, lactose, trehalose, glucose, or the like. The antibody composition formulation can also include a surfactant, which can reduce or prevent surface-induced aggregation of the antibody composition caused by atomization of the solution in forming an aerosol. Various conventional surfactants can be employed, such as polyoxyethylene fatty acid esters and alcohols, and polyoxyethylene sorbitol fatty acid esters. Amounts will generally range between 0.001 and 14% by weight of the formulation. Especially preferred surfactants are polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate, polysorbate 80, polysorbate 20, or the like. Additional agents known in the art for formulation of a protein, such as IL-23p19 antibodies, or specified portions or variants, can also be included in the formulation.

Administration of IL-23p19 Antibody Compositions by a Nebulizer

[0181] Antibody compositions can be administered by a nebulizer, such as jet nebulizer or an ultrasonic nebulizer. Typically, in a jet nebulizer, a compressed air source is used to create a high-velocity air jet through an orifice. As the gas expands beyond the nozzle, a low-pressure region is created, which draws a solution of antibody composition through a capillary tube connected to a liquid reservoir. The liquid stream from the capillary tube is sheared into unstable filaments and droplets as it exits the tube, creating the aerosol. A range of configurations, flow rates, and baffle types can be employed to achieve the desired performance characteristics from a given jet nebulizer. In an ultrasonic nebulizer, high-frequency electrical energy is used to create vibrational, mechanical energy, typically employing a piezoelectric transducer. This energy is transmitted to the formulation of antibody composition either directly or through a coupling fluid, creating an aerosol including the antibody composition. Advantageously, particles of antibody composition delivered by a nebulizer have a particle size less than about 10 μm , preferably, in the range of about 1 μm to about 5 μm , and, most preferably, about 2 μm to about 3 μm .

[0182] Formulations of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody suitable for use with a nebulizer, either jet or ultrasonic, typically include a concentration of about 0.1 mg to about 100 mg of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody protein per ml of solution. The formulation can include agents, such as an excipient, a buffer, an isotonicity agent, a preservative, a surfactant, and, preferably, zinc. The formulation can also include an excipient or agent for stabilization of the at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody composition, such as a buffer, a reducing agent, a bulk protein, or a carbohydrate. Bulk proteins useful in formulating at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody compositions include albumin, protamine, or the like. Typical carbohydrates useful in formulating at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody include sucrose, mannitol, lactose, trehalose, glucose, or the like. The at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody formulation can also include a surfactant, which can reduce or prevent surface-induced aggregation of the at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody caused by atomization of the solution in forming an aerosol. Various conventional surfactants can be employed, such as polyoxyethylene fatty acid esters and alcohols, and polyoxyethylene sorbital fatty acid esters. Amounts will generally range between about 0.001 and 4% by weight of the formulation. Especially preferred surfactants for purposes of this invention are polyoxyethylene sorbitan mono-oleate, polysorbate 80, polysorbate 20, or the like. Additional agents known in the art for formulation of a protein, such as antibody protein, can also be included in the formulation.

Administration of IL-23p19 Antibody Compositions by a Metered Dose Inhaler

[0183] In a metered dose inhaler (MDI), a propellant, at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody, and any excipients or other additives are contained in a canister as a mixture including a liquefied compressed gas. Actuation of the metering valve releases the mixture as an aerosol, preferably containing particles in the size range of less than about 10 μm , preferably, about 1 μm to about 5 μm , and, most preferably, about 2 μm to about 3 μm . The desired aerosol particle size can be obtained by employing a formulation of antibody composition produced by various methods known to those of skill in the art, including jet-milling, spray drying, critical point condensation, or the like. Preferred metered dose inhalers include those manufactured by 3M or Glaxo and employing a hydrofluorocarbon propellant. Formulations of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody for use with a metered-dose inhaler device will generally include a finely divided powder containing at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody as a suspension in a nonaqueous medium, for example, suspended in a propellant with the aid of a surfactant. The propellant can be any conventional material employed for this purpose, such as chlorofluorocarbon, a hydrochlorofluorocarbon, a hydrofluorocarbon, or a hydrocarbon, including trichlorofluoromethane, dichlorodifluoromethane, dichlorotetrafluoroethanol and 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane, HFA-134a (hydrofluoroalkane-134a), HFA-227 (hydrofluoroalkane-227), or the like. Preferably, the propellant is a hydrofluorocarbon. The surfactant can be chosen to stabilize the at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody as a suspension in the propellant, to protect the active agent against chemical degradation, and the like. Suitable surfactants include sorbitan trioleate, soya lecithin, oleic acid, or the like. In some cases, solution aerosols are preferred using solvents, such as ethanol. Additional agents known in the art for formulation of a protein can also be included in the formulation. One of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that the methods of the current invention can be achieved by pulmonary administration of at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody composition via devices not described herein.

Oral Formulations and Administration

[0184] Formulations for oral administration rely on the co-administration of adjuvants (e.g., resorcinols and nonionic surfactants, such as polyoxyethylene oleyl ether and n-hexadecylpolyethylene ether) to increase artificially the permeability of the intestinal walls, as well as the co-administration of enzymatic inhibitors (e.g., pancreatic trypsin inhibitors, diisopropylfluorophosphate (DFF) and trasylol) to inhibit enzymatic degradation. Formulations for delivery of hydrophilic agents including proteins and antibodies and a combination of at least two surfactants intended for oral, buccal, mucosal, nasal, pulmonary, vaginal transmembrane, or rectal administration are taught in U.S. 6,309,663. The active constituent

compound of the solid-type dosage form for oral administration can be mixed with at least one additive, including sucrose, lactose, cellulose, mannitol, trehalose, raffinose, maltitol, dextran, starches, agar, arginates, chitins, chitosans, pectins, gum tragacanth, gum arabic, gelatin, collagen, casein, albumin, synthetic or semisynthetic polymer, and glyceride. These dosage forms can also contain other type(s) of additives, e.g., inactive diluting agent, lubricant, such as magnesium stearate, paraben, preserving agent, such as sorbic acid, ascorbic acid, .alpha.-tocopherol, antioxidant such as cysteine, disintegrator, binder, thickener, buffering agent, sweetening agent, flavoring agent, perfuming agent, etc.

[0185] Tablets and pills can be further processed into enteric-coated preparations. The liquid preparations for oral administration include emulsion, syrup, elixir, suspension and solution preparations allowable for medical use. These preparations can contain inactive diluting agents ordinarily used in said field, e.g., water. Liposomes have also been described as drug delivery systems for insulin and heparin (U.S. Pat. No. 4,239,754). More recently, microspheres of artificial polymers of mixed amino acids (proteinoids) have been used to deliver pharmaceuticals (U.S. Pat. No. 4,925,673). Furthermore, carrier compounds described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,879,681 and U.S. Pat. No. 5,581,753 and used to deliver biologically active agents orally are known in the art.

Mucosal Formulations and Administration

[0186] A formulation for orally administering a bioactive agent encapsulated in one or more biocompatible polymer or copolymer excipients, preferably, a biodegradable polymer or copolymer, affording microcapsules which due to the proper size of the resultant microcapsules results in the agent reaching and being taken up by the folliculi lymphatic aggregati, otherwise known as the "Peyer's patch," or "GALT" of the animal without loss of effectiveness due to the agent having passed through the gastrointestinal tract. Similar folliculi lymphatic aggregati can be found in the bronchi tubes (BALT) and the large intestine. The above-described tissues are referred to in general as mucosally associated lymphoreticular tissues (MALT). For absorption through mucosal surfaces, compositions and methods of administering at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody include an emulsion comprising a plurality of submicron particles, a mucoadhesive macromolecule, a bioactive peptide, and an aqueous continuous phase, which promotes absorption through mucosal surfaces by achieving mucoadhesion of the emulsion particles (U.S. Pat. No. 5,514,670). Mucous surfaces suitable for application of the emulsions of the present invention can include corneal, conjunctival, buccal, sublingual, nasal, vaginal, pulmonary, stomachic, intestinal, and rectal routes of administration. Formulations for vaginal or rectal administration, e.g., suppositories, can contain as excipients, for example, polyalkyleneglycols, vaseline, cocoa butter, and the like. Formulations for intranasal administration can be solid and contain as excipients, for example, lactose or can be aqueous or oily solutions of nasal drops. For buccal administration, excipients include sugars, calcium stearate, magnesium stearate, pregelatinized starch, and the like (U.S. Pat. No. 5,849,695).

Transdermal Formulations and Administration

[0187] For transdermal administration, the at least one anti-IL-23p19 antibody is encapsulated in a delivery device, such as a liposome or polymeric nanoparticles, microparticle, microcapsule, or microspheres (referred to collectively as microparticles unless otherwise stated). A number of suitable devices are known, including microparticles made of synthetic polymers, such as polyhydroxy acids, such as polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid and copolymers thereof, polyorthoesters, polyanhydrides, and polyphosphazenes, and natural polymers, such as collagen, polyamino acids, albumin and other proteins, alginate and other polysaccharides, and combinations thereof (U.S. Pat. No. 5,814,599).

Prolonged Administration and Formulations

[0188] It can be desirable to deliver the compounds of the present invention to the subject over prolonged periods of time, for example, for periods of one week to one year from a single administration. Various slow release, depot or implant dosage forms can be utilized. For example, a dosage form can contain a pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic salt of the compounds that has a low degree of solubility in body fluids, for example, (a) an acid addition salt with a polybasic acid, such as phosphoric acid, sulfuric acid, citric acid, tartaric acid, tannic acid, pamoic acid, alginic acid, polyglutamic acid, naphthalene mono- or di-sulfonic acids, polygalacturonic acid, and the like; (b) a salt with a polyvalent metal cation, such as zinc, calcium, bismuth, barium, magnesium, aluminum, copper, cobalt, nickel, cadmium and the like, or with an organic cation formed from e.g., N,N'-dibenzyl-ethylenediamine or ethylenediamine; or (c) combinations of (a) and (b), e.g., a zinc tannate salt. Additionally, the compounds of the present invention or, preferably, a relatively insoluble salt, such as those just described, can be formulated in a gel, for example, an aluminum monostearate gel with, e.g., sesame oil, suitable for injection. Particularly preferred salts are zinc salts, zinc tannate salts, pamoate salts, and the like. Another type of slow release depot formulation for injection would contain the compound or salt dispersed for encapsulation in a slow degrading, non-toxic, non-antigenic polymer, such as a polylactic acid/polyglycolic acid polymer for example as described in U.S. Pat. No. 3,773,919. The compounds or, preferably, relatively insoluble salts,

such as those described above, can also be formulated in cholesterol matrix silastic pellets, particularly for use in animals. Additional slow release, depot or implant formulations, e.g., gas or liquid liposomes, are known in the literature (U.S. Pat. No. 5,770,222 and "Sustained and Controlled Release Drug Delivery Systems", J. R. Robinson ed., Marcel Dekker, Inc., N.Y., 1978).

[0189] Having generally described the invention, the same will be more readily understood by reference to the following examples, which are provided by way of illustration and are not intended as limiting.

Examples

Example 1 - Isolation of human anti-human IL-23 specific antibodies by phage display

[0190] General methods have been described for selection of antigen-specific antibodies from the HuCAL™ libraries prepared at MorphoSys (Knappik et al., 2000; Krebs et al., 2001; Rauchenberger et al, 2003). Vh region specific sub-pools of the HuCAL Gold™ Fab library (Kretzschmar & von Ruden, 2002) was used for the selection of antibodies against recombinant human IL-23 (hrIL-23). Several different selection strategies were used and include:

1. Selection against recombinant hIL-23 protein that was immobilized directly on plastic, with or without preadsorption of the library on recombinant human IL-12 protein (hrIL-12) also adsorbed directly on plastic. The recombinant hIL-23 and hIL-12 proteins were produced at Centocor.

2. Selection with recombinant human IL-23 protein in solution, followed by recovery of the bound phage by capture of the hIL-23 protein on an immobilized hrIL-12p40 mAb. Selections were carried with or without preadsorption of the library on recombinant hrIL-12 protein captured with the same mAb.

3. Selection with chemically biotinylated hrIL-23 protein in solution, followed by capture of the bound phage with SA-coated magnetic beads. Selections were carried out with or without hrIL-12 protein in molar excess as a competitor.

[0191] Recovered phagemid DNA was converted *en masse* into a Fab expression vector and individual clones following transformation were screened for binding to hrIL-23 and not to hrIL-12. Sequencing of the positive clones identified 76 unique Fabs.

Example 2 - Characterization of Fabs

[0192] Positive Fabs were produced and purified as previously described (Knappik et al., 2000; Krebs et al., 2001; Rauchenberger et al, 2003) and confirmed for binding specificity to hrIL-23 but not to hrIL-12 or to the p40 subunit of hrIL-12 (hrp40) in assays similar to those described in Example 3 below. Confirmed Fabs were tested for (1) inhibition of hrIL-23 binding to human IL-23 receptor (hIL-23R) or to human IL-12 receptor β 1 (hIL-12R β 1), (2) lack of inhibition of hrIL-12 binding to IL-12RIL β 1, (3) inhibition of hrIL-23 binding to TALL-104 cells naturally expressing IL-23R and IL-12R β 1, and (4) binding affinity to hrIL-23, hrIL-12 and hrp40 subunit. The binding specificity and affinity are summarized in Table 1 and the inhibition of hrIL-23 binding to hIL-23R is listed in Table 2. Fab12A in Table 1 is a reference standard that is derived from an IL-12p40 specific mAb. IL-23R-Fc in Table 2 is a reference standard corresponding to the extracellular domain of human IL-23R fused to a human Fc.

[0193] In general, the receptor inhibition assays were similar to those described below in Example 4 for the mAb derivatives of these Fabs. One additional assay was to measure the inhibition of rhIL-23 binding to TALL 104 cells. These cells express both the human IL-23 and IL-12 R beta 1 receptors. 10 of the 13 candidate Fabs had the desired activity profile of no reactivity with human IL-12 or p40 proteins in any assay and at least partial inhibition of hrIL-23 binding to the IL-23 receptor. The CDR sequences of six of the Fabs (4083, 4190, 4205, 4217, 4649, and 4658) are shown in Table 4 (bold font). The full V-region sequences for these Fabs are shown in Table 8.

Production of Fabs in a human IgG1 format

[0194] Candidate Fabs were cloned into human IgG1 / kappa or lambda mAb format vectors and produced by transient transfection in HEK293 cells for further analysis as mAbs. Overall, eleven of the 13 active Fabs show a desired profile as mAbs. They are specific for IL-23 and at least partially inhibited human IL-23 binding to the human IL-23R-Fc fusion protein (Table 3). The assays and results are cited in the Examples that follow.

Example 3 - Subunit Specificity of hIL-23p19 mAbs derived from antibody phage display.

[0195] Purified mouse anti-hIL-23 mAbs were evaluated in cytokine capture ELISA to determine their antigen subunit specificity. Briefly, IL-23 mAbs were coated onto plates and incubated with 100 ng/ml) hrIL-23, hrIL-12, and hrp40, respectively. Following incubation with biotinylated anti-p40 mAb, the binding was detected using HRP - conjugated streptavidin. An anti-p40 mAb and an anti-IL-12 mAb (20C2, Catalog No. 555065, BD Pharmingen, San Diego, CA) with known specificity were used as controls.

Figures 1A and 1B demonstrate the binding specificity for two of these mAbs, MOR04083 (same as 4083) and MOR04190 (same as 4190). Figure 1A shows that the mAbs bind specifically hrIL-23 and not hrIL-12 or hrp40 monomer. Because the IL-23p19 subunit must covalently associate with p40 to be secreted from mammalian cells, IL-23 mAbs that do not recognize p40 monomer must bind either the IL-23p19 subunit alone or a joint epitope of the p19-p40 heterodimer. Therefore, these IL-23 mAbs are referred to as IL-23p19 mAbs. In comparison, all 3 proteins (hrIL-23, hrIL-12 and hrp40) bind to mAb 12A, a neutralizing anti-human p40 specific antibody. Figure 1B shows that the same mAbs do not bind to murine IL-23 or to murine p40. In a reverse format, the immobilized mAbs have similar binding curves to hrIL-23 in solution (Figure 2), consistent with their comparable binding affinity as Fabs (Table 1). The binding specificity of these and the other candidate mAbs is summarized in Table 3.

Example 4 - Inhibition of IL-23 Receptor Binding by IL-23p19 mAbs

[0196] To demonstrate that the IL-23p19 mAbs are neutralizing antibodies against the p19 subunit, the mAbs were tested for their inhibition of IL-23 and IL-23R binding. In this experiment, a human IL-23R-Fc fusion protein was immobilized on a plate. This fusion protein consists of the extracellular domain of human IL-23 receptor fused to a human Fc segment. Biotinylated hrIL-23 was added to the plate either alone or after preincubation with individual IL-23p19 mAbs. Soluble IL-23R (IL-23R-Fc) was used as a positive control. IL-23 binding was detected with HRP-conjugated streptavidin. As shown in Figure 3A, the mAbs MOR04083 and MOR04190 prevent IL-23/IL-23R binding with a potency about 3-fold weaker than soluble IL-23R-Fc. There was no inhibition by B21M, a mAb with unrelated specificity. In contrast, when IL-12R β 1 was immobilized on a plate, these mAbs did not inhibit IL-23/IL-12R β 1 binding (Figure 3B)). IL-23 binding was inhibited by the p40 neutralizing mAb CNTO 1275 (same as mAb 12A), as expected. Similarly, these mAbs do not block IL-12/IL-12R β 1 binding (Figure 3C). CNTO 1275 again served as a positive control. The selective inhibition of IL-23/IL-23R binding and the lack of interference with IL-12 or IL-23 binding to IL-12R β 1 further demonstrates that these IL-23p19 mAbs do not bind the p40 subunit and thus are neutralizing anti-human IL-23p19 antibodies. The receptor inhibition studies with these mAbs are summarized in Table 3.

Example 5 - Neutralization of IL-23 Biological Function by IL-23p19 mAbs

[0197] IL-23 is known to induce intracellular STAT3 phosphorylation and IL-17 production by T cells. Therefore, the IL-23p19 mAbs were tested for their ability to inhibit these biological functions of human IL-23.

[0198] In one experiment, natural killer (NKL) cells were stimulated with hrIL-23 either alone or after preincubation with the MOR04083 and MOR04190 mAbs at 20 ug/ml and 10 ug/ml, respectively. MAb 12A (1 μ g/ml) was the positive control and C8.3 (10 ug/ml), a non-neutralizing anti-human p40 mAb, was the negative control. Treated cells were stained with fluorochrome-conjugated anti-phospho-STAT3 antibodies and analyzed by intracellular flow cytometry (Figure 4). These mAbs completely inhibit STAT3 phosphorylation, albeit with lower potency than the neutralizing anti-p40 mAb 12A. The lower potency of the IL-23p19 mAbs likely reflects their relatively weak affinity.

[0199] In another experiment, freshly isolated murine splenocytes were treated with hrIL-23 preincubated with titrated IL-23p19 mAbs or control mAbs. hrIL-23 with no antibody preincubation was used as the positive control. After 3 days in culture, cell supernatants were collected and assayed by ELISA using an IL-17 ELISA duo set (R&D Systems). As shown in Figure 5A, IL-23p19 mAbs MOR04083 and MOR04190 inhibited hrIL-23 mediated IL-17 production. These mAbs also inhibited IL-17 production induced by native IL-23 produced by human (Figure 5B) and cynomolgous monkey (Figure 5C) PBMCs.

[0200] In comparison, IL-23p19 mAbs were tested for their ability to inhibit hrIL-12 induced IFN γ production. Briefly, NK92MI cells were treated with IL-12 preincubated with titrated IL-23p19 mAbs or control mAbs (Figure 6). IL-12 with no antibody preincubation was used as the negative control and CNTO 1275 as the positive control. ELISA analysis performed 24 hours post-stimulation showed no effect of IL-23p19 mAbs MOR04083 and 4190 on IL-12 induced IFN γ production demonstrating that the antibodies do not bind and neutralize the p40 subunit shared by IL-12 and IL-23. The results of these assays are summarized in Table 3.

Example 6- Epitope identification of IL-23p19 mAbs

[0201] Competition binding analysis was performed to determine if the neutralizing IL-23p19 mAbs bind to similar or different IL-23p19 epitopes. The results for mAbs, MOR04083, MOR04190 and MOR04217, are shown in Figure 7. IL-23 mAbs were individually coated on ELISA plates. Competing mAbs were added, followed by the addition of biotinylated hrIL-23. For positive control, the same mAb for coating was used as the competing mAb ("self-competition"). IL-23 binding was detected using streptavidin. All three mAbs show cross-competition to varying extents, indicating binding to spatially related sites.

Example 7 - Affinity maturation of candidate neutralizing Fabs

[0202] Fabs MOR04083, 04190, 04649 and 04658 were selected for independent affinity maturation based on the above characterization in both Fab and mAb formats. Utilizing the cassette feature of the HuCal™ system (Knappik et al., 2000), two variant phage libraries were constructed for each Fab, one for CDR3 of the light chain variable region (VL) and the other for CDR2 of the heavy chain variable region (VH). These libraries were selected against biotinylated hrIL-23 in solution under varying stringencies of wash and antigen concentration. 35 unique Fabs were recovered, each showing improved binding activity relative to the starting parental Fab. Subsequently, three additional Fabs (5267, 5268, and 5269; all VL-CDR3 variants of 4083) were selected in a second round of screening. The CDR sequences of the parental Fabs, the matured derivatives from the VL-CDR3 or VH-CDR2 libraries, and variants of those sequences are shown in Tables 4A and B. The complete V-region sequences are shown in Table 8.

Example 8 - Production and characterization of affinity matured Fabs

[0203] The 38 selected Fabs were produced, purified and characterized essentially as described in Examples 2-4 above. Ten of the Fabs gave poor yields and/or showed heterogeneous patterns in size exclusion chromatography and were excluded from further analysis. The remaining 28 Fabs were analyzed for specificity of binding, affinity, and inhibition of receptor binding. All of the Fabs were specific for IL-23p19 and had 10-500 fold higher affinities for hrIL-23 than the corresponding parental Fab (Tables 5 and 6). All showed improved IC50 values for inhibition of hrIL-23 binding to the IL-23R Fc fusion protein and, like the parental Fabs, did not inhibit either IL-23 or IL-12 binding to IL-12Rb1 receptor Fc fusion protein (Tables 5 and 6). As expected from these results, none of the Fabs inhibited hrIL-23 binding to TALL-104 cells as measured by flow cytometry, consistent with the similar lack of inhibition by the parental Fabs.

Example 9 - Production and characterization of the affinity matured Abs in a mAb format

[0204] 34 of the 35 selected Fabs were cloned into human IgG1 / kappa or lambda mAb format vectors and produced as mAbs by transient transfection in HEK293 cells for further analysis. All the antibodies were evaluated for inhibition of IL-17 production as described in Example 5, above (Table 7). In most cases, each of the matured derivatives was more potent than its corresponding parent, with improvements in IC50 up to 200 fold. The biochemical properties of the 34 mAbs were evaluated by SDS-PAGE and size exclusion chromatography for indications of aggregation, chain heterogeneity, and incomplete disulfide bond formation between the heavy and light chains and in the hinge region.

[0205] From the combined activity and biochemical analysis, 7 mAbs were selected for more detailed analysis, at least one from each original parental antibody. Antibodies MOR05058 and 05059, derived from the VL CDR3 diversity libraries of MOR04649, were excluded from this set (see Examples 10 and 11). All selected candidates inhibited IL-17 production induced by native IL-23 from human (Figure 8) and cynomolgous monkey PBMCs (not shown). As expected, all inhibited hrIL-23 binding to hrIL-23R Fc fusion protein with a potency greater than that of the control mAb IL-23A (Figure 9). With the possible exception of MOR05053, these selected mAbs did not inhibit native IL-12 bioactivity (not shown), consistent with the lack of binding of those available as Fabs to hrIL-12 protein.

Example 10 - Production and characterization of cross-chain combination mAbs

[0206] The parent Fabs MOR04190, 04649, and 4658 gave rise to improved Fabs from both the VH CDR2 and VL CDR3 diversity libraries. The Fabs derived from MOR04649 were of particular interest due to their relatively potent activity from both types of libraries. However, the parental MOR04649 Fab contains a predicted, but potentially unfavorable, N-linked glycosylation site in VH CDR2 that is not present in any of the 6 improved Fabs derived from the VH CDR2 library. To eliminate this glycosylation site and test for potential improved activity, the heavy chains of MOR05042 and 05045 were expressed with the light chains of MOR05058 and 5059 in HEK293 cells (Table 4C - mAbs 42-58, 42-59, 45-58, and 45-59). None of the combinations were more potent antagonists (IL-17 production and inhibition IL-23 binding to IL-23R) than the respective donor chain mAbs and each showed a greater tendency towards aggregation

by size exclusion chromatography (not shown).

Example 11 - Substitution mutagenesis of selected matured mAbs and their characterization

[0207] Amino acid substitutions were introduced into selected mAbs to eliminate the predicted N-linked glycosylation site and/or conform the amino termini of variable regions with their closest predicted human germline V-region sequence. The predicted N-linked glycosylation site in the Vh of 5058 and 5059 ("NYS" in CDR2, same as in the parent Vh of MOR04649) was eliminated by substitution of arginine (4649r) or aspartic acid (4649d) for asparagine at position 59 (direct numbering). The CDR sequences of these VH regions are shown in Table 4A and the full V-region sequences are given in Table 8. These variants were produced by transient expression in HEK 293 cells and purified by Protein A affinity chromatography. These mAbs showed improved potency relative to the parental antibodies in their inhibition of IL-17 production. The arginine substitution in MOR05059 had the best profile based on activity and biochemical characterization and was named mAb 3759 Table 4C).

[0208] MAbs5040 and 3759 were selected as the top leads based on a their activities and biochemical characterization. Amino acid substitutions were introduced for conformity with human germline antibody sequence and a single amino acid substitution was made in the = 5040 VL region to revert a framework mutation back to germline, substituting a valine for threonine at position 86.

[0209] The amino acid sequences changed from the original mAb format were as follows:

Antibody	VH	VL
5040 E(3) to Q	D(1) to E, T(86) to V	
3759	Q(1)E(3) to EQ	D(1)I(2) to QS

[0210] The E3 to Q change in VH of both antibodies is reversion of an E substitution introduced upon cloning of the Fab into the mAb format vector. Q was present at this position in the original Fabs and can be used as a variant to the E substitution in various mAbs.

[0211] These variants are designated 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS}. The component V-regions of 5040^{Q/EV} are 5040 VH and 4190^{EV} VL (Table 4C). The component V-regions of 3759^{EQ/QS} are 4649^E VH and 5059^{QS} VL (Table 4C). The sequences of the CDRs and full V-regions of the component chains of both antibodies are shown in Tables 4 and 8, respectively. Similar substitutions can be identified for any of the candidates by comparison to their predicted human germline sequences.

[0212] The mAbs 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} were produced by transient expression in HEK 293 cells and purified by Protein A affinity chromatography. These mAbs retain complete specificity for human IL-23 relative to IL-12 and p40, as shown in Figure 10. These mAbs inhibit the binding of recombinant human IL-23 to IL-23R-Fc and are more potent than the reference, mAb23A (Figure 11A). As expected from their specificity profile, they do not inhibit IL-23 (Figure 11B) or IL-12 (Figure 11C) binding to IL-12Rβ1. Consistent with this pattern of receptor inhibition, these mAbs do not inhibit IL-12 induced IFNγ production from NK92M1 cells (Figure 12), but do inhibit both recombinant (Figure 13) and native (Figure 14) IL-23 induced production of IL-17 from murine splenocytes. These mAbs also show very strong inhibition of IL-17 induction by native IL-23 from cynomolgous monkey (Figure 15), demonstrating a high degree of cross-reactivity with IL-23 from cynomolgous monkey. These mAbs also inhibited STAT3 phosphorylation induced in human NK cells by recombinant human IL-23 (not shown).

[0213] The mAbs 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} recognize closely positioned epitopes on IL-23 as demonstrated by their inhibition of mAb23A binding (Figure 16A) and their reciprocal competition with each other (Figures 16B and 16C). The epitope of mAb23A has been mapped on human p19 in the region around I93-G105:

I₉₃HQGLIFYEKLLG₁₀₅

The competition results show that epitopes for mAbs 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} lie in the same region.

Example 12 - Coding sequence variants of mAbs 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} and their characterization.

[0214] The coding sequence of the variable regions of the antibodies were engineered into three different coding sequence variants to evaluate the impact on expression of these proteins. The first variant used the codons as obtained from the original library, with a few nucleotide substitutions to remove consensus mRNA splice sites. The second variant, germline codon exchange (GCE), was designed by aligning the variable region amino acid sequences to germline genes, identifying the closest matching germline gene and replacing the codons in the original coding sequence with the synonymous codons that are used in the germline gene. At positions where the amino acid residue did not have a match

to germline genes, the codon that is used at the highest frequency in highly expressed human proteins was substituted for the original codon. The third codon variant was designed by replacing the starting antibody codons with the codon that is used at the highest frequency in highly expressed human proteins. Each codon variant did express as measured by transient transfection in HEK 293 cells and CHO cells. This result shows that stable cell line transfectants can be established in these, and likely other host cells and the highest expressing variant can be used for development of a production cell line. The mAbs are evaluated as described in Example 11, in addition to other functional and biochemical and biophysical properties analyses. Table 9 shows the variable heavy and light chain nucleotide sequences for the 5040^{Q/EV} and 3759^{EQ/QS} mAb variants.

[0215] For the purposes of this invention, 70-100% amino acid or nucleotide sequence identity (i.e., 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 or any range or value therein) is determined using a suitable computer algorithm, as known in the art.

Table 10

SEQ ID NO:145 (human IL-23p19 subunit)

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

Table 1: Binding Specificity of Candidate Fabs

Specificity ELISA: Antigens in to immobilized						Biacore (Fab capture K_D)	
MOR0	IL- CNT	IL- R&	IL- CNT	IL- R&	p4 R&	IL- CNT	IL- CNT
405	+	n	-	n	n	1	no
408	+	n	-	n	n	3	no binding, n
418	+	n	-	n	n	7	no
419	+	n	-	n	n	1	no
420	+	+	-	-	-	14	slight
421	+	+	-	-	-	4	slight
423	+	+	-	-	-	6	slight
449	+	+	-	-	-	19	no
454	+	-	-	-	-	1	no
455	+	+	-	-	-	7	no
465	+	+	-	-	-	16	no
467	+	+	-	-	+	8	no
470	+	+	-	-	-	1	no
Fab12	+	+	+	+	+	1.	0.

Table 2: IC50 of Candidate Fabs in hrIL-23 / hIL-23R Assay

NOFAB#	IC50 [nM]
4033	4.6 +/- 1.6
4086	no complete inhibition
4185	280
4190	4.8 +/- 1.2
4205	38
4217	18
4235	190
4491	10 ~ 50% inhibition
4547	2.1
4549	0.2 +/- 0.2
4551	36
4555	286
4556	0.7
IL-23R-Fc	1.8 +/- 1.8

Table 3: Characterization of the Parental Antibodies in a mAb Format.

mAb	IL-23 binding	Biochemical receptor binding assays			pSTAT3 Assay	IL-12 bioassay in NK92MI	IL-23 induced IL-17 production assay		
MOR#	hrIL-23 subunit specificity	IL-12/IL-12Rb1	IL-23/IL-12Rb1	IL-23/IL-23R	Results at noted concentration	IFN γ in NK92MI cells	hrIL-17 neutralization	Native human IL-23 neutralization	Native cyno IL-23 neutralization
4083 (κ)	p19	-	-	+	+/- at 10 + at 20	-	+	+	+
4190 (κ)	p19	-	-	+	+ at 10	-	+	+	+
4649 (λ)	p19	-	-	+	+/- at 1 + at 10	-	+	+	+
4658 (λ)	p19	-	-	+/-	-/+ at 10	-	-/+	+	+
4205	p19	-	-	-/+	+ at 10	N/d	-	N/d	N/d
4217	p19	-	-	-/+	- at 10	N/d	-/+	N/d	N/d
4185	p19	-	-	-/+	- at 7	N/d	-	N/d	N/d
4235	p19	-	-	-/+	- at 10	N/d	-	N/d	N/d
4090	p19	-	-	-	N/d	N/d	-	N/d	N/d
4647	p19	-	-	+/-	- at 10	-	-	N/d	N/d
4491	p19	-	-	+/-	- at 10	-	-	N/d	N/d
4651	p19	-	-	+/-	- at 10	-	-	N/d	N/d
4085	p19*	-	-	-	- at 3	-	-	N/d	N/d
4086	p19*	-	-	-	- at 5	N/d	****	N/d	N/d
4655	p19*	-	-	-	- at 10	-	****	N/d	N/d
4193	IL-12/IL-23p40	-	-	-/+	- at 6	+	+	N/d	N/d
4201	IL-12/IL-23p40	-	+, no titration	-/+	N/d	+	+	N/d	N/d
4704	IL-12/IL-23p40	-/+**	-/+	-/+	+ at 10	+	+	N/d	N/d

Symbol	Description
-	No inhibition
-/+	Slight Inhibition
+/-	Weak, incomplete inhibition
+	Inhibition
*	Did not bind to linked rhIL-23 with no His-tag (from R&D Systems)
**	Better inhibits R&D IL-12, than CNTO IL-12
***	Caused cell death at high concentration
N/d	Not done

Table 4A: Hc V-region CDR sequences of candidate antibodies

Clone #	VH	H-CDR1 (SEQ ID NO:)	H-CDR2 (SEQ ID NO:)	H-CDR3 (SEQ ID NO:)	Comments
4083	1A	NYAIS (1)	GIIPMFGYANYAQKFQG (7)	DIYAGMDV (40)	Primary hit
5028			GIIPNEGTHYAKFQG (8)		Affinity maturation
4190	1A	SNYIS (2)	GIIPIFGHANYAQKFQG (9)	SKKGMYGWITYPLMM FDL (41)	Primary hit
5033			GIIPINANYAQKFQG (10)		Affinity maturation
5034			GIIDNEGGAYYAKFQG (11)		Affinity maturation
5036			GIIDVEGGAYYAKFQG (12)		Affinity maturation
5037			GIIDMEGGAYYAKFQG (13)		Affinity maturation
5038			-INAHLOGTYAKFQG (14)		Affinity maturation
5040			SPGTGINAYYAKFQG (15)		Affinity maturation
4190x			Z ₁ Z ₂ Z ₃ Z ₄ Z ₅ Z ₆ Z ₇ Z ₈ Z ₉ Z ₁₀ YA QKFQG!! (16)		Predicted
4205	5	NYWIS (3)	WIRPGDSDTRYSPSFEG (17)	HYYGMDY (42)	Primary hit
4217	3	1.1.1.1.1 sywit (4)	VSYISSSGSSTYYADSVK G (18)	GTFWSFGNYFAN (43)	Primary hit
4649	5	NYWIG (5)	IIDPSNSYTNYSPSFQG (19)	WYYKPFDV (44)	Primary hit
4649r			IIDPSNSYTRYSPSFQG (20)		Δ glycosylation site
4649r ^E			IIDPSNSYTRYSPSFQG		Plus E1 substitutions
4649d			IIDPSNSYTDYSPSFQG (21)		Δ glycosylation site
5041			IISPNISVTYSPSFQG (22)		Affinity maturation
5042			IISPNISSTYSPSFQG (23)		Affinity maturation
5043			FISPDISHYSPSFQG (24)		Affinity maturation
5044			IISPNISTYSPSFQG		Affinity

			(25)		maturation
5045			ISPNIGSATWYSPSEFG (26)		Affinity maturation
5046			IDPVSSWIKYSPSEFG (27)		Affinity maturation
4649x			IIX ₁ PX ₂ X ₃ SX ₄ TX ₅ YSPSF OG** (28)		predicted
4658	3	SFGMS (6)	NISSSGSS-- TYYADSVKG (29)	YWGTPYLMQFDN (45)	Primary hit
5039			NIEHKYLNATYYAASVK G (30)		Affinity maturation
5047			NIEHKYLGATSYAASVK G (146)		Affinity maturation
5048			NIEHKYLGATYYAAGVK G (31)		Affinity maturation
5049			GIEHKYLSYATYYAASVK G (32)		Affinity maturation
5050			SIEHKYTGATYYAAPVK G (33)		Affinity maturation
5051			SIEHKYLSYATLYAASVK G (34)		Affinity maturation
5052			SIEHKYLSYATYYAASVK G (35)		Affinity maturation
5053			NIEGKYSYATYYAASVK G (36)		Affinity maturation
5054			GIEHKYLSYATLYAASVK G (37)		Affinity maturation
5055			NIEHKYLGATVYAASVK G (38)		Affinity maturation
5056			SIEHKYLSYATYYAAGVK G (39)		Affinity maturation

All antibodies expressed as Fabs have Q at residue 3 in Vh, whereas when expressed as mAbs, most had E at residue 3.

** X₁ is D or S; X₂ is S, V, D, or T; X₃ is N, S, or G; X₄ is Y, W, T, H, V, S, or A; X₅ is N, D, R, K, or W

!! Z₁ is G, I, or L; Z₂ is I or S; Z₃ is I, P, N, or D; Z₄ is P, G, or A; Z₅ is I, M, P, T, H, N, or V; Z₆ is F, I, G, or L; Z₇ is G or I; Z₈ is H, Y, N, or G; Z₉ is A or T; Z₁₀ is N, W, or Y

++ a₁ is S or A; a₂ is T or G; a₃ is P or L; a₄ is S or N; a₅ is S, M, or L; a₆ is I or V

b₁ is T, F, D, or S; b₂ is S, I, A, T, R, or L; b₃ is N, T, L, S, or G; b₄ is T, Y, S, or I; b₅ is P or L; b₆ is F or P

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Table 4B: Lc V-region CDR sequences of candidate antibodies

Clone #	VL	L-CDR1 (SEQ ID NO:)	L-CDR2 (SEQ ID NO:)	L-CDR3 (SEQ ID NO:)	Comments
4083	κ3	RASQSVLGNYLA (46)	GASSRAT (52)	HQYGSISTT (58)	Primary hit
5267				QQYSHLLIT (59)	Affinity maturation
5268				QQYSHISLT (60)	Affinity maturation
5269				QQFAHILLT (61)	Affinity maturation
4190	K3	RASQSVSSNYLA (47)	YASRRAT (53)	QQTSNTPFT (62)	Primary hit
4190 ^{EV}				QQTSNTPFT	Plus E1 & V86 substitutions
5029				QQFITYLPT (63)	Affinity maturation
5030				QQDALSPFT (64)	Affinity maturation
5031				QQDRGTPFT (65)	Affinity maturation
5032				QQSLNIPFT (66)	Affinity maturation
5057				QQDTSSPFT (67)	Affinity maturation
4190x				QQb ₁ b ₂ b ₃ b ₄ b ₅ b ₆ FT## (68)	Predicted
4205	λ1	SGSSSNIGSYV N (48)	GNTHRPS (54)	QTYASLGPEV (69)	Primary Hit
4217	κ1	RASQSIFYNLA (49)	GASNRAT (55)	QQYSSEPVT (70)	Primary Hit
4649	λ1	TGSSSNIGSGYD VH (50)	GNSKRPS (56)	SSWT--PSSVV (71)	Primary hit
5058				SSWTDTPNMIV (72)	Affinity maturation
5059				ASWTDGLSLVV (73)	Affinity maturation
5059 ^{QS}				ASWTDGLSLVV	Plus Q1, S2 substitutions
4649x				a ₁ SWTDa ₂ a ₃ a ₄ a ₅ a ₆ V++ (74)	Predicted
4658	λ2	TGTSSDVGGYNSVS (51)	SVSSRPS (57)	SSYDTNKPLW (75)	Primary hit
5060				GSYDVYGRFYV (76)	Affinity maturation
5061				SSYYFYLRIV (77)	Affinity maturation
5062				QTYFYSGPV (78)	Affinity maturation
5063				GSWDPIFSYEV (79)	Affinity maturation

Table 4C: Antibodies produced, purified and evaluated

Ab Name	VH	VL	Fab**	MAb*	Comments
4083	4083	4083	x	x	
5028	5028	4083	x	x	
5267**	4083	5267	x	(in progress)	
5268**	4083	5268	x	(in progress)	
5269**	4083	5269	x	(in progress)	
4190	4190	4190	x	x	
5033	5033	4190		x	
5034	5034	4190	x	x	
5036	5036	4190	x	x	
5037	5037	4190		x	
5038	5038	4190	x	x	
5040	5040	4190		x	
5040 ^{Q/EV}	5040	4190 ^{EV}		x	Vh-Q3 back substitution in mAb
5029**	4190	5029		x	
5030**	4190	5030		x	
5031**	4190	5031		x	
5032**	4190	5032		x	
5057**	4190	5057		x	
4205	4205	4205	x	x	
4217	4217	4217	x	x	
4649	4649	4649	x	x	
5041	5041	4649	x	x	
5042	5042	4649	x	x	
42-58	5042	5058		x	Pair 5058 VL with VH lacking CDR2 glycosylation site
42-59	5042	5059		x	Pair 5059 VL with VH lacking CDR2 glycosylation site
5043	5043	4649	x	x	
5044	5044	4649	x	x	
5045	5045	4649	x	x	
45-58	5045	5058		x	Pair 5058 VL with VH lacking CDR2 glycosylation site
45-59	5045	5059		x	Pair 5059 VL with VH lacking CDR2 glycosylation site
5046	5046	4649	x	x	
5058	4649	5058	x	x	
5059	4649	5058	x	x	

3758	4649r	5058		x	
3759	4649r	5059		x	
3759 ^{EQ/QS}	4649r ^E	5059 ^{QS}		x	Vh-Q3 substitution in mAb
3658	4649d	5058		x	
3659	4649d	5059		x	
4658	4658	4658	x	x	
5039	5039	4658	x	x	
5041	5041	4658	x	x	
5048	5048	4658	x	x	
5049	5049	4658	x	x	
5050	5050	4658	x	x	
5051	5051	4658		x	
5052	5052	4658	x	x	
5053	5053	4658	x	x	
5054	5054	4658		x	
5055	5055	4658	x	x	
5056	5056	4658	x	x	
5060	4658	5060	x	x	
5061	4658	5061	x	x	
5062	4658	5062	x	x	
5063	4658	5063	x	x	

* Except as indicated in the “comments” box, position 3 in the heavy chain was Q in the Fabs and E in the mAbs.

** The affinity matured kappa light chains of 4083 and 4190 contain a T to V substitution relative to the parents in FW3 (FAVYYC). V is a germline residue at this position.

Several Fabs listed as “affinity matured” showed some aggregation during purification and thus were not evaluated. They were previously evaluated as hits as crude samples.

Table 5: Characterization of Affinity-Matured Fabs: specificity, receptor neutralization, and affinity.

MOR0#	Library	K _D [pM] SET (n: 1)	IL -23/ IL -23R IC ₅₀ [nM] (n: 1 -4)	IL -23/ IL -12R b ₁	IL -12 (R&D)/ IL -12R b ₁	Specificity ELISA	FACS (TALL -104)
4083	-	1600	7.1 ± 8.3	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
5028	H-CDR2	133	0.43 ± 0.58	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
5267	L-CDR3	2000	0.14	O.K.	O.K.	n.d.	n.d.
5268		660	0.15	O.K.	O.K.	n.d.	n.d.
5269		960	0.2	O.K.	O.K.	n.d.	n.d.
4190	-	4400	1.3 ± 1.5	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-

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MOR0#	Library	K _D [pM] SET (n: 1)	IL -23/ IL -23R IC ₅₀ [nM] (n: 1 -4)	IL -23/ IL -12R b1	IL -12 (R&D)/ IL -12R b ₁	Specificity ELISA	FACS (TALL -104)
4083	-	1600	7.1 ± 8.3	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
5034	H-CDR2 -	126	0.4 ± 0.15	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
5036		32	0.32 ± 0.02	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
5038		38	0.17 ± 0.05	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
4649		1100	1.2	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
5041	H-CDR2	41	0.07 ± 0.04	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
5042		4	0.06 ± 0.03	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
5043		18	0.05 ± 0.03	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
5044		43	0.05 ± 0.04	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
5045		9	0.05 ± 0.02	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
5046		23	0.08 ± 0.01	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
5058	L-CDR3	33	0.11 ± 0.08	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-
5059		93	0.69 ± 0.72	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	-

Table 7: Characterization of Affinity-Matured Antibodies in mAb Format: Inhibition of IL-17 production.

Inhibition of hrIL-23 binding to immobilized IL-23R-Fc fusion protein. IC50 values from titration curves.

The mAbs (see Table 4C) are listed in order of decreasing potency. The matured antibodies are grouped according to their respective parents: pink (5028 is from 4083); (5040, 5038, 5029, 5030, 5057, 5036, 5032, 5034, 5033, and 5037 are with 4190); (5042, 5045, 5058, 5041, 5059, 5044, 5043, 5046, and 4083 are with 4649); (5054, 5053, 5049, 5048, 5052, 5047, 5050, 5051, 5055, 5056, 5039, 5063, 5062, and 5061 are with 4658). MAbs 23A is a reference murine anti-human IL-23 mAb

mAb	IC50, ug/ml
5042	0.00127
5045	0.001396
5040	0.002641
5058	0.002847
5041	0.003007
5054	0.003227
5053	0.00493
5059	0.01062
5044	0.01414
5043	0.01439
5049	0.01616
5048	0.01624
5052	0.0178
5047	0.02342
5050	0.02766
5038	0.02815
5046	0.04281
5029	0.04907
mAb23A	0.05415
5030	0.06458
5051	0.0663
5055	0.09155
5056	0.09198
5028	0.1039
5057	0.1103
5039	0.1606
5036	0.1702
5032	0.1716
5034	0.1854
5063	0.1981
5062	0.1989
5031	0.2149
4190	0.218
4649	0.2553
5033	0.2834
5061	0.3087
5037	0.3364
4083	1.435
4658	1.954

Table 8. Sequences of initial IL-23p19 mAbs and their matured and engineered derivatives.

MOR04083 Family

(SEQ ID NOS: 80 & 81)

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4083 Vh (1)
 QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGSSVKVSKASGGTFSNYAISWVRQAPGQGLEWMGGIIPMFGYANYAQKFQGRVTITADESTSTAYMELSSLRSEDTAVYYCARDIYAGMDVWGQGLTVTVSS
 5028 Vh (1)
 QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGSSVKVSKASGGTFSNYAISWVRQAPGQGLEWMGGIIPvFGfthYAQKFQGRVTITADESTSTAYMELSSLRSEDTAVYYCARDIYAGMDVWGQGLTVTVSS

(SEQ ID NOS: 82-85)

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4083 Vk (1)
 DIVLTQSPATLSLSPGERATLSCRASQSVLGNLAWYQQKPGQAPRLLIYGASSRATGVPARFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSEPEDFAVYYCHQYGSISTTFGQGTKVEIK
 5268 Vk (1)
 DIVLTQSPATLSLSPGERATLSCRASQSVLGNLAWYQQKPGQAPRLLIYGASSRATGVPARFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSEPEDFAVYYCqQYshISLTFGQGTKVEIK
 5267 Vk (1)
 DIVLTQSPATLSLSPGERATLSCRASQSVLGNLAWYQQKPGQAPRLLIYGASSRATGVPARFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSEPEDFAVYYCqQYshliITFGQGTKVEIK
 5269 Vk (1)
 DIVLTQSPATLSLSPGERATLSCRASQSVLGNLAWYQQKPGQAPRLLIYGASSRATGVPARFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSEPEDFAVYYCqQfahillTFGQGTKVEIK

MOR04190 Family

(SEQ ID NOS: 86-92)

127
4190 Vh (1)
 QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGSSVKVSKASGGTFSSNYISWVRQAPGQGLEWMGGIIPFIHGHANYAQKFQGRVTITADESTSTAYMELSSLRSEDTAVYYCARSKKGMYGGWTYPLMMFDLWGQGLTVTVSS
 5033 Vh (1)
 QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGSSVKVSKASGGTFSSNYISWVRQAPGQGLEWMGIIIPpIGnAwYAQKFQGRVTITADESTSTAYMELSSLRSEDTAVYYCARSKKGMYGGWTYPLMMFDLWGQGLTVTVSS
 5040 Vh (1)
 QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGSSVKVSKASGGTFSSNYISWVRQAPGQGLEWMGispgtginAYYAQKFQGRVTITADESTSTAYMELSSLRSEDTAVYYCARSKKGMYGGWTYPLMMFDLWGQGLTVTVSS
 5038 Vh (1) QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGSSVKVSKASGGTFSSNYISWVRQAPGQGLEWMG-InahlGgtwYAQKFQGRVTITADESTSTAYMELSSLRSEDTAVYYCARSKKGMYGGWTYPLMMFDLWGQGLTVTVSS
 5034 Vh (1)
 QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGSSVKVSKASGGTFSSNYISWVRQAPGQGLEWMGIdPnFGgAYYAQKFQGRVTITADESTSTAYMELSSLRSEDTAVYYCARSKKGMYGGWTYPLMMFDLWGQGLTVTVSS
 5036 Vh (1)
 QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGSSVKVSKASGGTFSSNYISWVRQAPGQGLEWMGIdPvFGgAYYAQKFQGRVTITADESTSTAYMELSSLRSEDTAVYYCARSKKGMYGGWTYPLMMFDLWGQGLTVTVSS
 5037 Vh (1)
 QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGSSVKVSKASGGTFSSNYISWVRQAPGQGLEWMGIdPmFGgAYYAQKFQGRVTITADESTSTAYMELSSLRSEDTAVYYCARSKKGMYGGWTYPLMMFDLWGQGLTVTVSS

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4190 Vk (1)

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EPEDFATYYCQQTSTNTPFTFGQGTKVEIK

4190^{SV}Vk (1)

EIVLTQSPATLSLSPGERATLSCRASQSVSSNYLAWYQQKPGQAPRLLIYYASRRATGVPARFSGSGSGTDFTLTISL
EPEDFAvYYCQQTSTNTPFTFGQGTKVEIK

5029 Vk (1)

10 DIVLTQSPATLSLSPGERATLSCRASQSVSSNYLAWYQQKPGQAPRLLIYYASRRATGVPARFSGSGSGTDFTLTISL
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5030 Vk (1)

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EPEDFAvYYCQQdalsPFTFGQGTKVEIK

5031 Vk (1)

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5032 Vk (1)

DIVLTQSPATLSLSPGERATLSCRASQSVSSNYLAWYQQKPGQAPRLLIYYASRRATGVPARFSGSGSGTDFTLTISL
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(SEQ ID NO: 99)

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4205 Vh (1)

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 YLQWSSLKASDTAMYICARHYYGMDYWGQGT~~LVTVSS~~

(SEQ ID NO: 100)

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110

4205 V1 (1)

DIVLTQPPSVSGAPGQRTISCSGSSSNIGSYVNWYQQLPGTAPKLLIYGNTHRPSGVPDRFSGSKSGTSASLAITGL
 QSEDEADYYCQTYASLGPGEVFGGGTKLT~~VL~~

MOR04217

(SEQ ID NO: 101)

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121

4217 Vh (1)

QVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYWITWVRQAPGKGLEWVSYISSGSSTYYADSVKGRFTISRDN~~SKNTL~~
 YLQMN~~SLRAEDTAVYYCARGTFWSFGNYFANWGQGT~~LVTVSS

(SEQ ID NO: 102)

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107

4217 V1 (1)

DIVLTQSPATLSLSPGERATLSCRASQSIFYNLAWYQQKPGQAPRLLIYGASN~~RATGV~~PARFSGSGSGTDFTLT~~ISSLE~~
 PEDFATYYCQQYSSEPVTFGQGT~~KVEIK~~

MOR04649 Family

(SEQ ID NOS: 103-112)

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4649 Vh (1)

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 YLQWSSLKASDTAMYICARWYKPF~~DVWGQGT~~LVTVSS

4649d Vh (1)

QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLKISCKGSGYSFSNYWIGWVRQMPGKGLEWMGIIDPSNSYTrYS~~PSFQ~~QVTISADKSISTA
 YLQWSSLKASDTAMYICARWYKPF~~DVWGQGT~~LVTVSS

4649r Vh (1)

QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLKISCKGSGYSFSNYWIGWVRQMPGKGLEWMGIIDPSNSYTrYS~~PSFQ~~QVTISADKSISTA
 YLQWSSLKASDTAMYICARWYKPF~~DVWGQGT~~LVTVSS

4649r^B Vh (1)

eVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLKISCKGSGYSFSNYWIGWVRQMPGKGLEWMGIIDPSNSYTrYS~~PSFQ~~QVTISADKSISTA
 YLQWSSLKASDTAMYICARWYKPF~~DVWGQGT~~LVTVSS

5046 Vh (1)

QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLKISCKGSGYSFSNYWIGWVRQMPGKGLEWMGIIDPvsSwTkY~~SPSFQ~~QVTISADKSISTA
 YLQWSSLKASDTAMYICARWYKPF~~DVWGQGT~~LVTVSS

5044 Vh (1)

QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLKISCKGSGYSFSNYWIGWVRQMPGKGLEWMGIIsPSgStTwY~~SPSFQ~~QVTISADKSISTA
 YLQWSSLKASDTAMYICARWYKPF~~DVWGQGT~~LVTVSS

5043 Vh (1)

QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLKISCKGSGYSFSNYWIGWVRQMPGKGLEWMGfIsPd~~gShTwY~~SPSFQQVTISADKSISTA
 YLQWSSLKASDTAMYICARWYKPF~~DVWGQGT~~LVTVSS

5041 Vh (1)

QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLKISCKGSGYSFSNYWIGWVRQMPGKGLEWMGIIsPt~~gSvTwY~~SPSFQQVTISADKSISTA
 YLQWSSLKASDTAMYICARWYKPF~~DVWGQGT~~LVTVSS

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5042 Vh (1)
 QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLKISCKGSGYSFSNYWIGWVRQMPGKGLEWMGIIsPtgSsTwYSPSFQGGVTISADKSISTA
 YLQWSSLKASDTAMYYCARWYYKPFDVWGQGTILVTVSS
 5045 Vh (1)
 QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLKISCKGSGYSFSNYWIGWVRQMPGKGLEWMGIIsPtgSaTwYSPSFQGGVTISADKSISTA
 YLQWSSLKASDTAMYYCARWYYKPFDVWGQGTILVTVSS

* Consensus N-linked glycosylation site in 4649 Vh
 (SEQ ID NOS: 113-116)

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 DIVLTQPPSVSGAPGQRVTISCTGSSSNIGSGYDVHWYQQLPGTAPKLLIYGNSKRPSGVPDRFSGSKSGTSASLAITG
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 DIVLTQPPSVSGAPGQRVTISCTGSSSNIGSGYDVHWYQQLPGTAPKLLIYGNSKRPSGVPDRFSGSKSGTSASLAITG
 LQSEDEADYYC~~SSWT~~dtPnmiV~~FGG~~TKLTVL
 15 5059 VL (1)
 DIVLTQPPSVSGAPGQRVTISCTGSSSNIGSGYDVHWYQQLPGTAPKLLIYGNSKRPSGVPDRFSGSKSGTSASLAITG
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 5059²⁵VL (1)
 qsVLTQPPSVSGAPGQRVTISCTGSSSNIGSGYDVHWYQQLPGTAPKLLIYGNSKRPSGVPDRFSGSKSGTSASLAITG
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MOR04658 Family

(SEQ ID NOS: 117-127)

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GSSTYYADSVKGRFTISRDN SKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARYWGTPYLMQFDNWGQGTLVTVSS
 5048 Vh (1)
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 10 5050 Vh (1)
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 15 5039 Vh (1)
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 20 5056 Vh (1)
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 25 5049 Vh (1)
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 TLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARYWGTPYLMQFDNWGQGT LVTVSS
 30 5054 Vh (1)
 QVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSFGMSWVRQAPGKGLEWVSgIehkylsyaTLYAaSVKGRFTISRDN SKN
 TLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARYWGTPYLMQFDNWGQGT LVTVSS

(SEQ ID NO: 147)

5047 Vh (1)
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 RAEDTAVYYCARYWGTPYLMQFDNWGQGT LVTVSS

(SEQ ID NOS: 128-132)

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4658 VL (1)
DIALTQPASVSGSPGQSITISCTGTSSDVGGYNSVSWYQQHPGKAPKLMIYSVSSRPSGVSNRFGSGKSGNTASLTISG
LQAEDEADYYCSSYDTNKPLVVFGGGTKLTVL
 40 5061 VL (1)
 DIALTQPASVSGSPGQSITISCTGTSSDVGGYNSVSWYQQHPGKAPKLM IYSVSSRPSGVSNRFGSGKSGNTASLTISG
 LQAEDEADYYCSSYyfyIqriVFGGGTKLTVL
 5062 VL (1)
 DIALTQPASVSGSPGQSITISCTGTSSDVGGYNSVSWYQQHPGKAPKLM IYSVSSRPSGVSNRFGSGKSGNTASLTISG
 LQAEDEADYYCqtYyfsysgpVFGGGTKLTVL
 45 5060 VL (1)
 DIALTQPASVSGSPGQSITISCTGTSSDVGGYNSVSWYQQHPGKAPKLM IYSVSSRPSGVSNRFGSGKSGNTASLTISG
 LQAEDEADYYCgSYDvygrfyVFGGGTKLTVL
 5063 VL (1)
 DIALTQPASVSGSPGQSITISCTGTSSDVGGYNSVSWYQQHPGKAPKLM IYSVSSRPSGVSNRFGSGKSGNTASLTISG
 LQAEDEADYYCgSwDpifsyeVFGGGTKLTVL

Table 9 – Nucleotide Sequences

IL-23 p19 5040^{Q/EV}

VH-GCE (SEQ ID NO:133): (VH amino acid sequence is 5040Vh)

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5      Q V Q L V Q S G A E V K K P G S S .
1 CAGGTGCAGC TGGTGCAGTC TGGGGCTGAG GTGAAGAAGC CTGGGTCCTC
  GTCCACGTCG ACCACGTCAG ACCCCGACTC CACTTCTTCG GACCCAGGAG

                                         CDR1
10      . V K V S C K A S G G T F S S N Y I .
51 GGTGAAGGTC TCCTGCAAGG CTTCTGGAGG CACCTTCAGC AGCAACTACA
  CCACTTCCAG AGGACGTTCC GAAGACCTCC GTGGAAGTCG TCGTTGATGT

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15      . S W V R Q A P G Q G L E W M G I
101 TCAGCTGGGT GCGACAGGCC CCTGGACAAG GGCTTGAGTG GATGGGGATC
  AGTCGACCCA CGCTGTCCGG GGACCTGTTC CCGAACTCAC CTACCCCTAG

                                         CDR2
20      . S P G T G I N A Y Y A Q K F Q G R .
151 AGCCCTGGCA CCGGTATCAA CGCATACTAC GCACAGAAGT TCCAGGGCAG
  TCGGGACCGT GGCCATAGTT GCGTATGATG CGTGTCTTCA AGGTCCCCTC

      . V T I T A D E S T S T A Y M E L S .
25 201 AGTCACGATT ACCGCGGACG AATCCACGAG CACAGCCTAC ATGGAGCTGA
  TCAGTGCTAA TGGCGCCTGC TTAGGTGCTC GTGTGGGATG TACCTCGACT

                                         CDR3
30      . S L R S E D T A V Y Y C A R S K
251 GCAGCCTGAG ATCTGAGGAC ACGGCCGTGT ATTACTGTGC GAGAAGCAAG
  CGTCGGACTC TAGACTCCTG TGCCGGCACA TAATGACACG CTCTTCGTTC

                                         CDR3
35      . K G M Y G G W T Y P L M M F D L W .
301 AAGGGCATGT ACGGCGGCTG GACCTACCCC CTGATGATGT TCGACCTGTG
  TTCCCGTACA TGCCGCCGAC CTGGATGGGG GACTACTACA AGCTGGACAC

      . G Q G T L V T V S S
351 GGGCCAGGGC ACCCTGGTGA CCGTGAGCAG C
  CCCGGTCCCG TGGGACCACT GGCACCTCGTC G
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VH-HCO (SEQ ID NO:134): (VH amino acid sequence is 5040Vh)

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5           Q V Q L V Q S G A E V K K P G S S .
1 CAGGTGCAGC TGGTGCAGAG CGGCGCCGAG GTGAAGAAGC CCGGCAGCAG
  GTCCACGTCG ACCACGTCCTC GCCGCGGCTC CACTTCTTCG GGCCGTCGTC

                                           CDR1
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10      . V K V S C K A S G G T F S S N Y I .
51 CGTGAAGGTG AGCTGCAAGG CCAGCGGCGG CACCTTCAGC AGCAACTACA
  GCACTTCCAC TCGACGTTCC GGTGCGCGCC GTGGAAGTCG TCGTTGATGT

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15      . S W V R Q A P G Q G L E W M G I
101 TCAGCTGGGT GCGCCAGGCC CCCGCCAGG GCCTGGAGTG GATGGGCATC
  AGTCGACCCA CGCGGTCCGG GGGCCGGTCC CGGACCTCAC CTACCCGTAG

                                           CDR2
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20      . S P G T G I N A Y Y A Q K F Q G R .
151 AGCCCCGGCA CCGGCATCAA CGCCTACTAC GCCCAGAAGT TCCAGGGCCG
  TCGGGGCCGT GGCCGTAGTT GCGGATGATG CGGGTCTTCA AGGTCCCGGC

      . V T I T A D E S T S T A Y M E L S .
201 CGTGACCATC ACCGCCGACG AGAGCACCAG CACCGCCTAC ATGGAGCTGA
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VH-MOR (SEQ ID NO:135): (VH amino acid sequence is 5040Vh)

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           CDR3
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VK-HCO (SEQ ID NO:136): (VK amino acid sequence is 4190^{EV})

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VH-MOR (SEQ ID NO:141): (VH amino acid sequence is 4649r^E)

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VL-MOR (SEQ ID NO:144): (VL amino acid sequence is 5059^{QS})

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      . V T I S C T G S S S N I G S G Y D .
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Table 10

SEQ ID NO:145 (human IL-23p19 subunit)

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Claims

1. An isolated IL-23p19 antibody, which is an antibody that binds to the p19 subunit of IL-23, comprising:

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(i)

(a) at least one light chain variable region, said light chain variable region comprising:

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a complementarity determining region light chain 1 (CDRL1) amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:46;
 a CDRL2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:52; and
 a CDRL3 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:58-61; and

(b) at least one heavy chain variable region, said heavy chain variable region comprising:

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a complementarity determining region heavy chain 1 (CDRH1) amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1;
 a CDRH2 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:7 and 8; and
 a CDRH3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:40;

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(ii)

(a) at least one light chain variable region, said light chain variable region comprising:

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a CDRL1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:47;
 a CDRL2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:53; and
 a CDRL3 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:62-67; and

(b) at least one heavy chain variable region, said heavy chain variable region comprising:

a CDRH1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;
a CDRH2 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:9-15; and
a CDRH3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:41;

5 (iii)

(a) at least one light chain variable region, said light chain variable region comprising:

10 a CDRL1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:49;
a CDRL2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:55; and
a CDRL3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:70; and

(b) at least one heavy chain variable region, said heavy chain variable region comprising:

15 a CDRH1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4;
a CDRH2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18; and
a CDRH3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:43;

20 (iv)

(a) at least one light chain variable region, said light chain variable region comprising:

25 a CDRL1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:50;
a CDRL2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:56; and
a CDRL3 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:58-68 and 71-73; and

(b) at least one heavy chain variable region, said heavy chain variable region comprising:

30 a CDRH1 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:5;
a CDRH2 amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:19 and 21-27; and
a CDRH3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 44;

(v)

35 (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:82-85; and
(b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:80 and 81;

40 (vi)

(a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:93-98; and
45 (b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:86-92;

(vii)

50 (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 102; and
(b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:101;

(viii)

55 (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:113-116; and
(b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:103-112;

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- (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:82-85; and
 (b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:80 and 81;

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- (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:93-98; and
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(xi)

- (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 102; and
 (b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:101;

(xii)

- (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:113-116; and
 (b) a heavy chain variable region amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:103-112;

(xiii)

- (a) a light chain variable region amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:136-138; and
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- (a) a light chain variable region sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the nucleotide sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:136-138; and
 (b) a heavy chain variable region sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the nucleotide sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 133-135; or

(xv)

- (a) a light chain variable region sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the nucleotide sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:142-144; and
 (b) a heavy chain variable region sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% identity to any of the nucleotide sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:139-141.

2. An IL-23p19 antibody according to claim 1, wherein said antibody:

- (a) binds IL-23p19 with at least one affinity selected from at least 10^{-9} M, at least 10^{-10} M, at least 10^{-11} M, and at least 10^{-12} M, at least 10^{-13} M, at least 10^{-14} M, and at least 10^{-15} M, as determined by surface plasmon resonance or the Kinexa method; and/or
 (b) modulates at least one activity of at least one IL-23 polypeptide.

3. An isolated nucleic acid molecule:

- (a) encoding at least one isolated IL-23p19 antibody according to claim 1 or claim 2; or
- (b) comprising at least one of:

a light chain variable region nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:136-138 and
a heavy chain variable region nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:133-135.

4. An isolated nucleic acid vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 3.

5. A prokaryotic or eukaryotic host cell comprising:

- (a) the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 4; or
- (b)

(i) a nucleic acid vector encoding a light chain variable region, said light chain variable region comprising:

a CDRL1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:50;
a CDRL2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:56; and
a CDRL3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:73; and

(ii) a nucleic acid vector encoding a heavy chain variable region, said heavy chain variable region comprising:

a CDRH1 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5;
a CDRH2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:20; and
a CDRH3 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:44

optionally wherein said host cell is at least one selected from COS-1, COS-7, HEK293, BHK21, CHO, BSC-1, Hep G2, 653, SP2/0, 293, HeLa, myeloma, or lymphoma cells, or any derivative, immortalized or transformed cell thereof.

6. An *in vitro* method for producing at least one IL-23p19 antibody, comprising translating the nucleic acid molecule according to claim 3 under conditions such that the IL-23p19 antibody is expressed in detectable or recoverable amounts.

7. A composition comprising at least one isolated IL-23p19 antibody according to claim 1 or claim 2 and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent, optionally further comprising at least one compound or polypeptide selected from a detectable label or reporter, a TNF antagonist, an anti-infective drug, a cardiovascular (CV) system drug, a central nervous system (CNS) drug, an autonomic nervous system (ANS) drug, a respiratory tract drug, a gastrointestinal (GI) tract drug, a hormonal drug, a drug for fluid or electrolyte balance, a hematologic drug, an antineoplastic, an immunomodulation drug, an ophthalmic, otic or nasal drug, a topical drug, a nutritional drug, a cytokine, and a cytokine antagonist.

8. The antibody of claim 1 or claim 2 for use in an *in vivo* method for diagnosing or treating an IL-23 related condition in a cell, tissue, organ or animal, such as wherein the IL-23 related condition is selected from the group consisting of psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis, optic neuritis, and clinically isolated syndrome, optionally:

(a) wherein said antibody is suitable for administering in an effective amount of 0.001-50 mg/kilogram of said cells, tissue, organ or animal;

(b) wherein said antibody is suitable for administering by at least one mode selected from parenteral, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous, intraarticular, intrabronchial, intraabdominal, intracapsular, intracartilaginous, intracavitary, intracelal, intracerebellar, intracerebroventricular, intracolic, intracervical, intragastric, intrahepatic, intramyocardial, intraosteal, intrapelvic, intrapericardiac, intraperitoneal, intrapleural, intraprostatic, intrapulmonary, intrarectal, intrarenal, intraretinal, intraspinal, intrasynovial, intrathoracic, intrauterine, intravesical, intralesional, vaginal, rectal, buccal, sublingual, intranasal, and transdermal; or

(c) wherein said antibody is suitable for administering, prior, concurrently or after said contacting or administering, at least one composition comprising an effective amount of at least one compound or polypeptide selected from a detectable label or reporter, an anti-infective drug, a cardiovascular (CV) system drug, a central nervous

system (CNS) drug, an autonomic nervous system (ANS) drug, a respiratory tract drug, a gastrointestinal (GI) tract drug, a hormonal drug, a drug for fluid or electrolyte balance, a hematologic drug, an antineoplastic, an immunomodulation drug, an ophthalmic, otic or nasal drug, a topical drug, a nutritional drug, a cytokine, and a cytokine antagonist.

9. A medical device, comprising an IL-23p19 antibody according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein said device is suitable for contacting or administering said IL-23p19 antibody by at least one mode selected from parenteral, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous, intrarticular, intrabronchial, intraabdominal, intracapsular, intracartilaginous, intracavitary, intracelial, intracerebellar, intracerebroventricular, intracolic, intracervical, intragastric, intrahepatic, intramyocardial, intraosteal, intrapelvic, intrapericardiac, intraperitoneal, intrapleural, intraprostatic, intrapulmonary, intrarectal, intrarenal, intraretinal, intraspinal, intrasynovial, intrathoracic, intrauterine, intravesical, intralesional, vaginal, rectal, buccal, sublingual, intranasal, and transdermal.
10. An article of manufacture for human pharmaceutical or diagnostic use, comprising packaging material and a container comprising a solution or a lyophilized form of an IL-23p19 antibody according to claim 1 or claim 2, optionally wherein said container is a component of a parenteral, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous, intrarticular, intrabronchial, intraabdominal, intracapsular, intracartilaginous, intracavitary, intracelial, intracerebellar, intracerebroventricular, intracolic, intracervical, intragastric, intrahepatic, intramyocardial, intraosteal, intrapelvic, intrapericardiac, intraperitoneal, intrapleural, intraprostatic, intrapulmonary, intrarectal, intrarenal, intraretinal, intraspinal, intrasynovial, intrathoracic, intrauterine, intravesical, intralesional, vaginal, rectal, buccal, sublingual, intranasal, or transdermal delivery device or system.
11. A method for producing an isolated IL-23p19 antibody according to claim 1 or claim 2, comprising providing a host cell or non-human transgenic animal or transgenic plant or plant cell capable of expressing in recoverable amounts said antibody.

Patentansprüche

1. Isolierter IL-23p19-Antikörper, bei dem es sich um einen Antikörper handelt, der an die p19-Untereinheit von IL-23 bindet, umfassend:

(i)

(a) wenigstens einen variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereich, wobei der variable Leichte-Kette-Bereich Folgendes umfasst:

eine CDRL1(Komplementarität bestimmender Leichte-Kette-Bereich 1)-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:46;

eine CDRL2-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:52; und

eine CDRL3-Aminosäuresequenz, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:58-61 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist; und

(b) wenigstens einen variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereich, wobei der variable Schwere-Kette-Bereich Folgendes umfasst:

eine CDRH1(Komplementarität bestimmender Schwere-Kette-Bereich 1)-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:1;

eine CDRH2-Aminosäuresequenz, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:7 und 8 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist; und

eine CDRH3-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:40;

(ii)

(a) wenigstens einen variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereich, wobei der variable Leichte-Kette-Bereich Folgendes umfasst:

eine CDRL1-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:47;

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eine CDRL2-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:53; und
eine CDRL3-Aminosäuresequenz, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:62-67 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist; und

5 (b) wenigstens einen variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereich, wobei der variable Schwere-Kette-Bereich Folgendes umfasst:

10 eine CDRH1-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:2;
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(iii)

15 (a) wenigstens einen variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereich, wobei der variable Leichte-Kette-Bereich Folgendes umfasst:

20 eine CDRL1-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:49;
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eine CDRL3-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:70; und

(b) wenigstens einen variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereich, wobei der variable Schwere-Kette-Bereich Folgendes umfasst:

25 eine CDRH1-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:4;
eine CDRH2-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:18; und
eine CDRH3-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:43;

(iv)

30 (a) wenigstens einen variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereich, wobei der variable Leichte-Kette-Bereich Folgendes umfasst:

35 eine CDRL1-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:50;
eine CDRL2-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:56; und
eine CDRL3-Aminosäuresequenz, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:58-68 und 71-73 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist; und

40 (b) wenigstens einen variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereich, wobei der variable Schwere-Kette-Bereich Folgendes umfasst:

45 eine CDRH1-Aminosäuresequenz, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:5 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist;
eine CDRH2-Aminosäuresequenz, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:19 und 21-27 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist; und
eine CDRH3-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:44;

(v)

50 (a) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereichs, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:82-85 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist; und

(b) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereichs, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:80 und 81 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist;

(vi)

55 (a) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereichs, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:93-98 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist; und

(b) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereichs, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:86-92

bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist;

(vii)

- 5 (a) eine Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:102 des variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereichs; und
(b) eine Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:101 des variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereichs;

(viii)

- 10 (a) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereichs, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:113-116 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist; und
(b) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereichs, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:103-112 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist;

15 (ix)

- (a) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereichs mit wenigstens 95% Identität mit einer der aus der aus SEQ ID NO:82-85 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählten Aminosäuresequenzen; und
20 (b) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereichs mit wenigstens 95% Identität mit einer der aus der aus SEQ ID NO:80 und 81 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählten Aminosäuresequenzen;

(x)

- 25 (a) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereichs mit wenigstens 95% Identität mit einer der aus der aus SEQ ID NO:93-98 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählten Aminosäuresequenzen; und
(b) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereichs mit wenigstens 95% Identität mit einer der aus der aus SEQ ID NO:86-92 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählten Aminosäuresequenzen;

(xi)

- 30 (a) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereichs mit wenigstens 95% Identität mit der Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:102; und
(b) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereichs mit wenigstens 95% Identität mit der Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:101;

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(xii)

- (a) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereichs mit wenigstens 95% Identität mit einer der aus der aus SEQ ID NO:113-116 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählten Aminosäuresequenzen; und
40 (b) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereichs mit wenigstens 95% Identität mit einer der aus der aus SEQ ID NO:103-112 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählten Aminosäuresequenzen;

(xiii)

- 45 (a) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereichs, die durch die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:136-138 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählte Nukleotidsequenz codiert ist; und
(b) eine Aminosäuresequenz des variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereichs, die durch die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:133-135 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählte Nukleotidsequenz codiert ist;

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(xiv)

- (a) eine Sequenz des variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereichs, die durch eine Nukleotidsequenz mit wenigstens 95% Identität mit einer der aus der aus SEQ ID NO:136-138 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählten Nukleotidsequenzen codiert ist; und
55 (b) eine Sequenz des variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereichs, die durch eine Nukleotidsequenz mit wenigstens 95% Identität mit einer der aus der aus SEQ ID NO:133-135 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählten Nukleotidsequenzen codiert ist; oder

(xv)

(a) eine Sequenz des variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereichs, die durch eine Nukleotidsequenz mit wenigstens 95% Identität mit einer der aus der aus SEQ ID NO:142-144 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählten Nukleotidsequenzen codiert ist; und

(b) eine Sequenz des variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereichs, die durch eine Nukleotidsequenz mit wenigstens 95% Identität mit einer der aus der aus SEQ ID NO:139-141 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählten Nukleotidsequenzen codiert ist.

2. IL-23p19-Antikörper gemäß Anspruch 1, wobei der Antikörper:

(a) IL-23p19 mit wenigstens einer aus mindestens 10^{-9} M, mindestens 10^{-10} M, mindestens 10^{-11} M und mindestens 10^{-12} M, mindestens 10^{-13} M, mindestens 10^{-14} M und mindestens 10^{-15} M ausgewählten Affinität bindet, wie mittels Oberflächenplasmonresonanz oder Kinexa-Verfahren bestimmt; und/oder

(b) wenigstens eine Aktivität wenigstens eines IL-23-Polypeptids moduliert.

3. Isoliertes Nukleinsäuremolekül:

(a) codierend wenigstens einen isolierten IL-23p19-Antikörper gemäß Anspruch 1 oder Anspruch 2; oder

(b) umfassend:

eine Nukleotidsequenz des variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereichs, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:136-138 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist oder/und eine Nukleotidsequenz des variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereichs, die aus der aus SEQ ID NO:133-135 bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist.

4. Isolierter Nukleinsäurevektor, umfassend das isolierte Nukleinsäuremolekül gemäß Anspruch 3.

5. Prokaryontische oder eukaryontische Wirtszelle, umfassend:

(a) das isolierte Nukleinsäuremolekül gemäß Anspruch 4; oder

(b)

(i) einen einen variablen Leichte-Kette-Bereich codierenden Nukleinsäurevektor, wobei der variable Leichte-Kette-Bereich Folgendes umfasst:

eine CDRL1-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:50;
eine CDRL2-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:56; und
eine CDRL3-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:73; und

(ii) einen einen variablen Schwere-Kette-Bereich codierenden Nukleinsäurevektor, wobei der variable Schwere-Kette-Bereich Folgendes umfasst:

eine CDRH1-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:5;
eine CDRH2-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:20; und
eine CDRH3-Aminosäuresequenz der SEQ ID NO:44,

gegebenenfalls wobei es sich bei der Wirtszelle um wenigstens eine aus COS-1-, COS-7-, HEK293-, BHK21-, CHO-, BSC-1-, Hep-G2-, 653-, SP2/0-, 293-, HeLa-, Myelom- oder Lymphomzellen, oder einer beliebigen abgeleiteten, immortalisierten oder transformierten Zelle davon ausgewählte Zelle handelt.

6. In-vitro-Verfahren zur Herstellung wenigstens eines IL-23p19-Antikörpers, umfassend Translatieren des Nukleinsäuremoleküls gemäß Anspruch 3 unter solchen Bedingungen, dass der IL-23p19-Antikörper in nachweisbaren oder gewinnbaren Mengen exprimiert wird.

7. Zusammensetzung, umfassend wenigstens einen isolierten IL-23p19-Antikörper gemäß Anspruch 1 oder Anspruch 2 und wenigstens ein pharmazeutisch unbedenkliches Träger- oder Verdünnungsmittel, gegebenenfalls ferner umfassend wenigstens eine Verbindung bzw. wenigstens ein Polypeptid, die bzw. das aus einer nachweisbaren Markierung bzw. einem nachweisbaren Reporter, einem TNF-Antagonisten, einem Arzneistoff gegen Infektionen, einem

Arzneistoff für das Herz-Kreislauf-System, einem Arzneistoff für das zentrale Nervensystem (ZNS), einem Arzneistoff für das vegetative Nervensystem (VNS), einem Arzneistoff für die Atemwege, einem Arzneistoff für den Magen-Darm-Trakt, einem hormonellen Arzneistoff, einem Arzneistoff für den Flüssigkeits- oder Elektrolyt-Haushalt, einem hämatologischen Arzneistoff, einem Arzneistoff gegen Tumorneubildung, einem immunmodulierenden Arzneistoff, einem Arzneistoff für Auge, Ohr oder Nase, einem topischen Arzneistoff, einem ernährungstechnischen Arzneistoff, einem Cytokin und einem Cytokin-Antagonisten ausgewählt ist.

8. Antikörper nach Anspruch 1 oder Anspruch 2 zur Verwendung bei einem In-vivo-Verfahren zur Diagnose oder Behandlung eines mit IL-23 verbundenen Leidens in einer Zelle, einem Gewebe, Organ oder Tier, wobei man die Zusammensetzung mit der Zelle, dem Gewebe, Organ oder Tier in Kontakt bringt oder der Zelle, dem Gewebe, Organ oder Tier verabreicht, wobei z.B. das mit IL-23 verbundene Leiden aus der aus Psoriasis, Psoriasisarthritis, Morbus Crohn, multipler Sklerosis, Neuritis nervi optici and klinisch isoliertem Syndrom bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist, gegebenenfalls:

(a) wobei der Antikörper zur Verabreichung in einer wirksamen Menge von 0,001-50 mg pro Kilogramm der Zellen, des Gewebes, Organs oder Tiers geeignet ist;

(b) wobei der Antikörper zur Verabreichung auf wenigstens eine aus parenteral, subkutan, intramuskulär, intravenös, intraartikulär, intrabronchial, intraabdominal, intrakapsulär, intrakartilaginär, intrakavitär, intrazöliä (intracelially), intrazerebellar, intrazerebroventrikulär, intracolonisch, intrazervikal, intragastrisch, intrahepatisch, intramyokardial, intraosteal, intrapelvisch, intraperikardial, intraperitoneal, intrapleurale, intraprostatisch, intrapulmonal, intrarektal, intrarenal, intraretinal, intraspinal, intrasynovial, intrathorakal, intrauterin, intravesikal, intraläsional, vaginal, rektal, bukkal, sublingual, intranasal und transdermal ausgewählte Art und Weise geeignet ist; oder

(c) wobei der Antikörper zur Verabreichung vor, gleichzeitig mit oder nach dem Inkontaktbringen oder Verabreichen wenigstens einer Zusammensetzung, die eine wirksame Menge wenigstens einer Verbindung bzw. wenigstens eines Polypeptids, die bzw. das aus einer nachweisbaren Markierung bzw. einem nachweisbaren Reporter, einem Arzneistoff gegen Infektionen, einem Arzneistoff für das Herz-Kreislauf-System, einem Arzneistoff für das zentrale Nervensystem (ZNS), einem Arzneistoff für das vegetative Nervensystem (VNS), einem Arzneistoff für die Atemwege, einem Arzneistoff für den Magen-Darm-Trakt, einem hormonellen Arzneistoff, einem Arzneistoff für den Flüssigkeits- oder Elektrolythaushalt, einem hämatologischen Arzneistoff, einem Arzneistoff gegen Tumorneubildung, einem immunmodulierenden Arzneistoff, einem Arzneistoff für Auge, Ohr oder Nase, einem topischen Arzneistoff, einem ernährungstechnischen Arzneistoff, einem Cytokin und einem Cytokin-Antagonisten ausgewählt ist, umfasst, geeignet ist.

9. Medizinische Vorrichtung, umfassend einen IL-23p19-Antikörper gemäß Anspruch 1 oder Anspruch 2, wobei die Vorrichtung zum Inkontaktbringen oder Verabreichen des IL-23p19-Antikörpers auf wenigstens eine aus parenteral, subkutan, intramuskulär, intravenös, intraartikulär, intrabronchial, intraabdominal, intrakapsulär, intrakartilaginär, intrakavitär, intrazöliä (intracelially), intrazerebellar, intrazerebroventrikulär, intracolonisch, intrazervikal, intragastrisch, intrahepatisch, intramyokardial, intraosteal, intrapelvisch, intraperikardial, intraperitoneal, intrapleurale, intraprostatisch, intrapulmonal, intrarektal, intrarenal, intraretinal, intraspinal, intrasynovial, intrathorakal, intrauterin, intravesikal, intraläsional, vaginal, rektal, bukkal, sublingual, intranasal und transdermal ausgewählte Art und Weise geeignet ist.

10. Erzeugnis zur pharmazeutischen oder diagnostischen Verwendung am Menschen, umfassend Verpackungsmaterial und einen eine Lösung oder eine lyophilisierte Form eines IL-23p19-Antikörpers gemäß Anspruch 1 oder Anspruch 2 umfassenden Behälter, gegebenenfalls wobei es sich bei dem Behälter um einen Bestandteil einer Vorrichtung oder eines Systems zur parenteralen, subkutanen, intramuskulären, intravenösen, intraartikulären, intrabronchialen, intraabdominalen, intrakapsulären, intrakartilaginären, intrakavitären, intrazöliä (intracelially), intrazerebellaren, intrazerebroventrikulären, intracolonischen, intrazervikalen, intragastrischen, intrahepatischen, intramyokardialen, intraostealen, intrapelvischen, intraperikardialen, intraperitonealen, intrapleuralen, intraprostatischen, intrapulmonalen, intrarektalen, intrarenalen, intraretinalen, intraspinalen, intrasynovialen, intrathorakalen, intrauterinen, intravesikalen, intraläsionalen, vaginalen, rektalen, bukkalen, sublingualen, intranasalen oder transdermalen Zuführung handelt.

11. Verfahren zur Herstellung eines isolierten IL-23p19-Antikörpers gemäß Anspruch 1 oder Anspruch 2, umfassend Bereitstellen einer Wirtszelle oder eines nichtmenschlichen transgenen Tiers oder einer transgenen Pflanze oder Pflanzenzelle mit der Fähigkeit zur Expression des Antikörpers in gewinnbaren Mengen.

Revendications

1. Anticorps contre IL-23p19 isolé, qui est un anticorps qui se lie à la sous-unité p19 d'IL-23, comprenant :

- 5 (i)
- (a) au moins une région variable de chaîne légère, ladite région variable de chaîne légère comprenant :
- 10 une séquence d'acides aminés de chaîne légère de région déterminant la complémentarité 1 (CDRL1) de SEQ ID NO: 46 ;
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL2 de SEQ ID NO: 52 ; et
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL3 choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 58-61 ; et
- 15 (b) au moins une région variable de chaîne lourde, ladite région variable de chaîne lourde comprenant :
- une séquence d'acides aminés de chaîne lourde de région déterminant la complémentarité 1 (CDRH1) de SEQ ID NO: 1 ;
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH2 choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 7 et 8 ; et
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH3 de SEQ ID NO: 40 ;
- 20 (ii)
- (a) au moins une région variable de chaîne légère, ladite région variable de chaîne légère comprenant :
- 25 une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL1 de SEQ ID NO: 47 ;
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL2 de SEQ ID NO: 53 ; et
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL3 choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 62-67 ; et
- 30 (b) au moins une région variable de chaîne lourde, ladite région variable de chaîne lourde comprenant :
- une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH1 de SEQ ID NO: 2 ;
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH2 choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 9-15 ; et
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH3 de SEQ ID NO: 41 ;
- 35 (iii)
- (a) au moins une région variable de chaîne légère, ladite région variable de chaîne légère comprenant :
- 40 une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL1 de SEQ ID NO: 49 ;
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL2 de SEQ ID NO: 55 ; et
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL3 de SEQ ID NO: 70 ; et
- (b) au moins une région variable de chaîne lourde, ladite région variable de chaîne lourde comprenant :
- 45 une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH1 de SEQ ID NO: 4 ;
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH2 de SEQ ID NO: 18 ; et
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH3 de SEQ ID NO: 43 ;
- 50 (iv)
- (a) au moins une région variable de chaîne légère, ladite région variable de chaîne légère comprenant :
- 55 une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL1 de SEQ ID NO: 50 ;
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL2 de SEQ ID NO: 56 ; et
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL3 choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 58-68 et 71-73 ; et
- (b) au moins une région variable de chaîne lourde, ladite région variable de chaîne lourde comprenant :

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une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH1 choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 5 ;
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH2 choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 19 et 21-27 ; et
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH3 de SEQ ID NO: 44 ;

- 5 (v)
- (a) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne légère choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 82-85 ; et
- 10 (b) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne lourde choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 80 et 81 ;
- (vi)
- 15 (a) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne légère choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 93-98 ; et
- (b) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne lourde choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 86-92 ;
- (vii)
- 20 (a) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne légère de SEQ ID NO: 102 ; et
- (b) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne lourde de SEQ ID NO: 101 ;
- (viii)
- 25 (a) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne légère choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 113-116 ; et
- (b) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne lourde choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 103-112 ;
- 30 (ix)
- (a) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne légère ayant au moins 95 % d'identité avec l'une quelconque des séquences d'acides aminés choisies dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 82-85 ; et
- 35 (b) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne lourde ayant au moins 95 % d'identité avec l'une quelconque des séquences d'acides aminés choisies dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 80 et 81 ;
- (x)
- 40 (a) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne légère ayant au moins 95 % d'identité avec l'une quelconque des séquences d'acides aminés choisies dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 93-98 ; et
- 45 (b) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne lourde ayant au moins 95 % d'identité avec l'une quelconque des séquences d'acides aminés choisies dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 86-92 ;
- (xi)
- 50 (a) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne légère ayant au moins 95 % d'identité avec la séquence d'acides aminés de SEQ ID NO: 102 ; et
- (b) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne lourde ayant au moins 95 % d'identité de la séquence d'acides aminés de SEQ ID NO: 101 ;
- (xii)
- 55 (a) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne légère ayant au moins 95 % d'identité avec l'une quelconque des séquences d'acides aminés choisies dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 113-116 ; et

(b) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne lourde ayant au moins 95 % d'identité avec l'une quelconque des séquences d'acides aminés choisies dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 103-112 ;

5 (xiii)

(a) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne légère codée par la séquence de nucléotides choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 136-138 ; et

10 (b) une séquence d'acides aminés de région variable de chaîne lourde codée par la séquence de nucléotides choisi dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 133-135 ;

(xiv)

15 (a) une séquence de région variable de chaîne légère codée par une séquence de nucléotides ayant au moins 95 % d'identité avec l'une quelconque des séquences de nucléotides choisies dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 136-138 ; et

(b) une séquence de région variable de chaîne lourde codée par une séquence de nucléotides ayant au moins 95 % d'identité avec l'une quelconque des séquences de nucléotides choisi dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 133-135 ; ou

20 (xv)

(a) une séquence de région variable de chaîne légère codée par une séquence de nucléotides ayant au moins 95 % d'identité avec l'une quelconque des séquences de nucléotides choisi dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 142-144 ; et

(b) une séquence de région variable de chaîne lourde codée par une séquence de nucléotides ayant au moins 95 % d'identité avec l'une quelconque des séquences de nucléotides choisi dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 139-141.

30 2. Anticorps contre IL-23p19 selon la revendication 1, où ledit anticorps :

(a) se lie à IL-23p19 ayant au moins une affinité choisie parmi au moins 10^{-9} M, au moins 10^{-10} M, au moins 10^{-11} M, et au moins 10^{-12} M, au moins 10^{-13} M, au moins 10^{-14} M, et au moins 10^{-15} M, comme déterminé by résonance des plasmons de surface ou le procédé Kinexa ; et/ou

35 (b) module au moins une activité d'au moins un polypeptide IL-23.

3. Molécule d'acide nucléique isolée :

40 (a) codant pour au moins un anticorps contre IL-23p19 isolé selon la revendication 1 ou la revendication 2 ; ou
(b) comprenant au moins l'un de :

une séquence de nucléotides de région variable de chaîne légère choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 136-138 et

45 une séquence de nucléotides de région variable de chaîne lourde choisie dans le groupe constitué de SEQ ID NO: 133-135.

4. Vecteur d'acide nucléique isolé comprenant la molécule d'acide nucléique isolée selon la revendication 3.

5. Cellule hôte procaryote ou eucaryote comprenant :

50 (a) la molécule d'acide nucléique isolée selon la revendication 4 ; ou
(b)

(i) un vecteur d'acide nucléique codant pour une région variable de chaîne légère, ladite région variable de chaîne légère comprenant :

une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL1 de SEQ ID NO: 50 ;

une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL2 de SEQ ID NO: 56 ; et

une séquence d'acides aminés CDRL3 de SEQ ID NO: 73 ; et

(ii) un vecteur d'acide nucléique codant pour une région variable de chaîne lourde, ladite région variable de chaîne lourde comprenant :

une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH1 de SEQ ID NO: 5 ;
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH2 de SEQ ID NO: 20 ; et
une séquence d'acides aminés CDRH3 de SEQ ID NO: 44

facultativement où ladite cellule hôte est au moins l'une choisie parmi des cellules COS-1, COS-7, HEK293, BHK21, CHO, BSC-1, Hep G2, 653, SP2/0, 293, HeLa, de myélome, ou de lymphome, ou des cellules dérivées, immortalisées ou transformées de celles-ci.

6. Procédé *in vitro* de production d'au moins un anticorps contre IL-23p19, comprenant la traduction de la molécule d'acide nucléique selon la revendication 3 dans des conditions telles que l'anticorps contre IL-23p19 soit exprimé dans des quantités détectables ou récupérables.

7. Composition comprenant au moins un anticorps contre IL-23p19 isolé selon la revendication 1 ou la revendication 2 et au moins un véhicule ou diluant pharmaceutiquement acceptable, comprenant facultativement en outre au moins un composé ou polypeptide choisi parmi un marqueur ou rapporteur détectable, un antagoniste de TNF, un médicament anti-infectieux, un médicament pour le système cardiovasculaire (CV), un médicament pour le système nerveux central (SNC), un médicament pour le système nerveux autonome (SNA), un médicament pour les voies respiratoires, un médicament pour le tube digestif (GI), un médicament hormonal, un médicament pour l'équilibre de fluides ou d'électrolytes, un médicament hématologique, un antinéoplasique, un médicament immunomodulateur, un médicament ophtalmique, otique ou nasal, un médicament topique, un médicament nutritionnel, une cytokine, et un antagoniste de cytokine.

8. Anticorps de la revendication 1 ou la revendication 2 pour utilisation dans un procédé *in vivo* de diagnostic ou traitement d'une affection liée à IL-23 dans une cellule, un tissu, un organe ou un animal, par exemple où l'affection liée à IL-23 est choisie dans le groupe constitué du psoriasis, du rhumatisme psoriasique, de la maladie de Crohn, de la sclérose en plaques, de la névrite optique, et du syndrome clinique isolé, où facultativement :

(a) ledit anticorps est adapté pour administration en une quantité efficace de 0,001 à 50 mg/kilogramme desdits cellules, tissu, organe ou animal ;

(b) ledit anticorps est adapté pour administration par au moins un mode choisi parmi les modes parentéral, sous-cutané, intramusculaire, intraveineux, intra-articulaire, intrabronchique, intra-abdominal, intracapsulaire, intracartilagineux, intracavitaire, intracoeliaque, intracérébelleux, intracérébroventriculaire, intracolique, intracervical, intragastrique, intrahépatique, intramyocardique, intra-ostéal, intrapelvien, intrapéricardique, intrapéritonéal, intrapleurale, intraprostatique, intrapulmonaire, intrarectal, intrarénal, intrarétinien, intraspinal, intrasynovial, intrathoracique, intra-utérin, intravésical, intralésionnel, vaginal, rectal, buccal, sublingual, intranasal et transdermique ; ou

(c) ledit anticorps est adapté pour administration, avant, concomitamment avec ou après ladite mise en contact avec ou administration d'au moins une composition comprenant une quantité efficace d'au moins un composé ou polypeptide choisi parmi un marqueur ou rapporteur détectable, un médicament anti-infectieux, un médicament pour le système cardiovasculaire (CV), un médicament pour le système nerveux central (SNC), un médicament pour le système nerveux autonome (SNA), un médicament pour les voies respiratoires, un médicament pour le tube digestif (GI), un médicament hormonal, un médicament pour l'équilibre de fluides ou d'électrolytes, un médicament hématologique, un antinéoplasique, un médicament immunomodulateur, un médicament ophtalmique, otique ou nasal, un médicament topique, un médicament nutritionnel, une cytokine, et un antagoniste de cytokine.

9. Dispositif médical, comprenant un anticorps contre IL-23p19 selon la revendication 1 ou la revendication 2, ledit dispositif étant adapté pour mise en contact avec ou administration dudit anticorps contre IL-23p19 par au moins un mode choisi parmi les modes parentéral, sous-cutané, intramusculaire, intraveineux, intra-articulaire, intrabronchique, intra-abdominal, intracapsulaire, intracartilagineux, intracavitaire, intracoeliaque, intracérébelleux, intracérébroventriculaire, intracolique, intracervical, intragastrique, intrahépatique, intramyocardique, intra-ostéal, intrapelvien, intrapéricardique, intrapéritonéal, intrapleurale, intraprostatique, intrapulmonaire, intrarectal, intrarénal, intrarétinien, intraspinal, intrasynovial, intrathoracique, intra-utérin, intravésical, intralésionnel, vaginal, rectal, buccal, su-

blingual, intranasal et transdermique.

10. Article de fabrication pour utilisation pharmaceutique ou diagnostic humaine, comprenant un matériau d'emballage et un récipient comprenant une solution ou une forme lyophilisée d'un anticorps contre IL-23p19 selon la revendication 1 ou la revendication 2, où, facultativement, ledit récipient est un composant d'un dispositif ou système d'administration parentérale, sous-cutanée, intramusculaire, intraveineuse, intra-articulaire, intrabronchique, intra-abdominale, intracapsulaire, intracartilagineuse, intracavitaire, intracoeliaque, intracérébelleuse, intracérébroventriculaire, intracolique, intracervicale, intragastrique, intrahépatique, intramyocardique, intra-ostéale, intrapelvienne, intrapéricardique, intrapéritonéale, intrapleurale, intraprostatique, intrapulmonaire, intrarectale, intrarénale, intrarétinienne, intraspinale, intrasynoviale, intrathoracique, intra-utérine, intravésicale, intralésionnelle, vaginale, rectale, buccale, sublinguale, intranasale ou transdermique.

11. Procédé de production d'un anticorps contre IL-23p19 isolé selon la revendication 1 ou la revendication 2, comprenant la fourniture d'une cellule hôte ou d'un animal transgénique non humain ou d'une plante ou cellule de plante transgénique capable d'exprimer dans des quantités récupérables ledit anticorps.

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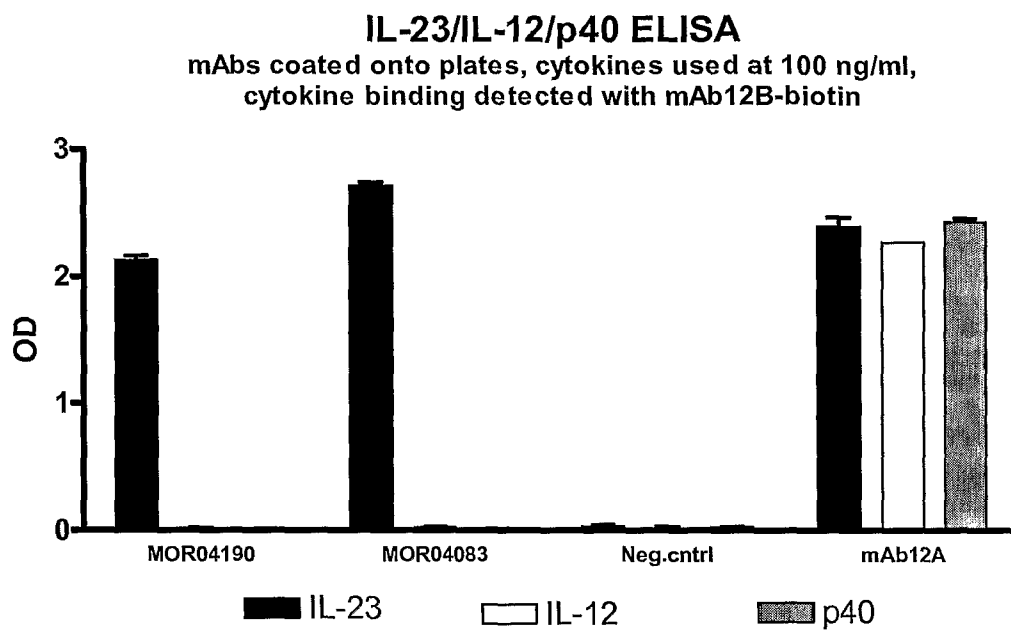


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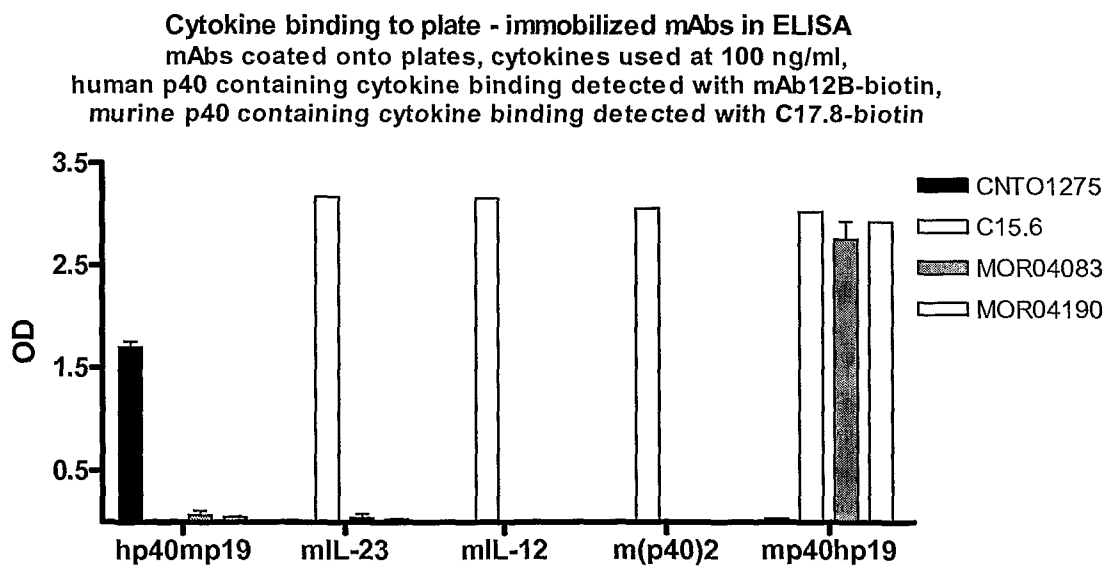


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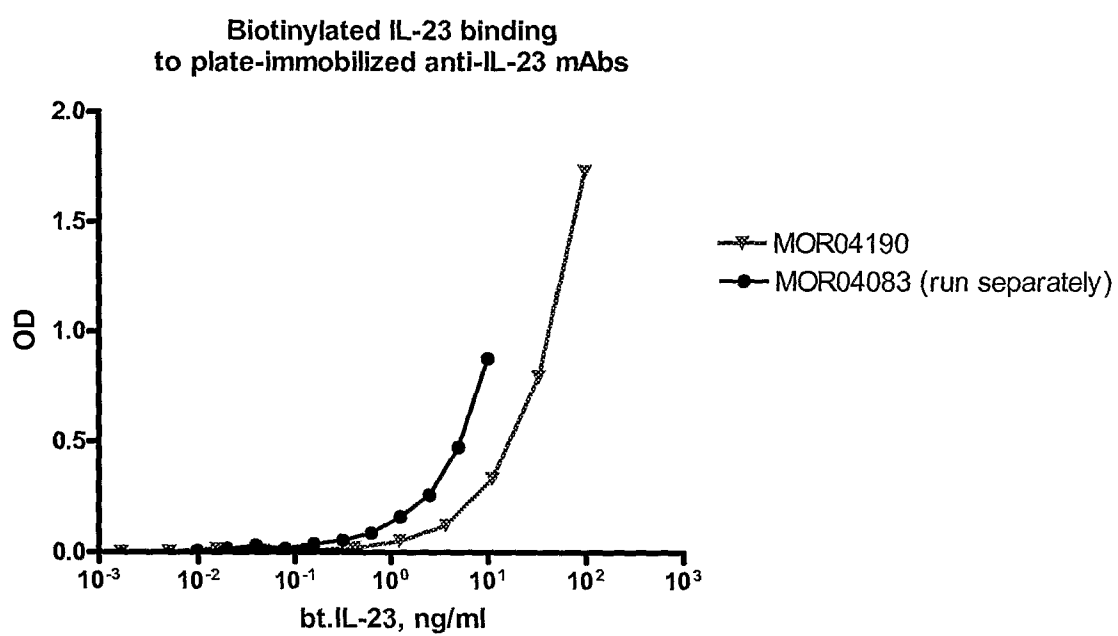


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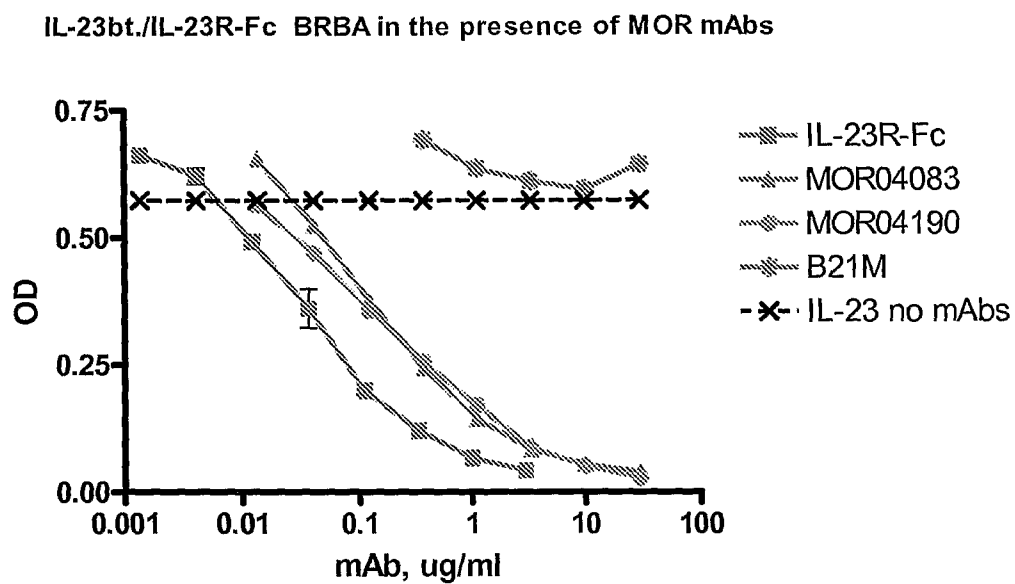


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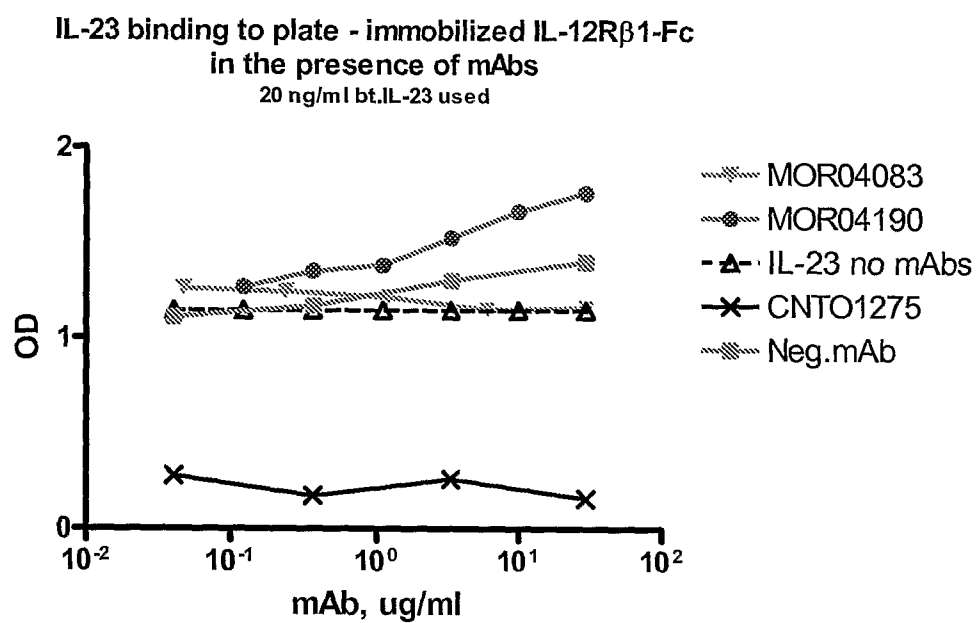


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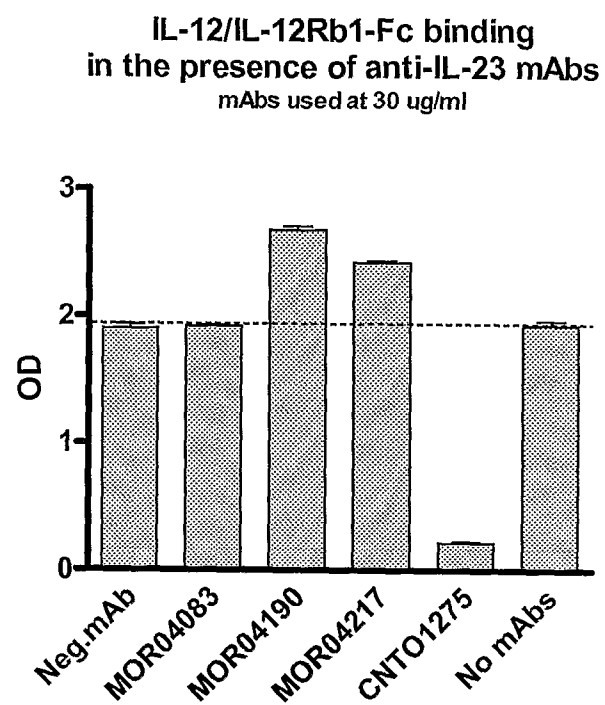


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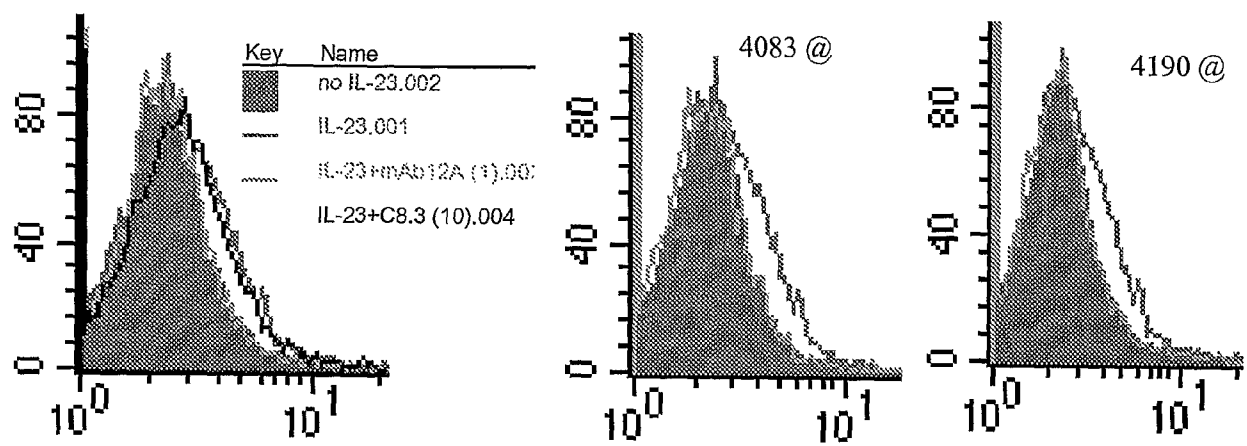


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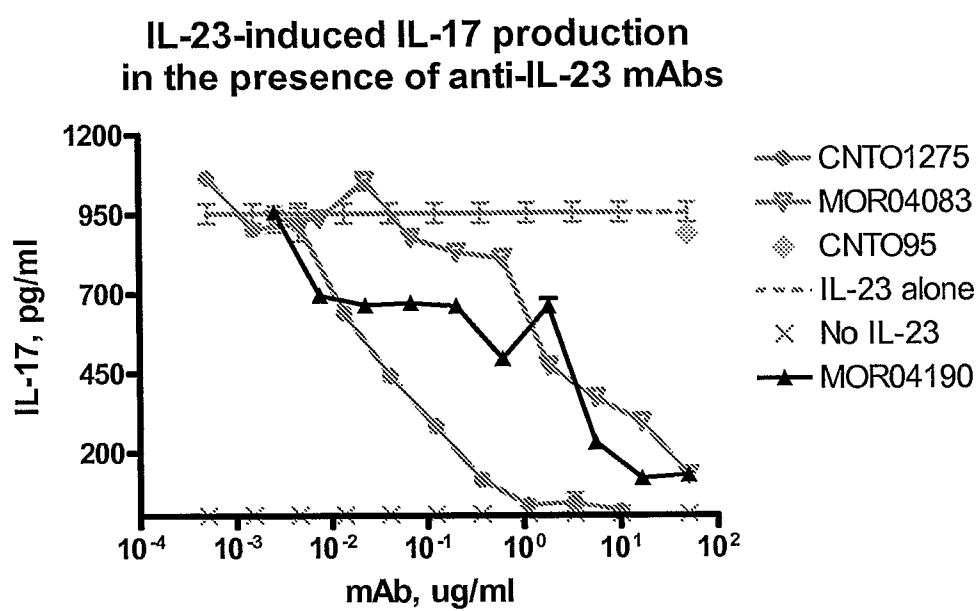


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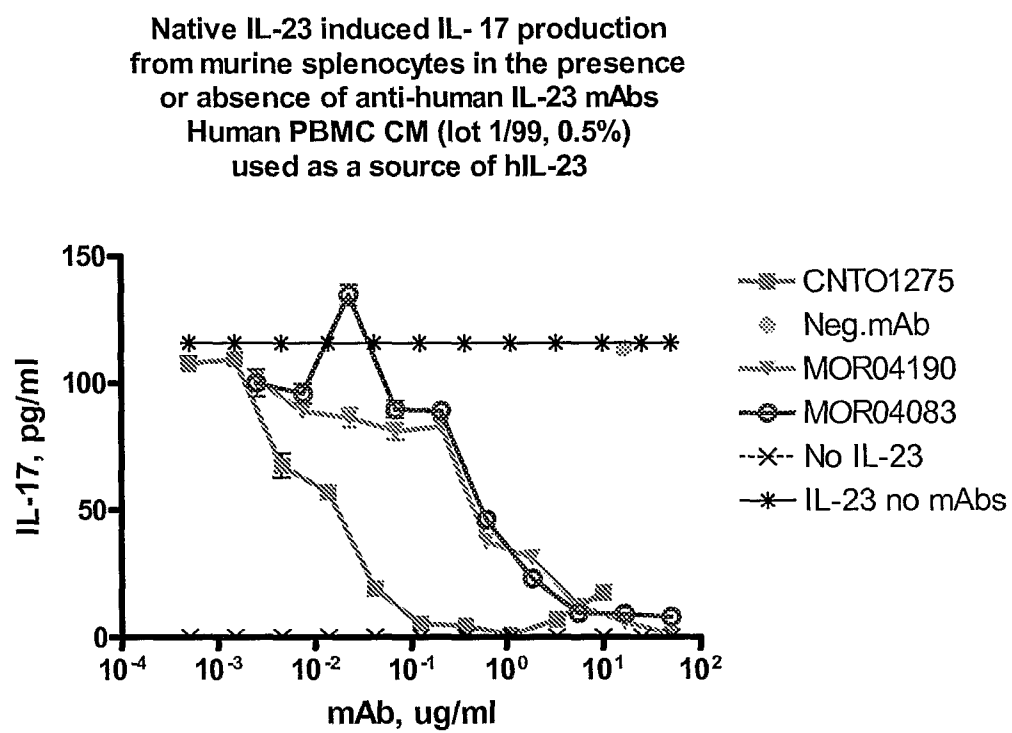


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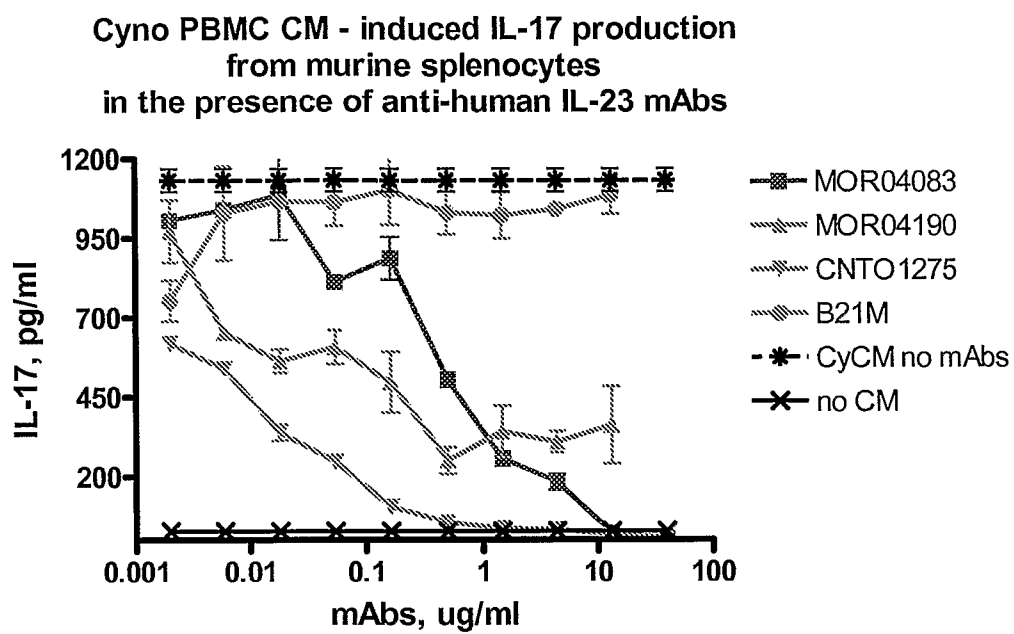


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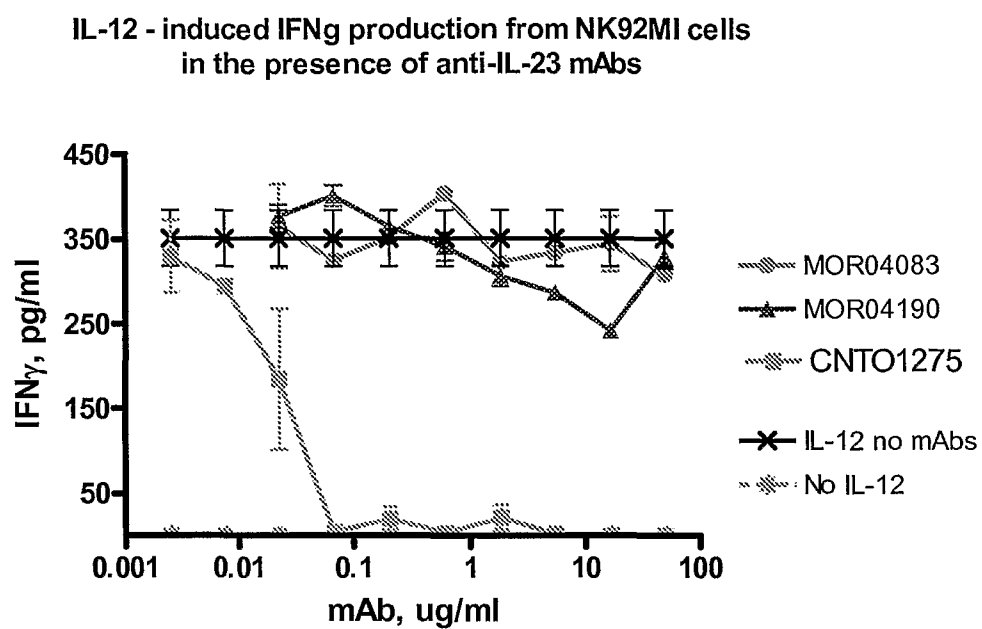


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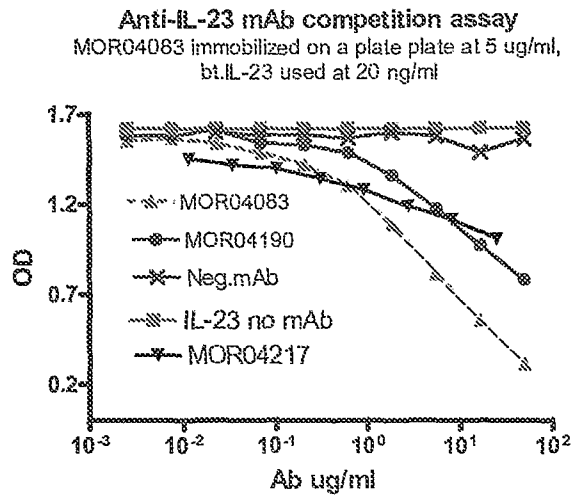


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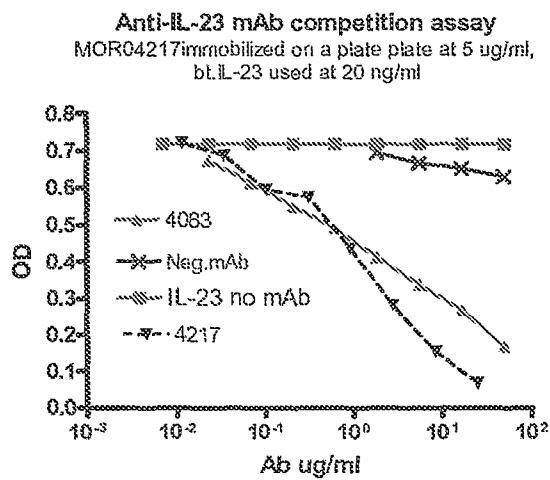
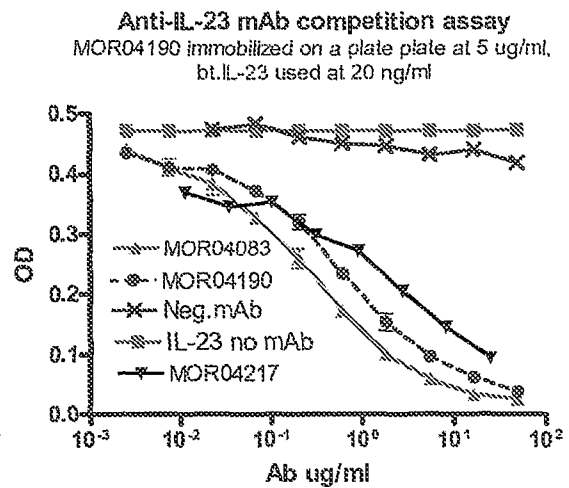


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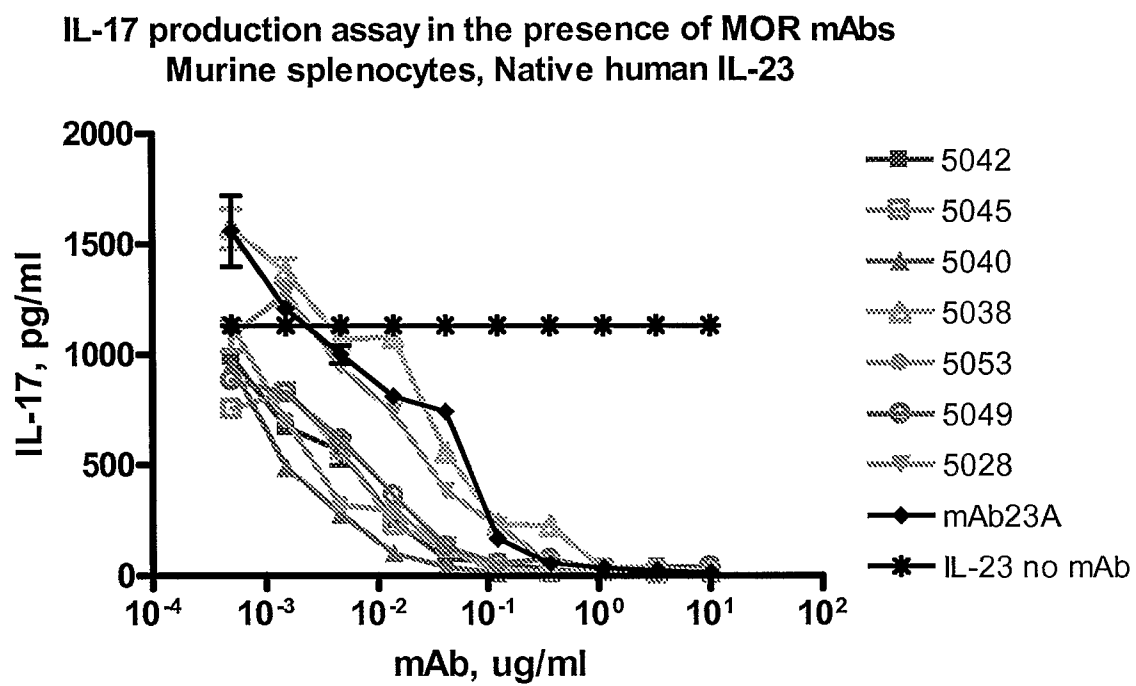


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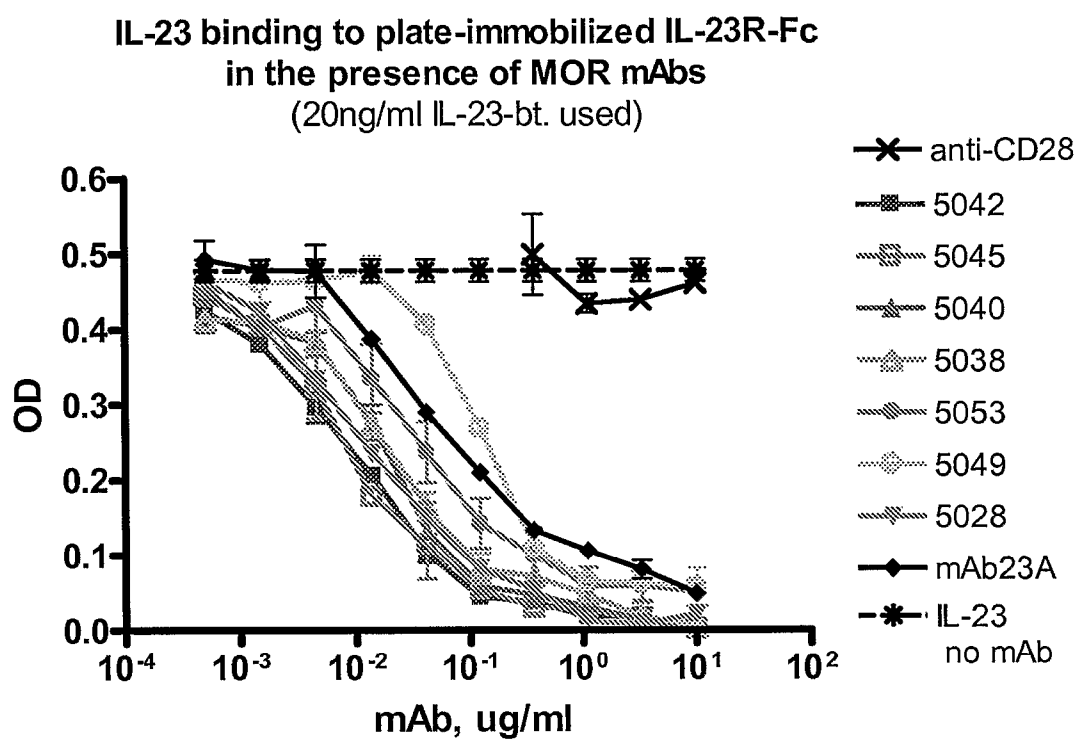


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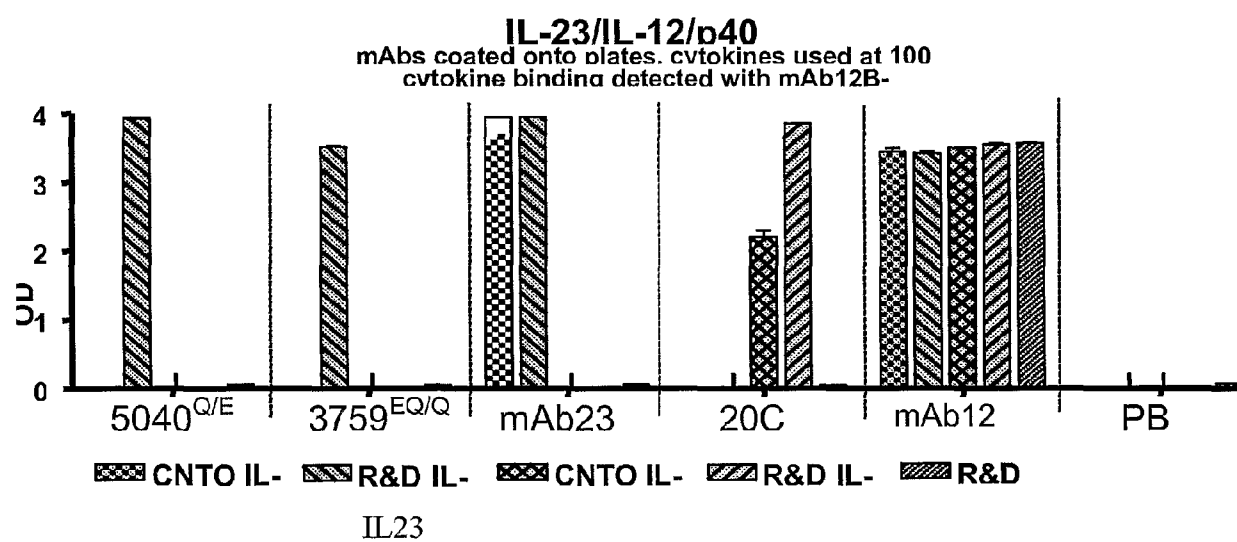


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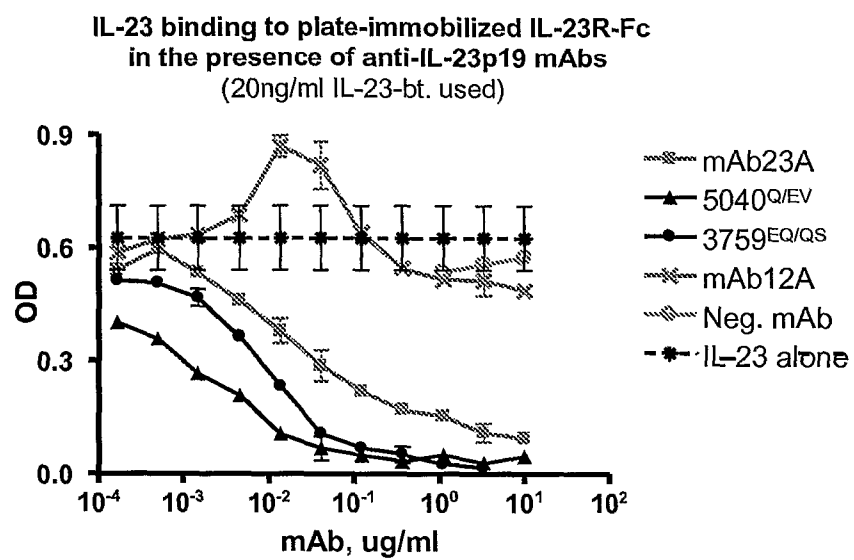


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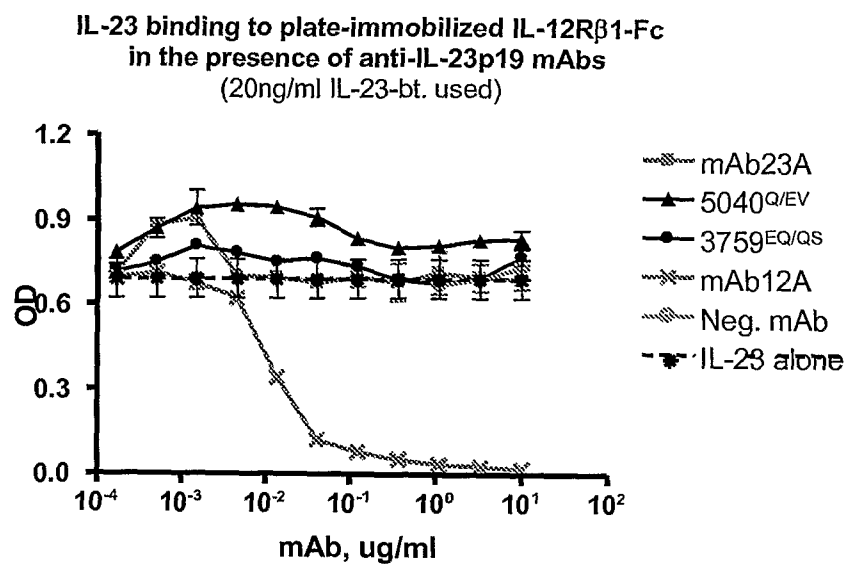


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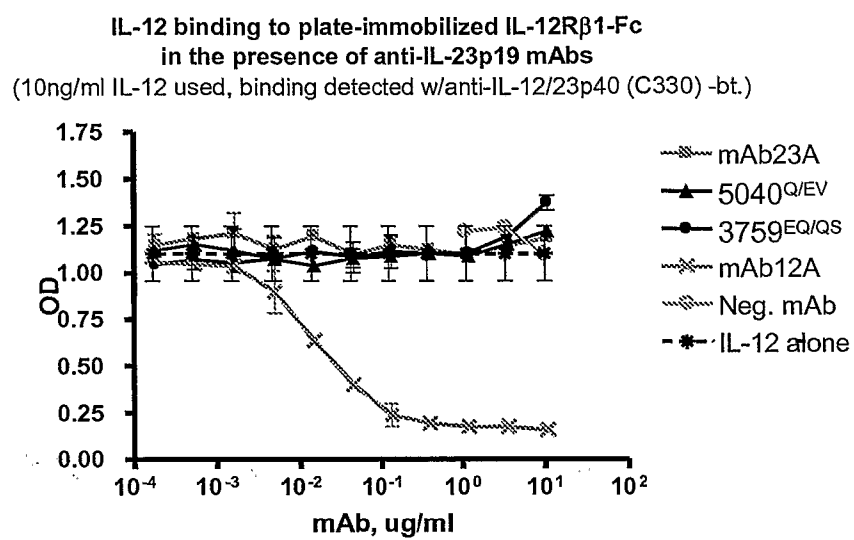


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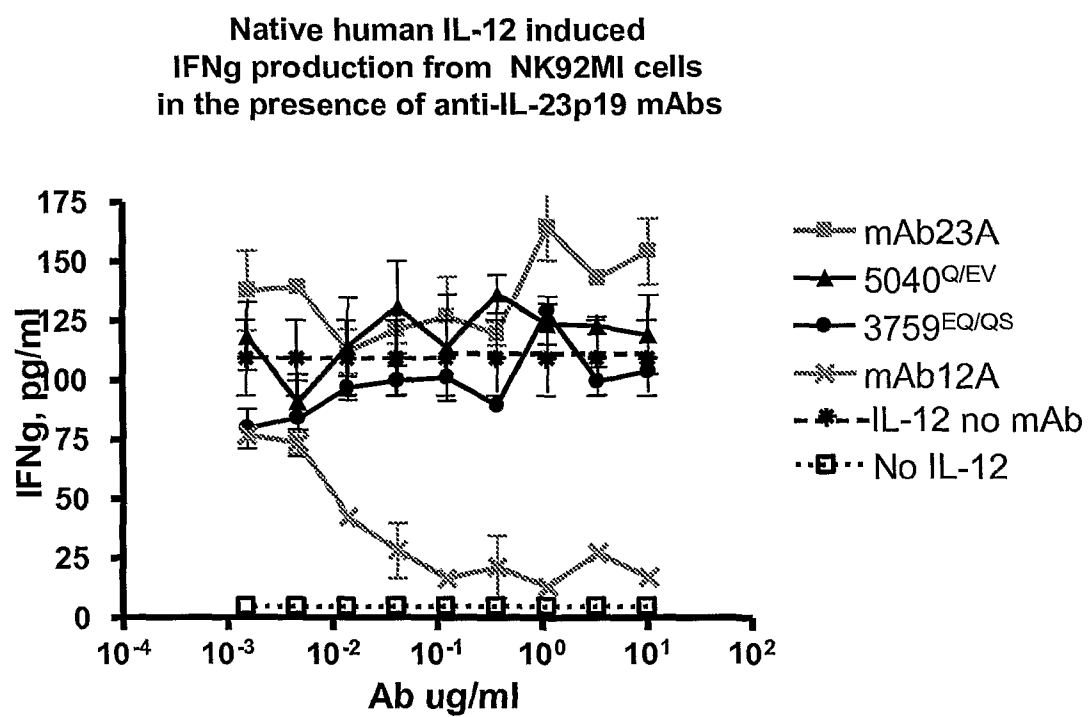


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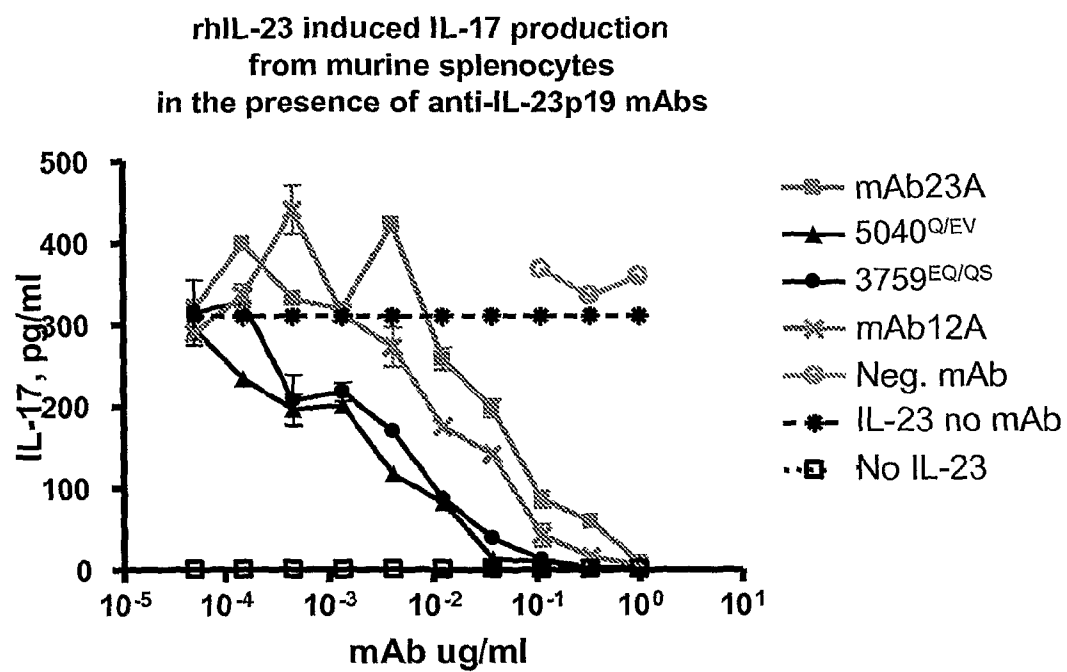


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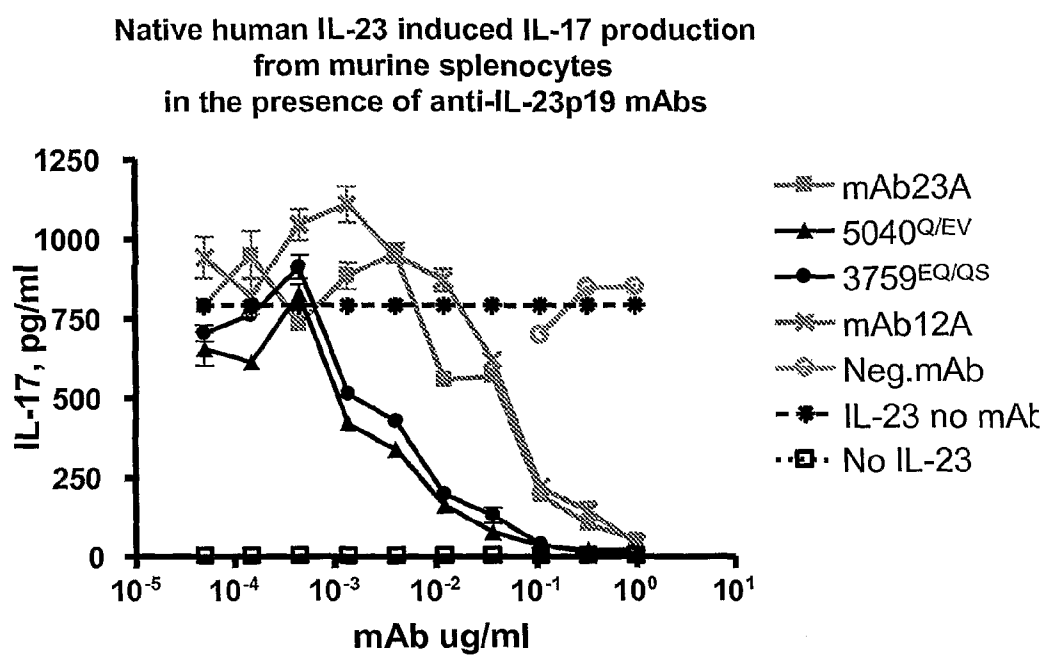


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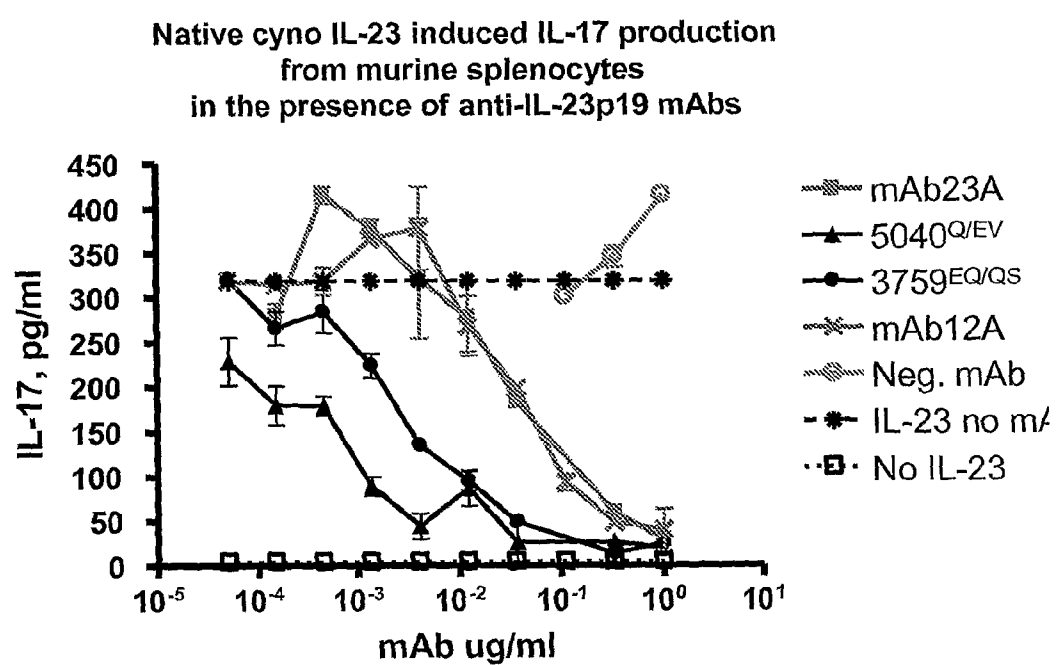


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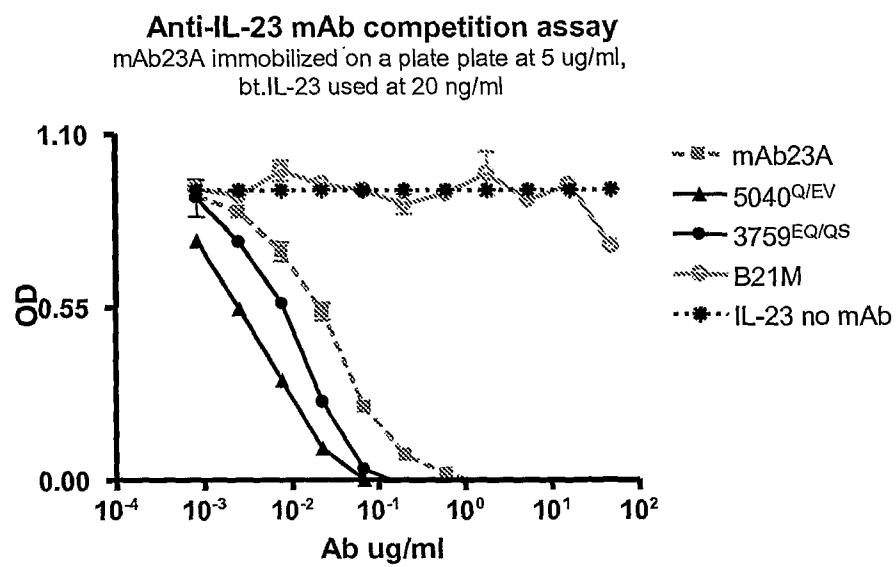


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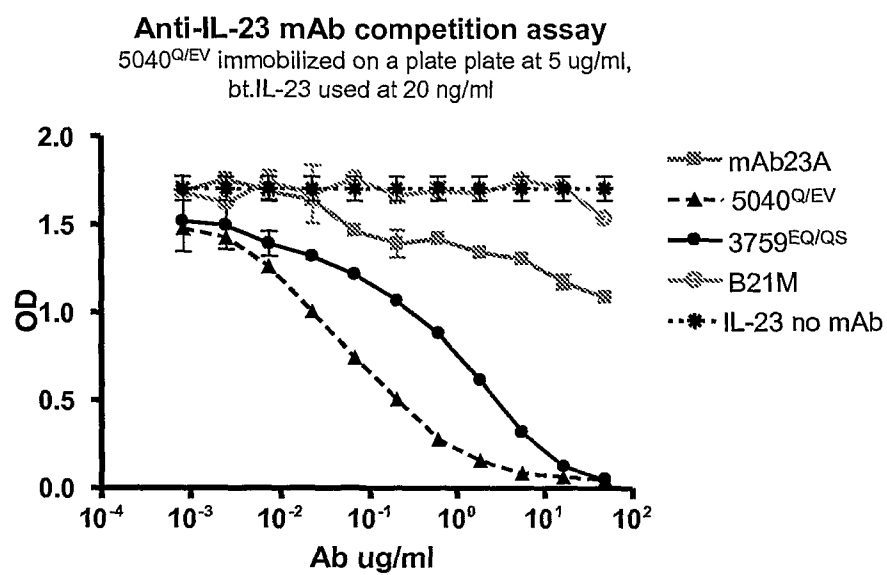
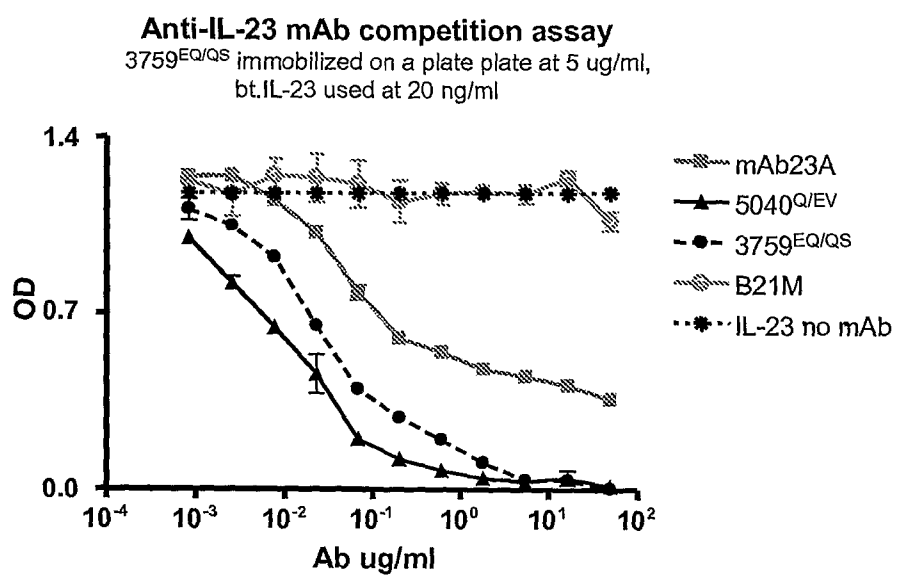


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Szabadalmi igénypontok

I. Izolált IL-23p19 ellenanyag, amely kötődik az IL-23 p19 alegységéhez és tartalmaz:

- (i) (a) legalább egy könnyűlánc variábilis régiót, amely könnyűlánc variábilis régió tartalmaz:
SEQ ID NO:46 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú 1-es könnyűlánc komplementaritást meghatározó régiót (CDRL1);
SEQ ID NO:52 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL2-t; és
SEQ ID NO.: 58-61 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL3-at; és
(b) legalább egy nehézlánc variábilis régiót, amely nehézlánc variábilis régió tartalmaz:
SEQ ID NO:1 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú 1-es nehézlánc komplementaritást meghatározó régiót (CDRH1);
SEQ ID NO.: 7 és 8 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH2-t; és
SEQ ID NO:40 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH3-at;
- (ii) (a) legalább egy könnyűlánc variábilis régiót, amely könnyűlánc variábilis régió tartalmaz:
SEQ ID NO:47 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL1-t;
SEQ ID NO:53 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL2-t; és
SEQ ID NO.: 62-67 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL3-at; és
(b) legalább egy nehézlánc variábilis régiót, amely nehézlánc variábilis régió tartalmaz:
SEQ ID NO:2 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH1-t;
SEQ ID NO.: 9-15 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH2-t; és
SEQ ID NO:41 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH3-at;
- (iii) (a) legalább egy könnyűlánc variábilis régiót, amely könnyűlánc variábilis régió tartalmaz:
SEQ ID NO:49 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL1-t;
SEQ ID NO:55 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL2-t; és
SEQ ID NO:70 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL3-at; és
(b) legalább egy nehézlánc variábilis régiót, amely nehézlánc variábilis régió tartalmaz:
SEQ ID NO:4 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH1-t;
SEQ ID NO:18 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH2-t; és
SEQ ID NO:43 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH3-at;
- (iv) (a) legalább egy könnyűlánc variábilis régiót, amely könnyűlánc variábilis régió tartalmaz:
SEQ ID NO:50 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL1-t;
SEQ ID NO:56 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL2-t; és
SEQ ID NO.: 58-68 és 71-73 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL3-at;
és
(b) legalább egy nehézlánc variábilis régiót, amely nehézlánc variábilis régió tartalmaz:
SEQ ID NO.: 5 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH1-t;
SEQ ID NO.: 19 és 21-27 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH2-t; és



SEQ ID NO:44 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH3-at;

(v) (a) SEQ ID NO:82-85 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott könnyűlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát; és

(b) SEQ ID NO:80 és 81 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott nehézlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát;

(vi) (a) SEQ ID NO:93-98 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott könnyűlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát; és

(b) SEQ ID NO:86-92 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott nehézlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát;

(vii) (a) SEQ ID NO: 102 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú könnyűlánc variábilis régiót; és

(b) a SEQ ID NO: 101 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú nehézlánc variábilis régiót;

(viii) (a) SEQ ID NO:113-116 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott könnyűlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát; és

(b) SEQ ID NO:103-112 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott nehézlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát;

(ix) (a) SEQ ID NO:82-85 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott aminosav-szekvenciával legalább 95%-ban azonos könnyűlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát; és

(b) SEQ ID NO:80 és 81 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott aminosav-szekvenciával legalább 95%-ban azonos nehézlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát;

(x) (a) SEQ ID NO:93-98 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott aminosav-szekvenciával legalább 95%-ban azonos könnyűlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát; és

(b) SEQ ID NO:86-92 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott aminosav-szekvenciával legalább 95%-ban azonos nehézlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát;

(xi) (a) SEQ ID NO:102 aminosav-szekvenciával legalább 95%-ban azonos könnyűlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát; és

(b) SEQ ID NO:101 aminosav-szekvenciával legalább 95%-ban azonos nehézlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát;

(xii) (a) SEQ ID NO:113-116 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott aminosav-szekvenciával legalább 95%-ban azonos könnyűlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát; és

(b) SEQ ID NO:103-112 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott aminosav-szekvenciával legalább 95%-ban azonos nehézlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát;

(xiii) (a) SEQ ID NO:136-138 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott nukleotid-szekvencia által kódolt könnyűlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát; és

(b) SEQ ID NO:133-135 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott nukleotid-szekvencia által kódolt nehézlánc variábilis régió aminosav-szekvenciát;

(xiv) (a) SEQ ID NO:136-138 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott nukleotid-szekvenciával legalább 95%-ban azonos nukleotid-szekvencia által kódolt könnyűlánc variábilis régió szekvenciát; és

(b) SEQ ID NO:133-135 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott nukleotid-szekvenciával legalább 95%-ban azonos nukleotid-szekvencia által kódolt nehézlánc variábilis régió szekvenciát; vagy

- (xv) (a) SEQ ID NO:142-144 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott nukleotid-szekvenciával legalább 95%-ban azonos nukleotid-szekvencia által kódolt könnyűlánc variábilis régió szekvenciát; és
- (b) SEQ ID NO:139-141 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott nukleotid-szekvenciával legalább 95%-ban azonos nukleotid-szekvencia által kódolt nehézlánc variábilis régió szekvenciát.

2. Az 1. igénypont szerinti IL-23p19 ellenanyag, ahol az ellenanyag:

- (a) a következők által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott legalább egy affinitással köti az IL-23p19-et: legalább 10^{-8} M, legalább 10^{-10} M, legalább 10^{-11} M, és legalább 10^{-12} M, legalább 10^{-13} M, legalább 10^{-14} M, és legalább 10^{-15} M, felszíni plazmon rezonancia vagy a Kinexa eljárással meghatározva; és/vagy
- (b) legalább egy IL-23 polipeptid legalább egy aktivitását modulálja.

3. Izolált nukleinsav-molekula, amely:

- (a) legalább egy 1. vagy 2. igénypont szerinti IL-23p19 ellenanyagot kódol; vagy
- (b) az alábbiak legalább egyikét tartalmazza:
 - a SEQ ID NO:136-138 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott könnyűlánc variábilis régió nukleotid-szekvencia;
 - a SEQ ID NO:133-135 által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott nehézlánc variábilis régió nukleotid-szekvencia.

4. Izolált nukleinsav vektor, amely 3. igénypont szerinti izolált nukleinsav-molekulát tartalmaz.

5. Prokarióta vagy eukarióta gazdasejt, amely tartalmaz:

- (a) a 4. igénypont szerinti izolált nukleinsav-molekulát; vagy
- (b)
 - (i) könnyűlánc variábilis régiót kódoló nukleinsav-vektort, amely könnyűlánc variábilis régió tartalmaz:
 - SEQ ID NO:50 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL1-t;
 - SEQ ID NO:56 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL2-t; és
 - SEQ ID NO:73 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRL3-at; és
 - (ii) nehézlánc variábilis régiót kódoló nukleinsav-vektort, amely nehézlánc variábilis régió tartalmaz:
 - SEQ ID NO:5 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH1-t;
 - SEQ ID NO:20 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH2-t; és
 - SEQ ID NO:44 szerinti aminosav-szekvenciájú CDRH3-at

adott esetben ahol a gazdasejt legalább egy a következők közül: COS-1, COS-7, HEK293, BHK21, CHO, BSC-1, Hep G2, 653, SP2/0, 293, HeLa, mielóma vagy limfóma sejtek, vagy ezekből származó, immortalizált vagy transzformált sejt.

6. *In vitro* eljárás legalább egy IL-23p19 ellenanyag előállítására, amely eljárás magában foglalja 3. igénypont szerinti nukleinsav-molekula transzlációját olyan körülmények között, hogy az IL-23p19 ellenanyag detektálható vagy visszanyerhető mennyiségben expresszálódik.

7. Készítmény, amely legalább egy 1. vagy 2. igénypont szerinti IL23p19 ellenanyagot és legalább egy gyógyászati lag elfogadható hordozót vagy hígítószer t tartalmaz, és adott esetben továbbá tartalmaz legalább egy vegyületet vagy polipeptidet a következők közül kiválasztva: detektálható jel vagy riporter, TNF antagonist, fertőzés ellenes drog, kardiovaszkuláris (CV) rendszer drog, központi idegrendszeri (CNS) drog, autonóm idegrendszeri (ANS) drog, légzőrendszeri drog, gasztrointesztinális (GI) rendszeri drog, hormonális drog, a folyadék vagy elektrolit egyensúly drogja, hematológiai drog, antineoplasztikus szer, immunmodulációs drog, szemészeti, fülészeti vagy nazális drog, topikális drog, táplálkozási drog, citokin és citokin antagonist.

8. Az 1. vagy 2. igénypont szerinti ellenanyag *in vivo* eljárásban történő alkalmazásra IL-23-mal kapcsolatos állapot diagnosztizálására vagy kezelésére sejtben, szövetben, szervben vagy állatban, ahol az IL-23-mal kapcsolatos állapot a következők által alkotott csoportból van kiválasztva: pszoriázis, pszoriázisos arthritisz, Crohn-féle betegség, szklerózis multiplex, optikai neuritisz, és klinikailag izolált szindróma, adott esetben:

(a) ahol az ellenanyag 0,001-50 mg/kilogramm hatáoss mennyiségben való beadásra alkalmas a sejt, szövet, szerv vagy állat tömegére vonatkoztatva;

(b) ahol az ellenanyag a a következők által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott legalább egy módon történő beadásra alkalmas: parenterális, szubkután, intramuszkuláris, intravénás, intrartikuláris, intrabronchiális, intraabdominális, intrakapszuláris, intrakartilagiális, intrakavitális, intracellális, intracelebelláris, intracerebroventrikuláris, intrakolikus, intracervikális, intragasztrikus, intrahepatikus, intramiokardiális, intraoszteális, intrapelvikus, intraperikardiális, intraperitoneális, intrapleurális, intraprostatikus, intrapulmonáris, intrarektális, intrarenális, intraretinális, intraspinalis, intraszinoviális, intratoracikus, intrauterin, intravezikális, intralezionális, vaginális, rektális, bukkális, szublingvális, intranasális és transzdermális; vagy

(c) ahol az ellenanyag a következők közül kiválasztott legalább egy vegyület vagy polipeptid hatásos mennyiségét tartalmazó legalább egy készítmény érintkeztetésével vagy beadásával megelőző, egyidejű vagy azt követő badásra alkalmas: detektálható jel vagy riporter, TNF antagonist, fertőzés ellenes drog, kardiovaszkuláris (CV) rendszer drog, központi idegrendszeri (CNS) drog, autonóm idegrendszeri (ANS) drog, légzőrendszeri drog, gasztrointesztinális (GI) rendszeri drog, hormonális drog, a folyadék vagy elektrolit egyensúly drogja, hematológiai drog, antineoplasztikus szer, immunmodulációs drog, szemészeti, fülészeti vagy nazális drog, topikális drog, táplálkozási drog, citokin, és citokin antagonist.

9. Orvosi eszköz, amely 1. vagy 2. igénypont szerinti IL-23p19 ellenanyagot tartalmaz, ahol az eszköz alkalmas az IL-23p19 ellenanyagnak a következők által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott legalább egy módon történő érintkeztetésére vagy beadására: parenterális, szubkután, intramuszkuláris, intravénás, intrartikuláris, intrabronchiális, intraabdominális, intrakapszuláris, intrakartilagiális, intrakavitális, intracellális, intracelebelláris, intracerebroventrikuláris, intrakolikus, intracervikális, intragasztrikus, intrahepatikus,

intramiokardiális, intraoszteális, intrapelvikus, intraperikardiális, intraperitoneális, intrapleurális, intraprosztátikus, intrapulmonáris, intrarektális, intrarenális, intraretinális, intraspinális, intraszinoviális, intratoracikus, intrauterin, intravezikális, intrafezionális, vaginális, rektális, bukkális, szublingvális, intranazális vagy transzdermális.

10. Gyártmány humán gyógyászati vagy diagnosztikai alkalmazásra, amely csomagolóanyagot és 1. vagy 2. igénypont szerinti IL-23p19 ellenanyag oldat vagy liofilizált formáját tartalmazó tartályt tartalmaz, adott esetben ahol a tartály a következők által alkotott csoportból kiválasztott legalább egy bejuttató eszköz vagy rendszer komponense: parenterális, szubkután, intramuszkuláris, intravénás, intrartikuláris, intrabronchiális, intraabdominális, intrakapszuláris, intrakartilagiális, intrakavitális, intraceliális, intracelebelláris, intracerebroventrikuláris, intrakolikus, intracervikális, intragasztrikus, intrahepatikus, intramiokardiális, intraoszteális, intrapelvikus, intraperikardiális, intraperitoneális, intrapleurális, intraprosztátikus, intrapulmonáris, intrarektális, intrarenális, intraretinális, intraspinális, intraszinoviális, intratoracikus, intrauterin, intravezikális, intrafezionális, vaginális, rektális, bukkális, szublingvális, intranazális vagy transzdermális.

11. Eljárás 1. vagy 2. igénypont szerinti izolált IL-23p19 ellenanyag előállítására, amely magában foglalja gazdasejt vagy nem-humán transzgenikus állat vagy transzgenikus növény vagy növényi sejt biztosítását, amely képes az ellenanyag visszanyerhető mennyiségben való expresszáására.