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(54) Title: PROTEIN MODIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE MOLECULES

(57) Abstract: The invention provides human protein modification and maintenance molecules (PMMM) and polynucleotides which identify and encode PMMM. The invention also provides expression vectors, host cells, antibodies, agonists, and antagonists. The invention provides methods for diagnosing, treating, or preventing disorders associated with aberrant expression of PMM.



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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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2. ☒ Claims Nos.: **(20, 21, 23 and 24)-partially**
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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(45, 53) complete; (1-44) partially

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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Continuation of Box I.1

Although claim 18 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Although claim(s) 32 and 34 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: (20, 21, 23 and 24)-partially

Present claim 20, 21, 23 and 24 relate to a composition comprising an agonist and/or antagonist and a method for treating a disease, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment said agonist and/or antagonist without giving a true technical characterization. Moreover no such compounds are defined in the application. In consequence, the scope of said claims is ambiguous and vague, and their subject-matter is not sufficiently disclosed and supported (Art. 5 and 6 PCT). No search can be carried out for such purely speculative claims whose wording is, in fact, a mere recitation of the results to be achieved. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to antibodies, antisense molecules, ribozymes, polypeptides and nucleic acids, the structure which can be directly derived from SEQ ID Nos. 1 and 9.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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

1. Claims: (45,53)-complete; (1-44)-partially

An isolated polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID Nos. 1; an isolated polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No. 9 encoding said polypeptide; a cell transformed with said polynucleotide sequence; a transgenic organism comprising said polynucleotide sequence; a method for producing said polypeptide encoded by said polynucleotide sequence; an isolated polyclonal and/or monoclonal antibody which binds to said polypeptide sequence; a method for detecting a target polynucleotide sequence comprising SEQ ID No. 9; a composition comprising said polypeptide and a pharmaceutical acceptable excipient; a method for screening a compound for effectiveness as an agonist and/or antagonist of said polypeptide; a method for assessing toxicity of a test compound using said polynucleotide sequence; a diagnostic test for a condition or disease using said antibody; a method for detecting said polypeptide in a sample;

2. Claims: (46,54)-complete, (1-44)-partially

Idem as invention 1 but limited to SEQ ID Nos. 2 and 10;

3. Claims: (47,55)-complete, (1-44)-partially

Idem as invention one but limited to SEQ ID Nos. 3 and 11;

4. Claims: (48,56)-complete, (1-44)-partially

Idem as invention 1 but limited to SEQ ID Nos. 4 and 12;

5. Claims: (49,57)-complete, (1-44)-partially

Idem as invention 1 but limited to SEQ ID Nos. 5 and 13;

6. Claims: (50,58)-complete, (1-44)-partially

Idem as invention 1 but limited to SEQ ID Nos. 6 and 14;

7. Claims: (51,59)-complete, (1-44)-partially

Idem as invention 1 but limited to SEQ ID Nos. 7 and 15;

8. Claims: (52,60)-complete, (1-44)-partially

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Idem as invention 1 but limited to SEQ ID Nos. 8 and 16;