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VH

H - FR1	H - CDR1	H - FR2	H - CDR3	H - FR3	H - CDR3	H - FR4
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VL

L - FR1	L - CDR1	L - FR2	L - CDR2	L - FR3	L - CDR3	L - FR3
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(57) Abstract: Object of the present invention are peptides which stabilize antibodies including them even in a reducing medium, in particular cytoplasmic medium, the polypeptides which include at least one of the above mentioned peptides, antibodies which include these polypeptides, and polynucleotides coding for peptides, polypeptides and antibodies of the invention.



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STABILIZING PEPTIDES, POLYPEPTIDES AND ANTIBODIES WHICH
INCLUDE THEM

DESCRIPTION

Field of the invention

5 The present invention relates to molecules capable
of a specific interaction with target molecules.

State of the art

Molecules capable of a specific interaction with
targets are known in the art.

10 In particular antibodies are soluble and stable
molecules known for being capable of an interaction with
targets which is at the same time specific and effective.

Such molecules are used accordingly for modulating
the accumulation and/or expression of target molecules in
15 numerous applications in biology, medicine and
agriculture.

It is generally desirable in these applications to
have antibody with a great stability.

20 In particular there are applications wherein is
necessary to have an antibody particularly stable wherein
the interaction shall, or can, be carried out in an
extremely reducing environment, such as the cytoplasm,
for example applications carried out in order to:

- block or stabilize interactions between macromolecules
25 (for instance protein-protein or protein-DNA type);
- modulate enzymatic functions covering the active site,
confining the substrate or blocking an enzyme in its
active or inactive structure;
- remove proteins to their normal cellular compartment,
30 for example confining transcription factors in the
cytoplasm, or retaining membrane receptors in the
endoplasmic reticulum;
- interact with pathogen-derived molecules in order to
interfere with the relevant infective process;
- 35 - bind cytoplasmic molecules *in vivo* for diagnostic or
therapeutic reasons (for instance oncogene products)
inside an intracellular compartment.

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Among the antibodies known in the art as showing these features, scFv(F8), an engineered antibody in the scFv ("single chain variable fragment") format, is one of the most representative (Tavladoraki et al 1993).

5 scFv(F8) in fact shows a significant molecular stability, as evidenced by measuring variations of free energy (ΔG) in denaturation and renaturation experiments *in vitro* (Tavladoraki et al. 1999).

This molecule is also characterized as having:

- 10 - high efficiency in folding (Tavladoraki et al. 1999);
- long half-life inside the cytoplasm (Tavladoraki et al. 1999);
- functionality in the cytoplasm, in terms of ability to recognize antigens and interfere with the replication
- 15 of the AMCV virus (Tavladoraki et al. 1993);
- high levels of expression as soluble protein in bacterium and plant cytoplasm (Tavladoraki et al. 1999);
- ability to interact *in vivo* with its antigen in the
- 20 cytoplasm of eukaryotic cells, as shown by experiments carried out in the yeast "two-hybrid" system (Visintin et al. 1999).

Studies on the redox-state of the protein, have further shown that no disulphide bond is formed in the protein inside the cytoplasm (Tavladoraki et al. 1999).

25 ScFv(F8) is a very interesting molecule for biotechnological applications, especially for those pointed out above.

scFv(F8) as such however, being capable of interacting

30 with AMCV virus only, has a relatively limited field of application.

On the contrary, antibodies "scFv(F8)-like" (from the functional point of view) capable of interacting with targets other than AMCV, would be instead of great

35 interest. They would enable a number of applications on specific targets in the cytoplasm or, given the stability, in other different environments.

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Summary of the invention

Object of the present invention are peptides able to confer stability and solubility to an antibody including them.

5 According to the present invention such an object is achieved by a peptide characterized in having a sequence selected from the group consisting of the sequences reported in the annexed sequence listing from SEQ ID NO: 1 to SEQ ID N: 8, and in that included in a variable
10 region of a scFv antibody make said antibody soluble and stable in cytoplasm medium.

 In order to make said antibody stable and soluble the peptides having the sequences SEQ ID NO: 1 (H-FR1), SEQ ID NO: 2, (H-FR2), SEQ ID NO: 3, (H-FR3), and SEQ ID
15 NO: 4 (H-FR4), herein also denominated H-FR peptides, shall be included in the variable region of the heavy chain of said antibody (VH region), covalently linked to peptides having the sequences reported in the annexed
20 sequence listing from SEQ ID NO:70 (H-CDR1), SEQ ID NO:71 (H-CDR2) and SEQ ID NO:72 (H-CDR3), herein also denominated H-CDR peptides, in the order

 SEQ ID NO: 1(H-FR1)-SEQ ID NO: 70-(H-CDR1)-SEQ ID
 NO: 2 (H-FR2)-SEQ ID NO: 71(H-CDR2)-SEQ ID NO: 3(H-
 FR3)-SEQ ID NO: 72 (H-CDR3)-SEQ ID NO: 4(H-FR4)

25 According to the arrangement shown in figure 1.

 The peptides having the sequences SEQ ID NO: 5 (L-FR1), SEQ ID NO: 6, (L-FR2), SEQ ID NO: 7, (L-FR3), and SEQ ID
30 NO: 8 (L-FR4), generally denominated L-FR peptides, shall instead be included in the variable region of the light chain of said antibody (VL region), covalently linked to peptides having the sequences reported in the annexed
 sequence listing from SEQ ID NO:73 (L-CDR1), SEQ ID NO:74 (L-CDR2) and SEQ ID NO:74 (L-CDR3), herein also denominated L-CDR peptides, in the order

35 SEQ ID NO: 5(L-FR1)-SEQ ID NO: 73-(L-CDR1)-SEQ ID
 NO: 6 (L-FR2)-SEQ ID NO: 74(L-CDR2)-SEQ ID NO: 7(L-
 FR3)-SEQ ID NO: 75 (L-CDR3)-SEQ ID NO: 8(L-FR4),

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according to the arrangement shown in figure 1.

The H-FR and L-FR peptides are herein also generally denominated FRs (Framework Regions) peptides.

5 An advantage of the FRs peptides of the invention is the fact that they have surprisingly shown the ability of confer solubility and stability to any antibody including them in the above orders. Said stabilizing capability at least in the antibody of the scFv type, can render said antibody stable and soluble even in a reducing medium
10 such as the cytoplasm.

The thermodynamic stability acquired by an scFv antibody with this arrangement according to the process described in Tavladoraki et al. 1999, is in fact of the same order of magnitude as that of the scFv(F8), with
15 values of free energy (ΔG) for denaturation and renaturation reaction in vitro of the same order of amplitude as those registered for scFv(F8) (Tavladoraki et al. 1999).

In particular at pH 7.2 the ΔG values are greater
20 than or equal to 7 Kcal/mole and in particular values encompassing the range between 7.8 and 10.5 Kcal/mole.

Analogous stability can be reached for Fv and Dab antibody including the FRs peptides of the invention.

In any case all the antibodies including the above
25 peptides, are stabilized as an effect of the relevant inclusion in the variable region of the heavy chain or light chain. In particular this is shown on constructs utilizing as a backbone the constant regions of immunoglobulin like IgG or IgA, or also of antibodies
30 like Fab, stability of said construct is in any case improved.

In a preferred embodiment of the H-Fr peptides of the invention, Xaa in position 24 of H-FR1 (SEQ ID NO: 1) is Ala; Xaa in position 12 of H-FR2 (SEQ ID NO: 2) is
35 Leu; Xaa in position 2 of H-FR3 (SEQ ID NO: 3) is Pro, Xaa in position 3 of H-FR3 (SEQ ID NO: 3) is Asp; Xaa in position 13 of H-FR3 (SEQ ID NO: 3) is Arg, Xaa in

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position 18 of H-FR3 (SEQ ID NO: 3) is Asn; Xaa in position 20 of H-FR3 (SEQ ID NO: 3) is Leu; Xaa in position 12 of H-FR7 (SEQ ID NO: 7) is Arg, Xaa in position 15 of H-FR7 (SEQ ID NO: 7) is Phe.

5 According to the invention all these peptides can be produced by means of a series of conventional techniques known in the art such as for example recombinant DNA but also constructions of synthetic polypeptides.

10 The relevant process for obtaining peptides stabilizing an antibody including them in a variable region comprising the steps of:

 - deriving a polypeptides from a monoclonal antibody,
 - mutagenizing said polypeptide by techniques, as hierarchical mutagenesis, error-prone PCR, DNA shuffling,
15 or ribosome display,

 is included in the object of the invention.

 Alternatively said peptides can be derived by chemical synthesis, as for instance by translating a polynucleotide coding for them.

20 The H-CDR and L-CDR peptides of the invention are herein also denominated CDRs (Complementarity Determining Regions) peptides. CDRs peptides according to the present invention correspond to the parts of the regions VH and VL of the antibody which determine the binding
25 specificity of the antibody. In particular H-CDRs peptides correspond to the parts of VH and L-CDRs peptides correspond to the parts of VL, which determine the binding specificity of the antibody.

30 The structural characteristics of the CDRs peptide are such that, when included in the polypeptides VH and VL covalently bound to the peptides FRs according to the above arrangement, they can give specificity to an antibody including them without modifying its stability and solubility.

35 Accordingly their sequences depend on the antigen that the antibody in which they are included specifically bind.

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In order to derive polypeptides suitable as VH or VL region of an antibody can be used a process for deriving a polypeptide suitable as a variable region of an antibody and specific for a predetermined antigen comprising the step of:

- producing an antibody having as a variable region of the heavy chain the polypeptide having the sequence reported in the sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 82, and as a variable region of the light chain the polypeptide having the sequence reported in the annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 83;
- putting in contact said antibody with said antigen and
- selecting the antibody binding said antigen,
- isolating the polypeptide of the variable region of the heavy chain and/or the polypeptide of the variable region of the light chain of the antibody binding said antigen.

This process, which is an object of the invention, in a preferred embodiment further comprises the step of

- sequencing the variable regions of said antibody binding said antigen.

The predetermined antigen of the process of the invention can be any antigen of interest in particular the viral ones, and specifically the antigens associated to HIV, HCV and HPV, as Tat, Rev, E7 or NS3 protein, which shall be considered preferred. Other antigens like, bovine seroalbumin, lysozyme, AMCV virus, "tomato spotted wilt virus" or "cucumber mosaic virus", are used in a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Object of the invention are further the polypeptides obtainable by the above process, which are suitable for constituting the variable region of the heavy chain (VH) or the light chain (VL) of a given antibody.

Regarding the polypeptides of the invention, polypeptides suitable for constituting the VH region of an antibody, are also herein denominated VH polypeptides,

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while polypeptides suitable for constituting the VL region of an antibody are also herein denominated VL polypeptides.

In particular in this regard the following
5 polypeptides VH and VL polypeptides are an object of the present invention:

- VH-F8 (SEQ ID NO: 31) and VL-F8 (SEQ ID NO: 32) which respectively constitute the VH and VL regions, of specific AMCV antibodies and in particular of scFv(F8);
- 10 - VH-LYS/P5 (SEQ ID NO: 33) and VL-LYS/P5 (SEQ ID NO: 34) that respectively constitute the VH and VL regions, of antibodies specific for the lysozyme;
- VH-LYS/11E (SEQ ID NO: 35) and VL-LYS/11E (SEQ ID NO: 36), which constitute the VH and VL regions
15 respectively of specific antibodies for the lysozyme;
- VH-BSA/9F (SEQ ID NO: 37) and VL-BSA/9F (SEQ ID NO: 38) which constitute the VH and VL regions respectively of antibodies specific for bovine seroalbumin;
- 20 - VH-TSWV(BR01)/6H (SEQ ID NO: 39) and VL-TSWV(BR01)/6H (SEQ ID NO: 40), which constitute the VH and VL regions respectively of antibodies specific for the "tomato spotted wilt virus";
- VH-TSWV(P105)/1C (SEQ ID NO: 41) and VL-TSWV(P105)/1C (SEQ ID NO: 42) which constitute the VH and
25 VL regions respectively of antibodies specific for the "tomato spotted wilt virus";
- VH-CMV/4G (SEQ ID NO: 43) and VL-CMV/4G (SEQ ID NO: 44), which constitute the VH and VL regions respectively
30 of antibodies specific for the "cucumber mosaic virus";
- VH-CMV/4B (SEQ ID NO: 45) and VL-CMV/4B (SEQ ID NO: 46), which constitute the VH and VL regions respectively of antibodies specific for the "cucumber mosaic virus"; and
- 35 - VH-CMV/2G (SEQ ID NO: 47) and VL-CMV/2G (SEQ ID NO: 48), which constitute the VH and VL regions respectively of antibodies specific for the "cucumber mosaic virus".

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On the basis of the polypeptides of the invention specific CDRs peptides can be derived giving binding specificity to the antibodies including them.

Said CDRs peptides can be derived by a process for
5 deriving a peptide conferring to an antibody binding specificity to a predetermined antigen comprising the step of:

- producing an antibody having as a variable region of the heavy chain the polypeptide having the sequence
10 reported in the sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 82, and as a variable region of the light chain the polypeptide having the sequence reported in the annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 83;

- putting in contact said antibody with said antigen
15 and

- selecting the antibody binding said antigen,
- isolating the polypeptide of the variable region of the heavy chain and/or the polypeptide of the variable region of the light chain of the antibody binding said
20 antigen;

- isolating from said polypeptide the part conferring binding specificity to said antibody.

In a preferred embodiment the above process further comprises the step of

25 - sequencing the variable regions of said antibody binding said antigen.

The antigen can be any antigen and preferably the ones described above.

Object of the present invention are also all the
30 peptides obtainable by the above described process.

In particular the peptides CDRs which give the binding specificity for

- ACMV (artichoke mottle crinkle virus) in the antibody scFv(F8), having respectively the sequences SEQ
35 ID NO: 9 (H-CDR1-F8), SEQ ID NO: 10 (H-CDR2-F8), SEQ ID NO: 11 (H-CDR3-F8), SEQ ID NO: 12 (L-CDR1-F8), SEQ ID NO: 13 (L-CDR2-F8), and SEQ ID NO: 14 (L-CDR3-F8);

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- lysozyme (in particular lysozyme of chicken egg albumen), with the sequences SEQ ID NO: 78 (H-CDR1-LYS/P5), SEQ ID NO: 79 (H-CDR2-LYS/P5), SEQ ID NO: 15 (H-CDR3-LYS/P5), SEQ ID NO: 80 (L-CDR1-LYS/P5), SEQ ID NO: 81 (L-CDR2-LYS/P5), and SEQ ID NO: 16 (L-CDR3-LYS/P5),
5 are a further object of the present invention.

Object of the present invention are also all the peptides H-CDR3 and L-CDR3 as above defined which give binding specificity for antigens different from ACMV to the antibodies which include them in the VH and VL polypeptides substituting the original H-CDR3-F8 and L-CDR3-F8, together with other peptides H-CDR1, H-CDR2 and L-CDR2 of F8 and with the peptides L-CDR1-MUT (SEQ ID NO:76) included instead of the peptide L-CDR1-F8,
10 according to the arrangement shown in figure 7.

Among these in particular object of the invention are the peptides H-CDR3 and L-CDR3 which give specificity for

- lysozyme (H-CDR3-LYS/11E, SEQ ID NO: 17 and L-CDR3-LYS/11E, SEQ ID NO: 18),
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- bovine seroalbumin (H-CDR3-BSA/9F, SEQ ID NO: 19 and L-CDR3-BSA/9F, SEQ ID NO: 20),

- "tomato spotted wilt virus" nucleoprotein (H-CDR3-TSWV(BR01)/6H, SEQ ID NO: 21 and L-CDR3-TSWV(BR01)/6H, SEQ ID NO: 22; H-CDR3-TSWV(P105)/1C, SEQ ID NO: 23 and L-CDR3-TSWV(P105)/1C, SEQ ID NO: 24), and
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- "cucumber mosaic virus" (H-CDR3-CMV/4G, SEQ ID NO: 25 and L-CDR3-CMV/4G, SEQ ID NO: 26; but also H-CDR3-CMV/4B, SEQ ID NO: 27 and L-CDR3-CMV/4B, SEQ ID NO: 28; and finally H-CDR3-CMV/2G, SEQ ID NO: 29 and L-CDR3-CMV/2G, SEQ ID NO: 30).
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The term H-CDR3 in figure 7 indicates position of the peptides H-CDR3-LYS/11E, H-CDR3-BSA/9F, H-CDR3-TSWV(BR01)/6H, H-CDR3-TSWV(P105)/1C, H-CDR3-CMV/4G, H-CDR3-CMV/4B in the VH region. The term L-CDR indicates position of peptides L-CDR3-LYS/11E, L-CDR3-BSA/9F, L-
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CDR3-TSWV(BR01)/6H, L-CDR3-TSWV(P105)/1C, L-CDR3-CMV/4G and L-CDR3-CMV/4B in the VH region.

The L-CDR1-MUT peptide(SEQ ID NO:76) constitutes also an object of the present invention.

5 All the above CDRs peptides can be used for the detection of molecule of interest in a sample according to the techniques known in the art; said use shall be considered included in the object of the invention.

10 A further object of the present invention is given also by all the antibodies which include at least one of the above mentioned VH and VL polypeptides of the present invention.

15 In this regard, not only engineered antibodies of the scFv type, but also engineered antibodies of FAb, Fv, dAb type as well as all the immunoglobins, in particular those of the type IgG and IgA are object of the present invention.

20 In particular, object of the present invention are the engineered antibody scFv(F8) (SEQ ID NO: 49) and the scFv antibodies: scFv(P5) (SEQ ID NO: 50), scFv(LYS11E), scFv(BSA9F), scFv(BR01-6H), scFv(P105-1C), scFv(CMV-4G), scFv(CMV4B), and scFv(CMV-2G).

25 Such scFv antibodies are obtainable by connecting the respective VH and VL polypeptides with a linker covalently bound to the carboxy-terminal end of the VH polypeptide through its amino-terminal end, and to the amino-terminal end of the VL polypeptide through its carboxy-terminal extremity (see the diagram of in Figure 2).

30 This linker can be one of any of the linkers known in the art to be suitable for connecting VH and VL polypeptides. In particular can be the linker with the sequence given as SEQ ID NO: 51 in the list of sequences in the annex.

35 All variants of the above mentioned peptides and polypeptides or the antibodies containing them must also

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be considered included in the object of the present invention.

These variants include:

- a muteine of the above mentioned FRs and CDRs peptides, VH and VL polypeptides and antibodies including them,
 - a molecule including at least one of the above mentioned FRs and CDRs peptides, VH and VL polypeptides and antibodies including them, or at least one of the relevant muteins,
 - a fragment or a part of the above mentioned FRs and CDRs peptides, VH and VL polypeptides and antibodies including them, or at least one of the relevant muteins,
 - a fragments or a part of the molecules which include at least one of the above mentioned FRs and CDRs peptides, VH and VL polypeptides and antibodies including them, or at least one of the relevant muteins,
- all as essentially consisting of at least one of the above mentioned FRs and CDRs peptides, VH and VL polypeptides and antibodies including them.

Each molecule derived directly or indirectly from one of the peptides, polypeptides and antibodies of the present invention and in particular the ones having the sequences reported in the annexed sequences listing must be considered as essentially consisting of one of said peptides, polypeptides and antibodies, when:

- in the case of the variants of the above mentioned peptides/polypeptides, is contained in antibodies which are functional and stable at least in the cytoplasm of any cell;
- in the case of variants of the above mentioned antibodies is itself an antibody which is functional and stable at least in a cytoplasmic compartment.

For the purposes of the present application, a muteine of the above mentioned peptides/polypeptides/antibodies similar to the original peptide/polypeptide/antibody so that it can suggest a derivation of the second from the first.

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A fragment of at least one of the above mentioned peptide/polypeptide/antibody or of one of its muteines or of a larger molecule larger includes it, is given for the purposes of the present invention by a molecule in which
5 one or more amino acids of the original peptide or muteine have been truncated.

In regard to the larger molecule, which contains at least one of these peptides/polypeptides/antibodies and/or muteines, the portion of the molecule different
10 from these peptides and/or muteines can be partly or totally coincident with the sequence of scFv(F8).

All these molecules can be produced by means of a series of conventional techniques known in the art such as for example recombinant DNA but also constructions of
15 synthetic polypeptides.

A further object of the present invention is given by polynucleotides (both polydeoxyribonucleotides and polyribonucleotides) coding for the peptides/polypeptides of the present invention or for their variants. In
20 particular polynucleotides having the sequences reported as SEQ ID NO: 52 (H-FR1-F8), SEQ ID NO: 53 (H-FR2-F8), SEQ ID NO: 54 (H-FR3-F8), SEQ ID NO: 55 (H-FR4-F8), SEQ ID NO: 56 (L-FR1-F8), SEQ ID NO: 57 (L-FR2-F8), SEQ ID NO: 58 (L-FR3-F8), SEQ ID NO: 59 (L-FR4-F8), SEQ ID NO:
25 60 (H-CDR1-F8), SEQ ID NO: 61 (H-CDR2-F8), SEQ ID NO: 62 (H-CDR3-F8), SEQ ID NO: 63 (L-CDR1-F8), SEQ ID NO: 64 (L-CDR2-8), and SEQ ID NO: 65 (L-CDR3-F8), SEQ ID NO: 66 (VH-F8), and SEQ ID NO: 67 (VL-F8), SEQ ID NO: 77 (L-CDR1-MUT), are included in the object of the present
30 invention.

Included in the present invention are also polynucleotides coding for the engineered antibodies obtained using the peptides/polypeptides of the present invention and in particular those with sequences given as
35 SEQ ID NO: 68 (scFv(F8) and SEQ ID NO: 69 (scFv(P5)).

A further object of the present invention is given by the peptides/polypeptides, engineered antibodies

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and/or polynucleotides of the present invention, for use as a medicament and in particular for the preparation of pharmaceutical compositions suitable in gene therapy, in particular for the therapy of all the pathological states associated with an accumulation of at least one molecule in an intra or extra cellular environment. Here in particular, reference is made to infectious, tumor, metabolic and immunitary (especially auto-immunitary) pathologies. In regard to the infectious pathologies, reference is made in particular to those associated with viruses, either in animals (see for example pathologies associated with the HIV, in particular HIV-1, HPV, Herpes Virus or HCV virus in humans), or in plants (see for example the pathologies associated with the CMV or TSWV viruses in tomatoes).

Further also the pharmaceutical compositions which include a therapeutically effective amount of at least one of the above mentioned peptides, polypeptide, antibodies and/or variant thereof, and/or a therapeutically effective amount of at least one of the above mentioned polynucleotides and a pharmaceutically suitable vehicle.

This pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle carrier or auxiliary agent can be any vehicle carrier or auxiliary agent known in the art as being suitable for preparing pharmaceutical compositions or material containing the above mentioned molecules. In particular according to the invention such a carrier can be the liquid or solid carrier which are used or in any case known by a person skilled in the art to be suitable with protein and antibody.

Object of the present invention is also a method for the treatment of pathologies associated to the accumulation of a molecule inside or outside human, animal cell, comprising the step of

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- administering a therapeutically effective amount of above mentioned antibody or variant thereof to a subject in need thereof.

5 In particular said administration can be carried out parenterally for treating cancer and pathologies associated thereof, or by oral route as passive immunotherapy, according administration techniques known to a person skilled in the art.

10 Object of the present invention is also a method for the treatment of pathologies associated to the accumulation of a molecule inside or outside human, animal or plant cell, comprising the step of

- administering a therapeutically effective amount of above mentioned polynucleotides or variant thereof coding for the antibodies of the present invention to a subject in need thereof.

20 Said administration shall be carried out by inserting said polynucleotides in vectors suitable for trasfection. According to the present invention any of the vectors, in particular the viral ones, currently adopted by a person skilled in the art for treating subject in need thereof, can be used to this purpose.

25 A further object of the invention is the use of the above mentioned antibodies and/or polynucleotides or variants thereof for the treatment of pathologies associated to accumulation of a molecule inside or outside the human, animal or plant cell.

30 The use of these above mentioned peptide/polypeptide/antibody or a variant thereof for diagnosis of these pathologies is also included in the object of the present invention.

35 In particular such molecules can be used in diagnostic applications fused to genes encoding for protein having an enzymatic activity (i.e., alkaline phosphatase) or reporter proteins such green fluorescent protein. Other reporter genes or proteins known in the

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art as suitable in diagnostic application can be used as well.

Among the diagnostic application wherein the antibodies of the present invention can be used imaging is particularly preferred.

Object of the present invention is a diagnostic kit including the above molecules as reagents, and in particular a diagnostic kit for infectious pathologies characterized in that it includes at least one composition including at least one of the above mentioned polynucleotide, peptide, polypeptide, antibody and/or a variant thereof.

Included in the object of present invention is also the use of the above mentioned antibodies for identifying new molecules and/or the relevant function.

Such identification can be carried out for instance according to techniques known in the art referred to genomics and proteomics.

In particular object of the present invention is the use of the above mentioned peptide/polypeptide/antibody or a variant thereof, for deriving molecules to be used in therapy of infectious pathology, and the relevant kit including at least one of such peptide/polypeptide/antibody or a variant thereof as a reagent.

Further object of the present invention is also a composition suitable in experimental applications including at least one of the above mentioned molecules and a vehicle chemically compatible with them.

This chemically compatible vehicle can be any vehicle known in the art as being suitable for pharmaceutical compositions or material containing the above mentioned molecules.

In particular according to the invention such a carrier can be the liquid or solid carrier which are used or however known by a person skilled in the art to be suitable with protein and antibody.

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The invention will be better described with the help of the figures in the annex.

Description of the figures

Figure 1 shows the arrangement of the peptides of the present invention in the VH and VL polypeptides of an antibody according to the present invention.

Figure 2 shows the connection of the VH and VL polypeptides of the present invention in antibodies of the scFv type.

Figure 3 shows the summary diagram of the modifications of the sequence of scFv(F8) which do not alter the actual characteristics of stability of the antibody. The regions (FRs and CDRs) are individualized according to AbM (Oxford Molecular Ltd) and the numbering is according to Kabat (Kabat et al 1991).

The residues shown in gray colored squares are the residues which must remain unchanged, the residues shown in black colored squares are the residues which can be substituted with any amino acid, the residues shown in white squares are modifiable as follows:

- the residue VH 24 is substitutable with residues of equivalent chemical nature;
- the residue VH 47 is substitutable with residues of equivalent chemical nature;
- the residue VH 52 is substitutable with residues of equivalent chemical nature or different chemical nature, or can be eliminated by deletion;
- the residue VH 60 is substitutable with residues of equivalent chemical nature or different chemical nature;
- the residue VH 61 is substitutable with residues of equivalent chemical nature or different chemical nature;
- the residue VH 71 is substitutable with residues of equivalent chemical nature;
- the residue VH 76 is substitutable with residues of equivalent chemical nature;

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- the residue VH 78 is substitutable with residues of equivalent chemical nature;

- the residues VH 100-100G are substitutable with residues of equivalent chemical nature or different
5 chemical nature, or can be eliminated by deletion;

- the residues VL 27C-29 are substitutable with residues of equivalent chemical nature or different chemical nature, or can be eliminated by deletion;

- the residue VL 68 is substitutable with residues
10 of equivalent chemical nature or different chemical nature;

- the residue VL 71 is substitutable with residues of equivalent chemical nature or different chemical nature.

15 Figure 4 shows a summary diagram of the strategy of mutagenesis adopted by means of rational substitutions of the VH and VL polypeptides of the antibody scFv(F8). The actual amino acidic residues of the sequence of scFv(F8) are shown in normal characters, the amino acids of the
20 sequence of scFv(D1.3) (Bhat et al. 1990) are shown in underlined characters. The sequences are shown for all the products of intermediate mutagenesis (P1, P2, P3 and P4) and for the last product of mutagenesis (P5), so that the modifications (substitutions and deletions) effected
25 on the original sequence of scFv(F8) are marked by underlining.

Figure 5 shows the modification effected on the CDR1 of the VL according to the approach of casual mutations for the derivation of mutants of scFv(F8).

30 Figure 6 shows the oligonucleotides used as primers for the construction of the "monoscaffold" library as described in the examples. The term N indicates any nucleotide, the term M indicates the dATP or dCTP nucleotide.

35 Figure 7 shows the layout of the peptides of the present invention in the VH and VL polypeptides of

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antibodies in which the binding specificity is in particular given by the H-CDR3 and L-CDR3 peptides.

Detailed description of the invention

As mentioned above the peptides of the present invention are capable of rendering the antibodies including them stable even in a reducing environment.

Regions determining the complementarity (CDRs) with the antigen and framework regions (FRs) of scFv(F8) antibody have been identified by sequencing according to criteria known in the state of art.

ScFv(F8) has been used as a scaffold onto which new specificities have been engineered either by loop grafting ("rational approach") or by mutation and selection through repertoire generation ("molecular evolution") Antibodies deriving from site-directed mutagenesis have been analyzed to verify maintenance of stability and solubility in cytoplasmic environment and the acquirement of binding specificity different from AMCV.

In the "rational approach" residues of both CDRs and FRs regions were substituted with residues of scFv(D1.3) that recognizes lysozyme, whereas in "molecular evolution" residues of the CDR3 regions were casually substituted and the binding properties of the resulting scFv were checked. These experiments demonstrated that scFv(F8) scaffold tolerates substitution of defined residues in both CDRs and FRs regions, which can be redefined in terms of stability preservation of the antibody scFv(F8) (see in particular figure 3).

"Rational substitution" approach

The inventors substituted scFv(F8) aminoacids with aminoacids of the CDRs and FRs of scFv(D1.3) which recognizes lysozyme. These substitutions were performed in a rational way, modifying each residue on the basis of a theoretical design formulated by means of molecular "modelling".

According to this approach extensive aminoacid

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modifications have been made, including all CDRs of VH and VL. These regions were substituted (by means the technique known in art as "grafting") with the corresponding regions of another antibody of "normal type" (which does not show particular stability or cytoplasmic functionality), which binds another target molecule which can be lysozyme, bovine seroalbumin, nucleoprotein of tomato spotted wilt virus cucumber mosaic virus, or any other target molecule of interest.

10 The diagram shown in figure 4 summaries the strategy of mutagenesis adopted for scFv(F8) antibody grafting.

 The analysis of mutagenised products, in the specific case shown in the figure referred to mutagenesis direct to have an antibody binding lysozyme, demonstrated the success of grafting strategy. In fact, the resulting chimerical antibodies (named P2, P3, P4 and P5) were able to specifically recognise lysozyme, as predicted by the molecular design. At the same time the capacity of scFv(F8) scaffold to support extensive mutations was demonstrated, particularly at the level of the CDRs, without affecting molecular stability. In fact, the new binding molecules obtained with this approach showed to be soluble and functional in the reducing environment of cell cytoplasm as well as the cognate scFv(F8).

25 As a result, except for few FRs residues modified to allow the correct folding of the regions involved in the new antigen recognition, the support structure of scFv(F8) was not substantially altered. The structure capable of functioning as "central nucleus" was identified, on which it is possible to graft, by means of protein engineering, sequences capable to confer binding ability for new antigens. This central nucleus is composed of the FRs peptides described in the summary of the invention.

35 The properties of these mutant molecules were verified by the inventors by means of techniques of analysis of the expression in both periplasm and

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cytoplasm of *Escherichia coli*, better explained and exemplified in the examples. In particular, the analysis of the expression in the bacterial periplasm has enabled to evaluate the ability of the grafted antibodies to
5 recognise the new antigen. The expression in the bacterial cytoplasm has instead permitted to analyze protein solubility and functionality in reducing environment.

In the case of antibodies mutagenized for lysozyme
10 specificity the ELISA (Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay) test carried out on periplasmic extracts normalized for total protein content has shown that all the products of mutagenesis, with the exception of P1 (the mutant with the least number of substitutions), were able to
15 recognise lysozyme. The P3 mutant, which presents the CDRs of scFv(D1.3) and some substitutions in the frameworks, showed the highest binding activity. Lysozyme recognition observed for P3 was slightly lower than those showed by scFv(D1.3) (about 15 % less). These data were
20 combined with the Western blot analysis which showed comparable expression levels of the various products of mutagenesis and between mutagenesis products and the original scFv(F8) and scFv(D1.3). This indicate that the differences of signal observed in ELISA are exclusively
25 due to different specificity for the antigen, rather than to different expression levels.

In regard to the expression in the bacterial cytoplasm, ELISA carried out on extracts normalized for total proteins gave a higher activity for P5 mutant,
30 characterized by the highest number of aminoacidic substitutions. A poor binding activity, in each case higher than that measured for scFv(D1.3), was also registered for P3 and P4.

Even in this case Western blot analyses showed an
35 equivalent expression of the scFv mutants expressed in the cytoplasm, confirming that, once again, the differences of ELISA signal are attributable to the

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different ability of recognition of the lysozyme.

"Molecular evolution" approach

On the basis of the indications obtained from the rational substitution approach, a library of new molecules, derived from scFv(F8) has been construed.

The starting point for library construction was scFv(MUT-VL1), a derivative of scFv(F8) antibody, which was modified in the CDRs. The CDR1 of the VL domain was shortened and partially modified according to a modeling-assisted design. Moreover, 9 aminoacids were removed from the unusually long CDR3 of the VH domain of the original scFv (see figure 5).

Structural variability was introduced by targeted random PCR-mutagenesis in four aminoacid positions in the CDR3 of both VH and VL domains. Degenerated oligonucleotides, randomizing residues between and including 95 and 98 of VH and 91 and 94 of VL, were used. After mutagenesis, a repertoire with an estimated diversity of 5×10^7 different phage clones was obtained.

The pool of molecules thus obtained was mounted on phage in a library for the selection on antigens different from AMCV, originally recognized by scFv(F8). This "library", constructed using as a basic structure a single starting antibody ("monoscaffold library"), provided antibodies with different specificity, which at the same time retain the peculiar characteristics of stability of scFv(F8) molecule (cytoplasmic solubility, denaturation and renaturation *in vitro*). These conclusions were arrived at by guanidinium chloride denaturation/renaturation studies of isolated scFv molecules. The expression of the same ScFv fragments in the *Escherichia coli* cytoplasm as soluble and functional molecules confirmed the stability of these proteins also in *in vivo* system.

Further, for some of them (scFv(CMV)4B and scFv(CMV)4G), it has been shown that they are expressed as soluble and functional molecules also in the plant cytosol. The

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presence of scFv(CMV)4B or scFv(CMV)4G antibodies in the soluble fraction of potato virus X (PVX)-infected tobacco plants shows that these molecules, differently from most antibodies, are folded and stable in the plant cytoplasm. Identical results were achieved in transgenic tomato plants, confirming the capability of a correct folding in a reducing environment. These antibodies interfere with CMV assembly and/or replication, providing an engineered resistance to the virus ('plantibody-mediated resistance').

CDR3 sequences of VH and VL domains of the antibodies isolated from the library and characterized (see table I infra) showed that residues substitution in the above mentioned positions is totally casual. Moreover, aminoacid composition and distribution in mutated CDR3 indicated that charge and hindrance of aminoacids do not substantially affect the folding and solubility of these scFv fragments.

The data obtained from the construction and from the analysis of the "monoscaffold library" has shown the possibility of using the scaffold of scFv(F8) to construct a pool of polyvalent antibodies with the same intrinsic stability as the original antibody scFv(F8). This library is destined to all applications in which the expression of antibodies in the cytoplasm is required or where particular characteristics of molecular stability are essential.

As a result of these experiments, the stable antibody molecules with a new binding specificity and in particular the ones described in the summary of the invention have been obtained.

Conclusions

The results of all these experimental approaches are summarized in the diagram shown in the following table I.

In this table the results and the information obtained as a result of the derivation of mutants through the approach of casual substitutions are reported. The

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non polar residues are shown with double underlined characters, the residues with polar R group with no charge are shown in normal characters; the acid residues (negative charge) are shown with dashed underlining and the basic residues (positive charge) are shown with single underlining.

Table I

Clone	Specificity	VH CDR3 ^a	VL CDR3 ^b
scFv(F8)	AMCV	<u>RR</u> <u>NY</u> <u>P</u> <u>P</u> <u>Y</u> <u>Y</u> <u>G</u> <u>S</u> <u>R</u> <u>G</u> <u>Y</u>	<u>S</u> <u>N</u> <u>E</u> <u>D</u>
scFv(LYS-11E)	Lisozyme	<u>TR</u> <u>P</u> <u>Y</u>	<u>V</u> <u>T</u> <u>Y</u> <u>K</u>
scFv(BSA-9F)	BSA	<u>ER</u> <u>W</u> <u>D</u>	<u>AL</u> <u>S</u> <u>P</u>
scFv(BR01-6H)	Nucl. of TSWV from BR01	<u>N</u> <u>W</u> <u>R</u> <u>R</u>	<u>G</u> <u>A</u> <u>S</u> <u>I</u>
scFv(P105-1C)	Nucl. of TSWV from P105	<u>G</u> <u>R</u> <u>H</u> <u>K</u>	<u>Y</u> <u>G</u> <u>R</u> <u>R</u>
scFv(CMV-4G)	CMV	<u>NN</u> <u>W</u> <u>S</u>	<u>G</u> <u>Q</u> <u>R</u> <u>K</u>
scFv(CMV-4B)	CMV	<u>NN</u> <u>Y</u> <u>S</u>	<u>G</u> <u>R</u> <u>R</u> <u>A</u>
scFv(CMV-2G)	CMV	<u>V</u> <u>T</u> <u>Y</u> <u>N</u>	<u>S</u> <u>R</u> <u>R</u> <u>P</u>

a indicates: when referred to scFv(F8), the positions from residue 95 to residue 100J; when referred to clones isolated from "monoscaffold library" the positions from residue 95 to residue 98 (numeration according to Kabat et al., 1991).

b indicates positions from residue 91 to residue 94 (numeration according to Kabat et al., 1991).

On the basis of the above results the peptides, polypeptides, antibodies reported in the summary of the invention have been obtained following the process reported also therein.

The antibodies obtained thereby in particular have been proved for the improved stability, and in the antibodies of the type FAB, Fv, dAb, IgG or IgA have in particular shown an improved stability due to the presence of the peptides of the invention in the VH and VL regions.

Up until now a general description of the present invention has been given. With the help of the following examples, a more detailed description will now be provided, in order to clarify scope, characteristics, advantages and operating method.

Examples

Example 1: Determination of the sequence of scFv(F8)

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The single chain antibody scFv(F8) derives from a MAb (secretion from a hybridoma) of the class IgG2b directed against the coat protein of the plant virus AMCV (artichoke mottle crinkle virus). To obtain this antibody, Balb/c mice were immunized with the purified virus. The techniques for isolating the lymphocytes and obtaining the hybridoma were the standard ones reported in literature (Harlow and Lane 1988). The hybridoma line expressing this antibody was selected by ELISA, on the basis of its high affinity for the antigen. To isolate the genes of the heavy (H) and light (L) chain of this antibody, the complete cDNA were selected according to published protocol (Tavladoraki et al. 1993). The variable regions (VH and VL) were amplified by means of PCR (polymerase chain reaction) using universal primers for the variable regions and successively cloned in different types of vectors (Tavladoraki et al. 1993). The sequence was determined according to the Sanger method (Sambrook et al 1989) following the protocol of the Sequenase kit (USB).

Example 2: Determination of the site specific mutagenesis in the rational approach

The mutagenesis was carried out on the plasmid pMUT-VL1, containing the gene that codes for an antibody derived from the scFv(F8), from which only the CDR1 of the VL is differentiated for, partially modified in the aminoacidic composition and reduced by four amino acids.

The Stratagene ("Quick Change Site-directed Mutagenesis Kit") system of mutagenesis was used following the indications provided by the manufacturer. This system is based on the enzymatic extension of two complementary primers containing mutated sequences, using pMUT-VL1 as a template. The plasmid was denatured allowing the annealing of the two oligonucleotides to the opposite DNA strands, so as to prime the extension reaction of the Pfu DNA polymerase. The result is a

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plasmid with a double helix that has incorporated the oligonucleotides causing the desired mutation.

The bacterial stock of *E. Coli* XL1-Blue used for the purification of the plasmidic vector has methyl-transferase activity, therefore the DNA plasmid extracted from bacteria results methylated. On the contrary the mutant plasmids obtained by extension of the Pfu DNA polymerase, do not contain methylations. This has enabled the selection of mutated plasmids by digestion of the products of reaction with the endonucleasic enzyme DpnI that recognizes frequent specific sequences of methylated DNA in the parent plasmid. The products of the reaction were transfected in *E. Coli* XL1-Blue where the "nick" sites, produced during the synthesis *in vitro* of the mutant plasmid are phosphorylated by the cellular repair systems.

The mutagenesis reaction was carried out in 25 μ l containing: 2.5 μ l reaction buffer 10x, 2.5 mM dNTP , 10 ng DNA template, 62,5 ng each primer, 1.25 U Pfu DNA polymerase (Stratagene).

The conditions adopted were the following: denaturation at 95 °C of 30"; 18 cycles: denaturation at 95 °C for 30", annealing at 55 °C for 1' and enzymatic extension at 68 °C for 7'; 5' at 68 °C to complete the extension. The reaction was performed using a Perkin Elmer/Cetus apparatus.

The products of the reaction were incubated for one hour at 37 °C with 5 U of the restriction enzyme DpnI (Stratagene) and analysed for electrophoresis on agarose gel.

The products of mutagenesis were cloned in pGEM-7Zf(+) vector (Promega) and transfected in *E. Coli* XL1-Blue, according to the conventional methods of molecular biology. Mutagenesis was verified by sequencing.

Proteins expressed by mutated sequences were analysed after cloning in the expression vector pDN332 (Neri et al. 1996) and induction of expression in

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bacteria, according to the technique described in the following examples.

The functionality of the antibodies and the solubility in cytoplasmic reducing environment were analysed by means of Western blotting and ELISA, as described below.

Example 3: Extraction of the protein expressed in *E. Coli* periplasm

Single colonies of *E. Coli* HB2151 expressing scFv antibodies were inoculated in 50 ml SB culture medium containing 100 µg/ml ampicillin and 2% glucose and grown for 16 hours at 37 °C. This preculture was diluted up to 1 litre with fresh SB medium and underwent shaking at 37°C for two additional hours (until $A_{600\text{ nm}}=0.7-0.8$). Then cells were centrifuged at room temperature at 3000 g for 15'.

The induction of the lacZ promoter was obtained by resuspending the bacterial precipitate in 1 litre SB medium containing 100 µg/ml ampicillin and 1 mM IPTG and shaking at 30 °C for 3 hours. The culture was then centrifuged at 3000 g for 15' at 4 °C to precipitate the cells.

Soluble proteins were extracted from bacterial periplasm by osmotic "shock". The pelleted cells were resuspended in 15 ml of TES buffer solution (0.5 M saccarose, 0.2 M Tris-HCl, 0.5 mM EDTA, pH 8.0) containing protease inhibitors ("Complete Mini", Boehringer).

Then 22.5 ml of 1:5 diluted TES and protease inhibitors were added. The bacterial suspension was subjected to a slow rotation for 15' at room temperature. The extract was then centrifuged at 15000 g, at 4 °C for 20' to recover periplasmic proteins present in the supernatant.

Example 4: Expression of proteins in *E. Coli* cytoplasm

a. Preparation of intracellular constructs

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To obtain the expression of scFv fragments in the bacterial cytoplasm signal sequenceless constructs were prepared. The sequence, encoding the scFv(F8) devoid of the PelB secretion signal (Tavladoraki et al., 1993), was cloned in *HindIII*-*NotI* sites of pDN332 phagemid, yielding the phagemid named pDN-F8intra. Constructs of scFv genes destined to intracellular expression were obtained by substituting a *PstI*-*NotI* 744 bp fragment of pDN-F8intra, corresponding to the scFv(F8) gene, with the analogue *PstI*-*NotI* restriction fragments obtained by digestion of mutated scFv genes. Plasmids containing the signal sequenceless version of the scFv genes were used to transform *E. coli* HB2151.

b. Expression of recombinant protein in E. Coli

Fifty ml of 2xTY-AG were inoculated with an overnight culture at $A_{600nm} = 0.05$. Cells were grown at 37°C until $A_{600nm} = 0.6$, then they were pelleted and resuspended in 50 ml SB medium containing 100 µg/ml ampicillin and 0.4 mM IPTG. After 3 h induction at 30°C, bacteria were collected in 2.5 ml extraction buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, 2 mM EDTA, 10 mM iodoacetamide, pH 8), frozen/thawed at -20°C, and then sonicated for 3 min at 150 Watt power (Soniprep 150, Sonyo) on ice. The soluble fraction was collected by centrifugation for 30 min at 18000 g.

The pellet, containing inclusion bodies, was resuspended in electrophoresis buffer (20 % glycerol, 2% SDS, 0.06 M Tris-HCl pH 6.8, 0.02 % bromophenol blue, 5% β-mercaptoethanol), boiled for 5' and the supernatant obtained after a brief centrifugation was loaded on polyacrylamide gel.

Example 5: Analysis of recombinant antibodies

a. Determination of the protein concentration

The concentration of the total protein present in the extracts was determined using the BioRad reagent and bovine seroalbumin as a standard.

The concentration of the scFv after purification was calculated on the basis of absorbance at 280 nm. After

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electrophoretic separation protein bands were visualised with silver nitrate or Coomassie blue staining methods.

b. Electrophoresis on polyacrylamide denaturing gel (SDS-PAGE)

5 The analysis of the antibody fragments obtained after purification was carried out by means of SDS-PAGE according to the protocol known in art. The separation gel was prepared using polyacrylamide (acrylamide/bi-acrylamide 29:1) at 12% final concentration, in the
10 presence of 2% SDS. Loading buffer (final concentrations: 10% glycerol, 0.06 M Tris-HCl pH6.8, 0.025% bromophenol blue, 2% SDS and 5% β -mercaptoethanol) was added to the samples before boiling for 5'. Electrophoresis was carried out using MiniProtean (BioRad) apparatus at 100
15 Volt.

c. Western blot analysis

After separation on SDS-PAGE, the proteins were then electro-transferred from the gel onto a nitrocellulose membrane (Hybond-C Super, Amersham) at 100 Volt for one
20 hour at 4 °C.

The nitrocellulose membrane was then blocked in PBS buffer (0.2 M NaH_2PO_4 , 0.2 M Na_2HPO_4 , 0.15 M NaCl) containing 0.1% Tween-20 (PBST) and 4 % skimmed milk, at 4 °C for 16 hours.

25 After three washes with PBST, respectively of 30", 5', 5', and a wash of 5' in PBS, the membrane was incubated in PBS, 2% skimmed milk (PBSM) containing 2.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ monoclonal antibody anti-Flag M2 (Sigma), for 2 hours at room temperature. The membrane was washed and
30 immunodetection was realised by incubation for 1 hour at room temperature in PBSM containing biotinylated anti-mouse IgG antibody (Amersham), followed by incubation in PBSM with streptavidin-horseradish peroxidase conjugate (Amersham). Signal development was obtained by enhanced
35 chemiluminescence (ECL Plus, Amersham).

d. ELISA test

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Immunoplates (Maxisorp, Nunc) were coated with antigens (100 µg/ml lysozyme (Sigma) and 3 µg/ml AMCV) in 100 µl carbonate buffer (50 mM NaHCO₃ pH9.6), at 4 °C for 16 hours.

5 After 3 washes with PBST and 1 wash with PBS, the plates were blocked with PBSM for 2 hours at 37 °C. Each well was then washed and filled with 80 µl extract from induced bacterial cultures and 20 µl PBSM containing 2.5 µg/ml anti-FlagM2 (Sigma). The plates were incubated for
10 16 hours at 4 °C and washed. 100 µl PBSM were then added to each well containing a goat anti-mouse antibody conjugated to the peroxylase (KPL). The plates were incubated at 37 °C for one hour and washed. For signal development 100 µl of 1:1 solution of peroxylase
15 substrate, ABTS [acid 2'2'-azinebi(3-ethylbenzthiazolin) sulphonic]: H₂O₂ (KPL) were used. Signals were measured at 405 nm absorbance by means of ELISA reader (LabSystem Multiscan Plus).

20 Example 6: Construction and cloning of the "monoscaffold" library

As a template for the construction of the phage library the plasmid pMUT-VL1 described in example 2 was used. The library was obtained by introducing variability in the CDR3 of the VH and VL, through the random
25 modification of the sequence encoding four aminoacidic residues in the positions indicated in table I. For this purpose, partially degenerated oligonucleotides were synthesized, designed to avoid the introduction of transcription stop codons and to reduce the length of the
30 CDR3 of the VH from 13 to 4 aminoacids. The mutagenesis was carried out by means of PCR, independently amplifying the coding sequences for the VH and VL domains, using respectively, the primers VHa and VHf and VL a and VLf (Fig. 6). The reaction of PCR was prepared as follows:
35 300 ng pMUT-VL1, 0.4 mM sense primer (VHa or VL a), 0.8 µM degenerated antisense primer (VHf or VLf), 250 µM of each dNTP, in 50 µl of incubation buffer 1x Appligene,

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(Oncor); 2.5 U of Taq DNA Appligene polymerase, (Oncor) were added at 94 °C (hot start). The amplification reaction was performed according to the following program: 94 °C for 3 minutes; 25 cycles: 94 °C for 1 minute, 60 °C for 1 minute, 72 °C for 1 minute; 72 °C for 2 minutes. Amplification products were purified from agarose gel, using the QIAquick Gel Extraction Kit (QIAGEN), eluting in 30 µl of 3 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0. The assembly of the scFv antibodies was carried out by means of PCR under the same conditions as described above, using 10 µg of the purified VH and VL fragments, 0.8 µM sense primer (VHa) and 0.8 µM antisense primer (VLg), in a final volume of 500 µl subdivided into 10 reactions of 50 µl. The assembled scFvs were purified using the QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (QIAGEN). After NcoI-NotI digestion, the entire product of assembly was cloned in the vector pDN332.

Ligation products were transfected by electroporation in the *E. Coli* TG1 strain, adopting the following conditions: 200 ohm, 25 mF, 2.5 kV. The transformants were selected on 2xYT + 2 % glucose + ampicillin 100 g/ml. The phages were prepared according to the protocol described by Nissim et al. (1994).

Example 7: selection of the mutants from the "monoscaffold" library and analysis of their properties

a. Selection of the library

Antigens immobilization on immunotubes (Maxisorp, NUNC) was carried out in PBS (8mM Na₂HPO₄·12H₂O + 1mM NaH₂PO₄·H₂O + 0.15M NaCl) or in carbonate buffer 50mM (CB), at concentration varying between 10 and 100 µg/ml depending on the antigen, incubating for 16 hours at room temperature or at 4 °C.

10¹²-10¹³ phages in 4 ml of PBS + 2% milk (PBS-M) were used for each selection cycle, incubating for 2 hours, with the first 30 minutes of slight agitation. After 10-15 washes with PBS + 0.1% Tween20 and 10-15 washes with PBS, the elution was carried out with 1 ml of

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100 mM triethylamine, immediately neutralized with 0.5 ml of 1 M Tris/HCl pH 8.0. The phage suspension was then used to infect 10 ml of *E. Coli* TG1 strain (37 °C for 30 minutes) exponentially growing. After centrifugation, the
5 bacteria were resuspended and plated on plates containing agar medium: 2xYT + 100 µg/ml ampicillin + 1% glucose (2xYT-AG).

The characterization for binding ability of single clones deriving from the last panning cycles was carried
10 out in some cases on clones expressed in the form of phage and in others expressed as soluble scFv.

In the case of phage clones, 96 single colonies obtained from the last selection cycle were inoculated in 150 ml of 2xYT-AG and grown at 30 °C in agitation for 16
15 hours. Then an aliquot of 10 ml of each pre-culture was used to inoculate 150 ml of 2xYT-AG until reaching exponential growth. The production of phages was obtained by infecting with about 10^{11} t.u. (transforming units) of 'helper' phage VCSM13 (Stratagene) and incubating at 37°C
20 for 30 minutes. The infected bacteria were centrifuged, resuspended in 150 ml of 2xYT + 100 µg/ml ampicillin + 25 µg/ml kanamidine and incubated for 16 hours at 30°C. The culture supernatants were analyzed by ELISA, with antigens immobilized under the same conditions used for
25 the immunotubes. After incubating 2 hr at 37°C, a peroxidase-conjugated monoclonal antibody anti-M13 (Pharmacia) was used 1:5000 in PBS-M, 1 hour at 37°C. The colorimetric reaction was developed using the "ABTS peroxidase substrate system" (KPL). Positive clones
30 obtained from this preliminary selection were further analyzed in order to verify the functionality as soluble scFvs. For this purpose, plasmids from positive clones were extracted by means of the QIAprep Spin Miniprep (QIAGEN), sequenced and transfected in the *E. Coli* HB2151
35 strain. Competent bacteria were made by resuspension at 0°C in TSS (for 100 ml: 1 gr bacto-triptone, 0.5 gr yeast extract, 0.5 gr NaCl, 10 gr PEG 3350, 5 ml DMSO, 50 mM

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MgCl₂, pH6.5). DNA plasmid (1-5 ng) was added to 1 ml of competent cells and incubated on ice for 45 minutes. After a brief shock at 42 °C for 2 minutes, 1 ml of LB was added, then the cells were placed in agitation at 37°C for 1 hour and plated on LB + 100 µg/l ampicillin. The analysis of expression of single colonies from transformation was carried out by ELISA, according to the method described below.

For selection as soluble scFvs, 10-100 µl of phages, eluted from the last panning on antigens, were used to infect cells of the *E. Coli* HB2151 strain in exponential growth. 96 single colonies, were inoculated 150 µl of 2xYT-AG for 16 hours in agitation. 10 µl of each pre-culture were diluted in 150 µl of 2xYT + 100 µg/ml ampicillin + 0.1% glucose and grown at 37°C for 1 hour. Protein expression was induced by adding 1 mM IPTG, 16 hours incubation. Single culture supernatants (containing 2.5 µg/ml of an anti-FLAG M2 monoclonal antibody, Sigma, in PBS-M) were incubated 2 hr at 37°C and analyzed by ELISA. A rabbit anti-mouse antibody (KPL), conjugated to the peroxylase, diluted 1:10000 in PBS-M was then added 1 hour at 37°C.

b. Analysis of cross-reactivity

Positive clones derived from ELISA screening were further analysed for their binding specificity on antigens other than those selected on. Fifty ml of *E. Coli* HB2151 strain in exponential growth in SB-A (35 g/l tripton + 20g/l yeast extract + 5 g/l sodium chloride + 100 µg/ml ampicillin, pH7.5) were induced at 30 °C for 3 hours by adding 1 mM IPTG. After centrifugation, the cells were resuspended in 500 µl of TES (0.2 M Tris-HCl pH8 + 0.5 mM EDTA + 0.5 M saccharose) containing protease inhibitors (CompleteTM, EDTA-free, Boehringer), then 750 µl of TES diluted 1:5 were added and the sample was incubated in orbital agitation for 10 minutes at room temperature. Protein extracts, obtained as supernatant after centrifugation for 20 minutes at 18000 g at 4 °C,

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were used in an ELISA test with different antigens. In each ELISA well 80 µl of periplasmic extract were loaded then 20 µl PBS + 10% milk. Detection was carried out by using the antibody anti-FLAG M2, as described.

5 c. Sequencing

Plasmids from positive selected clones were sequenced on both DNA strands by using a 373 DNA Sequencer (Applied Biosystems).

 d. Purification of the scFv

10 In order to produce high amounts of scFv, a single colony of *E. Coli* HB2151 was inoculated in 100 ml of SB containing 100 µg/ml ampicillin and 2% glucose (SB-AG). After 16 hours incubation at 30 °C, the culture was diluted with 900 ml of SB-AG and left in agitation for a
15 further hour (up to O.D.₆₀₀ = 0.9). After centrifugation, pellets were resuspended in SB-A + 1 mM IPTG and induced for 3 hours at 30°C. After centrifugation, the bacteria were resuspended in 10 ml of TES + protease inhibitors, then 15 ml of TES diluted 1:5 + protease inhibitors were
20 added and the sample was incubated for 10 minutes at room temperature. After centrifugation (20 minutes at 18000 g at 4 °C), the supernatant was recovered (fraction 1A) and the pellet was resuspended in 15 ml of 5 mM MgSO₄ + protease inhibitors for a further protein extraction.
25 After 10 minutes incubation at room temperature, a second centrifugation step was performed and the supernatant was kept separately as fraction 2A. The fractions 1A and 2A were concentrated independently by ultrafiltration on Diaflo YM10 membrane (Amicon) and purified by
30 chromatography of affinity on protein-L Sepharose (Actigene) or on Ni-NTA (QIAgen), according to the protocols suggested by the manufacturers. Quantification was carried out by reading the absorbance at 280 nm and protein purity was verified on SDS-PAGE followed by AgNO₃
35 staining.

 e. Analysis of thermodynamic stability

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i) Unfolding and refolding studies of scFv mutants.

Equilibrium unfolding experiments were performed at 20°C by incubating each scFv mutant (35 µg/ml) at increasing guanidinium chloride (GdmCl) concentrations (0-4 M) in PBS. After 3 h, intrinsic fluorescence emission spectra were recorded at 20°C. To test the reversibility of the unfolding, the mutants (0.70 mg/ml) were unfolded at 20°C in 4 M GdmCl in PBS for 3 h. Refolding was started by 20-fold dilution at 20°C into solutions of the same buffer used for unfolding containing decreasing GdmCl concentrations. After 3 h, intrinsic fluorescence emission spectra were recorded at 20°C. Equilibrium unfolding experiments under reducing conditions were performed by incubating for 3 h at 20°C 35 µg/ml of scFv(HEL-11E) in 20 mM Tris-HCl pH 9.0, 0.15 M NaCl, 2 mM DTT and 0.1 mM EDTA at increasing GdmCl concentrations (0-4 M) before recording fluorescence emission spectra. For refolding experiments, the mutant (0.70 mg/ml) was 3 h unfolded in 4 M GdmCl, 18 mM DTT and 1.0 mM EDTA at pH 9.0, the solution was then 25-fold diluted into decreasing GdmCl concentrations and, after 3h, fluorescence emission spectra were recorded. The functionality of all the mutants refolded under reducing conditions was tested by ELISA (see above).

ii) Data analysis.

The changes in intrinsic fluorescence emission spectra at increasing GdmCl concentrations were quantified as the intensity-averaged emission wavelength, $\bar{\lambda}$ (Roger et al., 1993) calculated according to the following equation:

$$\bar{\lambda} = \sum (I_i \lambda_i) / \sum (I_i) \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$

where λ_i and I_i are the emission wavelength and its corresponding fluorescence intensity at that wavelength. Baseline and transition region data for scFv(F8) GdmCl denaturation were fit to a two-state (Santoro et al., 1988) linear extrapolation model (LEM) according to the following equation:

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$$\Delta G_{\text{unfolding}} = \Delta G^{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + m_{\text{G}} [\text{GdmCl}] = -RT \ln K_{\text{unfold}}. \text{ Eq. 2}$$

where ΔG_{unfold} is the free energy change for unfolding for a given denaturant concentration, $\Delta G^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ is the free energy change for unfolding in the absence of denaturant and m is a slope term which quantitates the change in $\Delta G_{\text{unfolding}}$ per unit concentration of denaturant, R is the gas constant, T is the temperature and $K_{\text{unfolding}}$ is the equilibrium constant for unfolding. The model expresses the signal as a function of denaturant concentration:

$$y_i = \frac{y_N + m_N [X]_i + (y_D + m_D [X]_i) \cdot \exp[(-\Delta G^{\text{H}_2\text{O}} - m_{\text{G}} [X]_i) / RT]}{1 + \exp[(-\Delta G^{\text{H}_2\text{O}} - m_{\text{G}} [X]_i) / RT]} \text{ Eq. 3}$$

where y_i is the observed signal, y_N and y_D are the baseline intercepts corresponding to native and denatured proteins, respectively, m_N and m_D are the corresponding baseline slopes, $[X]_i$ is the denaturant concentration after the i th addition, $\Delta G^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ is the extrapolated free energy of unfolding in the absence of denaturant, m_{G} is the slope of a ΔG unfolding versus $[X]$ plot, R is the gas constant and T is the temperature. The $[\text{GdmCl}]_{0.5}$ is the denaturant concentration - at the midpoint of the transition and, according to Eq. 2, is calculated as:

$$[\text{GdmCl}]_{0.5} = \Delta G^{\text{H}_2\text{O}} / m_{\text{G}} \text{ Eq. 4}$$

f. Affinity measurements

Affinity-purified scFvG4 and scFvB4 antibodies against the cucumber mosaic virus (CMV) were concentrated to 100 g/ml, assuming that an $\text{OD}_{280 \text{ nm}}$ reading of 1.0 corresponds to an scFv concentration of 0.7 mg/ml. Binding properties were evaluated using surface plasmon resonance (SPR). Real time interaction analysis were performed in BIAcoreX biosensor system (Pharmacia Biosensor AB).

Approximately 5400 resonance units (RU) of purified CMV (200 ng/ μl in 7 mM acetate buffer pH 4.0) were

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coupled to a CM5 sensor chip by using the Amine Coupling kit (Biacore AB) in order to immobilise the antigen. Kinetic analysis were performed under continuous flow of 20 μ l/min. After each binding measurement, the surface was regenerated with 10 mM HCl. Rate constants were measured on the basis of a single site model using the BIAevaluation 2.1 software (Biacore AB). The association rate constants (k_{on}) were determined from a plot of $\ln(dR/dt)/t$ versus concentration over a range of six concentrations (120, 150, 250, 300, 400 and 450 nM) for both scFvs. The dissociation rate constant (k_{off}) was determined from the dissociation phase in the sensorgram utilizing the following equation:

$$\ln R_{t_0}/R_t = k_{off} (t-t_0)$$

where R_{t_0} is the response 30 s after completion of antibody injection. A linear plot of $\ln R_t/R_{t_0}$ vs $(t-t_0)$ yields k_{off} directly as a measurement of the slope. The whole affinity constants (K_D) were calculated from the association and dissociation rate constants as $K_D = k_{off} / k_{on}$. Affinity values were 60 nM for scFvG4 and 10 nM for scFvB4.

Example 8: Expression of proteins in the plant cytoplasm.

a. Cloning in PVX-derived vector and expression in N. benthamiana plants

We delivered the scFvs constructs to plants through a potato virus X (PVX)-derived vector (Chapman et al., 1992) in order to obtain high expression levels. Sequences encoding the scFvs were amplified utilizing oligonucleotides designed to insert the recognition sites *ClaI*, *SphI* and *XbaI* upstream (PVX CSX back = TTC ATC GAT TTG CAT GCT CTA GAC ATG CAG GTG CAG CTG CAG) and the recognition site *SalI* downstream (PVX flag = TCC GTC GAC CTA CTT GTC GTC GTC GTC TCC GTA GTC) the scFv genes. The scFvs genes were then inserted as *ClaI*- *SalI* fragments into the polylinker of the vector pPVX201 (Baulcombe et al., 1995), a derivative of pGC3 vector (Chapman et al.,

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1992), containing unique cloning sites engineered downstream of the PVX coat protein duplicated subgenomic promoter and a CaMV (cauliflower mosaic virus) 35S promoter. Thus, the PVXscFv(G4) and PVXscFv(B4) constructs were obtained. These plasmids could be used directly as inoculum. DNA of each construct (40 µg) was used to mechanically inoculate *N. benthamiana* plants at the three-four leaf stage, two leaves per plant. Four separate experiments were performed, infecting at least 10 plants with each construct.

Symptoms appeared on the upper leaves usually 7-9 days after inoculation. Symptomatic leaves were frozen in liquid nitrogen and subsequently homogenised in PBS buffer containing a cocktail of protease inhibitor (CompleteTM, EDTA-free, Boehringer). After centrifugation at 20,000 x g for 30 min at 4°C, the supernatants were used to determine total soluble protein (TSP) concentration by using the Bio-Rad Protein assay and BSA as a standard. Western blots were performed using the monoclonal antibody anti-FLAG M2 (Sigma). Immunoblots confirmed the presence of a 30 K molecule, corresponding to scFvB4 or scFvG4, in the soluble fraction.

b. Tomato transformation

The scFvB4 and scFvG4 genes were subsequently subcloned from the PVXscFv(G4) and PVXscFv(B4) constructs as *Xba I-Sal I* fragments into a pBI-derived vector under the control of the CaMV 35S promoter. The plasmids were then transferred into the *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* strain EHA105 by electroporation and used for leaf disc transformation of the miniatur *Lycopersicon esculentum* cultivar, Micro-Tom (microtomato) (Meissner et al., 1997). Transgenic microtomato plants were regenerated essentially as described (van Roekel et al., 1993).

Transformation of plants included three independent experiments for both constructs and primary transformants were selected for functional expression. Signals

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corresponding to the scFvB4 and scFvG4 antibodies were detected both by ELISA and immunoblotting. In particular, the ELISA test was performed according to the following procedure: 5 µg/ml of purified CMV antigens in PBS were coated O/N at 4°C on a microtitre plate. After blocking with 5% milk in PBS, soluble plant extracts (obtained as described above) were added O/N at 4°C. Functional binding was assessed by using the monoclonal antibody anti-FLAG M2 (2.5 µg/ml) and a rabbit anti-mouse peroxidase-conjugated antibody (KPL). For signal development, ABTS Peroxidase Substrate (KPL) was used. Several transgenic plants expressing the recombinant antibody have been obtained and challenged with the virus.

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CLAIMS

1. A peptide characterized
in having a sequence selected from the group
consisting of the sequences reported in the annexed
5 sequence listing from SEQ ID NO: 1 to SEQ ID N: 8,
and in that
included in a variable region of an antibody make
said antibody soluble and stable in cytoplasm,
the peptides having the sequences from SEQ ID NO: 1
10 to SEQ ID NO: 4 being included in the variable region of
the heavy chain of an antibody, covalently linked to
peptides having the sequences reported in the annexed
sequence listing from SEQ ID NO: 70 to SEQ ID NO: 72
in the order
15 SEQ ID NO:1-SEQ ID NO:70-SEQ ID NO:2-SEQ ID
NO:71-SEQ ID NO:3-SEQ ID NO:72-SEQ ID NO:4, and
the peptides having the sequences from SEQ ID NO: 5
to SEQ ID NO: 8 being included in the variable region of
the light chain of an antibody, covalently linked to
20 peptides having the sequences reported in the annexed
sequence listing from SEQ ID NO: 73 to SEQ ID NO: 75
in the order
SEQ ID NO:5-SEQ ID NO:73-SEQ ID NO:6-SEQ ID NO:74-
SEQ ID NO:7-SEQ ID NO:75-SEQ ID NO:8.
- 25 2. The peptide according to claim 1, wherein
said peptide has the sequence reported in the
annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 1, and Xaa in
position 24 is Ala;
said peptide has the sequence reported in the
30 annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 2, and Xaa in
position 12 is Leu;
said peptide has the sequence reported in the
annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 3, and Xaa in
position 2 is Pro, Xaa in position 3 is Asp, Xaa in
35 position 13 is Arg, Xaa in position 18 is Asn, and/or Xaa
in position 20 is Leu; or
said peptide has the sequence reported in the

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annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 7, and Xaa in position 12 is Arg, and/or Xaa in position 15, is Phe.

3. A process for deriving a polypeptide suitable as a variable region of an antibody stable and soluble in cytoplasm and specific for a predetermined antigen comprising the step of:

- producing an antibody having as a variable region of the heavy chain the polypeptide having the sequence reported in the sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 82, and as a variable region of the light chain the polypeptide having the sequence reported in the annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 83;

- putting in contact said antibody with said antigen and

- selecting the antibody binding said antigen,

- isolating the polypeptide of the variable region of the heavy chain and/or the polypeptide of the variable region of the light chain of the antibody binding said antigen.

4. The process according to claim 3, further comprising the step of

- sequencing the variable regions of said antibody binding said-antigen.

5. The process according to claim 3 or 4, wherein said antigen is Tat, Rev, E7 or NS3 protein.

6. A polypeptide having the sequence reported in the annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 82 or SEQ ID NO: 83.

7. A polypeptide obtainable by the process according to claim 3.

8. The polypeptide according to claim 7, wherein said polypeptide has a sequence selected from the group consisting of the sequences reported in the sequence listing from SEQ ID NO:31 to SEQ ID NO: 48.

9. A process for deriving a peptide conferring to an antibody binding specificity to a predetermined antigen

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comprising the step of:

- producing an antibody having as a variable region of the heavy chain the polypeptide having the sequence reported in the sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 82, and as
5 a variable region of the light chain the polypeptide having the sequence reported in the annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 83;
 - putting in contact said antibody with said antigen and
 - 10 - selecting the antibody binding said antigen,
 - isolating the polypeptide of the variable region of the heavy chain and/or the polypeptide of the variable region of the light chain of the antibody binding said antigen;
 - 15 - isolating from said polypeptide the part conferring binding specificity to said antibody.
10. A peptide obtainable by the process according to claim 9.
11. The peptide according to claim 10 characterized
20 by the fact of having a sequence selected from the group consisting of the sequences reported in the annexed sequence listing from SEQ ID NO:9 to SEQ ID NO: 30 and as SEQ ID NO: 76.
12. An antibody characterized by the fact of
25 including as a variable region of the heavy chain or as a variable region of the light chain the polypeptide according to claim 7.
13. An antibody according to claim 12 characterized
30 by the fact of including as variable region of the heavy chain a polypeptide having the sequence reported in the annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 31, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 43, SEQ ID NO: 45, or SEQ ID NO: 47, and
35 respectively as variable region of the light chain a polypeptide having the sequences reported in the annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID

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NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 38, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 42, SEQ ID NO: 44, SEQ ID NO: 46, or SEQ ID NO: 48.

14. An antibody according to claim 12, wherein said antibody is a scFv, FAB, Fv, dAb, IgG or IgA.

5 15. An antibody according to claim 13, wherein said antibody is a scFv, FAB, IgG or IgA.

16. An antibody according to claim 14 or 15, wherein said antibody is a scFv and the polypeptides included as variable regions of the heavy chain and of the light chain are connected by a linker.

17. An antibody according to claim 16, wherein said linker has the sequence reported in the annexed sequence listing in as SEQ ID NO: 51.

18. A process for obtaining an antibody according to any of claim 12 to 17,

- producing an antibody having as a variable region of the heavy chain the polypeptide having the sequence reported in the sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 82, and as a variable region of the light chain the polypeptide having the sequence reported in the annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 83;

- putting in contact said antibody with said antigen and

- selecting the antibody binding said antigen.

25 19. A polynucleotide characterized by the fact of coding for a peptide according to any one of claims 1, 2, 10, and 11.

20. A polynucleotide characterized by the fact of coding for a polypeptide according to any of claims 6 to 8.

21. A polynucleotide according to claim 20, having a sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences reported in the annexed sequence listing from SEQ ID NO: 52 to SEQ ID NO: 77.

35 22. A polynucleotide characterized by the fact of coding for an antibody according to any one of claims 12 to 17.

23. A polynucleotide according to claim 22, having a sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences reported in the annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO: 68 to SEQ ID NO: 69.

5 24. A pharmaceutical composition characterized by the fact of including as an active agent a therapeutically effective amount of an antibody according to any one of claims 12 to 17 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier vehicle or auxiliary
10 agent.

25. A pharmaceutical composition characterized by the fact of including as an active agent a therapeutically effective amount of the polynucleotides according to any one of claims 19 to 23 together with a
15 pharmaceutically acceptable carrier vehicle or auxiliary agent.

26. The antibody according to any one of claims 12 to 17, for use as a medicament.

27. Use of the antibody according to any one of
20 claims 12 to 17, for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of pathologies associated with accumulation of a molecule inside or outside a human, or animal cell.

28. A polynucleotide according to any one of the claims 25 to 29, for use as a medicament.

25 29. Use of the polynucleotide according to any one of the claims 19 to 23, for the manufacture of a medicament for the gene therapy of pathologies associated with the accumulation of a molecule inside or outside a human or animal cell.

30 30. Use of the antibodies according to any one of claims 12 to 17, and/or of the polynucleotides according to any one of claims 19 to 23, for the diagnosis of pathologies associated with the accumulation of a molecule inside or outside a human, animal or plant cell.

35 31. A diagnostic kit comprising as a reagent an antibody according to any of claims 12 to 17, and/or the polynucleotides according to any one of claims 19 to 23.

32. A diagnostic kit comprising as a reagent a peptide according to claim 10 or 11.

33. Use of an antibody according to any of claims 12 to 17 and/or of a polynucleotide according to claim 19 to
5 23 for the treatment of pathologies associated with the accumulation of a molecule inside or outside a plant cell.

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FIG. 1

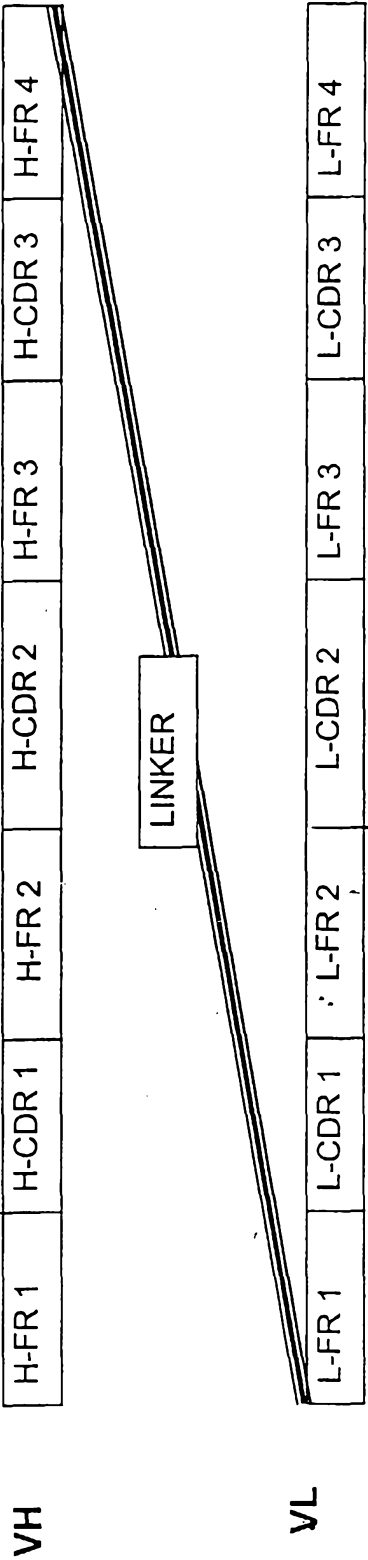


FIG. 2

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	FR1	CDR1	FR2	CDR2	FR3	CDR3	FR4
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P1	QVQLQESGGDLVQPGGSLKLSCAASGFTFSYGMHWVRQTPDKRLELVATI-WGDGSTD ^{PD} SDSVKGRFTISRDNAKNTLYLQMSSLKSEDTAMYYCARRRDYR-----FDYWGQGT ^{TV} TVSS						
P2	QVQLQESGGDLVQPGGSLKLSCAASGFTSYGMHWVRQTPDKRLEWVAHI-WGDGNTD ^{YP} SDSVKGRFTISRDNAKNTLYLQMSSLKSEDTAMYYCARE RD YR-----LDYWGQGT ^{TV} TVSS						
P3	QVQLQESGGDLVQPGGSLKLSCAVSGFSLTG ^{YGV} NWVRQTPDKRLEWVAHI-WGDGNTD ^{YP} SDSVKGRFTISKDNAKST ^{YV} YLMSSLKSEDTAMYYCARE RD YR-----LDYWGQGT ^{TV} TVSS						
P4	QVQLQESGGDLVQPGGSLKLSCAVSGFSLTG ^{YGV} NWVRQTPDKRLEWVAHI-WGDGNTD ^{YP} SDSVKGRFTISKDNAKST ^{YV} YLMSSLKSEDTAMYYCARE RD YR-----LDYWGQGT ^{TV} TVSS						
P5	QVQLQESGGDLVQPGGSLKLSCAVSGFSLTG ^{YGV} NWVRQTPDKRLEWVAHI-WGDGNTD ^{YNS} SVKGRFTISKDNAKST ^{YV} YLMSSLKSEDTAMYYCARE RD YR-----LDYWGQGT ^{TV} TVSS						
D1.3	<u>QVQLQESGPGLVAPQSLSITCTVSGFSLTG^{YGV}NWVRQPPGKGLEWLGMI-WGDGNTD^{YNS}ALKSLSLISKDNKSKQVFLKMNSLHTDDTARYYCARERDYR-----LDYWGQGT^{TV}TVSS</u>						

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	FR1	CDR1	FR2	CDR2	FR3	CDR3	FR4
F8	DIELTQSPASLAVSLGQRATISCRASESDSYGNSFPMHWYQOKPGQPPKLLIYRALNLESGIPARFSGSGSRDFTLTINPVEADVDVATYYCQOSNEDPWTFGG ^{TK} LEIKR						
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P3	DIELTQSPASLAVSLGQRATISCRASGNI----HNYLAWYQOKPGQPPKLLIYVYTTTLADGIPARFSGSGSRDFTLTINPVEADVDVATYYCOHFWSTPRTFGG ^{TK} LEIKR						
P4	DIELTQSPASLAVSLGQRATISCRASGNI----HNYLAWYQOKPGQPPKLLIYVYTTTLADGIPARFSGSGSGTDYTLTINPVEADVDVATYYCOHFWSTPRTFGG ^{TK} LEIKR						
P5	DIELTQSPASLAVSLGQRATISCRASGNI----HNYLAWYQOKPGQPPKLLIYVYTTTLADGIPARFSGSGSGTDYTLTINPVEADVDVATYYCOHFWSTPRTFGG ^{TK} LEIKR						
D1.3	<u>DIELTQSPASLSASVGETVTITCRASGNI----HNYLAWYQOKQCKSPQLLVYVYTTTLADGVPSRFSGSGSGTQYSLKINSLQPEDFGSYYCOHFWSTPRTFGG^{TK}LEIKR</u>						

FIG. 4

	24	25	26	27	27A	27B	27C	27D	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
L-CDR1-F8:	R	A	S	E	S	V	D	S	Y	G	N	S	F	M	H
												.	:		
L-CDR1-MUT:	R	A	S	E	S	V	H	.	.	.	.	N	Y	M	H

FIG. 5

VHa: (5')AAT CCA TGC CAT GGC CCA GGT GCA GCT GCA GGA GTC TGG G(3')

VHf: (5')GGT CCC TTG GCC CCA GTA GTC AAA MNN MNN MNN TCT TGC ACA GTA ATA CAT GGC TG(3')

VLa: (5')TTT GAC TAC TGG GGC CAA GGG ACC(3')

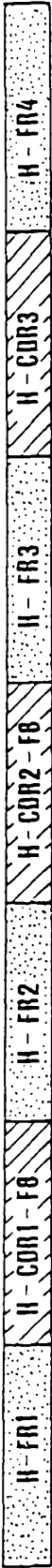
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VLg: (5')TTC TCG ACT TGC GGC CGC CCG TTT GAT CTC GAG CTT GGT GCC TCC ACC GAA CG(3')

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FIG. 6

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FIG. 7

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SEQUENCE LISTING

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (i) APPLICANTS: 1) ENTE PER LE NUOVE TECNOLOGIE,
L'ENERGIA E L'AMBIENTE (ENEA)
5 2) SOCIETÀ CONSORTILE METAPONTUM AGROBIOS S.R.L.
- (ii) TITLE OF INVENTION: STABILIZING PEPTIDES,
POLYPEPTIDES AND ANTIBODIES WHICH INCLUDE THEM
- (iii) NUMBER OF SEQUENCES: 83
- (iv) MAILING ADDRESS:
- 10 (A) ADDRESSEE: Società Italiana Brevetti
(B) ADDRESS: Piazza di Pietra, 39
(C) CITY: Rome
(D) COUNTRY: Italy
(E) POST CODE: I-00186
- 15 (v) COMPUTER READABLE FORM:
(A) TYPE OF SUPPORT: FLOPPY DISK 3.5'' 1.44 Mbytes
(B) COMPUTER: IBM PC compatible
(C) OPERATING SYSTEM: PC-DOS/MS-DOS Version. 5.0
(D) SOFTWARE: Microsoft Word 97
- 20 (viii) INFORMATION ON THE AGENT
(A) NAME: Tonon, Gilberto(Ing.)
(B) REFERENCE: RM/X89724/PC-EBR
- (ix) INFORMATION FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS
(A) TELEPHONE: 06/695441
25 (B) TELEFAX: 06/69544830
(C) TELEX: 612287 ROPAT
- (1) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 1:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
- 30 (A) LENGTH: 25 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acidic
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
- 35 (vi) SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
- (ix) FEATURES:
(A) NAME: H-FR1

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(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 24 is Ala
or a non polar amino acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 1:

Gln Val Gln Leu Gln Glu Ser Gly Gly Asp Leu Val Gln Pro Gly Gly
5 1 5 10 15
Ser Leu Lys Leu Ser Cys Ala Xaa Ser
 20 25

(2) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 2:

10 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 14 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: H-FR2

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 12 is
Leu or a non polar amino acid

20 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 2:

Trp Val Arg Gln Thr Pro Asp Lys Arg Leu Glu Xaa Val Ala
1 5 10

(3) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 3:

25 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 39 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

30 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES:

(A) NAME: H-FR3

35 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 2 is Pro, a
non polar amino acid or an amino acid with no
charge

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(ix) FEATURES:

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 3 is Asp, an acid amino acid or a polar amino acid with no charge

(ix) FEATURES:

5 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 13 is Arg or a basic amino acid

(ix) FEATURES:

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 18 is Asn, or a polar amino acid with no charge

10 (ix) FEATURES:

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 20 is Leu or a non polar amino acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 3:

15 Tyr Xaa Xaa Ser Val Lys Gly Arg Phe Thr Ile Ser Xaa Asp Asn Ala
 1 5 10 15
 Lys Xaa Thr Xaa Tyr Leu Gln Met Ser Ser Leu Lys Ser Glu Asp Thr
 20 25 30
 Ala Met Tyr Tyr Cys Ala Arg
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(4) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 4:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 11 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

25 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES:

(A) NAME: H-FR4

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

Trp Gly Gln Gly Thr Thr Val Thr Val Ser Ser
 1 5 10

(5) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 5:

35 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 23 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

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(C) STRADEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
(vi) SOURCE:
5 (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
(ix) FEATURES:
(A) NAME: L-FR1
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 5:
Asp Ile Glu Leu Thr Gln Ser Pro Ala Ser Leu Ala Val Ser Leu Gly
10 1 5 10 15
Gln Arg Ala Thr Ile Ser Cys
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(6) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 6:
15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
(A) LENGTH: 15 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acidic
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
20 (ix) FEATURES:
(A) NAME: L-FR2
(D) OTHER INFORMATION:
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 6:
Trp Tyr Gln Gln Lys Pro Gly Gln Pro Pro Lys Leu Leu Ile Tyr
25 1 5 10 15

(7) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 7:
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
(A) LENGTH: 32 amino acids
30 (B) TYPE: amino acidic
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
(vi) SOURCE:
35 (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
(ix) FEATURES:
(A) NAME: L-FR3

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(ix) FEATURES:

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 12 is Arg, a basic amino acid or a polar amino acid with no charge

(ix) FEATURES:

5 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 15 is Phe, a non polar amino acid or a polar amino acid with no charge

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

10 Gly Ile Pro Ala Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Xaa Thr Asp Xaa Thr
 1 5 10 15
 Leu Thr Ile Asn Pro Val Glu Ala Asp Asp Val Ala Thr Tyr Tyr Cys
 20 25 30

(8) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 8:

15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 11 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

20 (ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: L-FR4

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 8:

25 Phe Gly Gly Gly Thr Lys Leu Glu Ile Lys Arg
 1 5 10

(9) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 9:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 10 amino acids

30 (B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

35 (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: H-CDR1-F8

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

Gly Phe Thr Phe Ser Ser Tyr Gly Met Ser

1 5 10

5 (10) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 10:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 10 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

10 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: H-CDR2-F8

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

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

15 Thr Ile Asn Ser Asn Gly Gly Ser Thr Phe

1 5 10

(11) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 11:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

20 (A) LENGTH: 16 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

25 (vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: H-CDR3-F8

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

30 Arg Arg Asn Tyr Pro Tyr Tyr Tyr Gly Ser Arg Gly Tyr Phe Asp Tyr

1 5 10 15

(12) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 12:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

35 (A) LENGTH: 15 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: L-CDR1-F8

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

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

Arg Ala Ser Glu Ser Val Asp Ser Tyr Gly Asn Ser Phe Met His
1 5 10 15

(13) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 13:

10 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE: synthetic sequence

(A) ORGANISM:

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: L-CDR2-F8

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

Arg Ala Leu Asn Leu Glu Ser
1 5

(14) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 14:

25 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

30 (ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: L-CDR3-F8

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

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

Gln Gln Ser Asn Glu Asp Pro Trp Thr
35 1 5

(15) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 15:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

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- (A) LENGTH: 8 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acidic
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- 5 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
- (vi) SOURCE:
- (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
- (ix) FEATURES
- (A) NAME: H-CDR3-LYS/P5
- 10 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 15:
- Glu Arg Asp Tyr Arg Leu Asp Tyr
- 1 5
- (16) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 16:
- 15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
- (A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acidic
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
- 20 (ix) FEATURES
- (A) NAME: L-CDR3-LYS/P5
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 16:
- Gln His Phe Trp Ser Thr Pro Arg Thr
- 1 5
- 25 (17) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 17:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
- (A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acidic
 - 30 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
- (vi) SOURCE:
- (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
- 35 (ix) FEATURES
- (A) NAME: H-CDR3-LYS/11E
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 17:

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Thr Arg Pro Tyr Phe Asp Tyr

1 5

(18) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 18:

5 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

10 (ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: L-CDR3-LYS/11E

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 18:

Gln Gln Val Thr Tyr Lys Pro Trp Thr

15 1 5

(19) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 19:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids

20 (B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

25 (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: H-CDR3-BSA/9F

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

Glu Arg Trp Asp Phe Asp Tyr

30 1 5

(20) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 20:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids

35 (B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

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- (ix) FEATURES
 (A) NAME: L-CDR3-BSA/9F
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION:
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 20:
5 Gln Gln Ala Leu Ser Pro Pro Trp Thr
1 5
- (21) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 21:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
10 (A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acidic
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
- 15 (vi) SOURCE:
 (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
- (ix) FEATURES
 (A) NAME: H-CDR3-TSWV(BR01)/6H
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 21:
20 Asn Trp Arg Arg Phe Asp Tyr
1 5
- (22) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 22:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
25 (A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acidic
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
 (ix) FEATURES
- 30 (A) NAME: L-CDR3-TSWV(BR01)/6H
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION:
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 22:
Gln Gln Gly Ala Ser Ile Pro Trp Thr
1 5
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- (23) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 23:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

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- (A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acidic
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- 5 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
(vi) SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
(ix) FEATURES
(A) NAME: H-CDR3-TSWV(P105)/1C
- 10 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 23:
Gly Arg His Lys Phe Asp Tyr
1 5
- (24) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 24:
- 15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
(A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acidic
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
- 20 (ix) FEATURES
(A) NAME: L-CDR3-TSWV(P105)/1C
(D) OTHER INFORMATION:
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 24:
Gln Gln Tyr Gly Arg Arg Pro Trp Thr
25 1 5
- (25) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 25:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
(A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids
- 30 (B) TYPE: amino acidic
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
(vi) SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
- 35 (ix) FEATURES
(A) NAME: H-CDR3-CMV/4G

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 25:

Asn Asn Trp Ser Phe Asp Tyr

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5 (26) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 26:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

10 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: L-CDR3-CMV/4G

15 (D) OTHER INFORMATION:

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

Gln Gln Gly Gln Arg Lys Pro Trp Thr

1 5

20 (27) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 27:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

25 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

30 (A) NAME: H-CDR3-CMV/4B

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

Asn Asn Tyr Ser Phe Asp Tyr

1 5

35 (28) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 28:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids

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- (B) TYPE: amino acidic
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
(ix) FEATURES
- 5 (A) NAME: L-CDR3-CMV/4B
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 28:
Gln Gln Gly Arg Arg Ala Pro Trp Thr
1 5
- 10 (29) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 29:
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
(A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acidic
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
15 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
(vi) SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
(ix) FEATURES
- 20 (A) NAME: H-CDR3-CMV/2G
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 27:
Val Thr Tyr Asn Phe Asp Tyr
1 5
- 25 (30) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 30:
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
(A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acidic
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
30 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
(ix) FEATURES
(A) NAME: L-CDR3-CMV/2G
(D) OTHER INFORMATION:
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 30:
35 Gln Gln Ser Arg Arg Pro Pro Trp Thr
1 5

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(31) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 31:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 124 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

10 (ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VH-F8

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 31:

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

30 (32) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 32:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 112 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

35 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VL-F8

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(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 32:

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

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(33) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 33:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

- 20 (A) LENGTH: 116 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acids
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

25 (vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VH-LYS/P5

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 33:

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

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10 (34) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 34:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 108 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

15 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

20 (A) NAME: VL-LYS/P5

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 34:

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

(35) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 35:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 116 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

5 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VH-LYS/11E

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 35:

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

(36) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 36:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 108 amino acids

30 (B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VL-LYS/11E

35 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 36:

Asp Ile Glu Leu Thr Gln Ser Pro Ala Ser Leu Ala Val Ser Leu Gly
 1 5 10 15

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

(37) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 37:

15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 116 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

20 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VH-BSA/9F

25 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 37:

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

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Ala Arg Glu Arg Trp Asp Phe Asp Tyr Trp Gly Gln Gly Thr Thr Val
 100 105 110
 Thr Val Ser Ser
 115

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(38) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 38:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 108 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

10 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

15 (ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VL-BSA/9F

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 38:

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

(39) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 39:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

35 (A) LENGTH: 116 amino acid

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VH-TSWV (BR01) / 6H

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

5 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 39:

Gln Val Gln Leu Gln Glu Ser Gly Gly Asp Leu Val Gln Pro Gly Gly
1 5 10 15

Ser Leu Lys Leu Ser Cys Ala Ala Ser Gly Phe Thr Phe Ser Ser Tyr
20 25 30

10 Gly Met Ser Trp Val Arg Gln Thr Pro Asp Lys Arg Leu Glu Leu Val
35 40 45

Ala Thr Ile Asn Ser Asn Gly Gly Ser Thr Phe Tyr Pro Asp Ser Val
50 55 60

Lys Gly Arg Phe Thr Ile Ser Arg Asp Asn Ala Lys Asn Thr Leu Tyr
15 65 70 75 80

Leu Gln Met Ser Ser Leu Lys Ser Glu Asp Thr Ala Met Tyr Tyr Cys
85 90 95

Ala Arg Asn Trp Arg Arg Phe Asp Tyr Trp Gly Gln Gly Thr Thr Val
100 105 110

20 Thr Val Ser Ser
115

(40) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 40:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

25 (A) LENGTH: 108 amino acid

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

30 (A) NAME: VL-TSWV(BR01)/6H

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 40:

Asp Ile Glu Leu Thr Gln Ser Pro Ala Ser Leu Ala Val Ser Leu Gly
1 5 10 15

35 Gln Arg Ala Thr Ile Ser Cys Arg Ala Ser Glu Ser Val His Asn Tyr
 20 25 30

Met His Trp Tyr Gln Gln Lys Pro Gly Gln Pro Pro Lys Leu Leu Ile

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35 40 45
 Tyr Arg Ala Leu Asn Leu Glu Ser Gly Ile Pro Ala Arg Phe Ser Gly
 50 55 60
 Ser Gly Ser Arg Thr Asp Phe Thr Leu Thr Ile Asn Pro Val Glu Ala
 5 65 70 75 80
 Asp Asp Val Ala Thr Tyr Tyr Cys Gln Gln Gly Ala Ser Ile Pro Trp
 85 90 95
 Thr Phe Gly Gly Gly Thr Lys Leu Glu Ile Lys Arg
 100 105
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 (41) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 41:
 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
 (A) LENGTH: 116 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acidic
 15 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
 (ix) FEATURES
 (A) NAME: VH-TSWV(P105)/1C
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION:
 20 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 41:
 Gln Val Gln Leu Gln Glu Ser Gly Gly Asp Leu Val Gln Pro Gly Gly
 1 5 10 15
 Ser Leu Lys Leu Ser Cys Ala Ala Ser Gly Phe Thr Phe Ser Ser Tyr
 20 25 30
 25 Gly Met Ser Trp Val Arg Gln Thr Pro Asp Lys Arg Leu Glu Leu Val
 35 40 45
 Ala Thr Ile Asn Ser Asn Gly Gly Ser Thr Phe Tyr Pro Asp Ser Val
 50 55 60
 Lys Gly Arg Phe Thr Ile Ser Arg Asp Asn Ala Lys Asn Thr Leu Tyr
 30 65 70 75 80
 Leu Gln Met Ser Ser Leu Lys Ser Glu Asp Thr Ala Met Tyr Tyr Cys
 85 90 95
 Ala Arg Gly Arg His Lys Phe Asp Tyr Trp Gly Gln Gly Thr Thr Val
 100 105 110
 35 Thr Val Ser Ser
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(42) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 42:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 108 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VL-TSWV(P105)/1C

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

10 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 42:

Asp Ile Glu Leu Thr Gln Ser Pro Ala Ser Leu Ala Val Ser Leu Gly
 1 5 10 15

Gln Arg Ala Thr Ile Ser Cys Arg Ala Ser Glu Ser Val His Asn Tyr
 20 25 30

15 Met His Trp Tyr Gln Gln Lys Pro Gly Gln Pro Pro Lys Leu Leu Ile
 35 40 45

Tyr Arg Ala Leu Asn Leu Glu Ser Gly Ile Pro Ala Arg Phe Ser Gly
 50 55 60

20 Ser Gly Ser Arg Thr Asp Phe Thr Leu Thr Ile Asn Pro Val Glu Ala
 65 70 75 80

Asp Asp Val Ala Thr Tyr Tyr Cys Gln Gln Tyr Gly Arg Arg Pro Trp
 85 90 95

Thr Phe Gly Gly Gly Thr Lys Leu Glu Ile Lys Arg
 100 105

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(43) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 43:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 116 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

30 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VH-CMV/4G

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

35 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 43:

Gln Val Gln Leu Gln Glu Ser Gly Gly Asp Leu Val Gln Pro Gly Gly
 1 5 10 15

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Ser Leu Lys Leu Ser Cys Ala Ala Ser Gly Phe Thr Phe Ser Ser Tyr
 20 25 30
 Gly Met Ser Trp Val Arg Gln Thr Pro Asp Lys Arg Leu Glu Leu Val
 35 40 45
 5 Ala Thr Ile Asn Ser Asn Gly Gly Ser Thr Phe Tyr Pro Asp Ser Val
 50 55 60
 Lys Gly Arg Phe Thr Ile Ser Arg Asp Asn Ala Lys Asn Thr Leu Tyr
 65 70 75 80
 Leu Gln Met Ser Ser Leu Lys Ser Glu Asp Thr Ala Met Tyr Tyr Cys
 10 85 90 95
 Ala Arg Asn Asn Trp Ser Phe Asp Tyr Trp Gly Gln Gly Thr Thr Val
 100 105 110
 Thr Val Ser Ser
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(44) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 44:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 108 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

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(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VL-CMV/4G

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 44:

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

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Thr Phe Gly Gly Gly Thr Lys Leu Glu Ile Lys Arg
 100 105

(45) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 45:

5 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 116 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

10 (ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VH-CMV/4B

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 45:

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

30 (46) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 46:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 108 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

35 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VL-CMV/4B

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 46:

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

(47) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 47:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 116 amino acids

20 (B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VH-CMV/2G

25 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 47:

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

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Ala Arg Val Thr Tyr Asn Phe Asp Tyr Trp Gly Gln Gly Thr Thr Val
 100 105 110
 Thr Val Ser Ser
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(48) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 48:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 108 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

10 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: VL-CMV/2G

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 48:

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

30 (49) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 49:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 247 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

35 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: polypeptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: sFv(F8)

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 49:

	Gln	Val	Gln	Leu	Gln	Glu	Ser	Gly	Gly	Asp	Leu	Val	Gln	Pro	Gly	Gly	
	1				5					10					15		
	Ser	Leu	Lys	Leu	Ser	Cys	Ala	Ala	Ser	Gly	Phe	Thr	Phe	Ser	Ser	Tyr	
5				20					25					30			
	Gly	Met	Ser	Trp	Val	Arg	Gln	Thr	Pro	Asp	Lys	Arg	Leu	Glu	Leu	Val	
			35					40					45				
	Ala	Thr	Ile	Asn	Ser	Asn	Gly	Gly	Ser	Thr	Phe	Tyr	Pro	Asp	Ser	Val	
		50					55					60					
10	Lys	Gly	Arg	Phe	Thr	Ile	Ser	Arg	Asp	Asn	Ala	Lys	Asn	Thr	Leu	Tyr	
	65					70					75				80		
	Leu	Gln	Met	Ser	Ser	Leu	Lys	Ser	Glu	Asp	Thr	Ala	Met	Tyr	Tyr	Cys	
				85						90				95			
	Ala	Arg	Arg	Arg	Asn	Tyr	Pro	Tyr	Tyr	Tyr	Gly	Ser	Arg	Gly	Tyr	Phe	
15				100					105					110			
	Asp	Tyr	Trp	Gly	Gln	Gly	Thr	Thr	Val	Thr	Val	Ser	Ser	Gly	Gly	Gly	
			115					120					125				
	Gly	Ser	Gly	Gly	Gly	Gly	Ser	Gly	Gly	Gly	Gly	Ser	Asp	Ile	Glu	Leu	
		130					135					140					
20	Thr	Gln	Ser	Pro	Ala	Ser	Leu	Ala	Val	Ser	Leu	Gly	Gln	Arg	Ala	Thr	
	145					150					155				160		
	Ile	Ser	Cys	Arg	Ala	Ser	Glu	Ser	Val	Asp	Ser	Tyr	Gly	Asn	Ser	Phe	
				165						170				175			
	Met	His	Trp	Tyr	Gln	Gln	Lys	Pro	Gly	Gln	Pro	Pro	Lys	Leu	Leu	Ile	
25				180					185					190			
	Tyr	Arg	Ala	Leu	Asn	Leu	Glu	Ser	Gly	Ile	Pro	Ala	Arg	Phe	Ser	Gly	
			195						200				205				
	Ser	Gly	Ser	Arg	Thr	Asp	Phe	Thr	Leu	Thr	Ile	Asn	Pro	Val	Glu	Ala	
		210				215						220					
30	Asp	Asp	Val	Ala	Thr	Tyr	Tyr	Cys	Gln	Gln	Ser	Asn	Glu	Asp	Pro	Trp	
	225					230					235				240		
	Thr	Phe	Gly	Gly	Gly	Thr	Lys	Leu	Glu	Ile	Lys	Arg					
				245					250								

35 (50) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 50:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 239 amino acids

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(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: polipeptide

(ix) FEATURES

5 (A) NAME: scFv(P5)

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 50:

	Gln	Val	Gln	Leu	Gln	Glu	Ser	Gly	Gly	Asp	Leu	Val	Gln	Pro	Gly	Gly	
	1				5					10					15		
10	Ser	Leu	Lys	Leu	Ser	Cys	Ala	Val	Ser	Gly	Phe	Ser	Leu	Thr	Gly	Tyr	
				20						25					30		
	Gly	Val	Asn	Trp	Val	Arg	Gln	Thr	Pro	Asp	Lys	Arg	Leu	Glu	Trp	Val	
				35						40					45		
	Ala	Met	Ile	Trp	Gly	Asp	Gly	Asn	Thr	Asp	Tyr	Asn	Ser	Ser	Val	Lys	
15		50					55					60					
	Gly	Arg	Phe	Thr	Ile	Ser	Lys	Asp	Asn	Ala	Lys	Ser	Thr	Val	Tyr	Leu	
	65					70					75				80		
	Gln	Met	Ser	Ser	Leu	Lys	Ser	Glu	Asp	Thr	Ala	Met	Tyr	Tyr	Cys	Ala	
					85					90					95		
20	Arg	Glu	Arg	Asp	Tyr	Arg	Leu	Asp	Tyr	Trp	Gly	Gln	Gly	Thr	Thr	Val	
				100						105					110		
	Thr	Val	Ser	Ser	Gly	Gly	Gly	Gly	Ser	Gly	Gly	Gly	Gly	Ser	Gly	Gly	
				115						120					125		
	Gly	Gly	Ser	Asp	Ile	Glu	Leu	Thr	Gln	Ser	Pro	Ala	Ser	Leu	Ala	Val	
25		130					135					140					
	Ser	Leu	Gly	Gln	Arg	Ala	Thr	Ile	Ser	Cys	Arg	Ala	Ser	Gly	Asn	Ile	
	145					150					155				160		
	His	Asn	Tyr	Leu	Ala	Trp	Tyr	Gln	Gln	Lys	Pro	Gly	Gln	Pro	Pro	Lys	
					165					170					175		
30	Leu	Leu	Ile	Tyr	Tyr	Thr	Thr	Thr	Leu	Ala	Asp	Gly	Ile	Pro	Ala	Arg	
				180						185					190		
	Phe	Ser	Gly	Ser	Gly	Ser	Gly	Thr	Asp	Tyr	Thr	Leu	Thr	Ile	Asn	Pro	
				195						200					205		
	Val	Glu	Ala	Asp	Asp	Val	Ala	Thr	Tyr	Tyr	Cys	Gln	His	Phe	Trp	Ser	
35		210					215					220					
	Thr	Pro	Arg	Thr	Phe	Gly	Gly	Gly	Thr	Lys	Leu	Glu	Ile	Lys	Arg		
	225					230						235					

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(51) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 51:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

5 (A) LENGTH: 16 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

10 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: sequence of a linker for
antibodies scFv

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 51:

Gly Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Gly Ser
1 5 10 15

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(52) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 52:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 75 bp

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

20 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

25 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for H-FR1-F8

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 52:

CAG GTG CAG CTG CAG GAG TCT GGG GGA GAC TTA GTG CAG CCT 42
GGA GGG TCC CTG AAA CTC TCC TGT GCA GCC TCT 75

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(53) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 53:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 42 bp

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

35 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide

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(vi) SOURCE:
 (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for H-FR2-F8

5 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 53:
TGG GTT CGC CAG ACT CCA GAC AAG AGG CTG GAG TTG GTC GCA 42

(54) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 54:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

10 (A) LENGTH: 117 bp
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide

15 (vi) SOURCE:
 (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for H-FR3-F8

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 54:

20 TAT CCA GAC AGT GTG AAG GGC CGA TTC ACC ATC TCC AGA GAC 42
AAT GCC AAG AAC ACC CTG TAC CTG CAA ATG AGC AGT CTG AAG 84
TCT GAG GAC ACA GCC ATG TAT TAC TGT GCA AGA 117

(55) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 55:

25 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
 (A) LENGTH: 33 bp
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

30 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide

(vi) SOURCE:
 (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for H-FR4-F8

35 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 55:
TGG GGC CAA GGG ACC ACG GTC ACC GTC TCC TCA 33

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(56) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 56:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 69 bp

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

10 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for L-FR1-F8

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 56:

GAC ATC GAG CTC ACT CAG TCT CCA GCT TCT TTG GCT GTG TCT 42

CTA GGG CAG AGG GCC ACC ATA TCC TGC 69

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(57) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 57:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 45 bp

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

20 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

25 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for L-FR2-F8

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 57:

TGG TAC CAG CAG AAA CCA GGA CAG CCA CCC AAA CTC CTC ATC 42

TAT 45

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(58) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 58:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 96 bp

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

35 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide

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(vi) SOURCE:
 (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for L-FR3-F8

5 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 58:
GGG ATC CCT GCC AGG TTC AGT GGC AGT GGG TCT AGG ACA GAC 42
TTC ACC CTC ACC ATT AAT CCT GTG GAG GCT GAT GAT GTT GCA 84
ACC TAT TAC TGT 96

10 (59) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 59:
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
 (A) LENGTH: 33 bp
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
15 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide
(vi) SOURCE:
 (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
(ix) FEATURES
20 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for L-FR4-F8
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 59:
TTC GGT GGA GGC ACC AAG CTC GAG ATC AAA CGG 33

(60) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 60:

25 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
 (A) LENGTH: 30 bp
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
30 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide
(vi) SOURCE:
 (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
(ix) FEATURES
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for H-CDR1-F8
35 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 60:
GGA TTC ACT TTC AGT AGC TAT GGC ATG TCT 30

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(61) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 61:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 30 bp

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

10 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for H-CDR2-F8

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 61:

ACC ATT AAT AGT AAT GGT GGT AGC ACC TTT

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15 (62) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 62:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 48 bp

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

20 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

25 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for H-CDR3-F8

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 62:

AGA AGG AAT TAC CCC TAT TAC TAC GGT AGT AGA GGC TAC 42

TTT GAC TAC 48

30 (63) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 63:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 45 bp

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

35 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide

(vi) SOURCE:

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(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for L-CDR1-F8

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 63:

5 AGA GCC AGT GAA AGT GTT GAT AGT TAT GGC AAT AGT TTT ATG 42
CAC 45

(64) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 64:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

10 (A) LENGTH: 21 bp
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide

15 (vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for L-CDR2-F8

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 64:

20 CGT GCA TTA AAT CTA GAA TCT 21

(65) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 65:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

25 (A) LENGTH: 27 bp
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide

(vi) SOURCE:

30 (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for L-CDR3-F8

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 65:

35 CAG CAA AGT AAT GAG GAT CCG TGG ACG 27

(66) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 66:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

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(A) LENGTH: 374 bp
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

5 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: polinucleotide
(vi) SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
(ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for VH- F8

10 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 66:
CAG TGC AGC TGC AGG AGT CTG GGG GAG ACT TAG TGC AGC CTG 42 GAG
GGT CCC TGA AAC TCT CCT GTG CAG CCT CTG GAT TCA CTT 84 TCA GTA
GCT ATG GCA TGT CTT GGG TTC GCC AGA CTC CAG ACA 126 AGA GGC TGG
AGT TGG TCG CAA CCA TTA ATA GTA ATG GTG GTA 168 GCA CCT TTT ATC
15 CAG ACA GTG TGA AGG GCC GAT TCA CCA TCT 210 CCA GAG ACA ATG CCA
AGA ACA CCC TGT ACC TGC AAA TGA GCA 252 GTC TGA AGT CTG AGG ACA
CAG CCA TGT ATT ACT GTG CAA GAA 294 GAA GGA ATT ACC CCT ATT ACT
ACG GTA GTA GAG GCT ACT TTG 336 ACT ACT GGG GCC AAG GGA CCA CGG
TCA CCG TCT CCT CA 374

20 (67) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 67:
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
(A) LENGTH: 336 bp
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
25 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: polinucleotide
(vi) SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

30 (ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for VL-F8
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 67:
GAC ATC GAG CTC ACT CAG TCT CCA GCT TCT TTG GCT GTG TCT 42
CTA GGG CAG AGG GCC ACC ATA TCC TGC AGA GCC AGT GAA AGT 84
35 GTT GAT AGT TAT GGC AAT AGT TTT ATG CAC TGG TAC CAG CAG 126
AAA CCA GGA CAG CCA CCC AAA CTC CTC ATC TAT CGT GCA TTA 168
AAT CTA GAA TCT GGG ATC CCT GCC AGG TTC AGT GGC AGT GGG 210

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TCT AGG ACA GAC TTC ACC CTC ACC ATT AAT CCT GTG GAG GCT 252
GAT GAT GTT GCA ACC TAT TAC TGT CAG CAA AGT AAT GAG GAT 294
CCG TGG ACG TTC GGT GGA GGC ACC AAG CTC GAG ATC AAA CGG 336

5 (68) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 68:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 756 bp

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

10 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: polinucleotide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

15 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for scFv(F8)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 68:

CAG GTG CAG CTG CAG GAG TCT GGG GGA GAC TTA GTG CAG CCT 42
GGA GGG TCC CTG AAA CTC TCC TGT GCA GCC TCT GGA TTC ACT 84
TTC AGT AGC TAT GGC ATG TCT TGG GTT CGC CAG ACT CCA GAC 126
20 AAG AGG CTG GAG TTG GTC GCA ACC ATT AAT AGT AAT GGT GGT 168
AGC ACC TTT TAT CCA GAC AGT GTG AAG GGC CGA TTC ACC ATC 210
TCC AGA GAC AAT GCC AAG AAC ACC CTG TAC CTG CAA ATG AGC 252
AGT CTG AAG TCT GAG GAC ACA GGC ATG TAT TAC TGT GCA AGA 294
AGA AGG AAT TAC CCC TAT TAC TAC GGT AGT AGA GGC TAC TTT 336
25 GAC TAC TGG GGC CAA GGG ACC ACG GTC ACC GTC TCC TCA GGT 378
GGA GGC GGT TCA GGC GGA GGT GGC TCT GGC GGT GGC GGA TCG 420
GAC ATC GAG CTC ACT CAG TCT CCA GCT TCT TTG GCT GTG TCT 462
CTA GGG CAG AGG GCC ACC ATA TCC TGC AGA GCC AGT GAA AGT 504
GTT GAT AGT TAT GGC AAT AGT TTT ATG CAC TGG TAC CAG CAG 546
30 AAA CCA GGA CAG CCA CCC AAA CTC CTC ATC TAT CGT GCA TTA 588
AAT CTA GAA TCT GGG ATC CCT GCC AGG TTC AGT GGC AGT GGG 630
TCT AGG ACA GAC TTC ACC CTC ACC ATT AAT CCT GTG GAG GCT 672
GAT GAT GTT GCA ACC TAT TAC TGT CAG CAA AGT AAT GAG GAT 714
CCG TGG ACG TTC GGT GGA GGC ACC AAG CTC GAG ATC AAA CGG 756

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(69) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 69:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

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- (A) LENGTH: 711 bp
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- 5 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: polinucleotide
 (vi) SOURCE:
 (A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
 (ix) FEATURES
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for scFv(P5)
- 10 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 69:
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|--|-----|
| CAG GTG CAG CTG CAG GAG TCT GGG GGA GAC TTA GTG CAG CCT | 42 |
| GGA GGG TCC CTG AAA CTC TCC TGT GCA GTC TCT GGA TTC AGT | 84 |
| TTG ACT GGC TAT GGC GTG AAT TGG GTT CGC CAG ACT CCA GAC | 126 |
| AAG AGG CTG GAG TGG GTC GCA ATG ATT TGG GGT GAT GGT AAC | 168 |
| 15 ACC GAT TAT AAT TCC AGT GTG AAG GGC CGA TTC ACC ATC TCC | 212 |
| AAA GAC AAT GCC AAG AGC ACC GTG TAC CTG CAA ATG AGC AGT | 254 |
| CTG AAG TCT GAG GAC ACA GCC ATG TAT TAC TGT GCA AGA GAA | 296 |
| AGG GAT TAC CGC CTT GAC TAC TGG GGC CAA GGG ACC ACG GTC | 338 |
| ACC GTC TCC TCA GGT GGA GGC GGT TCA GGC GGA GGT GGC TCT | 380 |
| 20 GGC GGT GGC GGA TCG GAC ATC GAG CTC ACT CAG TCT CCA GCT | 420 |
| TCT TTG GCT GTG TCT CTA GGG CAG AGG GCC ACC ATA TCC TGC | 462 |
| AGA GCC AGT GGA AAT ATT CAT AAT TAT TTG GCC TGG TAC CAG | 504 |
| CAG AAA CCA GGA CAG CCA CCC AAC TCC TCA TCT ATT ATA CAA | 546 |
| CAA CTC TAG CAG ATG GGA TCC CTG CCA GGT TCA GTG GCA GTG | 588 |
| 25 GGT CTG GGA CAG ACT ACA CCC TCA CCA TTA ATC CTG TGG AGG | 630 |
| CTG ATG ATG TTG CAA CCT ATT ACT GTC AGC ACT TTT GTC GAC | 672 |
| TCC GAG GAC GTT CGG TGG AGG CAC CAA GCT CGA GAT CAA ACG | 710 |
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- 30 (70) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 70:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
 (A) LENGTH: 10 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acidic
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 35 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
 (vi) SOURCE:

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(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: H-CDR1

(ix) FEATURES

5 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 1 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 2 is
any amino acid

10 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 3 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

15 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 4 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 5 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

20 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 6 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 7 is
any amino acid

25 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 8 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

30 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 9 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 10 is
any amino acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 70:

35 Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa

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(71) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 71:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 10 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

10 (ix) FEATURES

(B) NAME: H-CDR2

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 1 is
any amino acid

15 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 2 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 3 is
any amino acid

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(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 4 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

25 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 5 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 6 is
any amino acid

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(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 7 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 8 is
any amino acid

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(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 9 is

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any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 10 is
any amino acid

5 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 71:

Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
1 5 10

(72) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 72:

10 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 16 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

(C) NAME: H-CDR3

20 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 1 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 2 is
any amino acid

25 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 3 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 4 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 5 is
any amino acid

35 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 6 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

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(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 7 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

5 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 8 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 9 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

10 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 10 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

15 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 11 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 12 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

20 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 13 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 14 is any
amino acid

25 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 15 is any
amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

30 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 16 is any
amino acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 72:

Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa

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35 (73) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 73:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 15 amino acids

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(B) TYPE: amino acidic
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
5 (vi) SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence
(ix) FEATURES
(D) NAME: L-CDR1
(ix) FEATURES
10 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 1 is
any amino acid
(ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 2 is
any amino acid
15 (ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 3 is
any amino acid
(ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 4 is
20 any amino acid
(ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 5 is
any amino acid
(ix) FEATURES
25 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 6 is
any amino acid
(ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 7 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion
30 (ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 8 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion
(ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 9 is
35 any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion
(ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 10 is

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any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 11 is
any amino acid

5 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 12 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 13 is
10 any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 14 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

15 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 15 is
any amino acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 73:

Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
1 5 10 15

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(74) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 74:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 7 amino acid

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

25 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

30 (ix) FEATURES

(E) NAME: L-CDR2

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 1 is
any amino acid

35 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 2 is
any amino acid

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(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 3 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

5 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 4 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 5 is
any amino acid

10 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 6 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 7 is
15 any amino acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEO ID NO: 74:

Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa

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20 (75) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 75:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic.

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

25 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

30 (A) NAME: L-CDR3

(A) NAME: L-CDR3

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 1 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

35 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 2 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

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- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 3 is
any amino acid
(ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 4 is
5 any amino acid
(ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 5 is
any amino acid
(ix) FEATURES
10 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 6 is
any amino acid
(ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 7 is
any amino acid
15 (ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 8 is
any amino acid
(ix) FEATURES
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 9 is
20 any amino acid
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 75:
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
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- 25 (76) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 76:
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS
(A) LENGTH: 11 amino acid
(B) TYPE: amino acidic
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
30 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
(ix) FEATURES
(A) NAME: L-CDR1-MUT
(D) OTHER INFORMATION:
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 76:
35 Arg Ala Ser Glu Ser Val His Asn Tyr Met His
1 5 10

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(77) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 77:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 33 bp

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: oligonucleotide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

10 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: coding DNA for L-CDR1-MUT

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 77:

AGA GCC AGT GAA AGT GTT CAT AAT TAT ATG CAC

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15 (78) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 78:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 10 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

20 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: synthetic sequence

(ix) FEATURES

25 (A) NAME: H-CDR1-LYS/P5

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 78:

Gly Phe Ser Leu Thr Gly Tyr Gly Val Asn

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(79) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 79:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 16 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

35 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

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(A) NAME: H-CDR2-LYS/P5

(D) OTHER INFORMATION:

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 79:

Met Ile Trp Gly Asp Gly Asn Thr Asp Tyr Asn Ser Ser Val Lys Gly
5 1 5 10 15

(80) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 80:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 11 amino acids

10 (B) TYPE: amino acidic

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(ix) FEATURES

(A) NAME: L-CDR1-LYS/P5

15 (D) OTHER INFORMATION:

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 80:

Arg Ala Ser Gly Asn Ile His Asn Tyr Leu Ala
1 5 10

20 (81) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 81:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic-

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

25 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(vi) SOURCE: synthetic sequence

(A) ORGANISM:

(ix) FEATURES

30 (A) NAME: L-CDR2-LYS/P5

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 81:

Tyr Thr Thr Thr Leu Ala Asp
1 5

35 (82) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 82:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 125 amino acids

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- (B) TYPE: amino acidic
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: polypeptide
- (ix) FEATURES
- 5 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 24 is Ala
- (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 27 is
any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- 10 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 28 is
any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 29 is
any amino acid
- 15 (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 30 is
any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 31 is
any amino acid
- 20 (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 32 is
any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- 25 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 33 is
any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 34 is
any amino acid
- 30 (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 35 is
any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 36 is
any amino acid
- 35 (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 48 is

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Leu or a non polar amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 51 is
any amino acid

5 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 52 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 53 is
10 any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 54 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

15 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 55 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 56 is
any amino acid

20 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 57 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 58 is
25 any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 59 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

30 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 60 is
any amino acid

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 62 is Pro, a
non polar amino acid or an amino acid with no charge

(ix) FEATURES

35 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 63 is Asp, a
non polar amino acid or an amino acid with no charge;

(ix) FEATURES

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(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 73 is Arg or a basic amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

5 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 78 is Asn, or a polar amino acid with no charge

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 80 is Leu or a non polar amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

10 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 99 is any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 100 is any amino acid

15 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 101 is any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 102 is any amino acid

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(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 103 is any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

25 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 104 is any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 105 is any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

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(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 106 is any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 107 is any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

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(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 108 is

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any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 109 is

any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

5 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 110 is

any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 111 is

10 any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 112 è

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(ix) FEATURES

15 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 113 is

any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 114 is

any amino acid

20 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 82:

Gln Val Gln Leu Gln Glu Ser Gly Gly Asp Leu Val Gln Pro Gly Gly

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Ser Leu Lys Leu Ser Cys Ala -Xaa Ser Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa

20 25 30

25 Xaa Xaa Xaa Trp Val Arg Gln Thr Pro Asp Lys Arg Leu Glu Xaa Val

35 40 45

Ala Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Tyr Xaa Xaa Ser Val

50 55 60 65

Lys Gly Arg Phe Thr Ile Ser Xaa Asp Asn Ala Lys Xaa Thr Xaa Tyr

30 70 75 80

Leu Gln Met Ser Ser Leu Lys Ser Glu Asp Thr Ala Met Tyr Tyr Cys

85 90 95

Ala Arg Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa

100 105 110

35 Xaa Xaa Trp Gly Gln Gly Thr Thr Val Thr Val Ser Ser

115 120 125

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(83) INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE SEQ ID NO: 83:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS

(A) LENGTH: 125 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acidic

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: polypeptide

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 24 is
any amino acid

10 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 25 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

15 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 26 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 27 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

20 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 28 is
any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 29 is
any amino acid

25 (ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 30 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

30 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 31 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 32 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

35 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 33 is
any amino acid, and can be eliminated by deletion

(ix) FEATURES

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- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 34 is
any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 35 is
5 any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 36 is
any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- 10 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 37 is
any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 38 is
any amino acid
- 15 (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 54 is
any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 55 is
20 any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 56 is
any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- 25 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 57 is
any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 58 is
any amino acid
- 30 (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 59 is
any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 60 is
35 any amino acid
- (ix) FEATURES

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(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 72 is Arg, a non polar amino acid or an amino acid with no charge

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 75 is Phe, a non polar amino acid or an amino acid with no charge

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 93 is any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 94 is any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 95 is any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 96 is any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 97 is any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 98 is any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 99 is any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 100 is any amino acid

(ix) FEATURES

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Xaa in position 101 is any amino acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 83:

Asp Ile Glu Leu Thr Gln Ser Pro Ala Ser Leu Ala Val Ser Leu Gly

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Gln Arg Ala Thr Ile Ser Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa

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	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Trp	Tyr	Gln	Gln	Lys	Pro	Gly	Gln	Pro	Pro	
	35						40				45						
	Lys	Leu	Leu	Ile	Tyr	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Gly	Ile	Pro	Ala	
	50					55					60						
5	Arg	Phe	Ser	Gly	Ser	Gly	Ser	Xaa	Thr	Asp	Xaa	Thr	Leu	Thr	Ile	Asn	
	65				70					75					80		
	Pro	Val	Glu	Ala	Asp	Asp	Val	Ala	Thr	Tyr	Tyr	Cys	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	
	85					90					95						
	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Phe	Gly	Gly	Gly	Thr	Lys	Leu	Glu	Ile	Lys	Arg	
10	100					105					110						