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<p>(57) Abstract</p>		
<p>Disclosed are novel fit-3 receptor agonist proteins, DNAs which encode the fit-3 receptor agonist proteins, methods of making the fit-3 receptor agonist proteins and methods of using the fit-3 receptor agonist proteins.</p>		

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NOVEL flt3 RECEPTOR AGONISTS

The present application claims priority under Title 35,
United States Code, §119 of United States Provisional
5 application Serial No. 60/030,094, filed October 25,
1996.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

10 The present invention relates to human flt3
receptor agonists. These flt3 receptor agonists retain
one or more activities of native flt3 ligand and may
also show improved hematopoietic cell-stimulating
activity and/or an improved activity profile which may
15 include reduction of undesirable biological activities
associated with native flt3 ligand and/or have improved
physical properties which may include increased
solubility, stability and refold efficiency.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

20 Colony stimulating factors which stimulate the
differentiation and/or proliferation of bone marrow
cells have generated much interest because of their
therapeutic potential for restoring depressed levels of
25 hematopoietic stem cell-derived cells. Colony
stimulating factors in both human and murine systems
have been identified and distinguished according to
their activities. For example, granulocyte-CSF (G-CSF)
and macrophage-CSF (M-CSF) stimulate the in vitro
30 formation of neutrophilic granulocyte and macrophage
colonies, respectively while GM-CSF and interleukin-3
(IL-3) have broader activities and stimulate the
formation of both macrophage, neutrophilic and
eosinophilic granulocyte colonies. Certain factors such
35 as flt3 ligand are able to predominately affect stem
cells.

Tyrosine kinase receptors are growth factor receptors that regulate the proliferation and differentiation of a number of cell. Certain tyrosine kinase receptors function within the hematopoietic system. Flt3 ligand (Rosnet et al., *Oncogene*, **6**:1641-1650, 1991) and flk-2 (Matthews et al., *Cell*, **65**:1143-1152, 1991) are forms of a tyrosine kinase receptor that is related to c-fms and c-kit receptors. The flk-2 and flt3 receptors are similar in amino acid sequence and vary at two amino acid residues in the extracellular domain and diverge in a 31 amino acid segment located near the C-terminus.

flt3 ligand is a hematopoietic growth factor which has the property of being able to regulate the growth and differentiation of hematopoietic progenitor and stem cells. Because of its ability to support the growth and proliferation of progenitor cells, flt3 receptor agonists have potential for therapeutic use in treating hematopoietic disorders such as aplastic anemia and myelodysplastic syndromes. Additionally, flt3 receptor agonists will be useful in restoring hematopoietic cells to normal amounts in those cases where the number of cells has been reduced due to diseases or to therapeutic treatments such as radiation and chemotherapy.

WO 94/28391 discloses the native flt3 ligand protein sequence and a cDNA sequence encoding the flt3 ligand, methods of expressing flt3 ligand in a host cell transfected with the cDNA and methods of treating patients with a hematopoietic disorder using flt3 ligand.

US Patent No. 5,554,512 is directed to human flt3 ligand as an isolated protein, DNA encoding the flt3 ligand, host cells transfected with cDNAs encoding flt3

ligand and methods for treating patients with flt3 ligand.

WO 94/26891 provides mammalian flt3 ligands,
5 including an isolate that has an insertion of 29 amino acids, and fragments there of.

Rearrangement of Protein Sequences

10 In evolution, rearrangements of DNA sequences serve an important role in generating a diversity of protein structure and function. Gene duplication and exon shuffling provide an important mechanism to rapidly generate diversity and thereby provide organisms with a
15 competitive advantage, especially since the basal mutation rate is low (Doolittle, *Protein Science* **1**:191-200, 1992).

The development of recombinant DNA methods has made it possible to study the effects of sequence
20 transposition on protein folding, structure and function. The approach used in creating new sequences resembles that of naturally occurring pairs of proteins that are related by linear reorganization of their amino acid sequences (Cunningham, et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **76**:3218-3222, 1979; Teather & Erfle, *J. Bacteriol.* **172**: 3837-3841, 1990; Schimming et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* **204**: 13-19, 1992; Yamiuchi and Minamikawa, *FEBS Lett.* **260**:127-130, 1991; MacGregor et al., *FEBS Lett.* **378**:263-266, 1996). The first in vitro
25 application of this type of rearrangement to proteins was described by Goldenberg and Creighton (*J. Mol. Biol.* **165**:407-413, 1983). A new N-terminus is selected at an internal site (breakpoint) of the original sequence, the new sequence having the same order of amino acids as the
30 original from the breakpoint until it reaches an amino acid that is at or near the original C-terminus. At this
35 point the new sequence is joined, either directly or

through an additional portion of sequence (linker), to an amino acid that is at or near the original N-terminus, and the new sequence continues with the same sequence as the original until it reaches a point that
5 is at or near the amino acid that was N-terminal to the breakpoint site of the original sequence, this residue forming the new C-terminus of the chain.

This approach has been applied to proteins which range in size from 58 to 462 amino acids (Goldenberg &
10 Creighton, *J. Mol. Biol.* **165**:407-413, 1983; Li & Coffino, *Mol. Cell. Biol.* **13**:2377-2383, 1993). The proteins examined have represented a broad range of structural classes, including proteins that contain predominantly α -helix (interleukin-4; Kreitman et al.,
15 *Cytokine* **7**:311-318, 1995), β -sheet (interleukin-1; Horlick et al., *Protein Eng.* **5**:427-431, 1992), or mixtures of the two (yeast phosphoribosyl anthranilate isomerase; Luger et al., *Science* **243**:206-210, 1989). Broad categories of protein function are represented in
20 these sequence reorganization studies:

Enzymes

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|----|-------------------------|--|
| 25 | T4 lysozyme | Zhang et al., <i>Biochemistry</i> 32 :12311-12318 (1993); Zhang et al., <i>Nature Struct. Biol.</i> 1 :434-438 (1995) |
| 30 | dihydrofolate reductase | Buchwalder et al., <i>Biochemistry</i> 31 :1621-1630 (1994); Protasova et al., <i>Prot. Eng.</i> 7 :1373-1377 (1995) |
| 35 | ribonuclease T1 | Mullins et al., <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 116 :5529-5533 (1994); Garrett et al., <i>Protein Science</i> 5 :204-211 (1996) |

- Bacillus* β -glucanase Hahn et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **91**:10417-10421 (1994)
- 5 aspartate
transcarbamoylase Yang & Schachman, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **90**:11980-11984 (1993)
- 10 phosphoribosyl
anthranilate
isomerase Luger et al., *Science* **243**:206-210 (1989); Luger et al., *Prot. Eng.* **3**:249-258 (1990)
- pepsin/pepsinogen Lin et al., *Protein Science* **4**:159-166 (1995)
- 15 glyceraldehyde-3-
phosphate dehydro-
genase Vignais et al., *Protein Science* **4**:994-1000 (1995)
- 20 ornithine
decarboxylase Li & Coffino, *Mol. Cell. Biol.* **13**:2377-2383 (1993)
- yeast
phosphoglycerate
dehydrogenase Ritco-Vonsovici et al., *Biochemistry* **34**:16543-16551 (1995)
- 25 **Enzyme Inhibitor**
- basic pancreatic
trypsin inhibitor Goldenberg & Creighton, *J. Mol. Biol.* **165**:407-413 (1983)
- 30 **Cytokines**
- interleukin-1 β Horlick et al., *Protein Eng.* **5**:427-431 (1992)
- 35 interleukin-4 Kreitman et al., *Cytokine* **7**:311-318 (1995)

**Tyrosine Kinase
Recognition Domain**

- 5 α -spectrin SH3 domain Viguera, et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* **247**:670-681 (1995)

**Transmembrane
Protein**

- 10 omp A Koebnik & Krämer, *J. Mol. Biol.* **250**:617-626 (1995)

Chimeric Protein

- 15 interleukin-4-*Pseudomonas* exotoxin fusion molecule Kreitman et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **91**:6889-6893 (1994).

- 20 The results of these studies have been highly variable. In many cases substantially lower activity, solubility or thermodynamic stability were observed (*E. coli* dihydrofolate reductase, aspartate transcarbamoylase, phosphoribosyl anthranilate isomerase, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase, ornithine decarboxylase, omp A, yeast phosphoglycerate dehydrogenase). In other cases, the sequence rearranged protein appeared to have many nearly identical properties as its natural counterpart (basic pancreatic trypsin inhibitor, T4 lysozyme, ribonuclease T1, Bacillus β -glucanase, interleukin-1 β , α -spectrin SH3 domain, pepsinogen, interleukin-4). In exceptional cases, an unexpected improvement over some properties of the natural sequence was observed, e.g., the solubility and refolding rate for rearranged α -spectrin SH3 domain sequences, and the receptor affinity and anti-tumor activity of transposed interleukin-4-*Pseudomonas* exotoxin fusion molecule (Kreitman et al., *Proc. Natl.*
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Acad. Sci. U.S.A. **91**:6889-6893, 1994; Kreitman et al., *Cancer Res.* **55**:3357-3363, 1995).

The primary motivation for these types of studies has been to study the role of short-range and long-range interactions in protein folding and stability. Sequence rearrangements of this type convert a subset of interactions that are long-range in the original sequence into short-range interactions in the new sequence, and vice versa. The fact that many of these sequence rearrangements are able to attain a conformation with at least some activity is persuasive evidence that protein folding occurs by multiple folding pathways (Viguera, et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* **247**:670-681, 1995). In the case of the SH3 domain of α -spectrin, choosing new termini at locations that corresponded to β -hairpin turns resulted in proteins with slightly less stability, but which were nevertheless able to fold.

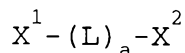
The positions of the internal breakpoints used in the studies cited here are found exclusively on the surface of proteins, and are distributed throughout the linear sequence without any obvious bias towards the ends or the middle (the variation in the relative distance from the original N-terminus to the breakpoint is ca. 10 to 80% of the total sequence length). The linkers connecting the original N- and C-termini in these studies have ranged from 0 to 9 residues. In one case (Yang & Schachman, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **90**:11980-11984, 1993), a portion of sequence has been deleted from the original C-terminal segment, and the connection made from the truncated C-terminus to the original N-terminus. Flexible hydrophilic residues such as Gly and Ser are frequently used in the linkers. Viguera, et al. (*J. Mol. Biol.* **247**:670-681, 1995) compared joining the original N- and C-termini with 3- or 4-residue linkers; the 3-residue linker was less thermodynamically stable. Protasova et al. (*Protein Eng.* **7**:1373-1377, 1994) used 3- or 5-residue linkers in

connecting the original N-termini of *E. coli* dihydrofolate reductase; only the 3-residue linker produced protein in good yield.

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Summary of the Invention

The modified human flt3 receptor agonists of the present invention can be represented by the Formula:



wherein;

- 10 a is 0 or 1;
- X^1 is a peptide comprising an amino acid sequence corresponding to the sequence of residues n+1 through J;
- X^2 is a peptide comprising an amino acid sequence corresponding to the sequence of residues 1 through n;
- 15 n is an integer ranging from 1 to J-1; and
- L is a linker.

20 In the formula above the constituent amino acids residues of human flt3 ligand are numbered sequentially 1 through J from the amino to the carboxyl terminus. A pair of adjacent amino acids within this protein may be numbered n and n+1 respectively where n is an integer ranging from 1 to J-1. The residue n+1 becomes the new N-terminus of the new flt3 receptor agonist and the residue n becomes the new C-terminus of the new flt3 receptor agonist.

30 The present invention relates to novel flt3 receptor agonists of the following formula:

	ThrGlnAspCysSerPheGlnHisSerProIleSerSerAspPheAlaValLysIleArg	
	10	20
35	GluLeuSerAspTyrLeuLeuGlnAspTyrProValThrValAlaSerAsnLeuGlnAsp	
	40	40
40	GluGluLeuCysGlyGlyLeuTrpArgLeuValLeuAlaGlnArgTrpMetGluArgLeu	
	50	60

LysThrValAlaGlySerLysMetGlnGlyLeuLeuGluArgValAsnThrGluIleHis
 70 80

5 PheValThrLysCysAlaPheGlnProProProSerCysLeuArgPheValGlnThrAsn
 90 100

IleSerArgLeuLeuGlnGluThrSerGluGlnLeuValAlaLeuLysProTrpIleThr
 110 120

10 ArgGlnAsnPheSerArgCysLeuGluLeuGlnCysGlnProAspSerSerThrLeuPro
 130 140

ProProTrpSerProArgProLeuGluAlaThrAlaProThrAlaProGlnProProLeu
 150 160

15 LeuLeuLeuLeuLeuLeuProValGlyLeuLeuLeuLeuAlaAlaAlaTrpCysLeuHis
 170 180

20 TrpGlnArgThrArgArgArgThrProArgProGlyGluGlnValProProValProSer
 190 200

ProGlnAspLeuLeuLeuValGluHis SEQ ID NO:145
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25 wherein the N-terminus is joined to the C-terminus
 directly or through a linker capable of joining the N-
 terminus to the C-terminus and having new C- and N-
 termini at amino acids;

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28-29	42-43	93-94
29-30	64-65	94-95
30-31	65-66	95-96
31-32	66-67	96-97
32-33	86-87	97-98
34-35	87-88	98-99
36-37	88-89	99-100
37-38	89-90	100-101
38-39	90-91	101-102
39-40	91-92	102-103
40-41	92-93	respectively; and
41-42		

additionally said flt3 receptor agonist polypeptide can
 be immediately preceded by (methionine⁻¹), (alanine⁻¹) or
 (methionine⁻², alanine⁻¹).

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A preferred embodiment is human flt3 receptor
 agonist polypeptide, comprising a modified flt3 ligand
 amino acid sequence of the Formula:

ThrGlnAspCysSerPheGlnHisSerProIleSerSerAspPheAlaValLysIleArg
 10 20
 5 GluLeuSerAspTyrLeuLeuGlnAspTyrProValThrValAlaSerAsnLeuGlnAsp
 30 40
 GluGluLeuCysGlyGlyLeuTrpArgLeuValLeuAlaGlnArgTrpMetGluArgLeu
 50 60
 10 LysThrValAlaGlySerLysMetGlnGlyLeuLeuGluArgValAsnThrGluIleHis
 70 80
 PheValThrLysCysAlaPheGlnProProProSerCysLeuArgPheValGlnThrAsn
 15 90 100
 IleSerArgLeuLeuGlnGluThrSerGluGlnLeuValAlaLeuLysProTrpIleThr
 110 120
 20 ArgGlnAsnPheSerArgCysLeuGluLeuGlnCysGlnProAspSerSerThrLeu
 130 SEQ ID NO:144

wherein the N-terminus is joined to the C-terminus
 directly or through a linker capable of joining the N-
 25 terminus to the C-terminus and having new C- and N-
 termini at amino acids;

28-29	42-43	93-94
29-30	64-65	94-95
30-31	65-66	95-96
31-32	66-67	96-97
32-33	86-87	97-98
34-35	87-88	98-99
36-37	88-89	99-100
37-38	89-90	100-101
38-39	90-91	101-102
39-40	91-92	102-103
40-41	92-93	respectively; and
41-42		

additionally said flt3 receptor agonist polypeptide can
 30 be immediately preceded by (methionine⁻¹), (alanine⁻¹) or
 (methionine⁻², alanine⁻¹).

The more preferred breakpoints at which new C-
 terminus and N-terminus can be made are 36-37, 37-38,
 35 38-39, 39-40, 40-41, 41-42, 42-43, 64-65, 65-66, 66-67,

86-87, 87-88, 88-89, 89-90, 90-91, 91-92, 92-93, 93-94,
95,-96, 96-97, 97-98, 99-100 and 100-101

The most preferred breakpoints at which new C-
5 terminus and N-terminus can be made are; 39-40, 65-66,
89-90, 99-100 and 100-101.

The flt3 receptor agonists of the present invention
may contain amino acid substitutions, deletions and/or
10 insertions. It is also intended that the flt3 receptor
agonists of the present invention may also have amino
acid deletions at either/or both the N- and C- termini
of the original protein and or deletions from the new N-
and/or C-termini of the sequence rearranged proteins in
15 the formulas shown above.

The flt3 receptor agonists of the present invention
may contain amino acid substitutions, deletions and/or
insertions.

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A preferred embodiment of the present invention the
linker (L) joining the N-terminus to the C-terminus is a
polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

GlyGlyGlySer SEQ ID NO:38;
25 GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySer SEQ ID NO:39;
GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySer SEQ ID NO:40;
SerGlyGlySerGlyGlySer SEQ ID NO:41;
GluPheGlyAsnMet SEQ ID NO:42;
GluPheGlyGlyAsnMet SEQ ID NO:43;
30 GluPheGlyGlyAsnGlyGlyAsnMet SEQ ID NO:44;
GlyGlySerAspMetAlaGly SEQ ID NO:45;
SerGlyGlyAsnGly SEQ ID NO:46;
SerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsnGly SEQ ID NO:47;
SerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsnGly SEQ
35 ID NO:48;
SerGlyGlySerGlySerGlyGlySerGly SEQ ID NO:49;

SerGlyGlySerGlySerGlyGlySerGlySerGlyGlySerGly SEQ
 ID NO:50;
 GlyGlyGlySerGlyGly SEQ ID NO:51;
 GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGly SEQ ID NO:52;
 5 GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGly SEQ ID NO:53;
 GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGly SEQ ID
 NO:54;
 GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGly SEQ
 ID NO:55;
 10 GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGly
 GlyGlySerGly SEQ ID NO:56;
 GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGly
 GlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGly SEQ ID NO:148;
 ProProProTrpSerProArgProLeuGlyAlaThrAlaProThrAlaGly
 15 GlnProProLeu SEQ ID NO:149;
 ProProProTrpSerProArgProLeuGlyAlaThrAlaProThr SEQ
 ID NO:150; and
 ValGluThrValPheHisArgValSerGlnAspGlyLeuLeuThrSer
 SEQ ID NO:151.

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The present invention also encompasses recombinant
 human flt3 receptor agonists co-administered or
 sequentially with one or more additional colony
 stimulating factors (CSF) including, cytokines,
 25 lymphokines, interleukins, hematopoietic growth factors
 which include but are not limited to GM-CSF, G-CSF, c-
 mpl ligand (also known as TPO or MGDF), M-CSF,
 erythropoietin (FLT3), IL-1, IL-4, IL-2, IL-3, IL-5, IL-
 6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-9, IL-10, IL-11, IL-12, IL-13, IL-15,
 30 LIF, human growth hormone, B-cell growth factor, B-cell
 differentiation factor, eosinophil differentiation
 factor and stem cell factor (SCF) also known as steel
 factor or c-kit ligand (herein collectively referred to
 as " factors"). These co-administered mixtures may be
 35 characterized by having the usual activity of both of
 the peptides or the mixture may be further characterized
 by having a biological or physiological activity greater

than simply the additive function of the presence of the
flt3 receptor agonists or the second colony stimulating
factor alone. The co-administration may also provide an
enhanced effect on the activity or an activity different
5 from that expected by the presence of the flt3 ligand or
the second colony stimulating factor. The co-
administration may also have an improved activity
profile which may include reduction of undesirable
biological activities associated with native human flt3
10 ligand. In addition to the list above, IL-3 variants
taught in WO 94/12639 and WO 94/12638 fusion protein
taught in WO 95/21197, and WO 95/21254 G-CSF receptor
agonists disclosed in WO 97/12977, c-mpl receptor
agonists disclosed in WO 97/12978, IL-3 receptor
15 agonists disclosed in WO 97/12979 and multi-functional
receptor agonists taught in WO 97/12985 can be co-
administered with the polypeptides of the present
invention. As used herein "IL-3 variants" refer to IL-3
variants taught in WO 94/12639 and WO 94/12638. As used
20 herein "fusion proteins" refer to fusion protein taught
in WO 95/21197, and WO 95/21254. As used herein "G-CSF
receptor agonists" refer to G-CSF receptor agonists
disclosed in WO 97/12978. As used herein "c-mpl receptor
agonists" refer to c-mpl receptor agonists disclosed in
25 WO 97/12978. As used herein "IL-3 receptor agonists"
refer to IL-3 receptor agonists disclosed in WO
97/12979. As used herein "multi-functional receptor
agonists" refer to multi-functional receptor agonists
taught in WO 97/12985.

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In addition, it is envisioned that *in vitro* uses
would include the ability to stimulate bone marrow and
blood cell activation and growth before the expanded
35 cells are infused into patients. Another intended use is
for the production of dendritic cells both *in vivo* and
ex vivo.

Brief Description of the Figures

Figure 1 schematically illustrates the sequence
5 rearrangement of a protein. The N-terminus (N) and the
C-terminus (C) of the native protein are joined through
a linker, or joined directly. The protein is opened at a
breakpoint creating a new N-terminus (new N) and a new
C-terminus (new-C) resulting in a protein with a new
10 linear amino acid sequence. A rearranged molecule may be
synthesized *de novo* as linear molecule and not go
through the steps of joining the original N-terminus and
the C-terminus and opening of the protein at the
breakpoint.

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Figure 2 shows a schematic of Method I, for
creating new proteins in which the original N-terminus
and C-terminus of the native protein are joined with a
linker and different N-terminus and C-terminus of the
20 protein are created. In the example shown the sequence
rearrangement results in a new gene encoding a protein
with a new N-terminus created at amino acid 97 of the
original protein, the original C-terminus (a.a. 174)
joined to the amino acid 11 (a.a. 1- 10 are deleted)
25 through a linker region and a new C-terminus created at
amino acid 96 of the original sequence.

Figure 3 shows a schematic of Method II, for
creating new proteins in which the original N-terminus
30 and C-terminus of the native protein are joined without
a linker and different N-terminus and C-terminus of the
protein are created. In the example shown the sequence
rearrangement results in a new gene encoding a protein
with a new N-terminus created at amino acid 97 of the
35 original protein, the original C-terminus (a.a. 174)
joined to the original N-terminus and a new C-terminus
created at amino acid 96 of the original sequence.

Figure 4 shows a schematic of Method III, for creating new proteins in which the original N-terminus and C-terminus of the native protein are joined with a linker and different N-terminus and C-terminus of the protein are created. In the example shown the sequence rearrangement results in a new gene encoding a protein with a new N-terminus created at amino acid 97 of the original protein, the original C-terminus (a.a. 174) joined to amino acid 1 through a linker region and a new C-terminus created at amino acid 96 of the original sequence.

Figure 5a and 5b shows the DNA sequence encoding the 209 amino acid mature form of flt3 ligand from Lyman et al. (*Oncogene* **11**:1165-1172, 1995).

Figure 6 shows the DNA sequence encoding the 134 amino acid soluble form of flt3 ligand from Lyman et al. (*Oncogene* **11**:1165-1172, 1995).

Figure 7 shows the bioactivity of the flt3 receptor agonists pMON32320 and pMON32321 compared to recombinant native flt3 (Genzyme) in the MUTZ-2 cell proliferation assay. MT = mock transfection.

Detailed Description of the Invention

Flt3 receptor agonists of the present invention may be useful in the treatment of diseases characterized by decreased levels of hematopoietic cells.

A flt3 receptor agonist may be useful in the treatment or prevention of hematopoietic disorders. Many drugs may cause bone marrow suppression or hematopoietic deficiencies. Examples of such drugs are AZT, DDI, alkylating agents and anti-metabolites used in chemotherapy, antibiotics such as chloramphenicol, penicillin, gancyclovir, daunomycin and sulfa drugs, phenothiazones, tranquilizers such as meprobamate, analgesics such as aminopyrine and dipyrrone, anti-convulsants such as phenytoin or carbamazepine, antithyroids such as propylthiouracil and methimazole and diuretics. flt3 receptor agonists may be useful in preventing or treating the bone marrow suppression or hematopoietic deficiencies which often occur in patients treated with these drugs.

Hematopoietic deficiencies may also occur as a result of viral, microbial or parasitic infections, burns and as a result of treatment for renal disease or renal failure, e.g., dialysis. The present peptide may be useful in treating such hematopoietic deficiency.

Another aspect of the present invention provides plasmid DNA vectors for use in the method of expression of these novel flt3 receptor agonists. These vectors contain the novel DNA sequences described above which code for the novel polypeptides of the invention. Appropriate vectors which can transform host cells capable of expressing the flt3 receptor agonists include expression vectors comprising nucleotide sequences coding for the flt3 receptor agonists joined to transcriptional and translational regulatory sequences which are selected according to the host cells used. Vectors incorporating modified sequences as described

above are included in the present invention and are useful in the production of the modified flt3 receptor agonist polypeptides. The vector employed in the method also contains selected regulatory sequences in operative association with the DNA coding sequences of the invention and capable of directing the replication and expression thereof in selected host cells.

As another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a novel method for producing the novel family of human flt3 receptor agonists. The method of the present invention involves culturing suitable cells or cell line, which has been transformed with a vector containing a DNA sequence coding for expression of the novel flt3 receptor agonist polypeptide. Suitable cells or cell lines may include various strains of bacteria such as *E. coli*, yeast, mammalian cells, or insect cells may be utilized as host cells in the method of the present invention.

Other aspects of the present invention are methods and therapeutic compositions for treating the conditions referred to above. Such compositions comprise a therapeutically effective amount of one or more of the flt3 receptor agonists of the present invention in a mixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. This composition can be administered either parenterally, intravenously or subcutaneously. When administered, the therapeutic composition for use in this invention is preferably in the form of a pyrogen-free, parenterally acceptable aqueous solution. The preparation of such a parenterally acceptable protein solution, having due regard to pH, isotonicity, stability and the like, is within the skill of the art.

The dosage regimen involved in a method for treating the above-described conditions will be determined by the attending physician considering

various factors which modify the action of drugs, e.g. the condition, body weight, sex and diet of the patient, the severity of any infection, time of administration and other clinical factors. Generally, a daily regimen
5 may be in the range of 0.5 - 150 µg/kg of non-glycosylated flt3 receptor agonists protein per kilogram of body weight. Dosages would be adjusted relative to the activity of a given receptor agonist and it would not be unreasonable to note that dosage regimens may
10 include doses as low as 0.1 microgram and as high as 1 milligram per kilogram of body weight per day. In addition, there may exist specific circumstances where dosages of flt3 receptor agonist would be adjusted higher or lower than the range of 0.5 - 150 micrograms
15 per kilogram of body weight. These include co-administration with other CSF or growth factors; co-administration with chemotherapeutic drugs and/or radiation; the use of glycosylated flt3 receptor agonists; and various patient-related issues mentioned
20 earlier in this section. As indicated above, the therapeutic method and compositions may also include co-administration with other human factors. A non-exclusive list of other appropriate hematopoietins, CSFs and interleukins for simultaneous or serial co-
25 administration with the polypeptides of the present invention includes GM-CSF, G-CSF, c-mpl ligand (also known as TPO or MGDF), M-CSF, erythropoietin (FLT3), IL-1, IL-4, IL-2, IL-3, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-9, IL-10, IL-11, IL-12, IL-13, IL-15, LIF, human growth
30 hormone, B-cell growth factor, B-cell differentiation factor, eosinophil differentiation factor and stem cell factor (SCF) also known as steel factor or c-kit ligand (herein collectively referred to as "factors"), or combinations thereof. In addition to the list above, IL-
35 3 variants taught in WO 94/12639 and WO 94/12638 fusion protein taught in WO 95/21197, and WO 95/21254 G-CSF receptor agonists disclosed in WO 97/12977, c-mpl

receptor agonists disclosed in WO 97/12978, IL-3
receptor agonists disclosed in WO 97/12979 and multi-
functional receptor agonists taught in WO 97/12985 can
be co-administered with the polypeptides of the present
5 invention.

The *flt3* receptor agonists of the present invention
may be useful in the mobilization of hematopoietic
progenitors and stem cells in peripheral blood.
10 Peripheral blood derived progenitors have been shown to
be effective in reconstituting patients in the setting
of autologous marrow transplantation. Hematopoietic
growth factors, including G-CSF and GM-CSF, have been
shown to enhance the number of circulating progenitors
15 and stem cells in the peripheral blood. This has
simplified the procedure for peripheral stem cell
collection and dramatically decreased the cost of the
procedure by decreasing the number of pheresis required.
The *flt3* receptor agonist of the present invention may
20 be useful in mobilization of stem cells and further
enhance the efficacy of peripheral stem cell
transplantation.

The *flt3* receptor agonists of the present invention
25 may also be useful in the ex vivo expansion of
hematopoietic progenitors. Colony stimulating factors
(CSFs), such as G-CSF, have been administered alone, co-
administered with other CSFs, or in combination with
bone marrow transplants subsequent to high dose
30 chemotherapy to treat the neutropenia and which is often
the result of such treatment. However the period of
severe neutropenia may not be totally eliminated. The
myeloid lineage, which is comprised of monocytes
(macrophages), granulocytes (including neutrophils) and
35 megakaryocytes, is critical in preventing infections and
bleeding which can be life-threatening. Neutropenia may
also be the result of disease, genetic disorders, drugs,

toxins, radiation and many therapeutic treatments such as conventional oncology therapy.

Bone marrow transplants have been used to treat this patient population. However, several problems are associated with the use of bone marrow to reconstitute a compromised hematopoietic system including: 1) the number of stem cells in bone marrow or other tissues, such as spleen or peripheral blood, is limited, 2) Graft Versus Host Disease, 3) graft rejection and 4) possible contamination with tumor cells. Stem cells and progenitor cells make up a very small percentage of the nucleated cells in the bone marrow, spleen and peripheral blood. It is clear that a dose response exists such that a greater number of multipotential hematopoietic progenitors will enhance hematopoietic recovery. Therefore, the in vitro expansion of stem cells should enhance hematopoietic recovery and patient survival. Bone marrow from an allogeneic donor has been used to provide bone marrow for transplant. However, Graft Versus Host Disease and graft rejection limit bone marrow transplantation even in recipients with HLA-matched sibling donors. An alternative to allogeneic bone marrow transplants is autologous bone marrow transplants. In autologous bone marrow transplants, some of the patient's own marrow is harvested prior to myeloablative therapy, e.g. high dose chemotherapy, and is transplanted back into the patient afterwards. Autologous transplants eliminate the risk of Graft Versus Host Disease and graft rejection. However, autologous bone marrow transplants still present problems in terms of the limited number of stems cells in the marrow and possible contamination with tumor cells. The limited number of multipotential hematopoietic progenitors may be overcome by ex-vivo expansion of the multipotential hematopoietic progenitors. In addition, stem cells can be specifically isolated based on the presence of specific surface

antigens such as CD34+ in order to decrease tumor cell contamination of the marrow graft.

The following patents contain further details on separating stem cells, CD34+ cells, culturing the cells with hematopoietic factors, the use of the cells for the treatment of patients with hematopoietic disorders and the use of hematopoietic factors for cell expansion and gene therapy.

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5,061,620 relates to compositions comprising human hematopoietic stem cells provided by separating the stem cells from dedicated cells.

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5,199,942 describes a method for autologous hematopoietic cell transplantation comprising: (1) obtaining hematopoietic progenitor cells from a patient; (2) ex-vivo expansion of cells with a growth factor selected from the group consisting of IL-3, flt3 ligand, c-kit ligand, GM-CSF, IL-1, GM-CSF/IL-3 fusion protein and combinations thereof; (3) administering cellular preparation to a patient.

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5,240,856 relates to a cell separator that includes an apparatus for automatically controlling the cell separation process.

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WO 91/16116 describes devices and methods for selectively isolating and separating target cells from a mixture of cells.

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WO 91/18972 describes methods for in vitro culturing of bone marrow, by incubating suspension of bone marrow cells, using a hollow fiber bioreactor.

WO 92/18615 relates to a process for maintaining and expanding bone marrow cells, in a culture medium

containing specific mixtures of cytokines, for use in transplants.

5 WO 93/08268 describes a method for selectively expanding stem cells, comprising the steps of (a) separating CD34+ stem cells from other cells and (b) incubating the separated cells in a selective medium, such that the stem cells are selectively expanded.

10 WO 93/18136 describes a process for in vitro support of mammalian cells derived from peripheral blood.

15 WO 93/18648 relates to a composition comprising human neutrophil precursor cells with a high content of myeloblasts and promyelocytes for treating genetic or acquired neutropenia.

20 WO 94/08039 describes a method of enrichment for human hematopoietic stem cells by selection for cells which express c-kit protein.

25 WO 94/11493 describes a stem cell population that are CD34+ and small in size, which are isolated using a counterflow elutriation method.

30 WO 94/27698 relates to a method combining immunoaffinity separation and continuous flow centrifugal separation for the selective separation of a nucleated heterogeneous cell population from a heterogeneous cell mixture.

WO 94/25848 describes a cell separation apparatus for collection and manipulation of target cells.

35 The long term culturing of highly enriched CD34+ precursors of hematopoietic progenitor cells from human bone marrow in cultures containing IL-1 α , IL-3, IL-6 or

GM-CSF is discussed in Brandt et al (*J. Clin. Invest.* **86**:932-941, 1990).

One aspect of the present invention provides a
5 method for selective ex-vivo expansion of stem cells.
The term "stem cell" refers to the multipotential
hematopoietic cells as well as early myeloid progenitor
and precursors cells which can be isolated from bone
marrow, spleen or peripheral blood. The term "expansion"
10 refers to the proliferation and differentiation of the
cells. The present invention provides a method for
selective ex-vivo expansion of stem cells, comprising
the steps of; (a) separating stem cells from other
cells, (b) culturing the separated stem cells with a
15 selective medium which contains a flt3 receptor agonist
and optionally a second colony stimulating factor, and
(c) harvesting the cultured stems cells. Stem cells, as
well as committed progenitor cells destined to become
neutrophils, erythrocytes, platelets, etc., may be
20 distinguished from most other cells by the presence or
absence of particular progenitor marker antigens, such
as CD34, that are present on the surface of these cells
and/or by morphological characteristics. The phenotype
for a highly enriched human stem cell fraction is
25 reported as CD34+, Thy-1+ and lin-, but it is to be
understood that the present invention is not limited to
the expansion of this stem cell population. The CD34+
enriched human stem cell fraction can be separated by a
number of reported methods, including affinity columns
30 or beads, magnetic beads or flow cytometry using
antibodies directed to surface antigens such as the
CD34+. Further, physical separation methods such as
counterflow elutriation may be used to enrich
hematopoietic progenitors. The CD34+ progenitors are
35 heterogeneous, and may be divided into several sub-
populations characterized by the presence or absence of
co-expression of different lineage associated cell

surface associated molecules. The most immature progenitor cells do not express any known lineage associated markers, such as HLA-DR or CD38, but they may express CD90(thy-1). Other surface antigens such as
5 CD33, CD38, CD41, CD71, HLA-DR or c-kit can also be used to selectively isolate hematopoietic progenitors. The separated cells can be incubated in selected medium in a culture flask, sterile bag or in hollow fibers. Various colony stimulating factors may be utilized in order to
10 selectively expand cells. Representative factors that have been utilized for ex-vivo expansion of bone marrow include, c-kit ligand, IL-3, G-CSF, GM-CSF, IL-1, IL-6, IL-11, flt3 ligand or combinations thereof. The proliferation of the stem cells can be monitored by
15 enumerating the number of stem cells and other cells, by standard techniques (e.g. hemacytometer, CFU, LTCIC) or by flow cytometry prior and subsequent to incubation.

Several methods for ex-vivo expansion of stem cells
20 have been reported utilizing a number of selection methods and expansion using various colony stimulating factors including c-kit ligand (Brandt et al., *Blood* **83**:1507-1514, 1994; McKenna et al., *Blood* **86**:3413-3420, 1995), IL-3 (Brandt et al., *Blood* **83**:1507-1514, 1994;
25 Sato et al., *Blood* **82**:3600-3609, 1993), G-CSF (Sato et al., *Blood* **82**:3600-3609, 1993), GM-CSF (Sato et al., *Blood* **82**:3600-3609, 1993), IL-1 (Muench et al., *Blood* **81**:3463-3473, 1993), IL-6 (Sato et al., *Blood* **82**:3600-3609, 1993), IL-11 (Lemoli et al., *Exp. Hem.* **21**:1668-
30 1672, 1993; Sato et al., *Blood* **82**:3600-3609, 1993), flt3 ligand (McKenna et al., *Blood* **86**:3413 3420, 1995) and/or combinations thereof (Brandt et al., *Blood* **83**:1507 1514, 1994; Haylock et al., *Blood* **80**:1405-1412, 1992, Koller et al., *Biotechnology* **11**:358-363, 1993; Lemoli et al.,
35 *Exp. Hem.* **21**:1668-1672, 1993), McKenna et al., *Blood* **86**:3413-3420, 1995; Muench et al., *Blood* **81**:3463-3473, 1993; Patchen et al., *Biotherapy* **7**:13-26, 1994; Sato et

al., *Blood* **82**:3600-3609, 1993; Smith et al., *Exp. Hem.* **21**:870-877, 1993; Steen et al., *Stem Cells* **12**:214-224, 1994; Tsujino et al., *Exp. Hem.* **21**:1379-1386, 1993). Among the individual colony stimulating factors, hIL-3
5 has been shown to be one of the most potent in expanding peripheral blood CD34+ cells (Sato et al., *Blood* **82**:3600-3609, 1993; Kobayashi et al., *Blood* **73**:1836-1841, 1989). However, no single factor has been shown to be as effective as the combination of multiple factors.
10 The present invention provides methods for ex vivo expansion that utilize novel flt3 receptor agonists.

Another aspect of the invention provides methods of sustaining and/or expanding hematopoietic precursor
15 cells which includes inoculating the cells into a culture vessel which contains a culture medium that has been conditioned by exposure to a stromal cell line such as HS-5 (WO 96/02662, Roecklein and Torok-Strob, *Blood* **85**:997-1105, 1995) that has been supplemented with a
20 flt3 receptor agonist of the present invention.

It is also envisioned that uses of flt3 receptor agonists of the present invention would include blood banking applications, where the flt3 receptor agonists
25 are given to a patient to increase the number of blood cells and blood products are removed from the patient, prior to some medical procedure, and the blood products are stored and transfused back into the patient after the medical procedure. Additionally, it is envisioned
30 that uses of flt3 receptor agonists would include giving the flt3 receptor agonists to a blood donor prior to blood donation to increase the number of blood cells, thereby allowing the donor to safely give more blood.

35 Another projected clinical use of growth factors has been in the in vitro activation of hematopoietic progenitors and stem cells for gene therapy. Due to the

long life-span of hematopoietic progenitor cells and the distribution of their daughter cells throughout the entire body, hematopoietic progenitor cells are good candidates for ex vivo gene transfection. In order to have the gene of interest incorporated into the genome of the hematopoietic progenitor or stem cell one needs to stimulate cell division and DNA replication. Hematopoietic stem cells cycle at a very low frequency which means that growth factors may be useful to promote gene transduction and thereby enhance the clinical prospects for gene therapy. Potential applications of gene therapy (review Crystal, *Science* **270**:404-410, 1995) include; 1) the treatment of many congenital metabolic disorders and immunodeficiencies (Kay and Woo, *Trends Genet.* **10**:253-257, 1994), 2) neurological disorders (Friedmann, *Trends Genet.* **10**:210-214, 1994), 3) cancer (Culver and Blaese, *Trends Genet.* **10**:174-178, 1994) and 4) infectious diseases (Gilboa and Smith, *Trends Genet.* **10**:139-144, 1994).

There are a variety of methods, known to those with skill in the art, for introducing genetic material into a host cell. A number of vectors, both viral and non-viral have been developed for transferring therapeutic genes into primary cells. Viral based vectors include; 1) replication deficient recombinant retrovirus (Boris-Lawrie and Temin, *Curr. Opin. Genet. Dev.* **3**:102-109, 1993; Boris-Lawrie and Temin, *Annal. New York Acad. Sci.* **716**:59-71, 1994; Miller, *Current Top. Microbiol. Immunol.* **158**:1-24, 1992) and replication-deficient recombinant adenovirus (Berkner, *BioTechniques* **6**:616-629, 1988; Berkner, *Current Top. Microbiol. Immunol.* **158**:39-66, 1992; Brody and Crystal, *Annal. New York Acad. Sci.* **716**:90-103, 1994). Non-viral based vectors include protein/DNA complexes (Cristiano et al., *PNAS USA.* **90**:2122-2126, 1993; Curiel et al., *PNAS USA* **88**:8850-8854, 1991; Curiel, *Annal. New York Acad. Sci.* **716**:36-58, 1994), electroporation and liposome mediated

delivery such as cationic liposomes (Farhood et al., *Annal. New York Acad. Sci.* **716**:23-35, 1994).

The present invention provides an improvement to the existing methods of expanding hematopoietic cells, into which new genetic material has been introduced, in that it provides methods utilizing flt3 receptor agonists that may have improved biological activity and/or physical properties.

Another intended use of the flt-3 receptor agonists of the present invention is for the generation of larger numbers of dendritic cells, from precursors, to be used as adjuvants for immunization. Dendritic cells play a crucial role in the immune system. They are the professional antigen-presenting cells most efficient in the activation of resting T cells and are the major antigen-presenting cells for activation of naïve T cells *in vivo* and, thus, for initiation of primary immune responses. They efficiently internalize, process and present soluble tumor-specific antigens (Ag). Dendritic cells have the unique capacity to cluster naïve T cells and to respond to Ag encounter by rapid up-regulation of the expression of major histocompatibility complex (MHC) and co-stimulatory molecules, the production of cytokines and migration towards lymphatic organs. Since dendritic cells are of central importance for sensitizing the host against a neoantigen for CD4-dependent immune responses, they may also play a crucial role in the generation and regulation of tumor immunity.

Dendritic cells originate from a bone marrow CD34+ precursor common to granulocytes and macrophages, and the existence of a separate dendritic cell colony-forming unit (CFU-DC) that give rise to pure dendritic cell colonies has been established in humans. In addition, a post-CFU CD14+ intermediate has been described with the potential to differentiate along the dendritic cell or the macrophage pathway under distinct

cytokine conditions. This bipotential precursor is present in the bone marrow, cord blood and peripheral blood. Dendritic cells can be isolated by the cell specific marker, CD83, which is expressed on mature
5 dendritic cells, to delineate the maturation of cultured dendritic cells.

Dendritic cells based strategies provide a method for enhancing immune response against tumors and
10 infectious agents. AIDS is another disease for which dendritic cell based therapies can be used, since dendritic cells can play a major role in promoting HIV-1 replication. An immunotherapy requires the generation of dendritic cells from cancer patients, their *in vitro*
15 exposure to tumor Ag, derived from surgically removed tumor masses, and reinjection of these cells into the tumor patients. Relatively crude membrane preparations of tumor cells will suffice as sources of tumor antigen, avoiding the necessity for molecular identification of
20 the tumor antigen. The tumor antigen may also be synthetic peptides, carbohydrates, or nucleic acid sequences. In addition, concomitant administration of cytokines such as the flt-3 receptor agonists of the present invention may further facilitate the induction
25 of tumor immunity. It is foreseen that the immunotherapy can be in an *in vivo* setting, wherein the flt-3 receptor agonists of the present invention is administered to a patient, having a tumor, alone or with other hematopoietic growth factors to increase the number of
30 dendritic cells and endogenous tumor antigen is presented on the dendritic cells. It is also envisioned that *in vivo* immunotherapy can be with exogenous antigen. It is also envisioned that the immunotherapy treatment may include the mobilization of dendritic cell
35 precursors or mature dendritic, by administering the flt-3 receptor agonists of the present invention alone or with other hematopoietic growth factors to the patient, removing the dendritic cell precursors or

mature dendritic cells from the patient, exposing the dendritic cells to antigen and returning the dendritic cells to the patient. Furthermore, the dendritic cells that have been removed can be cultured *ex vivo* with the
5 flt-3 receptor agonists of the present invention alone or with other hematopoietic growth factors to increase the number of dendritic cells prior to exposure to antigen. Dendritic cells based strategies also provide a method for reducing the immune response in auto-immune
10 diseases.

Studies on dendritic cells have been greatly hampered by difficulties in preparing the cells in sufficient numbers and in a reasonably pure form. In an
15 *ex-vivo* cell expansion setting, granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF) and tumor necrosis factor- α (TNF- α) cooperate in the *ex vivo* generation of dendritic cells from hematopoietic progenitors (CD34+ cells) retrieved from bone marrow, cord blood, or
20 peripheral blood and flk-2/flt-3 ligand and c-kit ligand (stem cell factor [SCF]) synergize to enhance the GM-CSF plus TNF- α induced generation of dendritic cells (Siena, S. *et al. Experimental Hematology* **23**:1463-1471, 1995). Also provide is a method of *ex vivo* expansion of
25 dendritic cell precursors or mature dendritic cells using the flt-3 receptor agonists of the present invention to provide sufficient quantities of dendritic cells for immunotherapy.

30 Determination of the Linker

The length of the amino acid sequence of the linker can be selected empirically or with guidance from structural information, or by using a combination of the
35 two approaches.

When no structural information is available, a small series of linkers can be prepared for testing

using a design whose length is varied in order to span a range from 0 to 50 Å and whose sequence is chosen in order to be consistent with surface exposure (hydrophilicity, Hopp & Woods, *Mol. Immunol.* **20**: 483-489, 1983; Kyte & Doolittle, *J. Mol. Biol.* **157**:105-132, 1982; solvent exposed surface area, Lee & Richards, *J. Mol. Biol.* **55**:379-400, 1971) and the ability to adopt the necessary conformation without deranging the configuration of the flt3 receptor agonist (conformationally flexible; Karplus & Schulz, *Naturwissenschaften* **72**:212-213, (1985). Assuming an average of translation of 2.0 to 3.8 Å per residue, this would mean the length to test would be between 0 to 30 residues, with 0 to 15 residues being the preferred range. Exemplary of such an empirical series would be to construct linkers using a cassette sequence such as Gly-Gly-Gly-Ser repeated n times, where n is 1, 2, 3 or 4. Those skilled in the art will recognize that there are many such sequences that vary in length or composition that can serve as linkers with the primary consideration being that they be neither excessively long nor short (cf., Sandhu, *Critical Rev. Biotech.* **12**: 437-462, 1992); if they are too long, entropy effects will likely destabilize the three-dimensional fold, and may also make folding kinetically impractical, and if they are too short, they will likely destabilize the molecule because of torsional or steric strain.

Those skilled in the analysis of protein structural information will recognize that using the distance between the chain ends, defined as the distance between the c-alpha carbons, can be used to define the length of the sequence to be used, or at least to limit the number of possibilities that must be tested in an empirical selection of linkers. They will also recognize that it is sometimes the case that the positions of the ends of the polypeptide chain are ill-defined in structural

models derived from x-ray diffraction or nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy data, and that when true, this situation will therefore need to be taken into account in order to properly estimate the length of the linker required. From those residues whose positions are well defined are selected two residues that are close in sequence to the chain ends, and the distance between their c-alpha carbons is used to calculate an approximate length for a linker between them. Using the calculated length as a guide, linkers with a range of number of residues (calculated using 2 to 3.8Å per residue) are then selected. These linkers may be composed of the original sequence, shortened or lengthened as necessary, and when lengthened the additional residues may be chosen to be flexible and hydrophilic as described above; or optionally the original sequence may be substituted for using a series of linkers, one example being the Gly-Gly-Gly-Ser cassette approach mentioned above; or optionally a combination of the original sequence and new sequence having the appropriate total length may be used.

Determination of the Amino and Carboxyl Termini of flt3 Receptor Agonists

Sequences of flt3 receptor agonists capable of folding to biologically active states can be prepared by appropriate selection of the beginning (amino terminus) and ending (carboxyl terminus) positions from within the original polypeptide chain while using the linker sequence as described above. Amino and carboxyl termini are selected from within a common stretch of sequence, referred to as a breakpoint region, using the guidelines described below. A novel amino acid sequence is thus generated by selecting amino and carboxyl termini from within the same breakpoint region. In many cases the selection of the new termini will be such that the

original position of the carboxyl terminus immediately preceded that of the amino terminus. However, those skilled in the art will recognize that selections of termini anywhere within the region may function, and that these will effectively lead to either deletions or additions to the amino or carboxyl portions of the new sequence.

It is a central tenet of molecular biology that the primary amino acid sequence of a protein dictates folding to the three-dimensional structure necessary for expression of its biological function. Methods are known to those skilled in the art to obtain and interpret three-dimensional structural information using x-ray diffraction of single protein crystals or nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy of protein solutions. Examples of structural information that are relevant to the identification of breakpoint regions include the location and type of protein secondary structure (alpha and 3-10 helices, parallel and anti-parallel beta sheets, chain reversals and turns, and loops; Kabsch & Sander, *Biopolymers* **22**: 2577-2637, 1983; the degree of solvent exposure of amino acid residues, the extent and type of interactions of residues with one another (Chothia, *Ann. Rev. Biochem.* **53**:537-572; 1984) and the static and dynamic distribution of conformations along the polypeptide chain (Alber & Mathews, *Methods Enzymol.* **154**: 511-533, 1987). In some cases additional information is known about solvent exposure of residues; one example is a site of post-translational attachment of carbohydrate which is necessarily on the surface of the protein. When experimental structural information is not available, or is not feasible to obtain, methods are also available to analyze the primary amino acid sequence in order to make predictions of protein tertiary and secondary structure, solvent accessibility and the occurrence of turns and loops. Biochemical methods are also sometimes applicable for empirically

determining surface exposure when direct structural methods are not feasible; for example, using the identification of sites of chain scission following limited proteolysis in order to infer surface exposure
5 (Gentile & Salvatore, *Eur. J. Biochem.* **218**:603-621, 1993). Thus using either the experimentally derived structural information or predictive methods (e.g., Srinivisan & Rose *Proteins: Struct., Funct. & Genetics*,
22: 81-99, 1995) the parental amino acid sequence is
10 inspected to classify regions according to whether or not they are integral to the maintenance of secondary and tertiary structure. The occurrence of sequences within regions that are known to be involved in periodic
15 secondary structure (alpha and 3-10 helices, parallel and anti-parallel beta sheets) are regions that should be avoided. Similarly, regions of amino acid sequence that are observed or predicted to have a low degree of solvent exposure are more likely to be part of the so-called hydrophobic core of the protein and should also
20 be avoided for selection of amino and carboxyl termini. In contrast, those regions that are known or predicted to be in surface turns or loops, and especially those regions that are known not to be required for biological activity, are the preferred sites for location of the
25 extremes of the polypeptide chain. Continuous stretches of amino acid sequence that are preferred based on the above criteria are referred to as a breakpoint region.

TABLE 1
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES

5	NCOFLT	CTGACCATGGCNACCCAGGACTGCTCCTTCCAA SEQ ID NO:57;
	HIND160	ACTGAAGCTTAGGGCTGACACTGCAGCTCCAG SEQ ID NO:58;
	HIND165	ACTGAAGCTTACAGGGTTGAGGAGTCGGGCTG SEQ ID NO:59;
10	FL23For	GACTGCCATGGCNACYCAGGAYTGYTCYTTYCAACACAGCCCCATC SEQ ID NO:60;
	FH3AFor	GACTGCCATGGCNACYCAGGAYTGYTCYTTYCAACACAGCCCCATC SEQ ID NO:61;
15	SCF.REV	TGTCCAAACTCATCAATGTATC SEQ ID NO:62;
	39FOR	CATGGCCATGGCCGACGAGGAGCTCTGCGGGGCCTCT SEQ ID NO:63;
20	39REV	GCTAGAAGCTTACTGCAGGTTGGAGGCCACGGTGAC SEQ ID NO:64;
	65FOR	CATGGCCATGGCCTCCAAGATGCAAGGCTTGCTGGAGC SEQ ID NO:65;
	65REV	GCTAGAAGCTTACCCAGCGACAGTCTTGAGCCGCTC SEQ ID NO:66;
25	89FOR	CATGGCCATGGCCCCCCCCAGCTGTCTTCGCTTCGT SEQ ID NO:67;
	89REV	GCTAGAAGCTTAGGGCTGAAAGGCACATTTGGTGACA SEQ ID NO:68;
30	L5A	CCCTGTCTGGCGGCAACGGCACCCAGGACTGCTCCTTCCAAC SEQ ID NO:69;
	L10A	GCGGTAACGGCAGTGGAGGTAATGGCACCCAGGACTGCTCCTTCCAAC SEQ ID NO:70;
35	L15A	ACGGCAGTGGTGGCAATGGGAGCGGCGGAAATGGAACCCAGGACTGCTCCT TCCAAC SEQ ID NO:71;
	L5B	GTGCCGTTGCCGCCAGACAGGGTTGAGGAGTCGGGCTG SEQ ID NO:72;
40	L10B	ATTACCTCCACTGCCGTTACCGCCTGACAGGGTTGAGGAGTCGGGCTG SEQ ID NO:73;
	L15B	GCTCCCATTGCCACCACTGCCGTTACCTCCAGACAGGGTTGAGGA GTCGGGCTG SEQ ID NO:74;
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Materials and Methods

Recombinant DNA methods

Unless noted otherwise, all specialty chemicals
5 were obtained from Sigma Co., (St. Louis, MO).
Restriction endonucleases and T4 DNA ligase were
obtained from New England Biolabs (Beverly, MA) or
Boehringer Mannheim (Indianapolis, IN).

10 Transformation of *E. coli* strains

E. coli strains, such as DH5 α [™] (Life Technologies,
Gaithersburg, MD) and TG1 (Amersham Corp., Arlington
Heights, IL) are used for transformation of ligation
15 reactions and are the source of plasmid DNA for
transfecting mammalian cells. *E. coli* strains, such as
MON105 and JM101, can be used for expressing the flt3
receptor agonist of the present invention in the
cytoplasm or periplasmic space.

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MON105 ATCC#55204: F-, lamda-, IN(rrnD, rrE)1, rpoD+,
rpoH358

DH5 α [™]: F-, phi80dlacZdeltaM15, delta(lacZYA-argF)U169,
25 deoR, recA1, endA1, hsdR17(rk-,mk+), phoA, supE44lamda-,
thi-1, gyrA96, relA1

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DH5 α [™] Subcloning efficiency cells are purchased as
competent cells and are ready for transformation using
the manufacturer's protocol, while both *E. coli* strains
TG1 and MON105 are rendered competent to take up DNA
35 using a CaCl₂ method. Typically, 20 to 50 mL of cells
are grown in LB medium (1% Bacto-tryptone, 0.5% Bacto-
yeast extract, 150 mM NaCl) to a density of

approximately 1.0 optical density unit at 600 nanometers (OD₆₀₀) as measured by a Baush & Lomb Spectronic spectrophotometer (Rochester, NY). The cells are collected by centrifugation and resuspended in one-fifth
5 culture volume of CaCl₂ solution (50 mM CaCl₂, 10 mM Tris-Cl, pH 7.4) and are held at 4°C for 30 minutes. The cells are again collected by centrifugation and resuspended in one-tenth culture volume of CaCl₂ solution. Ligated DNA is added to 0.2mL of these cells,
10 and the samples are held at 4°C for 1 hour. The samples are shifted to 42°C for two minutes and 1mL of LB is added prior to shaking the samples at 37°C for one hour. Cells from these samples are spread on plates (LB medium plus 1.5% Bacto-agar) containing either ampicillin (100
15 micrograms/mL, ug/mL) when selecting for ampicillin-resistant transformants, or spectinomycin (75 ug/mL) when selecting for spectinomycin-resistant transformants. The plates are incubated overnight at 37°C. Single colonies are picked, grown in LB
20 supplemented with appropriate antibiotic for 6-16 hours at 37°C with shaking. Colonies are picked and inoculated into LB plus appropriate antibiotic (100 ug/mL ampicillin or 75 ug/mL spectinomycin) and are grown at 37°C while shaking. Before harvesting the
25 cultures, 1 ul of cells are analyzed by PCR for the presence of a flt3 receptor agonist gene. The PCR is carried out using a combination of primers that anneal to the flt3 receptor agonist gene and/or vector. After the PCR is complete, loading dye is added to the sample
30 followed by electrophoresis as described earlier. A gene has been ligated to the vector when a PCR product of the expected size is observed.

Methods for creation of genes with new N-terminus/C-
35 terminus

Method I. Creation of genes with new N-terminus/C-terminus which contain a linker region.

Genes with new N-terminus/C-terminus which contain
5 a linker region separating the original C-terminus and
N-terminus can be made essentially following the method
described in L. S. Mullins, et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **116**,
5529-5533 (1994). Multiple steps of polymerase chain
reaction (PCR) amplifications are used to rearrange the
10 DNA sequence encoding the primary amino acid sequence of
the protein. The steps are illustrated in Figure 2.

In the first step, the primer set ("new start" and
"linker start") is used to create and amplify, from the
15 original gene sequence, the DNA fragment ("Fragment
Start") that contains the sequence encoding the new N-
terminal portion of the new protein followed by the
linker that connects the C-terminal and N-terminal ends
of the original protein. In the second step, the primer
20 set ("new stop" and "linker stop") is used to create and
amplify, from the original gene sequence, the DNA
fragment ("Fragment Stop") that encodes the same linker
as used above, followed by the new C-terminal portion of
the new protein. The "new start" and "new stop" primers
25 are designed to include the appropriate restriction
enzyme recognition sites which allow cloning of the new
gene into expression plasmids. Typical PCR conditions
are one cycle 95°C melting for two minutes; 25 cycles
94°C denaturation for one minute, 50°C annealing for one
30 minute and 72°C extension for one minute; plus one cycle
72°C extension for seven minutes. A Perkin Elmer
GeneAmp PCR Core Reagents kit is used. A 100 ul
reaction contains 100 pmole of each primer and one ug of
template DNA; and 1x PCR buffer, 200 uM dGTP, 200 uM
35 dATP, 200 uM dTTP, 200 uM dCTP, 2.5 units AmpliTaq DNA
polymerase and 2 mM MgCl₂. PCR reactions are performed

in a Model 480 DNA thermal cycler (Perkin Elmer Corporation, Norwalk, CT).

"Fragment Start" and "Fragment Stop", which have
5 complementary sequence in the linker region and the
coding sequence for the two amino acids on both sides of
the linker, are joined together in a third PCR step to
make the full-length gene encoding the new protein. The
DNA fragments "Fragment Start" and "Fragment Stop" are
10 resolved on a 1% TAE gel, stained with ethidium bromide
and isolated using a Qiaex Gel Extraction kit (Qiagen).
These fragments are combined in equimolar quantities,
heated at 70°C for ten minutes and slow cooled to allow
annealing through their shared sequence in "linker
15 start" and "linker stop". In the third PCR step,
primers "new start" and "new stop" are added to the
annealed fragments to create and amplify the full-length
new N-terminus/C-terminus gene. Typical PCR conditions
are one cycle 95°C melting for two minutes; 25 cycles
20 94°C denaturation for one minute, 60°C annealing for one
minute and 72°C extension for one minute; plus one cycle
72°C extension for seven minutes. A Perkin Elmer
GeneAmp PCR Core Reagents kit is used. A 100 ul
reaction contains 100 pmole of each primer and
25 approximately 0.5 ug of DNA; and 1x PCR buffer, 200 uM
dGTP, 200 uM dATP, 200 uM dTTP, 200 uM dCTP, 2.5 units
AmpliTaq DNA polymerase and 2 mM MgCl₂. PCR reactions
are purified using a Wizard PCR Preps kit (Promega).

30 Method II. Creation of genes with new N-terminus/C-
terminus without a linker region.

New N-terminus/C-terminus genes without a linker
joining the original N-terminus and C-terminus can be
35 made using two steps of PCR amplification and a blunt
end ligation. The steps are illustrated in Figure 3.
In the first step, the primer set ("new start" and "P-bl

start") is used to create and amplify, from the original gene sequence, the DNA fragment ("Fragment Start") that contains the sequence encoding the new N-terminal portion of the new protein. In the second step, the primer set ("new stop" and "P-bl stop") is used to create and amplify, from the original gene sequence, the DNA fragment ("Fragment Stop") that contains the sequence encoding the new C-terminal portion of the new protein. The "new start" and "new stop" primers are designed to include appropriate restriction sites which allow cloning of the new gene into expression vectors. Typical PCR conditions are one cycle 95°C melting for two minutes; 25 cycles 94°C denaturation for one minute, 50°C annealing for 45 seconds and 72°C extension for 45 seconds. Deep Vent polymerase (New England Biolabs) is used to reduce the occurrence of overhangs in conditions recommended by the manufacturer. The "P-bl start" and "P-bl stop" primers are phosphorylated at the end to aid in the subsequent blunt end ligation of "Fragment Start" and "Fragment Stop" to each other. A 100 ul reaction contained 150 pmole of each primer and one ug of template DNA; and 1x Vent buffer (New England Biolabs), 300 uM dGTP, 300 uM dATP, 300 uM dTTP, 300 uM dCTP, and 1 unit Deep Vent polymerase. PCR reactions are performed in a Model 480 DNA thermal cycler (Perkin Elmer Corporation, Norwalk, CT). PCR reaction products are purified using a Wizard PCR Preps kit (Promega).

The primers are designed to include appropriate restriction enzyme recognition sites which allow for the cloning of the new gene into expression vectors. Typically "Fragment Start" is designed to create a NcoI restriction site, and "Fragment Stop" is designed to create a HindIII restriction site. Restriction digest reactions are purified using a Magic DNA Clean-up System kit (Promega). Fragments Start and Stop are resolved on a 1% TAE gel, stained with ethidium bromide and isolated

using a Qiaex Gel Extraction kit (Qiagen). These fragments are combined with and annealed to the ends of the ~ 3800 base pair NcoI/HindIII vector fragment of pMON3934 by heating at 50°C for ten minutes and allowed to slow cool. The three fragments are ligated together using T4 DNA ligase (Boehringer Mannheim). The result is a plasmid containing the full-length new N-terminus/C-terminus gene. A portion of the ligation reaction is used to transform *E. coli* strain DH5 α cells (Life Technologies, Gaithersburg, MD). Plasmid DNA is purified and sequence confirmed as below.

Method III. Creation of new N-terminus/C-terminus genes by tandem-duplication method

New N-terminus/C-terminus genes can be made based on the method described in R. A. Horlick, et al *Protein Eng.* 5:427-431 (1992). Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification of the new N-terminus/C-terminus genes is performed using a tandemly duplicated template DNA. The steps are illustrated in Figure 4.

The tandemly-duplicated template DNA is created by cloning and contains two copies of the gene separated by DNA sequence encoding a linker connecting the original C- and N-terminal ends of the two copies of the gene. Specific primer sets are used to create and amplify a full-length new N terminus/C-terminus gene from the tandemly-duplicated template DNA. These primers are designed to include appropriate restriction sites which allow for the cloning of the new gene into expression vectors. Typical PCR conditions are one cycle 95°C melting for two minutes; 25 cycles 94°C denaturation for one minute, 50°C annealing for one minute and 72°C extension for one minute; plus one cycle 72°C extension for seven minutes. A Perkin Elmer GeneAmp PCR Core Reagents kit (Perkin Elmer Corporation, Norwalk, CT) is

used. A 100 ul reaction contains 100 pmole of each primer and one ug of template DNA; and 1x PCR buffer, 200 uM dGTP, 200 uM dATP, 200 uM dTTP, 200 uM dCTP, 2.5 units AmpliTaq DNA polymerase and 2 mM MgCl₂. PCR reactions are performed in a Model 480 DNA thermal cycler (Perkin Elmer Corporation, Norwalk, CT). PCR reactions are purified using a Wizard PCR Preps kit (Promega).

10 DNA isolation and characterization

Plasmid DNA can be isolated by a number of different methods and using commercially available kits known to those skilled in the art. A few such methods are shown herein. Plasmid DNA is isolated using the Promega Wizard™ Miniprep kit (Madison, WI), the Qiagen QIAwell Plasmid isolation kits (Chatsworth, CA) or Qiagen Plasmid Midi kit. These kits follow the same general procedure for plasmid DNA isolation. Briefly, cells are pelleted by centrifugation (5000 x g), plasmid DNA released with sequential NaOH/acid treatment, and cellular debris is removed by centrifugation (10000 x g). The supernatant (containing the plasmid DNA) is loaded onto a column containing a DNA-binding resin, the column is washed, and plasmid DNA eluted with TE. After screening for the colonies with the plasmid of interest, the *E. coli* cells are inoculated into 50-100 mLs of LB plus appropriate antibiotic for overnight growth at 37°C in an air incubator while shaking. The purified plasmid DNA is used for DNA sequencing, further restriction enzyme digestion, additional subcloning of DNA fragments and transfection into mammalian, *E. coli* or other cells.

Sequence confirmation.

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Purified plasmid DNA is resuspended in dH₂O and quantitated by measuring the absorbance at 260/280 nm in a Bausch and Lomb Spectronic 601 UV spectrometer. DNA

samples are sequenced using ABI PRISM™ DyeDeoxy™ terminator sequencing chemistry (Applied Biosystems Division of Perkin Elmer Corporation, Lincoln City, CA) kits (Part Number 401388 or 402078) according to the
5 manufacturers suggested protocol usually modified by the addition of 5% DMSO to the sequencing mixture. Sequencing reactions are performed in a Model 480 DNA thermal cycler (Perkin Elmer Corporation, Norwalk, CT) following the recommended amplification conditions.
10 Samples are purified to remove excess dye terminators with Centri-Sep™ spin columns (Princeton Separations, Adelphia, NJ) and lyophilized. Fluorescent dye labeled sequencing reactions are resuspended in deionized formamide, and sequenced on denaturing 4.75%
15 polyacrylamide-8M urea gels using an ABI Model 373A automated DNA sequencer. Overlapping DNA sequence fragments are analyzed and assembled into master DNA contigs using Sequencher DNA analysis software (Gene Codes Corporation, Ann Arbor, MI).

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Expression of flt3 receptor agonists in mammalian cells

Mammalian Cell Transfection/Production of Conditioned Media

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The BHK-21 cell line can be obtained from the ATCC (Rockville, MD). The cells are cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle media (DMEM/high-glucose), supplemented to 2mM (mM) L-glutamine and 10% fetal bovine serum
30 (FBS). This formulation is designated BHK growth media. Selective media is BHK growth media supplemented with 453 units/mL hygromycin B (Calbiochem, San Diego, CA). The BHK-21 cell line was previously stably transfected with the HSV transactivating protein VP16, which
35 transactivates the IE110 promoter found on the plasmid pMON3359 (See Hippenmeyer et al., *Bio/Technology*, pp.1037-1041, 1993). The VP16 protein drives expression

of genes inserted behind the IE110 promoter. BHK-21 cells expressing the transactivating protein VP16 are designated BHK-VP16. The plasmid pMON1118 (See Highkin et al., *Poultry Sci.*, **70**: 970-981, 1991) expresses the
5 hygromycin resistance gene from the SV40 promoter. A similar plasmid is available from ATCC, pSV2-hph.

BHK-VP16 cells are seeded into a 60 millimeter (mm) tissue culture dish at 3×10^5 cells per dish 24 hours prior to transfection. Cells are transfected for 16
10 hours in 3 mL of "OPTIMEM"[™] (Gibco-BRL, Gaithersburg, MD) containing 10 ug of plasmid DNA containing the gene of interest, 3 ug hygromycin resistance plasmid, pMON1118, and 80 ug of Gibco-BRL "LIPOFECTAMINE"[™] per dish. The media is subsequently aspirated and replaced
15 with 3 mL of growth media. At 48 hours post-transfection, media from each dish is collected and assayed for activity (transient conditioned media). The cells are removed from the dish by trypsin-EDTA, diluted 1:10 and transferred to 100 mm tissue culture dishes
20 containing 10 mL of selective media. After approximately 7 days in selective media, resistant cells grow into colonies several millimeters in diameter. The colonies are removed from the dish with filter paper (cut to approximately the same size as the colonies and soaked
25 in trypsin/EDTA) and transferred to individual wells of a 24 well plate containing 1 mL of selective media. After the clones are grown to confluence, the conditioned media is re-assayed, and positive clones are expanded into growth media.

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Expression of flt3 receptor agonists in *E. coli*

E. coli strain MON105 or JM101 harboring the plasmid of interest are grown at 37°C in M9 plus
35 casamino acids medium with shaking in a air incubator Model G25 from New Brunswick Scientific (Edison, New Jersey). Growth is monitored at OD600 until it reaches

a value of 1, at which time nalidixic acid (10 milligrams/mL) in 0.1 N NaOH is added to a final concentration of 50 µg/mL. The cultures are then shaken at 37°C for three to four additional hours. A high degree of aeration is maintained throughout culture period in order to achieve maximal production of the desired gene product. The cells are examined under a light microscope for the presence of inclusion bodies (IB). One mL aliquots of the culture are removed for analysis of protein content by boiling the pelleted cells, treating them with reducing buffer and electrophoresis via SDS-PAGE (see Maniatis et al. Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, 1982). The culture is centrifuged (5000 x g) to pellet the cells.

Additional strategies for achieving high-level expression of genes in *E. coli* can be found in Savvas, C.M. (*Microbiological Reviews* **60**;512-538, 1996).

Inclusion Body preparation, Extraction, Refolding, Dialysis, DEAE Chromatography, and Characterization of the flt3 receptor agonists which accumulate as inclusion bodies in *E. coli*.

Isolation of Inclusion Bodies:

The cell pellet from a 330 mL *E. coli* culture is resuspended in 15 mL of sonication buffer (10 mM 2-amino-2-(hydroxymethyl) 1,3-propanediol hydrochloride (Tris-HCl), pH 8.0 + 1 mM ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA)). These resuspended cells are sonicated using the microtip probe of a Sonicator Cell Disruptor (Model W-375, Heat Systems-Ultrasonics, Inc., Farmingdale, New York). Three rounds of sonication in sonication buffer followed by centrifugation are employed to disrupt the cells and wash the inclusion bodies (IB). The first round of sonication is a 3

minute burst followed by a 1 minute burst, and the final two rounds of sonication are for 1 minute each.

5 Extraction and refolding of proteins from inclusion body pellets:

Following the final centrifugation step, the IB pellet is resuspended in 10 mL of 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 9.5, 8 M urea and 5 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) and stirred
10 at room temperature for approximately 45 minutes to allow for denaturation of the expressed protein.

The extraction solution is transferred to a beaker containing 70 mL of 5mM Tris-HCl, pH 9.5 and 2.3 M urea and gently stirred while exposed to air at 4°C for 18 to
15 48 hours to allow the proteins to refold. Refolding is monitored by analysis on a Vydac (Hesperia, Ca.) C18 reversed phase high pressure liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) column (0.46x25 cm). A linear gradient of 40% to 65% acetonitrile, containing 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid
20 (TFA), is employed to monitor the refold. This gradient is developed over 30 minutes at a flow rate of 1.5 mL per minute. Denatured proteins generally elute later in the gradient than the refolded proteins.

25 Purification:

Following the refold, contaminating *E. coli* proteins are removed by acid precipitation. The pH of the refold solution is titrated to between pH 5.0 and pH
30 5.2 using 15% (v/v) acetic acid (HOAc). This solution is stirred at 4°C for 2 hours and then centrifuged for 20 minutes at 12,000 x g to pellet any insoluble protein.

The supernatant from the acid precipitation step is
35 dialyzed using a Spectra/Por 3 membrane with a molecular weight cut off (MWCO) of 3,500 daltons. The dialysis is against 2 changes of 4 liters (a 50-fold excess) of 10mM

Tris-HCl, pH 8.0 for a total of 18 hours. Dialysis lowers the sample conductivity and removes urea prior to DEAE chromatography. The sample is then centrifuged (20 minutes at 12,000 x g) to pellet any insoluble protein following dialysis.

A Bio-Rad Bio-Scale DEAE2 column (7 x 52 mm) is used for ion exchange chromatography. The column is equilibrated in a buffer containing 10mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0. The protein is eluted using a 0-to-500 mM sodium chloride (NaCl) gradient, in equilibration buffer, over 45 column volumes. A flow rate of 1 mL per minute is used throughout the run. Column fractions (2 mL per fraction) are collected across the gradient and analyzed by RP HPLC on a Vydac (Hesperia, Ca.) C18 column (0.46 x 25 cm). A linear gradient of 40% to 65% acetonitrile, containing 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), is employed. This gradient is developed over 30 minutes at a flow rate of 1.5 mL per minute. Pooled fractions are then dialyzed against 2 changes of 4 liters (50-to-500-fold excess) of 10 mM ammonium acetate (NH₄Ac), pH 4.0 for a total of 18 hours. Dialysis is performed using a Spectra/Por 3 membrane with a MWCO of 3,500 daltons. Finally, the sample is sterile filtered using a 0.22µm syringe filter (µStar LB syringe filter, Costar, Cambridge, Ma.), and stored at 4°C.

In some cases the folded proteins can be affinity purified using affinity reagents such as mAbs or receptor subunits attached to a suitable matrix. Alternatively, (or in addition) purification can be accomplished using any of a variety of chromatographic methods such as: ion exchange, gel filtration or hydrophobic chromatography or reversed phase HPLC.

These and other protein purification methods are described in detail in Methods in Enzymology, Volume 182 'Guide to Protein Purification' edited by Murray Deutscher, Academic Press, San Diego, CA (1990).

Protein Characterization:

The purified protein is analyzed by RP-HPLC,
5 electrospray mass spectrometry, and SDS-PAGE. The
protein quantitation is done by amino acid composition,
RP-HPLC, and Bradford protein determination. In some
cases tryptic peptide mapping is performed in
conjunction with electrospray mass spectrometry to
10 confirm the identity of the protein.

Methylcellulose Assay

This assay reflects the ability of colony stimulating
15 factors to stimulate normal bone marrow cells to produce
different types of hematopoietic colonies *in vitro*
(Bradley et al., *Aust. Exp Biol. Sci.* **44**:287-300,
1966), Pluznik et al., *J. Cell Comp. Physio* **66**:319-324,
1965).

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Methods

Approximately 30 mL of fresh, normal, healthy bone
marrow aspirate are obtained from individuals following
informed consent. Under sterile conditions samples are
25 diluted 1:5 with a 1X PBS (#14040.059 Life Technologies,
Gaithersburg, MD.) solution in a 50 mL conical tube
(#25339-50 Corning, Corning MD). Ficoll (Histopaque
1077 Sigma H-8889) is layered under the diluted sample
and centrifuged, 300 x g for 30 min. The mononuclear
30 cell band is removed and washed two times in 1X PBS and
once with 1% BSA PBS (CellPro Co., Bothel, WA).
Mononuclear cells are counted and CD34+ cells are
selected using the Ceprate LC (CD34) Kit (CellPro Co.,
Bothel, WA) column. This fractionation is performed
35 since all stem and progenitor cells within the bone
marrow display CD34 surface antigen..

Cultures are set up in triplicate with a final volume of 1.0 mL in a 35 X 10 mm petri dish (Nunc#174926). Culture medium is purchased from Terry Fox Labs. (HCC-4230 medium (Terry Fox Labs, Vancouver, B.C., Canada) and erythropoietin (Amgen, Thousand Oaks, CA.) is added to the culture media. 3,000-10,000 CD34+ cells are added per dish. FLT3 receptor agonist proteins, in conditioned media from transfected mammalian cells or purified from conditioned media from transfected mammalian cells or *E. coli*, are added to give final concentrations ranging from .001 nM to 10 nM. Cultures are resuspended using a 3cc syringe and 1.0 mL is dispensed per dish. Control (baseline response) cultures received no colony stimulating factors. Positive control cultures received conditioned media (PHA stimulated human cells: Terry Fox Lab. H2400). Cultures are incubated at 37°C, 5% CO₂ in humidified air. Hematopoietic colonies which are defined as greater than 50 cells are counted on the day of peak response (days 10-11) using a Nikon inverted phase microscope with a 40x objective combination. Groups of cells containing fewer than 50 cells are referred to as clusters. Alternatively colonies can be identified by spreading the colonies on a slide and stained or they can be picked, resuspended and spun onto cytospin slides for staining.

Human Cord Blood Hemopoietic Growth Factor Assays

Bone marrow cells are traditionally used for in vitro assays of hematopoietic colony stimulating factor (CSF) activity. However, human bone marrow is not always available, and there is considerable variability between donors. Umbilical cord blood is comparable to bone marrow as a source of hematopoietic stem cells and progenitors (Broxmeyer et al., *PNAS USA* **89**:4109-113,

1992; Mayani et al., *Blood* **81**:3252-3258, 1993). In contrast to bone marrow, cord blood is more readily available on a regular basis. There is also a potential to reduce assay variability by pooling cells obtained
5 fresh from several donors, or to create a bank of cryopreserved cells for this purpose.

Methods

Mononuclear cells (MNC) are isolated from cord blood
10 within 24 hr. of collection, using a standard density gradient (1.077 g/mL Histopaque). Cord blood MNC have been further enriched for stem cells and progenitors by several procedures, including immunomagnetic selection for CD14-, CD34+ cells; panning for SBA-, CD34+
15 fraction using coated flasks from Applied Immune Science (Santa Clara, CA); and CD34+ selection using a CellPro (Bothell, WA) avidin column. Either freshly isolated or cryopreserved CD34+ cell enriched fractions are used for the assay. Duplicate cultures for each serial dilution
20 of sample (concentration range from 1 pM to 1204 pM) are prepared with 1×10^4 cells in 1ml of 0.9% methylcellulose containing medium without additional growth factors (Methocult H4230 from Stem Cell Technologies, Vancouver, BC.). In some experiments, Methocult H4330 containing
25 erythropoietin (FLT3) was used instead of Methocult H4230, or Stem Cell Factor (SCF), 50 ng/mL (Biosource International, Camarillo, CA) was added. After culturing for 7-9 days, colonies containing >30 cells are counted.

30 MUTZ-2 Cell Proliferation Assay

A cell line such as MUTZ-2, which is a human myeloid leukemia cell line (German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, DSM ACC 271), can be used to
35 determine the cell proliferative activity of flt3 receptor agonists. MUTZ-2 cultures are maintained with recombinant native flt3 ligand (20-100ng/mL) in the

growth medium. Eighteen hours prior to assay set-up, MUTZ-2 cells are washed in IMDM medium (Gibco) three times and are resuspended in IMDM medium alone at a concentration of $0.5-0.7 \times 10^6$ cells/mL and incubated at 37°C and $5\%\text{CO}_2$ to starve the cells of flt3 ligand. The day of the assay, standards and flt3 receptor agonists are diluted to two fold above desired final concentration in assay media in sterile tissue culture treated 96 well plates. Flt3 receptor agonists and standards are tested in triplicate. 50 μl of assay media is loaded into all wells except row A. 75 μl of the flt3 receptor agonists or standards are added to row A and 25 μl taken from that row and serial dilutions (1:3) performed on the rest of the plate (rows B through G). Row H remains as a media only control. The starved MUTZ-2 cells are washed two times in IMDM medium and resuspended in 50 μl assay media. 50 μl of cells are added to each well resulting in a final concentration of 0.25×10^6 cells/mL. Assay plates containing cells are incubated at 37°C and $5\%\text{CO}_2$ for 44hrs. Each well is then pulsed with 1 μCi /well of tritiated thymidine in a volume of 20 μl for four hours. Plates are then harvested and counted.

25 Transfected cell lines:

Cell lines, such as BHK or the murine pro B cell line Baf/3, can be transfected with a colony stimulating factor receptor, such as the human flt3 receptor which the cell line does not have. These transfected cell lines can be used to determine the activity of the ligand of which the receptor has been transfected.

35 EXAMPLE 1

Isolation of cDNA encoding flt3 ligand

Three *flt3* ligand clones were amplified from human bone marrow poly A+ RNA (Clontech) using NCOFLT, HIND160, and HIND165 PCR primers (according to the manufacturer's suggested conditions). These amplified PCR products were gel purified and cloned into the BHK expression vector pMON5723 generating pMON30237 (NCOFLT + HIND160), pMON30238 (NCOFLT + HIND165), and a deletion clone pMON30239 (NCOFLT + HIND165). The deletion in pMON30239 is of amino acid residues 89 through 106 (the numbering of the residues is based on the sequence of native *flt3* ligand as shown in Figure 5a and 5b).

EXAMPLE 2

Sequence rearranged *flt3* ligand were constructed using several methods and linker types. The first set of constructs containing the linker peptide (SerGlyGlyAsnGly)_X (where X = 1, 2, or 3) with the breakpoints 39/40, 65/66, and 89/90 were made using a two step PCR process described by Mullins et al. in which the front half and the back half of each final sequence rearranged molecule is made separately in the first PCR step, then the paired products of the first reaction step are combined in a second PCR step and extended in the absence of exogenous primers. For example, to make the three 89/90 breakpoint precursor molecules with the SerGlyGlyAsnGly SEQ ID NO:46, SerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsnGly SEQ ID NO:47, and SerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsnGly SEQ ID NO:48 amino acid linkers (pMON32326, pMON32327 and pMON32328 respectively), six initial PCR products were generated. The following primer pairs were used in the first step PCR reaction: a) 89For/L5B; b) 89For/L10B; c) 89For/L15B; d) 89Rev/L5A; e) 89Rev/L10A; and f) 89Rev/L15A. The identical approach was used to make pMON32321 (39/40 breakpoint, primer pairs 39For/L10B and

39Rev/L10A) and pMON32325 (65/66 breakpoint, primer pairs 65For/L5B and 65Rev/L5A) precursors. Except as noted below, all subsequent PCR reactions utilized the components of the PCR Optimizer Kit (Invitrogen) and amplification conditions according to the manufacturers suggested protocol. Reactions were set up as follows: 5 50 pmole of each primer, 10 ul of 5X Buffer B [300 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.5), 10 mM MgCl₂, 75 mM (NH₄)₂SO₄], 5 U Taq polymerase, and 100 ng of heat denatured DNA (in 10 this example pMON30238) template were combined, and brought to 45 ul final volume with dH₂O. Reactions were pre-incubated for 1-5 minute at 80°C, then 5 ul of 10 mM dNTP added to each reaction, and heat denatured for 2 minutes at 94°C prior to amplification in a Perkin Elmer 15 model 480 DNA thermal cycler. Seven DNA amplification cycles were done under the following conditions: heat denature for one minute at 94°C, two minutes annealing at 65°C, followed by a three minute extension at 72°C. Twenty three additional cycles consisting of a one 20 minute heat denaturation at 94°C followed by a four minute annealing/extension at 72°C were done, followed by a final 7 minute extension cycle at 72°C. With the exception of pMON32328, the PCR amplification products were run out on a 1.2% TAE agarose gel, and the 25 appropriate size bands (the major amplification product) were excised and purified using GeneClean II (Bio 101). Samples were resuspended in 10 ul dH₂O. The amplification products for pMON32328 were purified directly using a Wizard PCR Clean UP kit (Promega), and 30 DNA eluted in 50 ul dH₂O.

The method to construct the precursors of pMON32322 (39/40 breakpoint, primer pairs 39For/L5B and 39Rev/L5A) was modified by increasing the amount of template to 1 ug, and by changing the PCR amplification conditions as 35 follows: six cycles of 94°C, 1 minute, 65°C for 2 minute, and 72°C for 2 1/2 minutes, followed by 15 cycles of 94°C for 1 minute, 70°C for 2 minutes, and

72°C for 2 minutes, followed by a single 72°C extension cycle for seven minutes.

The second PCR step utilized the gel-purified precursors from the first PCR step as a combination of
5 primer/template as follows: 5 ul each of each precursor molecule (i.e. for pMON32328 the PCR products from primer pairs 89For/L5B and 89Rev/L5A), 10 ul of 5X Buffer B, 5 U of Taq polymerase, and 24 ul dH₂O. The reactions were heated for five minutes at 80°C, 5 ul of
10 10 mM dNTP was added, and the reactions heat denatured for 94°C for two minutes. DNA amplification conditions were as follows: 15 cycles of 94°C for one minute, 69°C for two minutes, followed then by a three minute extension at 72°C. To allow for complete extension, the
15 last cycle was followed by a single extension step at 72°C for seven minutes. The 80 deg incubation time was reduced to two minutes and the number of cycles was decreased to ten cycles for pMON32325 (PCR products 65For/L5B and 65Rev/L5A). PCR reaction products of the
20 appropriate size were gel purified on a 1.2 % TAE agarose gel using Geneclean II. For pMON32322 (39For/L5B and 39Rev/L5A) the annealing temperature was reduced to 68°C, and the extension time reduced to two minutes. In addition, the PCR product was purified using a Wizard
25 PCR Clean Up kit (Promega) according to the suppliers suggested protocol. The second PCR step was modified for pMON32326 (PCR products of 89For/L15B and 89Rev/L15A) as follows. Three sets of PCR reactions were set up identically as above, except for the sample
30 buffer type (either 5X buffer B, D, or J - PCR Optimizer Kit). Composition of buffers D and J differ from buffer B only by pH or [MgCl₂]. The [MgCl₂] for buffer D is 3.5 mM, whereas the pH of buffer J is 9.5. The protocol was modified by increasing the number of PCR cycles 20,
35 and 15 ul aliquots were withdrawn at the end of cycles 10, 15 and 20. Five uls of each aliquot timepoint were analyzed for the presence of amplified material on a

1.2% TBE agarose gel. The remainder of the buffer B, D, and J PCR reaction mixtures were pooled and subsequently purified using the Wizard PCR Clean Up Kit protocol. The DNA was eluted in 50 ul dH₂O.

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The purified samples from the second step PCR reaction were digested with NcoI/HindIII using one of two standardized digestion conditions. For Geneclean II purified samples, 10 ul of DNA were digested in a 20 ul
10 reaction with 7.5 U each of NcoI/HindIII for two hours at 37°C, and gel purified on a 1.1% TAE agarose gel again with Geneclean II. Ligation-ready samples were resuspended in 10 ul dH₂O. For pMON32322, 20 ul of
15 sample was digested in a 50 ul reaction volume with 20U each of NcoI and HindIII for 3 hour at 37°C. 0.1 volume 3M NaOAc (pH 5.5) and 2.5 volume of EtOH were added, mixed, and stored at -20°C overnight. The DNA was recovered by pelleting for 20 minutes at 13,000 rpm @ 4°C in a Sigma Mk 202 microfuge. The DNA pellet was
20 rinsed with chilled 70% EtOH, lyophilized, and resuspended in 10 ul dH₂O.

EXAMPLE 3

25 An alternate approach was used to construct pMON32320 (39/40 breakpoint, fifteen amino acid linker), pMON32323 (65/66 breakpoint, fifteen AA linker), and pMON32324 (65/66 breakpoint, ten amino acid linker). New primers (L15C, L15D, L15E) were designed to incorporate BamHI
30 restriction site in the primer that was inframe to allow cloning into the BamHI site and maintain the proper reading frame. PCR reaction conditions for the first step were performed identically to that described for pMON32322, except that the following set of primer pairs
35 were used: 65For/L15D and 65Rev/L15E (pMON32324); 39For/L15D and 39Rev/L15C (pMON32320); and 65For/L15D and 65Rev/L15C (pMON32323). The PCR reaction products

were purified using a Wizard PCR Clean Up kit as described, and eluted in 50 ul dH₂O. Samples were digested with either NcoI/BamHI (39For/L15D and 65For/L15D) or BamHI/HindIII (39Rev/L15C, 65Rev/L15C, and 65Rev/L15E). Restriction digests were performed as follows: 10 ul of purified PCR reaction products, 3 ul of 10X universal restriction buffer, 15 U of either NcoI or HindIII, 15 U of BamHI, in a final reaction volume of 30 ul. Reactions were incubated for 90 minutes at 37°C, and the PCR products gel purified on a 1.1% TAE agarose gel using GeneClean II. Ligation-ready DNA was resuspended in 10 ul dH₂O.

Inserts were ligated to NcoI/ HindIII digested pMON3977 (BHK mammalian expression vector) that had been treated with shrimp alkaline phosphatase (SAP) either in a three way (pMON32320, pMON32323, or pMON32324) or a two way (pMON32321, pMON32322, pMON32325, pMON32326, pMON32327 and pMON32328) ligation reaction as follows: 2.5 ul of insert (2 ul of each primer pair amplicon for pMON32320, pMON32323, and pMON32324) was added to 50 ng of vector in a ten ul reaction using standard ligation conditions. Two ul of each reaction was transformed with 100 ul of chemically competent DH5α cells (Gibco/BRL) following the manufacturers suggested protocol. Twenty five ul and 200 ul aliquots were plated out on LB plates containing 50 ug/mL ampicillin and incubated overnight. Isolated colonies were picked and DNA prepared from 50 mL overnight cultures using Qiagen DNA midiprep kits. DNA was quantitated by absorbance at A260/A280, and verified for correct insert size by agarose gel electrophoresis following digestion of 1 ug template with NcoI/HindIII restriction endonucleases. Samples containing inserts of the predicted size were sequenced in both orientations using vector-specific primers using an automated fluorescent DNA sequencer model 373A (Perkin Elmer ABI). Sequencing

reactions were done in 20 ul reaction volumes using a Perkin Elmer model 480 DNA thermal cycler as follows: one ug of template, 3.2 pmole primer, 1 ul DMSO, 9.5 ul Taq terminator dyedeoxy premix (Perkin Elmer ABI) were
5 combined, and subjected to 25 cycles of sequencing amplification as follows: 30 seconds at 94°C, 15 second annealing at 50°C, followed by a four minute extension cycle at 60°C. Samples were purified using Centri-Sep spin columns (Princeton Separations) following the
10 manufacturers suggested protocol, lyophilized, and submitted for sequence analysis. Samples containing the predicted amino acid sequence were selected for analysis and assigned pMONnumbers.

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EXAMPLE 4

A similar approach used to construct pMON32320, pMON32323, and pMON32324 was utilized to introduce the second linker type (SerGlyGlySerGly)_x where x = 2 or 3,
20 into two sequence rearranged flt3 receptor agonists containing the 39/40 breakpoint (pMON32348 and 32350). The primer pairs were as follows: for pMON32348 the combinations of 339For2/339Rev3 and 339Rev2/339-10For3 and for pMON32350 the combinations of 339For2/339Rev3
25 and 339Rev2/339-15For3 were used to create three PCR amplification products. Each PCR amplification was set up as follows: to 100 ng of heat denatured pMON32320, 50 pmole of each primer pair, 10 ul of 5X Buffer B, 5 U of Taq polymerase and dH₂O was added to a final volume of
30 45 ul. Reactions were pre-incubated as described before. Fifteen amplification cycles were done under the following conditions: heat denature at 94°C, one minute, followed by a two minute annealing step at 70°C, and a three minute extension at 72°C. After the last
35 cycle, a single 72 deg extension step of 7 minutes was done. The PCR amplification products of primer pairs 339For2/339Rev3, 339Rev2/339-10For3, and 339Rev2/339-15For2 were purified using a Wizard PCR Clean Up kit

(Promega), and eluted in 50 ul dH₂O. NcoI/BamHI digests for the 339For2/339Rev3 primer pair as follows: 8 ul of DNA template was mixed with 2 ul universal restriction buffer and 10 U each of NcoI and BamHI in a 20 ul reaction volume, and incubated for 90 minutes at 37°C. The digestion products was purified using the Geneclean II direct purification protocol, and ligation ready DNA resuspended in 10 ul dH₂O. The restriction digests and subsequent purification for the 339Rev2/339-10For3 and 339Rev2/339-15For2 amplification products were done identically as described for the 339For2/339Rev3 amplicon, except that 10 U of HindIII was substituted for NcoI. Standard ligations were done by adding to 50 ng NcoI/HindIII/SAP-treated, gel purified pMON3977, 0.5 ul 339For2/Rev3 amplicon, 1 ul of either 339Rev2/339-10For3 (pMON32348) or 339Rev2/339-15For3 (pMON32350) amplicons, 5U T4 DNA ligase, and 1 ul 10 X ligase buffer in a 10 ul reaction volume for 60 minutes at ambient temperature. Subsequent steps leading to final DNA sequence confirmation were done as described above.

EXAMPLE 5

A third type of linker, with a variable (GlyGlyGlySer)_X repeat motif, was incorporated into another set of sequence rearranged flt3 receptor agonists from modularly constructed templates. These linker lengths were;

6 AA linker (GlyGlyGlySerGlyGly SEQ ID NO:51),
7 AA linker (GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGly SEQ ID NO:52),
10 AA linker (GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGly SEQ ID NO:53),
13 AA linker (GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGly SEQ ID NO:54),

15 AA linker
(GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGly SEQ ID
NO:55); and
21 AA linker
5 (GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGly
GlySerGly SEQ ID NO:56) amino acid residues. These modular
templates, each comprising a dimer of hflt3 ligand
separated by a BamHI-containing linker of unique length,
were constructed as follows. Six intermediate PLASMID
10 templates, FL3N, FL7N, FL11N, FL3C, FL4C, and FL10C,
were constructed by PCR using paired primers and
pMON30238 as template using cycling conditions similar
to those employed for pMON32322. Per reaction, 50 pmole
of each primer was added to 100 ng of heat-denatured
15 template and the reactions assembled as described for
pMON32322. Cycle conditions were as follows: seven
cycles of 94°C, one minute; two minutes at 65°C, and 2.5
minutes at 72°C; followed by ten cycles of one minute at
94°C, two minutes at 70°C, and 2.5 minutes at 72°C. A
20 single seven minute extension at 72°C completed the
cycling reactions. The primer pairs used to construct
each intermediate were; N-term/FLN3 (FL3N); N-term/FLN7
(FL7N); N-term/FLN11 (FL11N); C term/FLC3 (FL3C); C-
term/FLC4 (FL4C); and C-term/FLC10 (FL10C). The PCR
25 amplification products were purified with Wizard PCR
Clean Up kits (Promega) and eluted in 50 ul dH₂O.
Purified DNA for the first subset, FL3N, FL7N, and
FL11N, were digested with NcoI/BamHI, gel purified as
described previously, and ligated to NcoI/BamHI/Sap-
30 treated pSE420 vector DNA (Invitrogen). Intermediate
templates of the second subset, FL3C, FL4C, and FL10C,
were constructed in an identical manner except HindIII
was utilized instead of NcoI. Subsequent steps leading
to final DNA sequence confirmation were done as
35 described above.

To make the next six templates, the two subsets of intermediates in pSE420 were digested with either NcoI/BamHI (FL3N, FL7N, FL11N-subset 1) or BamHI/HindIII (FL3C, FL4C, FL10C-subset 2) and gel purified using Geneclean II as described previously. One intermediate amplicon from each subset were ligated to NcoI/HindIII/SAP-treated pMON3977 per reaction and transformed in DH5 α cells as described previously using the following combinations to generate specific linker lengths: six AA linker (FL3N and FL3C), seven AA linker (FL3N and FL4C), ten AA linker (FL7N and FL3C), thirteen AA linker (FL3N and FL10C), fifteen AA linker (FL11N and FL4C), and 21 AA linker (FL11N and FL10C). DNA was prepared 50 mL overnight cultures from single colonies from each of the six combination as described above, analyzed for correct insert size by NcoI/HindIII restriction analysis, and used as template.

Primer pairs 39For/39Rev (39/40 breakpoint); 65For/65Rev (65/66 breakpoint) and 89For/89Rev (89/90 breakpoint) were used to PCR amplify each templates as described for pMON32322, except 75 pmole of each primer was used. Amplification conditions were modified as follows: six cycles of 94°C for one minute, 2 minutes at 70°C, 2.5 minutes at 72°C; followed by nine cycles of 94°C for one minute, and three minutes at 72°C. After the last cycle, a final extension of six minutes at 72°C allowed ample time for full extension of products.

Samples were purified using a Wizard PCR Clean Up kit as described, and double digested with NcoI/HindIII. These amplification products were purified again using a Wizard PCR Clean Up kit. In addition, all six different linker length molecules for the 39/40 breakpoint were cloned into NcoI/HindIII/SAP-treated pMON3977 as single proteins (pMON32365, pMON32366, pMON32367, pMON32368, pMON32369 and 32370). Subsequent steps leading to final DNA sequence confirmation were done as described above.

EXAMPLE 7

Additional sequence rearranged Flt3 ligands were
5 constructed using the dimer template intermediates
previously described. For sequence rearranged Flt3
ligands having the fifteen amino acid linker
(GlyGlyGlySer)₃GlyGlyGly SEQ ID NO:55, the dimer
intermediates Flt4C.seq and Flt11N.seq were used as the
10 template in the PCR reaction. Five new breakpoints
corresponding to Flt3 ligand amino acid residues 28/29,
34/35, 62/63, 94/95, and 98/99, were constructed using a
PCR based approach using a PCR Optimizer kit
(Invitrogen) and the following primer pairs;
15 FL29For/FL29Rev, FL35For/FL35Rev, FL63For/FL63Rev,
FL95For/FL95Rev, FL99For/FL99Rev. Amplification
conditions were as follows: seven cycles of 94°C for 1',
62°C for 2', and 2.5' at 70°C; twelve cycles of 94°C for
1', 68°C for 2', and 70°C for 2.5'; followed by a final
20 cycle of 7' at 72°C. PCR products corresponding to the
predicted insert size were digested to completion with
NcoI and HindIII, and gel purified as described
previously using Gene Clean II (Bio 101) following the
manufacturers suggested protocol. Samples were
25 resuspended in 10 ul final volume with dH₂O. Inserts
were cloned as single genes into the mammalian
expression vector pMON3977 (NcoI/HindIII/SAP treated)
and designated pMON35712, pMON35713, pMON35714,
pMON35715, pMON35716, pMON35717, pMON35718 respectively.

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Additional techniques for the construction of the
variant genes, recombinant protein expression, protein
35 purification, protein characterization, biological
activity determination can be found in WO 94/12639, WO
94/12638, WO 95/20976, WO 95/21197, WO 95/20977, WO

95/21254 and WO 96/23888 which are hereby incorporated
by reference in their entirety.

5 All references, patents or applications cited
herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety
as if written herein.

10 Various other examples will be apparent to the
person skilled in the art after reading the present
disclosure without departing from the spirit and scope
of the invention. It is intended that all such other
examples be included within the scope of the appended
claims.

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:2:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 140 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

```

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:3:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 122 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

```

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:4:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 135 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

```

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:5:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 140 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

```

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 135 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

```

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:7:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 140 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

```

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 155 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

```

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:9:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 150 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 145 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 155 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

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      85                      90                      95
Gln His Ser Pro Ile Ser Ser Asp Phe Ala Val Lys Ile Arg Glu Leu
      100                    105                    110
Ser Asp Tyr Leu Leu Gln Asp Tyr Pro Val Thr Val Ala Ser Asn Leu
      115                    120                    125
Gln Asp Glu Glu Leu Cys Gly Gly Leu Trp Arg Leu Val Leu Ala Gln
      130                    135                    140
Arg Trp Met Glu Arg Leu Lys Thr Val Ala Gly
      145                    150                    155
    
```

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 150 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

```

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:13:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 145 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

```

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 155 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

```

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:15:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 150 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

```

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:16:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 145 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:17:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 155 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:18:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 150 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

Asp	Ser	Ser	Thr	85	Leu	Ser	Gly	Gly	Ser	90	Gly	Ser	Gly	Gly	Ser	95	Gly	Thr
			100						105						110			
Gln	Asp	Cys	Ser	Phe	Gln	His	Ser	Pro	Ile	Ser	Ser	Asp	Phe	Ala	Val			
		115					120					125						
Lys	Ile	Arg	Glu	Leu	Ser	Asp	Tyr	Leu	Leu	Gln	Asp	Tyr	Pro	Val	Thr			
	130					135					140							
Val	Ala	Ser	Asn	Leu	Gln													
145				150														

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:19:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 145 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:20:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 143 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:21:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

90

- (A) LENGTH: 149 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:22:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 144 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:22:

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:23:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 153 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

```

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:24:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 150 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:25:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 146 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

115 120 125
 Leu Ser Asp Tyr Leu Leu Gln Asp Tyr Pro Val Thr Val Ala Ser Asn
 130 135 140
 Leu Gln
 145

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:26:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 147 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:27:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 150 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:28:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 153 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid

- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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Ala Asp Glu Glu Leu Cys Gly Gly Leu Trp Arg Leu Val Leu Ala Gln
 1      5      10      15
Arg Trp Met Glu Arg Leu Lys Thr Val Ala Gly Ser Lys Met Gln Gly
      20      25      30
Leu Leu Glu Arg Val Asn Thr Glu Ile His Phe Val Thr Lys Cys Ala
      35      40      45
Phe Gln Pro Pro Pro Ser Cys Leu Arg Phe Val Gln Thr Asn Ile Ser
      50      55      60
Arg Leu Leu Gln Glu Thr Ser Glu Gln Leu Val Ala Leu Lys Pro Trp
      65      70      75      80
Ile Thr Arg Gln Asn Phe Ser Arg Cys Leu Glu Leu Gln Cys Gln Pro
      85      90      95
Asp Ser Ser Thr Leu Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly
      100      105      110
Ser Gly Thr Gln Asp Cys Ser Phe Gln His Ser Pro Ile Ser Ser Asp
      115      120      125
Phe Ala Val Lys Ile Arg Glu Leu Ser Asp Tyr Leu Leu Gln Asp Tyr
      130      135      140
Pro Val Thr Val Ala Ser Asn Leu Gln
145      150
    
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:29:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 155 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:29:

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:30:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 161 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:31:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 155 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:32:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 155 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

			100					105						110			
Gly	Ser	Gly	Gly	Gly	Ser	Gly	Gly	Gly	Thr	Gln	Asp	Cys	Ser	Phe	Gln		
		115					120					125					
His	Ser	Pro	Ile	Ser	Ser	Asp	Phe	Ala	Val	Lys	Ile	Arg	Glu	Leu	Ser		
		130				135					140						
Asp	Tyr	Leu	Leu	Gln	Asp	Tyr	Pro	Val	Thr	Val							
145					150					155							

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:33:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 155 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:34:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 155 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:35:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 155 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:36:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 155 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:37:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 155 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:38:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 4 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

Gly Gly Gly Ser
1

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:39:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 8 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Ser
1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:40:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 12 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:41:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:41:

Ser Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Ser

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly
1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:53:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 10 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:53:

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:54:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:55:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 15 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:55:

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:56:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 21 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

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

Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Ser
1 5 10 15
Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly
20

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:57:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 33 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:57:
 CTGACCATGG CNACCCAGGA CTGCTCCTTC CAA 33
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:58:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 32 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:58:
 ACTGAAGCTT AGGGCTGACA CTGCAGCTCC AG 32
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:59:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 32 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:59:
 ACTGAAGCTT ACAGGTTGA GGAGTCGGGC TG 32
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:60:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 46 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:60:
 GACTGCCATG GCNACYCAGG AYTGYTCYTT YCAACACAGC CCCATC 46
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:61:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 46 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:61:
 GACTGCCATG GCNACYCAGG AYTGYTCYTT YCAACACAGC CCCATC 46
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:62:
- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 22 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:62:
 TGTCCAAACT CATCAATGTA TC 22
- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:63:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 38 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

CATGGCCATG GCCGACGAGG AGCTCTGCGG GGGCCTCT 38

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:64:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 36 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

GCTAGAAGCT TACTGCAGGT TGGAGGCCAC GGTGAC 36

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:65:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 38 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

CATGGCCATG GCCTCCAAGA TGCAAGGCTT GCTGGAGC 38

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:66:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 36 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:66:

GCTAGAAGCT TACCCAGCGA CAGTCTTGAG CCGCTC 36

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:67:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 36 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:67:

CATGGCCATG GCCCCCCCA GCTGTCTTCG CTCGT 36

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:68:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 37 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

GCTAGAAGCT TAGGGCTGAA AGGCACATTT GGTGACA 37

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:69:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 42 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:69:

CCCTGTCTGG CGGCAACGGC ACCCAGGACT GCTCCTTCCA AC 42

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:70:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 48 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

GCGGTAACGG CAGTGGAGGT AATGGCACCC AGGACTGCTC CTTCCAAC 48

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:71:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 57 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

ACGGCAGTGG TGGCAATGGG AGCGGCGGAA ATGGAACCCA GGACTGCTCC TTCCAAC 57

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:72:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 38 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

GTGCCGTTGC CGCCAGACAG GGTGAGGAG TCGGGCTG 38

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:73:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 48 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

ATTACCTCCA CTGCCGTTAC CGCCTGACAG GGTGAGGAG TCGGGCTG 48

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:74:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 54 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

GCTCCCAT TG CCACCACTGC CGTTACCTCC AGACAGGGTT GAGGAGTCGG GCTG 54

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:75:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 60 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:75:

GATGAGGATC CGGTGGCAAT GGGAGCGGCG GAAATGGAAC CCAGGACTGC TCCTTCCACC 60

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:76:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 45 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:76:

GATGACGGAT CCGTTACTTC CAGACAGGGT TGAGGAGTCG GGCTG 45

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:77:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 46 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

GATGACGGAT CCGGAGGTAA TGGCACCCAG GACTGCTCCT TCCAAC 46

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:78:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 29 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

GACTGCCATG GCCGACGAGG AGCTCTGCG 29

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:79:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 28 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

GACTCAAGCT TACTGCAGGT TGGAGGCC 28

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:80:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

GACTCGGGAT CCGGAGGTTT TGGCACCCAG GACTGCTCC 39

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:81:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 41 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

GACTGGGATC CGGTGGCAGT GGGAGCGGCG GATCTGGAAC C 41

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:82:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

GACTTGGGAT CCACTACCTC CAGACAGGGT TGAGGAGTC 39

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:83:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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

ACTGACGGAT CCACCGCCA GGGTTGAGGA GTCGGGCTG 39

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:84:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 51 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:84:

ACTGACGGAT CCACCTCCTG ACCCACCGCC CAGGGTTGAG GAGTCGGGCT G 51

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:85:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 63 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:85:

ACTGACGGAT CCACCTCCTG ACCCACCTCC TGACCCACCG CCCAGGGTTG AGGAGTCGGG 60
CTG 63

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:86:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 28 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:86:
 ACGTAAAGCT TACAGGGTTG AGGAGTCG 28

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:87:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 40 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:87:
 GTCAGTGGAT CCGGAGGTAC CCAGGACTGC TCCTTCCAAC 40

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:88:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 43 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:88:
 GTCAGTGGAT CCGGAGGTGG CACCCAGGAC TGCTCCTTCC AAC 43

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:89:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 60 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:89:
 GTCAGTGGAT CCGGAGGTGG CTCAGGGGGA GGTAGTGGTA CCCAGGACTG CTCCTTCCAC 60

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:90:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 57 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:90:
 GTTGCCATGG CNTCNAAYCT GCARGAYGAR GARCTGTGCG GGGGCCTCTG GCGGCTG 57

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:91:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 57 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:91:
 GTTGCCATGG CNAAYCTGCA RGAYGARGAR CTGTGYGGGG GCCTCTGGCG GCTGGTC 57

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:92:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 57 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:92:

GTTGCCATGG CNCTGCARGA YGARGARCTG TGYGGYGGCC TCTGGCGGCT GGTCTG 57

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:93:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 57 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:93:

GTTGCCATGG CNCARGAYGA RGARCTGTGY GGYGGYCTCT GCGGCTGGT CCTGGCA 57

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:94:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 57 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:94:

GTTGCCATGG CNGAYGARGA RCTGTGYGGY GGYCTCTGGC GGCTGGTCCT GGCACAG 57

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:95:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 57 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:95:

GTTGCCATGG CNGARGARCT GTGYGGYGGY CTCTGGCGGC TGGTCCTGGC ACAGCGC 57

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:96:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 57 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:96:

GTTGCCATGG CNGARCTGTG YGGYGGYCTG TGGCGYCTGG TCCTGGCACA GCGCTGG 57

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:97:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 57 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:97:

GTTGCCATGG CNCTGTGYGG YGGYCTGTGG CGYCTGGTCC TGGCACAGCG CTGGATG 57

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:98:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:98:
 TATGCAAGCT TAGGCCACGG TGACTGGGTA 30
 - (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:99:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:99:
 TATGCAAGCT TAGGAGGCCA CGGTGACTGG 30
 - (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:100:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:100:
 TATGCAAGCT TAGTTGAGG CCACGGTGAC 30
 - (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:101:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:101:
 TATGCAAGCT TACAGGTTGG AGGCCACGGT 30
 - (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:102:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:102:
 TATGCAAGCT TACTGCAGGT TGGAGCCAC 30
 - (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:103:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:103:
 TATGCAAGCT TAGTCCTGCA GGTGGAGGC 30
 - (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:104:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:104:

TATGCAAGCT TACTCGTCCT GCAGGTTGGA 30

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:105:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:105:

TATGCAAGCT TACTCCTCGT CCTGCAGGTT 30

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:106:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 405 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:106:

GCCACCCAGG	ACTGCTCCTT	CCAACACAGC	CCCATCTCCT	CCGACTTCGC	TGTCAAATC	60
CGTGAGCTGT	CTGACTACCT	GCTTCAAGAT	TACCCAGTCA	CCGTGGCCTC	CAACCTGCAG	120
GACGAGGAGC	TCTGCGGGG	GCTCTGGCGG	CTGGTCTTGG	CACAGCGCTG	GATGGAGCGG	180
CTCAAGACTG	TCGCTGGGTC	CAAGATGCAA	GGCTTGCTGG	AGCGCGTGAA	CACGGAGATA	240
CACTTTGTCA	CCAAATGTGC	CTTTCAGCCC	CCCCCAGCT	GTCTTCGCTT	CGTCCAGACC	300
AACATCTCCC	GCCTCCTGCA	GGAGACCTCC	GAGCAGCTGG	TGGCGCTGAA	GCCCTGGATC	360
ACTCGCCAGA	ACTTCTCCCG	GTGCTGGAG	CTGCAGTGTC	AGCCC		405

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:107:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 420 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:107:

GCCACCCAGG	ACTGCTCCTT	CCAACACAGC	CCCATCTCCT	CCGACTTCGC	TGTCAAATC	60
CGTGAGCTGT	CTGACTACCT	GCTTCAAGAT	TACCCAGTCA	CCGTGGCCTC	CAACCTGCAG	120
GACGAGGAGC	TCTGCGGGG	CCTCTGGCGG	CTGGTCTTGG	CACAGCGCTG	GATGGAGCGG	180
CTCAAGACTG	TCGCTGGGTC	CAAGATGCAA	GGCTTGCTGG	AGCGCGTGAA	CACGGAGATA	240
CACTTTGTCA	CCAAATGTGC	CTTTCAGCCC	CCCCCAGCT	GTCTTCGCTT	CGTCCAGACC	300
AACATCTCCC	GCCTCCTGCA	GGAGACCTCC	GAGCAGCTGG	TGGCGCTGAA	GCCCTGGATC	360
ACTCGCCAGA	ACTTCTCCCG	GTGCTGGAG	CTGCAGTGTC	AGCCCGACTC	CTCAACCCCTG	420

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:108:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 366 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:108:

GCCACCCAGG	ACTGCTCCTT	CCAACACAGC	CCCATCTCCT	CCGACTTCGC	TGTCAAATC	60
CGTGAGCTGT	CTGACTACCT	GCTTCAAGAT	TACCCAGTCA	CCGTGGCCTC	CAACCTGCAG	120
GACGAGGAGC	TCTGCGGGG	CCTCTGGCGG	CTGGTCTTGG	CACAGCGCTG	GATGGAGCGG	180
CTCAAGACTG	TCGCTGGGTC	CAAGATGCAA	GGCTTGCTGG	AGCGCGTGAA	CACGGAGATA	240
CACTTTGTCA	CCAAATGTGC	CTTTCAGGAG	ACCTCCGAGC	AGCTGGTGGC	GCTGAAGCCC	300
TGGATCACTC	GCCAGAACTT	CTCCCGGTGC	CTGGAGCTGC	AGTGTCAGCC	CGACTCCTCA	360
ACCCCTG						366

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:109:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 405 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:109:

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GGAACTCAGG ATTGTTCTTT CCAACACAGC CCCATCTCCT CCGACTTCGC TGTCAAATC      60
CGTGAGCTGT CTGACTACCT GCTTCAAGAT TACCCAGTCA CCGTGGCCTC CAACCTGCAG    120
GACGAGGAGC TCTGCGGGGG CCTCTGGCGG CTGGTCCTGG CACAGCGCTG GATGGAGCGG    180
CTCAAGACTG TCGCTGGGTC CAAGATGCAA GGCTTGCTGG AGCGCGTGAA CACGGAGATA    240
CACTTTGTCA CCAAATGTGC CTTTCAGCCC CCCCCAGCT GTCTTCGCTT CGTCCAGACC    300
AACATCTCCC GCCTCCTGCA GGAGACCTCC GAGCAGCTGG TGGCGCTGAA GCCCTGGATC    360
ACTCGCCAGA ACTTCTCCCG GTGCCTGGAG CTGCAGTGTC AGCCC                       405
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:110:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 420 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:110:

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GGTACCCAGG ATTGTTCTTT CCAACACAGC CCCATCTCCT CCGACTTCGC TGTCAAATC      60
CGTGAGCTGT CTGACTACCT GCTTCAAGAT TACCCAGTCA CCGTGGCCTC CAACCTGCAG    120
GACGAGGAGC TCTGCGGGGG CCTCTGGCGG CTGGTCCTGG CACAGCGCTG GATGGAGCGG    180
CTCAAGACTG TCGCTGGGTC CAAGATGCAA GGCTTGCTGG AGCGCGTGAA CACGGAGATA    240
CACTTTGTCA CCAAATGTGC CTTTCAGCCC CCCCCAGCT GTCTTCGCTT CGTCCAGACC    300
AACATCTCCC GCCTCCTGCA GGAGACCTCC GAGCAGCTGG TGGCGCTGAA GCCCTGGATC    360
ACTCGCCAGA ACTTCTCCCG GTGCCTGGAG CTGCAGTGTC AGCCCGACTC CTC AACCCCTG    420
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:111:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 405 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:111:

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GCCACTCAGG ACTGTTCTTT CCAACACAGC CCCATCTCCT CCGACTTCGC TGTCAAATC      60
CGTGAGCTGT CTGACTACCT GCTTCAAGAT TACCCAGTCA CCGTGGCCTC CAACCTGCAG    120
GACGAGGAGC TCTGCGGGGG CCTCTGGCGG CTGGTCCTGG CACAGCGCTG GATGGAGCGG    180
CTCAAGACTG TCGCTGGGTC CAAGATGCAA GGCTTGCTGG AGCGCGTGAA CACGGAGATA    240
CACTTTGTCA CCAAATGTGC CTTTCAGCCC CCCCCAGCT GTCTTCGCTT CGTCCAGACC    300
AACATCTCCC GCCTCCTGCA GGAGACCTCC GAGCAGCTGG TGGCGCTGAA GCCCTGGATC    360
ACTCGCCAGA ACTTCTCCCG GTGCCTGGAG CTGCAGTGTC AGCCC                       405
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:112:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 420 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:112:

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GCCACTCAGG ACTGCTCTTT TCAACACAGC CCCATCTCCT CCGACTTCGC TGTCAAATC      60
CGTGAGCTGT CTGACTACCT GCTTCAAGAT TACCCAGTCA CCGTGGCCTC CAACCTGCAG    120
GACGAGGAGC TCTGCGGGGG CCTCTGGCGG CTGGTCCTGG CACAGCGCTG GATGGAGCGG    180
CTCAAGACTG TCGCTGGGTC CAAGATGCAA GGCTTGCTGG AGCGCGTGAA CACGGAGATA    240
CACTTTGTCA CCAAATGTGC CTTTCAGCCC CCCCCAGCT GTCTTCGCTT CGTCCAGACC    300
AACATCTCCC GCCTCCTGCA GGAGACCTCC GAGCAGCTGG TGGCGCTGAA GCCCTGGATC    360
ACTCGCCAGA ACTTCTCCCG GTGCCTGGAG CTGCAGTGTC AGCCCGACTC CTC AACCCCTG    420
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:113:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 465 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:113:

GCCGACGAGG	AGCTCTGCGG	GGGCCTCTGG	CGGCTGGTCC	TGGCACAGCG	CTGGATGGAG	60
CGGCTCAAGA	CTGTCGCTGG	GTCCAAGATG	CAAGGCTTGC	TGGAGCGCGT	GAACACGGAG	120
ATACACTTTG	TCACCAAATG	TGCCTTTCAG	CCCCCCCCCA	GCTGTCTTCG	CTTCGTCCAG	180
ACCAACATCT	CCCGCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	240
ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	GAGCTGCAGT	GTCAGCCCCG	CTCCTCAACC	300
CTGTCTGGAG	GTAACGGATC	CGGTGGCAAT	GGGAGCGGCG	GAAATGGAAC	CCAGGACTGC	360
TCCTTCCAAC	ACAGCCCCAT	CTCCTCCGAC	TCGCTGTCA	AAATCCGTGA	GCTGTCTGAC	420
TACCTGCTTC	AAGATTACCC	AGTCACCGTG	GCCTCCAACC	TGCAG		465

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:114:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 450 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:114:

GCCGACGAGG	AGCTCTGCGG	GGGCCTCTGG	CGGCTGGTCC	TGGCACAGCG	CTGGATGGAG	60
CGGCTCAAGA	CTGTCGCTGG	GTCCAAGATG	CAAGGCTTGC	TGGAGCGCGT	GAACACGGAG	120
ATACACTTTG	TCACCAAATG	TGCCTTTCAG	CCCCCCCCCA	GCTGTCTTCG	CTTCGTCCAG	180
ACCAACATCT	CCCGCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	240
ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	GAGCTGCAGT	GTCAGCCCCG	CTCCTCAACC	300
CTGTCTGGCC	GTAACGGCAG	TGGAGGTAAT	GGCACCCAGG	ACTGCTCCTT	CCAACACAGC	360
CCCATCTCCT	CCGACTTCGC	TGTCAAATC	CGTGAGCTGT	CTGACTACCT	GCTTCAAGAT	420
TACCCAGTCA	CCGTGGCCTC	CAACCTGCAG				450

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:115:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 435 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:115:

GCCGACGAGG	AGCTCTGCGG	GGGCCTCTGG	CGGCTGGTCC	TGGCACAGCG	CTGGATGGAG	60
CGGCTCAAGA	CTGTCGCTGG	GTCCAAGATG	CAAGGCTTGC	TGGAGCGCGT	GAACACGGAG	120
ATACACTTTG	TCACCAAATG	TGCCTTTCAG	CCCCCCCCCA	GCTGTCTTCG	CTTCGTCCAG	180
ACCAACATCT	CCCGCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	240
ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	GAGCTGCAGT	GTCAGCCCCG	CTCCTCAACC	300
CTGTCTGGCG	GCAACGGCAC	CCAGGACTGC	TCCTTCCAAC	ACAGCCCCAT	CTCCTCCGAC	360
TTGCTGTGCA	AAATCCGTGA	GCTGTCTGAC	TACCTGCTTC	AAGATTACCC	AGTCACCGTG	420
GCCTCCAACC	TGCAG					435

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:116:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 465 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:116:

GCCTCCAAGA	TGCAAGGCTT	GCTGGAGCGC	GTGAACACGG	AGATACACTT	TGTCACCAAA	60
TGTGCCTTTC	AGCCCCCCCC	CAGCTGTCTT	CGCTTCGTCC	AGACCAACAT	CTCCCGCCTC	120
CTGCAGGAGA	CCTCCGAGCA	GCTGGTGGCG	CTGAAGCCCT	GGATCACTCG	CCAGAACTTC	180
TCCCGGTGCC	TGGAGCTGCA	GTGTCAGCCC	GACTCCTCAA	CCCTGTCTGG	AGGTAACGGA	240
TCCGGTGGCA	ATGGGAGCGG	CGGAAATGGA	ACCCAGGACT	GCTCCTTCCA	ACACAGCCCC	300
ATCTCTCCG	ACTTCGCTGT	CAAAATCCGT	GAGCTGTCTG	ACTACCTGCT	TCAAGATTAC	360
CCAGTCACCG	TGGCCTCCAA	CCTGCAGGAC	GAGGAGCTCT	GCGGGGGCCT	CTGGCGGCTG	420

GTCCTGGCAC AGCGCTGGAT GGAGCGGCTC AAGACTGTCTG CTGGG

465

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:117:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 450 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:117:

GCCTCCAAGA	TGCAAGGCTT	GCTGGAGCGC	GTGAACACGG	AGATACTT	TGTCACCAA	60
TGTGCTTTT	AGCCCCCCC	CAGCTGTCTT	CGCTTCGTCC	AGACCAACAT	CTCCCGCCTC	120
CTGCAGGAGA	CCTCCGAGCA	GCTGGTGGCC	CTGAAGCCCT	GGATCACTCG	CCAGAACTTC	180
TCCCGGTGCC	TGGAGCTGCA	GTGTCAGCCC	GACTCCTCAA	CCCTGTCTGG	AGGTAACGGA	240
TCCGGAGGTA	ATGGCACCCA	GGACTGCTCC	TTCCAACACA	GCCCCATCTC	CTCCGACTTC	300
GCTGTCAAAA	TCCGTGAGCT	GTCTGACTAC	CTGCTTCAAG	ATTACCCAGT	CACCGTGGCC	360
TCCAACCTGC	AGGACGAGGA	GCTCTGCGGG	GGCCTCTGGC	GGCTGGTCCT	GGCACAGCGC	420
TGGATGGAGC	GGCTCAAGAC	TGTCGCTGGG				450

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:118:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 435 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:118:

GCCTCCAAGA	TGCAAGGCTT	GCTGGAGCGC	GTGAACACGG	AGATACTT	TGTCACCAA	60
TGTGCTTTT	AGCCCCCCC	CAGCTGTCTT	CGCTTCGTCC	AGACCAACAT	CTCCCGCCTC	120
CTGCAGGAGA	CCTCCGAGCA	GCTGGTGGCC	CTGAAGCCCT	GGATCACTCG	CCAGAACTTC	180
TCCCGGTGCC	TGGAGCTGCA	GTGTCAGCCC	GACTCCTCAA	CCCTGTCTGG	CGGCAACGGC	240
ACGCAGGACT	GCTCCTTCCA	ACACAGCCCC	ATCTCCTCCG	ACTTCGCTGT	CAAAATCCGT	300
GAGCTGTCTG	ACTACCTGCT	TCAAGATTAC	CCAGTCACCG	TGGCCTCCAA	CCTGCAGGAC	360
GAGGAGCTCT	GCGGGGCCT	CTGGCGGCTG	GTCCTGGCAC	AGCGCTGGAT	GGAGCGGCTC	420
AAGACTGTCTG	CTGGG					435

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:119:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 465 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:119:

GCCCCCCCCA	GCTGTCTTCG	CTTCGTCCAG	ACCAACATCT	CCCGCCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	60
TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	120
GAGCTGCAGT	GTCAGCCCCG	CTCCTCAACC	CTGTCTGGAG	GTAACGGCAG	TGGTGGCAAT	180
GGGAGCGGTG	GAAATGGAAC	CCAGGACTGC	TCCTTCCAAC	ACAGCCCCAT	CTCCTCCGAC	240
TTGCTGTCA	AAATCCGTGA	GCTGTCTGAC	TACCTGCTTC	AAGATTACCC	AGTCACCGTG	300
GCCTCCAACC	TGCAGGACGA	GGAGCTCTGC	GGGGGCCTCT	GGCGGCTGGT	CCTGGCACAG	360
CGCTGGATGG	AGCGGCTCAA	GACTGTCTGCT	GGGTCCAAGA	TGCAAGGCTT	GCTGGAGCGC	420
GTGAACACGG	AGATACTT	TGTCACCAA	TGTGCCTTTC	AGCCC		465

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:120:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 450 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:120:

GCCCCCCCCA	GCTGTCTTCG	CTTCGTCCAG	ACCAACATCT	CCCGCCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	60
TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	120
GAGCTGCAGT	GTCAGCCCCG	CTCCTCAACC	CTGTACGGCG	GTAACGGCAG	TGGAGGTAAT	180
GGACCCAGG	ACTGCTCCTT	CCAACACAGC	CCCATCTCCT	CCGACTTCGC	TGTCAAAATC	240

CGTGAGCTGT	CTGACTACCT	GCTTCAAGAT	TACCCAGTCA	CCGTGGCCTC	CAACCTGCAG	300
GACGAGGAGC	TCTGCGGGGG	CCTCTGGCGG	CTGGTCCTGG	CACAGCGCTG	GATGGAGCGG	360
CTCAAGACTG	TCGCTGGGTC	CAAGATGCAA	GGCTTGCTGG	AGCGCGTGAA	CACGGAGATA	420
CACTTTGTCA	CCAAATGTGC	CTTTCAGCCC				450

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:121:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 435 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:121:

CCCCCCCCCA	GCTGTCTTCG	CTTCGTCCAG	ACCAACATCT	CCCGCCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	60
TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	120
GAGCTGCAGT	GTACGCCCCG	CTCCTCAACC	CTGTCTGGCG	GCAACGGCAC	GCAGGACTGC	180
TCCTTCCAAC	ACAGCCCCAT	CTCCTCCGAC	TTCGCTGTCA	AAATCCGTGA	GCTGTCTGAC	240
TACCTGCTTC	AAGATTACCC	AGTCACCGTG	GCCTCCAACC	TGCAGGACGA	GGAGCTCTGC	300
GGGGCCTCT	GGCGCTGGT	CCTGGCACAG	CGCTGGATGG	AGCGGCTCAA	GACTGTGCTC	360
GGGTCCAAGA	TGCAAGGCTT	GCTGGAGCGC	GTGAACACGG	AGATACTACT	TGTCACCAAA	420
TGTGCCTTTC	AGCCC					435

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:122:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 451 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:122:

CGCGACGAGG	AGCTCTGCGG	GGGCCTCTGG	CGGCTGGTCC	TGGCACAGCG	CTGGATGGAG	60
CGGCTCAAGA	CTGTCGCTGG	GTCCAAGATG	CAAGGCTTGC	TGGAGCGCGT	GAACACGGAG	120
ATACACTTTG	TCACCAAATG	TGCCTTTCAG	CCCCCCCCCA	GCTGTCTTCG	CTTCGTCCAG	180
ACCAACATCT	CCCGCCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	240
ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	GAGCTGCAGT	GTCAGCCCCG	CTCCTCAACC	300
CTGTCTGGAG	GTAGTGGATC	CGGAGGTTCT	GGCAACCCAG	GACTGCTCCT	TCCAACACAG	360
CCCCATCTCC	TCCGACTTCG	CTGTCAAAAT	CCGTGAGCTG	TCTGACTACC	TGCTTCAAGA	420
TTACCCAGTC	ACCGTGGCCT	CCAACCTGCA	G			451

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:123:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 465 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:123:

CGCGACGAGG	AGCTCTGCGG	GGGCCTCTGG	CGGCTGGTCC	TGGCACAGCG	CTGGATGGAG	60
CGGCTCAAGA	CTGTCGCTGG	GTCCAAGATG	CAAGGCTTGC	TGGAGCGCGT	GAACACGGAG	120
ATACACTTTG	TCACCAAATG	TGCCTTTCAG	CCCCCCCCCA	GCTGTCTTCG	CTTCGTCCAG	180
ACCAACATCT	CCCGCCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	240
ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	GAGCTGCAGT	GTCAGCCCCG	CTCCTCAACC	300
CTGTCTGGAG	GTAGTGGATC	CGGTGGCAGT	GGGAGCGGCG	GATCTGGAAC	CCAGGACTGC	360
TCCTTCCAAC	ACAGCCCCAT	CTCCTCCGAC	TTCGCTGTCA	AAATCCGTGA	GCTGTCTGAC	420
TACCTGCTTC	AAGATTACCC	AGTCACCGTG	GCCTCCAACC	TGCAG		465

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:124:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 437 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:124:

CCATGGCCAC	CCAGGACTGC	TCCTTCCAAC	ACAGCCCCAT	CTCCTCCGAC	TTCGCTGTCA	60
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AAATCCGTGA	GCTGTCTGAC	TACCTGCTTC	AAGATTACCC	AGTCACCGTG	GCCTCCAACC	120
TGCAGGACGA	GGAGCTCTGC	GGGGCCTCT	GGCGGCTGGT	CCTGGCACAG	CGCTGGATGG	180
AGCGGCTCAA	GACTGTGCGT	GGTCCAAGA	TGCAAGGCTT	GCTGGAGCGC	GTGAACACGG	240
AGATACTT	TGTCACAAA	TGTGCCTTTC	AGCCCCCCC	CAGCTGTCTT	CGCTTCGTCC	300
AGACCAACAT	CTCCCGCCTC	CTGCAGGAGA	CCTCCGAGCA	GCTGGTGGCG	CTGAAGCCCT	360
GGATCACTCG	CCAGAACTTC	TCCCAGTGCC	TGGAGCTGCA	GTGTCAGCCC	GACTCCTCAA	420
CCCTGGGCGG	TGGATCC					437

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:125:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 436 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:125:

GGATCCGGAG	GTACCCAGGA	CTGCTCCTTC	CAACACAGCC	CCATCTCCTC	CGACTTCGCT	60
GTCAAAATCC	GTGAGCTGTC	TGACTACCTG	CTTCAAGATT	ACCCAGTCAC	CGTGGCCTCC	120
AACCTGCAGG	ACGAGGAGCT	CTGCGGGGGC	CTCTGGCGGC	TGGTCTTGGC	ACAGCGCTGG	180
ATGGAGCGGC	TCAAGACTGT	CGCTGGGTCC	AAGATGCAAG	GCTTGCTGGA	GCGCGTGAAC	240
ACGGAGATAC	ACTTTGTAC	CAAATGTGCC	TTTACAGCCC	CCCCAGCTG	TCTTCGCTTC	300
GTCCAGACCA	ACATCTCCCG	CCTCCTGCAG	GAGACCTCCG	AGCAGCTGGT	GGCGCTGAAG	360
CCCTGGATCA	CTCGCCAGAA	CTTCTCCCGG	TGCCTGGAGC	TGCAGTGTCA	GCCCAGCTCC	420
TCAACCCTGT	AAGCTT					436

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:126:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 449 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:126:

CCATGGCCAC	CCAGGACTGC	TCCTTCCAAC	ACAGCCCCAT	CTCCTCCGAC	TTGCTGTCA	60
AAATCCGTGA	GCTGTCTGAC	TACCTGCTTC	AAGATTACCC	AGTCACCGTG	GCCTCCAACC	120
TGCAGGACGA	GGAGCTCTGC	GGGGCCTCT	GGCGGCTGGT	CCTGGCACAG	CGCTGGATGG	180
AGCGGCTCAA	GACTGTGCGT	GGTCCAAGA	TGCAAGGCTT	GCTGGAGCGC	GTGAACACGG	240
AGATACTT	TGTCACAAA	TGTGCCTTTC	AGCCCCCCC	CAGCTGTCTT	CGCTTCGTCC	300
AGACCAACAT	CTCCCGCCTC	CTGCAGGAGA	CCTCCGAGCA	GCTGGTGGCG	CTGAAGCCCT	360
GGATCACTCG	CCAGAACTTC	TCCCAGTGCC	TGGAGCTGCA	GTGTCAGCCC	GACTCCTCAA	420
CCCTGGGCGG	TGGGTCAGGA	GGTGGATCC				449

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:127:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 439 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:127:

GGATCCGGAG	GTGGCACCCA	GGACTGCTCC	TTCCAACACA	GCCCCATCTC	CTCCGACTTC	60
GCTGTCAAAA	TCCGTGAGCT	GTCTGACTAC	CTGCTTCAAG	ATTACCCAGT	CACCGTGGCC	120
TCCAACCTGC	AGGACGAGGA	GCTCTGCGGG	GGCCTCTGGC	GGCTGGTCCT	GGCACAGCGC	180
TGGATGGAGC	GGCTCAAGAC	TGTCGCTGGG	TCCAAGATGC	AAGGCTTGCT	GGAGCGCGTG	240
AACACGGAGA	TACTTTTGT	CACCAAATGT	GCCTTTCAGC	CCCCCCCCAG	CTGTCTTCGC	300
TTCGTCCAGA	CCAACATCTC	CCGCCTCCTG	CAGGAGACCT	CCGAGCAGCT	GGTGGCGCTG	360
AAGCCCTGGA	TACTCGCCA	GAACCTTCTC	CGGTGCCTGG	AGCTGCAGTG	TCAGCCCGAC	420
TCCTCAACCC	TGTAAGCTT					439

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:128:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 461 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:128:

CCATGGCCAC	CCAGGACTGC	TCCTTCCAAC	ACAGCCCCAT	CTCCTCCGAC	TCGCTGTCA	60
AAATCCGTGA	GCTGTCTGAC	TACCTGCTTC	AAGATTACCC	AGTCACCGTG	GCCTCCAACC	120
TGCAGGACGA	GGAGCTCTGC	GGGGGCCTCT	GGCGGCTGGT	CCTGGCACAG	CGCTGGATGG	180
AGCGGCTCAA	GACTGTCGCT	GGGTCCAAGA	TGCAAGGCTT	GCTGGAGCGC	GTGAACACGG	240
AGATACACTT	TGTCACAAA	TGTGCCTTTC	AGCCCCCCCC	CAGCTGTCTT	CGCTTCGTCC	300
AGACCAACAT	CTCCCGCCTC	CTGCAGGAGA	CCTCCGAGCA	GCTGGTGGCG	CTGAAGCCCT	360
GGATCACTCG	CCAGAACTTC	TCCCGGTGCC	TGGAGCTGCA	GTGTCAGCCC	GACTCCTCAA	420
CCCTGGGCGG	TGGGTCAGGA	GGTGGGTCAG	GAGGTGGATC	C		461

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:129:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 457 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:129:

GGATCCGGAG	GTGGCTCAGG	GGGAGGTAGT	GGTACCCAGG	ACTGCTCCTT	CCAACACAGC	60
CCCATCTCCT	CCGACTTCGC	TGTCAAAATC	CGTGAGCTGT	CTGACTACCT	GCTTCAAGAT	120
TACCCAGTCA	CCGTGGCCTC	CAACCTGCAG	GACGAGGAGC	TCTGCGGGGG	CCTCTGGCGG	180
CTGGTCCTGG	CACAGCGCTG	GATGGAGCGG	CTCAAGACTG	TCGCTGGGTC	CAAGATGCAA	240
GGCTTGCTGG	AGCGCGTGAA	CACGGAGATA	CACTTTGTCA	CCAAATGTGC	CTTTCAGCCC	300
CCCCCAGCT	GTCTTCGCTT	CGTCCAGACC	AACATCTCCC	GCCTCCTGCA	GGAGACCTCC	360
GAGCAGCTGG	TGGCGCTGAA	GCCCTGGATC	ACTGCCAGA	ACTTCTCCCG	GTGCCTGGAG	420
CTGCAGTGTC	AGCCCGACTC	CTCAACCCTG	TAAGCTT			457

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:130:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 438 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:130:

GCCGACGAGG	AGCTCTGCGG	GGGCCTCTGG	CGGCTGGTCC	TGGCACAGCG	CTGGATGGAG	60
CGGCTCAAGA	CTGTCGCTGG	GTCCAAGATG	CAAGGCTTGC	TGGAGCGCGT	GAACACGGAG	120
ATACACTTTG	TCACCAAATG	TGCCTTTCAG	CCCCCCCCCA	GCTGTCTTCG	CTTCGTCCAG	180
ACCAACATCT	CCCGCCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	240
ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	GAGCTGCAGT	GTCAGCCCCA	CTCCTCAACC	300
CTGGGCGGTG	GATCCGGAGG	TACCCAGGAC	TGCTCCTTCC	AACACAGCCC	CATCTCCTCC	360
GACTTTCGCT	TCAAAATCCG	TGAGCTGTCT	GACTACCTGC	TTCAAGATTA	CCCAGTCACC	420
GTGGCCTCCA	ACCTGCAG					438

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:131:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 441 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:131:

GCCGACGAGG	AGCTCTGCGG	GGGCCTCTGG	CGGCTGGTCC	TGGCACAGCG	CTGGATGGAG	60
CGGCTCAAGA	CTGTCGCTGG	GTCCAAGATG	CAAGGCTTGC	TGGAGCGCGT	GAACACGGAG	120
ATACACTTTG	TCACCAAATG	TGCCTTTCAG	CCCCCCCCCA	GCTGTCTTCG	CTTCGTCCAG	180
ACCAACATCT	CCCGCCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	240
ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	GAGCTGCAGT	GTCAGCCCCA	CTCCTCAACC	300
CTGGGCGGTG	GATCCGGAGG	TGGCACCCAG	GACTGCTCCT	TCCAACACAG	CCCCATCTCC	360
TCCGACTTCG	CTGTCAAAAT	CCGTGAGCTG	TCTGACTACC	TGCTTCAAGA	TTACCCAGTC	420
ACCGTGGCCT	CCAACCTGCA	G				441

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:132:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 450 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:132:

GCCGACGAGG	AGCTCTGCGG	GGGCCTCTGG	CGGCTGGTCC	TGGCACAGCG	CTGGATGGAG	60
CGGCTCAAGA	CTGTGCGCTGG	GTCCAAGATG	CAAGGCTTGC	TGGAGCGCGT	GAACACGGAG	120
ATACACTTTG	TCACCAAATG	TGCCTTTCAG	CCCCCCCCCA	GCTGTCTTCG	CTTCGTCAG	180
ACCAACATCT	CCCGCCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	240
ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	GAGCTGCAGT	GTCAGCCCCG	CTCCTCAACC	300
CTGGGCGGTG	GGTCAGGAGG	TGGATCCGGA	GGTACCCAGG	ACTGCTCCTT	CCAACACAGC	360
CCCATCTCCT	CCGACTTCGC	TGTCAAATC	CGTGAGCTGT	CTGACTACCT	GCTTCAAGAT	420
TACCCAGTCA	CCGTGGCCTC	CAACCTGCAG				450

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:133:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 459 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:133:

GCCGACGAGG	AGCTCTGCGG	GGGCCTCTGG	CGGCTGGTCC	TGGCACAGCG	CTGGATGGAG	60
CGGCTCAAGA	CTGTGCGCTGG	GTCCAAGATG	CAAGGCTTGC	TGGAGCGCGT	GAACACGGAG	120
ATACACTTTG	TCACCAAATG	TGCCTTTCAG	CCCCCCCCCA	GCTGTCTTCG	CTTCGTCAG	180
ACCAACATCT	CCCGCCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	240
ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	GAGCTGCAGT	GTCAGCCCCG	CTCCTCAACC	300
CTGGGCGGTG	GATCCGGAGG	TGGCTCAGGG	GGAGGTAGTG	GTACCCAGGA	CTGCTCCTTC	360
CAACACAGCC	CCATCTCCTC	CGACTTCGCT	GTCAAATCC	GTGAGCTGTC	TGACTACCTG	420
CTTCAAGATT	ACCCAGTCAC	CGTGGCCTCC	AACCTGCAG			459

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:134:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 465 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:134:

GCCGACGAGG	AGCTCTGCGG	GGGCCTCTGG	CGGCTGGTCC	TGGCACAGCG	CTGGATGGAG	60
CGGCTCAAGA	CTGTGCGCTGG	GTCCAAGATG	CAAGGCTTGC	TGGAGCGCGT	GAACACGGAG	120
ATACACTTTG	TCACCAAATG	TGCCTTTCAG	CCCCCCCCCA	GCTGTCTTCG	CTTCGTCAG	180
ACCAACATCT	CCCGCCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	240
ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	GAGCTGCAGT	GTCAGCCCCG	CTCCTCAACC	300
CTGGGCGGTG	GGTCAGGAGG	TGGGTCAGGA	GGTGGATCCG	GAGGTGGCAC	CCAGGACTGC	360
TCCTTCCAAC	ACAGCCCCAT	CTCCTCCGAC	TTCGCTGTCA	AAATCCGTGA	GCTGTCTGAC	420
TACCTGCTTC	AAGATTACCC	AGTCACCGTG	GCCTCCAACC	TGCAG		465

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:135:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 483 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:135:

GCCGACGAGG	AGCTCTGCGG	GGGCCTCTGG	CGGCTGGTCC	TGGCACAGCG	CTGGATGGAG	60
CGGCTCAAGA	CTGTGCGCTGG	GTCCAAGATG	CAAGGCTTGC	TGGAGCGCGT	GAACACGGAG	120
ATACACTTTG	TCACCAAATG	TGCCTTTCAG	CCCCCCCCCA	GCTGCCTTCG	CTTCGTCAG	180
ACCAACATCT	CCCGCCTCCT	GCAGGAGACC	TCCGAGCAGC	TGGTGGCGCT	GAAGCCCTGG	240
ATCACTCGCC	AGAACTTCTC	CCGGTGCCTG	GAGCTGCAGT	GTCAGCCCCG	CTCCTCAACC	300
CTGGGCGGTG	GGTCAGGAGG	TGGGTCAGGA	GGTGGATCCG	GAGGTGGCTC	AGGGGGAGGT	360
AGTGGTACCC	AGGACTGCTC	CTTCCAACAC	AGCCCCATCT	CCTCCGACTT	CGCTGTCAA	420
ATCCGTGAGC	TGTCTGACTA	CCTGCTTCAA	GATTACCCAG	TCACCGTGGC	CTCCAACCTG	480
CAG						483

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:136:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 465 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:136:

GCCGATTACC	CAGTCACCGT	GGCCTCCAAC	CTGCAGGACG	AGGAGCTCTG	CGGGGGCCTC	60
TGGCGGCTGG	TCCTGGCACA	GCGCTGGATG	GAGCGGCTCA	AGACTGTTCG	TGGGTCCAAG	120
ATGCAAGGCT	TGCTGGAGCG	CGTGAACACG	GAGATACACT	TTGTACACAA	ATGTGCCTTT	180
CAGCCCCCCC	CCAGCTGTCT	TCGCTTCGTC	CAGACCAACA	TCTCCCGCCT	CCTGCAGGAG	240
ACCTCCGAGC	AGCTGGTGGC	GCTGAAGCCC	TGGATCACTC	GCCAGAACTT	CTCCCGGTGC	300
CTGGAGCTGC	AGTGTAGCC	CGACTCCTCA	ACCTGGGCG	GTGGGTCAGG	AGTGGGTCA	360
GGAGGTGGAT	CCGGAGGTGG	CACCCAGGAC	TGCTCCTTCC	AACACAGCCC	CATCTCCTCC	420
GACTTCGCTG	TCAAAATCCG	TGAGCTGTCT	GACTACCTGC	TTCAA		465

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:137:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 465 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:137:

GCCGCCTCCA	ACCTGCAGGA	CGAGGAGCTC	TGCGGGGGCC	TCTGGCGGCT	GGTCTGGCA	60
CAGCGTGA	TGGAGCGGCT	CAAGACTGTC	GCTGGGTCCA	AGATGCAAGG	CTGCTGGAG	120
CGCGTGAACA	CGGAGATACA	CTTTGTCACC	AAATGTGCCT	TTCAGCCCCC	CCCCAGCTGT	180
CTTCGCTTCG	TCCAGACCAA	CATCTCCCGC	CTCCTGCAGG	AGACCTCCGA	GCAGCTGGTG	240
GCGTGAAGC	CCTGGATCAC	TCGCCAGAAC	TTCTCCCGGT	GCCTGGAGCT	GCAGTGTGAG	300
CCCAGCTCCT	CAACCTGGG	CGGTGGGTCA	GGAGGTGGGT	CAGGAGGTGG	ATCCGGAGGT	360
GGCACCCAGG	ACTGCTCCTT	CCAACACAGC	CCCATCTCCT	CCGACTTCGC	TGTCAAAATC	420
CGTGAGCTGT	CTGACTACCT	GCTTCAAGAT	TACCCAGTCA	CCGTG		465

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:138:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 465 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:138:

GCCGTCGCTG	GGTCCAAGAT	GCAAGGCTTG	CTGGAGCGCG	TGAACACGGA	GATACACTTT	60
GTCACCAAAT	GTGCCTTTCA	GCCCCCCCC	AGCTGTCTTC	GCTTCGTCCA	GACCAACATC	120
TCCCGCCTCC	TGCAGGAGAC	CTCCGAGCAG	CTGGTGGCGC	TGAAGCCCTG	GATCACTCGC	180
CAGAACTTCT	CCCCGTGCCT	GGAGCTGCAG	TGTCAGCCCG	ACTCCTCAAC	CCTGGGCGGT	240
GGGTGAGGAG	GTGGGTCAGG	AGGTGGATCC	GGAGGTGGCA	CCCAGGACTG	CTCCTTCCAA	300
CACAGCCCA	TCTCCTCCGA	CTTCGCTGTC	AAAATCCGTG	AGCTGTCTGA	CTACCTGCTT	360
CAAGATTACC	CAGTCACCGT	GGCCTCCAAC	CTGCAGGACG	AGGAGCTCTG	CGGGGGCCTC	420
TGGCGGCTGG	TCCTGGCACA	GCGCTGGATG	GAGCGGCTCA	AGACT		465

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:139:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 465 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:139:

GCCTCCAAGA	TGCAAGGCTT	GCTGGAGCGC	GTGAACACGG	AGATACACTT	TGTCACAAA	60
TGTGCCTTTC	AGCCCCCCCC	CAGCTGTCTT	CGCTTCGTCC	AGACCAACAT	CTCCCGCCTC	120
CTGCAGGAGA	CCTCCGAGCA	GCTGGTGGCG	CTGAAGCCCT	GGATCACTCG	CCAGAACTTC	180
TCCCGGTGCC	TGGAGCTGCA	GTGTCAGCCC	GACTCCTCAA	CCCTGGGCGG	TGGGTGAGGA	240
GGTGGGTCAG	GAGGTGGATC	CGGAGGTGGC	ACCCAGGACT	GCTCCTTCCA	ACACAGCCCC	300
ATCTCCTCCG	ACTTCGCTGT	CAAAATCCGT	GAGCTGTCTG	ACTACCTGCT	TCAAGATTAC	360
CCAGTACCG	TGGCCTCCAA	CCTGCAGGAC	GAGGAGCTCT	GCGGGGGCCT	CTGGCGGCTG	420
GTCTGGCAC	AGCGCTGGAT	GGAGCGGCTC	AAGACTGTCTG	CTGGG		465

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:140:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 465 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:140:

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GCCCCCCCA GCTGTCTTCG CTTCGTCCAG ACCAACATCT CCCGCCTCCT GCAGGAGACC      60
TCCGAGCAGC TGGTGGCGCT GAAGCCCTGG ATCACTCGCC AGAACTTCTC CCGGTGCCTG      120
GAGCTGCAGT GTCAGCCCCG CTCCTCAACC CTGGGCGGTG GGTGAGGAGG TGGGTCAGGA      180
GGTGGATCCG GAGGTGGCAC CCAGGACTGC TCCTTCCAAC ACAGCCCCAT CTCCTCCGAC      240
TTCGCTGTCA AAATCCGTA GCTGTCTGAC TACCTGCTTC AAGATTACCC AGTCACCGTG      300
GCCTCCAACC TGCAGGACGA GGAGCTCTGC GGGGGCCTCT GCGGCTGGT CCTGGCACAG      360
CGCTGGATGG AGCGGCTCAA GACTGTGCGT GGGTCCAAGA TGCAAGGCTT GCTGGAGCGC      420
GTGAACACGG AGATACACTT TGTCACCAA TGTGCCTTTC AGCCC                          465
    
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:141:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 465 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:141:

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CCCCGCTTCG TCCAGACCAA CATCTCCC GCCTGCAGG AGACCTCCGA GCAGCTGGTG      60
GCGCTGAAGC CCTGGATCAC TCGCCAGAAC TTCTCCCGGT GCCTGGAGCT GCAGTGTGTCAG      120
CCCGACTCCT CAACCCTGGG CGGTGGGTCA GGAGGTGGGT CAGGAGGTGG ATCCGGAGGT      180
GGCACCCAGG ACTGCTCCTT CCAACACAGC CCCACTCCT CCGACTTCGC TGCAAAATC      240
CGTGAGCTGT CTGACTACCT GCTTCAAGAT TACCCAGTCA CCGTGGCCTC CAACCTGCAG      300
GACGAGGAGC TCTGCGGGGG CCTCTGGCGG CTGGTCTGG CACAGCGCTG GATGGAGCGG      360
CTCAAGACTG TCGCTGGGTC CAAGATGCAA GGCTTGCTGG AGCGCGTGAA CACGGAGATA      420
CACTTTGTCA CCAAATGTGC CTTTCAGCCC CCCCCAGCT GTCTT                          465
    
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:142:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 465 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:142:

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GCCACCAACA TCTCCGCCT CCTGCAGGAG ACCTCCGAGC AGCTGGTGGC GCTGAAGCCC      60
TGGATCACTC GCCAGAACTT CTCCCGGTGC CTGGAGCTGC AGTGTGAGCC CGACTCCTCA      120
ACCCTGGGCG GTGGGTGAGG AGGTGGGTCA GGAGGTGGAT CCGGAGGTGG CACCCAGGAC      180
TGCTCCTTCC AACACAGCCC CATCTCCTCC GACTTCGCTG TCAAAATCCG TGAGCTGTCT      240
GACTACCTGC TTCAAGATTA CCCAGTCACC GTGGCCTCCA ACCTGCAGGA CGAGGAGCTC      300
TGCGGGGGCC TCTGGCGGCT GGTCTGGCA CAGCGCTGGA TGGAGCGGCT CAAGACTGTC      360
GCTGGGTCCA AGATGCAAGG CTTGCTGGAG CGCGTGAACA CGGAGATACA CTTTGTGACC      420
AAATGTGCCT TTCAGCCCC CCCAGCTGT CTTGCTTCG TCCAG                          465
    
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:143:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 134 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:143:

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:144:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 139 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:144:

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

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:145:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 209 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: None

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:145:

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

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:149:

Pro Pro Pro Trp Ser Pro Arg Pro Leu Gly Ala Thr Ala Pro Thr Ala
1 5 10 15
Gly Gln Pro Pro Leu
20

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:150:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 15 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:150:

Pro Pro Pro Trp Ser Pro Arg Pro Leu Gly Ala Thr Ala Pro Thr
1 5 10 15

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:151:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 16 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:151:

Val Glu Thr Val Phe His Arg Val Ser Gln Asp Gly Leu Leu Thr Ser
1 5 10 15

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A human flt-3 receptor agonist polypeptide,
 comprising a modified flt-3 ligand amino acid sequence
 5 of the Formula:

ThrGlnAspCysSerPheGlnHisSerProIleSerSerAspPheAlaValLysIleArg
 10
 GluLeuSerAspTyrLeuLeuGlnAspTyrProValThrValAlaSerAsnLeuGlnAsp
 20
 GluGluLeuCysGlyGlyLeuTrpArgLeuValLeuAlaGlnArgTrpMetGluArgLeu
 30
 LysThrValAlaGlySerLysMetGlnGlyLeuLeuGluArgValAsnThrGluIleHis
 40
 PheValThrLysCysAlaPheGlnProProProSerCysLeuArgPheValGlnThrAsn
 50
 IleSerArgLeuLeuGlnGluThrSerGluGlnLeuValAlaLeuLysProTrpIleThr
 60
 ArgGlnAsnPheSerArgCysLeuGluLeuGlnCysGlnProAspSerSerThrLeu
 70
 SEQ ID NO:144

wherein 1-7 are optionally deleted from the C-terminus
 can be deleted from said flt-3 receptor agonist
 30 polypeptide;

wherein the N-terminus is joined to the C-terminus
 directly or through a linker capable of joining the N-
 terminus to the C-terminus and having new C- and N-
 35 termini at amino acids;

28-29	42-43	93-94
29-30	64-65	94-95
30-31	65-66	95-96
31-32	66-67	96-97
32-33	86-87	97-98
34-35	87-88	98-99
36-37	88-89	99-100
37-38	89-90	100-101
38-39	90-91	101-102
39-40	91-92	102-103
40-41	92-93	respectively; and
41-42		

additionally said flt-3 receptor agonist polypeptide can be immediately preceded by (methionine⁻¹), (alanine⁻¹) or (methionine⁻², alanine⁻¹).

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2. The flt-3 receptor agonist polypeptide, as recited in claim 1, wherein said linker is selected from the group consisting of;

- GlyGlyGlySer SEQ ID NO:38;
- 10 GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySer SEQ ID NO:39;
- GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySer SEQ ID NO:40;
- SerGlyGlySerGlyGlySer SEQ ID NO:41;
- GluPheGlyAsnMet SEQ ID NO:42;
- GluPheGlyGlyAsnMet SEQ ID NO:43;
- 15 GluPheGlyGlyAsnGlyGlyAsnMet SEQ ID NO:44;
- GlyGlySerAspMetAlaGly SEQ ID NO:45;
- SerGlyGlyAsnGly SEQ ID NO:46;
- SerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsnGly SEQ ID NO:47;
- SerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsnGly SEQ ID NO:48;
- 20 SerGlyGlySerGlySerGlyGlySerGly SEQ ID NO:49;
- SerGlyGlySerGlySerGlyGlySerGlySerGlyGlySerGly SEQ ID NO:50;
- GlyGlyGlySerGlyGly SEQ ID NO:51;
- GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGly SEQ ID NO:52;
- GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGly SEQ ID NO:53;
- 25 GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGly SEQ ID NO:54;
- GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGly SEQ ID NO:55;
- GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGly
GlyGlySerGly SEQ ID NO:56;
- GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGly
30 GlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlySerGly SEQ ID NO:148;
- ProProProTrpSerProArgProLeuGlyAlaThrAlaProThrAlaGly
GlnProProLeu SEQ ID NO:149;
- ProProProTrpSerProArgProLeuGlyAlaThrAlaProThr SEQ ID NO:150;
- and
- 35 ValGluThrValPheHisArgValSerGlnAspGlyLeuLeuThrSer SEQ ID
NO:151.

3. The flt-3 receptor agonist polypeptide, as recited in claim 1, selected from the group consisting of;

AlaAspGluGluLeuCysGlyGlyLeuTrpArgLeuValLeuAlaGlnArgTrpMETGlu
 ArgLeuLysThrValAlaGlySerLysMETGlnGlyLeuLeuGluArgValAsnThrGlu
 IleHisPheValThrLysCysAlaPheGlnProProProSerCysLeuArgPheValGln
 10 ThrAsnIleSerArgLeuLeuGlnGluThrSerGluGlnLeuValAlaLeuLysProTrp
 IleThrArgGlnAsnPheSerArgCysLeuGluLeuGlnCysGlnProAspSerSerThr
 LeuSerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsnGlyThrGlnAspCys
 SerPheGlnHisSerProIleSerSerAspPheAlaValLysIleArgGluLeuSerAsp
 TyrLeuLeuGlnAspTyrProValThrValAlaSerAsnLeuGln SEQ ID NO:8;

AlaAspGluGluLeuCysGlyGlyLeuTrpArgLeuValLeuAlaGlnArgTrpMETGlu
 ArgLeuLysThrValAlaGlySerLysMETGlnGlyLeuLeuGluArgValAsnThrGlu
 IleHisPheValThrLysCysAlaPheGlnProProProSerCysLeuArgPheValGln
 20 ThrAsnIleSerArgLeuLeuGlnGluThrSerGluGlnLeuValAlaLeuLysProTrp
 IleThrArgGlnAsnPheSerArgCysLeuGluLeuGlnCysGlnProAspSerSerThr
 LeuSerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsnGlyThrGlnAspCysSerPheGlnHisSer
 ProIleSerSerAspPheAlaValLysIleArgGluLeuSerAspTyrLeuLeuGlnAsp
 TyrProValThrValAlaSerAsnLeuGln SEQ ID NO:9;

AlaAspGluGluLeuCysGlyGlyLeuTrpArgLeuValLeuAlaGlnArgTrpMETGlu
 ArgLeuLysThrValAlaGlySerLysMETGlnGlyLeuLeuGluArgValAsnThrGlu
 IleHisPheValThrLysCysAlaPheGlnProProProSerCysLeuArgPheValGln
 30 ThrAsnIleSerArgLeuLeuGlnGluThrSerGluGlnLeuValAlaLeuLysProTrp
 IleThrArgGlnAsnPheSerArgCysLeuGluLeuGlnCysGlnProAspSerSerThr
 LeuSerGlyGlyAsnGlyThrGlnAspCysSerPheGlnHisSerProIleSerSerAsp
 PheAlaValLysIleArgGluLeuSerAspTyrLeuLeuGlnAspTyrProValThrVal
 AlaSerAsnLeuGln SEQ ID NO:10;

AlaSerLysMETGlnGlyLeuLeuGluArgValAsnThrGluIleHisPheValThrLys
 CysAlaPheGlnProProProSerCysLeuArgPheValGlnThrAsnIleSerArgLeu
 LeuGlnGluThrSerGluGlnLeuValAlaLeuLysProTrpIleThrArgGlnAsnPhe
 40 SerArgCysLeuGluLeuGlnCysGlnProAspSerSerThrLeuSerGlyGlyAsnGly
 SerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsnGlyThrGlnAspCysSerPheGlnHisSerPro
 IleSerSerAspPheAlaValLysIleArgGluLeuSerAspTyrLeuLeuGlnAspTyr
 ProValThrValAlaSerAsnLeuGlnAspGluGluLeuCysGlyGlyLeuTrpArgLeu
 ValLeuAlaGlnArgTrpMETGluArgLeuLysThrValAlaGly SEQ ID NO:11;

AlaSerLysMETGlnGlyLeuLeuGluArgValAsnThrGluIleHisPheValThrLys
 CysAlaPheGlnProProProSerCysLeuArgPheValGlnThrAsnIleSerArgLeu
 LeuGlnGluThrSerGluGlnLeuValAlaLeuLysProTrpIleThrArgGlnAsnPhe
 50 SerArgCysLeuGluLeuGlnCysGlnProAspSerSerThrLeuSerGlyGlyAsnGly
 SerGlyGlyAsnGlyThrGlnAspCysSerPheGlnHisSerProIleSerSerAspPhe
 AlaValLysIleArgGluLeuSerAspTyrLeuLeuGlnAspTyrProValThrValAla
 SerAsnLeuGlnAspGluGluLeuCysGlyGlyLeuTrpArgLeuValLeuAlaGlnArg
 TrpMETGluArgLeuLysThrValAlaGly SEQ ID NO:12;

AlaSerLysMETGlnGlyLeuLeuGluArgValAsnThrGluIleHisPheValThrLys
 CysAlaPheGlnProProProSerCysLeuArgPheValGlnThrAsnIleSerArgLeu
 5 LeuGlnGluThrSerGluGlnLeuValAlaLeuLysProTrpIleThrArgGlnAsnPhe
 SerArgCysLeuGluLeuGlnCysGlnProAspSerSerThrLeuSerGlyGlyAsnGly
 ThrGlnAspCysSerPheGlnHisSerProIleSerSerAspPheAlaValLysIleArg
 GluLeuSerAspTyrLeuLeuGlnAspTyrProValThrValAlaSerAsnLeuGlnAsp
 GluGluLeuCysGlyGlyLeuTrpArgLeuValLeuAlaGlnArgTrpMETGluArgLeu
 10 LysThrValAlaGly SEQ ID NO:13;

AlaProProSerCysLeuArgPheValGlnThrAsnIleSerArgLeuLeuGlnGluThr
 SerGluGlnLeuValAlaLeuLysProTrpIleThrArgGlnAsnPheSerArgCysLeu
 15 GluLeuGlnCysGlnProAspSerSerThrLeuSerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsn
 GlySerGlyGlyAsnGlyThrGlnAspCysSerPheGlnHisSerProIleSerSerAsp
 PheAlaValLysIleArgGluLeuSerAspTyrLeuLeuGlnAspTyrProValThrVal
 AlaSerAsnLeuGlnAspGluGluLeuCysGlyGlyLeuTrpArgLeuValLeuAlaGln
 ArgTrpMETGluArgLeuLysThrValAlaGlySerLysMETGlnGlyLeuLeuGluArg
 20 ValAsnThrGluIleHisPheValThrLysCysAlaPheGlnPro SEQ ID NO:14;

AlaProProSerCysLeuArgPheValGlnThrAsnIleSerArgLeuLeuGlnGluThr
 SerGluGlnLeuValAlaLeuLysProTrpIleThrArgGlnAsnPheSerArgCysLeu
 25 GluLeuGlnCysGlnProAspSerSerThrLeuSerGlyGlyAsnGlySerGlyGlyAsn
 GlyThrGlnAspCysSerPheGlnHisSerProIleSerSerAspPheAlaValLysIle
 ArgGluLeuSerAspTyrLeuLeuGlnAspTyrProValThrValAlaSerAsnLeuGln
 AspGluGluLeuCysGlyGlyLeuTrpArgLeuValLeuAlaGlnArgTrpMETGluArg
 LeuLysThrValAlaGlySerLysMETGlnGlyLeuLeuGluArgValAsnThrGluIle
 30 HisPheValThrLysCysAlaPheGlnPro SEQ ID NO:15;

AlaProProSerCysLeuArgPheValGlnThrAsnIleSerArgLeuLeuGlnGluThr
 SerGluGlnLeuValAlaLeuLysProTrpIleThrArgGlnAsnPheSerArgCysLeu
 35 GluLeuGlnCysGlnProAspSerSerThrLeuSerGlyGlyAsnGlyThrGlnAspCys
 SerPheGlnHisSerProIleSerSerAspPheAlaValLysIleArgGluLeuSerAsp
 TyrLeuLeuGlnAspTyrProValThrValAlaSerAsnLeuGlnAspGluGluLeuCys
 GlyGlyLeuTrpArgLeuValLeuAlaGlnArgTrpMETGluArgLeuLysThrValAla
 GlySerLysMETGlnGlyLeuLeuGluArgValAsnThrGluIleHisPheValThrLys
 40 CysAlaPheGlnPro SEQ ID NO:16;

AlaAspTyrProValThrValAlaSerAsnLeuGlnAspGluGluLeuCysGlyGlyLeu
 TrpArgLeuValLeuAlaGlnArgTrpMetGluArgLeuLysThrValAlaGlySerLys
 45 MetGlnGlyLeuLeuGluArgValAsnThrGluIleHisPheValThrLysCysAlaPhe
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 ThrSerGluGlnLeuValAlaLeuLysProTrpIleThrArgGlnAsnPheSerArgCys
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 GlyGlyGlySerGlyGlyGlyThrGlnAspCysSerPheGlnHisSerProIleSerSer
 50 AspPheAlaValLysIleArgGluLeuSerAspTyrLeuLeuGln SEQ ID NO:31;

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5. A nucleic acid molecule, comprising a sequence encoding the flt-3 receptor agonist polypeptide of claim 2.

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6. A nucleic acid molecule, comprising a sequence encoding the flt-3 receptor agonist polypeptide of claim 3.

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7. A nucleic acid molecule, comprising a sequence encoding the flt-3 receptor agonist polypeptide of claim 6, selected from the group consisting of:

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8. A method of producing a flt3 receptor agonist polypeptide comprising: growing under suitable nutrient conditions, a host cell transformed or transfected with
40 a replicable vector comprising said nucleic acid molecule of claim 4, 5, 6 or 7 in a manner allowing expression of said flt3 receptor agonist polypeptide and recovering said flt3 receptor agonist polypeptide.

45 9. A composition comprising; a polypeptide of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10. A composition comprising; a polypeptide of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4; a factor selected from the group consisting of: a colony stimulating factor, a cytokine, a lymphokine, an interleukin, and a hematopoietic growth factor; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

11. The composition according to claim 10 wherein said factor is selected from the group consisting of: GM-CSF, G-CSF, c-mpl ligand, M-CSF, IL-1, IL-4, IL-2, IL-3, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-9, IL-10, IL-11, IL-12, IL-13, IL-15, LIF, flt3/flk2 ligand, human growth hormone, B-cell growth factor, B-cell differentiation factor, EPO, and eosinophil differentiation factor; IL-3 variants, fusion proteins, G-CSF receptor agonists, c-mpl receptor agonists, IL-3 receptor agonists, multi-functional receptor agonists; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

12. A method of stimulating the production of hematopoietic cells in a patient, comprising the step of; administering said polypeptide of claim 1, 2, 3 or 4 to said patient.

13. A method of stimulating the production of hematopoietic cells in a patient comprising the step of; administering the composition of claim 9, 10 or 11 to said patient.

14. A method for selective ex vivo expansion of stem cells, comprising the steps of;

(a) separating hematopoietic cells from other cells;

(b) culturing said separated hematopoietic cells in a culture medium comprising; the polypeptide of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4; and

(c) harvesting said cultured cells.

15. A method for selective ex vivo expansion of hematopoietic cells, comprising the steps of;

- 5 (a) culturing said hematopoietic cells in a culture medium, comprising; the composition of claim 9, 10 or 11; and
(b) harvesting said cultured cells.

10 16. A method for selective ex vivo expansion of hematopoietic cells, comprising the steps of;

- (a) separating hematopoietic cells from other cells;
(b) culturing said separated hematopoietic cells
15 in a culture medium, comprising; the composition of claim 9, 10 or 11; and
(c) harvesting said cultured cells.

20 17. A method for treatment of a patient having a hematopoietic disorder, comprising the steps of;

- (a) removing hematopoietic cells from said patient;
(b) culturing said separated hematopoietic cells
25 in a culture medium, comprising; a polypeptide of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4;
(c) harvesting said cultured cells; and
(d) transplanting said cultured cells into said patient.

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18. A method for treatment of a patient having a hematopoietic disorder, comprising the steps of;

- 35 (a) removing hematopoietic cells from said patient;
(b) separating said hematopoietic cells from other cells;

(c) culturing said separated hematopoietic cells in a culture medium, comprising; a polypeptide of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4;

(d) harvesting said cultured cells; and

5 (e) transplanting said cultured cells into said patient.

19. A method for treatment of a patient having a hematopoietic disorder, comprising the steps of;

10 (a) removing hematopoietic cells from said patient;

(b) culturing said hematopoietic cells in a growth medium, comprising; a polypeptide of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4;

15 (c) harvesting said cultured cells; and

(d) transplanting said cultured cells into said patient.

20 20. A method for treatment of a patient having a hematopoietic disorder, comprising the steps of;

(a) removing hematopoietic cells from said patient;

25 (b) separating hematopoietic cells from other cells;

(c) culturing said separated hematopoietic cells in a growth medium, comprising; the composition of claim 9, 10 or 11;

(d) harvesting said cultured cells; and

30 (e) transplanting said cultured cells into said patient.

21. A method of human gene therapy, comprising the steps of;

35 (a) removing hematopoietic cells from a patient;

(b) culturing said hematopoietic cells in a growth medium, comprising; a polypeptide of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4;

(d) transducing said cultured cells with DNA;

5 (e) harvesting said transduced cells; and

(f) transplanting said transduced cells into said patient.

22. A method of human gene therapy, comprising
10 the steps of;

(a) removing hematopoietic cells from a patient;

(b) separating said hematopoietic cells from other cells;

(c) culturing said separated hematopoietic cells
15 in a growth medium, comprising; a polypeptide of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4;

(d) transducing said cultured cells with DNA;

(e) harvesting said transduced cells; and

(f) transplanting said transduced cells into said
20 patient.

23. A method of human gene therapy, comprising the steps of;

(a) removing hematopoietic cells from a patient;

25 (b) separating said hematopoietic cells from other cells;

(c) culturing said separated hematopoietic cells in a growth medium, comprising; the composition of claim 9, 10 or 11;

30 (d) transducing said cultured cells with DNA;

(e) harvesting said transduced cells; and

(f) transplanting said transduced cells into said patient.

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24. A method of human gene therapy, comprising the steps of;

- (a) removing hematopoietic cells from a patient;
(b) separating said hematopoietic cells from other cells;
(c) culturing said separated hematopoietic cells in a growth medium, comprising; the composition of claim 9, 10 or 11;
(d) transducing said cultured cells with DNA;
(e) harvesting said transduced cells; and
(f) transplanting said transduced cells into said patient.

25. A method for the production of dendritic cells comprising the steps of;

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a) separating hematopoietic progenitor cells or CD34+ cells from other cells; and

b) culturing said hematopoietic progenitor cells or CD34+ cells in a growth medium, comprising the flt-3 receptor agonists of claim 1, 2, 3 or 4.

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26. The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of;

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c) pulsing said culturing hematopoietic progenitor cells or CD34+ cells with an antigen.

27. The method of claim 25, wherein said growth medium, further comprises; one or more factor selected from the group consisting of; GM-CSF, IL-4, TNF- α , stem cell factor (SCF), flt-3 ligand, IL-3, an IL-3 variant, an IL-3 variant fusion protein, and a multi-functional receptor agonist.

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28. The method of claim 26, wherein said growth medium, further comprises; one or more factor selected from the group consisting of; GM-CSF, IL-4, TNF- α , stem

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cell factor (SCF), flt-3 ligand, IL-3, an IL-3 variant, an IL-3 variant fusion protein, and a multi-functional receptor agonist.

5 29. A method for treating a human having a tumor, infection or auto-immune disease, comprising the step of; administering the flt-3 receptor agonists of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4, to said human.

10 30. The method of claim 29, further comprising; administering one or more factor selected from the group consisting of; GM-CSF, IL-4, TNF- α , stem cell factor (SCF), flt-3 ligand, IL-3, an IL-3 variant, an
15 receptor agonist.

31. The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of; administering an antigen to said patient.

20 32. The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of; administering an antigen to said patient.

25 33. A method for treating a human having a tumor, infection or auto-immune disease, comprising the step of;

a) mobilizing dendritic cell progenitors or mature dendritic cells by administering the flt-3 receptor agonists of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4, to said human;

30 b) removing said dendritic cell precursors or mature dendritic cells by a blood draw or pheresis;

c) pulsing said dendritic cell precursors or mature dendritic cells with an antigen; and

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d) returning said antigen pulsed dendritic cell precursors or mature dendritic cells to said human.

34. The method of claim 33, further comprising; administering in step a), one or more factor selected from the group consisting of; GM-CSF, IL-4, TNF- α , stem cell factor (SCF), flt-3 ligand, IL-3, an IL-3 variant, an IL-3 variant fusion protein, and a multi-functional receptor agonist.

35. The method of claim 33, further comprising the step of; culturing said dendritic cell precursors or mature dendritic cells from step b), in a growth medium, comprising; the flt-3 receptor agonists of claim 1, 2, 3 or 4.

36. The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of; culturing said dendritic cell precursors or mature dendritic cells from step b), in a growth medium, comprising; the flt-3 receptor agonists of claim 1, 2, 3 or 4.

37. The method of claim 35, wherein said growth medium, further comprises one or more factor selected from the group consisting of; GM-CSF, IL-4, TNF- α , stem cell factor (SCF), flt-3 ligand, IL-3, an IL-3 variant, an IL-3 variant fusion protein, and a multi-functional receptor agonist.

38. The method of claim 36, wherein said growth medium, further comprises one or more factor selected from the group consisting of; GM-CSF, IL-4, TNF- α , stem cell factor (SCF), flt-3 ligand, IL-3, an IL-3 variant, an IL-3 variant fusion protein, and a multi-functional receptor agonist.

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39. A method for treating a human having a tumor, infection or auto-immune disease, comprising the step of;

5 a) removing hematopoietic progenitor cells or CD34+ cells from said human by a blood draw or pheresis;

b) culturing said hematopoietic progenitor cells or CD34+ cells in a growth medium, comprising the flt-3 receptor agonists of claim 1, 2, 3 or 4 to produce
10 dendritic cell precursors or mature dendritic cells;

c) returning said dendritic cell precursors or mature dendritic cells to said human.

15 40. A method for treating a human having a tumor, infection or auto-immune disease, comprising the step of;

20 a) removing hematopoietic progenitor cells or CD34+ cells from said patient by a blood draw or pheresis;

b) culturing said hematopoietic progenitor cells or CD34+ cells in a growth medium, comprising; the
25 flt-3 receptor agonists of claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, to produce dendritic cell precursors or mature dendritic cells;

30 c) pulsing said dendritic cell precursors or mature dendritic cells with an antigen; and

d) returning said antigen pulsed dendritic cell precursors or mature dendritic cells to said human.

35 41. The method of claim 39, further comprising the step of; separating said hematopoietic progenitor cells or CD34+ cells from other cells prior to culturing.

42. The method of claim 40, further comprising the step of; separating said hematopoietic progenitor cells or CD34+ cells from other cells prior to culturing.

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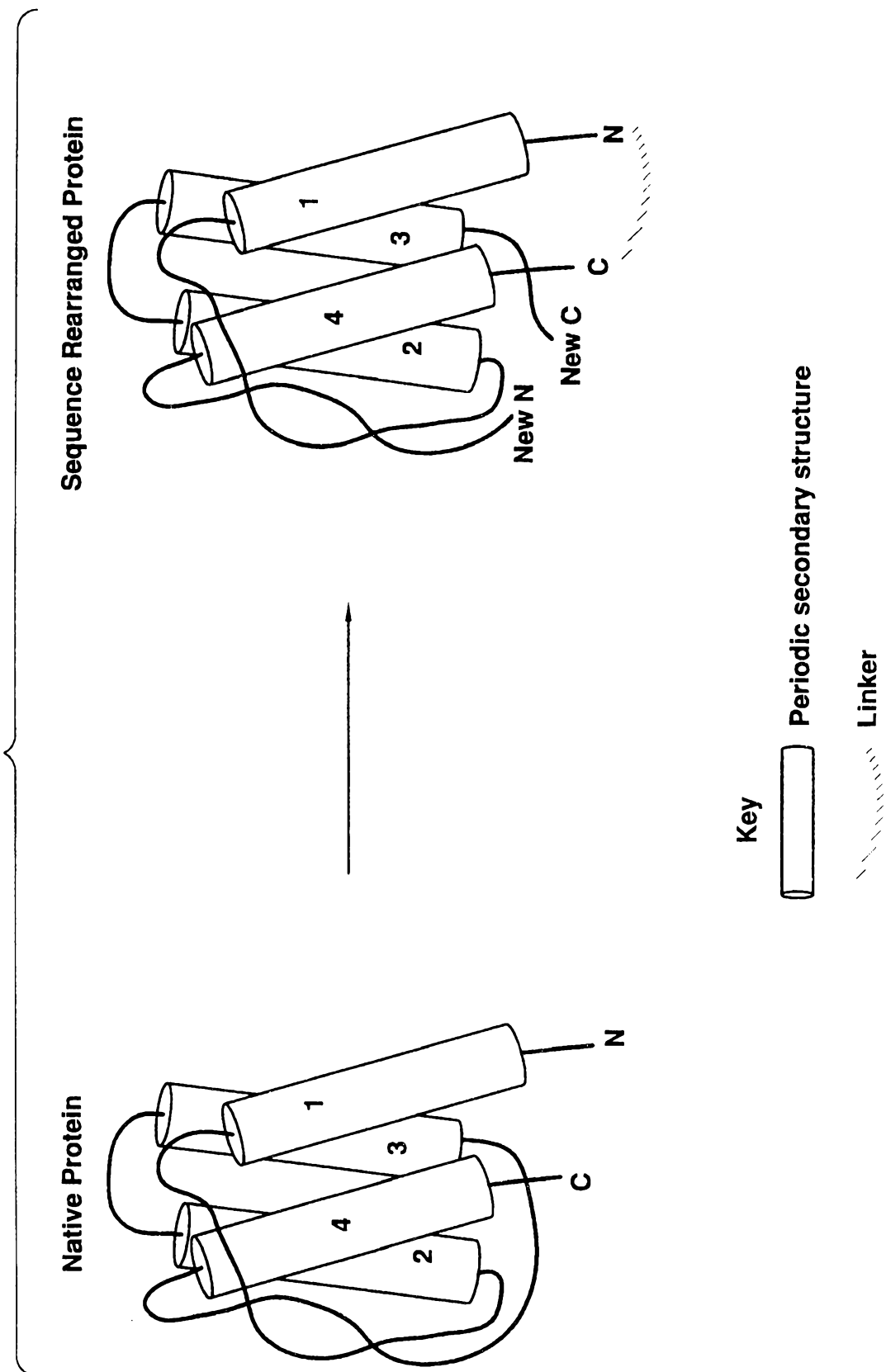
43. The method of claim 39, wherein said culture medium further comprises; one or more factor selected from the group consisting of: GM-CSF, IL-4, TNF- α , stem cell factor (SCF), flt-3 ligand, IL-3, an IL-3 variant,
10 an IL-3 variant fusion protein, and a multi-functional receptor agonist.

44. The method of claim 40, wherein said culture medium further comprises; one or more factor selected
15 from the group consisting of: GM-CSF, IL-4, TNF- α , stem cell factor (SCF), flt-3 ligand, IL-3, an IL-3 variant, an IL-3 variant fusion protein, and a multi-functional receptor agonist.

20 45. The method of claim 41, wherein said culture medium further comprises; one or more factor selected from the group consisting of: GM-CSF, IL-4, TNF- α , stem cell factor (SCF), flt-3 ligand, IL-3, an IL-3 variant, an IL-3 variant fusion protein, and a multi-functional
25 receptor agonist.

46. The method of claim 42, wherein said culture medium further comprises; one or more factor selected from the group consisting of: GM-CSF, IL-4, TNF- α , stem
30 cell factor (SCF), flt-3 ligand, IL-3, an IL-3 variant, an IL-3 variant fusion protein, and a multi-functional receptor agonist.

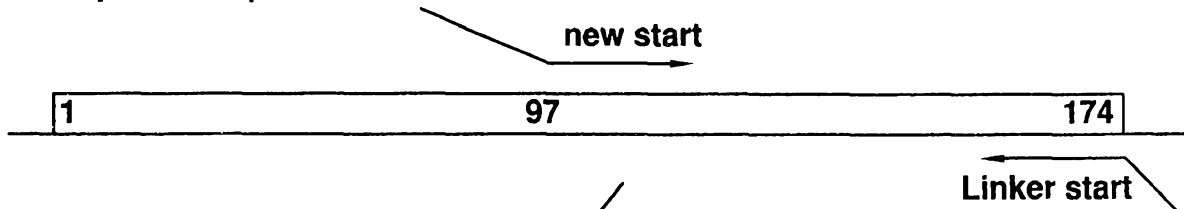
FIG.1



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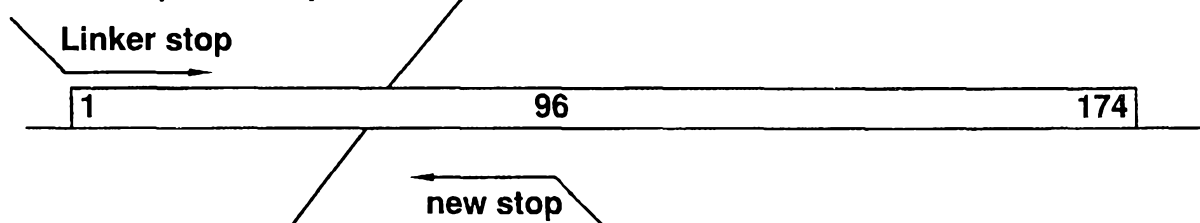
FIG.2

first step PCR amplification

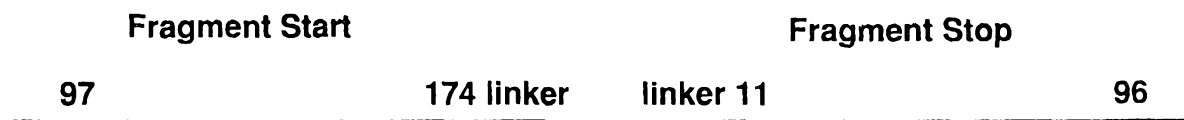


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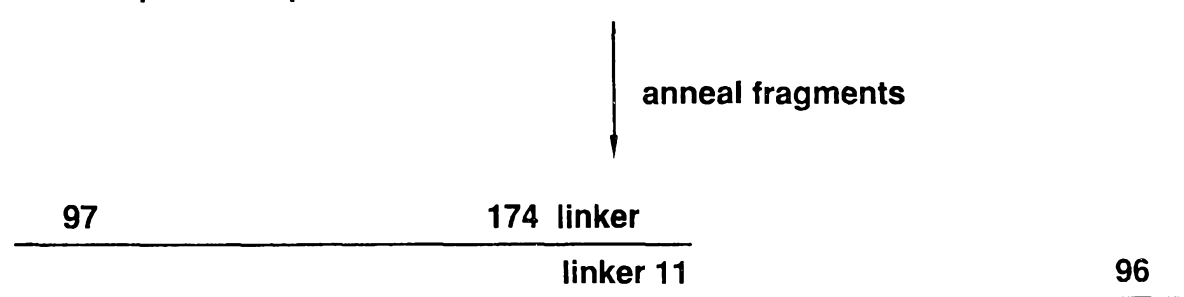
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third step PCR amplification



add oligos new start and new stop



FIG.3

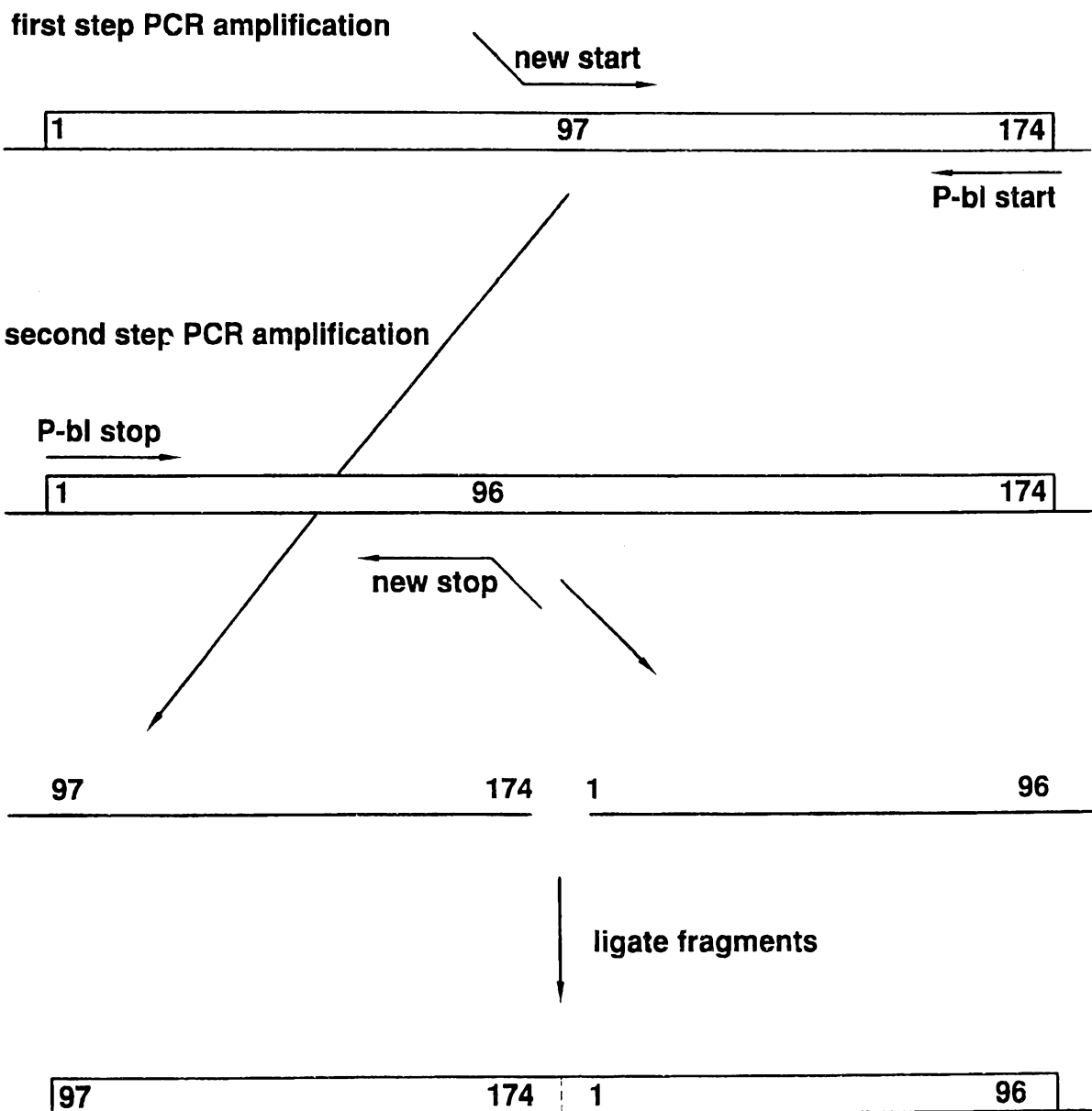


FIG.4

I. Construct tandemly-duplicated template



II. PCR-amplify tandemly-duplicated template

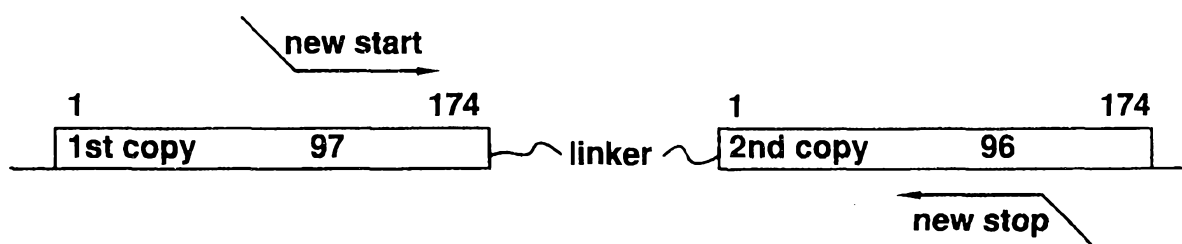


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 61 GAGCTGTCTGACTACCTGCTTCAAGATTACCCAGTCACCGTGGCCCTCCAACCTGCAGGAC 120
 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 CTCGACAGACTGATGGACCGAAGTTCTAATGGGTCAAGTGGCCACCGGAGGTTGGACGTCCTG
 GluLeuSerAspTyrLeuLeuGlnAspTyrProValThrValAlaSerAsnLeuGlnAsp
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 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
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 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 TTCTGACAGCGACCCAGGTTCTACGTTCCGAACGACCTCGCGCACTTGTGCCCTCTATGTG
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FIG.5A-2

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-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
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FIG. 5B

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 GGGGTCCCTGGACGACGAAACACCTCGTGACT
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FIG. 6A

1 ACCCAGGACTGCTCCTTCCAACACAGCCCCATCTCCTCCGACTTCGGCTGTCAAAATCCCGT 60
 TGGGTCTGACGAGGAAGTTGTGTGGGTAGAGGAGGCTGAAGCGACAGTTTTTAGGCA
 ThrGlnAspCysSerPheGlnHisSerProIleSerSerAspPheAlaValLysIleArg
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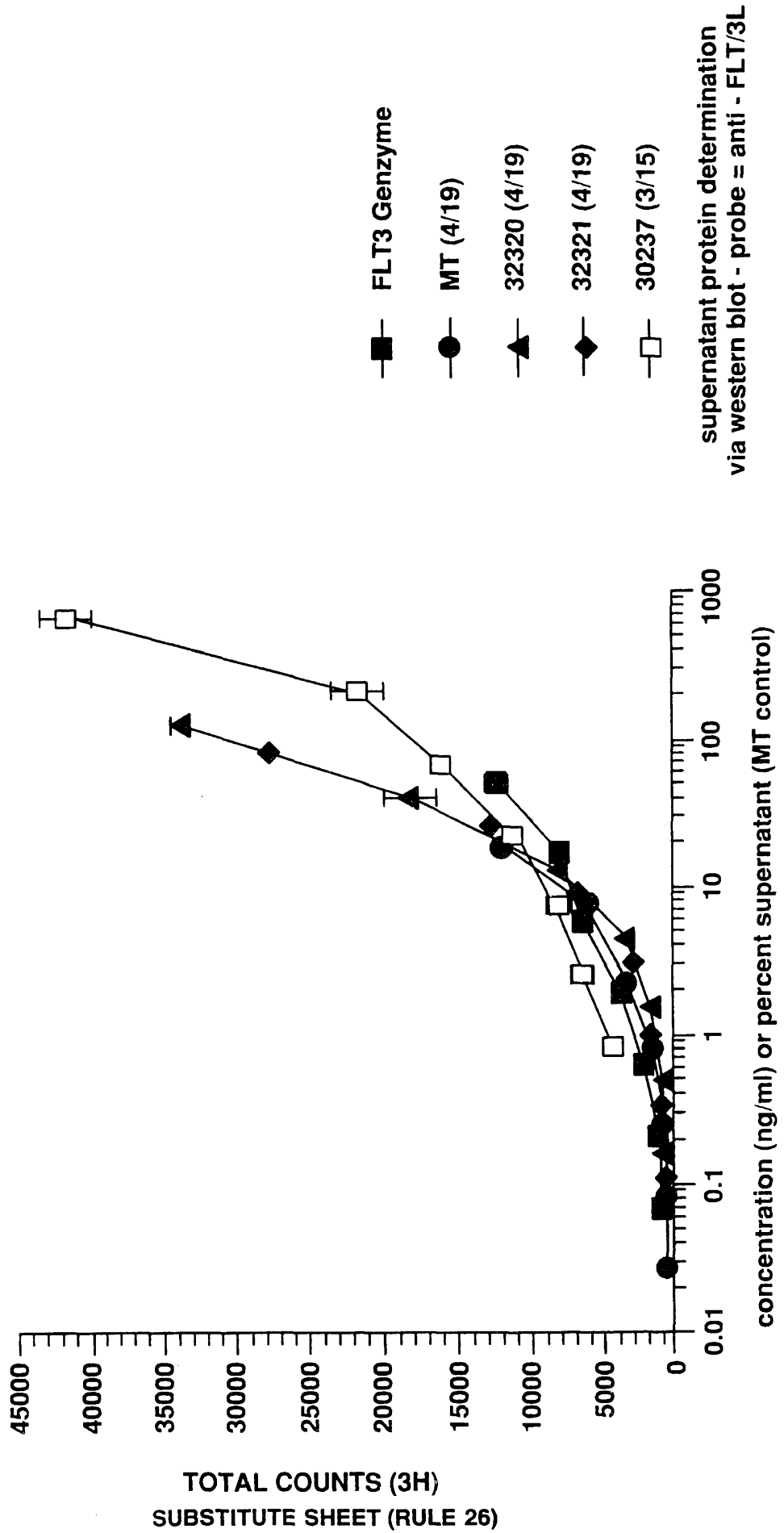
FIG. 6B

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ArgGlnAsnPheSerArgCysLeuGluLeuGlnCysGlnPro

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FIG.7



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