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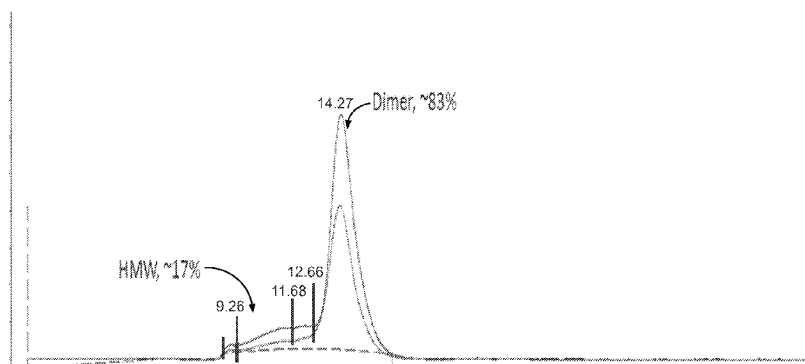


FIG. 5

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides aspartyl-tRNA synthetase and Fc region conjugate polypeptides (DRS-Fc conjugates), such as DRS-Fc fusion proteins, compositions comprising the same, and methods of using such conjugates and compositions for treating or diagnosing a variety of conditions. The DRS-Fc conjugates of the invention have improved controlled release properties, stability, half-life, and other pharmacokinetic and biological properties relative to corresponding, unmodified DRS polypeptides.



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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

eKOMPASS(KIPO internal) & keywords: asparyl-tRNA synthetase, Fc region, conjugate, fusion polypeptide

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of item 1.c of the first sheet)

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of :

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3. Additional comments:

Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Claims 43-49 are directed to a treatment method of the human body by therapy and thus relate to a subject matter which this International Searching Authority is not required, under Article 17(2)(a)(i) of the PCT and Rule 39.1(iv) of the Regulations under the PCT, to search.
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Claims 12, 13, 24, 26, 28, 33, 35, 51, 53, and 54 are unclear since they refer to claims which are not searchable due to not being drafted in accordance with the second and third sentence of Rule 6.4(a).
3. Claims Nos.: 11,14-23,25,27,29-32,34,36-40,42-50,52,55
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Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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