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(54) Title: NUCLEIC ACIDS, PROTEINS, AND ANTIBODIES

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to novel proteins. More specifically, isolated nucleic acid molecules are provided encoding novel polypeptides. Novel polypeptides and antibodies that bind to these polypeptides are provided. Also provided are vectors, host cells, and recombinant and synthetic methods for producing human polynucleotides and/or polypeptides, and antibodies. The invention further relates to diagnostic and therapeutic methods useful for diagnosing, treating, preventing and/or prognosing disorders related to these novel polypeptides. The invention further relates to screening methods for identifying agonists and antagonists of polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention. The present invention further relates to methods and/or compositions for inhibiting or enhancing the production and function of the polypeptides of the present invention.



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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X --- A	LEE et al. Transcriptional downregulation of gap-junction proteins blocks junctional communication in human mammary tumor cell lines. Journal of Cell Biology. 1992, vol. 18, pages 1213-1221, see entire document.	1-3 ----- 4-10 and 21
X --- A	WO 92/15602 A1 (DANA FABER CANCER INSTITUTE, INC.) 25 February 1993 (25.02.93), see entire document.	11 ----- 12 and 14-16

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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

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

1. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claim Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-12, 14-16, 21, and SEQ ID NO: 11 and 490

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-12, 14-16, and 21, drawn to cDNA, polypeptides, genes, a method of using the cDNA to make host cells comprising the cDNA, and a method of making the polypeptide.

Group II, claim(s) 13, drawn to an antibody specific for the polypeptides of Group I.

Group III, claim(s) 17 and 24, drawn to a therapeutic method of using the cDNA or the polypeptide of Group I.

Group IV, claim(s) 18 and 19, drawn to a diagnostic method of using the cDNA or polypeptide of Group I.

Group V, claim(s) 20, drawn to a method of using the polypeptide of Group I to isolate a binding partner.

Group VI, claim(s) 22, drawn to a method of using the cDNA of Group I to identify the activity of the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA.

Group VII, claim(s) 23, drawn to the binding partner made by the method of Group V.

The inventions listed as Groups I-VII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: PCT Rule 13.1 and Annex B do not provide for unity of invention between two or more products or methods of use that share a special technical feature. As set forth above, the Groups enumerated II-VII are additional methods/products inventions and thus, lack of unity is held in accordance with PCT Rule 13.1 and Annex B.

In addition, each Group detailed above reads on distinct Groups drawn to multiple sequences. The sequences are distinct because they are unrelated sequences, and a further lack of unity is applied to each Group. The Applicants must further elect one sequence for examination in the elected Group detailed above. Payment of fees for an additional invention will entitle the Applicants to examination of one additional sequence.

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