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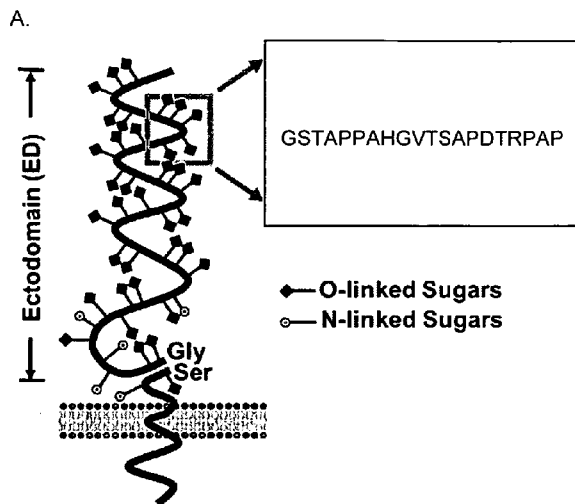
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(54) Title: MUC1 DECOY PEPTIDES FOR TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF BACTERIAL INFECTIONS

Fig. 1



(57) Abstract: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* flagellin protein recruits the mammalian host sialidase enzyme neuraminidase-1 (NEU1) to remove sialic acid residues from the extracellular domain of the mammalian cell-surface protein MUC1 (MUC1-ED), thereby exposing a cryptic binding site on the MUC1-ED protein backbone for flagellin binding. NEU1-driven MUC1-ED desialylation rapidly increases *P. aeruginosa* adhesion to the airway epithelium. MUC1-ED desialylation also increases MUC1-ED cleavage and shedding from the cell surface, where desialylated, shed MUC1-ED competitively blocks *P. aeruginosa* adhesion to cell-associated MUC1-ED. Presented herein are data showing that exogenously-administered, deglycosylated MUC1-ED peptides reduced adhesion of *P. aeruginosa* to airway epithelial cells. Also presented are data showing that administration of *P. aeruginosa* to mice in combination with deglycosylated MUC1-ED decreased *P. aeruginosa* recovered from the lungs at 48 hr and 72 hr post-infection. Such findings are extended to the methods of treatment and prevention of bacterial infections defined herein.

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Group I, Claims 1-4 and 20-22

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Group I, Claims 1-4 and 20-22 are directed toward a decoy peptide and method of treating or preventing a bacterial infection in a subject therewith.

Group II, Claims 12-14, 16-18 are directed toward methods of determining whether a subject has an infection, or has been colonized, by a selected bacteria.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II 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: the special technical features of Group I include SEQ ID NO: 1, not present in Group II; the special technical features of Group II include detection of a shed MUC1 ectodomain, not present in Group I.

Groups I and II share the technical features including: a method, wherein a subject has an infection of a selected bacteria; and a MUC1 fragment.

However, these shared technical features are previously disclosed by the article 'Muc1 Limits Helicobacter felis Binding to Gastric Epithelial Cells but Does not Limit Colonization and Gastric Pathology Following Infection' by Every et al. (hereinafter 'Every').

Every discloses a method, wherein a subject has an infection of a selected bacteria (detection of a releasable MUC1 decoy by gastric epithelial cells upon infection with H. pylori (a method, wherein a subject has an infection of a selected bacteria); page 489, first column, first paragraph); and a MUC1 fragment (a releasable MUC1 decoy (a MUC1 fragment); page 489, first column, first paragraph).

Since none of the special technical features of the Groups I and II inventions is found in more than one of the inventions, and since all of the shared technical features are previously disclosed by the Every reference, unity of invention is lacking.