



(11) **EP 2 071 333 A3**

(12) **EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION**

(88) Date of publication A3:
08.07.2009 Bulletin 2009/28

(51) Int Cl.:
G01N 33/53 (2006.01) G01N 27/447 (2006.01)

(43) Date of publication A2:
17.06.2009 Bulletin 2009/25

(21) Application number: **09004308.4**

(22) Date of filing: **15.10.2004**

(84) Designated Contracting States:
**AT BE BG CH CY CZ DE DK EE ES FI FR GB GR
HU IE IT LI LU MC NL PL PT RO SE SI SK TR**

(30) Priority: **15.10.2003 JP 2003354930**

(62) Document number(s) of the earlier application(s) in
accordance with Art. 76 EPC:
04792477.4 / 1 681 566

(71) Applicants:
• **Sekisui Medical Co., Ltd.**
Tokyo 103-0027 (JP)
• **TOUDAI TLO, Ltd.**
Tokyo 113-0033 (JP)

(72) Inventors:
• **Ebinuma, Hiroyuki**
Ryugasaki-shi
Ibaraki 301-0852 (JP)

- **Yago, Hirokazu**
Ryugasaki-shi
Ibaraki 301-0852 (JP)
- **Akimoto, Yuka**
Ryugasaki-shi
Ibaraki 301-0852 (JP)
- **Myazaki, Osamu**
Ryugasaki-shi
Ibaraki 301-0852 (JP)
- **Kadowaki, Takashi**
Tokyo 113-0033 (JP)
- **Yamauchi, Toshimasa**
Tokyo 113-0033 (JP)
- **Hara, Kazuo**
Tokyo 113-0033 (JP)

(74) Representative: **Hartz, Nikolai**
Wächtershauser & Hartz
Weinstrasse 8
80333 München (DE)

(54) **Method of selectively assaying adiponectin multimers**

(57) A method for selectively assaying a target adiponectin multimer in a biological sample, comprising a step of distinguishing target adiponectin multimer from the other adiponectin multimers by using a protease and an antibody to assay immunologically, wherein the adiponectin multimer is derived from human blood, and is of the following four types of adiponectin, and one or two of the four types of adiponectin are selected from the total adiponectin and immunoassayed, through use of a protease and an antibody;

(1) ULMW-Ad: exhibits the highest mobility among the four main stained bands detected when adiponectin which has been purified from human serum or human plasma is electrophoresed on polyacrylamide gel (2 to 15%) under non-denaturing conditions, and has a molecular weight around 100 kDa as measured through SDS-PAGE after intramolecular crosslinking;

(2) LMW-Ad: exhibits the second highest mobility, next to ULMW-Ad, among the four main stained bands detected when adiponectin which has been purified from human serum or human plasma is electrophoresed on

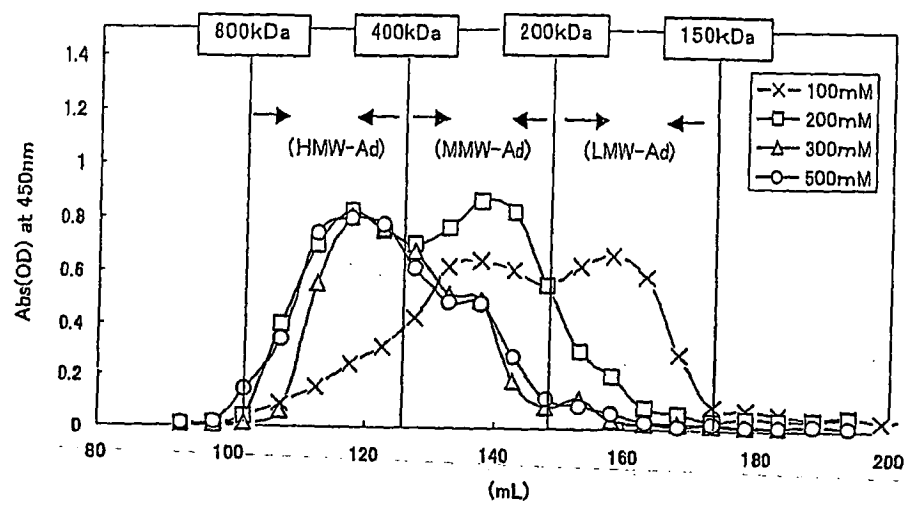
polyacrylamide gel (2 to 15%) under non-denaturing conditions, has a molecular weight around 150 kDa as measured through SDS-PAGE after intramolecular crosslinking, and binds to albumin via a disulfide bond;

(3) MMW-Ad: exhibits the third highest mobility, next to LMW-Ad, among the four main stained bands detected when adiponectin which has been purified from human serum or human plasma is electrophoresed on polyacrylamide gel (2 to 15%) under non-denaturing conditions, and has a molecular weight around 250 kDa as measured through SDS-PAGE after intramolecular crosslinking; and

(4) HMW-Ad: exhibits the lowest mobility among the four main stained bands detected when adiponectin which has been purified from human serum or human plasma is electrophoresed on polyacrylamide gel (2 to 15%) under non-denaturing conditions, and has a molecular weight of 300 kDa or higher as measured through SDS-PAGE after intramolecular crosslinking.

EP 2 071 333 A3

[Fig. 1]





EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT

Application Number
EP 09 00 4308

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (IPC)
D,X	PAJVANI U B ET AL: "Structure-function studies of the adipocyte-secreted hormone Acrp30/adiponectin. Implications for metabolic regulation and bioactivity" JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF BIOCHEMICAL BIOLOGISTS, BIRMINGHAM,, US, vol. 278, no. 11, 14 March 2003 (2003-03-14), pages 9073-9085, XP002251775 ISSN: 0021-9258 * figures 2A,3C,5C,E,6C,D * page 9080, last paragraph to page 9081, left column. * figure 4 *	1-9	INV. G01N33/53 G01N27/447
Y	----- WAKI H ET AL: "Impaired Multimerization of Human Adiponectin Mutants Associated with Diabetes" JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF BIOCHEMICAL BIOLOGISTS, BIRMINGHAM, US, vol. 278, no. 41, 10 October 2003 (2003-10-10), pages 40352-40363, XP002988190 ISSN: 0021-9258 * abstract * * pages 40352-53 * * pages 40361-62 * ----- -/--	10-15	TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (IPC) G01N
The present search report has been drawn up for all claims			
Place of search The Hague		Date of completion of the search 29 May 2009	Examiner Lunter, Pim
CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS X : particularly relevant if taken alone Y : particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A : technological background O : non-written disclosure P : intermediate document T : theory or principle underlying the invention E : earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date D : document cited in the application L : document cited for other reasons & : member of the same patent family, corresponding document			

 5
EPO FORM 1503 03 82 (P04C01)



EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT

Application Number
EP 09 00 4308

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (IPC)
Y	TSAO TAU-SHUEN ET AL: "Role of disulfide bonds in Acrp30/adiponectin structure and signaling specificity. Different oligomers activate different signal transduction pathways." JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, vol. 278, no. 50, 30 September 2003 (2003-09-30), pages 50810-50817, XP002408187 ISSN: 0021-9258 page 50817, last paragraph. Note on-line pub. date * figure 5 * -----	10-15	
			TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (IPC)
The present search report has been drawn up for all claims			
Place of search The Hague		Date of completion of the search 29 May 2009	Examiner Lunter, Pim
CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS X : particularly relevant if taken alone Y : particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A : technological background O : non-written disclosure P : intermediate document T : theory or principle underlying the invention E : earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date D : document cited in the application L : document cited for other reasons & : member of the same patent family, corresponding document			

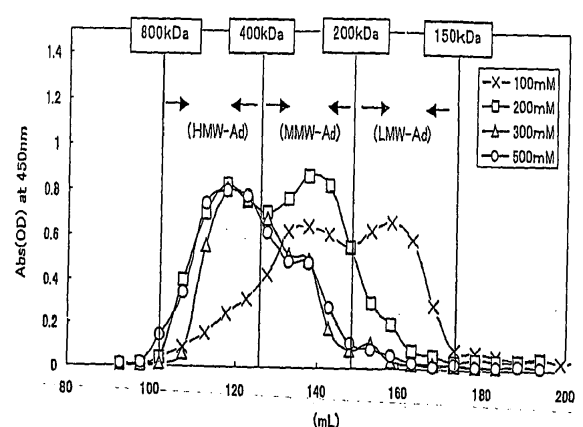
5
EPO FORM 1503 03.82 (P04C01)

专利名称(译)	选择性测定脂联素多聚体的方法		
公开(公告)号	EP2071333A3	公开(公告)日	2009-07-08
申请号	EP2009004308	申请日	2004-10-15
[标]申请(专利权)人(译)	积水医疗株式会社 株式会社东京大学TLO		
申请(专利权)人(译)	积水医疗CO., LTD. 投带TLO., LTD.		
当前申请(专利权)人(译)	积水医疗CO., LTD. 投带TLO., LTD.		
[标]发明人	EBINUMA HIROYUKI YAGO HIROKAZU AKIMOTO YUKA MYAZAKI OSAMU KADOWAKI TAKASHI YAMAUCHI TOSHIMASA HARA KAZUO		
发明人	EBINUMA, HIROYUKI YAGO, HIROKAZU AKIMOTO, YUKA MYAZAKI, OSAMU KADOWAKI, TAKASHI YAMAUCHI, TOSHIMASA HARA, KAZUO		
IPC分类号	G01N33/53 G01N27/447 G01N33/74		
CPC分类号	G01N33/74 G01N2800/042 G01N2800/32		
优先权	2003354930 2003-10-15 JP		
其他公开文献	EP2071333B1 EP2071333A2		
外部链接	Espacenet		

摘要(译)

一种选择性测定生物样品中的目标脂联素多聚体的方法，包括通过使用蛋白酶和免疫学测定抗体来区分目标脂联素多聚体与其他脂联素多聚体的步骤，其中脂联素多聚体来源于人血液，并且是通过使用蛋白酶和抗体，从脂联素总和免疫测定中选择以下四种脂联素中的一种或两种，并且四种脂联素中的一种或两种；(1) ULMW-Ad：在人体血清或人血浆中纯化的脂联素在非变性条件下在聚丙烯酰胺凝胶(2-15%)上进行电泳时检测到的四个主要染色条带中具有最高的迁移率，并且具有在分子内交联后通过SDS-PAGE测量的分子量约为100kDa；(2) LMW-Ad：在脂联素检测到的四个主要染色条带中，在ULMW-Ad旁边显示出第二高的迁移率从人血清中纯化或人血浆在非变性条件下在聚丙烯酰胺凝胶(2-15%)上进行电泳，分子量交联后通过SDS-PAGE测定的分子量约为150kDa，并通过二硫键与白蛋白结合；(3) MMW-Ad：在从人血清或人血浆中纯化的脂联素在聚丙烯酰胺凝胶(2-15%)下电泳后检测到的四

[Fig. 1]



个主要染色条带中，显示出LMW-Ad旁边第三高的迁移率。非变性条

件，在分子内交联后通过SDS-PAGE测得的分子量约为250kDa; (4) HMW-Ad：在人体血清或人血浆中纯化的脂联素在非变性条件下在聚丙烯酰胺凝胶（2-15%）上进行电泳时检测到的四个主要染色条带中的移动性最低，并具有在分子内通过SDS-PAGE测量的分子量为300kDa或更高交联。