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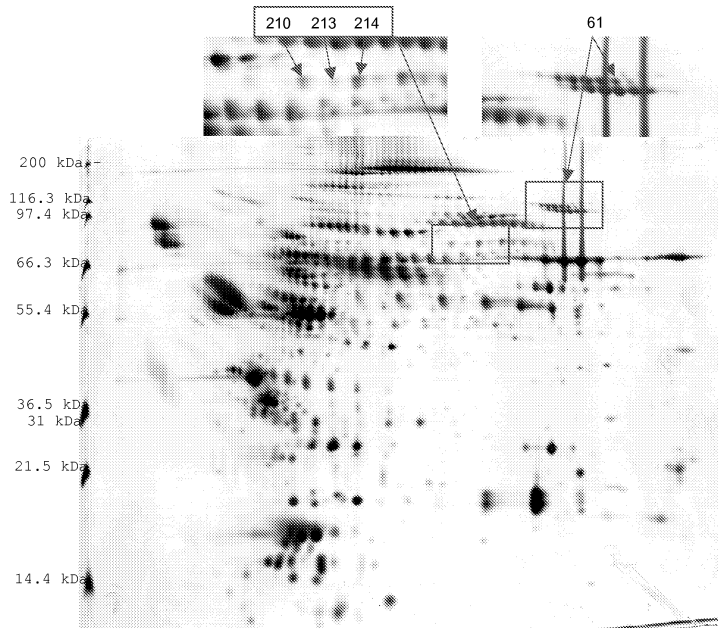
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(54) Markers of renal transplant rejection and renal damage

(57) The present invention relates to methods of detecting renal transplant rejection and other forms of renal damage. Protein markers or renal damage are provided,

along with assays for detecting said markers. Also provided are methods for identifying markers of renal damage.

FIG. 2



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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-18

Use of the presence or amount of a plurality of proteins, or a plurality of nucleic acids encoding said proteins, said proteins being selected from AMBP protein precursor (alpha-microglobulin), adiponectin, C4b-binding protein a-chain precursor, ceruloplasmin precursor, complement C3 precursor, complement component C9 precursor, complement factor D precursor, aiB - glycoprotein, a2 -glycoprotein I precursor, heparin cofactor II precursor, Ig p Chain C region protein, Leucine-rich a2 -glycoprotein precursor, pigment epithelium-derived factor precursor, plasma retinol-binding protein precursor, translation initiation factor 3 subunit 10, N-acetylmuramoyl-L-alanine amidase precursor; or a fragment thereof, or antibodies against said proteins, as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

2. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of n-acetylmuranmoyl-L-alanine amidase precursor or a fragment thereof or antibodies against n-acetylmuranmoyl-L-alanine amidase precursor, as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

3. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of adiponectin or a fragment thereof or antibodies against adiponectin as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

4. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of AMBP protein precursor or a fragment thereof or antibodies against AMBP protein precursor, as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

5. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of C4b-binding protein alpha chain precursor or a fragment thereof or antibodies against C4b-binding protein alpha chain precursor, as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.



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6. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of ceruloplasmin precursor or a fragment thereof or antibodies against ceruloplasmin precursor, as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

7. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of complement C3 precursor or a fragment thereof or antibodies against complement C3 precursor, as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

8. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of complement component C9 precursor or a fragment thereof or antibodies against complement component C9 precursor, as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

9. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of complement factor D precursor or a fragment thereof or antibodies against complement factor D precursor, as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

10. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of Beta 2 glycoprotein I precursor or a fragment thereof or antibodies against beta 2 glycoprotein I precursor, as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

11. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of heparin cofactor II precursor or a fragment thereof or antibodies against heparin cofactor II precursor, as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.



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12. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of Ig u chain C region protein or a fragment thereof or antibodies against Ig u chain C region protein as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

13. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of Leucine-rich alpha-2-glycoprotein precursor or a fragment thereof or antibodies against Leucine-rich alpha-2-glycoprotein precursor as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

14. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of pigment epithelium derived factor precursor or a fragment thereof or antibodies against pigment epithelium derived factor precursor as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

15. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of plasma retinol-binding protein precursor or a fragment thereof or antibodies against plasma retinol-binding protein precursor as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

16. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of translation initiation factor 3 subunit 10, or a fragment thereof or antibodies against "translation initiation factor 3 subunit 10" as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.

17. claims: 19-24(partially)

Use of the presence or amount of alpha 1B glycoprotein or a fragment thereof or antibodies against alpha 1B glycoprotein as a marker for the diagnosis and/or prognosis of renal damage. Methods and kits therefor.



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摘要(译)

本发明涉及检测肾移植排斥和其他形式的肾损伤的方法。提供蛋白质标记物或肾损伤，以及用于检测所述标记物的测定法。还提供了用于鉴定肾损伤标志物的方法。

FIG. 2

