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HOOKWORM PLATELET INHIBITOR

Title (de)

INHIBITOR FÜR BLUTPLÄTTCHEN DES HAKENWURMS

Title (fr)

INHIBITEUR DES PLAQUETTES D'ANKYLOSTOME

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[origin: WO0058341A1] An inhibitor of platelet aggregation and adhesion is purified and characterized from soluble protein extracts of adult *Ancylostoma caninum* hookworms, and then cloned and sequenced. The inhibitor blocks platelet aggregation in response to a variety of agonists, interfering with the binding of at least one cell surface integrin with its respective ligand. Embodiments include inhibition of the binding of fibrinogen to cell surface integrin GPIIb/IIIa (alpha IIb beta 3) and inhibition of the binding of collagen to cell surface integrin GPla/IIa (alpha 2 beta 1). Medical and veterinary pharmaceutical and immunological compositions containing the platelet inhibitor, and methods of using it, are described.

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