

Title (en)  
EARLY DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIAL DISEASE USING PEPTIDES

Title (de)  
FRÜHERKENNUNG EINER MYCOBAKTERIELLEN ERKRANKUNG UNTER VERWENDUNG VON PEPTIDEN

Title (fr)  
DETECTION PRECOCE DE MALADIES MYCOBACTERIENNES AU MOYEN DE PEPTIDES

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO03012395A2] A number of protein and glycoprotein antigens secreted by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (*Mtb*) have been identified as "early" *Mtb* antigens on the basis early antibodies present in subjects infected with *Mtb* prior to the development of detectable clinical disease. Epitope-bearing peptide fragments of these early *Mtb* antigens, in particular of an 88 kDa secreted protein, GlcB (SEQ ID NO:106) and of *Mtb* antigen MPT51 (SEQ ID NO:107) have been identified. These peptides, variants thereof, peptide multimers thereof that include two or more repeats of one or more of the peptides, and fusion polypeptides that include early *Mtb* antigenic proteins, peptides or both, are useful in immunoassay methods for early, rapid detection of TB in a subject. Preferred immunoassays detect the antibodies in the subject's urine. Also provided are antigenic compositions, kits and methods to useful for detecting an early *Mtb* antibodies. The antigenic proteins and peptides are also used in vaccine compositions.

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