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Description

[0001] The present invention is concerned with the detection of the production of the human precursor of neurokinin B by the placenta and to the detection of the production of neurokinin B gene products, or variants, or fragments thereof as a means of predicting the onset of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications (or following their course). The invention is also concerned with preventing or treating pregnancy-induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia by suppressing the effects of excessive neurokinin B secreted into maternal blood.

[0002] Pregnancy-induced hypertension (PIH) and pre-eclampsia, two of the most elusive and complex conditions of pregnancy, have been very difficult to define and manage. Pre-eclampsia is still one of the most common and life threatening complications of pregnancy in the Western World. The primary cause of pre-eclampsia has been difficult to elucidate because its signs and symptoms have always presented as a cluster of conditions. Hence, it has been defined as a syndrome, commonly presenting with the features of maternal hypertension and proteinuria, but including extensive complications involving the maternal liver, coagulation and nervous systems (Henriksen, T., (1998) Scand. J. Rheumatol. Suppl. 107 86-91). The clinical problems of pre-eclampsia normally become apparent only in the second half of pregnancy and are believed to emerge during the first trimester. It would appear that pre-eclamptic complications only present if placental tissue is present in the uterus of the mother. Indeed, cases of hydatidiform mole can present with pre-eclampsia where the uterus only contains disordered placental tissue (Nugent, C.E. *et al* (1966) Obstet. Gynecol. 87 829-31). Once pre-eclampsia is diagnosed during the course of pregnancy and the placental tissue is surgically removed or expelled during birth the condition ultimately clears. There have been many suggestions about the causes of pre-eclampsia ranging from the development of a poor placental/uterine vascular system to the immunology of incompatibility between the mother and foetus. Though these theories do have some substance they do not account for the systemic effects of this syndrome. Many symptoms are likely to be the result of secondary effects of hypertension and not the direct cause of the syndrome. Early detection of the development of PIH or pre-eclampsia would therefore be of great benefit in allowing precautionary measures to be taken, including specific treatment of hypertension and other complications associated with pre-eclampsia such as seizures, blot clotting problems etc.

[0003] The placental damage visible and hypertension observed in an expectant mother with pre-eclampsia has been implicated in an increased risk of foetal complications including growth retardation and foetal hypoxia. In extreme cases this could be a cause of miscarriage. In other studies, pre-eclampsia has been postulated as a maternal and foetal adaptation to foetal growth retardation. Since not all women with foetal growth retardation develop pre-eclampsia the decisive factor is a maternal response (Walker, J. (2000) The Lancet 356 1260-1265). Characteristics of this adaptation are present in not only pre-eclampsia but also in foetal growth retardation and miscarriage. For example, the failure of the normal expansion of plasma volume in the mother is associated with both impaired foetal growth and pre-eclampsia (Gulmezoglu AM, Hofmeyr GJ (2000) Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2 CD000167). Problems observed in pre-eclampsia such as thrombophilia are suggested to be the result of thrombotic lesions in a pathological placenta (Mousa HA, Alfirevicl Z (2000) Hum Reprod151830-3). It is apparent therefore that pre-eclampsia and foetal growth retardation and foetal hypoxia are linked, and diagnostic methods and treatments for pre-eclampsia may also be suitable in the prediction, diagnosis and/or treatment of these foetal conditions.

[0004] Neurokinin B (NKB) belongs to a family of peptides called tachykinins, the first and most well known of which is substance P which was discovered in 1931 (von Euler, U.S. and Gaddum, J.H. (1931) J Physiol 72:74-87). It took over another five decades before the discovery of a further two members of the tachykinin family, one designated substance K or neurokinin A (Kimura, S., *et al* (1983) Proc. Japan Acad 59B 101-104) and the other designated neuromedin K, now know as neurokinin B (Kangawa, K., *et al* (1983). Biochem. Biophys. Res.Commun. 114 533-540). The tachykinins have been implicated to have a wide variety of biological actions from smooth muscle contraction, vasodilation, pain transmission, neurogenic inflammation, to the activation of the immune system (Longmore, J., *et al* (1997) Canadian J. Physio. & Pharmacol. 75 612-621). Neurokinin B has been found to be the most potent neurokinin to cause vasoconstriction of both the mesenteric vascular bed (D'Orleans-Juste, P. *et al* (1991). Eur. J. Pharmacol. 204 329-334) and contraction of the hepatic portal vein (Mastrangelo, D., *et al* (1987) Eur J Pharmacol. 134, 321-6). Neurokinin B is also the most potent member of the family to act at the NK_3 receptor and, whilst substance P and K slow down the heart rate, NK_3 receptor agonists have the opposite effect in that they increase heart rate when perfused in the canine coronary arterial blood supply (Thompson, G.W. *et al* (1998) American Journal of Physiology-Regulatory Integrative and Comparative Physiology 275 (5), 1683-1689). In an animal model, intravenous injections of neurokinin B in guinea pigs have been shown to produce a dose related hypertension, and very high levels of neurokinin B agonist led to animal discomfort (Roccon, A., *et al* (1996) Brit. J. Pharmacol. 118 1095-1102). Similar experiments have shown an increase in blood pressure upon intravenous infusion of neurokinin B in rats (Page *et al*., (2000) Nature 405 797-800). Neurokinin B has not been reliably found in any peripheral tissues taken from experimental animals; for example, Moussaoui *et al* (Neuroscience (1992) 48, 967-978) tested a wide range of peripheral tissues using a very sensitive and specific assay system and found no trace of neurokinin B at all.

[0005] A human neurokinin B precursor has been identified which, on processing, gives rise to a peptide identical

to neurokinin B of other mammalian species (bovine, porcine, rat and mouse) (Incyte Pharmaceuticals Inc., International patent application no. WO98/57986). We have discovered, most surprisingly, that this human neurokinin B precursor is produced by placental tissue during pregnancy and that neurokinin B and fragments of the precursor are passed into the maternal bloodstream.

[0006] We have found that in normal pregnancy, substantial levels (eg 100 picomolar range) of neurokinin B (and other breakdown products of the human neurokinin B precursor) are found in the maternal blood stream near to term, but that zero or very low levels are found before this. However, in some cases near term levels are identified at an early stage of pregnancy (eg after only 9 weeks), and in cases of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia very high (nanomolar) concentrations of neurokinin B are found in the maternal plasma near to term. Thus, detection of raised plasma levels of neurokinin B, neurokinin B precursor, its breakdown products, or variants thereof at an early stage will provide an indication of the likely development of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia and may even provide an indication of the likely future severity of these conditions. Furthermore, reduction in the levels of circulating neurokinin B (or reduction of its effects) will ameliorate the adverse effects upon the mother seen in these conditions. As a result of the relationship between pre-eclampsia and foetal complications including foetal growth retardation and/or foetal hypoxia, neurokinin B agonists or antagonists may be useful in ameliorating these conditions. Overproduction of the human neurokinin B precursor may also be a causative factor in certain hypertensive conditions in non-pregnant individuals (either through the effect of neurokinin B or one or more of the other breakdown products of the precursor).

[0007] In a first aspect of the invention there is provided use of a binding partner to neurokinin B precursor gene product or variant or fragment thereof in the manufacture of a diagnostic kit for use in the prediction or diagnosis of pregnancy induced hypertension, pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications.

[0008] In the use of the first aspect, the diagnostic kit may further comprise instructions for the performance of an assay for measuring the levels of neurokinin B in a biological sample and correlating the assay results with the likely future development of pregnancy-induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications respectively.

[0009] In a second aspect of the invention there is provided use of a binding partner to neurokinin B precursor gene product or variant or fragment thereof, together with instructions for the performance of an assay for measuring the levels of neurokinin B in a biological sample and correlating the assay results with the predicted future seventy of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications, respectively, in the manufacture of a diagnostic kit for estimating the likely future severity of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal conditions.

[0010] Preferably, in the first and second aspects of the invention, the binding partner is an antibody specific for neurokinin B precursor, neurokinin B or epitopic variants or epitopic fragments thereof. More preferably the binding partner is an antibody specific for the human neurokinin B precursor having the sequence of Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:1), or epitopic variants or epitopic fragments thereof.

[0011] In a third aspect of the invention there is provided the use of an agent which inhibits the biological effect of neurokinin B in the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention or treatment of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications.

[0012] In a preferred embodiment of the third aspect, there is provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising an agent which inhibits the biological effect of neurokinin B, for use in the prevention or treatment of pregnancy induced hypertension, pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications.

[0013] In a fourth aspect of the invention there is provided a method of predicting or diagnosing pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications in a human subject by assessing the concentration in a biological sample of human neurokinin B precursor gene product or a variant or a fragment thereof.

[0014] In a fifth aspect of the invention there is provided a method of predicting or diagnosing pregnancy induced hypertension at an early stage in a human subject or of predicting pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications in a human subject by assessing the concentration in a biological sample of neurokinin B or its precursor, or an epitopic variant or epitopic fragment thereof.

[0015] Preferably, the methods of the fourth and fifth aspects comprise assessing the concentration in a biological sample, e.g. blood, of neurokinin B. Neurokinin B and its precursor may have the sequences of SEQ ID NO:1 and SEQ ID NO:2 respectively.

[0016] In a sixth aspect of the invention there is provided a method of estimating the likely future degree of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications in a human subject by assessing the concentration in a biological sample, e.g. blood, of human neurokinin B precursor or a variant or a fragment thereof, and correlating the results with the predicted future severity of pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications.

[0017] Preferably the method of the sixth aspect comprises assessing the concentration in a biological sample, e.g. blood, of neurokinin B, and correlating the results with the predicted future severity of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications, respectively. The concentration may be assessed by using an antibody specific for neurokinin B.

[0018] A human neurokinin B precursor gene product or a variant or a fragment thereof may be used in the manufacture of a diagnostic for use in the prediction or diagnosis of pregnancy-induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications.

[0019] An epitopic variant or epitopic fragment of human neurokinin B precursor may be used. Alternatively, neurokinin B may be used.

[0020] A kit for use in the prediction or diagnosis of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications may comprise a binding partner, e.g. an antibody, to a neurokinin B precursor gene product or variant or fragment thereof.

[0021] A kit for use in the prediction or diagnosis of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia of related foetal complications, may comprise a binding partner, e.g. an antibody, to neurokinin B precursor gene product or variant or fragment thereof, together with instructions of the performance of an assay for predicting the levels of neurokinin B in a biological sample and correlating the assay results with the likely future development of pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications.

[0022] A kit for use in estimating the likely future degree of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications, may comprise a binding partner, e.g. an antibody, to a neurokinin B precursor gene product or variant or fragment thereof, together with instructions for the performance of an assay for predicting the levels of neurokinin B in a biological sample and correlating the assay results with the predicted future severity of pregnancy-induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications.

[0023] An agonist of neurokinin B or neurokinin B may be used in the preparation of a medicament for the reduction of blood volume in cases of hypertension.

Figure 1 shows the polypeptide sequence of cloned human neurokinin B precursor, available under Accession No. aaf76980.

Figure 2 shows the polypeptide sequence of the active neurokinin B peptide.

Figure 3 shows the polynucleotide sequence of placental cDNA of the human neurokinin B precursor, where ATG is the initiation codon; TAG is the stop codon; AATAAA is a polyadenylation signal; AAAAA is the polyA tail; and GGCACAGAGCTGCTCCACAGGCACC is the PCR primer based on Homo sapiens cDNA clone 138761 (Accession No. R63635) similar to the bovine clone, of Accession No. P08858 neurokinin B precursor used to amplify complete gene.

Figure 4 shows the genomic sequence of neurokinin B, including the 27928 base pair promoter region, the introns, and seven exons (underlined).

Figure 5 shows the results of semi-quantitative PCR for the complete human neurokinin B precursor using mRNA collected at weeks 9, 13 and term. Reverse transcription PCR was performed using mRNA collected at weeks 9, 13 and term (T) to amplify a 733 bp full length neurokinin B precursor cDNA. Primers for β-actin were used as the controls (257 bp). M1 denotes a 1kb DNA ladder; and M2 denotes a 100 bp DNA ladder.

Figure 6 shows HPLC results for oxidised and reduced neurokinin B in human pregnancy plasma and human term placenta. Placental extracts revealed the peptide to be present in significant amounts (21 pg g^{-1} in early and 25 pg g^{-1} in term placenta) and its chromatographic behaviour was identical to synthetic NKB. Partial oxidation of placental NKB during extraction resulted in the production of three oxidised forms in which one or both of the two-methionine residues were oxidised (**a** in plasma and **b** in placenta). The resulting methionine sulphoxides conferred reduced hydrophobicity, so that they eluted before the reduced form. This elution pattern matched that produced by the partial oxidation of synthetic NKB by hydrogen peroxide. Complete oxidation by hydrogen peroxide resulted in all the NKB eluting in the position of the first peak. A similar elution pattern was also observed after extraction of NKB from term placenta samples (**b**).

Figure 7 shows the cardiovascular effect of neurokinin B in conscious rats. Changes in blood pressure and heart rate during infusion of saline or incremental doses of NKB in conscious unrestrained female rats. NKB was infused at doses of 1.8 nmol h^{-1} (per kg) from time = 0, 18 nmol h^{-1} (per kg) from time = 16 h and 180 nmol h^{-1}(per kg) from time = 20 h. Values are mean ± s.e. mean. * denotes a significant difference from the original baseline and from the values at t = 20 h (Friedman's test).

Figure 8 shows an *in situ* hybridisation of for neurokinin B mRNA in the placenta of humans and rats. **a**, human at term (39 weeks) with human antisense probe **b**, human at term (39 weeks) with human sense probe **c**, rat 18 day

placenta with rat antisense probe and **d**, high magnification showing giant cells of the rat placenta expressing neurokinin B. Magnification: a, 10x original size, b 10x, c 16x, d 40x.

[0024] The present invention is partly based upon the discovery that early and/or excessive release of neurokinin B into the maternal blood stream by the developing placenta can be a cause of pregnancy induced hypertension and pre-eclampsia. In particular, it has been postulated that those likely to suffer from pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia have slightly elevated levels of neurokinin B in the maternal blood stream at approximately 10 to 12 weeks into pregnancy. Monitoring of neurokinin B early in pregnancy, for example at 10 to 12 weeks or before, is useful in predicting whether the individual is likely to suffer from pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia later in pregnancy, and whether they are likely to suffer from pre-eclampsia related foetal complications such a foetal growth retardation, foetal hypoxia or miscarriage. Measurement of neurokinin B levels after 10 to 12 weeks into pregnancy, for example at 18 weeks may enable the prediction to be confirmed and a diagnosis of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications to be made. Further, it has been observed that the level of increase in neurokinin B levels after any initial prediction of hypertension or pre-eclampsia correlates with the future severity of the condition. In particular, it has been shown that a relationship exists between the degree of increase in neurokinin B and the future severity of the condition. These observations can be used in the prediction of the future severity of the condition. Also, other post-processing fragments of the human neurokinin B precursor may be involved in the development of those conditions. In addition, the production of neurokinin B and/or other fragments of human neurokinin B precursor may be associated with the development of hypertension in non-pregnant individuals.

[0025] In the present invention, foetal complications include any foetal condition which is related to pre-eclampsia. Specifically, foetal complications include foetal growth retardation, foetal hypoxia, pre-term labour, and in severe cases, miscarriage.

[0026] For the purpose of the present invention, neurokinin B precursor gene products include polynucleotide sequences encoding neurokinin B precursor or neurokinin B, and neurokinin B precursor polypeptides. Polynucleotide sequences include genomic or cDNA sequences, for example those of Figures 3 or 4, and RNA, preferably mRNA. Preferably, the neurokinin B precursor polypeptides have the sequences shown in Figure 1. Fragments of neurokinin B precursor gene products are fragments which are derived from the precursor gene products and include the polynucleotide or polypeptide sequences encoding neurokinin B, fragments thereof, and other post-processing fragments of the precursor. Preferably the neurokinin B peptide derived from the precursor has the sequence of Figure 2. Epitopic fragments or variants are those which comprise an amino acid sequence, typically of at least 4 residues, which constitutes a site to which the antibody can bind. A preferred epitopic fragment is the amino acid sequence DMHD of Figure 1.

[0027] Also included are variants of neurokinin B precursor gene products. Preferably, variants share at least 80%, at least 90%, at least 95%, at least 98% and most preferably at least 99 % sequence identity with the neurokinin B precursor gene products or fragments thereof, and preferably retain the same biological activity as the gene product or fragment.

[0028] "% identity", as known in the art, is a measure of the relationship between two polypeptide sequences between two polypeptide sequences or two polynucleotide sequences, as determined by comparing their sequences. In general, the two sequences to be compared are aligned to give a maximum correlation between the sequences. The alignment of the two sequences is examined and the number of positions giving an exact amino acid or nucleotide correspondence between the two sequences determined, divided by the total length of the alignment and multiplied by 100 to give a % identity figure. This % identity figure may be determined over the whole length of the sequences to be compared, which is particularly suitable for sequences of the same or very similar length and which are highly homologous, or over shorter defined lengths, which is more suitable for sequences of unequal length or which have a lower level of homology.

[0029] Methods for comparing the identity of two or more sequences are well known in the art. Thus for instance, programs available in the Wisconsin Sequence Analysis Package, version 9.1 (Devereux J *et al* , Nucleic Acids Res. 12:387-395, 1984, available from Genetics Computer Group, Maidson, Wisconsin, USA), for example the programs BESTFIT and GAP, may be used to determine the % identity between two polynucleotides and the % identity between two polypeptide sequences. BESTFIT uses the "local homology" algorithm of Smith and Waterman (Advances in Applied Mathematics, 2:482-489, 1981) and finds the best single region of similarity between two sequences. BESTFIT is more suited to comparing two polynucleotide or two polypeptide sequences which are dissimilar in length, the program assuming that the shorter sequence represents a portion of the longer. In comparison, GAP aligns two sequences finding a "maximum similarity" according to the algorithm of Neddleman and Wunsch (J. Mol. Biol. 48:443-354, 1970). GAP is more suited to comparing sequences which are approximately the same length and an alignment is expected over the entire length. Preferably, the parameters "Gap Weight" and "Length Weight" used in each program are 50 and 3 for polynucleotide sequences and 12 and 4 for polypeptide sequences, respectively. Preferably, % identities and similarities are determined when the two sequences being compared are optimally aligned.

[0030] Other programs for determining identity and/or similarity between sequences are also known in the art, for

instance the BLAST family of programs (Altschul S.F. *et al* , J. Mol. Biol., 215:403-410, 1990, Altschul S.F. *et al*, Nucleic Acids Res., 25:289-3402, 1997, available from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCB), Bethesda, Maryland, USA and accessible through the home page of the NCBI at www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) and FASTA (Pearson W. R. and Lipman D.J., Proc. Nat. Acac. Sci., USA, 85:2444-2448, 1988, available as part of the Wisconsin Sequence Analysis Package). Preferably, the BLOSUM62 amino acid substitution matrix (Henikoff S. and Henikoff J.G., Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci., USA, 89:10915-10919, 1992) is used in polypeptide sequence comparisons including where nucleotide sequences are first translated into amino acid sequences before comparison.

[0031] Preferably, the program BESTFIT is used to determine the % identity of a query polynucleotide or a polypeptide sequence with respect to a polynucleotide or a polypeptide sequence of the present invention, the query and the reference sequence being optimally aligned and the parameters of the program set at the default value.

[0032] Certain aspects of the invention relate to predicting or diagnosing pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications in a human subject. These aspects may include, for example, assessing the concentration in a biological sample of neurokinin B precursor gene product, or variants or fragments thereof. These aspects preferably comprise comparing the results of an assessment of the concentration of human neurokinin B gene product (e.g. neurokinin B or its precursor) in a sample with expected values or with the values found in the subject at an earlier date.

[0033] Preferably these aspects are carried out at an early stage of pregnancy, for example 10-12 weeks for prediction, or 18 weeks for diagnosis.

[0034] Any means of measuring neurokinin B gene products available to those skilled in the art may be included. Preferably, the kits described herein are used. In addition to the step of determining the presence of neurokinin B mRNA, neurokinin B or its precursor, or variants or fragments thereof, in a biological sample, additional steps may also be included. Such additional steps may include one or more of the following: collecting the biological sample; preparing the biological sample; measuring the concentration of target neurokinin B gene products such as polypeptide or polypeptides in the sample; preparing standard curves to predict expected concentrations of the target neurokinin B gene products in non-pregnant individuals or in pregnant individuals at the same or different stages of pregnancy; comparing the results obtained from a particular biological sample with the appropriate expected values or the appropriate standard curve to determine the severity of the condition; or repeating some or all of the previous steps at a later date to determine if the severity of the condition has changed.

[0035] Suitable methods of detection based on kits will be dear to one skilled in the art and include radioimmunoassay (RIA), enzyme linked immunosorbant assay (ELISA), immunoradiometric assay (IRMA), antisense technology, or radioreceptor assay (RRA). In the latter, for example the NK_3 receptor or other neurokinin B binding partner may be used in a detection system or biosensor system. Further detection methods may also include as well as radiometric methods, non-radioactive methods such as fluorescence and luminescence.

[0036] A preferred method is radioimmunoassay, which relies on the interaction of a small amount of radiolabeled peptide, eg neurokinin B, with a limiting amount of binding partner such as antibody (e.g. specific for NKB). The displacement of radiolabeled peptide by increasing doses of standard peptide is compared to that displaced by unknowns. This is normally monitored by separating binding partner bound label from free label usually by using a precipitation step which brings down the binding partner followed by centrifugation, although there are adsorbents (e.g. charcoal) which can bind the free labeled fraction and can then be removed by centrifugation. IRMA can be one site or two site and uses an excess of specific binding partner such as antibody which in this case is radiolabeled. In the one site assay, separation is effected by an excess of peptide linked to a solid phase which removes unreacted binding partner. In the two site method a second specific binding partner (usually linked to a solid phase) is used which is specific to a separate epitope on the peptide. Separation is easily effected by removal of the complex on the solid phase. RRA is similar to RIA in that a limiting amount of receptor is substituted for the antibody. Often the receptor preparation will be in the form of a membrane preparation so that washing and separation of the bound label can be performed by e. g. centrifugation. The use of enzymes as the signalling moiety in immunometric assays is commonly achieved by cross linking an enzyme to the specific antibody or the use of e.g. a pig anti mouse antibody cross-linked to an enzyme when a mouse monoclonal antibody is used in the initial reaction.

[0037] The invention also relates to methods of estimating the likely future degree of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications. These methods preferably comprise comparing the results of an assessment of the concentration of human neurokinin B gene product (e.g. neurokinin B or its precursor) in a sample with expected values. It is believed that the tenth week of pregnancy, or later, for example after 18 weeks, may be particularly valuable times at which to assess the presence (and concentration) of the human neurokinin B gene products.

[0038] The methods of the invention are carried out *in vitro*, on a sample removed from the body. Any biological sample may be used in the methods of the invention. Preferred biological samples include blood, saliva or urine.

[0039] The invention also provides use of an agent which inhibits the biological effect of neurokinin B in the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention or treatment of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related

foetal complications. Agents which inhibit the biological effects of neurokinin B include any agents that act, for example, by removing the neurokinin B from the plasma; by altering its structure to prevent it binding to receptors; by binding to the receptors directly to block the binding of neurokinin B thereto (but without themselves causing the effects at those receptors normally caused by neurokinin B), by exerting a counter effect to the neurokinin B at the same or different receptors or by reducing or preventing gene expression or translation, for example by modulating activity of the neurokinin B gene promoter and/or by using antisense technology. Also included are agents which inhibit the production or processing of the precursor to prevent production of neurokinin B. Within this context, agents inhibiting the biological effect of neurokinin B include agents inhibiting the biological effect of any variants or fragments of human neurokinin B or its precursor which are involved in the development of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications. The principal site of action of human neurokinin B is the NK_3 receptor and therefore preferred agents which inhibit the biological effects of neurokinin B for use in the invention include NK_3 receptor antagonists. However, at the high circulatory concentrations found in near term pregnancy, particularly in pregnancy induced hypertensive or pre-eclamptic subjects, neurokinin B may also have significant effects at other receptors (eg the NK_1 or NK_2 receptors) and therefore the agents which inhibit the biological effects of neurokinin B for use in the present invention also include agents which prevent neurokinin B's effects at such other specific receptors, as well as broad spectrum neurokinin antagonists and combinations thereof.

[0040] Since 1991, a number of high-affinity nonpeptide antagonists have been reported. Snider R. M., et al., (Science, 251:435 (1991)), and Garret C., et al., (Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 88.:10208 (1991)), described CP-96,345 and RP 67580, respectively, as antagonists at the NK_1 receptor, while Advenier C., et al., (Brit. J. Pharmacol., 105:78 (1992)), presented data on SR 48968 showing its high affinity and selectivity for NK_2 receptors. More recently Macleod, et al., (J. Med. Chem., 36:2044 (1993)) have published on a novel series of tryptophan derivatives as NK_1 receptor antagonists. Recently, FK 888, a "dipeptide" with high affinity for the NK_1 receptor was described (Fujii J., et al., Neuropeptide, 22:24 (1992)).

[0041] Suitable NK_3 receptor antagonists for use in the present invention include all materials blocking or reducing the effect of neurokinin B at the NK_3 receptor, for example, those materials described in Gao and Peet (Current Medicinal Chemistry, 1999, 6, 375-388), Khavaga and Rogers (Int.J.Biochem Cell Biol. 1996, 28, 7, 721-738), US 5,942,523, US 5,846,973, US 5,491,140, US 5,328,927, US 5,360,820, US 5,344,830, US 5,331,089, US 4,742,156, US 4,665,157, EP 591,040A, WO 94/01402, WO 94/04494, WO 93/011609, Canadian Patent Application 2,154,116, EP 693,489 and Canadian Patent Application 2,151,116. Specific examples of suitable antagonists include the receptor selective ligand, SR 142801 (Edmonds-Alt, et al., Life Sciences, 56:27 (1995)), and the decapeptides of formula: A^1 -D-Pro^2 -His^3 -D^4 -Phe^5-D-Trp^6 -Val^7 -D-Trp^8 -Leu^9 -Nle^{10} -NH_2 wherein A^1 and D^4 are Asp or D-Asp amino acids.

[0042] Preferred agents for inhibiting the biological effects of neurokinin B include those which modulate activity of the neurokinin B precursor gene promoter, thus altering the level of transcription of the neurokinin B precursor gene. Examples of such agents include competitive or non-competitive antagonists of neurokinin precursor B gene promoter transcription factors, agents which inhibit the biological effect of neurokinin B precursor gene promoter transcription factors, agonists of neurokinin B precursor gene promoter inhibitors, and polynucleotide sequences which bind to, and inhibit, neurokinin B precursor gene promoter activity. Preferably, such polynucleotide will be sufficiently complimentary to whole or part of the promoter sequence such that they hybridise thereto and inhibit promoter activity, preferably *in vivo*. Examples of suitable polynucleotide sequences are those which have at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 97%, 98% and preferably 99% sequence identity with the compliment of whole or part of the promoter. Preferably the polynucleotide sequence will be complimentary to a regulatory region of the promoter, for example a transcription factor binding site.

[0043] Where the agent is a polynucleotide sequence, it is preferably administered in the form of a vector. The vector may additionally comprise one or more regulatory sequences for activation of expression of the polynucleotide sequence, for example promoters including response elements, consensus sites, methylation sites, locus control regions, post-transcriptional modifications, splice variants, homeoboxes, inducible factors, DNA binding domains, enhancer sequences, initiation codons, and polyA sequences. Such agents may be administered by any suitable gene therapy technique, which will be known to persons skilled in the art.

[0044] Administration of pharmaceutical compositions is accomplished by any effective route, e.g. orally or parenterally. Methods of parenteral delivery include topical, intra-arterial, subcutaneous, intramedullary, intravenous, or intranasal administration. Administration can also be effected by amniocentesis related techniques. Oral administration followed by subcutaneous injection would be the preferred routes of uptake; also long acting immobilisations would be used. Also, as the effects of placental NKB will be on peripheral receptors, effectively drugs devoid of side effects to the central nervous system should be preferably peptide-like in their distribution properties. In addition to the active ingredients, these pharmaceutical compositions may contain suitable pharmaceutically acceptable carriers comprising excipients and other compounds that facilitate processing of the active compounds into preparations which can be used pharmaceutically. Further details on techniques for formulation and administration may be found in the latest edition of "REMINGTON'S PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES" (Maack Publishing Co, Easton PA).

[0045] Pharmaceutical compositions for oral administration can be formulated using pharmaceutically acceptable carriers well known in the art, in dosages suitable for oral administration. Such carriers enable the pharmaceutical compositions to be formulated as tablets, pills, dragees, capsules, liquids, gels, syrups, slurries, suspensions, etc., suitable for ingestion by the patient.

[0046] Pharmaceutical preparations for oral use can be obtained through combination of active compounds with solid excipient, optionally grinding a resulting mixture, and processing the mixture of granules, after adding suitable additional compounds, if desired, to obtain tablets or dragee cores. Suitable excipients are carbohydrate or protein fillers. These include, but are not limited to sugars, including lactose, sucrose, mannitol, or sorbitol, starch from corn, wheat, rice, potato, or other plants; cellulose such as methyl cellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl-cellulose, or sodium carboxymethylcellulose; and gums including arabic and tragacanth; as well as proteins, such as gelatin and collagen. If desired, disintegrating or solubilising agents may be added, such as the cross-linked polyvinyl pyrrolidone, agar, alginic acid, or a salt thereof, such as sodium alginate.

[0047] Dragee cores are provided with suitable coatings such as concentrated sugar solutions, which may also contain gum arabic, talc, polyvinylpyrrolidone, carbopol gel, polyethylene glycol, and/or titanium dioxide, lacquer solutions, and suitable organic solvents or solvent mixtures. Dyestuffs or pigments may be added to the tablets or dragee coatings for product identification or to characterise the quantity of active compound (i.e. dosage).

[0048] Pharmaceutical preparations, which can be used orally, include push-fit capsules made of gelatin, as well as soft, sealed capsules made of gelatin and a coating such as glycerol or sorbitol. Push-fit capsules can contain active ingredients mixed with filler or binders such as lactose or starches, lubricants such as talc or magnesium stearate, and, optionally, stabilisers. In soft capsules, the active compounds may be dissolved or suspended in suitable liquids, such as fatty oils, liquid paraffin, or liquid polyethylene glycol with or without stabilisers.

[0049] Pharmaceutical formulations for parenteral administration indude aqueous solutions of active compounds. For injection, the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention may be formulated in aqueous solutions, preferably in physiologically compatible buffers such as Hank's solution, Ringer's solution, or physiologically buffered saline. Aqueous injection suspensions may contain substances, which increase the viscosity of the suspension, such as sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, sorbitol, or dextran. Additionally, suspensions of the active compounds may be prepared as appropriate oily injection suspensions. Suitable lipophilic solvents or vehicles include fatty oils such as sesame oil, or synthetic fatty acid esters, such as ethyl oleate or triglycerides, or liposomes. Optionally, the suspension may also contain suitable stabilisers or agents, which increase the solubility of the compounds to allow for the preparation of highly concentrated solutions.

[0050] For topical or nasal administration, penetrants appropriate to the particular barrier to be permeated are used in the formulation. Such penetrants are generally known in the art.

[0051] The pharmaceutical compositions useful in the present invention may be manufactured in a manner similar to that known in the art (e.g. by means of conventional mixing, dissolving, granulating, dragee-making, levigating, emulsifying, encapsulating, entrapping or lyophilising processes). The pharmaceutical compositions may also be modified to provide appropriate release characteristics, e.g. sustained release or targeted release, by convention means, e.g. coating.

[0052] The pharmaceutical composition may be provided as a salt and can be formed with many acids, including but not limited to hydrochloric, sulfuric, acetic, lactic, tartaric, malic, succinic, etc. Salts tend to be more soluble in aqueous or other protonic solvents that are the corresponding free base forms. In other cases, the preferred preparation may be a lyophilised powder in 1 mM-50 mM histidine, 0.1%-2% sucrose, 2%-7% mannitol at a pH range of 4.5 to 5.5, that is combined with buffer prior to use.

[0053] The agents for use in the invention (eg NK_3 receptor antagonists) can also be modified so that they are only delivered to selected target sites. For example, by adjusting their stability towards proteolytic digestion in the gut or ability not to pass the blood/brain barrier, or by producing composite molecules including a targeting component, e.g. an antibody selective for the target site.

[0054] After pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound useful in the invention formulated in an acceptable carrier have been prepared, they can be placed in an appropriate container and labelled for treatment of an indicated condition. For administration of NK_3 receptor antagonists, such labelling would include amount, frequency and method of administration.

[0055] Pharmaceutical compositions suitable for use in the present invention include compositions wherein the active ingredients are contained in an effective amount to achieve the intended purpose. Thus, a therapeutically effective amount is an amount sufficient to ameliorate the symptoms of the disease being treated. The amount actually administered will be dependent upon the individual to which treatment is to be applied, and will preferably be an optimised amount such that the desired effect is achieved without significant side-effects. The determination of a therapeutically effective dose is well within the capability of those skilled in the art. Of course, the skilled person will realise that divided and partial doses are also within the scope of the invention.

[0056] For any compound, the therapeutically effective dose can be estimated initially either in cell culture assays

or in any appropriate animal model (eg primates for pre-eclampsia, rats and guinea pigs for hypertension and other small laboratory animals for use with induced hypertension and induced pre-eclampsia). These assays should take into account receptor activity as well as downstream processing activity. The animal model is also used to achieve a desirable concentration range and route of administration. Such information can then be used to determine useful doses and routes for administration in humans.

[0057] A therapeutically effective amount refers to that amount of agent, which ameliorates the symptoms or condition. Therapeutic efficacy and toxicity of such compounds can be determined by standard pharmaceutical procedures, in cell cultures or experimental animals (e.g. ED_{50}, the dose therapeutically effective in 50% of the population; and LD_{50}, the dose lethal to 50% of the population). The dose ratio between therapeutic and toxic effects is the therapeutic index, and it can be expressed as the ration ED_{50}/LD_{50}. Pharmaceutical compositions, which exhibit large therapeutic indices, are preferred. The data obtained from cell culture assays and animal studies is used in formulating a range of dosage for human use. The dosage of such compounds lies preferably within a range of circulating concentrations that include the ED_{50} with little or no toxicity. The dosage varies within this range depending upon the dosage form employed, sensitivity of the patient, and the route of administration.

[0058] The exact dosage is chosen by the individual physician in view of the patient to be treated. Dosage and administration are adjusted to provide sufficient levels of the active moiety or to maintain the desired effect. Additional factors, which may be taken into account, include the severity of the disease state. Long acting pharmaceutical compositions might be administered every 3 to 4 days, every week, or once every two weeks depending on half-life and clearance rate of the particular formulation. Guidance as to particular dosages and methods of delivery is provided in the literature (see, US Patent No's 4,657,760; 5,206,344 and 5,225,212.

[0059] The agents which inhibit the biological effect of neurokinin B for use in preparing medicaments for preventing or treating pre-eclampsia; are preferably formulated such that use of the agent is effective in, but not restricted to, the post prandial phase. The agents may for example be selected to be effective over a 24 hour period rather than exdusively in the post-prandial phase. The post-prandial phase is a particularly important time as it is believed that pre-eclampsia is associated with the build-up of toxins in the maternal blood supply due to the failure of the blood to pass through the liver (which normally removes the toxins) because of high pressure in the portal vein. Thus, transient relief of hypertension following meals will allow the blood to pass through the liver at the time when the highest concentration of toxins will be present and will therefore provide a large reduction in the risk of pre-eclampsia whilst producing only a short decrease in the effect caused by the placentally produced neurokinin B. This time limited effect may be achieved by selecting agents with short durations of activity and using appropriate formulations and dosage schedules.

[0060] Preferably, prevention or treatment of the conditions addressed herein will begin as soon as possible after the initial prediction or diagnosis is made, for example after 10 weeks into pregnancy. The decision regarding initiation of a course of treatment will of course be the decision of a physician, and may therefore begin earlier or later. Typically, the course will be given throughout pregnancy or until symptoms subside. This may continue until up to eight weeks after birth. In individuals who have been determined as being at risk of developing foetal conditions such as growth retardation or hypoxia, or pre-eclampisa, (by consideration of other factors such as previous miscarriages or complications in pregnancy) the course may be initiated as soon as pregnancy is confirmed, and may continue until term.

[0061] A human neurokinin B precursor gene product or a variant or fragment thereof may be used in the manufacture of a diagnostic kit for use in the prediction or diagnosis of pregnancy included hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications. Preferably, the gene product used is neurokinin B, or a variant or fragment thereof, for example in the production of a diagnostic comprising a binding partner specific for neurokinin B. Preferably, the variants or fragments are epitopic. It is envisaged that other gene products could also be used, for example regulatory sequences of the neurokinin B precursor genomic sequence, or neurokinin B precursor mRNA in the production of antisense sequences.

[0062] The polypeptides used include human neurokinin B or its precursor, or variants or fragments thereof. Preferably, the polypeptides comprise the sequence of Figure 1 or Figure 2 respectively. Preferably, the fragments or variants are epitopic, as defined above.

[0063] These polypeptides may be produced in isolated, substantially pure form or as recombinant polypeptides. Method for doing so will be clear to one skilled in the art. These will include, for example, recombinant techniques or extraction, gel separation or more commonly, for peptides the size of neurokinin B, chemical synthesis, eg liquid and solid phase peptide.

[0064] Kits are provided for predicting the onset of, diagnosing, or estimating the future severity of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-edampsia or related foetal complications. The kits of the invention comprise a means for detecting the production of human neurokinin B gene products such as polynucleotides or polypeptides encoding neurokinin B or its precursor, or fragments or variants thereof, by the subject Thus the kits will commonly comprise one or more of: a binding partner to neurokinin B or its precursor; neurokinin B polypeptide or variants or fragments thereof; and/or polynucleotide sequences which hybridise to a sequence encoding neurokinin B or a variant or fragment thereof.

[0065] By binding partner is meant any substance capable of detecting (and binding to) the target, eg an antibody.

Preferred binding partners for use in the kits of the invention are antibodies which are specific for neurokinin B precursor, or epitopic fragments or epitopic variants thereof. Preferred are antibodies to neurokinin B and antibodies to the human neumkinin B precursor. Most preferred are antibodies which are specific for neurokinin B, but antibodies specific to any other breakdown products of the neurokinin B precursor which remain in the body for a measurable time may also be used. These antibodies are capable of binding fragments of the human neurokinin B precursor to identify the production of the precursor by the human body. The antibodies of the invention may be, for example, polyclonal, monoclonal, chimeric or humanised antibodies or fragments thereof. Binding partners which cross react with related peptides such as Substance P or NKA, for example, may be useful as a medicament or in diagnosis, as they share a common sequence (FVGLM-NH_2) with neurokinin B.

[0066] Methods of producing such antibodies will be apparent to one skilled in the art. For example, in the case of polyclonal antibodies, by standard methods of animal immunisation or, for monoclonal antibodies, by the well-known methods of Köhler and Milstein, or by use of the methods discussed in US 5,844,080. Chimeric antibodies can be made by genetic engineering techniques, and are antibodies in which the constant region is human in origin, but the variable regions are derived from, for example, a mouse antibody. The advantage of chimeric antibodies is to reduce immunogenicity. Humanised antibodies take this principle even further, in that only the complementarity determining regions and a minimum number of further amino acids in the variable regions are derived from an animal such as a mouse. The rest of the antibody structure is human in sequence, and is recognised by the human immune system as human (see, for example, Queen et al, PNAS, USA 86 (December 1989), 10029-10033).

[0067] Polynucleotides of the kits are preferably those which hybridise to a sequence encoding neurokinin B or its precursor, or a variant or fragment thereof, or complements thereof, under stringent conditions. Preferred are polynucleotide sequences which hybridise to the nucleotide sequence of Figure 3 or Figure 4, or their complements, under stringent hybridisation conditiocis. Stringent conditions are, for example, 6x SSC at 65°C. Preferably, such polynucleotide sequences have at least 85%, and least 90%, at least 95%, preferably at least 98% and most preferably at least 99% sequence identity with the compliment of the reference sequence. Such polynudeotide sequences are preferably at least 10 nucleotides in length, and will be useful in detecting expression of neurokinin B or its precursor. Such polynucleotides are useful in antisense technology or diagnostic PCR.

[0068] Means of producing the polynucleotides of the invention will be clear to those skilled in the art, for example, they may be produced synthetically or by probing an appropriate cDNA or genomic library (particularly a placental cDNA library).

[0069] The kits used in the invention may also comprise instructions for the performance of an assay for predicting or diagnosing the levels of neurokinin B in a biological sample (this may either be by direct measurement of neurokinin B or by measuring the concentration of human neurokinin B precursor, or a fragment thereof, and using this value to predict the amount of neurokinin B present). The components of the commercial neurokinin B radioimmunoassay kit RIK 7357 by Peninsula Laboratories, Belmont, CA, USA can be used in the present invention. The kits useful in the invention preferably also comprise a key, showing the corretation between the levels of neurokinin B gene product in the biological sample and diagnosis of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications, and/or the likely future onset and/or severity of these conditions.

[0070] Also provided are kits for the prevention or treatment of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications, comprising means for inhibiting the biological effect of neurokinin B or its precursor in a subject. Preferably, such means include those agents defined above.In particular, the antibodies or polynucleotide sequences as described above may also be useful in these kits for inhibiting the biological effect of neurokinin B or its precursor. The kits preferably also obtain instructions for use of the kit to prevent or treat pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications and/or a key showing the correlation between the amount of agent used and the likely effect on the condition.

[0071] Pre-eclampsia may also be alleviated by modifying the diet of a human subject to reduce the content of toxins (e.g.alkaloids) and toxin generating substances therein. Toxin generating substances include proteins which are digested in, and absorbed from, the gut as amino acids most of which are toxic if they circulate in blood in too high concentrations. Normally any amino acids in excess of daily requirement are immediately deaminated by the liver and metabolised. Increasing the proportion of carbohydrates in the diet may also be of particular benefit. The dietary pattern of the subject may also be modified to prevent peak concentrations of potential toxins appearing in the portal vein, for example by substantially reducing the size of individual meals (and increasing the frequency of small meals).

[0072] Agonists of neurokinin B may also be used as pharmaceutical agents where an increase in blood pressure or decrease in blood volume is considered to be beneficial. Suitable agonists include any acting to supplement or mimic the effect of neurokinin B at the NK_3 receptor (or at any other receptor), for example senktide or [$MePhe^7$] NKB.

[0073] Means of screening potential effective agents (e.g. NK_3 receptor antagonists and agonists) by testing their ability to block (or enhance) the hypertensive effect of neurokinin B in an appropriate model may be provided. Once suitable agents have been identified, they may then further be tested to determine their potential in preventing or treating hypertension; pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia, and used accordingly. Screening methods

include large array techniques such as the Vilsips™ technology of Affymetric Inc; see, e.g. EPB No. 0476014.

[0074] Transfected cells lines containing the cloned NK_3 (or NK_1 or NK_2) receptor could be used in receptor binding and cell signalling pathway studies in a way clear to one skilled in the art. Essentially, either cells lines expressing endogenously high levels of neurokinin receptors or cell lines transfected with cloned cDNA constructs of the neurokinin receptor may be used to produce membrane preparations. Membrane preparations, of purified receptors in solution or after reconstitution into phospholipid membranes, may then be used to assess receptor binding with labelled agonists and/or antagonists of neurokinin B. The effects of the action of the agonists and antagonists can be assessed using standard cell signalling assays. These will be typical of those routinely performed when using G-protein coupled receptors systems in a way clear to one skilled in the art (including such assays as receptor binding, cyclic AMP determination, protein kinase C, inositol triphosphate concentrations etc.). These studies could also be performed in animal models including the guinea pig and rat chronically infused with agonist to determine the long and short-term effects of neurokinin B, neurokinin B agonists and neurokinin B antagonists. Effects such as changes in heart rate, blood pressure, blood volume and weight of internal organs (e.g. uterus, placenta) may be measured.

EXAMPLES

Example 1

Production of human neurokinin B precursor cDNA

[0075] The cloning of placental cDNA, using the following methods, was used to identify the human neurokinin B precursor having the polypeptide sequence shown in Figure 1. The peptide sequence of neurokinin B in the precursor is underlined (the C-terminal G residue ends up as the amide on the C-terminal M in the final processed peptide of Figure 2). The cloned placental cDNA of the human neurokinin B precursor is shown in Figure 3 and has (underlined) the ATG initiation codon at 26-28, the TAG stop codon at 389-391, the AATAAA polyadenylation signal at 659-663 and the polyA tail starting at 680.

[0076] Human placental tissue was obtained from pregnancy terminations at weeks 9 and 13 of gestation and term. Samples were collected in compliance with and approval from the Local Research Ethics Committee. RNA was extracted essentially as described by Chomczinski, P. and Sacchi, N. (1987) Analytical Biochemistry, 162, 156-159.

[0077] The full-length preproneurokinin B precursor was amplified using RT-PCR from total human term placental RNA. This was done using the SMART RACE cDNA amplification method (Chenchik, A. *et al* (1998)). In RT-PCR Methods for Gene Cloning and Analysis. Eds. Siebert, P. and Larrick, J. (BioTechniques Books, MA), 305-319). Essentially, after total RNA extraction, reverse transcription was performed using a cDNA synthesis primer (5'AAGCAGTGGTAACAACGCAGAGTAC$(T)_{30}N_1N$3') which contained a 3' anchor sequence. 3' race was performed using a 5' gene specific primer (5'GGCACAGAGCTGCTCCACAGGCACCAT 3') derived from the Homo sapiens cDNA clone 138761 similar to bovine P08858 neurokinin B precursor. The resulting PCR fragment was gel purified following gel electrophoresis and cloned into the expression vector pGEM-T Easy. The resulting clones were sequenced and compared to submitted sequences in the GenBank database using the BLAST program (Altschul, S.F., *et al* (1990) J.Mol.Biol. 215:403-410).

Example 2

Semi-Quantitative PCR to measure NKB in placenta

[0078] Semi-quantitative PCR as described below was used to measure the mRNA expression of neurokinin B in placenta collected at 9 weeks, 13 weeks and at term. This showed differences in a degree of expression between the first trimester and term placenta. Expression levels were up by five times at term, as shown in Figure 5.

[0079] SMART RACE placental cDNA was amplified using a 5' gene specific primer (5'GGCACAGAGCTGCTCCACAGGCACCAT 3') derived from the Homo sapiens cDNA clone 138761 similar to bovine P08858 neurokinin B precursor and a 3' SMART anchor sequence primer. A specified primer pair for β-actin was used for normalisation. PCRs were performed using twenty-one cycles of 95°C for 30 sec and 68°C for 2 min. The primers were chosen deliberately to have high annealing temperatures so that the PCR reactions could be performed two step to reduce the possibility of non-specific products being formed. The number of cycles required to obtain a reproducible exponential amplification of the β-actin RT-PCR product was determined by terminating control reactions at 15, 18, 21, 24 and 30 cycles respectively. These experiments were used to check the accuracy, efficiency and amount of total RNA needed to obtain a semi-quantitative amplification in order to optimise the levels of β-actin PCR product produced. The PCR products were visualised by UV illumination following electrophoresis (A 1 kb DNA ladder (MI) and 100bp DNA ladder (M2) are shown in Figure 5 also).

Example 3

Neurokinin B extraction from placental tissue and plasma

[0080] Testing of placental extracts using the techniques set out below revealed neurokinin B to be present in significant amounts and its chromatographic properties in HPLC were identical to synthetic neurokinin B. It also displayed the same degree of loss of hydrophobicity (on HPLC) after oxidising its methionine residues. Oxidisation was found to give three peaks of double oxidised (1), single oxidised (2) and non-oxidised forms (3), see Figure 6. Figure 6(a) shows oxidised and reduced neurokinin B separated by RPHPLC from human pregnancy plasma and Figure 6(b) shows separation of condensed and reduced neurokinin by RPHPLC extracted from human term placenta.

Extraction of neurokinin B from placenta

[0081] Whole placentae were weighed and washed immediately after delivery with 150 mM sodium chloride solution containing 10 mM EDTA at pH 7.5. A tissue sample not exceeding 100g was excised and homogenised in 100 ml saline/EDTA solution using a blender with a glass vessel. Protease inhibitors, phenylmethylsulphonylfluoride, N-ethylmaleiimide, and pepstatin were added from a stock solution in methanol. After 20 seconds 800 ml of methanol were added and blending was continued for a further minute. The mixture was decanted into 200 ml polypropylene centrifuge tubes and subjected to centrifugation at 4°C and 3000 X g for 30 minutes. The supernatant was separated and stored overnight at 4°C resulting in further precipitation that was removed by centrifugation. The volume of each extract was reduced to less than one eighth of the initial volume and then diluted by addition of three volumes of water containing 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA). Any trace of suspended matter was removed by a final centrifugation step. The volume of extract was recorded and an amount corresponding to 20g of placenta reserved for solid phase extraction using Sep-Pak C18 3CC cartridges (Waters Chromatography Division, Millipore Corporation, Milford, MA, U.S.A.). Cartridges were primed prior to use by perfusion with 2 ml of the following solutions; 1) water containing 0.1% TFA and 0.1% Polypep gelatine hydrolysate (Sigma-Aldrich, Poole, UK), 2) water containing 0.1% TFA, 3) water containing 80% v/v acetonitrile and 4) water containing 0.1% TFA. Each extract was passed through a prepared cartridge, which was then washed with 2 ml 0.1% TFA in water, 2 ml 0.1% TFA in water containing acetonitrile 10% and 20% TFA. The column was eluted with 2 ml of 30%, 40% and 50% acetonitrile in water containing 0.1% TFA. Eluted fractions were reduced to dryness under vacuum after adding 1 mg of mannitol and 100 μg Polypep. Smaller placentae obtained from abortions were treated as above but dissociated in a glass homogeniser retaining the same proportions of buffer and methanol to placental weight.

Extraction of neurokinin B from plasma

[0082] Neurokinin B standards were prepared in pooled plasma from the blood of five young males taken into EDTA. The standards contained 1280, 640, 320, 160 and 80 pg/ml neurokinin B. Each 2ml of sample of plasma standard was acidified by addition of 220 μl 1M HC1 containing 0.21 M glycine. They were then diluted to 10 ml with 0.9% saline and subjected to centrifugation at 3000 X g for 20 minutes to ensure complete clarity. Sep-Pak C18 1 CC cartridges were primed as described above for Sep-Pak C18 3CC cartridges. After loading, cartridges were washed with 1 ml 0.1 M HC1 containing 0.02M glycine followed by 1 ml 0.1% TFA in water. Further washes with 1ml 0.1 % TFA in water containing 10 and 20% acetonitrile were followed by elution with 1 ml 0.1% TFA in a mixture of 50% water and acetonitrile. Eluted fractions were reduced to dryness under vacuum after adding 1 mg of mannitol and 100 μg Polypep. The acidification step ensured that we were extracting already processed mature peptide as it is possible that inactive circulating precursor could be cleaved by endogenous plasma proteases to produce immunoreactive peptides unless precautions are taken.

Example 4

Measurement of NKB in placental tissues and plasma

[0083] Placental and plasma extracts were reconstituted in 500 μl of buffer supplied as part of a commercial neurokinin B radioimmunoassay kit RIK 7357 by Peninsula Laboratories, Belmont, CA, USA to which had added 0.2% Igepal CA-630 non-ionic detergent (Sigma). Sub-samples of 25 μl were taken from extracted and non-extracted standards and mixed with 75 μl of the above buffer. Standards were prepared in buffer containing Igepal, but to which had been added 200 μg/ml Polypep. Anti-neurokinin antibody solution (100 μl) was added to all assay tubes except blanks and the assay was conducted as described in the "General Protocol for Radioimmunoassay Kit" instructions. Assays were performed in duplicate and results were corrected with reference to extracted standards.

[0084] The plasma and placental levels of neurokinin B in various human volunteers and rats were measured by the above methods. The results of the plasma samples are summarised in Table 1. Placental samples were collected from weeks 7 to 15 of pregnancy, and all seven were shown to contain equivalent significant amounts of neurokinin B; however concentrations of plasma NKB detected at term were in the 100 picomolar range that would be expected to have effects on the maternal cardiovasculature. Plasma samples taken from non-pregnant volunteers all had low levels of the peptide, as did the majority of plasma samples taken from individuals who had been admitted for elective abortions at weeks 7 to 15. Four samples from this latter group had concentrations equivalent to those found at term. This suggests that the placenta from this individual may have started to secrete supra-physiological concentrations of neurokinin B early in pregnancy. Samples of patients in late pregnancy suffering from hypertension and pre-eclampsia all had concentrations in the nanomolar range suggesting that raised neurokinin B may be responsible for their symptoms.

Table 1

Week of Pregnancy	Nmol/l NKB in normotensive pregnancies
6	0
9	0
9	0.97
10	0.535
13	0
13	0
13	0.083
13	0.511
14	0
14	0
14	0.511
17	0.182
17	0.182
18	0
23	0.12
24	0
25	0.17
27	0
28	0
28	0.033
31	0
31	0.031
32	0
33	0
37	0
38	0.07
39	0.138
40	0.05
40	0.2
41	0.118

Table 2

Week of pregnancy	Nmol/l NKB in pre-eclamptic pregnancies
30	3.964
34	6.156
36	3.796
37	2.141
38	2.752
39	2.004
39	6.288
39	0.98

Table 3

Patient number	Nmol/l NKB in normotensive pregnancies at term
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0.084
9	0.118
10	0.143
11	0.22
12	0.226
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Claims

1. Use of a binding partner to neurokinin B precursor gene product or variant or fragment thereof in the manufacture of a diagnostic kit for use in the prediction or diagnosis of pregnancy induced hypertension, pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications.

2. A use according to claim 1, wherein the diagnostic kit further comprises instructions for the performance of an assay for measuring the levels of neurokinin B in a biological sample and correlating the assay results with the likely future development of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications respectively.

3. Use of a binding partner to neurokinin B precursor gene product or variant or fragment thereof, together with instructions for the performance of an assay for measuring the levels of neurokinin B in a biological sample and correlating the assay results with the predicted future severity of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications, respectively, in the manufacture of a diagnostic kit for estimating the likely future severity of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal conditions.

4. A use as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the binding partner is an antibody specific for neurokinin B precursor, or neurokinin B or an epitopic fragment or epitopic variant thereof.

5. A use according to any one of claims l to 4 wherein the binding partner is an antibody specific for the human neurokinin B precursor having the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or an epitopic variant or epitopic fragment thereof.

6. A use as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 which wherein the diagnostic kit is a radioimmunoassay, an enzyme linked immunosorbant assay kit, an immunoradiometric assay kit or a radioreceptor assay or a fluorescence or luminescence based kit.

7. Use of an agent which inhibits the biological effect of neurokinin B in the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention or treatment of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications.

8. The use as claimed in claim 7 wherein the agent which inhibits the biological effect of neumkinin B is an NK_1, NK_2 or NK_3 antagonist.

9. The use as claimed in claim 8 wherein the NK_3 antagonist is SR142801, or the decapeptides with the following formula: A^1-D-Pro^2-His^3-D^4-Phe^5-D-Trp^6-Val^7-D-Trp^8-Leu^9-Nle^{10}-NH_2 wherein A^1 and D^4 are Asp or D-Asp amino acids.

10. The use as claimed in claim 7 wherein the agent which inhibits the biological effect of neurokinin B is one which modulates activity of the neurokinin B gene promoter.

11. The use as claimed in any one of claims 7 to 10 wherein the medicament is formulated such that the agent is

effective over a 24 hour period.

12. A method of predicting or diagnosing pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications in a human subject by assessing the concentration in a biological sample of human neurokinin B precursor gene product or a variant or a fragment thereof.

13. A method of predicting or diagnosing pregnancy induced hypertension at an early stage in a human subject or of predicting pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications in a human subject by assessing the concentration in a biological sample of neurokinin B or its precursor, or an epitopic variant or epitopic fragment thereof.

14. A method according to claim 12 or claim 13 wherein neurokinin B and its precursor have the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2 respectively.

15. A method of estimating the likely future severity of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications in a human subject by assessing the concentration in a biological sample of human neurokinin B precursor gene product or a variant or a fragment thereof, and correlating the result with the predicted future severity of pregnancy induced hypertension or pre-eclampsia or related foetal complications.

16. A method according to claim 15 comprising assessing the concentration in a biological sample of neurokinin B.

17. A method according to claim 15 or claim 16 wherein the concentration of human neurokinin B precursor gene product or a variant or a fragment thereof is assessed using an antibody specific for neurokinin B.

18. A method according to claim 17, which is a radioimmunoassay, an enzyme linked immunosorbant assay, an immunoradiometric assay or a radio receptor assay or a fluorescence or luminescence based method.

19. A method according to any of claims 13 to 18 wherein the biological sample is blood.

Patentansprüche

1. Verwendung eines Bindungspartners eines Neurokinin-B-Vorläufer-Genprodukts oder einer Variante oder eines Fragments davon bei der Herstellung eines Diagnose-Satzes zum Gebrauch bei der Vorhersage oder Diagnose von schwangerschaftsbedingtem Bluthochdruck, Präeklampsie oder verwandten fötalen Komplikationen.

2. Verwendung nach Anspruch 1, wobei der Diagnose-Satz ferner Anweisungen für die Durchführung eines Tests zum Messen der Spiegel von Neurokinin-B in einer biologischen Probe und Korrelieren der Testergebnisse mit der wahrscheinlichen zukünftigen Entwicklung von schwangerschaftsbedingtem Bluthochdruck bzw. Präeklampsie bzw. verwandten fötalen Komplikationen aufweist.

3. Verwendung eines Bindungspartners eines Neurokinin-B-Vorläufer-Genprodukts oder einer Variante oder eines Fragments davon zusammen mit Anweisungen für die Durchführung eines Tests zum Messen der Spiegel von Neurokinin B in einer biologischen Probe und Korrelieren der Testergebnisse mit der vorhergesagten zukünftigen Schwere von schwangerschaftsbedingtem Bluthochdruck bzw. Präeklampsie bzw. verwandten fötalen Komplikationen zur Herstellung eines Diagnose-Satzes für eine Abschätzung der wahrscheinlichen zukünftigen Schwere von schwangerschaftsbedingtem Bluthochdruck oder Präeklampsie oder verwandten, durch den Fötus hervorgerufenen Beschwerden.

4. Verwendung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 3, wobei der Bindungspartner ein Antikörper ist, der für einen Neurokinin-B-Vorläufer oder für Neurokinin B oder ein Epitopfragment oder eine Epitopvariante davon spezifisch ist.

5. Verwendung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4, wobei der Bindungspartner ein Antikörper ist, der für den menschlichen Neurokinin-B-Vorläufer mit der Sequenz der SEQ ID NO: 1 oder eine Epitopvariante oder ein Epitopfragment davon spezifisch ist.

6. Verwendung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5, wobei der Diagnose-Satz ein Radioimmunoassay, ein enzymgebundener Immunsorptionstest, ein immunoradiometrischer Assay oder ein Radiorezeptortest oder ein auf Fluoreszenz oder Lumineszenz basierender Satz ist.

7. Verwendung eines Agens, das die biologische Wirkung von Neurokinin B inhibiert, bei der Herstellung eines Medikaments zur Verhütung oder Behandlung von schwangerschaftsbedingtem Bluthochdruck oder Präeklampsie oder verwandten fötalen Komplikationen.

8. Verwendung nach Anspruch 7, wobei das Agens, das die biologische Wirkung von Neurokinin B inhibiert, ein NK_1-, NK_2- oder NK_3-Antagonist ist.

9. Verwendung nach Anspruch 8, wobei der NK_3-Antagonist SR 142 801 oder Decapeptide mit der folgenden Formel ist: A^1-D-Pro^2-His^3-D^4-Phe^5-D-Trp^6-Val^7-D-Trp^8-Leu^9-Nle^{10}-NH_2, wobei A^1 und D^4 Asp oder D-Asp-Aminosäuren sind.

10. Verwendung nach Anspruch 7, wobei das Agens, das die biologische Wirkung von Neurokinin B inhibiert, ein solches ist, das die Aktivität des Neurokinin-B-Genpromotors moduliert.

11. Verwendung nach einem der Ansprüche 7 bis 10, wobei das Medikament so formuliert ist, dass das Agens über einen Zeitraum von 24 Stunden wirksam ist.

12. Verfahren zur Vorhersage oder Diagnose von schwangerschaftsbedingtem Bluthochdruck, Präeklampsie oder verwandten fötalen Komplikationen bei einer Person durch Bestimmung der Konzentration eines menschlichen Neurokinin-B-Vorläufer-Genprodukts oder einer Variante oder eines Fragments davon in einer biologischen Probe.

13. Verfahren zur Vorhersage oder Diagnose von schwangerschaftsbedingtem Bluthochdruck in einem frühen Stadium bei einer Person oder zur Vorhersage von Präeklampsie oder verwandten fötalen Komplikationen bei einer Person durch Bestimmung der Konzentration von Neurokinin B oder seinem Vorläufer oder einer Epitopvariante oder eines Epitopfragments davon in einer biologischen Probe.

14. Verfahren nach Anspruch 12 oder Anspruch 13, wobei das Neurokinin B und sein Vorläufer die Sequenzen der SEQ ID NO: 1 bzw. der SEQ ID NO: 2 haben.

15. Verfahren zum Beurteilen der wahrscheinlichen zukünftigen Schwere von schwangerschaftsbedingtem Bluthochdruck oder Präeklampsie oder verwandten fötalen Komplikationen bei einer Person durch Bestimmung der Konzentration eines menschlichen Neurokinin-B-Vorläufer-Genprodukts oder einer Variante oder eines Fragments davon in einer biologischen Probe und Korrelieren des Ergebnisses mit der vorhergesagten zukünftigen Schwere von schwangerschaftsbedingtem Bluthochdruck oder Präeklampsie oder verwandten fötalen Komplikationen.

16. Verfahren nach Anspruch 15, das die Bestimmung der Konzentration von Neurokinin B in einer biologischen Probe aufweist.

17. Verfahren nach Anspruch 15 oder Anspruch 16, wobei die Konzentration des menschlichen Neurokinin-B-Vorläufer-Genprodukts oder einer Variante oder eines Fragments davon unter Verwendung eines für Neurokinin spezifischen Antikörpers bestimmt wird.

18. Verfahren nach Anspruch 17, das ein Radioimmunoassay, ein enzymgebundener Immunsorptionstest, ein immunoradiometrischer Assay oder ein Radiorezeptortest oder ein auf Fluoreszenz oder Lumineszenz basierendes Verfahren ist.

19. Verfahren nach einem der Ansprüche 13 bis 18, wobei die biologische Probe Blut ist.

Revendications

1. Utilisation d'un partenaire de liaison au produit du gène du précurseur de neurokinine B ou à un variant ou un fragment de celui-ci pour la fabrication d'une trousse de diagnostic pour utilisation dans la prévision ou le diagnostic de l'hypertension gravidique, de la pré-éclampsie ou de complications foetales apparentées.

2. Utilisation selon la revendication 1, dans laquelle la trousse de diagnostic comprend en outre des instructions pour la réalisation d'un essai pour mesurer les concentrations de neurokinine B dans un échantillon biologique et corréler les résultats de l'essai avec le développement futur probable d'une hypertension gravidique ou d'une pré-éclampsie

ou de complications foetales apparentées, respectivement.

3. Utilisation d'un partenaire de liaison au produit du gène du précurseur de neurokinine B ou d'un variant ou fragment de celui-ci, avec des instructions pour la réalisation d'un essai pour mesurer les concentrations de neurokinine B dans un échantillon biologique et corréler les résultats de l'essai avec le développement futur probable d'une hypertension gravidique ou d'une pré-éclampsie ou de complications foetales apparentées, respectivement, dans la fabrication d'une trousse de diagnostic pour estimer la sévérité future probable d'une hypertension gravidique ou d'une pré-éclampsie ou de complications foetales apparentées.

4. Utilisation selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 3, dans laquelle le partenaire de liaison est un anticorps spécifique du précurseur de neurokinine B, ou de neurokinine B ou d'un fragment épitopique ou variant épitopique de ceux-ci.

5. Utilisation selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, dans laquelle le partenaire de liaison est un anticorps spécifique du précurseur humain de neurokinine B ayant la séquence de la SEQ ID NO:1 ou d'un fragment épitopique ou variant épitopique de celui-ci.

6. Utilisation selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 5, dans laquelle la trousse de diagnostic est une trousse de dosage radio-immunologique (RIA), une trousse de dosage enzymo-immunologique (ELISA), une trousse de dosage immunoradiométrique ou une trousse basée sur le radiomarquage de récepteurs (RRA) ou fluorescence ou luminescence.

7. Utilisation d'un agent qui inhibe l'effet biologique de neurokinine B dans la fabrication d'un médicament pour la prévention ou le traitement de l'hypertension gravidique ou de la pré-éclampsie ou des complications foetales apparentées.

8. Utilisation selon la revendication 7, dans laquelle l'agent qui inhibe l'effet biologique de neurokinine B est un antagoniste NK_1, NK_2 ou NK_3.

9. Utilisation selon la revendication 8, dans laquelle l'antagoniste NK_3 est le SR142801 ou les décapeptides avec la formule suivante : A^1-D-Pro^2-His^2-D^4-Phe^5-D-Trp^6-Val^7-D-Trp^8-Leu^9-Nle^{10}-NH_2 dans laquelle A^1 et D^4 sont les acides aminés Asp ou D-Asp.

10. Utilisation selon la revendication 7, dans laquelle l'agent qui inhibe l'effet biologique de neurokinine B est un agent qui module l'activité du promoteur du gène de neurokinine B.

11. Utilisation selon l'une quelconque des revendications 7 à 10, dans laquelle le médicament est formulé de telle sorte que l'agent est efficace sur une période de plus de 24 heures.

12. Procédé de prévision ou de diagnostic de l'hypertension gravidique ou de la pré-éclampsie ou des complications foetales apparentées chez un sujet humain en mesurant, dans un échantillon biologique, la concentration du produit du gène du précurseur humain de neurokinine B ou d'un variant ou fragment de celui-ci.

13. Procédé de prévision ou de diagnostic de l'hypertension gravidique à un stade précoce chez un sujet humain ou de prévision de la pré-éclampsie ou des complications foetales apparentées chez un sujet humain en mesurant, dans un échantillon biologique, la concentration de neurokinine B ou de son précurseur, ou d'un variant épitopique ou fragment épitopique de ceux-ci.

14. Procédé selon la revendication 12 ou la revendication 13, dans lequel la neurokinine B et son précurseur ont les séquences de la SEQ ID NO:1 ou de la SEQ ID NO:2, respectivement.

15. Procédé d'estimation de la sévérité future probable de l'hypertension gravidique ou de la pré-éclampsie ou des complications foetales apparentées chez un sujet humain en mesurant, dans un échantillon biologique, la concentration du produit du gène du précurseur humain de neurokinine B ou d'un variant ou fragment de celui-ci, et en corrélant le résultat avec la sévérité future prévue de l'hypertension gravidique ou de la pré-éclampsie ou des complications foetales apparentées.

16. Procédé selon la revendication 15, comprenant la mesure de la concentration de neurokinine B dans un échantillon

biologique.

17. Procédé selon la revendication 15 ou la revendication 16, dans lequel la concentration du produit du gène du précurseur humain de neurokinine B ou d'un variant ou fragment de celui-ci est mesurée à l'aide d'un anticorps spécifique pour neurokinine B.

18. Procédé selon la revendication 17, qui est un dosage radio-immunologique, un dosage immuno-enzymologique, un dosage immunoradiométrique ou un procédé basé sur le radiomarquage de récepteurs (RRA) ou fluorescence ou luminescence.

19. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 13 à 18, dans lequel l'échantillon biologique est du sang.

FIG. 1

THE AMINO ACID RESIDUE SEQUENCE OF THE HUMAN NEUROKININ B PRECURSOR

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FIG. 2

THE AMINO ACID SEQUENCE OF NEUROKININ PEPTIDE

DMHDFFVGLM-NH_2

FIG. 3

THE CLONED FULL-LENGTH PLACENTAL cDNA OF THE HUMAN NEUROKININ B PRECURSOR

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FIG. 4

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FIG. 4CONT'D

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4561 ATTGTCTTTT CTATTCTAAA AGGTTTTGGA GGTTTGGGTG TAGAGAGGGA GATGCCTTTA
4621 CAAATGGAAT TTTTGTTGTT GTTTTTGTTT TGAGACGGAG TCTTGCTCTG TCACCCAGAG
4681 TCTCGCTCTG TCGCCCAGGC TGGAGTGCAG TGGCACGATC TCCGCTCACT GCAACCTCTG
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4861 CCAGGCTGAT CTCGAACTCC CACCTCAGGT GATCCGCTCG CCTTGGCCTC CCAAAGTGCT
4921 GGGATAACAG GCATGAGCCA CTGCACCTGG CCTTTTCTGA GTTTTTTAAG GAGTCTGAGT
4981 CATTAGAAGT CTTTTCTAGA TTTTTTAAAA ATGTGGTATT GAAGATGGCA AAGAGGAAGG
5041 AGGAATAGGG TGGAGTAAAA GTAAATGGGA GGATAGTTTT TAAGAAAGGA AGTGAATAGA
5101 GACATCAAAC ACATTTTAAA AAAAAGATTT TAGTCTACTG AACAAAATTT TTTAAAATAG
5161 GATTTAAAGA GAAAACACAG AAGGCTTTAA AAATATACAC ATAGCTTGAA TATTAGCTTT
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5281 CTCCTCCTTT AAAACTTTTT GTAGAGATGG GGTTTCGCCC TGTTACCCAG GCTGGTCTCA
5341 AGTCCGGGCA ACTTCTGGGC TAAAGTGATC TGCCTGTCTC GGCCTCCCAA GTGATAGGAT
5401 TACAGGTGTG AGCCACTGCG ACTCACCTTA AATCTCTTGT TACCAGATTT TAGTTGGGAC
5461 AAATGCTGAT ATTTTAAAAG TCACATAAAT ATTAAGCCGA AAAGGACTGA TTTCTGATTA
5521 GGAAGGAAAC CTAAGCCACG GTGGGAATTT TAATTATTAA ACTGTAAAAT GGAGCAGCCT
5581 CCATTGTTAA TTTTGTATGG AATCCAAAGT GGCAGTTTGA GTGTAATTGT TTTAGGTCAG
5641 GTTTTTGTGC TTTAATTTAA TCAAGACAAT TGTTAAGGAT AGCTGTGACA CTATTATGTG
5701 TCCTTTTAAT TTGATCTATC AATTCTTTAG AACAAGTAAT TTTTTTAAAT TTAGGAATTT
5761 TAGTCTAAAG GATTTATCTT TTGGCCATTG ACAATTAGAA TTTTTAATGG GGTATTTAAT
5821 TCCAATAGCA ACTTAATCCA AAGTTTTCTT TATGTCAAAG AAAACAGAAG CCCAGGAGGG
5881 ATGAGACCTT GTAAGACAAA ACTCCCCTAG GAGCTTGGAA TGTTTGAAAA TACATGTGTT
5941 GGGCTCCCAA TCTTTTCATA CTGGCTGTGA TGTTACCTGA AAAATCACAT CCTTTGGATG
6001 GTGGAGACCA AGCGGGAATA TCCCCATCTA GTCACGTCAT GCTCTCAAGG ACATGAGACA
6061 AGAGGGAAAC CTCTCACCCT GTTTTTATTT CAGGGACTGG CAGCAAAGTT TGTCATAACA
6121 GAAGTCAGCA TAACCAGAAC CACGAAACTG ACCAGTTTGC AGGGCCAGTT CAAACAGTGG
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6181 GTTGCAGGCC TGTTCTACCC TAGGGTACCC CTCCTTATGA CAGAACACCA AAAGACAAGA
6241 CAAAAACGAA GGAAAACGGC AACAACAAAA AAGCTATTTC TGAAAGGAAA ATGGCAACAA
6301 CAACAACAAA AGCTATTTCT GAAGGGAATG GGGTCAAACT ATGAATACTT ATACCACAAA
6361 GTACTAAAAA ATATATCAGA CTCACTATAC CAAGGTTAGT CACACACAAA ACCTGTTCTC
6421 TCATTAATCT TACATTTGGA AAGGAAAAGG GAAACAATGA TTTTTACTGT CCACTCATCC
6481 AGAGTCCACA GAGAGAGGAA AACTGGAAAA CTGGGAGTCT GGCAGGAAAT TCTCACTCCT
6541 CTGCTGGCTT GCCAGGTTCC TGTATTTCCT TCTCTGTGGC TTCCAGAAAA GCACAATAGC
6601 TTTGGTGGTC TTATTTGTGA TGCCAAACTG TGGTCTTGGC CCCCTAAAGT TTCAGTGAAA
6661 ATCACTGACA TGAAGCAGAT TAATAGGGAA AAAGGCATAC AAATTTATTA AATACGAATG
6721 GGAGCCTTTA GAATGAAGCC TTGAAGCTAT AGGGGAAATT GTCTATTTTT ATGTTTAGGT
6781 TTAACAAAGT ATGGACAGCT GTGTAGAAAT ATGACTGGAC AGAAAGGGCA CGATCTAATG
6841 TTAACAGACT GAGTGGGGAA ACCCAGCAAG GCCTGTCTGT TGAGATTCCT CCTAGCCTCT
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6961 AGTCAAATAA CGTAGGTCAG ATTTTTTTTT TTTTTTTTTT TTTTTTGAGC TGGAGTCTCT
7021 CTGTCAACAG GCTGGAGTGC AGTGGCGTGA CCTTGGCTCA CTGAAACCTC CGCCCCCTGG
7081 GTTCAAGCCA TTCTCCTGCC TTAGCCTCCT GAGTAGCTGG GATTACAGGG GTGTGCCACC
7141 ACGCCCAGCT AATTTTTGTA TTTTTAGTAC AGACAGGGTT TCACCTTGTT GGTCAGGCTG
7201 GTCTCAAATT CCTGACCTTG TGATCCACCT GCCTCGGCCT CCCAAAGTGC TAGGATTACA
7261 GGCGTGAGCC ACTGTGCCCG GCCTTTTTTT TTTTTTTTTT TTTTTAGGAA GTTGTATTTT
7321 GGGCTTTTTA ACTAGCTTGT TTTTTAATTA GATTATTGCC TTTAGGGTGG AGCCCTTTAA
7381 TAAAAAGGGG GAAGAAAACA TAGGTTTTAG GGCCTCATAT TTAAATGGGT AAAGCAGGCA
7441 TAGCTGGAAG GCAGAATACA GAACCCCCCT AATCAAGGAT CTCATTTTTA TATTGAATCC
7501 TAGGCCCCCC AAAAGAGGGA AATGTCATGG GACGAGATGT GTGGCATTTT TATCGAGTGC
7561 CCCACTGTAA AGATGCTCCC CCAAGGCTGG CAGGCAGCCC AGTGCCGATT AGCCCACTCT
7621 GTGCTTAGTC TTTTTTTTTT TTTTTTTTTT GAGGTGGAGT CTTGCTCTGT TGCCCAGGCT
7681 GGAGTGCAAT GGCGTGATCT CGGCTCAATG CAATCTCTGT CTCGTGGGTT CAAGCGATTC
7741 TCCTGCCTCA GCCTCCCAAG TAGCTGAGAT TACAGGCACC AGCCACTATG CTCAGCTAAT
7801 TTTTTGTATT TTTAGTAGAG ATGGGGTTTC AACATGTTGG CCAGGCTGGT CTCGAACTTC
7861 TGACCCCAAG TGATCCGCCC GCCTCGGCCT CCCAAAGTGC TGGGATTACA GGCGTGAGCC
7921 ACCATGCCTG GCGTGCTTAG CCTATTTTTA ATGGGAGTTT CATCCTCAAT GGTGAGTGCT
7981 TTCATTGTCT TTAGGTGCCC CAGACCATGT TTTTAAAAAT TTAAATGCAC GAAGAAATAA
8041 GTAGCCCTGT ATAGTAGTAA TACTTTGTTG TGAATAACTG TCATAAGTCA TCTCTAAAAC
8101 TGTATTTTTT ATCTAGTTAT TATATATGAC TAGCTATATG TCTAGTTTTT TAAATAATAC
8161 AAAGTAATTT ATTTTTGGCA TCCTCAAAAA CCAAAGAGAT TAGGTAATGT AGTGTAGAAG
8221 AGAGCAGAGC TTTAGACCTG AGAAGAATCT GCCCATGACT CGTGAAACTC CACAACGAAA
8281 GTAGGAGACC CCAAAAAAGG GGTGAGTGTC ATCTTTTCTG AATTTTTTTT TTTTTTTAGA
8341 TGGAGTCTTG CTCTGCCACC AGGCTGGAGT GCAGTGGTGC AATCTCGGCT CAGCCTCCCG
8401 AGTAGCTAGG ATTACAGGCA CGCGCCACCA TGACCAGCTA ATTTTTGTAT TTTTAGTAGA
8461 GACAGCGTTT CACCATGTTG GCCAGGATGG TCTCGGTCTC TTGACCTCGT GATCCGCCCG
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 8521 CCTCGGCCTC CCAAAGTGCT GGGATTACAA GCGTGAGCCA CTGCACTCGG CCGGTCAGAT
 8581 AATTTTTTTG GCCAGTTTTT ACATAGAGTA ATTTTAGGTT TTATGGCTGG CTTTGGGGCA
 8641 AAGGGGTTCT GGTTTTTATA GCTGGTCTTG GGGGAGAATG GAACCGAGTG ACAAGAGGAC
 8701 AAGAGAGGGT CAGAGAAAAA CTTCTGCTTC TGAGGCGGCT ATTGAGGCCT TCATTTTGGA
 8761 GTATTGTCCT CTAAGCCCCA GCAGTGTCAA ACTGTACACA AACCATACAC AGCAGCCAGC
 8821 TCGGGTGCTG TTAGGAAATG GTCTCACTGC TGGGTCTGTG GGGTATGTGT GTGTCTGGGT
 8881 GTGTGGCTAC TGTCTGCATC CTCCTCCCCC CTACAGCCTC CCCGCCTCCC CTCCAGCCAC
 8941 CCTGGGATTG GTGACTCTCA GCCCCTCCCC TCAGCTCCCC TAGACCCTCC CAGAGCCTTT
 9001 ATCAGGGAGC TGGGACTGAG TGACTGCAGC CTTCCTAGAT CCCCTCCACT CGGTTTCTCT
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 9181 GGGAGAATGC TGGATGGACC AGAGCTGGCA CCAGGGGGCT GTTATCTCCT GACTGCCCTT
 9241 CTTCTTCCTT TTCTTTCATC TGTGTATTGT CAGGCAGCTA CTAATTGTCA ACCCAGAAGC
 9301 TGCTGGGTTT AGACCAGGGT CTCAATAAAT CACACCCCCA CAGAAGCCTG CGGGCACTGG
 9361 GCACTGATTC CCCCAGTGTT TCTGAGTATT CCAGTTTGCC ACTGCCTTGA CTGTAACTAA
 9421 TGCTAGTATC CATTCTCATT TTTTTAATTT TTATTTATTT ATTTATTTAT TTTTTGAGAC
 9481 AGAGTTTCAC TCTTGTCACC CAGGCTGGAG TACAATGGCG CGATCTCAGC TCACTGCAAC
 9541 CTCCGCCTCC CAGGTTCAAG TGATTATCCT GCCTCAGCCT CCTGAGCTGG GATTACAGGC
 9601 ATGCGCCACC ATGCCCAGCT AATTTTTGTA TTTTTAGTAG AGACAGAGTT TCACCATGTT
 9661 GGCCAGGCTG GTCTTGAACT CCTGACCTCA AGTGACCCGC CCATCTCGGC CTCCCAAAGT
 9721 GCTAGGATTA CAGGTGTGAG CCACTGCGCC CAGCCTATTT CTTTTTTGAG ATGGAATCTT
 9781 GCTCTCTCGC CCAGGCTGGA ATGCAGCAAG CATGATCTCG GCTCACTGCA ACCTCCATCT
 9841 CCCGGGCTCA AGCCATCCTT CAGCCTCGGC CTCCCCAGTA GCTGAGACCA CAGGCACATG
 9901 CCACCACGCC TGGCTAATTT TTTATATTTT TGGTAAAGAT GTGGTTTCAC CATGTTGCCC
 9961 AGGCTGGTCT CAAACTCCTG AGCTCAAGTG ATTCACTCGC CTTGGCCTCC CAAAGTGCTA
10021 GGATTACAGG TGTGAGCCAC TGCACCCGGC CTTACCCATT ATCTTTTGAA CATCTACTAT
10081 GCATTAAGCT CTTTACATGC ATTAACTCTA ATACTTTCAA TAACCCTGTG AGGTAGGCTC
10141 TTTTCTTTCT CCCATTTTGT AGTTAAAAAG CCAAGGCTCA GAGAGGTTAA ATAACTTGCC
10201 GGGGGTTCCA CAGCTGTAAG TGGTAAAGCT GGGTTACAAA CTATTTGACT CTAGAGCTTT
10261 TAACCACTGC CTAAGACTGC CCCTCATCAA TAGAGGCTTG GGCAACCCAT GGCCCTAGGC
10321 AGACCTGGGG GCAGGAGGGC TGCATAGGAA AGGGCAGAAC TTTCTAGTTC TAGAACAAAC
10381 AATAAAAAGA AGAAAGCCTT CAGAGGCTCC ACATTAATTG GAACAAAGGG GATTATGACA
10441 GATGCTTAGG CATGTTTGTT GAATTATTAA TAAATAAAAT CAGACTAGGG ACTGGGGACT
10501 CCAGTCTTGG AGGCCTTCAC AGGCCCAGAT CCCAAACCCA CCAAACCCAC TAGACCTGCA
10561 GTGGAAGCTA CAATGAGCTT GGATAGTTCC TGCAGTTAAC AGCAATATAC TATGTATTCT
10621 GCCTCTTTCT ATTTAAATTT TTTAACCTGA TATCTTAGTA AAACTTTTTC ATAAAAATTC
10681 CAGACATTTG GAAGTGCCAA AAATCAAGTC ATTTTTTATA TCTTCAGTAA TTCTGTGCCA
10741 TAAACAAACA GGTTGCTAGG TGCTCTATGG GATGTAAAAC CTTGGCCAGG CAAGGTGACT
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10801 CACTCCTGTA ATCCTAGCAC TTTGGGAGGC TGAGGCGGGA ATATTGCTTG AGCCCAGGAA
10861 TTTGTGACCA GTCTGGGCAA CATAGTGAGA CCTAGACTCT ACAAAAAAAA TTTAAAAATT
10921 AGGTGGGTGT GGTGGCTCAT ACCTGTAGTC CCAGCTACTT GGAAGGCTGA GGTGGGAGGA
10981 TCGCTTGAGC CCAGGAGGCG GGCAAGGCTG CAGTGAGCTG TGATGGTGGC ACTGCACTCC
11041 AGCCTGGGCG ACAGAGCAAA ACCCTGTCTC AAAAAAAGAG GCAAAAACAA AAACTTAAGA
11101 ATCCTTGTTC TAGATTGGGG CAGACTAAAG AGTCAGTTGC CATGGATGAA GCTTGATTGG
11161 ATCCTGGAAA AGGAAAAATA AAGCTTCAAA GGACATGTTT AGAAGTTTAT AAAGGACATG
11221 TAGAGAAATC TGAGAGTGGA TCGCTGTTGG ATGAGTGATG TTGATTTTCT TAGGTGTGGT
11281 GATGGAGTTA TGATTGTGTA AGAGAATGTT CCAGTTCTTG GGAGAGGCAT GCTGACATTT
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11581 AGCTATATTG AATTTTTAAA ACATCATATT ATGCTATTCT TCTGTATAAA TTCTCCAATG
11641 GTGTTCCATT TCACTCCTTA CCACAGCCTA CAAGGCCCAT CATGATCTGC CCCGACCTAC
11701 TCTCTGATCC TCTCTCTTCC TGCTCAAGTG ATTCTGGCCA CCCTTTTTTT TTCTTCTTTT
11761 TTAGACAGTC TTGCTCTGTC ACCCAAGCTG GAGTGCAGTG GTGCGATCTT GGCTCACTGC
11821 AACCTCCACC TCCCGGGTTC AAGCGATTCT CCTGTCTCAA CCTCTAGAGT AGCTGGGATT
11881 ACAGGCATGC GCCACCATGC CCAGCTAATT TTTGCTCACC CTGGCTTTTT AATGTCTCTG
11941 GAATATGCTG CCACTCATTC CTGCCTCAGG GTCTACTTCT TTGCATCACA GCAGATGCCA
12001 TTATCTGACA TCACACTATA TATTTATTTG CTTGTGTAGT TGGTCCCCTT CTCCACCCTA
12061 CAGTAGAATG TAAGTCCAGT GAAAATGAAG ACTTTGTTCA CTGTTATGTC CCAGTACCTA
12121 GAACAGTTCC AGGCACTAAG TAGACACTCA ATAAATGTTG ACTAGTGAAA AAAAATGTGA
12181 GACCTGGGAT CCTGCCTTAT AAGGACTCAG TGTCTAGAAA AGGGAGCTGT TTTCCATGCA
12241 AATAACTGTA GTACAAAGAC GAGTGTAGGC AAATTGCTAT GGGGCTTCAA AGAAAGGAGA
12301 GGCAATCCGG GGCTTGGGGA ATCAGGGAGG GCTTTGAGCT GATCTCCCAG GTTGGCAGAG
12361 TTGAGTCAAG AGAGCATCGA GAGCTAAGGC ACACAGTGAT CATGCATGGG CTGGGTAGGG
12421 GCATGGGAAA GAGTCCTGTC CGGGTGGTGT GCCCAGGGAA TGCAGGGGTC CTGCGACATG
12481 AGGCTGGGCT CTTAAGTGTC AGGGAGGAAA CCCAGGAGAG AAAAGCACTT CCAGTGAAAC
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12601 ATTGTAACTG ACCTCCGCTG ATTGGATTTT TGACCGTGGT TAGGACCCTG ACTATTGCTC
12661 ATTCAGACAT GAGACACATT TGCTTACAGC CTCTCTTTGT TGTTCGAGGG TCTGGATCCC
12721 TCAGCTTAAG AGAGGAATGG GGGCTCTGAA GCTCTGGGCC TCTTCATTGT CTCCCTGAAT
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12841 CATGTTTGGA CTTGACTGAT TTGAGAGGAG GGGAAATTTG GTACCTAGCC AACAGCTGAC
12901 ACAGACAGTG GCTGCCACCT GTAGGCAATT GTGAACAGAA GGAATAGAAA GCTACAGGAG
12961 CAAAACTTTG AGACCAGCTT TCATATTGGT TCCTCTTACC TCACTGCCCT GGGTAGCAGG
13021 TCTTTGGTTG GAACTAATCG TTCTCTCCCT CCAGTCTCCT ATTCATGCTC TTACCTCCCG
13081 GCCTCAAGCC TGCACCTCTT GCTGAAAAAG ATCCAAGAGG TGACTCCCTT CCATCTCTTC
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13141 AGCTCCACCC CTTGCTTCTC ACTGTGGGTT AACTTCCTCC TTTGAAGTGG CAGGATCTGG
13201 GTGCCAGTTT GCCTGTCAGG AAGTGTTTCT TATCACTCCA CTCCCAATCC CCCTGGTCCC
13261 AAACTAGGTA CAGAAATTCC TACTGGGGCT GAAGAACAAT TTGCCATCCA CAAACGTCTT
13321 AGACAAGACA TGGCCAGCCG CCCCCTACAA GTGCCTCAGC ACAGCAAATC AGGAGCTGCA
13381 GCAGCTCTTC TACCAGTGGA AGGCAAGTGG AGCCCAGGCA CCCCTCCTCT CATTTCGTCT
13441 TTTTTTTCCC TCCCCCTGAT TTTCCTCTTT TGCCTCCCTC TTCTATTTTT TTCCCATTAA
13501 AAAAATTGTG GTAAAATATA CATAACATAC AATCTACCAT TTTAACGGTG TTTAAGTGTA
13561 TAGTTCAGTG GCATGAGCGA CATTCATGTT GTTCTGCAGC CATCACTGCC ATCCATCTCC
13621 ATATGCGTTT TTCATCACCC CAAACTGAAA CTCTGTACCC ATTAAGCAAT AACCCCCTAT
13681 TCTCCCATTC CCCTAGCCCC TGATATCTTA TAATCTACTT TCTGTTTCTA TGAATTTCAC
13741 TTTTCCAAGT GCCTCATATA AGTGGGAATC ATATTTGTCC TTTTGTGTCT GGCTTATTTC
13801 ACTTAGCATA AAGTAATTTG TTCTTTTATT CAGGAAATGC TTATTGAGCA CCTGTCTGGG
13861 ACTAAGCCTT GCCCTGAGAG CTGAGCATAG AGCCCTCCTG GTGCTTTTAT TTGATGGTGT
13921 CCATTCCCTC CCCTAGCCTC CCTCAGTTCT CGCACTCCTC CTCAATGGTC CTCCAGCCCC
13981 GGCCTCTCCC TGAGGTGTCT AGTGCCTGTC CTTTTTCCTC AGTCTCTCTC CTCTCCTAGT
14041 GTCTTCTAGT CAATATTTCT CACCTCCCTC CCCAGCCCTG CCCTCCCACT CTATGATTTT
14101 AGCTCCTGTC CCTCCTTCCT CACAGTGCAA GAGGTTCCGG GATCAGCTGT CCCCGAAGCA
14161 GGTAGAGATC CTGAGGGAAA AGCTCTGTGC CAGTGAACTG TTCAAGGGCA AGAAGGCTTC
14221 ATATCCCCAG AGGTGAGGGC CTCCCAGACC CTGCACAGCC AGTTCCATCA CGCAGCAGTT
14281 CTCAAACTTG AGCGTGCCTT AGAATCACCT GGCAGGATTG TCACCCCCAG GTGCTGTGTC
14341 CCTCCTCAGA GTCTCTGATC CAGCAGGTCT TGGGGTGAGG ACCAAAATTT GCCTTTCTAA
14401 CAACTCCCCA GGTGGTGCTG ATGTCTTGGT CCTGGACTGT GCTCTGTGGA CACTGACAGA
14461 GGATACGTGG ATGTGGGGGA AGGGCCCGGG AGGACTAGGA TGGGAACTCT GGGGGTGGGG
14521 AAGAGGCCTC TGGGCCTTGT CGCGCTGCAC ACCTCCCATG TGTTCTCAGT GTCCCCATTC
14581 CATTCTGTGG TGACTACATT GGGCTGCAAG GGAACCCCAA GCTGCAGAAG CTGAAAGGCG
14641 GGGAGGAGGG GCCTGTTCTG ATGGCAGAGG CCGTGAAGAA GGTCAATCGT GGCAATGGCA
14701 AGGTAAGGGC CTGCAGGCTG AACTCCTCCC GCAGCTAGTG CAGAGCTGTG GGCTGGCATC
14761 TGGAGAGCAG ATGGCAGGCT GTGTTTGCGC CCTGCCAGGT GGAGTGGGGG CAATTAATCC
14821 TGCCTTTCCT CACCCTTGCC TGTTCCGTCC CTAGACTTCT TCTCGGATTC TCCTCCTGAC
14881 CAAGGGCCAT GTGATTCTCA CAGACACCAA GAAGTCCCAG GCCAAAATTG TCATTGGGCT
14941 AGACAATGTG GCTGGGGTGT CAGTCACCAG CCTCAAGGAT GGGCTCTTTA GCTTGCATCT
15001 GAGTGAGGTA TCAGAGCTGG GTGGGGCAAG CCTTGGACTG GAGAAGGTGG TATGCATCCC
15061 AGGGCTGGGG CAGGCTGGAG GTGATGGGGA CCAGACCTTT CGCTCTGGGC CTTTGATGTC
15121 CCTCAGGTGC TCCTGAAGAG AAAAAATGAA TCCCTTTCCT GCTATTTTTC CCTCTTCCTA
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15241 TGCTGACCAA AATGTACCGG GCTGTGCTGG ATGCCACGCA GAGGCAGCTT ACAGTCACCG
15301 TGACTGAGAA GTGAGGCCAT GAACTGGGGG TGAGGGGCGG CTTACGGTAG ATGGCCAGGC
15361 TGATGGTCAT CGTGACCAGG ATCAGAAAGC GAAGCATGTA GGGCAGTGCA GGCCGGGGCT
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15421 TGGAGGTGTT TCTCAGGCCC CCACCCAGGT TCTCTGGGGC CTCAAGTCCT CTGACTCGCA
15481 TGATGGGGGG GCCATCATGG AAATGCGGGA GTCGGGGTGA GGGGATGGGC ACTAGACTTG
15541 GTTTTCTGTT CCCTCTCCAG GTTCTCAGTG AGGTTCAAGG AGAACAGTGT GGCTGTCAAG
15601 GTCGTCCAGG GCCCTGCAGG TGGTGACAAC AGCAAGCTAC GCTACAAAAA AAAGGGGAGT
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15781 TGATCGTGGC GCATGGCTTG GGGATTAAAC TACCCTTGAA GAGGACCCTT GTCCCAAACC
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15961 TCACCCAGGT GTACTTAGAC CCCTGCCCCC ATGCCCTTTT TCCTCCTCAA GCTCCTTGGA
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16081 GGCTGAGCTC TGGGGGGGTG TTTAGAGAGA CTGCGGTGGG TGGAGGGGCT GCGGGGGGAG
16141 TTAAGGATGG GGCTCAGGTC GCAGGTGGCC AGTGGACTGA TTCATTAAGT GTGTCCCTGG
16201 AGGAAAGAAG TGAGCATCCC TGTCTTGGCA GAAACTGGGG TCCTTTGGCG ATTTAGCCTG
16261 AAAAGCAGCC CAAGGCTGGA GGGCTTATGT ATGCTGGGGT GCTGGGGAAT GCAGGGTCTC
16321 CTGTACTTGG GAACGCCATC ACCCCTTCTA CTCCCACACA CAGCACAGGG CTCCATCACA
16381 CCAGCCTCCC CGACACCCCC TTCCTTCTCA CACACCCGAG ATGCCAAACT GCTGCCAACA
16441 GTTATCTTGC TCGTCTCTGT CCCACAGCTG GGGCCTGCAG CAGGTGGCAC TTCACATCAC
16501 TCACTTGATG AGGCTCCCTC ATCAAGACCC TCCCATCCCT GTAACCTGGC CCTTTCCTCT
16561 CCTCTTCCTT TATTTTTCCT GCGTCATTGT CATTATCTTT TTCTCACCCT CCCAACTATC
16621 TCACACCATC TCATTGTCCC TGTTTCTGTG AGCTCTGACT AATATCAATA TGTAATATTT
16681 TGTAAAATGC TTTAAATATT TTCCTACTCC CCCTCATATC TATTTTCTCA TAGATTCTGT
16741 CTTGTCTGTC TTGTCTCTAC CTTCTGTCTG GCCTCTACCT TTGGGGAACA AGCTGCTCAT
16801 GTAGTCACAG TAAAATTTAG ATCTGTGGTC TGTGAGAGCT TAGCAGGGTC TGCCTTTGTT
16861 TTTGTCTCTG GCTGTCTCTT CCTCTTCTCA AGATCTCTAC CTTGCCTACC TCTTCCCGCT
16921 TCCTTCCCTT AACTCACTAT GCCTTGGGGC TGGGGTCTCC CTCCACCTGA CTTCCATCTG
16981 CAGGCAGCTC ACGGCCGGCT ATCATGCTGG CCAGGGAGAA CTGATTAACT TCTCTTCCTG
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17101 GCTGAGATAG AACCTGGGGA ATCATCTGTT TTCAGGCGGG TGAGGGGCTA GAGCCTGCCT
17161 TGTTTGGGAG GAGGGTGGCT CTGTTCAGAA TAGGGGTAGC TCAGGCTCTG GCCAGCCTTC
17221 TCCCGCCCCC AACAGCTCCC CCCATCCTTG ACTTCTCAGA ATCAGGCCGA GAAGAGCCTA
17281 TCTGGCCGAG AGTGGGGTGG TGACCTGCGC CTCATCGCCC CCGCTCTCCA TCTCATCTCC
17341 TGCTCCCAGG GCCCAAATTG TCGTCACTTT CCCAGTGAAG TGTCTGGTCA TTTTCAGAAG
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17461 AGGCACTGTC AGCTCCCTGG GCTGGGGGTG ATGGGAGAGG GGAAGGGCTA GGGCCCTCAC
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17641 TTTTCTGGAG CCTAGGAGTG TGTGTTTTCA TCCCCTGAAA CAAATAGGGA CTCAGTTTCC
17701 CCACCTGTGT TACAGGGTTG GAATTGGCTC CATCACTGTG GGAGAAGCTG GAGTTCTGCT
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17761 ACCAGTCCTC CCCTCCCCAG CCCTGCCTCT TCTCTCCCAG CCCTCTCCCT TCAGCCAGTT
17821 CAGCGCTCTG AGAGTCTGGG TTGTTTCAGC CTCTGAGGGG CACAAGCCAT CCTGGATTCC
17881 CCTAACCCCA TGAGGAGCCA TTCTAGCATC TCACAGCTTA AACCAGCTCT AGCTCAGTCC
17941 TCCTGGCTTA GTCCATTTTT CTTCCTCAGG CTCTGAGGGC CTCTTGTTCC TTGCTCTGTG
18001 GGGTTTTCTC CAGTTGTCTC CTGGCTGCAG GACATGGCAG GACATAGAAT GCTGTCATCC
18061 TTCCACTCTT CATTGGCATC TCCACCCAGT GTCACATATG ACCCTAGCCC TGCTCTCCCC
18121 TTGCCAGTAC CCCTCTGGGA TTTTGCGAGA GTCCACAAGT TGTGCATGTG GTGGATATAT
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18241 TGCTGACTAA CCTGTCTCAA CACAGCACAA CTGTACACAC CTTTTCCTGG CCTCATCCCT
18301 AACCCATCAT AGCAGCAAAG AGGGGAAGTT GCAGGGGAGG AGCTGCTAAG GACCCTGGAC
18361 TCCAAGTACC CTGCTCCTCT AGGCCAGGGA CATCATCTGA GATGTGGCTC AAATAAAGGG
18421 TGGGTGTTCA AGAAAAAACA CTTGGGGACT CTATAGCTGC AACACCCACT TTACATGTCA
18481 TTTCCATATG ATTTGTAGGC AAAATGAAGC CCAGGCTGTC CTAGCCCTCC AATACCTCCC
18541 TCTCTCATCA CCTCTCCAAC ATAGCCTAGC ATTAGCTCTT TCAAGTCTTT GCTAATCCCA
18601 GAGATCAAGG GGTGATCAAC TCTCCCTGCC ATCCCCTTGT TCCCCGCACC CCCCGCCCCG
18661 GCTCCCCCAC CATCCTTGGC TCCTGCCATC CTCTTTGAGA TGCTGCATCA TCAAAGGACA
18721 TTATTTATGG TGTACCTTTG CTGAAGCCCT GCTTCCCTGG TGCCAGGGCT TGGGAGCAGG
18781 GATGGGTGGG TTGGTGGGGG AGAGGGGTGG ATGCAGAGAT TGGACCCAGG AGGCTTTTAG
18841 TCCTCAGCTC TTGGCTTAAC ACCTCCTCCT CTTACACACC CAACTCCCTC CAGCCTGCCC
18901 AGCTTGGGCC TTCAGCTCCA GATTGGTGGG GTTAGGAGAG GAGGAGGAGG GAGATGGATG
18961 GAACCAATTA GGAACAGCAC CTGGGCTCCT CACAGGAATG AACCAGTCAT GCCATTTGCA
19021 TGTAAACAGC TTCCCACTTC TCTCCTCATC CTACCAAATG CTCCCAACCC TGGGTTCTGG
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19201 GATGAACACG GGTCCCTGTG TAGCCAGTGA CTTCTGTCAG TACAGTCTAA GTTCTCGGAT
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19321 ATGTTTTTGA CTGTGATACA AGAAACTTGG CTCTGGCTTC CTTGTTCATT TTGTAAATAA
19381 CATTTTTTCT TCTTTTAAGA GACAGAGTCT TACTTTGTTG CCCAGGCTGG AGTGTAGCAA
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19501 CTCTGGGATA GCTGGGGCCA CAGGCATGCA CCACCATGCC TGGCTAATTT TTAAAAATGT
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19621 CAAGCAATTC TCCCACCTCG CCCTCCTAAA GTGCTGGGAG TATGGGCATG AGCCACCATG
19681 TCCAGCCTTG TAAATACATT TTTATTGAGC ACCTATTATA TGTCAAACAT TATAAAGTGA
19741 GGGATACAGT AGCAAACAAA ACAGACAAAA ATTTTTGCCA TCATGACACT TATATTCCTG
19801 GGTGGGAGTG GTGATAGAAA GACAATAAGT AAAATACTTA GCATAGTGGA TGTAATAAGT
19861 TCATGAAGGG AAAAATGGGA GTGAGGTATA TGGAATTTTG GGGTGGTGAT AATTTTAAAT
19921 AGGGTGATTG GGGAATGCTT TGTTGCACAG ATTGTTTTTG TAGTAAATAT GAGATAAAGA
19981 TACGGTTCTC TCCCAAACTC AAAATGTAGA AGAGTAGAAG GTCCCAAATC TTCAAGTCTC
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20041 TTGGAGAGGG GGGCCACCCA TTCCGTCTGG GACAGTTAAC TGTTCCCTCA CAGGTCAAAG
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20161 CTGTTCTTCA CTGATTAGTA GCCATATGTA CTGGAGCAAG TGACTGAACC TTCTGAGCCT
20221 GTTTTCTCAT CTGGAAAATC AGAATATTTC CTACTTACAT GGTCATGGTG ATGAAAACCA
20281 GATGGACTGC TCCATGCCAA AGCACCCTGC AAACATTCAA ACCCTGCACC CATTACAAAT
20341 ACTGGGCTGA CGGATGGCTC TGGCTTTGCT TTTGCATCTC CGCTGTCTCA TTCAGCAGCA
20401 GCATCTGGCT CTGGCTCTCG GCTCTGATCC TGGTTCTGAC TCTCCCCTGG AGCTCTCTCC
20461 CTTGGGTGAG AAATAAGCAG ATAATCTCCC TCATCTGTGT GTGGTGTGAA CAAGAGGCTT
20521 GAAAGGTCAG AGAAGAAGAT GCCTGAACTG CAGGGAGACA GATTAGAGTG GGGAAAATGT
20581 AACTCTGAGG AAAAAGGGAA GCAATTAAGA GATCAAGGCC AGGGGCAGTG GCTCATGCCT
20641 GTAATCCCAA CACTTTGGGA GGCTGAGGCG GGCAGACCAT GAGGTCAGGA GTTCGAGACC
20701 AGTCTGGCCA ACATAGTGAA ACCCCGTCTC TACTAAAAAT ACAAAAAAAT TAGCCAGGTA
20761 TGGTGGTGTG CACCTGTAAT CCCAGCTACT TGGGAGGCTG AGGCAGAAGA ATTGCATGAA
20821 CCCGGGAGGC AGAGGTTGCG GTGAGCCGAG ATTGAACCAT TGCACTCCAA CCTGGGCAAC
20881 AGTGTGAGAC TCTGTCTCCA AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AATCAAGGCC GGGGAGGGGG
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21241 CCTGAGTCTG GTTGTCCTGG GTGGGGAGGG GCGCCTGCCT GAAACTGTTT TAGCCCAGAA
21301 GTCAGGCCTG AAGGTTAAAG GGCAAGGAGC TGGTGGATGA ACAAGGTGGG GAAAGAGGCC
21361 CAGGGTCCAC ATCTACTGAG CTGGACTCAG GCATGGGAAT TGGTGTTGTG AGGGCCAAGA
21421 CACTTGGCCT CCTAAAAGTT TGCTGAAAAT CACTGACATG AGAGTAATTG ATTTATAGGA
21481 GAAAAGGTAG ATAAATTTAT TTAATATGTA TATATGAGCA CCTTTAGAAT GAAGACCCAA
21541 AGATATAGGG GAAATTGCCA GTTATTTATT TATTTTTTTT GGAGATGGAG TCTCACTGTG
21601 TCTGCCAGGC TAGAGTGCAG TGGCAATGAT CTCGGCTCAC TGCAACCTCC GCCTGCTGGG
21661 TTCAAGCAAT TCTCCTGCCT CATCCTCCTG AGCAGCTGTG ACTACAGGCA CGCACCACCA
21721 TGCCCGGCTA ATTTTTTGTA TTTTTTAGTA GAGACAGGGT TTCACCATGC TGGCCAGGCT
21781 GGTCTGGAAC TCCTGACCTT GTGATCCGCC CGCCTTGGCC TCCCAGAGTG CTGGGATTAT
21841 AGGCGTGAGC CACCGCCCCC AGCCTGAAAT CGCCAATTTT ATGTTTATGT TTTACAAAGT
21901 ATGGACAGCT GTGTAGAAAT ATGACTGGAC AGAAGGGCAT GCTCTAATGT TAACAGACTG
21961 AGTGGGGAAA CCCAGGAAGG CCTGTTGAGA TTCCTCCTGG CCTCTCTCAT TCCTTCCTTC
22021 TGGGTATGGG GCAGGACCCT CTCTGGAATG GGGAGATCTT AGGACCTAAG TTAAATAAGG
22081 TAGGTCAGAT AATTTTTTAT GGCCAGTTTT TACATACAGT AATTTTAGGT TTTATGGCTG
22141 GCTTTGGGGA AAAGAGGTCC TGGTTTTTAT AGCTGGCCTT GGGGGAGAAT GGGACCCAGC
22201 AACAGGAGGA CAGGAGAGGG TCAGAGAAAA ACTTCTGCTT CTGAGGCTGC TACTGAGGCC
22261 TTCATTTTAG GGTATTGTCT TCTGAGCCCC AGCATTCCTC GGTGTGAAAA ATTTTAAAGA
22321 AATTTTATAG TCCAGAAATT GAGTTGGTGA ATTGTCTTAT AAGCCATGGA ACTAGTCTCT
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22381 TAGTCCTGAG AATAGGCCAG TCTAGTTAAA TAGTTATTAG TTGTGTCTAA TTTTAGGCAG
22441 TGTGTTGCAG ATGGGCTTCC ACCAAAGCCA GGCCTCTATA TGATATGAGT AATCAGTTAT
22501 TTAGTAAGAG GCATTTTTGT CTCAAAAAAT AAATAAATAA AAATATATGA ATAAATGAAT
22561 GTATGTTTCT TATCAGACTA CGTCTGTTCT ATCATTAATT CCAGAAGGGA GGAGGGTCTG
22621 GTTCCCCCTT CCCATCATGG CCTGACCTAG TTTTCAGGTT AATTTTAGAA CACCCTTGGC
22681 TGTGAGGAGT GGTCCATTCG GATGGTTAGG GAGCTTTAGG ATTTTACTTT TGGTTTACAA
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22801 TTTAAGCATT TTTTTAACTG AATTAATTAG AGCTCTTTTA TATATTTTGA TAATGGAACA
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22981 TGGAGTGCAG TGGTGCCATC ACAGCTCACT GCAGCCTTGA CCTCCAAGGC TCAAGCAATC
23041 CTTCTACCTG ACTGGCTAGC TGGGACTACA GGCGCGTGCC ACCATGCCTG GCTAATTCGT
23101 GTATTTTTTG TAGATATGGG GAGTTTTACC ATCTTGCCCA GGCTGGTCTT GAACTCCTGG
23161 GCTCAAGAAA TTTTCCTAAC TTGACCTCCC AAAGTGTTGG AATTACAGGC ATGAGGCACT
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23461 AAGGTTTTGG AGGTTTGGGT GTAGAGAGGG AGATGCCTTT ACAAATGGAA TTTTTGTTGT
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23581 CTGGAGTGCA GTGGCACGAT CTCCGCTCAC TGCAACCTCT GCCTCCCGGC TTCAAGTGAT
23641 TCTCCCACCT CAACCTCCTG AGTAGTGGGG ATTACAGCTG TGTGCCACCA CGCCCAGCTA
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23821 CACTGCACCT GGCCTTTTCT GAGTTTTTTA AGGAGTCTGA GTCATTAGAA GTCTTTTCTA
23881 GATTTTTTAA AAATGTGGTA TTGAAGATGG CAAAGAGGAA GGAGGAATAG GGTGGAGTAA
23941 AAGTAAATGG GAGGATAGTT TTTAAGAAAG GAAGTGAATA GAGACATCAA ACACATTTTA
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24061 AGAAGGCTTT AAAAATATAC ACATAGCTTG AATATTAGCT TTTAATTAAG CTGACTTCTA
24121 ACCATGGAGC TCTTTAACAA AAATTCTTTT AAATTTGTCT CTCTCCTCCT TTAAAACTTT
24181 TTGTAGAGAT GGGGTTTCGC CCTGTTACCC AGGCTGGTCT CAAGTCCGGG CAACTTCTGG
24241 GCTAAAGTGA TCTGCCTGTC TCGGCCTCCC AAGTGATAGG ATTACAGGTG TGAGCCACTG
24301 CGACTCACCT TAAATCTCTT GTTACCAGAT TTTAGTTGGG ACAAATGCTG ATATTTTAAA
24361 AGTCACATAA ATATTAAGCC GAAAAGGACT GATTTCTGAT TAGGAAGGAA ACCCTAAGCC
24421 ACGGTGGGAA TTTTAATTAT TAAACTGTAA AATGGAGCAG CCTCCATTGT TAATTTTGTA
24481 TGGAATCCAA AGTGGCAGTT TGAGTGTAAT TGTTTTAGGT CAGGTTTTTG TGCTTTAATT
24541 TAATCAAGAC AATTGTTAAG GATAGCTGTG ACACTATTAT GTGTCCTTTT AATTTGATCT
24601 ATCAATTCTT TAGAACAAGT AATTTTTTTA AATTTAGGAA TTTTAGTCTA AAGGATTTAT
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24661 CTTTTGGCCA TTGACAATTA GAATTTTTAA TGGGGTATTT AATTCCAATA GCAACTTAAT
24721 CCAAAGTTTT CTTTATGTCA AAGAAAACAG AAGCCCAGGA GGGATGAGAC CTTGTAAGAC
24781 AAAACTCCCC TAGGAGCTTG GAATGTTTGA AAATACATGT GTTGGGCTCC CAATCTTTTC
24841 ATACTGGCTG TGATGTTACC TGAAAAATCA CATCCTTTGG ATGGTGGAGA CCAAGCGGGA
24901 ATATCCCCAT CTAGTCACGT CATGCTCTCA AGGACATGAG ACAAGAGGGA AACCTCTCAC
24961 CCTGTTTTTA TTTCAGGGAC TGGCAGCAAA GTTTGTCATA ACAGAAGTCA GCATAACCAG
25021 AACCACGAAA CTGACCAGTT TGCAGGGCCA GTTCAAACAG TGGGTTGCAG GCCTGTTCTA
25081 CCCTAGGGTA CCCCTCCTTA TGACAGAACA CCAAAAGACA AGACAAAAAC GAAGGAAAAC
25141 GGCAACAACA AAAAAGCTAT TTCTGAAAGG AAAATGGCAA CAACAACAAC AAAAGCTATT
25201 TCTGAAGGGA ATGGGGTCAA ACTATGAATA CTTATACCAC AAAGTACTAA AAAATATATC
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25321 GGAAAGGAAA AGGGAAACAA TGATTTTTAC TGTCCACTCA TCCAGAGTCC ACAGAGAGAG
25381 GAAAACTGGA AAACTGGGAG TCTGGCAGGA AATTCTCACT CCTCTGCTGG CTTGCCAGGT
25441 TCCTGTATTT CCTTCTCTGT GGCTTCCAGA AAAGCACAAT AGCTTTGGTG GTCTTATTTG
25501 TGATGCCAAA CTGTGGTCTT GGCCCCCTAA AGTTTCAGTG AAAATCACTG ACATGAAGCA
25561 GATTAATAGG GAAAAAGGCA TACAAATTTA TTAAATACGA ATGGGAGCCT TTAGAATGAA
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25681 GCTGTGTAGA AATATGACTG GACAGAAAGG GCACGATCTA ATGTTAACAG ACTGAGTGGG
25741 GAAACCCAGC AAGGCCTGTC TGTTGAGATT CCTCCTAGCC TCTCTCATTC CTTCCTTCTG
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25861 CAGATTTTTT TTTTTTTTTT TTTTTTTTTT GAGCTGGAGT CTCTCTGTCA ACAGGCTGGA
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25981 TGCCTTAGCC TCCTGAGTAG CTGGGATTAC AGGGGTGTGC CACCACGCCC AGCTAATTTT
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26101 CTTGTGATCC ACCTGCCTCG GCCTCCCAAA GTGCTAGGAT TACAGGCGTG AGCCACTGTG
26161 CCCGGCCTTT TTTTTTTTTT TTTTTTTTTA GGAAGTTGTA TTTTGGGCTT TTTAACTAGC
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26461 TCCCCCAAGG CTGGCAGGCA GCCCAGTGCC GATTAGCCCA CTCTGTGCTT AGTCTTTTTT
26521 TTTTTTTTTT TTTTGAGGTG GAGTCTTGCT CTGTTGCCCA GGCTGGAGTG CAATGGCGTG
26581 ATCTCGGCTC AATGCAATCT CTGTCTCGTG GGTTCAAGCG ATTCTCCTGC CTCAGCCTCC
26641 CAAGTAGCTG AGATTACAGG CACCAGCCAC TATGCTCAGC TAATTTTTTG TATTTTTAGT
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26761 GCCCGCCTCG GCCTCCCAAA GTGCTGGGAT TACAGGCGTG AGCCACCATG CCTGGCGTGC
26821 TTAGCCTATT TTTAATGGGA GTTTCATCCT CAATGGTGAG TGCTTTCATT GTCTTTAGGT
26881 GCCCCAGACC ATGTTTTTAA AAATTTAAAT GCACGAAGAA ATAAGTAGCC CTGTATAGTA
26941 GTAATACTTT GTTGTGAATA ACTGTCATAA GTCATCTCTA AAACTGTATT TTTTATCTAG
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27181 AAGGGGTGAG TGTCATCTTT TCTGAATTTT TTTTTTTTTT TAGATGGAGT CTTGCTCTGC
27241 CACCAGGCTG GAGTGCAGTG GTGCAATCTC GGCTCAGCCT CCCGAGTAGC TAGGATTACA
27301 GGCACGCGCC ACCATGACCA GCTAATTTTT GTATTTTTAG TAGAGACAGC GTTTCACCAT
27361 GTTGGCCAGG ATGGTCTCGG TCTCTTGACC TCGTGATCCG CCCGCCTCGG CCTCCCAAAG
27421 TGCTGGGATT ACAAGCGTGA GCCACTGCAC TCGGCCGGTC AGATAATTTT TTTGGCCAGT
27481 TTTTACATAG AGTAATTTTA GGTTTTATGG CTGGCTTTGG GGCAAAGGGG TTCTGGTTTT
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27721 AATGGTCTCA CTGCTGGGTC TGTGGGGTAT GTGTGTGTCT GGGTGTGTGG CTACTGTCTG
27781 CATCCTCCTC CCCCCTACAG CCTCCCCGCC TCCCCTCCAG CCACCCTGGG ATTGGTGACT
27841 CTCAGCCCCT CCCCTCAGCT CCCCTAGACC CTCCCAGAGC CTTTATCAGG GAGCTGGGAC
27901 TGAGTGACTG CAGCCTTCCT AGATCCCCTC CACTCGGTTT CTCTCTTTGC AGGAGCACCG
27961 GCAGCACCAG TGTGTGAGGG GAGCAGGCAG CGGTCCTAGC CAGTTCCTTG ATCCTGCCAG
28021 ACCACCCAGC CCCCGGCACA GAGCTGCTCC ACAGGTAGGC AAGTGGGAGA ATGCTGGATG
28081 GACCAGAGCT GGCACCAGGG GACAGGAGCC AGCGTCAGGA GGGAATAAAG CAGATGGCAG
28141 CCTCTGATAG GGGAGCAGGG GACTGGGAAG GTGAGCACAA AGCACCTGTA GGGCCGAGAG
28201 CTGGTTGGTG TTTGGAGCCT GTGGCTACAG ACTCATTCTT TCATACCAGA AAGTTTTTGC
28261 CTAAGTCTTG GGATTATCTA GTACTGGAAA ATAGCATCCA GGATCCCTCC TCCAGCTGAC
28321 TGAGGAAACA GACCAGTCCA TGTCCTACAA ATCTATCATC TTTCTTGGGA GCTAGAGTCC
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28441 AACTAAGCCC AAGGGCTGTA CCCCCTTCTC AGAAATACTT TCCACCCTCT CTCCAGACCA
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28681 TCAGCCTAGC TCAGAGCTTT GGGGCTGTCT GTAAGGAGCC ACAGGAGGAG GTGGTTCCTG
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28801 GGGACTCTGC CTGTCTGGAC AGCTGTAGTG AGGAAACTGG GGTGGGGGGG TTGTCCGTCA
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29161 ATGGTTATTT GTGTGCTATT TTACCTATCA GTTATGTGTA TTGTTTTATT TTCAAAATGC
29221 AAATAAATTC CCTTATCTTT TGCTCATCCA CCCCCAGTAA CCTCAGGTGC TTCTAAGATC
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29581 ATCTCATTAT AGGAGGTGGG CAGAGTATTC AACAATTTGG GAAAAGTGGC TGCCTGAACA
29641 CCACATGCTG GGCCAAGGGA GTTATCACCA GGGCAGCCTT GCAGGTGGCA GCAGTTGTGC
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29821 CTGAGACAAA CTTGTTTCAA GACCTTGGCC AATGAGATGT CCCCTCTGCC CCTCTTGGTC
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30061 TCTGGAAAGA GAGGCGCTGC TGAGACTTGA GATTTGAGAT GAAAATCTCC AGCCATGATC
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30181 GCTGTACGCA AGTTGCTAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAATCACAGG GACAATCAAG AGCCCGTGCT
30241 GGGCAACAGC TCTAGAACTT GGGATTCAGT TGTGGAGAGA AGAAGACGTG CCTTCTGAGC
30301 ATGTTGCCTT CCTGGAATTC TAGACCTAGG GCCAAAAGGG AGAGGGAGAG AAAACTAGAG
30361 GCGGAAAGCC ATGGAGAATA GAGAAAGAGG TGGTGGAAAA CAGGGAGAGA AACATCCATG
30421 GACATCGTGC AGAGTGGGGG AATCACAGGT GCAGATGTGT GCCTCCAATC TCACCATGCA
30481 TGTGAATCAC CTGGGGGGCT GCTTAAAATG CAGATTCTGT CTCAGGAGGT CTGGGGTAGG
30541 AACAAGAGTC TGCATTTCTA ACAGGCTCTG TGTAGTGCTG GTGTTGCTGT TGGTCCACAG
30601 GTCACTCCTG GAGCACCTAC TTCTCGTCCA GTGTGAACCA GAGGAAACTC TGAAAGAAAT
30661 AGGGTGTCGG ATTCAGGATG GGCTCAGGAA GAGGCTGTTT CTTGTGGGAA AAGGATGAGT
30721 GGATCCGGGT GGGAGCCTCC TGCCTCACCC CTCTTTGTTT CTTCCCTAGA GGGATCCAGA
30781 TCTCTACCAG CTGCTCCAGA GACTCTTCAA AAGCCACTCA TCTCTGGAGG GATTGCTCAA
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31021 CCCCATTTAG ACATCTGTTC TTGGTTTCAC AGATCCTAAG GAATCAACAT CTCCCGAGAA
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31441 AGTCATGCTT TGACAAGAAA AAGGAACAGA GACCAGAAAC CCAGTCTCAG AAGTGTTGAC
31501 CCATGTCTGG GGAGATGCTT CACTTTCTCA TCATCACTGC TGACAATGTT GGCCCTTTTC
31561 TGCAGGTGAC ATGCATGACT TCTTTGTGGG ACTTATGGGC AAGAGGAGCG TCCAGCCAGG
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31681 ACGTGCCTCA TATTTGTCAC CAGAGGGAAA GACAGGACCT TTCTTACCTT CAGTGAGGGT
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32041 GTATCCCCCG AGAGCAGAAT AGGGTAAGGA TTGTTCATTA GAGAGGGGAG AGGGGACTGG
32101 GGAGGGGGCT GTGGGGGTTG CCAGCTGTGC ATTTCCTCCC ATGCTACAGG TATTAAAGCT
32161 CATAGATTTG CCCTGAAATA CACTGCCAAT GCCCAGCACA CTGTCGGCCA AACACAAAGA
32221 CACTTAGAGG CACGTGTGTT TGTACACATC CCCCGTCTTT CATCTCTTTC CTCTGGATCA
32281 TGGACGGCAG CTGACTATTG AGCAGGAGTG AGTGTTGGGA GATGAGGAGA GAGGGGCTTC
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32401 GAAATTATTA TCTGATAATT ACAAATACCA CAACCAATTC ACAGGCAAGC ATTTGCCTCC
32461 CAGGCAGGCT GAGCCTTTCA AATCACTCAG AATCCTGGGT TACGGGGCCC AGAAGGTAGT
32521 CATACACAAG GATGATTCAG GAAGAAATGC AAGGAACTCT GAAATCTAAT GGGGATTAGC
32581 AGGAAACCAT ATCTGAATCT CTCTTTAGCA TAATGAATAA GAACAATGGC CTGAATGTGA
32641 ATCCTGGATC TGCCACTCTA TCTGTATCTT TTTGGCCAAG GTACATATCC TCCTGTGCTT
32701 CAGTTTCCTC ATCTGAAAAA TGAAAGTGAT AATAGTATCT CACAGGGTTG TGGTTTTGAG
32761 GATTGAGTAT AGGTAAAGTG TTCAGAACAG TGCCGGGTGC ACAGTGCTGT GTGCCAATTT
32821 TATGATAATT GTCCCAGTTT GGGAGGTATG GGGGATGTCC TAATGTTTCC CCTGACTGGC
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32941 GAGTCCCCCA GGGAAGTGTC TAGTCAAAAC ACGAACCTTC CGCCTTGACA CTGTCTTCCC
33001 ACACACAGCA AGAGCAGCTC CACCAATGGC TTTCTTTTCA CTAGCTTCCA AAGAATTGGG
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FIG. 5

QUANTITATIVE PCR OF THE COMPLETE HUMAN NEUROKININ B PRECURSOR

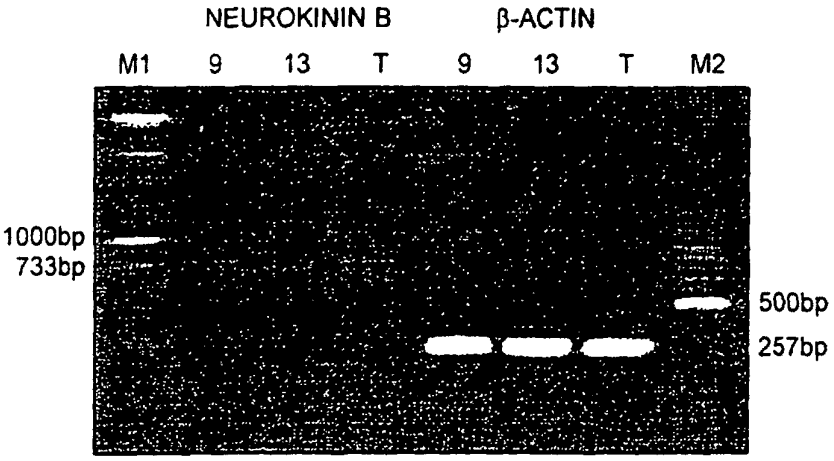


FIG. 6

HIGH PRESSURE LIQUID CHROMOTOGRAPHY (HPLC) OF NEUROKININ B

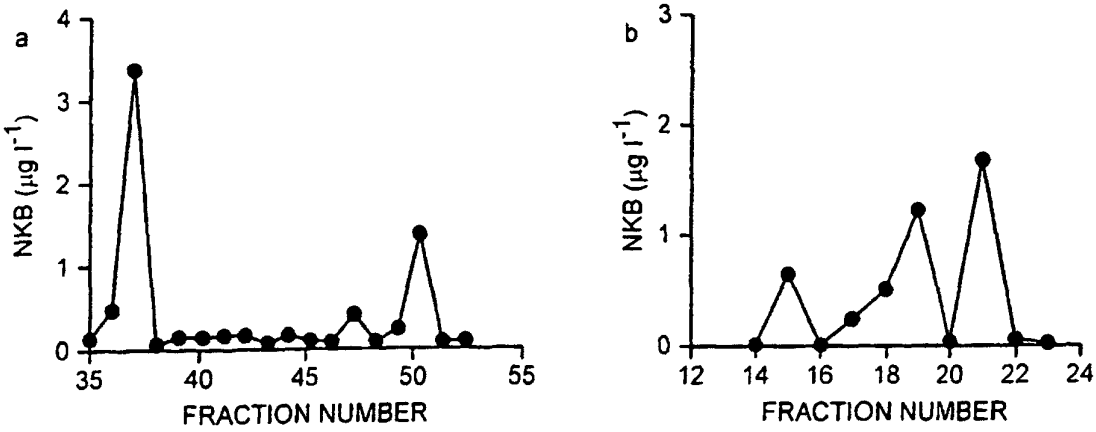


FIG. 7

CARDIOVASCULAR EFFECTS OF NKB IN CONCIOUS RATS

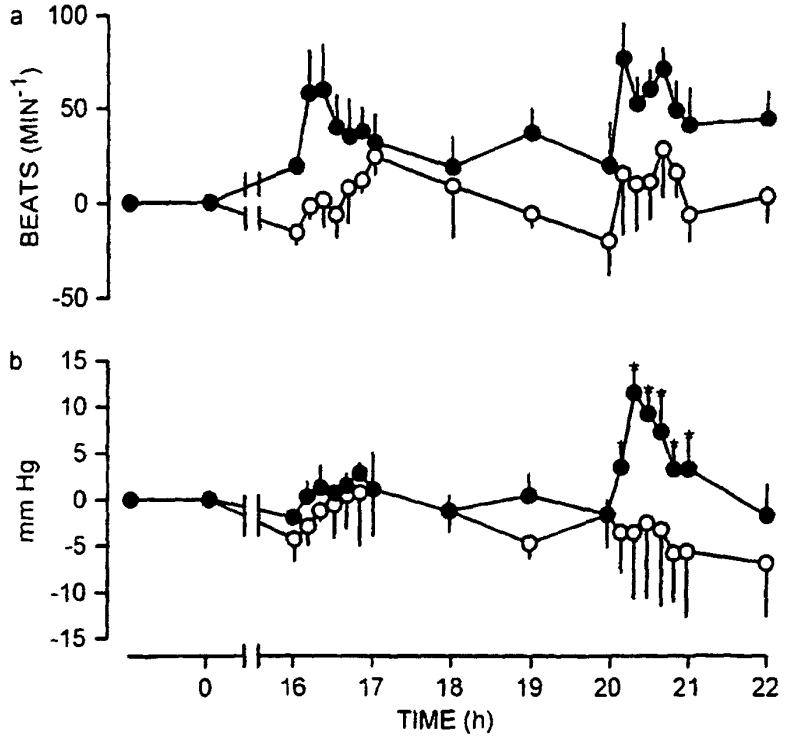
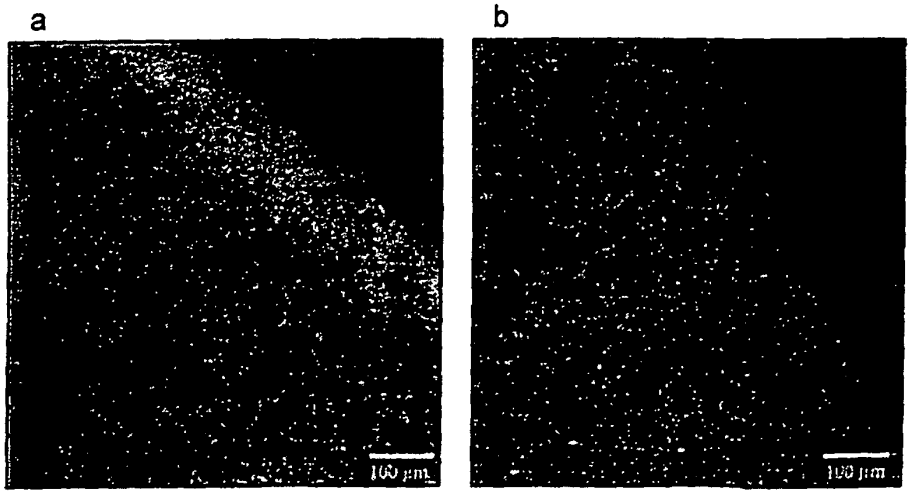


FIG. 8

LOCALISATION OF NEUROKININ B mRNA EXPRESSION
IN VERTICAL SECTIONS OF THE PLACENTA



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摘要(译)

提供了通过测量神经激肽B，其前体及其片段的产生来诊断妊娠诱发的高血压或先兆子痫的方法，以及用于该方法的试剂盒。还提供了制备合适药物的条件和方法的处理，以及抗体和有用的抗原物质。


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        35                  40                  45

Arg Leu Phe Lys Ser His Ser Ser Leu Glu Gly Leu Leu Lys Ala Leu
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Ser Gln Ala Ser Thr Asp Pro Lys Glu Ser Thr Ser Pro Glu Lys Arg
65                  70                  75                  80

Asp Met His Asp Phe Phe Val Gly Leu Met Gly Lys Arg Ser Val Gln
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Pro Asp Ser Pro Thr Asp Val Asn Gln Glu Asn Val Pro Ser Phe Gly
            100                 105                 110

Ile Leu Lys Tyr Pro Pro Arg Ala Glu
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