HUMAN SECRETED PROTEINS

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to human secreted proteins/polypeptides, and isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding said proteins/polypeptides, useful for detecting, preventing, diagnosing, prognosticating, treating, and/or ameliorating diseases and disorders related to said proteins/polypeptides (relatedness may be by direct or indirect association, by cause, by consequence, or by effect on said diseases and disorders). Antibodies that bind these polypeptides are also encompassed by the present invention. Also encompassed by the invention are vectors, host cells, and recombinant and synthetic methods for producing said polynucleotides, polypeptides, and/or antibodies. The invention further encompasses screening methods for identifying agonists and antagonists of polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention. The present invention further encompasses methods and compositions for inhibiting or enhancing the production and function of the polypeptides of the present invention.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] Unlike bacterium, which exist as a single compartment surrounded by a membrane, human cells and other eukaryotes are subdivided by membranes into many functionally distinct compartments. Each membrane-bounded compartment, or organelle, contains different proteins essential for the function of the organelle. The cell uses "sorting signals," which are amino acid motifs located within the protein, to target proteins to particular cellular organelles.

[0003] One type of sorting signal, called a signal sequence, a signal peptide, or a leader sequence, directs a class of proteins to an organelle called the endoplasmic reticulum (ER). The ER separates the membrane-bounded proteins from all other types of proteins. Once localized to the ER, both groups of proteins can be further directed to another organelle called the Golgi apparatus. Here, the Golgi distributes the proteins to vesicles, including secretory vesicles, the cell membrane, lysosomes, and the other organelles.

[0004] Proteins targeted to the ER by a signal sequence can be released into the extracellular space as a secreted protein. For example, vesicles containing secreted proteins can fuse with the cell membrane and release their contents into the extracellular space—a process called exocytosis. Exocytosis can occur constitutively or after receipt of a triggering signal. In the latter case, the proteins are stored in secretory vesicles (or secretory granules) until exocytosis is triggered. Similarly, proteins residing on the cell membrane can also be secreted into the extracellular space by proteolytic cleavage of a "linker" holding the protein to the membrane.

[0005] Thus there exists a clear need for identifying and using novel secreted polynucleotides and polypeptides. Identification and sequencing of human genes is a major goal of modern scientific research. For example, by identifying genes and determining their sequences, scientists have been able to make large quantities of valuable human "gene products." These include human insulin, interferon, Factor VIII, tumor necrosis factor, human growth hormone, tissue plasminogen activator, and numerous other compounds. Additionally, knowledge of gene sequences can provide the key to treatment or cure of genetic diseases (such as muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis).

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0006] The present invention relates to human secreted proteins/polypeptides, and isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding said proteins/polypeptides, useful for detecting, preventing, diagnosing, prognosticating, treating, and/or ameliorating diseases and disorders related to said proteins/polypeptides (relatedness may be by direct or indirect association, or by cause, consequence, or effect on said diseases and disorders). Antibodies that bind these polypeptides are also encompassed by the present invention. Also encompassed by the invention are vectors, host cells, and recombinant and synthetic methods for producing said polynucleotides, polypeptides, and/or antibodies. The invention further encompasses screening methods for identifying agonists and antagonists of polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention. The present invention further encompasses methods and compositions for inhibiting or enhancing the production and function of the polypeptides of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Polynucleotides and Polypeptides of the Invention

Description of Table 1A

[0007] Table 1A summarizes information concerning certain polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention. The first column provides the gene number in the application for each clone identifier. The second column provides a unique clone identifier, "Clone ID:", for a cDNA clone related to each contig sequence disclosed in Table 1A. Third column, the cDNA Clones identified in the second column were deposited as indicated in the third column (i.e. by ATCC Deposit No:Z and deposit date). Some of the deposits contain multiple different clones corresponding to the same gene. In the fourth column, "Vector" refers to the type of vector contained in the corresponding cDNA Clone identified in the second column. In the fifth column, the nucleotide sequence identified as "NT SEQ ID NO:X" was assembled from partially homologous ("overlapping") sequences obtained from the corresponding cDNA clone identified in the second column and, in some cases, from additional related cDNA clones. The overlapping sequences were assembled into a single contiguous sequence of high redundancy (usually three to five overlapping sequences at each nucleotide position), resulting in a final sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:X. In the sixth column, "Total NT Seq." refers to the total number of nucleotides in the contig sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:X." The deposited clone may contain all or most of these sequences, reflected by the nucleotide position indicated as "5' NT of Clone Seq." (seventh column) and the "3' NT of Clone Seq." (eighth column) of SEQ ID NO:X. In the ninth column, the nucleotide position of SEQ ID NO:X of the putative start codon (methionine) is identified as "5' NT of Start Codon." Similarly, in column ten, the nucleotide position of SEQ ID NO:X of the predicted signal sequence is identified as "5' NT of First AA of Signal Pep." In the eleventh column, the translated amino acid sequence, beginning with the methionine, is identified as "AA SEQ ID NO:Y," although other