

Use of Peptides of Syndecan-1 to Inhibit Angiogenesis

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The Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) is seeking commercial partners interested in a method of using a novel peptide from the extracellular domain of syndecan-1 to inhibit angiogenesis.

Overview

Syndecans, a highly conserved family of four transmembrane heparan sulfate proteoglycans, bind a variety of extracellular matrix ligands, including fibronectin, laminin and vitronectin. Syndecan-1 serves as an important regulator of $\alpha\nu\beta$ 3 and $\alpha\nu\beta$ 5 integrins, which in turn, are key regulators of adhesion and signaling in numerous biological processes, including cell migration, metastasis and angiogenesis.

The Invention

UW-Madison researchers have developed a method of using a novel peptide from the extracellular domain of syndecan-1 to inhibit angiogenesis. The peptide interferes with the formation of new blood vessels by blocking the activation of $\alpha\nu\beta3$ and $\alpha\nu\beta5$ integrins. Recent *in vivo* mouse data shows that this peptide successfully inhibits angiogenesis and reduces tumor size without adverse side effects.

Applications

• Treatment of cancer and other diseases characterized by angiogenesis, including atherosclerosis, diabetic retinopathy, pyogenic granulomas, psoriasis, endometriosis, pre-eclampsia and rheumatoid arthritis

Key Benefits

- · Highly specific and potent
- Because inhibiting ανβ3 and ανβ5 integrin activation results in the inhibition of cell adhesion, migration, metastasis, survival and/or proliferation, in addition to angiogenesis, this peptide is useful in the treatment of cancer.

Additional Information

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