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(57) Abstract: The invention includes a method of reducing urea concentration in a subject's serum. Such a method comprises administering to the subject (e.g., a mammal such as a human) a composition comprising an oligopeptide (or oligopeptides) having activity in reducing urea concentration in the subject's serum as determined by a mouse renal reperfusion test, wherein the oligopeptide comprises the sequence QGV or MTRV (SEQ ID NO:1) (e.g., AQGV (SEQ ID NO:2) or MTRV (SEQ ID NO:1)).