COMBINATIONS AND METHODS FOR SUBCUTANEOUS ADMINISTRATION OF IMMUNE GLOBULIN AND HYALURONIDASE

RELATED APPLICATIONS

Benefit of priority is claimed to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 61/069,841, to Richard Schiff, Heinz Leibl and Gregory Frost, entitled "Combinations and Methods for Subcutaneous Administration of Immune Globulin and Hyaluronidase," filed March 17, 2008. Where permitted, the subject matter of the above-noted application is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

This application is related to U.S. Application Serial No. 12/381,844, filed the same day herewith, entitled "Combinations and Methods for Subcutaneous Administration of Immune Globulin and Hyaluronidase," which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 61/069,841. Where permitted, the subject matter of the above-noted related application is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Provided are combinations, compositions and kits containing an immune globulin (IG) composition and a soluble hyaluronidase composition formulated for subcutaneous administration. Such products can be used in methods of treating IG-treatable diseases or conditions. Also provided are methods for subcutaneous administration of immune globulin whereby the dosing regimen is substantially the same as for intravenous administration of the same dosage for treatment of the same IG-treatable disease or condition.

BACKGROUND

The intravenous (IV) administration of immune globulin (IVIG) is the primary treatment of individuals with immune deficiencies. Although the initial IVIG preparations caused severe side effects, the IVIG preparations available at the present time are well tolerated in the majority of immune deficient patients. Nonetheless, a small proportion of patients continue to have unpleasant, even disabling, reactions such as headache, fatigue, and myalgia. Fever and chills remains a problem, especially when patients have intercurrent infections. The reactions often persist despite trying other IVIG preparations or pre-medicating with acetaminophen, diphenhydramine, and corticosteroids. Further, due to the requirement for IV administration, there are issues with patient compliance.

Subcutaneous (SQ) administration of immune globulin is an alternative to intravenous administration. Compared to IV infusions, SQ administration of immune globulin has several advantages. For example, it reduces the incidence of systemic reactions, does not require sometimes-difficult IV access, improves trough levels, and gives patients more independence. Because of the difficulty in administering large quantities of fluid in a single site, it is necessary to do SQ infusions once or twice a week, using two to as many as 5 sites at a time. Thus, unlike IVIG, which is given once a month, subcutaneous administration is usually done weekly. Hence, there is a need for alternative methods for administering immune globulin.

SUMMARY

Provided herein are methods, compositions, combinations and kits for subcutaneous administration of immune globulin and for treating IG-treatable diseases or conditions. Provided are methods for treating an IG-treatable disease or condition in a subject by subcutaneously administering to the subject soluble hyaluronidase and an immune globulin (IG) for treating the disease or condition. Co-administration of IG and hyaluronidase increases the bioavailability of subcutaneously administered IG to permit administration of IG subcutaneously using a dosing regime substantially the same as intravenous IG (IVIG) administration for the particular disease or condition. The administration of the IG is effected such that the amount administered and frequency of administration is substantially the same as for IV (intravenous) administration of the same amount via IV for the same disease or condition. The amount administered via IV can be predetermined or is known for a particular disease or condition. Typically, in the presence of a soluble hyaluronidase, for subcutaneous administration, the rate of administration can be greater than for IV administration. Hence, the time for administration of a particular dose can be reduced. Rate of administration can be controlled, such as by a pump, or can rely on gravity.

Thus, among the methods provided are methods for treating an IG-treatable disease or condition in a subject in need of such treatment by subcutaneously administering to the subject a soluble hyaluronidase and an amount of immune globulin (IG) effective for treating the disease or condition. The administration is performed with a dosage regimen in which: (a) a quantity of IG; and (b) a dosing frequency for successive administrations of IG to the subject are selected such that the

therapeutic effect of the subcutaneous IG administration upon the subject is at least substantially equivalent to intravenous administration of the IG to the subject using the same dosing regimen.

In some examples of the methods provided herein, bioavailability of the subcutaneously administered IG is at least about 90% of the bioavailability of the same dosage administered via IV administration. The amount of soluble hyaluronidase administered can be sufficient to effect subcutaneous administration of the IG at a dosage administered no more than once a month. In other examples, administration of IG is no more than once monthly.

The soluble hyaluronidase used in the methods and uses provided herein can be PH20 or a truncated form thereof. For example, the soluble hyaluronidase can an ovine or bovine or truncated human PH20. In instances where a truncated human PH20 is used in the methods and uses provided herein, the truncated human PH20 can be selected from among polypeptides having a sequence of amino acids set forth in any of SEQ ID NOS:4-9, or allelic variants or other variants thereof. In one example, the soluble hyaluronidase is rHuPH20.

The IG administered using the methods and uses herein can be purified from human plasma, such as by alcohol fractionation. In some examples, the IG is further purified by any one or more of a chemical modification, incubation at pH 4.0 with or without pepsin, polyethylene glycol (PEG) precipitation, ion-exchange chromatography, enzymatic cleavage, solvent detergent treatment, diafiltration or ultrafiltration. The methods and uses provided herein can employ IG that contains IgG, IgA and IgM. In some examples, the IG contains greater than 95% IgG. Further, the IgG can be monomeric. Protein-stabilizing excipients, such as one or more of glycine, maltose, a polyol, human serum albumin, mannitol, and non-ionic detergent, also can be present in the IG. In some examples, the pH of the IG preparation is at or about 4.2 to 5.4, 4.6 to 5.1 or 4.8 to 5.0, and the protein concentration is or is about 5 to 15% w/v, 6 to 15% w/v, or 8 to 12% w/v of IG composition. In one example, the protein concentration of the IG is 10% w/v.

Provided herein are methods and uses for treating an IG-treatable disease or condition, in which soluble hyaluronidase and an immune globulin (IG) for treating the disease or condition are subcutaneously administered, and the IG is infused at a rate of 10 ml/hr to 300 ml/hr, such as at or about 10 ml/hr, 20 ml/hr, 30 ml/hr, 40

ml/hr, 50 ml/hr, 60 ml/hr, 70 ml/hr, 80 ml/hr, 90 ml/hr, 100 ml/hr, 150 ml/hr, 200 ml/hr, 250 ml/hr and 300 ml/hr. The rate can be controlled by a pump or gravity. In some examples, the IG and hyaluronidase are administered separately, simultaneously or intermittently. For example, the hyaluronidase can be administered prior to administration of IG, such as 0.5 minutes, 1 minute, 2 minutes, 3 minutes, 4 minutes, 5 minutes, 6 minutes, 7 minutes, 8 minutes, 9 minutes, 10 minutes, 20 minutes or 30 minutes prior to administration of IG. In other examples, the IG and hyaluronidase are in a single composition. In further examples, about or 5 grams (g), 10g, 15g, 20g, 21g, 22g, 23g, 24g, 25g, 26g, 27g, 28g, 29g, 30g, 31g, 32g, 33g, 34g, 35g, 36g, 37g, 38g, 39g or 40g of IG is administered, and the hyaluronidase is administered at a ratio (units hyaluronidase/grams of IG) at or about 10 U/ gram (g), 20 U/g, 30 U/g, 35 U/g, 40 U/g, 50 U/g, 60 U/g, 70 U/g, 80 U/g, 90 U/g, 100 U/g, 150 U/g, or 300 U/g.

Soluble hyaluronidase and IG can be administered using the methods and uses provided herein to treat, for example, immunodeficiency; acquired hypogammaglobulinemia secondary to hematological malignancies; Kawasaki's disease; chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP); Guillain-Barre Syndrome; Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura; inflammatory myopathies; Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome; multifocal motor neuropathy; Myasthenia Gravis; Moersch-Woltmann syndrome; secondary hypogammaglobulinaemia (including iatrogenic immunodeficiency); specific antibody deficiency; Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis; ANCA-positive systemic necrotizing vasculitis; Autoimmune haemolytic anaemia; Bullous pemphigoid; Cicatricial pemphigoid; Evans syndrome (including autoimmune haemolytic anaemia with immune thrombocytopenia); Foeto-maternal/neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia (FMAIT/NAIT); Haemophagocytic syndrome; High-risk allogeneic haemopoietic stem cell transplantation; IgM paraproteinaemic neuropathy; kidney transplantation; multiple sclerosis; Opsoclonus myoclonus ataxia; Pemphigus foliaceus; Pemphigus vulgaris; Post-transfusion purpura; Toxic epidermal necrolysis/Steven Johnson syndrome (TEN/SJS); Toxic shock syndrome; Alzheimer's Disease; Systemic lupus erythrematosus; multiple myeloma; sepsis; B cell tumors; trauma; and a bacterial, viral or fugal infection. In instances where the IG and hyaluronidase are administered to treat an immunodeficiency, the immunodeficiency can be selected from among

common variable immunodeficiency (CVID), congenital agammaglobulinemia, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID), primary hypogammaglobulinemia, primary immunodeficiency diseases with antibody deficiency, X-linked agammaglobulinemia (XLA), hypogammaglobulinemia of infancy, and paraneoplastic cerebellar degeneration with no antibodies.

In instances where the IG-treatable disease or condition is acquired hypogammaglobulinemia secondary to hematological malignancies, and the hematological malignancy can be chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), multiple myeloma (MM) or non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL). In instances where the IG-treatable disease or condition is an inflammatory myopathy, the inflammatory myopathy can be polymyositis, dermatomyositis or inclusion body myositis.

In some examples, soluble hyaluronidase and IG is administered subcutaneously to treat a bacteria, viral or fungal condition, such as, for example, *Haemophilus influenzae* type B, *Psuedomonas aeruginosa* types A and B, *Staphylococcus aureus*, Group B Streptococcus, *Streptococcus pneumoniae* types 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 18, 19, and 23, Adenovirus types 2 and 5, Cytomegalovirus, Epstein Barr virus VCA, Hepatitis A virus, Hepatitis B virus, Herpes simplex virus-1, Herpes simplex virus-2, Influenza A, Measles, Parainfluenza types 1, 2 and 3, Polio, Varicella zoster virus, *Apergillus* and *Candida albicans*.

Provided herein are combinations of compositions, containing a first composition containing IG formulated for subcutaneous single dosage administration no more than once per month, and a second composition containing a soluble hyaluronidase formulated for single dosage administration no more than once per month. The compositions can be in a dual chamber container or in single container separated from each other. In some examples, the hyaluronidase is positioned in the container to be administered before the IG. The container can be a syringe, tube or bottle, and can further contain a needle for injection.

The combinations of compositions provided herein can contain PH20, or a truncated form thereof. For example, ovine, bovine or truncated human PH20, such as a polypeptide having a sequence of amino acids set forth in any of SEQ ID NOS:4-9, or allelic variants or other variants thereof, can be included in the combinations of compositions provided herein. In some examples, the soluble hyaluronidase in the

combination is rHuPH20. Further, the IG in the combinations of compositions can be purified from human plasma, and can be lyophilized or a liquid.

In some examples, the volume of liquid in the combinations of compositions provided herein is or is about 100 ml, 150 ml, 200 ml, 300 ml, 400 ml, 500 ml, 600 ml or 700 ml. The IG in the combinations of compositions can have a protein concentration that is or is about 5 to 15% w/v, 6 to 15% w/v, or 8 to 12% w/v of IG composition, such as, for example, 10% w/v. In some examples, the IG in the composition is or is about 5 grams (g), 10g, 15g, 20g, 21g, 22g, 23g, 24g, 25g, 26g, 27g, 28g, 29g, 30g, 31g, 32g, 33g, 34g, 35g, 36g, 37g, 38g, 39g or 40g. The hyaluronidase can be a liquid. In some examples, the volume of the hyaluronidase liquid is or is about 1 ml, 2 ml, 3 ml, 4 ml, 5 ml, 6 ml, 7 ml, 8 ml, 9 ml, 10 ml, 20 ml or 30 ml, and the hyaluronidase is at or about 10 Units to 500,000 Units, 100 Units to 100,000 Units, 500 Units to 50,000 Units, 1000 Units to 10,000 Units, 5000 Units to 7500 Units, 5000 Units to 50,000 Units, or 1,000 Units to 10,000 Units.

Provided herein are compositions containing immune globulin (IG) and a soluble hyaluronidase formulated for single dosage administration once a month. The soluble hyaluronidase contained in the composition can be PH20, or a truncated form thereof. For example, ovine, bovine or truncated human PH20, such as a polypeptide having a sequence of amino acids set forth in any of SEQ ID NOS:4-9, or allelic variants or other variants thereof, can be included in the compositions formulated for single dosage administration provided herein. In some examples, the soluble hyaluronidase in the composition is rHuPH20. The IG in the compositions can be purified from human plasma, and can be a liquid.

In exemplary embodiments, the IG in the compositions formulated for single dosage administration provided herein has a protein concentration that is or is about 5 to 15% w/v, 6 to 15% w/v, or 8 to 12% w/v of IG composition, such as, for example, 10% w/v. The IG in the composition is or is about 5 grams (g), 10g, 15g, 20g, 21g, 22g, 23g, 24g, 25g, 26g, 27g, 28g, 29g, 30g, 31g, 32g, 33g, 34g, 35g, 36g, 37g, 38g, 39g or 40g, and the hyaluronidase is at or about 10 Units to 500,000 Units, 100 Units to 100,000 Units, 500 Units to 50,000 Units, 1000 Units to 10,000 Units, 5000 Units to 7500 Units, 5000 Units to 50,000 Units, or 1,000 Units to 10,000 Units. The volume of liquid in the composition can be at or about 100 ml, 150 ml, 200 ml, 300 ml, 400 ml, 500 ml, 600 ml or 700 ml.

In one embodiment, there is provided a combination for use in increasing the bioavailability of subcutaneously administered immune globulin (IG) for the treatment of an IG-treatable disease or condition in a subject, comprising:

a first composition comprising IG formulated for subcutaneous single dosage administration of 0.5 grams (g) to 70 g, wherein:

the concentration of IG is 5 to 15% w/v

the IG is formulated in a volume of liquid that is 50 mL to 700 mL; and

a second composition, comprising a soluble hyaluronidase, formulated for direct subcutaneous single dosage administration in an amount that is at a ratio of 10-500 Units (U) hyaluronidase per gram (g) of the IG, wherein:

the soluble hyaluronidase is formulated in a volume of liquid that is 5 to 30 mL;

the hyaluronidase is formulated separately from the IG for administration prior to administration of the IG and at the same site as the IG;

the IG and hyaluronidase are formulated for administration every 3-4 weeks or monthly; and

the amount of hyaluronidase effects increased bioavailability of the IG when administered in combination with the IG to at least 90% of the bioavailability of the same single dosage of IG administered via intravenous administration for treatment of the same IG-treatable disease or condition.

In one embodiment, there is provided the use of a combination for formulation of a medicament for increasing the bioavailability of subcutaneously administered immune globulin (IG) to at least 90% of the bioavailability of the same single dosage of IG administered via intravenous administration for treating an IG-treatable disease or condition in a subject, wherein the combination comprises:

a first composition comprising IG formulated for subcutaneous single dosage administration of 0.5 grams (g) to 70 g every 3-4 weeks or monthly, wherein the concentration of IG is 5 to 15% w/v; and

a second composition comprising a soluble hyaluronidase formulated for subcutaneous single dosage administration every 3-4 weeks or monthly prior to administration of, and at the same site as, the IG in a volume that is 5 to 30 mL and in an amount that is a ratio of 10-500 Units (U) hyaluronidase per gram (g) of the IG; wherein:

the soluble hyaluronidase is formulated separately from the IG for administration prior to administration of the IG and at the same site as the IG; and

the hyaluronidase effects increased bioavailability of the IG when administered in combination with the IG to at least 90% of the bioavailability of the same single dosage of IG administered via intravenous administration for treatment of the same IG-treatable disease or condition.

Provided herein are kits containing combinations of compositions, containing a first composition containing IG formulated for subcutaneous single dosage administration no more than once per month, and a second composition containing a soluble hyaluronidase formulated for single dosage administration no more than once per month. Also provided herein are compositions containing immune globulin (IG) and a soluble hyaluronidase formulated for single dosage administration once a month. Optionally, instructions can be included in the kits.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Outline

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A. DEFINITIONS

Unless defined otherwise, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as is commonly understood by one of skill in the art to which the invention(s) belong. All patents, patent applications, published applications and publications, Genbank sequences, databases, websites and other published materials referred to throughout the entire disclosure herein, unless noted otherwise, are incorporated by reference in their entirety. In the event that there are a plurality of definitions for terms herein, those in this section prevail. Where reference is made to a URL or other such identifier or address, it understood that such identifiers can change and particular information on the internet can come and go, but equivalent information can be found by searching the internet. Reference thereto evidences the availability and public dissemination of such information.

As used herein, "immunoglobulin," "immune globulin," "gamma globulin" refer to preparations of plasma proteins derived from the pooled plasma of adult donors. IgG antibodies predominate; other antibody subclasses, such as IgA and IgM are present. Therapeutic immune globulin can provide passive immunization by increasing a recipient's serum levels of circulating antibodies. IgG antibodies can, for example, bind to and neutralize bacterial toxins; opsonize pathogens; activate complement; and suppress pathogenic cytokines and phagocytes through interaction with cytokines and receptors thereof, such as CD5, interleukin-1a (IL-1a), interleukin 6 (IL-6), tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-alpha), and T-cell receptors. Therapeutic immune globulin can inhibit the activity of autoantibodies. Immune globulin preparations also include, but are not limited to, immune globulin intravenous (IGIV), immune globulin IV, therapeutic immunoglobulin. Immune globulin preparation are well known, and include brand names, such as BayGam®, Gamimune® N, Gammagard® S/D, Gammar®-P, Iveegam® EN, Panglobulin®, Polygam® S/D, Sandoglobulin®, Venoglobulin®-I, Venoglobulin®-S, WinRho® SDF and others. Immune globulin preparations can be derived from human plasma, or are recombinantly produced.

As used herein, IG-treatable diseases or conditions refer to any disease or condition for which immune globulin preparations are used. Such diseases and

conditions, include, but are not limited to, any disease in which an increase in circulating antibodies is ameliorative, such as, for example, immunodeficiency; acquired hypogammaglobulinemia secondary to hematological malignancies; Kawasaki's disease; chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP); Guillain-Barre Syndrome; Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura; inflammatory myopathies; Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome; multifocal motor neuropathy; Myasthenia Gravis; Moersch-Woltmann syndrome; secondary hypogammaglobulinaemia (including iatrogenic immunodeficiency); specific antibody deficiency; Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis; ANCA-positive systemic necrotizing vasculitis; Autoimmune haemolytic anaemia; Bullous pemphigoid; Cicatricial pemphigoid; Evans syndrome (including autoimmune haemolytic anaemia with immune thrombocytopenia); Foeto-maternal/neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia (FMAIT/NAIT); Haemophagocytic syndrome; High-risk allogeneic haemopoietic stem cell transplantation; IgM paraproteinaemic neuropathy; kidney transplantation; multiple sclerosis; Opsoclonus myoclonus ataxia; Pemphigus foliaceus; Pemphigus vulgaris; Post-transfusion purpura; Toxic epidermal necrolysis/Steven Johnson syndrome (TEN/SJS); Toxic shock syndrome; Alzheimer's Disease; Systemic lupus erythematosus; multiple myeloma; sepsis; B cell tumors; trauma; and a bacterial viral or fugal infection.

As used herein, dosing regime refers to the amount of immune globulin administered and the frequency of administration. The dosing regime is a function of the disease or condition to be treated, and thus can vary.

As used herein, "substantially the same as an intravenous IG (IVIG) dosing regime" refers to a regimen in which the dose and/or frequency is within an amount that is effective for treating a particular disease or condition, typically is about or 10%, of the IV dose or frequency. Amounts of IVIG that are effective for treating a particular disease or condition are known or can be empirically determined by one of skill in the art. For example, as exemplified below, 300 mg/kg (i.e. 21 grams assuming the average adult weighs 70 kg) to 600 mg/kg (i.e. 42 grams) is the typical monthly dose of IVIG administered to patients having primary immunodeficiency diseases. Hence, IG, when administered in combination with hyaluronidase, is administered subcutaneously at doses that are or are about 300 mg/kg to 600 mg/kg for treatment of primary immunodeficiency diseases.

As used herein, frequency of administration refers to the time between successive doses of immune globulin. For example, frequency can be one, two, three, four weeks, and is a function of the particular disease or condition treated. Generally, frequency is a least every two or three weeks, and typically no more than once a month.

As used herein, hyaluronidase refers to an enzyme that degrades hyaluronic acid. Hyaluronidases include bacterial hyaluronidases (EC 4.2.99.1), hyaluronidases from leeches, other parasites, and crustaceans (EC 3.2.1.36), and mammalian-type hyaluronidases (EC 3.2.1.35). Hyaluronidases also include any of non-human origin including, but not limited to, murine, canine, feline, leporine, avian, bovine, ovine, porcine, equine, piscine, ranine, bacterial, and any from leeches, other parasites, and crustaceans. Exemplary non-human hyaluronidases include, hyaluronidases from cows (SEQ ID NO:10 and 11), yellow jacket wasp (SEQ ID NOS:12 and 13), honey bee (SEQ ID NO:14), white-face hornet (SEQ ID NO:15), paper wasp (SEQ ID NO:16), mouse (SEQ ID NOS:17-19, 32), pig (SEQ ID NOS:20-21), rat (SEQ ID NOS:22-24, 31), rabbit (SEQ ID NO:25), sheep (SEQ ID NO:26 and 27), orangutan (SEQ ID NO:28), cynomolgus monkey (SEQ ID NO:29), guinea pig (SEQ ID NO:30), *Staphylococcus aureus* (SEQ ID NO:33), *Streptococcus pyogenes* (SEQ ID NO:34), and *Clostridium perfringens* (SEQ ID NO:35). Hyaluronidases also include those of human origin. Exemplary human hyaluronidases include HYAL1 (SEQ ID NO:36), HYAL2 (SEQ ID NO:37), HYAL3 (SEQ ID NO:38), HYAL4 (SEQ ID NO:39), and PH20 (SEQ ID NO:1). Also included amongst hyaluronidases are soluble hyaluronidases, including, ovine and bovine PH20, soluble human PH20 and soluble rHuPH20.

Reference to hyaluronidases includes precursor hyaluronidase polypeptides and mature hyaluronidase polypeptides (such as those in which a signal sequence has been removed), truncated forms thereof that have activity, and includes allelic variants and species variants, variants encoded by splice variants, and other variants, including polypeptides that have at least 40%, 45%, 50%, 55%, 60%, 65%, 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% or more sequence identity to the precursor polypeptides set forth in SEQ ID NOS: 1 and 10-39, or the mature form thereof. For example, reference to hyaluronidase also includes the human PH20 precursor polypeptide variants set forth in SEQ ID NOS:50-51. Hyaluronidases also

include those that contain chemical or posttranslational modifications and those that do not contain chemical or posttranslational modifications. Such modifications include, but are not limited to, pegylation, albumination, glycosylation, farnesylation, carboxylation, hydroxylation, phosphorylation, and other polypeptide modifications known in the art.

As used herein, a soluble hyaluronidase refers to a polypeptide characterized by its solubility under physiologic conditions. Soluble hyaluronidases can be distinguished, for example, by its partitioning into the aqueous phase of a Triton X-114 solution warmed to 37°C (Bordier et al., (1981) J. Biol. Chem., 256:1604-7). Membrane-anchored, such as lipid anchored hyaluronidases, will partition into the detergent rich phase, but will partition into the detergent-poor or aqueous phase following treatment with Phospholipase-C. Included among soluble hyaluronidases are membrane anchored hyaluronidases in which one or more regions associated with anchoring of the hyaluronidase to the membrane has been removed or modified, where the soluble form retains hyaluronidase activity. Soluble hyaluronidases include recombinant soluble hyaluronidases and those contained in or purified from natural sources, such as, for example, testes extracts from sheep or cows. Exemplary of such soluble hyaluronidases are soluble human PH20. Other soluble hyaluronidases include ovine (SEQ ID NO:27) and bovine (SEQ ID NO:11) PH20.

As used herein, soluble human PH20 or sHuPH20 include mature polypeptides lacking all or a portion of the glycosylphospatidylinositol (GPI) attachment site at the C-terminus such that upon expression, the polypeptides are soluble. Exemplary sHuPH20 polypeptides include mature polypeptides having an amino acid sequence set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOS:4-9 and 47-48. The precursor polypeptides for such exemplary sHuPH20 polypeptides include a signal sequence. Exemplary of the precursors are those set forth in SEQ ID NOS:3 and 40-46, each of which contains a 35 amino acid signal sequence at amino acid positions 1-35. Soluble HuPH20 polypeptides also include those degraded during or after the production and purification methods described herein.

As used herein, soluble recombinant human PH20 (rHuPH20) refers to a soluble form of human PH20 that is recombinantly expressed in Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells. Soluble rHuPH20 is encoded by nucleic acid that includes the signal sequence and is set forth in SEQ ID NO:49. Also included are DNA molecules

that are allelic variants thereof and other soluble variants. The nucleic acid encoding soluble rHuPH20 is expressed in CHO cells which secrete the mature polypeptide. As produced in the culture medium there is heterogeneity at the C-terminus so that the product includes a mixture of species that can include any one or more of SEQ ID NOS: 4-9 in various abundance. Corresponding allelic variants and other variants also are included, including those corresponding to the precursor human PH20 polypeptides set forth in SEQ ID NOS:50-51. Other variants can have 60%, 70%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% or more sequence identity with any of SEQ ID NOS:4-9 and 47-48 as long they retain a hyaluronidase activity and are soluble.

As used herein, activity refers to a functional activity or activities of a polypeptide or portion thereof associated with a full-length (complete) protein. Functional activities include, but are not limited to, biological activity, catalytic or enzymatic activity, antigenicity (ability to bind or compete with a polypeptide for binding to an anti-polypeptide antibody), immunogenicity, ability to form multimers, and the ability to specifically bind to a receptor or ligand for the polypeptide.

As used herein, hyaluronidase activity refers to the ability of hyaluronidase to cleave hyaluronic acid. *In vitro* assays to determine the hyaluronidase activity of hyaluronidases, such as soluble rHuPH20, are known in the art and described herein. Exemplary assays include the microturbidity assay described below (see e.g. Example 3) that measures cleavage of hyaluronic acid by hyaluronidase indirectly by detecting the insoluble precipitate formed when the uncleaved hyaluronic acid binds with serum albumin.

As used herein, the residues of naturally occurring α-amino acids are the residues of those 20 α-amino acids found in nature which are incorporated into protein by the specific recognition of the charged tRNA molecule with its cognate mRNA codon in humans.

As used herein, nucleic acids include DNA, RNA and analogs thereof, including peptide nucleic acids (PNA) and mixtures thereof. Nucleic acids can be single or double-stranded. When referring to probes or primers, which are optionally labeled, such as with a detectable label, such as a fluorescent or radiolabel, single-stranded molecules are contemplated. Such molecules are typically of a length such that their target is statistically unique or of low copy number (typically less than 5,

generally less than 3) for probing or priming a library. Generally a probe or primer contains at least 14, 16 or 30 contiguous nucleotides of sequence complementary to or identical to a gene of interest. Probes and primers can be 10, 20, 30, 50, 100 or more nucleic acids long.

As used herein, a peptide refers to a polypeptide that is from 2 to 40 amino acids in length.

As used herein, the amino acids which occur in the various sequences of amino acids provided herein are identified according to their known, three-letter or one-letter abbreviations (Table 1). The nucleotides which occur in the various nucleic acid fragments are designated with the standard single-letter designations used routinely in the art.

As used herein, an "amino acid" is an organic compound containing an amino group and a carboxylic acid group. A polypeptide contains two or more amino acids. For purposes herein, amino acids include the twenty naturally-occurring amino acids, non-natural amino acids and amino acid analogs (i.e., amino acids wherein the α-carbon has a side chain).

As used herein, "amino acid residue" refers to an amino acid formed upon chemical digestion (hydrolysis) of a polypeptide at its peptide linkages. The amino acid residues described herein are presumed to be in the "L" isomeric form. Residues in the "D" isomeric form, which are so designated, can be substituted for any L-amino acid residue as long as the desired functional property is retained by the polypeptide. NH_2 refers to the free amino group present at the amino terminus of a polypeptide. COOH refers to the free carboxy group present at the carboxyl terminus of a polypeptide. In keeping with standard polypeptide nomenclature described in *J. Biol. Chem.*, 243: 3557-3559 (1968), and adopted 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.822, abbreviations for amino acid residues are shown in Table 1:

Table 1 – Table of Correspondence

SYMBOL		
1-Letter	**3-Letter**	**AMINO ACID**
Y	Tyr	Tyrosine
G	Gly	Glycine
F	Phe	Phenylalanine
M	Met	Methionine
A	Ala	Alanine

SYMBOL		
1-Letter	**3-Letter**	**AMINO ACID**
S	Ser	Serine
I	Ile	Isoleucine
L	Leu	Leucine
T	Thr	Threonine
V	Val	Valine
P	Pro	proline
K	Lys	Lysine
H	His	Histidine
Q	Gln	Glutamine
E	Glu	glutamic acid
Z	Glx	Glu and/or Gln
W	Trp	Tryptophan
R	Arg	Arginine
D	Asp	aspartic acid
N	Asn	asparagine
B	Asx	Asn and/or Asp
C	Cys	Cysteine
X	Xaa	Unknown or other

It should be noted that all amino acid residue sequences represented herein by formulae have a left to right orientation in the conventional direction of amino-terminus to carboxyl-terminus. In addition, the phrase "amino acid residue" is broadly defined to include the amino acids listed in the Table of Correspondence (Table 1) and modified and unusual amino acids, such as those referred to in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.822, and incorporated herein by reference. Furthermore, it should be noted that a dash at the beginning or end of an amino acid residue sequence indicates a peptide bond to a further sequence of one or more amino acid residues, to an amino-terminal group such as NH_2 or to a carboxyl-terminal group such as COOH.

As used herein, "naturally occurring amino acids" refer to the 20 L-amino acids that occur in polypeptides.

As used herein, "non-natural amino acid" refers to an organic compound that has a structure similar to a natural amino acid but has been modified structurally to mimic the structure and reactivity of a natural amino acid. Non-naturally occurring amino acids thus include, for example, amino acids or analogs of amino acids other than the 20 naturally-occurring amino acids and include, but are not limited to, the D-isostereomers of amino acids. Exemplary non-natural amino acids are described herein and are known to those of skill in the art.

As used herein, a DNA construct is a single or double stranded, linear or circular DNA molecule that contains segments of DNA combined and juxtaposed in a manner not found in nature. DNA constructs exist as a result of human manipulation, and include clones and other copies of manipulated molecules.

As used herein, a DNA segment is a portion of a larger DNA molecule having specified attributes. For example, a DNA segment encoding a specified polypeptide is a portion of a longer DNA molecule, such as a plasmid or plasmid fragment, which, when read from the 5' to 3' direction, encodes the sequence of amino acids of the specified polypeptide.

As used herein, the term polynucleotide means a single- or double-stranded polymer of deoxyribonucleotides or ribonucleotide bases read from the 5' to the 3' end. Polynucleotides include RNA and DNA, and can be isolated from natural sources, synthesized *in vitro*, or prepared from a combination of natural and synthetic molecules. The length of a polynucleotide molecule is given herein in terms of nucleotides (abbreviated "nt") or base pairs (abbreviated "bp"). The term nucleotides is used for single- and double-stranded molecules where the context permits. When the term is applied to double-stranded molecules it is used to denote overall length and will be understood to be equivalent to the term base pairs. It will be recognized by those skilled in the art that the two strands of a double-stranded polynucleotide can differ slightly in length and that the ends thereof can be staggered; thus all nucleotides within a double-stranded polynucleotide molecule can not be paired. Such unpaired ends will, in general, not exceed 20 nucleotides in length.

As used herein, "similarity" between two proteins or nucleic acids refers to the relatedness between the sequence of amino acids of the proteins or the nucleotide sequences of the nucleic acids. Similarity can be based on the degree of identity and/or homology of sequences of residues and the residues contained therein. Methods for assessing the degree of similarity between proteins or nucleic acids are known to those of skill in the art. For example, in one method of assessing sequence similarity, two amino acid or nucleotide sequences are aligned in a manner that yields a maximal level of identity between the sequences. "Identity" refers to the extent to which the amino acid or nucleotide sequences are invariant. Alignment of amino acid sequences, and to some extent nucleotide sequences, also can take into account conservative differences and/or frequent substitutions in amino acids (or nucleotides).

Conservative differences are those that preserve the physico-chemical properties of the residues involved. Alignments can be global (alignment of the compared sequences over the entire length of the sequences and including all residues) or local (the alignment of a portion of the sequences that includes only the most similar region or regions).

"Identity" per se has an art-recognized meaning and can be calculated using published techniques. (See, *e.g.*: *Computational Molecular Biology*, Lesk, A.M., ed., Oxford University Press, New York, 1988; *Biocomputing: Informatics and Genome Projects*, Smith, D.W., ed., Academic Press, New York, 1993; *Computer Analysis of Sequence Data*, Part I, Griffin, A.M., and Griffin, H.G., eds., Humana Press, New Jersey, 1994; *Sequence Analysis in Molecular Biology*, von Heinje, G., Academic Press, 1987; and Sequence Analysis Primer, Gribskov, M. and Devereux, J., eds., M Stockton Press, New York, 1991). While there exists a number of methods to measure identity between two polynucleotide or polypeptides, the term "identity" is well known to skilled artisans (Carillo, H. & Lipton, D., *SIAM J Applied Math 48*:1073 (1988)).

As used herein, homologous (with respect to nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences) means about greater than or equal to 25% sequence homology, typically greater than or equal to 25%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 85%, 90% or 95% sequence homology; the precise percentage can be specified if necessary. For purposes herein the terms "homology" and "identity" are often used interchangeably, unless otherwise indicated. In general, for determination of the percentage homology or identity, sequences are aligned so that the highest order match is obtained (see, *e.g.*: *Computational Molecular Biology*, Lesk, A.M., ed., Oxford University Press, New York, 1988; *Biocomputing: Informatics and Genome Projects*, Smith, D.W., ed., Academic Press, New York, 1993; *Computer Analysis of Sequence Data, Part I*, Griffin, A.M., and Griffin, H.G., eds., Humana Press, New Jersey, 1994; *Sequence Analysis in Molecular Biology*, von Heinje, G., Academic Press, 1987; and *Sequence Analysis Primer*, Gribskov, M. and Devereux, J., eds., M Stockton Press, New York, 1991; Carillo *et al.* (1988) *SIAM J Applied Math 48*:1073). By sequence homology, the number of conserved amino acids is determined by standard alignment algorithms programs, and can be used with default gap penalties established by each supplier. Substantially homologous nucleic acid molecules would hybridize typically at

moderate stringency or at high stringency all along the length of the nucleic acid of interest. Also contemplated are nucleic acid molecules that contain degenerate codons in place of codons in the hybridizing nucleic acid molecule.

Whether any two molecules have nucleotide sequences or amino acid sequences that are at least 60%, 70%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% "identical" or "homologous" can be determined using known computer algorithms such as the "FASTA" program, using for example, the default parameters as in Pearson *et al.* (1988) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 85*:2444 (other programs include the GCG program package (Devereux, J., *et al., Nucleic Acids Research 12(I)*:387 (1984)), BLASTP, BLASTN, FASTA (Atschul, S.F., *et al., J Molec Biol 215*:403 (1990)); Guide to Huge Computers, Martin J. Bishop, ed., Academic Press, San Diego, 1994, and Carillo *et al.* (1988) *SIAM J Applied Math 48*:1073). For example, the BLAST function of the National Center for Biotechnology Information database can be used to determine identity. Other commercially or publicly available programs include, DNAStar "MegAlign" program (Madison, WI) and the University of Wisconsin Genetics Computer Group (UWG) "Gap" program (Madison WI). Percent homology or identity of proteins and/or nucleic acid molecules can be determined, for example, by comparing sequence information using a GAP computer program (*e.g.*, Needleman *et al.* (1970) *J. Mol. Biol.* 48:443, as revised by Smith and Waterman ((1981) *Adv. Appl. Math.* 2:482). Briefly, the GAP program defines similarity as the number of aligned symbols (i.e., nucleotides or amino acids), which are similar, divided by the total number of symbols in the shorter of the two sequences. Default parameters for the GAP program can include: (1) a unary comparison matrix (containing a value of 1 for identities and 0 for non-identities) and the weighted comparison matrix of Gribskov *et al.* (1986) *Nucl. Acids Res.* 14:6745, as described by Schwartz and Dayhoff, eds., *ATLAS OF PROTEIN SEQUENCE AND STRUCTURE*, National Biomedical Research Foundation, pp. 353-358 (1979); (2) a penalty of 3.0 for each gap and an additional 0.10 penalty for each symbol in each gap; and (3) no penalty for end gaps.

Therefore, as used herein, the term "identity" or "homology" represents a comparison between a test and a reference polypeptide or polynucleotide. As used herein, the term at least "90% identical to" refers to percent identities from 90 to 99.99 relative to the reference nucleic acid or amino acid sequence of the polypeptide.

Identity at a level of 90% or more is indicative of the fact that, assuming for exemplification purposes a test and reference polypeptide length of 100 amino acids are compared. No more than 10% (i.e., 10 out of 100) of the amino acids in the test polypeptide differs from that of the reference polypeptide. Similar comparisons can be made between test and reference polynucleotides. Such differences can be represented as point mutations randomly distributed over the entire length of a polypeptide or they can be clustered in one or more locations of varying length up to the maximum allowable, *e.g.* 10/100 amino acid difference (approximately 90% identity). Differences are defined as nucleic acid or amino acid substitutions, insertions or deletions. At the level of homologies or identities above about 85-90%, the result should be independent of the program and gap parameters set; such high levels of identity can be assessed readily, often by manual alignment without relying on software.

As used herein, an aligned sequence refers to the use of homology (similarity and/or identity) to align corresponding positions in a sequence of nucleotides or amino acids. Typically, two or more sequences that are related by 50% or more identity are aligned. An aligned set of sequences refers to 2 or more sequences that are aligned at corresponding positions and can include aligning sequences derived from RNAs, such as ESTs and other cDNAs, aligned with genomic DNA sequence.

As used herein, "primer" refers to a nucleic acid molecule that can act as a point of initiation of template-directed DNA synthesis under appropriate conditions (e.g., in the presence of four different nucleoside triphosphates and a polymerization agent , such as DNA polymerase, RNA polymerase or reverse transcriptase) in an appropriate buffer and at a suitable temperature. It will be appreciated that a certain nucleic acid molecules can serve as a "probe" and as a "primer." A primer, however, has a 3' hydroxyl group for extension. A primer can be used in a variety of methods, including, for example, polymerase chain reaction (PCR), reverse-transcriptase (RT)-PCR, RNA PCR, LCR, multiplex PCR, panhandle PCR, capture PCR, expression PCR, 3' and 5' RACE, in situ PCR, ligation-mediated PCR and other amplification protocols.

As used herein, "primer pair" refers to a set of primers that includes a 5' (upstream) primer that hybridizes with the 5' end of a sequence to be amplified (e.g.

by PCR) and a 3' (downstream) primer that hybridizes with the complement of the 3' end of the sequence to be amplified.

As used herein, "specifically hybridizes" refers to annealing, by complementary base-pairing, of a nucleic acid molecule (e.g. an oligonucleotide) to a target nucleic acid molecule. Those of skill in the art are familiar with *in vitro* and *in vivo* parameters that affect specific hybridization, such as length and composition of the particular molecule. Parameters particularly relevant to *in vitro* hybridization further include annealing and washing temperature, buffer composition and salt concentration. Exemplary washing conditions for removing non-specifically bound nucleic acid molecules at high stringency are 0.1 x SSPE, 0.1% SDS, 65°C, and at medium stringency are 0.2 x SSPE, 0.1% SDS, 50°C. Equivalent stringency conditions are known in the art. The skilled person can readily adjust these parameters to achieve specific hybridization of a nucleic acid molecule to a target nucleic acid molecule appropriate for a particular application. Complementary, when referring to two nucleotide sequences, means that the two sequences of nucleotides are capable of hybridizing, typically with less than 25%, 15% or 5% mismatches between opposed nucleotides. If necessary, the percentage of complementarity will be specified. Typically the two molecules are selected such that they will hybridize under conditions of high stringency.

As used herein, substantially identical to a product means sufficiently similar so that the property of interest is sufficiently unchanged so that the substantially identical product can be used in place of the product.

As used herein, it also is understood that the terms "substantially identical" or "similar" varies with the context as understood by those skilled in the relevant art.

As used herein, an allelic variant or allelic variation references any of two or more alternative forms of a gene occupying the same chromosomal locus. Allelic variation arises naturally through mutation, and can result in phenotypic polymorphism within populations. Gene mutations can be silent (no change in the encoded polypeptide) or can encode polypeptides having altered amino acid sequence. The term "allelic variant" also is used herein to denote a protein encoded by an allelic variant of a gene. Typically the reference form of the gene encodes a wildtype form and/or predominant form of a polypeptide from a population or single reference member of a species. Typically, allelic variants, which include variants between and

among species typically have at least 80%, 90% or greater amino acid identity with a wildtype and/or predominant form from the same species; the degree of identity depends upon the gene and whether comparison is interspecies or intraspecies. Generally, intraspecies allelic variants have at least about 80%, 85%, 90% or 95% identity or greater with a wildtype and/or predominant form, including 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% or greater identity with a wildtype and/or predominant form of a polypeptide. Reference to an allelic variant herein generally refers to variations n proteins among members of the same species.

As used herein, "allele," which is used interchangeably herein with "allelic variant" refers to alternative forms of a gene or portions thereof. Alleles occupy the same locus or position on homologous chromosomes. When a subject has two identical alleles of a gene, the subject is said to be homozygous for that gene or allele. When a subject has two different alleles of a gene, the subject is said to be heterozygous for the gene. Alleles of a specific gene can differ from each other in a single nucleotide or several nucleotides, and can include substitutions, deletions and insertions of nucleotides. An allele of a gene also can be a form of a gene containing a mutation.

As used herein, species variants refer to variants in polypeptides among different species, including different mammalian species, such as mouse and human.

As used herein, a splice variant refers to a variant produced by differential processing of a primary transcript of genomic DNA that results in more than one type of mRNA.

As used herein, modification is in reference to modification of a sequence of amino acids of a polypeptide or a sequence of nucleotides in a nucleic acid molecule and includes deletions, insertions, and replacements of amino acids and nucleotides, respectively. Methods of modifying a polypeptide are routine to those of skill in the art, such as by using recombinant DNA methodologies.

As used herein, the term promoter means a portion of a gene containing DNA sequences that provide for the binding of RNA polymerase and initiation of transcription. Promoter sequences are commonly, but not always, found in the 5' non-coding region of genes.

As used herein, isolated or purified polypeptide or protein or biologically-active portion thereof is substantially free of cellular material or other contaminating

proteins from the cell or tissue from which the protein is derived, or substantially free from chemical precursors or other chemicals when chemically synthesized. Preparations can be determined to be substantially free if they appear free of readily detectable impurities as determined by standard methods of analysis, such as thin layer chromatography (TLC), gel electrophoresis and high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), used by those of skill in the art to assess such purity, or sufficiently pure such that further purification would not detectably alter the physical and chemical properties, such as enzymatic and biological activities, of the substance. Methods for purification of the compounds to produce substantially chemically pure compounds are known to those of skill in the art. A substantially chemically pure compound, however, can be a mixture of stereoisomers. In such instances, further purification might increase the specific activity of the compound.

The term substantially free of cellular material includes preparations of proteins in which the protein is separated from cellular components of the cells from which it is isolated or recombinantly-produced. In one embodiment, the term substantially free of cellular material includes preparations of enzyme proteins having less that about 30% (by dry weight) of non-enzyme proteins (also referred to herein as a contaminating protein), generally less than about 20% of non-enzyme proteins or 10% of non-enzyme proteins or less that about 5% of non-enzyme proteins. When the enzyme protein is recombinantly produced, it also is substantially free of culture medium, *i.e.*, culture medium represents less than about or at 20%, 10% or 5% of the volume of the enzyme protein preparation.

As used herein, the term substantially free of chemical precursors or other chemicals includes preparations of enzyme proteins in which the protein is separated from chemical precursors or other chemicals that are involved in the synthesis of the protein. The term includes preparations of enzyme proteins having less than about 30% (by dry weight) 20%, 10%, 5% or less of chemical precursors or non-enzyme chemicals or components.

As used herein, synthetic, with reference to, for example, a synthetic nucleic acid molecule or a synthetic gene or a synthetic peptide refers to a nucleic acid molecule or polypeptide molecule that is produced by recombinant methods and/or by chemical synthesis methods.

As used herein, production by recombinant means by using recombinant DNA methods means the use of the well known methods of molecular biology for expressing proteins encoded by cloned DNA.

As used herein, vector (or plasmid) refers to discrete elements that are used to introduce a heterologous nucleic acid into cells for either expression or replication thereof. The vectors typically remain episomal, but can be designed to effect integration of a gene or portion thereof into a chromosome of the genome. Also contemplated are vectors that are artificial chromosomes, such as yeast artificial chromosomes and mammalian artificial chromosomes. Selection and use of such vehicles are well known to those of skill in the art.

As used herein, an expression vector includes vectors capable of expressing DNA that is operatively linked with regulatory sequences, such as promoter regions, that are capable of effecting expression of such DNA fragments. Such additional segments can include promoter and terminator sequences, and optionally can include one or more origins of replication, one or more selectable markers, an enhancer, a polyadenylation signal, and the like. Expression vectors are generally derived from plasmid or viral DNA, or can contain elements of both. Thus, an expression vector refers to a recombinant DNA or RNA construct, such as a plasmid, a phage, recombinant virus or other vector that, upon introduction into an appropriate host cell, results in expression of the cloned DNA. Appropriate expression vectors are well known to those of skill in the art and include those that are replicable in eukaryotic cells and/or prokaryotic cells and those that remain episomal or those which integrate into the host cell genome.

As used herein, vector also includes "virus vectors" or "viral vectors." Viral vectors are engineered viruses that are operatively linked to exogenous genes to transfer (as vehicles or shuttles) the exogenous genes into cells.

As used herein, operably or operatively linked when referring to DNA segments means that the segments are arranged so that they function in concert for their intended purposes, e.g., transcription initiates in the promoter and proceeds through the coding segment to the terminator.

As used herein the term assessing is intended to include quantitative and qualitative determination in the sense of obtaining an absolute value for the activity of a protease, or a domain thereof, present in the sample, and also of obtaining an index,

ratio, percentage, visual or other value indicative of the level of the activity. Assessment can be direct or indirect and the chemical species actually detected need not of course be the proteolysis product itself but can for example be a derivative thereof or some further substance. For example, detection of a cleavage product of a complement protein, such as by SDS-PAGE and protein staining with Coomasie blue.

As used herein, biological activity refers to the *in vivo* activities of a compound or physiological responses that result upon *in vivo* administration of a compound, composition or other mixture. Biological activity, thus, encompasses therapeutic effects and pharmaceutical activity of such compounds, compositions and mixtures. Biological activities can be observed in *in vitro* systems designed to test or use such activities. Thus, for purposes herein a biological activity of a protease is its catalytic activity in which a polypeptide is hydrolyzed.

As used herein equivalent, when referring to two sequences of nucleic acids, means that the two sequences in question encode the same sequence of amino acids or equivalent proteins. When equivalent is used in referring to two proteins or peptides, it means that the two proteins or peptides have substantially the same amino acid sequence with only amino acid substitutions that do not substantially alter the activity or function of the protein or peptide. When equivalent refers to a property, the property does not need to be present to the same extent (*e.g.*, two peptides can exhibit different rates of the same type of enzymatic activity), but the activities are usually substantially the same.

As used herein, "modulate" and "modulation" or "alter" refer to a change of an activity of a molecule, such as a protein. Exemplary activities include, but are not limited to, biological activities, such as signal transduction. Modulation can include an increase in the activity (*i.e.*, up-regulation or agonist activity) a decrease in activity (*i.e.*, down-regulation or inhibition) or any other alteration in an activity (such as a change in periodicity, frequency, duration, kinetics or other parameter). Modulation can be context dependent and typically modulation is compared to a designated state, for example, the wildtype protein, the protein in a constitutive state, or the protein as expressed in a designated cell type or condition.

As used herein, a composition refers to any mixture. It can be a solution, suspension, liquid, powder, paste, aqueous, non-aqueous or any combination thereof.

As used herein, a combination refers to any association between or among two or more items. The combination can be two or more separate items, such as two compositions or two collections, can be a mixture thereof, such as a single mixture of the two or more items, or any variation thereof. The elements of a combination are generally functionally associated or related.

As used herein, a kit is a packaged combination that optionally includes other elements, such as additional reagents and instructions for use of the combination or elements thereof.

As used herein, "disease or disorder" refers to a pathological condition in an organism resulting from cause or condition including, but not limited to, infections, acquired conditions, genetic conditions, and characterized by identifiable symptoms. Diseases and disorders of interest herein are those that are treatable by immune globulin.

As used herein, "treating" a subject with a disease or condition means that the subject's symptoms are partially or totally alleviated, or remain static following treatment. Hence treatment encompasses prophylaxis, therapy and/or cure. Prophylaxis refers to prevention of a potential disease and/or a prevention of worsening of symptoms or progression of a disease. Treatment also encompasses any pharmaceutical use of an immune globulin preparation and compositions provided herein.

As used herein, a pharmaceutically effective agent, includes any therapeutic agent or bioactive agents, including, but not limited to, for example, anesthetics, vasoconstrictors, dispersing agents, conventional therapeutic drugs, including small molecule drugs and therapeutic proteins.

As used herein, treatment means any manner in which the symptoms of a condition, disorder or disease or other indication, are ameliorated or otherwise beneficially altered.

As used herein therapeutic effect means an effect resulting from treatment of a subject that alters, typically improves or ameliorates the symptoms of a disease or condition or that cures a disease or condition. A therapeutically effective amount refers to the amount of a composition, molecule or compound which results in a therapeutic effect following administration to a subject.

As used herein, the term "subject" refers to an animal, including a mammal, such as a human being.

As used herein, a patient refers to a human subject.

As used herein, amelioration of the symptoms of a particular disease or disorder by a treatment, such as by administration of a pharmaceutical composition or other therapeutic, refers to any lessening, whether permanent or temporary, lasting or transient, of the symptoms that can be attributed to or associated with administration of the composition or therapeutic.

As used herein, prevention or prophylaxis refers to methods in which the risk of developing disease or condition is reduced.

As used herein, a "therapeutically effective amount" or a "therapeutically effective dose" refers to the quantity of an agent, compound, material, or composition containing a compound that is at least sufficient to produce a therapeutic effect. Hence, it is the quantity necessary for preventing, curing, ameliorating, arresting or partially arresting a symptom of a disease or disorder.

As used herein, unit dose form refers to physically discrete units suitable for human and animal subjects and packaged individually as is known in the art.

As used herein, a single dosage formulation refers to a formulation for direct administration.

As used herein, an "article of manufacture" is a product that is made and sold. As used throughout this application, the term is intended to encompass IG and hyaluronidase compositions contained in articles of packaging.

As used herein, fluid refers to any composition that can flow. Fluids thus encompass compositions that are in the form of semi-solids, pastes, solutions, aqueous mixtures, gels, lotions, creams and other such compositions.

As used herein, a "kit" refers to a combination of compositions provided herein and another item for a purpose including, but not limited to, activation, administration, diagnosis, and assessment of a biological activity or property. Kits optionally include instructions for use.

As used herein, a cellular extract or lysate refers to a preparation or fraction which is made from a lysed or disrupted cell.

As used herein, animal includes any animal, such as, but are not limited to primates including humans, gorillas and monkeys; rodents, such as mice and rats;

fowl, such as chickens; ruminants, such as goats, cows, deer, sheep; ovine, such as pigs and other animals. Non-human animals exclude humans as the contemplated animal. The enzymes provided herein are from any source, animal, plant, prokaryotic and fungal. Most enzymes are of animal origin, including mammalian origin.

As used herein, a control refers to a sample that is substantially identical to the test sample, except that it is not treated with a test parameter, or, if it is a plasma sample, it can be from a normal volunteer not affected with the condition of interest. A control also can be an internal control.

As used herein, the singular forms "a," "an" and "the" include plural referents unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. Thus, for example, reference to a compound, comprising "an extracellular domain'" includes compounds with one or a plurality of extracellular domains.

As used herein, ranges and amounts can be expressed as "about" a particular value or range. About also includes the exact amount. Hence "about 5 bases" means "about 5 bases" and also "5 bases."

As used herein, "optional" or "optionally" means that the subsequently described event or circumstance does or does not occur, and that the description includes instances where said event or circumstance occurs and instances where it does not. For example, an optionally substituted group means that the group is unsubstituted or is substituted.

As used herein, the abbreviations for any protective groups, amino acids and other compounds, are, unless indicated otherwise, in accord with their common usage, recognized abbreviations, or the IUPAC-IUB Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature (see, (1972) Biochem. 11:1726).

B. SUBCUTANEOUS ADMINISTRATION OF IMMUNE GLOBULIN (IG)

Provided herein are methods and uses of treating IG-treatable diseases and conditions by subcutaneously administering immune globulin (IG) in combination with a soluble hyaluronidase. Hence, also provided are combinations of IG and a soluble hyaluronidase. By virtue of the ability of hyaluronidase to break down hyaluronic acid in the extracellular matrix, hyaluronidase facilitates subcutaneous infusions of therapeutic agents. Immune globulin is a therapeutic that is primarily given by intravenous administration to treat individuals with immune deficiencies, referred to as IVIG therapy. The bioavailability of IG in the presence of

hyaluronidase is greater than 90% of the bioavailability of IG following IVIG treatment. Hence, in the methods and use provided herein, the combination therapy of hyaluronidase and IG permits the subcutaneous administration of immune globulin at dosages and frequencies that are similar to IVIG treatment. Thus, for example, in the methods and uses provided herein, IG, when administered subcutaneously in the presence of a soluble hyaluronidase, can be administered once monthly at prevailing IVIG doses for the particular indication. Further, because hyaluronidase acts to open flow channels in the skin it can speed infusion rates. Hence, methods of subcutaneously administering IG co-formulated and/or co-administered with hyaluronidase increases infusion rates, and thereby decreases time of delivery of IG therapy.

Defective antibody formation is the most common abnormality in the majority of primary immunodeficiency (PID) diseases; it is most often reflected by a decrease in serum immunoglobulins, which in turn leads to increased susceptibility to bacterial infections, especially of the sinopulmonary tract. Decreased immunoglobulin levels are found in individuals having antibody defects such as X-linked agammaglobulinemia, immunoglobulin heavy chain deletion, selective immunoglobulin G (IgG) subclass deficiency, common variable immunodeficiency, or X-linked hyperimmunoglobulin M syndrome. Decreased immunoglobulin levels also are found in individuals having combined immunodeficiencies due to defects in T and B cells, such as, but not limited to, severe combined immunodeficiency or Wiskott Aldrich Syndrome (IUIS Scientific Committee, 1999).

Individuals with these diseases require replacement therapy with immunoglobulin products to prevent or reduce the severity of infections. Initially, immunoglobulin replacement therapy was given by the intramuscular route, but starting in 1981 the overwhelming majority of patients have been treated by the intravenous (IV) route. Currently, the majority of immunoglobulin products in the United States are for IV administration. Immune globulin preparations have, however, been developed more recently for subcutaneous administration (Gardulf et al. (2006) Curr. Opin. Allergy Clin. Immunol., 6: 434-42; Gardulf et al. (2006) J Clin. Immunol., 26: 177-85; Ochs et al. (2006) J Clin. Immunol., 26:265-73). At least one product, Vivaglobin®, is approved for subcutaneous administration.

All of the immunoglobulin preparations presently used are formulated at 16%, compared to IVIG preparations formulated at 5 to 12%. The higher concentration relative to IV preparations allows smaller infusion volumes; such preparations cannot be infused intravenously. Such subcutaneous methods of immunoglobulin replacement therapy is considered to be effective, safe and also highly appreciated by patients as it has a low risk of systemic adverse reactions and leads to higher trough serum IgG concentrations compared to monthly IV infusions (Gardulf et al. (1995) J Adv. Nurs., 21: 917-27; Gardulf et al. (1993) Clin. Exp. Immunol., 92: 200-4; Gardulf et al. (1991) Lancet, 338: 162-6).

The bioavailability of immunoglobulin administered subcutaneously generally is less than that infused intravenously. Immunoglobulin is immediately available in the blood, and slowly equilibrates to the extra-vascular compartment over 3 to 5 days (Schiff et al. (1986) J. Clin. Immunol., 6:256-64). Subcutaneously administered immunoglobulin is slowly absorbed from the subcutaneous space into the blood and at the same time equilibrates with the extra-vascular compartment; there is no high IV spike. The bioavailability has not been extensively studied, but in a recent trial of the ZLB-Behring preparation (i.e. Vivaglobin®), it was determined by measuring the area under the curve (AUC) that only 67% of the immunoglobulin was absorbed and thus, the recommended dose was 137% of the IV dose (Ochs et al. (2006) J Clin. Immunol., 26:265-73). Despite the technical difficulties of comparing AUC for 2 different routes and frequency of administration, studies of intradermally administered immunoglobulin in rabbits suggests there is decreased bioavailability through the subcutaneous route. This may be due to the mode of absorption of large protein molecules, which cannot readily diffuse through the capillary walls and must be absorbed via the lymphatics (Supersaxo et al. (1990) Pharm. Res., 7: 167-9).

In addition to problems with bioavailability associated with subcutaneous administration of IG, the primary disadvantage of SC administration is that only small volumes can be infused in each site, necessitating the use of multiple sites on a weekly or biweekly (ever other week) basis. Generally, using a 16% solution, approximately 20 ml can be infused per site; and adult patient receiving 400 mg/kg body weight (BW) thus would require at least 3 sites per week or 12 sites per month. Even though weekly or biweekly administration has the added advantage of

maintaining better trough levels than monthly IV infusions, the requirement of multiple needle insertions has been a deterrent for many patients.

The SC space is formed by a collagen network filled with a gel-like substance, hyaluronic acid. Hyaluronic acid is replaced with a half-life of approximately 5 h, and is largely responsible for the resistance to fluid flow through the tissues. Hyaluronidase temporarily digests the hyaluronic acid, thereby facilitating infusions into the subcutaneous space. The hyaluronic acid is restored within 24 hours, leaving no observable changes. Thus, due to the ability of hyaluronidase to open channels in the interstitial space through degradation of glycosaminoglycans, administration of a soluble hyaluronidase permits the diffusion of molecules, thereby improving the bioavailability, pharmacokinetics and/or pharmacodynamic characteristics of such co-formulated or co-administered molecules.

In some examples, the bioavailability of IG co-administered subcutaneously with hyaluronidase is 70%, 80%, 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, or 100% of the bioavailability of IVIG. Typically, the bioavailability is greater than 90%. Further, co-administration with a soluble hyaluronidase permits infusion of large volumes at a single subcutaneous site. For example, volumes up to 600 ml or greater of IG can be administered at a single site in a single sitting, for example 200 ml, 300 ml, 400 ml, 500, ml, 600 ml or more can be administered at a single site in a single administration. Thus, an IG preparation formulated at or between 5-12% can be co-administered subcutaneously with a soluble hyaluronidase at dosages equivalent to once monthly IVIG doses, for example, at or about 100 mg/kg, 200 mg/kg, 300 mg/kg, 400 mg/kg, 500 mg/kg, 600 mg/kg or more. The dosages can be administered as a single dose or can be divided into multiple doses given daily or weekly, such as once a week or every two, three or four weeks or combinations thereof. Hence, by administering IG subcutaneously in the presence of a soluble hyaluronidase, one or all of the considerations and problems associated with subcutaneous administration of IG are addressed. Thus, by virtue of the dispersion properties of hyaluronidase, subcutaneously administering IG in the presence of a soluble hyaluronidase permits administration of IVIG doses at once monthly IVIG frequencies, while maintaining IVIG bioavailability.

The following sections describe exemplary immunoglobulins and soluble hyaluronidases in the combinations herein, methods of making them, and using them to treat IG-treatable diseases and conditions.

C. Immune Globulin

Provided herein are immune globulins (IG, also referred to as gamma globulin or IgG) that can be used for subcutaneous administration in combination with a soluble hyaluronidase. IG acts to strengthen the immune system by modulating the activity of complement, suppressing autoantibody production, saturating or blocking Fc receptors on macrophages and B lymphocytes, and suppressing the production of inflammatory mediators such as cytokines, chemokines and metalloproteinases.

IG is a protein fraction found in the plasma of higher animals and contains a large number of antibodies having varying specificities. Generally, IG contains serum immunoglobulins that can be any idiotype, such as IgG and various subclasses, IgA, IgM, IgD, IgE. The various immunoglobulins or subclasses can be present at various concentrations and specificities, which can differ between immune globulin preparations depending, for example, on the plasma donor's exposure to antigens (e.g., by way of vaccinations). Often, immunoglobulins are present in amounts normally found in the serum (see Table 2), although purification steps can be employed to alter ratios of particular immunoglobulin class or classes. Typically, IG preparations contain 90% or more IgG, such as 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% or more IgG. The immunoglobulins can be polyclonal or monoclonal. Typically, preparations include a high percentage of monomeric IgG and a low IgA content.

TABLE 2: Serum Immunoglobulin

Ig Class	Serum Level mg/ml (%)	Function
IgG	1200 (77)	Major Ig in Humans
IgA	200 (13)	Protects Mucosa
IgM	150 (9)	Major Ig for primary immune responses
IgD	2 (<1)	Regulates B cells
IgE	<1 (trace)	Major Ig in Allergic Response

Immune globulins can be isolated from human or animal blood or produced by other means, for example, by recombinant DNA technology or hybridoma

technology. For example, immune globulin can be obtained from tissues, lymphocyte hybridoma cultures, blood plasma or serum, or recombinant cell cultures using any suitable fractionation procedure, e.g., alcohol precipitations or ion exchange separations. In general, IG is prepared from blood plasma by alcohol fractionation, such as was originally employed by Cohn and modified by Oncley (the Cohn-Oncley method, see e.g, Cohn et al. (1946) J. Am. Chem. Soc. 68: 459-475; Oncley et al. (1949) J Am. Chem. Soc., 71: 541-550). The use of alcohol in the purification can inactivate potentially contaminating viruses. The Cohn-Oncley method can result in denatured and aggregated proteins, which can result in high molecular weight forms that can act as antibody-antigen complexes having the capacity to freely fix complement.

To prevent such unwanted effects, modified Cohn-Oncley methods have been developed for the preparation and purification of IG. Various such procedures are known and can be adapted and modified for use of IG preparations herein. It is within the skill of the art to prepare IG preparations in view of the detailed methods known and available in the art. Typically, IG is manufactured using a primary cold ethanol fractionation and a secondary fractionation that can include any one or more of a chemical modification, incubation at pH 4.0 with or without pepsin, PEG precipitation, ion-exchange chromatography, enzymatic cleavage, solvent detergent treatment and diafiltration and ultrafiltration.

For example, the separation of IG aggregates by conventional techniques, such as ultra-centrifuging or exclusion chromatography, make it possible to obtain a product having a low anti-complementary activity. Other methods of IG preparation include, but are not limited to, a process for fractionating human plasma by means of ethyleneglycol polymers (Polson et al. (1964) Biochim. Biophys. Acta., 82: 463-475); incorporation of a polyethyleneglycol (PEG) as a purification agent starting from a material separated from the Cohn fractionation (fraction II or II + III, see e.g., U.S. Patent Nos. 4,093,606 and 4,165,370); and other similar methods of purification processes with polyethyleneglycol (EP 0246579). In addition, processes have been described for obtaining IG that exhibits low anticomplement activity by treatment with enzymes such as pepsin, plasmin, immobilized trypsin, treatment at a moderate acidic pH, B-propiolactone treatment, fractionation methods which use polyethylene glycol as a precipitating agent, and other techniques described in U.S. Pat Nos.

4,093,606, 4,126,605, 3,966,906, and 4,124,576. Other processes are based on chemically and partially modifying the IG molecules by treating them with reducing agents, alchoholization, alkylation and sulphonation (see e.g., U.S. Patent 6,875,848). Ion exchange chromatography can be used to eliminate undesirable contaminants from the starting materials used to obtain the IG preparations (see e.g., U.S. Patent No. 3,869,436, EP 91300790 and WO 94/29334). EP0440483 describes a combination of techniques useful for facilitating the intravenous preparation of the product based on ion exchange chromatography and diafiltration at a weak acid pH. Other methods also are described in the art and are known to one of skill in the art (see *e.g.*, U.S. Patent 5,177,194 and 6,875,848).

The IG preparations should be treated to remove viral load. There are two methods of decreasing viral load: viral inactivation and viral partitioning or removal. Exemplary of viral inactivation methods include, but are not limited to, cold ethanol fractionation, heating (pasterurization), solvent/detergent and acidic environment (low pH). For example, solvent/detergent process has been demonstrated to have virucidal action against VSV (vesicular stomatitits virus), Sindbis virus, HIV, HBV (hepatitis B virus, and HCV (hepatic C virus). Exemplary of viral partitioning or removal include, but are not limited to, cold ethanol fractionation, phase partitioning or PEG precipitation, affinity chromatography, ion exchange or gel exclusion chromatography and filtration.

The final purified formulation also must be prepared to avoid excessive aggregation and to stabilize the protein. Aggregation of IG preparation can be minimized by preparing lyophilized preparations for improved stability on storage, for reconstitution with a diluent before use. Another way of increasing the stability of IG preparations that is well known in the art is the addition of protein-stabilizing excipients to the IG preparation. Known excipients include, but are not limited to, sugars, polyols, amino acids, amines, salts, polymers and surfactants. For example, U.S. Patent 4,499,073 describes stabilization through the selection of pH and ionic strength; JP Patent 54020124 discloses the addition of an amino acid to an intramuscular preparation to render it storage stable and safe; JP 57031623 and JP 57128635 disclose the use of arginine and/or lysine with NaCl in 5 to 15% IG preparations to achieve long-term stability in an intramuscular preparation; JP 4346934 discloses the use of low conductivity (less than mmho), pH 5.3 to 5.7 and

optionally one or more stabilizer including PEG, human serum albumin and mannitol; US 4,439,421 teaches the addition of a hydrophilic macromolecule, a polyol and another protein to stabilize against anti-complement generation; U.S. 5,945,098 discloses the stabilization if isotonic solutions by the addition of amino acids (0.1 to 0.3 M glycine) and non-ionic detergents (polysorbate and PEG); US 4,186,192 discloses various additives including amino acids; WO 2005/049078 discloses the stabilization with maltose and additionally glycine to 0.1 M; US 4,362,661 discloses the use of neutral and basic amino acids to impart stability on a 5% IG preparation. Stable liquid formulations also can be prepared, which use carbohydrates in an aqueous medium having a very low ionic strength and a pH of 4.25 (U.S. Patent No. 4,396,608) or a weakly acidic pH of 5-6 (EP 0278422).

Dimer formation of IG preparations also can be controlled. For example, U.S. Patent No. 5,871,736 discloses IG preparations, particularly liquid preparations, containing one or more amphiphilic stabilizer in order to stabilize against dimer formation. The amphiphilic stabilizers include nicotinic acid and its derivatives, in particular nicotinamide, and mainly in conjunction with the above, amino acids having uncharged lipophilic side chains, e.g., phenylalanine, methionine, leucine, isoleucine, proline and valine.

The preparations can be prepared by methods known in the art, such as any described herein. Generally, however, the pH of the final preparation is adjusted to a relatively high but acidic pH, namely in the range of about pH 4.2 to 5.4, such as a pH range of 4.6 to 5.1. It has been found that this pH range is particularly useful for improving the storage of IG preparations.

Generally, final IG preparations have a protein concentration of about 5 to 25% w/v, generally 6 to 15% w/v, 8 to 12% w/v, and typically 10% w/v. The final protein concentration will depend on various factors, such as the administration route the patient to be treated, and the type of condition to be treated.

It is contemplated herein that any IG preparation used for IV administration can be used in the methods provided herein in combination with a soluble hyaluronidase for subcutaneous administration. Preparations include lyophilized and liquid formulations. Immune globulin (IVIG) is commercially available as Carimune® NF, Flebogamma® 5%, Gammagard® Liquid, Gammagard® S/D, Gamunex®, Iveegam® EN, Octagam® and Polygam® S/D. Typically, such

preparations all use a method of cold alcohol fractionation, but use different methods to isolate and purify the immune globulin and different methods to reduce the potential virus contamination. Further, other preparations presently formulated for intramuscular or subcutaneous administration can be used in the combinations and methods provided herein.

Exemplary of an IG preparation is Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human), 10% (IVIG, 10%, marketed as Gammagard® liquid, Baxter Healthcare Corporation), which is a liquid unmodified IgG preparation with a distribution of IgG subclasses similar to that of normal plasma. The preparation contains intact fragment crystallizable (Fc) and Fab regions. The preparations contains 100 mg/ml proteins, with at least 98% being IgG; IgA is present at a concentration of 37 μg/ml, and IgM is present only in trace amounts. It has an osmolality that is similar to physiologic osmolality and contains no added sugars, sodium or preservatives. It is formulated with glycine for stabilization at a pH of 4.6 to 5.1. The manufacturing process employs a modified Cohn-Oncley cold alcohol fractionation procedure and further purifications by a continuous process through the use of weak cation exchange chromatography and weak anion exchange chromatography. The manufacturing process also includes 3 independent viral inactivation or removal steps: solvent/detergent (S/D) treatment, nanofiltration and incubation at a low pH and elevated temperature.

D. Hyaluronidase

Provided herein are combinations containing immunoglobulin and a soluble hyaluronidase, and methods of using such combinations for subcutaneous administration for the treatment of IG-mediated diseases and conditions.

Hyaluronidases are a family of enzymes that degrade hyaluronic acid, which is an essential component of the extracellular matrix and a major constituent of the interstitial barrier. By catalyzing the hydrolysis of hyaluronic acid, a major constituent of the interstitial barrier, hyaluronidase lowers the viscosity of hyaluronic acid, thereby increasing tissue permeability. As such, hyaluronidases have been used, for example, as a spreading or dispersing agent in conjunction with other agents, drugs and proteins to enhance their dispersion and delivery. Exemplary of hyaluronidases in the combinations and methods provided herein are soluble hyaluronidases.

There are three general classes of hyaluronidases; mammalian hyaluronidase, bacterial hyaluronidase and hyaluronidase from leeches, other parasites and crustaceans. Mammalian-type hyaluronidases (EC 3.2.1.35) are *endo-β-N*-acetyl-hexosaminidases that hydrolyze the β1→ 4 glycosidic bond of hyaluronan into various oligosaccharide lengths such as tetrasaccharides and hexasaccharides. They have both hydrolytic and transglycosidase activities, and can degrade hyaluronan and chondroitin sulfates (CS), generally C4-S and C6-S. Hyaluronidases of this type include, but are not limited to, hyaluronidases from cows (bovine) (SEQ ID NOS:10 and 11), mouse (SEQ ID NOS:17-19, 32), pig (SEQ ID NOS:20-21), rat (SEQ ID NOS:22-24, 31), rabbit (SEQ ID NO:25), sheep (ovine) (SEQ ID NOS:26 and 27), orangutan (SEQ ID NO:28), cynomolgus monkey (SEQ ID NO:29), guinea pig (SEQ ID NO:30), and human hyaluronidases.

Mammalian hyaluronidases can be further subdivided into those that are neutral active, predominantly found in testes extracts, and acid active, predominantly found in organs such as the liver. Exemplary neutral active hyaluronidases include PH20, including but not limited to, PH20 derived from different species such as ovine (SEQ ID NO:27), bovine (SEQ ID NO:11) and human (SEQ ID NO:1). Human PH20 (also known as SPAM1 or sperm surface protein PH20), is generally locked to the plasma membrane via a glycosylphosphatidyl inositol (GPI) anchor. It is naturally involved in sperm-egg adhesion and aids penetration by sperm of the layer of cumulus cells by digesting hyaluronic acid. The PH20 mRNA transcript is normally translated to generate a 509 amino acid precursor polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:1) containing a 35 amino acid signal sequence at the N-terminus (amino acid residue positions 1-35) and a 19 amino acid GPI anchor at the C-terminus (amino acid residue positions 491-509) The mature PH20 is, therefore, a 474 amino acid polypeptide set forth in SEQ ID NO:2). Bovine PH20 is a 553 amino acid precursor polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:11). Alignment of bovine PH20 with the human PH20 shows only weak homology, with multiple gaps existing from amino acid 470 through to the respective carboxy termini due to the absence of a GPI anchor in the bovine polypeptide (see e.g., Frost GI (2007) Expert Opin. Drug. Deliv. 4: 427-440). In fact, no clear GPI anchor is predicted in any other PH20 species besides humans. Thus, PH20 polypeptides produced from ovine and bovine exist as soluble forms. Though bovine PH20 exists very loosely attached to the plasma membrane, it is not anchored via a phospholipase

sensitive anchor (Lalancette et al, Biol Reprod. 2001 Aug;65(2):628- 36.). This unique feature of bovine hyaluronidase has permitted the use of the soluble bovine testes hyaluronidase enzyme as an extract for clinical use (Wydase™, Hyalase™).

Besides human PH20 (also termed SPAM1), five hyaluronidase-like genes have been identified in the human genome, HYAL1, HYAL2, HYAL3, HYAL4 and HYALP1. HYALP1 is a pseudogene, and HYAL3 (SEQ ID NO:38) has not been shown to possess enzyme activity toward any known substrates. HYAL4 (precursor polypeptide set forth in SEQ ID NO:39) is a chondroitinase and exhibits little activity towards hyaluronan. HYAL1 (precursor polypeptide set forth in SEQ ID NO:36) is the prototypical acid-active enzyme and PH20 (precursor polypeptide set forth in SEQ ID NO:1) is the prototypical neutral-active enzyme. Acid-active hyaluronidases, such as HYAL1 and HYAL2 (precursor polypeptide set forth in SEQ ID NO:37) generally lack catalytic activity at neutral pH (i.e. pH 7). For example, HYAL1 has little catalytic activity *in vitro* over pH 4.5 (Frost et al. (1997) Anal. Biochemistry, 251:263-269). HYAL2 is an acid-active enzyme with a very low specific activity *in vitro*. The hyaluronidase-like enzymes can also be characterized by those which are generally locked to the plasma membrane via a glycosylphosphatidyl inositol anchor such as human HYAL2 and human PH20 (Danilkovitch-Miagkova, et al. (2003) Proc Natl Acad Sci USA. 100(8):4580-5), and those which are generally soluble such as human HYAL1 (Frost et al, (1997) Biochem Biophys Res Commun. 236(1):10-5). .

Glycosylation, including N- and O-linked glycosylation, of some hyaluronidases can be very important for their catalytic activity and stability. While altering the type of glycan modifying a glycoprotein can have dramatic affects on a protein's antigenicity, structural folding, solubility, and stability, most enzymes are not thought to require glycosylation for optimal enzyme activity. Such hyaluronidases are unique in this regard, in that removal of N-linked glycosylation can result in near complete inactivation of the hyaluronidase activity. For such hyaluronidases, the presence of N-linked glycans is critical for generating an active enzyme.

N-linked oligosaccharides fall into several major types (oligomannose, complex, hybrid, sulfated), all of which have (Man) 3-GlcNAc-GlcNAc-cores attached via the amide nitrogen of Asn residues that fall within-Asn-Xaa-Thr/Ser-sequences (where Xaa is not Pro). Glycosylation at an-Asn-Xaa-Cys-site has been reported for coagulation protein C. In some instances, the hyaluronidase can contain

both N-glycosidic and O-glycosidic linkages. For example, PH20 has O-linked oligosaccharides as well as N-linked oligosaccharides.

There are seven potential N-linked glycosylation sites at N82, N166, N235, N254, N368, N393, N490 of human PH20 exemplified in SEQ ID NO: 1. Disulfide bonds form between the cysteine residues C60 and C351 and between C224 and C238 to form the core hyaluronidase domain. However, additional cysteines are required in the carboxy terminus for neutral enzyme catalytic activity such that amino acids 36 to 464 of SEQ ID NO:1 contains the minimally active human PH20 hyaluronidase domain. Thus, N-linked glycosylation site N-490 is not required for proper hyaluronidase activity.

Soluble Hyaluronidase

Provided in the combinations and methods herein are soluble hyaluronidases. Soluble hyaluronidases include any that exist in soluble form, including, but not limited to, Hyal1, bovine PH20 and ovine PH20, allelic variants thereof and other variants. Also included among soluble hyaluronidase are any hyaluronidase that has been modified to be soluble. For example, human PH20, which is normally membrane anchored via a GPI anchor, can be made soluble by truncation of and removal of all or a portion of the GPI anchor at the C-terminus. Soluble hyaluronidases also include neutral active and acid active hyaluronidases, however, neutral active hyaluronidases are contemplated for use herein for purposes of subcutaneous administration.

Thus, exemplary of a soluble hyaluronidase is PH20 from any species, such as any set forth in any of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 2, 11, 25, 27, 30 and 31, or truncated forms thereof lacking all or a portion of the C-terminal GPI anchor, so long as the hyaluronidase is soluble and retains hyaluronidase activity. Also included among soluble hyaluronidases are allelic variants or other variants of any of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 2, 11, 25, 27, 30 and 31, or truncated forms thereof. Allelic variants and other variants are known to one of skill in the art, and include polypeptides having 60%, 70%, 80%, 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95% or more sequence identify to any of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 2, 11, 25, 27, 30 and 31, or truncated forms thereof.

Typically, for use in the methods herein, a soluble human PH20 is used. Although PH20 from other animals can be utilized, such preparations are potentially immunogenic, since they are animal proteins. For example, a significant proportion

of patients demonstrate prior sensitization secondary to ingested foods, and since these are animal proteins, all patients have a risk of subsequent sensitization. Thus, non-human preparations may not be suitable for chronic use. If non-human preparations are desired, it is contemplated herein that such polypeptides can be prepared to have reduced immunogenicity. Such modifications are within the level of one of skill in the art. Hyaluronidases, including PH20, used in the methods herein can be recombinantly produced or can be purified or partially-purified from natural sources, such as, for example, from testes extracts.

Soluble Human PH20

Exemplary of a soluble hyaluronidase is soluble human PH20. Soluble forms of recombinant human PH20 have been produced and can be used in the methods described herein for co-administration or co-formulation with immunoglobulin for subcutaneous administration to treat IG-treatable diseases and conditions. The production of such soluble forms of PH20 is described in Application Nos. 11/065,716 and 11/238,171, and in Examples 2-6, below. Soluble forms include, but are not limited to, any having C-terminal truncations to generate polypeptides containing amino acid 1 to amino acid 347, 372, 394, 413, 430, 447, 467, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482 and 483 of the sequence of amino acids set forth in SEQ ID NOS 1. When expressed in mammalian cells, the 35 amino acid N-terminal signal sequence is cleaved during processing, and the mature form of the protein is secreted. Thus, the mature soluble polypeptides contain amino acids 36 to 347, 372, 394, 413, 430, 447, 467, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482 and 483 of SEQ ID NO:1. Deletion mutants ending at amino acid position 477 to 483 (corresponding to the precursor polypeptide set forth in SEQ ID NO:1) exhibit higher secreted hyaluronidase activity than the full length GPI-anchored form. Hence, exemplary of soluble hyaluronidases are those that are 442, 443, 444, 445, 446 or 447 amino acids in length, such as set forth in any of SEQ ID NOS:4-9, or allelic or species variants or other variants thereof. Generally soluble forms of PH20 are produced using protein expression systems that facilitate correct N-glycosylation to ensure the polypeptide retains activity, since glycosylation is important for the catalytic activity and stability of hyaluronidases. Such cells include, for example Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells (e.g. DG44 CHO cells).

Recombinant soluble human PH20 (rHuPH20)

Recombinant soluble forms of human PH20 (soluble rHuPH20) have been generated and can be produced and purified using the methods described herein. The generation of such soluble forms of rHuPH20 are described in U.S. Patent Application Nos. 11/065,716 and 11/238,171 (published as U.S. published patent application Nos. US20050260186 and US 20060104968), and in Examples 2-6, below. Exemplary of such polypeptides are those generated from a nucleic acid molecule encoding amino acids 1-482 set forth in SEQ ID NO:3. Post translational processing removes the 35 amino acid signal sequence, resulting in the secretion of a 447 amino acid soluble rHuPH20 (SEQ ID NO:4). Resulting purified rHuPH20 can be heterogenous due to peptidases present in the culture medium upon production and purification. Typically, rHuPH20 is produced in cells that facilitate correct N-glycosylation to retain activity, such as CHO cells (e.g. DG44 CHO cells).

E. Methods of Producing Nucleic Acids encoding a soluble Hyaluronidase and Polypeptides Thereof

Polypeptides of a soluble hyaluronidase set forth herein, can be obtained by methods well known in the art for protein purification and recombinant protein expression. Any method known to those of skill in the art for identification of nucleic acids that encode desired genes can be used. Any method available in the art can be used to obtain a full length (*i.e.*, encompassing the entire coding region) cDNA or genomic DNA clone encoding a hyaluronidase, such as from a cell or tissue source. Modified or variant soluble hyaluronidases, can be engineered from a wildtype polypeptide, such as by site-directed mutagenesis.

Polypeptides can be cloned or isolated using any available methods known in the art for cloning and isolating nucleic acid molecules. Such methods include PCR amplification of nucleic acids and screening of libraries, including nucleic acid hybridization screening, antibody-based screening and activity-based screening.

Methods for amplification of nucleic acids can be used to isolate nucleic acid molecules encoding a desired polypeptide, including for example, polymerase chain reaction (PCR) methods. A nucleic acid containing material can be used as a starting material from which a desired polypeptide-encoding nucleic acid molecule can be isolated. For example, DNA and mRNA preparations, cell extracts, tissue extracts, fluid samples (*e.g.* blood, serum, saliva), samples from healthy and/or diseased

subjects can be used in amplification methods. Nucleic acid libraries also can be used as a source of starting material. Primers can be designed to amplify a desired polypeptide. For example, primers can be designed based on expressed sequences from which a desired polypeptide is generated. Primers can be designed based on back-translation of a polypeptide amino acid sequence. Nucleic acid molecules generated by amplification can be sequenced and confirmed to encode a desired polypeptide.

Additional nucleotide sequences can be joined to a polypeptide-encoding nucleic acid molecule, including linker sequences containing restriction endonuclease sites for the purpose of cloning the synthetic gene into a vector, for example, a protein expression vector or a vector designed for the amplification of the core protein coding DNA sequences. Furthermore, additional nucleotide sequences specifying functional DNA elements can be operatively linked to a polypeptide-encoding nucleic acid molecule. Examples of such sequences include, but are not limited to, promoter sequences designed to facilitate intracellular protein expression, and secretion sequences, for example heterologous signal sequences, designed to facilitate protein secretion. Such sequences are known to those of skill in the art. Additional nucleotide residues sequences such as sequences of bases specifying protein binding regions also can be linked to enzyme-encoding nucleic acid molecules. Such regions include, but are not limited to, sequences of residues that facilitate or encode proteins that facilitate uptake of an enzyme into specific target cells, or otherwise alter pharmacokinetics of a product of a synthetic gene. For example, enzymes can be linked to PEG moieties.

In addition, tags or other moieties can be added, for example, to aid in detection or affinity purification of the polypeptide. For example, additional nucleotide residues sequences such as sequences of bases specifying an epitope tag or other detectable marker also can be linked to enzyme-encoding nucleic acid molecules. Exemplary of such sequences include nucleic acid sequences encoding a His tag (e.g., 6xHis, HHHHHH; SEQ ID NO:54) or Flag Tag (DYKDDDDK; SEQ ID NO:55).

The identified and isolated nucleic acids can then be inserted into an appropriate cloning vector. A large number of vector-host systems known in the art can be used. Possible vectors include, but are not limited to, plasmids or modified

viruses, but the vector system must be compatible with the host cell used. Such vectors include, but are not limited to, bacteriophages such as lambda derivatives, or plasmids such as pCMV4, pBR322 or pUC plasmid derivatives or the Bluescript vector (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA). Other expression vectors include the HZ24 expression vector exemplified herein. The insertion into a cloning vector can, for example, be accomplished by ligating the DNA fragment into a cloning vector which has complementary cohesive termini. Insertion can be effected using TOPO cloning vectors (INVITROGEN, Carlsbad, CA). If the complementary restriction sites used to fragment the DNA are not present in the cloning vector, the ends of the DNA molecules can be enzymatically modified. Alternatively, any site desired can be produced by ligating nucleotide sequences (linkers) onto the DNA termini; these ligated linkers can contain specific chemically synthesized oligonucleotides encoding restriction endonuclease recognition sequences. In an alternative method, the cleaved vector and protein gene can be modified by homopolymeric tailing. Recombinant molecules can be introduced into host cells via, for example, transformation, transfection, infection, electroporation and sonoporation, so that many copies of the gene sequence are generated.

In specific embodiments, transformation of host cells with recombinant DNA molecules that incorporate the isolated protein gene, cDNA, or synthesized DNA sequence enables generation of multiple copies of the gene. Thus, the gene can be obtained in large quantities by growing transformants, isolating the recombinant DNA molecules from the transformants and, when necessary, retrieving the inserted gene from the isolated recombinant DNA.

1. Vectors and cells

For recombinant expression of one or more of the desired proteins, such as any described herein, the nucleic acid containing all or a portion of the nucleotide sequence encoding the protein can be inserted into an appropriate expression vector, *i.e.*, a vector that contains the necessary elements for the transcription and translation of the inserted protein coding sequence. The necessary transcriptional and translational signals also can be supplied by the native promoter for enzyme genes, and/or their flanking regions.

Also provided are vectors that contain a nucleic acid encoding the enzyme. Cells containing the vectors also are provided. The cells include eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells, and the vectors are any suitable for use therein.

Prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, including endothelial cells, containing the vectors are provided. Such cells include bacterial cells, yeast cells, fungal cells, Archea, plant cells, insect cells and animal cells. The cells are used to produce a protein thereof by growing the above-described cells under conditions whereby the encoded protein is expressed by the cell, and recovering the expressed protein. For purposes herein, for example, the enzyme can be secreted into the medium.

Provided are vectors that contain a sequence of nucleotides that encodes the soluble hyaluronidase polypeptide coupled to the native or heterologous signal sequence, as well as multiple copies thereof. The vectors can be selected for expression of the enzyme protein in the cell or such that the enzyme protein is expressed as a secreted protein.

A variety of host-vector systems can be used to express the protein coding sequence. These include but are not limited to mammalian cell systems infected with virus (*e.g.* vaccinia virus, adenovirus and other viruses); insect cell systems infected with virus (*e.g.* baculovirus); microorganisms such as yeast containing yeast vectors; or bacteria transformed with bacteriophage, DNA, plasmid DNA, or cosmid DNA. The expression elements of vectors vary in their strengths and specificities. Depending on the host-vector system used, any one of a number of suitable transcription and translation elements can be used.

Any methods known to those of skill in the art for the insertion of DNA fragments into a vector can be used to construct expression vectors containing a chimeric gene containing appropriate transcriptional/translational control signals and protein coding sequences. These methods can include *in vitro* recombinant DNA and synthetic techniques and *in vivo* recombinants (genetic recombination). Expression of nucleic acid sequences encoding protein, or domains, derivatives, fragments or homologs thereof, can be regulated by a second nucleic acid sequence so that the genes or fragments thereof are expressed in a host transformed with the recombinant DNA molecule(s). For example, expression of the proteins can be controlled by any promoter/enhancer known in the art. In a specific embodiment, the promoter is not native to the genes for a desired protein. Promoters which can be used include but are

not limited to the SV40 early promoter (Bernoist and Chambon, *Nature 290*:304-310 (1981)), the promoter contained in the 3' long terminal repeat of Rous sarcoma virus (Yamamoto *et al. Cell 22*:787-797 (1980)), the herpes thymidine kinase promoter (Wagner *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78*:1441-1445 (1981)), the regulatory sequences of the metallothionein gene (Brinster *et al.*, *Nature 296*:39-42 (1982)); prokaryotic expression vectors such as the β-lactamase promoter (Jay *et al.*, (1981) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78*:5543) or the *tac* promoter (DeBoer *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 80*:21-25 (1983)); see also "Useful Proteins from Recombinant Bacteria": in Scientific American *242*:79-94 (1980)); plant expression vectors containing the nopaline synthetase promoter (Herrara-Estrella *et al.*, *Nature 303*:209-213 (1984)) or the cauliflower mosaic virus 35S RNA promoter (Garder *et al.*, *Nucleic Acids Res. 9*:2871 (1981)), and the promoter of the photosynthetic enzyme ribulose bisphosphate carboxylase (Herrera-Estrella *et al.*, *Nature 310*:115-120 (1984)); promoter elements from yeast and other fungi such as the Gal4 promoter, the alcohol dehydrogenase promoter, the phosphoglycerol kinase promoter, the alkaline phosphatase promoter, and the following animal transcriptional control regions that exhibit tissue specificity and have been used in transgenic animals: elastase I gene control region which is active in pancreatic acinar cells (Swift *et al.*, *Cell 38*:639-646 (1984); Ornitz *et al.*, *Cold Spring Harbor Symp. Quant. Biol. 50*:399-409 (1986); MacDonald, *Hepatology 7*:425-515 (1987)); insulin gene control region which is active in pancreatic beta cells (Hanahan *et al.*, *Nature 315*:115-122 (1985)), immunoglobulin gene control region which is active in lymphoid cells (Grosschedl *et al.*, *Cell 38*:647-658 (1984); Adams *et al.*, *Nature 318*:533-538 (1985); Alexander *et al.*, *Mol. Cell Biol. 7*:1436-1444 (1987)), mouse mammary tumor virus control region which is active in testicular, breast, lymphoid and mast cells (Leder *et al.*, *Cell 45*:485-495 (1986)), albumin gene control region which is active in liver (Pinckert *et al.*, *Genes and Devel. 1*:268-276 (1987)), alpha-fetoprotein gene control region which is active in liver (Krumlauf *et al.*, *Mol. Cell. Biol. 5*:1639-1648 (1985); Hammer *et al.*, *Science 235*:53-58 1987)), alpha-1 antitrypsin gene control region which is active in liver (Kelsey *et al.*, *Genes and Devel. 1*:161-171 (1987)), beta globin gene control region which is active in myeloid cells (Magram *et al.*, *Nature 315*:338-340 (1985); Kollias *et al.*, *Cell 46*:89-94 (1986)), myelin basic protein gene control region which

is active in oligodendrocyte cells of the brain (Readhead *et al.*, *Cell 48*:703-712 (1987)), myosin light chain-2 gene control region which is active in skeletal muscle (Shani, *Nature 314*:283-286 (1985)), and gonadotrophic releasing hormone gene control region which is active in gonadotrophs of the hypothalamus (Mason *et al.*, *Science 234*:1372-1378 (1986)).

In a specific embodiment, a vector is used that contains a promoter operably linked to nucleic acids encoding a desired protein, or a domain, fragment, derivative or homolog, thereof, one or more origins of replication, and optionally, one or more selectable markers (*e.g.*, an antibiotic resistance gene). Exemplary plasmid vectors for transformation of *E.coli* cells, include, for example, the pQE expression vectors (available from Qiagen, Valencia, CA; see also literature published by Qiagen describing the system). pQE vectors have a phage T5 promoter (recognized by *E. coli* RNA polymerase) and a double lac operator repression module to provide tightly regulated, high-level expression of recombinant proteins in *E. coli,* a synthetic ribosomal binding site (RBS II) for efficient translation, a 6XHis tag coding sequence, t_0 and T1 transcriptional terminators, ColE1 origin of replication, and a beta-lactamase gene for conferring ampicillin resistance. The pQE vectors enable placement of a 6xHis tag at either the N- or C-terminus of the recombinant protein. Such plasmids include pQE 32, pQE 30, and pQE 31 which provide multiple cloning sites for all three reading frames and provide for the expression of N-terminally 6xHis-tagged proteins. Other exemplary plasmid vectors for transformation of *E. coli* cells, include, for example, the pET expression vectors (see, U.S. patent 4,952,496; available from NOVAGEN, Madison, WI; see, also literature published by Novagen describing the system). Such plasmids include pET 11a, which contains the T7lac promoter, T7 terminator, the inducible *E. coli* lac operator, and the lac repressor gene; pET 12a-c, which contains the T7 promoter, T7 terminator, and the *E. coli* ompT secretion signal; and pET 15b and pET19b (NOVAGEN, Madison, WI), which contain a His-Tag™ leader sequence for use in purification with a His column and a thrombin cleavage site that permits cleavage following purification over the column, the T7-lac promoter region and the T7 terminator.

Exemplary of a vector for mammalian cell expression is the HZ24 expression vector. The HZ24 expression vector was derived from the pCI vector backbone (Promega). It contains DNA encoding the Beta-lactamase resistance gene (AmpR),

an F1 origin of replication, a Cytomegalovirus immediate-early enhancer/promoter region (CMV), and an SV40 late polyadenylation signal (SV40). The expression vector also has an internal ribosome entry site (IRES) from the ECMV virus (Clontech) and the mouse dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) gene.

2. Expression

Soluble hyaluronidase polypeptides can be produced by any method known to those of skill in the art including *in vivo* and *in vitro* methods. Desired proteins can be expressed in any organism suitable to produce the required amounts and forms of the proteins, such as for example, needed for administration and treatment. Expression hosts include prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms such as *E.coli*, yeast, plants, insect cells, mammalian cells, including human cell lines and transgenic animals. Expression hosts can differ in their protein production levels as well as the types of post-translational modifications that are present on the expressed proteins. The choice of expression host can be made based on these and other factors, such as regulatory and safety considerations, production costs and the need and methods for purification.

Many expression vectors are available and known to those of skill in the art and can be used for expression of proteins. The choice of expression vector will be influenced by the choice of host expression system. In general, expression vectors can include transcriptional promoters and optionally enhancers, translational signals, and transcriptional and translational termination signals. Expression vectors that are used for stable transformation typically have a selectable marker which allows selection and maintenance of the transformed cells. In some cases, an origin of replication can be used to amplify the copy number of the vector.

Soluble hyaluronidase polypeptides also can be utilized or expressed as protein fusions. For example, an enzyme fusion can be generated to add additional functionality to an enzyme. Examples of enzyme fusion proteins include, but are not limited to, fusions of a signal sequence, a tag such as for localization, *e.g.* a his_6 tag or a myc tag, or a tag for purification, for example, a GST fusion, and a sequence for directing protein secretion and/or membrane association.

a. Prokaryotic Cells

Prokaryotes, especially *E.coli*, provide a system for producing large amounts of proteins. Transformation of *E.coli* is simple and rapid technique well known to those of skill in the art. Expression vectors for *E.coli* can contain inducible

promoters, such promoters are useful for inducing high levels of protein expression and for expressing proteins that exhibit some toxicity to the host cells. Examples of inducible promoters include the lac promoter, the trp promoter, the hybrid tac promoter, the T7 and SP6 RNA promoters and the temperature regulated λPL promoter.

Proteins, such as any provided herein, can be expressed in the cytoplasmic environment of *E.coli*. The cytoplasm is a reducing environment and for some molecules, this can result in the formation of insoluble inclusion bodies. Reducing agents such as dithiothreitol and β-mercaptoethanol and denaturants, such as guanidine-HCl and urea can be used to resolubilize the proteins. An alternative approach is the expression of proteins in the periplasmic space of bacteria which provides an oxidizing environment and chaperonin-like and disulfide isomerases and can lead to the production of soluble protein. Typically, a leader sequence is fused to the protein to be expressed which directs the protein to the periplasm. The leader is then removed by signal peptidases inside the periplasm. Examples of periplasmic-targeting leader sequences include the pelB leader from the pectate lyase gene and the leader derived from the alkaline phosphatase gene. In some cases, periplasmic expression allows leakage of the expressed protein into the culture medium. The secretion of proteins allows quick and simple purification from the culture supernatant. Proteins that are not secreted can be obtained from the periplasm by osmotic lysis. Similar to cytoplasmic expression, in some cases proteins can become insoluble and denaturants and reducing agents can be used to facilitate solubilization and refolding. Temperature of induction and growth also can influence expression levels and solubility, typically temperatures between 25°C and 37°C are used. Typically, bacteria produce aglycosylated proteins. Thus, if proteins require glycosylation for function, glycosylation can be added *in vitro* after purification from host cells.

b. Yeast Cells

Yeasts such as *Saccharomyces cerevisae, Schizosaccharomyces pombe, Yarrowia lipolytica, Kluyveromyces lactis* and *Pichia pastoris* are well known yeast expression hosts that can be used for production of proteins, such as any described herein. Yeast can be transformed with episomal replicating vectors or by stable chromosomal integration by homologous recombination. Typically, inducible

promoters are used to regulate gene expression. Examples of such promoters include GAL1, GAL7 and GAL5 and metallothionein promoters, such as CUP1, AOX1 or other *Pichia* or other yeast promoter. Expression vectors often include a selectable marker such as LEU2, TRP1, HIS3 and URA3 for selection and maintenance of the transformed DNA. Proteins expressed in yeast are often soluble. Co-expression with chaperonins such as Bip and protein disulfide isomerase can improve expression levels and solubility. Additionally, proteins expressed in yeast can be directed for secretion using secretion signal peptide fusions such as the yeast mating type alpha-factor secretion signal from Saccharomyces cerevisae and fusions with yeast cell surface proteins such as the Aga2p mating adhesion receptor or the *Arxula adeninivoran*s glucoamylase. A protease cleavage site such as for the Kex-2 protease, can be engineered to remove the fused sequences from the expressed polypeptides as they exit the secretion pathway. Yeast also is capable of glycosylation at Asn-X-Ser/Thr motifs.

c. Insect Cells

Insect cells, particularly using baculovirus expression, are useful for expressing polypeptides such as hyaluronidase polypeptides. Insect cells express high levels of protein and are capable of most of the post-translational modifications used by higher eukaryotes. Baculovirus have a restrictive host range which improves the safety and reduces regulatory concerns of eukaryotic expression. Typical expression vectors use a promoter for high level expression such as the polyhedrin promoter of baculovirus. Commonly used baculovirus systems include the baculoviruses such as *Autographa californica* nuclear polyhedrosis virus (AcNPV), and the *Bombyx mori* nuclear polyhedrosis virus (BmNPV) and an insect cell line such as Sf9 derived from *Spodoptera frugiperda, Pseudaletia unipuncta* (A7S) and *Danaus plexippus* (DpN1). For high-level expression, the nucleotide sequence of the molecule to be expressed is fused immediately downstream of the polyhedrin initiation codon of the virus. Mammalian secretion signals are accurately processed in insect cells and can be used to secrete the expressed protein into the culture medium. In addition, the cell lines *Pseudaletia unipuncta* (A7S) and *Danaus plexippus* (DpN1) produce proteins with glycosylation patterns similar to mammalian cell systems.

An alternative expression system in insect cells is the use of stably transformed cells. Cell lines such as the Schneider 2 (S2) and Kc cells (*Drosophila*

melanogaster) and C7 cells (*Aedes albopictus*) can be used for expression. The *Drosophila* metallothionein promoter can be used to induce high levels of expression in the presence of heavy metal induction with cadmium or copper. Expression vectors are typically maintained by the use of selectable markers such as neomycin and hygromycin.

d. Mammalian Cells

Mammalian expression systems can be used to express proteins including soluble hyaluronidase polypeptides. Expression constructs can be transferred to mammalian cells by viral infection such as adenovirus or by direct DNA transfer such as liposomes, calcium phosphate, DEAE-dextran and by physical means such as electroporation and microinjection. Expression vectors for mammalian cells typically include an mRNA cap site, a TATA box, a translational initiation sequence (Kozak consensus sequence) and polyadenylation elements. IRES elements also can be added to permit bicistronic expression with another gene, such as a selectable marker. Such vectors often include transcriptional promoter-enhancers for high-level expression, for example the SV40 promoter-enhancer, the human cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoter and the long terminal repeat of Rous sarcoma virus (RSV). These promoter-enhancers are active in many cell types. Tissue and cell-type promoters and enhancer regions also can be used for expression. Exemplary promoter/enhancer regions include, but are not limited to, those from genes such as elastase I, insulin, immunoglobulin, mouse mammary tumor virus, albumin, alpha fetoprotein, alpha 1 antitrypsin, beta globin, myelin basic protein, myosin light chain 2, and gonadotropic releasing hormone gene control. Selectable markers can be used to select for and maintain cells with the expression construct. Examples of selectable marker genes include, but are not limited to, hygromycin B phosphotransferase, adenosine deaminase, xanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase, aminoglycoside phosphotransferase, dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) and thymidine kinase. For example, expression can be performed in the presence of methotrexate to select for only those cells expressing the DHFR gene. Fusion with cell surface signaling molecules such as TCR-ζ and $Fc_{\epsilon}RI$-γ can direct expression of the proteins in an active state on the cell surface.

Many cell lines are available for mammalian expression including mouse, rat human, monkey, chicken and hamster cells. Exemplary cell lines include but are not

limited to CHO, Balb/3T3, HeLa, MT2, mouse NS0 (nonsecreting) and other myeloma cell lines, hybridoma and heterohybridoma cell lines, lymphocytes, fibroblasts, Sp2/0, COS, NIH3T3, HEK293, 293S, 2B8, and HKB cells. Cell lines also are available adapted to serum-free media which facilitates purification of secreted proteins from the cell culture media. Examples include CHO-S cells (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, cat # 11619-012) and the serum free EBNA-1 cell line (Pham *et al.*, (2003) *Biotechnol. Bioeng. 84*:332-42.). Cell lines also are available that are adapted to grow in special mediums optimized for maximal expression. For example, DG44 CHO cells are adapted to grow in suspension culture in a chemically defined, animal product-free medium.

e. Plants

Transgenic plant cells and plants can be used to express proteins such as any described herein. Expression constructs are typically transferred to plants using direct DNA transfer such as microprojectile bombardment and PEG-mediated transfer into protoplasts, and with agrobacterium-mediated transformation. Expression vectors can include promoter and enhancer sequences, transcriptional termination elements and translational control elements. Expression vectors and transformation techniques are usually divided between dicot hosts, such as *Arabidopsis* and tobacco, and monocot hosts, such as corn and rice. Examples of plant promoters used for expression include the cauliflower mosaic virus promoter, the nopaline synthase promoter, the ribose bisphosphate carboxylase promoter and the ubiquitin and UBQ3 promoters. Selectable markers such as hygromycin, phosphomannose isomerase and neomycin phosphotransferase are often used to facilitate selection and maintenance of transformed cells. Transformed plant cells can be maintained in culture as cells, aggregates (callus tissue) or regenerated into whole plants. Transgenic plant cells also can include algae engineered to produce hyaluronidase polypeptides. Because plants have different glycosylation patterns than mammalian cells, this can influence the choice of protein produced in these hosts.

3. Purification Techniques

Method for purification of polypeptides, including soluble hyaluronidase polypeptides or other proteins, from host cells will depend on the chosen host cells and expression systems. For secreted molecules, proteins are generally purified from the culture media after removing the cells. For intracellular expression, cells can be

lysed and the proteins purified from the extract. When transgenic organisms such as transgenic plants and animals are used for expression, tissues or organs can be used as starting material to make a lysed cell extract. Additionally, transgenic animal production can include the production of polypeptides in milk or eggs, which can be collected, and if necessary, the proteins can be extracted and further purified using standard methods in the art.

Proteins, such as soluble hyaluronidase polypeptides, can be purified using standard protein purification techniques known in the art including but not limited to, SDS-PAGE, size fraction and size exclusion chromatography, ammonium sulfate precipitation and ionic exchange chromatography, such as anion exchange. Affinity purification techniques also can be utilized to improve the efficiency and purity of the preparations. For example, antibodies, receptors and other molecules that bind hyaluronidase enzymes can be used in affinity purification. Expression constructs also can be engineered to add an affinity tag to a protein such as a myc epitope, GST fusion or His_6 and affinity purified with myc antibody, glutathione resin and Ni-resin, respectively. Purity can be assessed by any method known in the art including gel electrophoresis and staining and spectrophotometric techniques.

F. Preparation, Formulation and Administration Of Immune Globulins and Soluble Hyaluronidase Polypeptides

Pharmaceutical compositions of immune globulins and soluble hyaluronidases are provided herein for subcutaneous administration. Formulations of pharmaceutical compositions of soluble hyaluronidases, for example, PH20, are known in the art (see e.g. published U.S. Application Nos. US20040268425, US20050260186 and US20060104968). Soluble hyaluronidases are co-formulated or co-administered with pharmaceutical formulations of immune globulin to enhance the delivery of immune globulins to desired sites within the body by increasing the bioavailability of immune globulins. For example, co-administration or co-formulation of IG with a hyaluronidase can improve the extent and/or rate of absorption and thus bioavailability of an agent by causing more of it to reach the bloodstream and/or less of it being degraded after administration by more rapid permeation. Increased absorption and bioavailability can be achieved, for example, by accelerating interstitial flow and potentially connective transport following administration by applying hydrostatic pressure associated with the volume injection combined with a

reduction in impedance to flow associated with degradation of hyaluronan. Thus, soluble hyaluronidases can be used to achieve elevated and/or more rapidly achieved concentrations of the immune globulin following subcutaneous administration compared to conventional methods of subcutaneous administration, to provide, for example, a more potent and/or more rapid response for a given dose. Alternatively, the soluble hyaluronidase can be used to allow a given response to be achieved with a lower dose of administered IG. The ability of a soluble hyaluronidase to enhance bulk fluid flow at and near a site of injection or infusion also can improve other aspects of associated pharmacologic delivery. For example, the increase in bulk fluid flow can help to allow the volume of fluid injected to be more readily dispersed from the site of injection (reducing potentially painful or other adverse consequences of injection). This is particularly important for subcutaneous infusions to permit higher doses to be administered. In addition to increased bioavailability, co-administration or co-formulation of IG with soluble hyaluronidase provides for a safer or more convenient route of administration compared to conventional intravenous routes of administration.

Thus, by virtue of the increased bioavailability, immune globulins can be administered subcutaneously at dosages and frequencies for which current intravenous (IVIG) preparations are prepared and administered. The advantages over current subcutaneous formulations of IG is that co-administered or co-formulated hyaluronidase/IG can result in more favorable dosing regimens, for example, less frequent dosing. By less frequent or lower dosing, side effects associated with toxicity can be reduced. Generally, the pharmacokinetic and/or pharmacodynamics of subcutaneous IG therapy is improved. In addition, subcutaneous administrations of IG also has advantages over current intravenous infusions. For example, subcutaneous infusion permits infusion by the patient or family as opposed to a skilled nurse; infusion can be achieved at higher rates such that IG is infused in 1-3 hours compared to 5-10 hours for conventional IVIG therapies; there is no requirement for functional veins; there is no infusion related side effects such as thrombosis, headache, thrombophlebitis, and nausea and less probability of adverse events; and infusion can be performed at home or anywhere.

The compositions can be formulated in lyophilized or liquid form. Where the compositions are provided in lyophilized form they can be reconstituted just prior to

use by an appropriate buffer, for example, a sterile saline solution. The compositions can be provided together or separately. For purposes herein, such compositions typically are provided separately. The soluble hyaluronidase and IG can be packaged as separate compositions for administration together, sequentially or intermittently. The combinations can be packaged as a kit.

1. Formulations

The compounds can be formulated into any suitable pharmaceutical preparations for subcutaneous administration such as solutions, suspensions, powders, or sustained release formulations. Typically, the compounds are formulated into pharmaceutical compositions using techniques and procedures well known in the art (see e.g., Ansel *Introduction to Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms*, Fourth Edition, 1985, 126). Pharmaceutically acceptable compositions are prepared in view of approvals for a regulatory agency or other agency prepared in accordance with generally recognized pharmacopeia for use in animals and in humans. The formulation should suit the mode of administration.

Pharmaceutical compositions can include carriers such as a diluent, adjuvant, excipient, or vehicle with which a hyaluronidase or IG is administered. Examples of suitable pharmaceutical carriers are described in "Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences" by E. W. Martin. Such compositions will contain a therapeutically effective amount of the compound, generally in purified form or partially purified form, together with a suitable amount of carrier so as to provide the form for proper administration to the patient. Such pharmaceutical carriers can be sterile liquids, such as water and oils, including those of petroleum, animal, vegetable or synthetic origin, such as peanut oil, soybean oil, mineral oil, and sesame oil. Water is a typical carrier when the pharmaceutical composition is administered intravenously. Saline solutions and aqueous dextrose and glycerol solutions also can be employed as liquid carriers, particularly for injectable solutions. Compositions can contain along with an active ingredient: a diluent such as lactose, sucrose, dicalcium phosphate, or carboxymethylcellulose; a lubricant, such as magnesium stearate, calcium stearate and talc; and a binder such as starch, natural gums, such as gum acaciagelatin, glucose, molasses, polyvinylpyrrolidine, celluloses and derivatives thereof, povidone, crospovidones and other such binders known to those of skill in the art. Suitable pharmaceutical excipients include starch, glucose, lactose, sucrose, gelatin, malt, rice,

flour, chalk, silica gel, sodium stearate, glycerol monostearate, talc, sodium chloride, dried skim milk, glycerol, propylene, glycol, water, and ethanol. A composition, if desired, also can contain minor amounts of wetting or emulsifying agents, or pH buffering agents, for example, acetate, sodium citrate, cyclodextrine derivatives, sorbitan monolaurate, triethanolamine sodium acetate, triethanolamine oleate, and other such agents.

Pharmaceutically therapeutically active compounds and derivatives thereof are typically formulated and administered in unit dosage forms or multiple dosage forms. Each unit dose contains a predetermined quantity of therapeutically active compound sufficient to produce the desired therapeutic effect, in association with the required pharmaceutical carrier, vehicle or diluent. Examples of unit dose forms include ampoules and syringes and individually packaged tablets or capsules. Unit dose forms can be administered in fractions or multiples thereof. A multiple dose form is a plurality of identical unit dosage forms packaged in a single container to be administered in segregated unit dose form. Examples of multiple dose forms include vials, bottles of tablets or capsules or bottles of pints or gallons. Hence, multiple dose form is a multiple of unit doses that are not segregated in packaging. Generally, dosage forms or compositions containing active ingredient in the range of 0.005% to 100% with the balance made up from non-toxic carrier can be prepared.

Compositions provided herein typically are formulated for administration by subcutaneous route, although other routes of administration are contemplated, such as any route known to those of skill in the art including intramuscular, intravenous, intradermal, intralesional, intraperitoneal injection, epidural, nasal, oral, vaginal, rectal, topical, local, , otic, inhalational, buccal (*e.g.*, sublingual), and transdermal administration or any route. Formulations suited for such routes are known to one of skill in the art. Administration can be local, topical or systemic depending upon the locus of treatment. Local administration to an area in need of treatment can be achieved by, for example, but not limited to, local infusion during surgery, topical application, *e.g.*, in conjunction with a wound dressing after surgery, by injection, by means of a catheter, by means of a suppository, or by means of an implant. Compositions also can be administered with other biologically active agents, either sequentially, intermittently or in the same composition. Administration also can

include controlled release systems including controlled release formulations and device controlled release, such as by means of a pump.

The most suitable route in any given case depends on a variety of factors, such as the nature of the disease, the progress of the disease, the severity of the disease the particular composition which is used. For purposes herein, it is desired that hyaluronidases are administered so that they reach the interstitium of skin or tissues, thereby degrading the interstitial space for subsequent delivery of immunoglobulin. Thus, direct administration under the skin, such as by subcutaneous administration methods, is contemplated. Thus, in one example, local administration can be achieved by injection, such as from a syringe or other article of manufacture containing a injection device such as a needle. In another example, local administration can be achieved by infusion, which can be facilitated by the use of a pump or other similar device. Other modes of administration also are contemplated. Pharmaceutical composition can be formulated in dosage forms appropriate for each route of administration.

Subcutaneous administration, generally characterized by injection or infusion, is contemplated herein. Injectables can be prepared in conventional forms, either as liquid solutions or suspensions, solid forms suitable for solution or suspension in liquid prior to injection, or as emulsions. Suitable excipients are, for example, water, saline, dextrose, glycerol or ethanol. The pharmaceutical compositions may contain other minor amounts of non-toxic auxiliary substances such as wetting or emulsifying agents, pH buffering agents, stabilizers, solubility enhancers, and other such agents, such as for example, sodium acetate, sorbitan monolaurate, triethanolamine oleate and cyclodextrins. Implantation of a slow-release or sustained-release system, such that a constant level of dosage is maintained (see, e. g., U. S. Patent No. 3,710,795) is also contemplated herein. The percentage of active compound contained in such compositions is highly dependent on the specific nature thereof, as well as the activity of the compound and the needs of the subject.

Injectables are designed for local and systemic administration. For purposes herein, local administration is desired for direct administration to the affected interstitium. Preparations for parenteral administration include sterile solutions ready for injection, sterile dry soluble products, such as lyophilized powders, ready to be combined with a solvent just prior to use, including hypodermic tablets, sterile

suspensions ready for injection, sterile dry insoluble products ready to be combined with a vehicle just prior to use and sterile emulsions. The solutions may be either aqueous or nonaqueous. If administered intravenously, suitable carriers include physiological saline or phosphate buffered saline (PBS), and solutions containing thickening and solubilizing agents, such as glucose, polyethylene glycol, and polypropylene glycol and mixtures thereof.

Pharmaceutically acceptable carriers used in parenteral preparations include aqueous vehicles, nonaqueous vehicles, antimicrobial agents, isotonic agents, buffers, antioxidants, local anesthetics, suspending and dispersing agents, emulsifying agents, sequestering or chelating agents and other pharmaceutically acceptable substances. Examples of aqueous vehicles include Sodium Chloride Injection, Ringers Injection, Isotonic Dextrose Injection, Sterile Water Injection, Dextrose and Lactated Ringers Injection. Nonaqueous parenteral vehicles include fixed oils of vegetable origin, cottonseed oil, corn oil, sesame oil and peanut oil. Antimicrobial agents in bacteriostatic or fungistatic concentrations can be added to parenteral preparations packaged in multiple-dose containers, which include phenols or cresols, mercurials, benzyl alcohol, chlorobutanol, methyl and propyl p-hydroxybenzoic acid esters, thimerosal, benzalkonium chloride and benzethonium chloride. Isotonic agents include sodium chloride and dextrose. Buffers include phosphate and citrate. Antioxidants include sodium bisulfate. Local anesthetics include procaine hydrochloride. Suspending and dispersing agents include sodium carboxymethylcelluose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose and polyvinylpyrrolidone. Emulsifying agents include Polysorbate 80 (TWEENs 80). A sequestering or chelating agent of metal ions include EDTA. Pharmaceutical carriers also include ethyl alcohol, polyethylene glycol and propylene glycol for water miscible vehicles and sodium hydroxide, hydrochloric acid, citric acid or lactic acid for pH adjustment.

The concentration of the pharmaceutically active compound is adjusted so that an injection provides an effective amount to produce the desired pharmacological effect. The exact dose depends on the age, weight and condition of the patient or animal as is known in the art. The unit-dose parenteral preparations are packaged in an ampoule, a vial or a syringe with a needle. The volume of liquid solution or reconstituted powder preparation, containing the pharmaceutically active compound, is a function of the disease to be treated and the particular article of manufacture

chosen for package. All preparations for parenteral administration must be sterile, as is known and practiced in the art.

In one example, pharmaceutical preparation can be in liquid form, for example, solutions, syrups or suspensions. If provided in liquid form, the pharmaceutical preparations can be provided as a concentrated preparation to be diluted to a therapeutically effective concentration before use. Such liquid preparations can be prepared by conventional means with pharmaceutically acceptable additives such as suspending agents (*e.g.*, sorbitol syrup, cellulose derivatives or hydrogenated edible fats); emulsifying agents (*e.g.*, lecithin or acacia); non-aqueous vehicles (*e.g.*, almond oil, oily esters, or fractionated vegetable oils); and preservatives (*e.g.*, methyl or propyl-p-hydroxybenzoates or sorbic acid). In another example, pharmaceutical preparations can be presented in lyophilized form for reconstitution with water or other suitable vehicle before use.

Administration methods can be employed to decrease the exposure of selected compounds to degradative processes, such as proteolytic degradation and immunological intervention via antigenic and immunogenic responses. Examples of such methods include local administration at the site of treatment. Pegylation of therapeutics has been reported to increase resistance to proteolysis, increase plasma half-life, and decrease antigenicity and immunogenicity. Examples of pegylation methodologies are known in the art (see for example, Lu and Felix, *Int. J. Peptide Protein Res., 43*: 127-138, 1994; Lu and Felix, *Peptide Res., 6:* 142-6, 1993; Felix *et al.*, *Int. J. Peptide Res., 46* : 253-64, 1995; Benhar *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem., 269*: 13398-404, 1994; Brumeanu *et al.*, *J Immunol., 154*: 3088-95, 1995; see also, Caliceti *et al.* (2003) *Adv. Drug Deliv. Rev. 55(10)*:1261-77 and Molineux (2003) *Pharmacotherapy 23 (8 Pt 2)*:3S-8S). Pegylation also can be used in the delivery of nucleic acid molecules *in vivo*. For example, pegylation of adenovirus can increase stability and gene transfer (see, e.g., Cheng *et al.* (2003) *Pharm. Res. 20(9)*: 1444-51).

Lyophilized powders

Of interest herein are lyophilized powders, which can be reconstituted for administration as solutions, emulsions and other mixtures. They may also be reconstituted and formulated as solids or gels.

The sterile, lyophilized powder is prepared by dissolving an active compound in a buffer solution. The buffer solution may contain an excipient which improves the

stability or other pharmacological component of the powder or reconstituted solution, prepared from the powder. Subsequent sterile filtration of the solution followed by lyophilization under standard conditions known to those of skill in the art provides the desired formulation. Briefly, the lyophilized powder is prepared by dissolving an excipient, such as dextrose, sorbital, fructose, corn syrup, xylitol, glycerin, glucose, sucrose or other suitable agent, in a suitable buffer, such as citrate, sodium or potassium phosphate or other such buffer known to those of skill in the art. Then, a selected enzyme is added to the resulting mixture, and stirred until it dissolves. The resulting mixture is sterile filtered or treated to remove particulates and to insure sterility, and apportioned into vials for lyophilization. Each vial will contain a single dosage or multiple dosages of the compound. The lyophilized powder can be stored under appropriate conditions, such as at about 4 °C to room temperature. Reconstitution of this lyophilized powder with a buffer solution provides a formulation for use in parenteral administration.

2. Dosage and Administration

The soluble hyaluronidase provided herein can be formulated as pharmaceutical compositions, typically for single dosage administration, in combination with IG. The selected soluble hyaluronidase is included in an amount sufficient to exert a therapeutically useful effect of the IG in the absence of undesirable side effects on the patient treated. The therapeutically effective concentration can be determined empirically by testing the polypeptides in known in vitro and in vivo systems such as by using the assays provided herein or known in the art (see e.g., Taliani et al. (1996) Anal. Biochem., 240: 60-67; Filocamo et al. (1997) J Virology, 71: 1417-1427; Sudo et al. (1996) Antiviral Res. 32: 9-18; Buffard et al. (1995) Virology, 209:52-59; Bianchi et al. (1996) Anal. Biochem., 237: 239-244; Hamatake et al. (1996) Intervirology 39:249-258; Steinkuhler et al. (1998) Biochem., 37:8899-8905; D'Souza et al. (1995) J Gen. Virol., 76:1729-1736; Takeshita et al. (1997) Anal. Biochem., 247:242-246; see also e.g, Shimizu et al. (1994) J. Virol. 68:8406-8408; Mizutani et al. (1996) J. Virol. 70:7219-7223; Mizutani et al. (1996) Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun., 227:822-826; Lu et al. (1996) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci (USA), 93:1412-1417; Hahm et al., (1996) Virology, 226:318-326; Ito et al. (1996) J. Gen. Virol., 77:1043-1054; Mizutani et al. (1995) Biochem. Biophys. Res.

Commun., 212:906-911; Cho et al. (1997) J. Virol. Meth. 65:201-207 and then extrapolated therefrom for dosages for humans.

Typically, a therapeutically effective dose is at or about 500 Units to 100,000 Units of a soluble hyaluronidase. For example, soluble hyaluronidase can be administered subcutaneously at or about 500 Units, 1000 Units, 2000 Units, 5000 Units, 10,000 Units, 30,000 Units, 40,000 Units,, 50,000 Units, 60,000 Units, 70,000 Units, 80,000 Units, 90,000 Units, 100,000 Units or more. In some examples, dosages can be provided as a ratio IG administered. For example, hyaluronidase can be administered at 10 U/gram to 500 U/g or more of IG, for example, at or about 10 U/g, 20 U/g, 30U/g, 40 U/g, 50 U/g, 60 U/g, 70 U/g, 80 U/g, 90 U/g, 100 U/g, 150 U/g, 200 U/g, 300 U/g, 400 U/g, 500 U/g or more. Typically, volumes of injections or infusions of hyaluronidase contemplated herein are from at or about 0.5 ml, 1 ml, 2 ml, 3 ml, 4 ml, 5 ml, 6 ml, 7 ml, 8 ml, 9 ml, 10 ml, 15 ml, 20 ml, 30 ml, 40 ml, 50 ml or more. The hyaluronidase can be provided as a stock solution at or about 50 U/ml, 100 U/ml, 150 U/ml, 200 U/ml, 400 U/ml or 500 U/ml or can be provided in a more concentrated form, for example at or about 1000 U/ml, 1500 Units/ml, 2000 U/ml, 4000 U/ml or 5000 U/ml for use directly or for dilution to the effective concentration prior to use. The soluble hyaluronidase can be provided as a liquid or lyophilized formulation. Lyophilized formulations are ideal for storage of large Units doses of soluble hyaluronidase.

The immune globulin preparations provided herein can be formulated as pharmaceutical compositions for single or multiple dosage use. Generally, the IG preparations are formulated in pharmaceutical compositions to achieve dosage regimes (doses and frequencies) for which current intravenous (IVIG) preparations are prepared and administered for particular IG-treatable diseases or conditions. One of skill in the art is familiar with dosage regimes for IVIG administration of particular diseases or conditions. For example, Section H below provides exemplary dosage regimes (doses and frequencies) of IG for particular diseases and conditions. Other dosage regimes are well known to those of skill in the art. In some examples, the dosage frequency can be daily over an interval of time given over consecutive or alternate days, for example, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or more days. In other examples, the dosage regime is weekly, for example, once every week, every two weeks, every three weeks, every four weeks, every five weeks, every six weeks or

more. Typically, immune globulin preparations are formulated for single dose administration in an amount sufficient to provide a once monthly dose, but can be provided in lesser amounts for multiple dosage administrations. For example, once monthly doses of IG preparations can be administered daily, weekly, biweekly or once a month. Dosage regimes can be continued for months or years. The IG preparations can be provided in lyophilized or liquid form as discussed elsewhere herein.

The immune globulin is provided in a therapeutically effective dose. Therapeutically effective concentration can be determined empirically by testing the compounds in known *in vitro* and *in vivo* systems, such as the assays provided herein. The concentration of a selected immune globulin in the composition depends on absorption, inactivation and excretion rates of the complex, the physicochemical characteristics of the complex, the dosage schedule, and amount administered as well as other factors known to those of skill in the art. For example, it is understood that the precise dosage and duration of treatment is a function of the tissue being treated and may be determined empirically using known testing protocols or by extrapolation from *in vivo* or in vitro test data. It is to be noted that concentrations and dosage values may also vary with the age of the individual treated. It is to be further understood that for any particular subject, specific dosage regimens should be adjusted over time according to the individual need and the professional judgment of the person administering or supervising the administration of the formulations, and that the concentration ranges set forth herein are exemplary only and are not intended to limit the scope thereof. The amount of a selected immune globulin preparation to be administered for the treatment of a disease or condition, for example an IG-treatable disease or condition, can be determined by standard clinical techniques. In addition, *in vitro* assays and animal models can be employed to help identify optimal dosage ranges.

Hence, the precise dosage, which can be determined empirically, can depend on the particular immune globulin preparation, the regime and dosing schedule with the soluble hyaluronidase, the route of administration, the type of disease to be treated and the seriousness of the disease. Generally, the IG preparations have a protein concentration that is or is about 5 to 15% w/v, 6 to 15% w/v, or 8 to 12% w/v of IG composition, such as, for example, 10% w/v. For example, IG is provided in an

amount that permits subcutaneous administration of a dose equivalent to a once monthly IV dose for the particular indication being treated. The particular once monthly IV dose is a function of the disease to be treated, and thus can vary. Exemplary dosages ranges for subcutaneous administration of IG are from at or about 1 gram (g), 5g, 10g, 20g, 30g, 40g, 50g, 60g, 70g, 80g, 90g, 100g or 200g . The particular dosage and formulation thereof depends upon the indication and individual. For example, dosages can be administered at 50 mg/kg body weight (BW), 100 mg/kg BW, 200 mg/kg BW, 300 mg/kg BW, 400 mg/kg BW, 500 mg/kg BW, 600 mg/kg BW, or more. If necessary dosage can be empirically determined. To achieve such dosages, volumes of IG preparations administered subcutaneously can be at or about 50 ml, 100 ml, 200 ml, 300 ml, 400 ml, 500 ml, 600 ml, 700 ml or more. For example, a 10% liquid IG formulation (100 mg/ml) for indications described herein can be administered in a volume of 50 ml to 700 ml to achieve a dosage of 0.5 g to 70 g of IG.

Where large volumes are administered, administration is typically by infusion. Subjects can be dosed at rates of infusion at or about 0.5 ml/kg/BW/h, 1 ml/kg/BW/h, 2 ml/kg/BW/h, 3 ml/kg/BW/h, 4 ml/kg/BW/h, or 5 ml/kg/BW/h. The infusion rate can be empirically determined, and typically is a function of the tolerability of the subject. If an adverse reaction occurs during the infusion, the rate of infusion can be slowed to the rate immediately below that at which the adverse event occurred. If the adverse event resolves in response to the reduction in rate, the infusion rate can be slowly increased at the discretion of the physician. Subcutaneous IG infusion can be facilitated by gravity, pump infusion or injection of a full 20-30 gram dose. Generally, for infusions intravenous infusion pumps can be employed. IG can be infused at rates at or about 5 ml/h, 10 ml/h, 30 ml/h, 60 ml/h, 120 ml/h, 240 ml/h or 300 ml/h. Infusion rates can be increased during the course of treatment so long as the infusion is tolerated by the patient. Generally, time of administration of infusion is at or about 0.5 h, 1 h, 1.5h, 2 h, 2.5h, 3 h, 4 h or more. Due to the high rate of infusion achieved by subcutaneous administration of IG coformulated and/or co-administered with hyaluronidase, the time of infusion is significantly less than for conventional IVIG therapies. Where infusion time exceeds the desired limit, a second infusion site can be started at the physician and subject's discretion. The second site typically is started at least 10 cm from the initial site.

Techniques for infusion are known to one of skill in the art, and are within the skill of a treating physician. Generally, the appropriate dose of IG can be pooled into a standard IV bag. For example, a non-vented infusion set can be used that has a Y-port near its terminus. A 24-gauge subcutaneous infusion needle can be inserted at a site of the subject's preferences, but the abdomen and secondarily the thighs are recommended because of the volume of solution to be infused. The hyaluronidase and IG can be provided in the same Y port apparatus. Other articles of manufacture also can be used herein for purposes of infusion by gravity or a pump, and include, but are not limited to tubes, bottles, syringes or other containers.

The soluble hyaluronidase can be administered subsequently, intermittently or simultaneously from the IG preparation. Generally, the hyaluronidase is administered prior to administration of the IG preparation to permit the hyaluronidase to degrade the hyaluronic acid in the interstitial space. For example, the soluble hyaluronidase can be administered 1 minute, 2 minute, 3 minute, 4 minute, 5 minute, 6 minute, 7 minutes, 8 minutes, 9 minutes, 10 minutes, 20 minutes or 30 minutes prior to administration of the IG preparation. In some examples, the hyaluronidase is administered together with the immune globulin preparation. As will be appreciated by those of skill in the art, the desired proximity of co-administration depends in significant part on the effective half lives of the agents in the particular tissue setting, and the particular disease being treated, and can be readily optimized by testing the effects of administering the agents at varying times in suitable models, such as in suitable animal models. In some situations, the optimal timing of administration of the hyaluronidase will exceed 60 minutes.

Generally, prior to infusion of IG, a soluble hyaluronidase is injected at a rate of at or about 0.2 ml/min, 0.5 ml/min, 1 ml/min. 2 ml/min, 5 ml/min, 10 ml/min or more. For example, the soluble hyaluronidase can be injected through the same Y-port used for subsequent infusion of IG. As noted above, the volume of soluble hyaluronidase administered is a function of the dosage required, but can be varied depending on the concentration of a soluble hyaluronidase stock formulation available. For example, it is contemplated herein that soluble hyaluronidase is not administered in volumes greater than about 50 ml, and typically is administered in a volume of 5-30 ml. A syringe pump can be used for the higher volumes, at the discretion of the physician.

In the event that an infusion is not tolerated (e.g., it causes moderate to severe local reactions), a second infusion site can be started so that the subject receives the full dosage.

An IG preparation can be administered at once, or can be divided into a number of smaller doses to be administered at intervals of time. Selected IG preparations can be administered in one or more doses over the course of a treatment time for example over several hours, days, weeks, or months. In some cases, continuous administration is useful. It is understood that the precise dosage and course of administration depends on the indication and patients tolerability.

Also, it is understood that the precise dosage and duration of treatment is a function of the disease being treated and can be determined empirically using known testing protocols or by extrapolation from *in vivo* or *in vitro* test data. It is to be noted that concentrations and dosage values also can vary with the severity of the condition to be alleviated. It is to be further understood that for any particular subject, specific dosage regimens should be adjusted over time according to the individual need and the professional judgment of the person administering or supervising the administration of the compositions, and that the concentration ranges set forth herein are exemplary only and are not intended to limit the scope or use of compositions and combinations containing them. The compositions can be administered hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, yearly or once. Generally, dosage regimens are chosen to limit toxicity. It should be noted that the attending physician would know how to and when to terminate, interrupt or adjust therapy to lower dosage due to toxicity, or bone marrow, liver or kidney or other tissue dysfunctions. Conversely, the attending physician would also know how to and when to adjust treatment to higher levels if the clinical response is not adequate (precluding toxic side effects).

G. Methods of Assessing Activity, Bioavailability and Pharmacokinetics

Assays can be used to assess the *in vitro* and *in vivo* activities of immune globulin alone or in combination with a soluble hyaluronidase. Included among such assays are those that assess the pharmacokinetic properties of subcutaneously-administered immune globulin, including bioavailability, and tolerability. The biological activity of both immune globulin and hyaluronidase also can be assessed using assays well known in the art. Such assays can be used, for example, to

determine appropriate dosages of immune globulin and hyaluronidase, and the frequency of dosing, for treatment.

1. Pharmacokinetics and tolerability

Pharmacokinetic and tolerability studies, such as those described in Examples 1, below, can be performed using animal models or can be performed during clinical studies with patients. Animal models include, but are not limited to, mice, rats, rabbits, dogs, guinea pigs and non-human primate models, such as cynomolgus monkeys or rhesus macaques. In some instances, pharmacokinetic and tolerability studies are performed using healthy animals. In other examples, the studies are performed using animal models of a disease for which therapy with immune globulin is considered, such as animal models of any of the diseases and conditions described below.

The pharmacokinetics of subcutaneously administered immune globulin can be assessed by measuring such parameters as the maximum (peak) plasma immune globulin concentration (C_{max}), the peak time (i.e. when maximum plasma immune globulin concentration occurs; T_{max}), the minimum plasma immune globulin concentration (i.e. the minimum plasma concentration between doses of immune globulin; C_{min}), the elimination half-life ($T_{1/2}$) and area under the curve (i.e. the area under the curve generated by plotting time versus plasma immune globulin concentration; AUC), following administration. The absolute bioavailability of subcutaneously administered immune globulin is determined by comparing the area under the curve of immune globulin following subcutaneous delivery (AUC_{sc}) with the AUC of immune globulin following intravenous delivery (AUC_{iv}). Absolute bioavailability (F), can be calculated using the formula: $F = ([AUC]_{sc} \times dose_{sc}) / ([AUC]_{iv} \times dose_{iv})$. The concentration of immune globulin in the plasma following subcutaneous administration can be measured using any method known in the art suitable for assessing concentrations of immune globulin in samples of blood. Exemplary methods include, but are not limited to, ELISA and nephelometry.

A range of doses and different dosing frequency of dosing can be administered in the pharmacokinetic studies to assess the effect of increasing or decreasing concentrations of immune globulin and/or hyaluronidase in the dose. Pharmacokinetic properties of subcutaneously administered immune globulin, such as bioavailability, also can be assessed with or without co-administration of hyaluronidase. For

example, dogs, such as beagles, can be administered immune globulin subcutaneously in combination with hyaluronidase, or alone. Intravenous doses of immune globulin also are given to another group of beagles. Blood samples can then be taken at various time points and the amount of immune globulin in the plasma determine, such as by nephelometry. The AUC can then be measured and the bioavailability of subcutaneously administered immune globulin administered with or without hyaluronidase can be determined. Such studies can be performed to assess the effect of co-administration with hyaluronidase on pharmacokinetic properties, such as bioavailability, of subcutaneously administered immune globulin.

Studies to assess safety and tolerability also are known in the art and can be used herein. Following subcutaneous administration of immune globulin, with or without co-administration of hyaluronidase, the development of any adverse reactions can be monitored. Adverse reactions can include, but are not limited to, injection site reactions, such as edema or swelling, headache, fever, fatigue, chills, flushing, dizziness, urticaria, wheezing or chest tightness, nausea, vomiting, rigors, back pain, chest pain, muscle cramps, seizures or convulsions, changes in blood pressure and anaphylactic or severe hypersensitivity responses. Typically, a range of doses and different dosing frequencies are be administered in the safety and tolerability studies to assess the effect of increasing or decreasing concentrations of immune globulin and/or hyaluronidase in the dose.

2. Biological activity

a. Immune globulin

The ability of immune globulin to act as a therapeutic agent can be assessed *in vitro* or *in vivo*. For example, *in vitro* assays can be performed to assess the ability of immune globulin to neutralize viral or bacterial infectivity (Hiemstra et al., (1994) J Lab Clin Med 123:241-6). Other *in vitro* assays can be utilized to assess other biological activities of immune globulin. For example, the ability of immune globulin preparations to interact with and modulate complement activation products, bind idiotypic antibody, bind Fc receptors on macrophages, and suppress various inflammatory mediators including cytokines, chemokines, and metalloproteinases, can be assessed using any method known in the art, including, but not limited to, ELISA, Western blot, Northern blot, and flow cytometry to assess marker expression. For example, the effect of immune globulin on the expression of chemokine receptors on

peripheral blood mononuclear cells can be assessed using flow cytomtery (Trebst et al., (2006) Eur J Neurology). In another example, the effect of immune globulin on metalloproteinase expression in macrophages can be assessed using Northern blot analysis (Shapiro et al., (2002) Cancer 95:2032-2037).

In vivo studies using animal models also can be performed to assess the therapeutic activity of immune globulin. Immune globulin can be administered to animal models infected with one or more microorganisms and the effect on progression of infection can be assessed, such as by measuring the number of microorganisms or measuring weight as a marker of morbidity. The therapeutic effect of immune globulin also can be assessed using animal models of the diseases and conditions for which therapy using immune globulin is considered. Such animal models are known in the art, and include, but are not limited to, small animal models for X-linked agammaglobulinemia (XLA), SCID, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, Kawasaki disease, Guillain-Barré syndrome, ITP, polymyositis, Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome, Myasthenia gravis and Moersch-Woltmann syndrome (Czitrom et al (1985) J Immunol 134:2276-2280, Ellmeier et al., (2000) J Exp Med. 192: 1611-1624, Ohno (2006) Drug Discovery Today: Disease Models 3:83-89, Oyaizu et al (1988) J Exp Med 2017-2022, Hansen et al., (2002) Blood 100:2087-2093, Strongwater et al., (1984) Arthritis Rheum. 27:433-42, Kim et al. (1998) Annals NY Acad Sci 841:670-676, Christadoss et al. (2000) 94:75-87, Sommer et al., (2005) Lancet 365:1406-1411, U.S. Patent No.7309810)

b. Hyaluronidase

Hyaluronidase activity can be assessed using methods well known in the art. In one example, activity is measured using a microturbidity assay. This is based on the formation of an insoluble precipitate when hyaluronic acid binds with serum albumin. The activity is measured by incubating hyaluronidase with sodium hyaluronate (hyaluronic acid) for a set period of time (e.g. 10 minutes) and then precipitating the undigested sodium hyaluronate with the addition of acidified serum albumin. The turbidity of the resulting sample is measured at 640 nm after an additional development period. The decrease in turbidity resulting from hyaluronidase activity on the sodium hyaluronate substrate is a measure of hyaluronidase enzymatic activity. In another example, hyaluronidase activity is measured using a microtiter assay in which residual biotinylated hyaluronic acid is measured following incubation

with hyaluronidase (see e.g. Frost and Stern (1997) Anal. Biochem. 251:263-269, U.S. Patent Publication No. 20050260186). The free carboxyl groups on the glucuronic acid residues of hyaluronic acid are biotinylated, and the biotinylated hyaluronic acid substrate is covalently couple to a microtiter plate. Following incubation with hyaluronidase, the residual biotinylated hyaluronic acid substrate is detected using an avidin-peroxidase reaction, and compared to that obtained following reaction with hyaluronidase standards of known activity. Other assays to measure hyaluronidase activity also are known in the art and can be used in the methods herein (see e.g. Delpech et al., (1995) Anal. Biochem. 229:35-41; Takahashi et al., (2003) Anal. Biochem. 322:257-263).

The ability of hyaluronidase to act as a spreading or diffusing agent also can be assessed. For example, trypan blue dye can be injected subcutaneously with or without hyaluronidase into the lateral skin on each side of nude mice. The dye area is then measured, such as with a microcaliper, to determine the ability of hyaluronidase to act as a spreading agent (U.S. Patent No. 20060104968).

H. Therapeutic uses

The methods described herein can be used for treatment of any condition for which immune globulin is employed. Immune globulin (IG) can be administered subcutaneously, in combination with hyaluronidase, to treat any condition that is amendable to treatment with immune globulin. This section provides exemplary therapeutic uses of IG. The therapeutic uses described below are exemplary and do not limit the applications of the methods described herein. Therapeutic uses include, but are not limited to, immunoglobulin replacement therapy and immunomodulation therapy for various immunological, hematological, neurological, inflammatory, dermatological and/or infectious diseases and conditions. In some examples, immune globulin is administered to augment the immune response in healthy patients, such as following possible exposure to infectious disease (e.g. accidental needle stick injury). It is within the skill of a treating physician to identify such diseases or conditions.

Immune globulin can be co-administered with hyaluronidase subcutaneously, in combination with other agents used in the treatment of these diseases and conditions. For example, other agents that can be administered include, but are not limited to, antibiotics, chemotherapeutics, steroidal anti-inflammatories, non-steroidal

anti-inflammatories, and other immunomodulatory agents such as cytokines, chemokines and growth factors.

If necessary, a particular dosage and duration and treatment protocol can be empirically determined or extrapolated. For example, exemplary doses of intravenously administered immune globulin can be used as a starting point to determine appropriate dosages. Dosage levels can be determined based on a variety of factors, such as body weight of the individual, general health, age, the activity of the specific compound employed, sex, diet, time of administration, rate of excretion, drug combination, the severity and course of the disease, and the patient's disposition to the disease and the judgment of the treating physician. Generally, dosages of immune globulin are from or about 100 mg per kg body weight (i.e. 100 mg/kg BW) to 2 g/kg BW, and dosages of hyaluronidase are from or about 10 U/gram to 500 U/g or more of immune globulin, for example, at or about 10 U/g, 20 U/g, 30U/g, 40 U/g, 50 U/g, 60 U/g, 70 U/g, 80 U/g, 90 U/g, 100 U/g, 150 U/g, 200 U/g, 300 U/g, 400 U/g, 500 U/g or more. It is understood that the amount to administer will be a function of the indication treated, and possibly side effects that will be tolerated. Dosages can be empirically determined using recognized models for each disorder.

Upon improvement of a patient's condition, a maintenance dose of immune globulin can be administered subcutaneously in combination with hyaluronidase, if necessary, and the dosage, the dosage form, or frequency of administration, or a combination thereof can be modified. In some cases, a subject can require intermittent treatment on a long-term basis upon any recurrence of disease symptoms.

1. Primary immune deficiency with antibody deficiency

Immune globulin can be used to treat primary immune deficiency with antibody deficiency. Primary immune deficiency encompasses many disorders that are characterized by a deficiency of one or more proteins of the immune system. Typically, primary immune deficiencies are inherited disorders, and many are manifest by failure of protective antibody production. Thus, immune globulin can be administered as immunoglobulin replacement therapy to patients presenting with such diseases. Exemplary of primary immune deficiencies include, but are not limited to, common variable immunodeficiency (CVID), congenital agammaglobulinemia, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID), primary hypogammaglobulinemia, primary immunodeficiency diseases with antibody

deficiency, X-linked agammaglobulinaemia (XLA), hypogammaglobulinaemia of infancy, and paraneoplastic cerebellar degeneration with no antibodies. Immune globulin can be administered subcutaneously, in combination with hyaluronidase, to patients with primary immune deficiency with antibody deficiency at doses similar to the doses used for intravenous administration of immune globulin. Exemplary doses include, for example, between 100 mg/kg BW and 800 mg/kg BW immune globulin, at four week intervals. The dose can be increased or decreased, as can the frequency of the doses, depending on the clinical response.

2. Acquired hypogammaglobulinemia secondary to hematological malignancies

Patients with acquired hypogammaglobulinemia secondary to hematological malignancies, such as Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL), multiple myeloma (MM), non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL) & other relevant malignancies and post-hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, are susceptible to bacterial infections due to. Hypogammaglobulinemia is caused by a lack of B-lymphocytes and a resulting low level of antibodies in the blood, and can occur in patients with CLL, MM, NHL and as a result of both leukemia-related immune dysfunction and therapy-related immunosuppression. The deficiency in humoral immunity is largely responsible for the increased risk of infection-related morbidity and mortality in these patients, especially by encapsulated microorganisms. For example, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, and *Staphyloccus aureus*, as well as Legionella and Nocardia spp. are frequent bacterial pathogens that cause pneumonia in patients with CLL. Opportunistic infections such as *Pneumocystis carinii*, fungi, viruses, and mycobacteria also have been observed. The number and severity of infections in these patients can be significantly reduced by administration of immune globulin (Griffiths et al., (1989) Blood 73:366-368, Chapel et al. (1994) Lancet 343:1059-1063). Such patients, therefore, can be administered immune globulin subcutaneously in combination with hyaluronidase using the methods described herein to prevent recurrent infections. Exemplary dosages include those used for intravenous administration of immune globulin to patients with acquired hypogammaglobulinemia secondary to hematological malignancies. For example, about 400 mg/kg BW immune globulin, in combination with hyaluronidase, can be administered subcutaneously every 3 to 4 weeks. In a further example, an additional dose of 400

mg/kg BW can be administered in the first month of therapy where the patient's serum IgG is less than 4 g/L. The amount of immune globulin administered, and the frequency of the doses, can be increased or decreased as appropriate.

3. Kawasaki's disease

Kawasaki disease is an acute, febrile, multi-system disease of children and young infants often involving the coronary arteries. It also is known as lymph node syndrome, mucocutaneous node disease, infantile polyarteritis and Kawasaki syndrome, and is a poorly understood self-limited vasculitis that affects many organs, including the skin and mucous membranes, lymph nodes, blood vessel walls, and the heart. Coronary artery aneurysms can occur from the second week of illness during the convalescent stage. Although the cause of the condition is unknown, there is evidence that the characteristic vasculitis results from an immune reaction characterized by T-cell and macrophage activation to an unknown antigen, secretion of cytokines, polyclonal B-cell hyperactivity, and the formation of autoantibodies to endothelial cells and smooth muscle cells. In genetically susceptible individuals, one or more uncharacterized common infectious agents, possibly with super-antigen activity, may trigger the disease. Immune globulin administered early in Kawasaki disease can prevent coronary artery pathology. Subcutaneous administration of immune globulin in combination with hyaluronidase to patients with ongoing inflammation associated with Kawasaki disease can ameliorate symptoms. Exemplary dosages include those used for intravenous administration of immune globulin to patients with Kawasaki disease. For example, a patient with Kawasaki disease can be administered about 1-2 g per kg patient body weight of immune globulin. This can be administered, for example, in four doses of 400 mg/kg BW for four consecutive days. In another example, 1 g/kg BW immune globulin is administered as a single dose over a 10 hour period. The amount of immune globulin administered can be increased or decreased as appropriate.

4. Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy

Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) is a neurological disorder characterized by progressive weakness and impaired sensory function in the legs and arms. The disorder, which is sometimes called chronic relapsing polyneuropathy, is caused by damage to the myelin sheath of the peripheral nerves. Although it can occur at any age and in both genders, CIDP is more common in

young adults and in men more so than women. It often presents with symptoms that include tingling or numbness (beginning in the toes and fingers), weakness of the arms and legs, loss of deep tendon reflexes (areflexia), fatigue, and abnormal sensations. CIDP is closely related to Guillain-Barre syndrome and it is considered the chronic counterpart of that acute disease. There is no specific diagnostic test but characteristic clinical and laboratory findings help distinguish this disorder from other immune mediated neuropathic syndromes. Studies indicate that treatment with immune globulin reduces symptoms (van Schaik et al., (2002) Lancet Neurol. 1:497-498). Thus, immune globulin can be co-administered with hyaluronidase subcutaneously to patients presenting with CIDP using the methods described herein. Exemplary dosages include those used for intravenous administration of immune globulin to patients with CIDP. In one example, a patient with CIDP is administered about 2 g/kg BW of immune globulin subcutaneously, in combination with hyaluronidase. This can be administered, for example, in five doses of 400 mg/kg BW for five consecutive days. The amount of immune globulin administered can be increased or decreased as appropriate.

5. Guillain–Barré Syndrome

Guillain-Barré syndrome is a neurologic autoimmune disorder involving inflammatory demyelination of peripheral nerves. The first symptoms include varying degrees of weakness or tingling sensations in the legs, which can spread to the arms and upper body. These symptoms can increase in intensity until the muscles cannot be used at all and the patient is almost totally paralyzed, resulting in a life-threatening condition. Although recovery is generally good or complete in the majority of patients, persistent disability has been reported to occur in about 20% and death in 4 to 15% of patients. Guillain-Barré syndrome can occur a few days or weeks after symptoms of a respiratory or gastrointestinal viral infection. In some instances, surgery or vaccinations can trigger the syndrome. The disorder can develop over the course of hours or days, or it may take up to 3 to 4 weeks. A nerve conduction velocity (NCV) test can give a doctor clues to aid the diagnosis. In some instances, a spinal tap can be used in diagnosis as the cerebrospinal fluid in Guillain-Barré syndrome patients typically contains more protein than normal subjects.

Although there is no known cure for Guillain-Barre syndrome, treatment with immune globulin can lessen the severity of the illness and accelerate recovery.

Immune globulin can be administered subcutaneously to patients in combination with hyaluronidase at an appropriate dose, such as, for example, a dose similar to the dose use to administer immune globulin intravenously to patients with Guillain-Barre syndrome. For example, a patient with Guillain-Barre syndrome can administered about 2 g/kg BW of immune globulin, in combination with hyaluronidase, subcutaneously. This can be administered, for example, in five doses of 400 mg/kg BW for five consecutive days. The amount of immune globulin administered can be increased or decrease depending on, for example, the severity of the disease and the clinical response to therapy, which can be readily evaluated by one of skill in the art.

6. Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura

Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), also known as primary immune thrombocytopenic purpura and autoimmune thrombocytopenic purpura, is a reduction in platelet count (thrombocytopenia) resulting from shortened platelet survival due to anti-platelet antibodies. When platelet counts are very low (e.g. $<30 \times 10^9$/L), bleeding into the skin (purpura) and mucous membranes can occur. Bone marrow platelet production (megakaryopoiesis) in patients with ITP is morphologically normal. In some instances, there is additional impairment of platelet function related to antibody binding to glycoproteins on the platelet surface. ITP can present as chronic and acute forms. Approximately 80% of adults with ITP have the chronic form of disease. The highest incidence of chronic ITP is in women aged 15–50 years, although some reports suggest increasing incidence with age. ITP is relatively common in patients with HIV. While ITP can be found at any stage of the infection, its prevalence increases as HIV disease advances.

Studies have demonstrated that immune globulin can be used to treat patients with ITP (Godeau et al. (1993) Blood 82(5):1415–21, Godeau et al. (1999) Br J Haematol 1999;107(4):716–9). Immune globulin can be administered subcutaneously to patients in combination with hyaluronidase at a dose similar to the dose use to administer immune globulin intravenously, to treat patients with ITP. For example, a patient with ITP can administered about 1 to 2 g /kg of immune globulin, in combination with hyaluronidase, subcutaneously. This can be administered over several days, or can be administered in one dose. In some examples, five doses of 400 mg/kg BW immune globulin on consecutive days is administered. In another example, 1 g/kg BW is administered for 1-2 consecutive days, depending on platelet

count and clinical response. The amount of immune globulin administered, and the frequency of the doses, can be increased or decrease depending on, for example, platelet count and the clinical response to therapy, which can be readily evaluated by one of skill in the art.

7. Inflammatory myopathies: polymyositis, dermatomyositis and inclusion body myositis

Inflammatory myopathies are a group of muscle diseases involving the inflammation and degeneration of skeletal muscle tissues. These disorders are acquired and all present with significant muscle weakness and the presence of an inflammatory response within the muscle. Dermatomyositis (DM) is the most easily recognized of the inflammatory myopathies due to its distinctive rash, which occurs as a patchy, dusky, reddish or lilac rash on the eyelids, cheeks, and bridge of the nose, and on the back or upper chest, elbows, knees and knuckles. In some patients, calcified nodules or hardened bumps develop under the skin. The rash often precedes muscle weakness, which typically develops over a period of weeks but may develop over months or even days. Dermatomyositis can occur at any age from childhood to adulthood and is more common in females than males. Approximately one third of DM patients report difficulty swallowing. Muscle pain and tenderness generally occurs in less than 25% of adults with DM, but more than 50% of children with DM complain of muscle pain and tenderness.

Polymyositis (PM) does not have the characteristic rash of dermatomyositis, and the onset of muscle weakness usually progresses slower than DM. Many PM patients present have difficulty in swallowing. In some instances, the patients also have difficulty breathing due to muscle failure. As many as one third of PM patients have muscle pain. PM. The disease affects more women than men, and rarely affects people under the age of 20, although cases of childhood and infant polymyositis have been reported.

Inclusion body myositis (IBM) is very similar to polymyositis. Onset of muscle weakness in IBM is usually very gradual, taking place over months or years. It is different from PM in that both proximal and distal muscles are affected, while generally only the proximal muscles are affected in PM. Typical findings include weakness of the wrist flexors and finger flexors. Atrophy of the forearms is characteristic of the disease, and atrophy of the quadriceps muscle is common with

varying degrees of weakness in other muscles. Approximately half of the patients afflicted with IBM have difficulty swallowing. Symptoms of IBM usually begin after age 50, although no age group is excluded. IBM occurs more frequently in men than women. About one in ten cases of IBM may be hereditary.

Studies indicate that administration of immune globulin can benefit patients with these inflammatory myopathies. Immune globulin can improve muscle strength, reduce inflammation and reduce disease progression and severity (Dalakas et al. (1993) N Engl J Med 329(27):1993–2000; Dalakas et al. (2001) Neurology 56(3):323–7, Dalakas (2004) Pharmacol Ther 102(3):177–93, Walter et al. (2000) J Neurol 247(1):22–8). Immune globulin can be administered subcutaneously to patients with DM, PM or IBM in combination with hyaluronidase at a dose similar to the dose used to administer immune globulin intravenously. For example, 2 g/kg BW of immune globulin can be administered, typically over several days, such as, for example, five doses of 400 mg/kg BW on consecutive days.

8. Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome

Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome (LEMS) is a rare autoimmune disorder of neuromuscular transmission first recognized clinically in association with lung cancer and subsequently in cases in which no neoplasm was detected. Patients with LEMS have a presynaptic neuromuscular junction defect. The disease is characterized clinically by proximal muscle weakness with augmentation of strength after exercise, mild oculomotor signs, depressed deep tendon reflexes and autonomic dysfunction (dry mouth, constipation, erectile failure). Subcutaneous administration of immune globulin in combination with hyaluronidase to patients with LEMS can ameliorate symptoms. Exemplary dosages include those used for intravenous administration of immune globulin to patients with LEMS. For example, a patient with LEMS can be administered 2 g per kg patient body weight of immune globulin over several doses. For example, five doses of 400 mg/kg BW immune globulin can be administered on five consecutive days. The amount of immune globulin administered can be increased or decreased as appropriate.

9. Multifocal motor neuropathy

Multifocal motor neuropathy (MMN) with conduction block is an acquired immune-mediated demyelinating neuropathy with slowly progressive weakness, fasciculations, and cramping, without significant sensory involvement. The duration

of disease prior to diagnosis ranges from several months to more than 15 years. The precise cause of MMN is unknown. Histopathologic and electrodiagnostic studies demonstrate the presence of both demyelinating and axonal injury. Motor nerves are primarily affected, although mild demyelination has been demonstrated in sensory nerves as well. Efficacy of immunomodulatory and immunosuppressive treatment further supports the immune nature of MMN. Titers of anti-GM1 antibodies are elevated in over half of the patients with MMN. Although the role of the anti-GM1 antibodies in the disease in unknown, their presence can be used as a diagnostic marker for MMN.

Subcutaneous administration of immune globulin in combination with hyaluronidase to patients with MMN can ameliorate symptoms. Exemplary dosages include those used for intravenous administration of immune globulin to patients with MMN. For example, a patient with MMN can be administered 2 g per kg patient body weight of immune globulin over several doses. For example, five doses of 400 mg/kg BW immune globulin can be administered on five consecutive days. In another example, 1 g/kg BW can be administered on 2 consecutive days. Some patients can be given maintenance therapy, which can include, for example, doses of 400 mg/kg BW to 2 g/kg BW, given every 2-6 weeks. The amount of immune globulin administered can be increased or decreased as appropriate, taking into account the patients response.

10. Myasthenia Gravis

Myasthenia gravis (MG) is a chronic autoimmune neuromuscular disease characterized by varying degrees of weakness of the skeletal muscles of the body. It is associated with the presence of antibodies to acetylcholine receptors (AChR) or to muscle-specific tyrosine kinase (MuSK) at the neuromuscular junction, although some patients are antibody negative. The clinical features of MG include fluctuating weakness and fatigability of voluntary muscles, particularly levator palpebrae, extraocular, bulbar, limb and respiratory muscles. Patients usually present with unilateral or bilateral drooping of eyelid (ptosis), double vision (diplopia), difficulty in swallowing (dysphagia) and proximal muscle weakness. Weakness of respiratory muscles can result in respiratory failure in severe cases or in acute severe exacerbations (myasthenic crisis). Myasthenia gravis occurs in all ethnic groups and both genders. It most commonly affects young adult women under 40 and older men

over 60, but it can occur at any age. In some instances, thymectomy is performed to reduce symptoms.

Immune globulin can be used, for example, as maintenance therapy for patients with moderate to severe MG, typically when other treatments have been ineffective or caused severe side effects, and also can be administered prior to thymectomy or during an acute exacerbation of the disease (myasthemic crisis). Immune globulin can be administered subcutaneously, in combination with hyaluronidase, to patients with Myasthenia gravis using the methods described herein. Exemplary dosages include those used for intravenous administration of immune globulin to patients with MG. For example, a patient with MG can be administered doses of 400 mg/kg BW to 2 g/kg BW every 4-6 weeks for maintenance therapy. Prior to thymectomy or during myasthemic crisis, 1-2 g/kg BW can be administered over several doses, such as, for example, five doses of 400 mg/kg BW on five consecutive days. In another example, 1 g/kg BW can be administered on 2 consecutive days.

11. Moersch-Woltmann syndrome

Moersch-Woltmann syndrome, also known as stiff person syndrome or stiffman syndrome, is a rare neurological disorder with features of an autoimmune disease. Patients present with symptoms related to muscular rigidity and superimposed episodic spasms. Muscle rigidity spreads to involve axial muscles, primarily abdominal and thoracolumbar, as well as proximal limb muscles. Typically, co-contraction of truncal agonist and antagonistic muscles leads to a board-like appearance with hyperlordosis. Less frequently, respiratory muscle involvement leads to breathing difficulty and facial muscle involvement to a mask-like face. Treatment with immune globulin can effect decreased stiffness and heightened sensitivity scores in patients with Moersch-Woltmann syndrome (Dalakas et al. (2001) N Engl J Med 345(26):1870–6). Immune globulin can be administered subcutaneously, in combination with hyaluronidase, to patients with Moersch-Woltmann syndrome using the methods described herein. Exemplary dosages include those used for intravenous administration of immune globulin to patients with Moersch-Woltmann syndrome. For example, immune globulin can be administered at doses of 400 mg/kg BW on five consecutive days. Some patients can be given maintenance therapy, which can

include, for example, 1- 2 g/kg BW immune globulin every 4-6 weeks. The amount of immune globulin administered can be increased or decreased as appropriate.

12. Alzheimer's Disease

Treatment for Alzheimer's disease includes treatment with intravenous immunoglobulin (see e.g. Dodel *et al.* (2004) *J Neurol Neurosurg. Psychiatry*, 75:1472-4; Solomon *et al.* (2007) *Curr. Opin. Mol. Ther.*, 9:79-85; Relkin *et al.* (2008) *Neurobiol Aging*). IG contains antibodies that bind to beta amyloid (AB), which is a central component of the plaque in the brains of Alzheimer's patients. Thus, IG can help to promote the clearance of AB from the brain and block AB's toxic effects on brain cells. Hence, immune globulin can be administered subcutaneously, in combination with hyaluronidase, to patients with Alzheimer's disease using the methods described herein. Subjects to be treated include patients having mild, moderate or advanced Alzheimer's disease. It is within the level of skill of a treating physician to identify patients for treatment. Immune globulin in combination with hyaluronidase can be administered every week, every two weeks or once a month. Treatment can continue over the course of months or years. IG can be administered at doses at or between 200 mg/kg BW to 2 g/kg BW every week or every two weeks, and generally at least 200 mg/kg to 2 g/kg BW at least once a month. Treatment with immune globulin can effect an increase in patients' anti-amyloid beta antibody levels compared to levels before treatment.

13. Other diseases and conditions

Clinical data indicate that immune globulin can be used in the treatment of many conditions. In some instances, immune globulin can be used a the primary treatment, while in other cases, it is administered as second-line therapy when standard therapies have proven ineffective, have become intolerable, or are contraindicated. It is within the skill of a treating physician to identify such diseases or conditions. Exemplary of these include, but are not limited to, secondary hypogammaglobulinaemia (including iatrogenic immunodeficiency); specific antibody deficiency; Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis; ANCA-positive systemic necrotizing vasculitis; Autoimmune haemolytic anaemia; Bullous pemphigoid; Cicatricial pemphigoid; Evans syndrome (including autoimmune haemolytic anaemia with immune thrombocytopenia); Foeto-maternal/neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia (FMAIT/NAIT); Alzheimer's Disease, Haemophagocytic

syndrome; High-risk allogeneic haemopoietic stem cell transplantation; IgM paraproteinaemic neuropathy; kidney transplantation; multiple sclerosis; Opsoclonus myoclonus ataxia; Pemphigus foliaceus; Pemphigus vulgaris; Post-transfusion purpura; Toxic epidermal necrolysis/Steven Johnson syndrome (TEN/SJS); Toxic shock syndrome; Systemic lupus erythematosus; multiple myeloma; sepsis; bone marrow transplantation, B cell tumors; and trauma.

Immune globulin also has been shown to have antimicrobial activity against a number of bacterial, viral and fungal infections, including, but not limited to, *Haemophilus influenzae* type B, *Psuedomonas aeruginosa* types A and B, *Staphylococcus aureus*, Group B Streptococcus, *Streptococcus pneumoniae* types 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 18, 19, and 23, Adenovirus types 2 and 5, Cytomegalovirus, Epstein Barr virus VCA, Hepatitis A virus, Hepatitis B virus, Herpes simplex virus-1, Herpes simplex virus-2, Influenza A, Measles, Parainfluenza types 1, 2 and 3, Polio, Varicella zoster virus, *Apergillus* and *Candida albicans*. Thus, immune globulin can be administered subcutaneously in combination with hyaluronidase to patients with bacterial, viral and fungal infections to augment the patient's immune system and treat the disease. In some examples, antibiotics or other antimicrobials also are administered.

I. Articles of manufacture and kits

Pharmaceutical compositions of immune globulin and a soluble hyaluronidase, provided together or separately, can be packaged as articles of manufacture containing packaging material, a pharmaceutical composition which is effective for treating a IG-treatable disease or condition, and a label that indicates that the composition and combinations are to be used for treating a IG-treatable diseases and conditions. Exemplary of articles of manufacture are containers including single chamber and dual chamber containers. The containers include, but are not limited to, tubes, bottles and syringes. The containers can further include a needle for subcutaneous administration.

The articles of manufacture provided herein contain packaging materials. Packaging materials for use in packaging pharmaceutical products are well known to those of skill in the art. See, for example, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,323,907, 5,033,252 and 5,052,558, each of which is incorporated herein in its entirety. Examples of pharmaceutical packaging materials include, but are not limited to, blister packs,

bottles, tubes, inhalers, pumps, bags, vials, containers, syringes, bottles, and any packaging material suitable for a selected formulation and intended mode of administration and treatment. A wide array of formulations of the compounds and compositions provided herein are contemplated as are a variety of treatments for any IG-treatable disease or condition.

Compositions of immune globulin and a soluble hyaluronidase, provided together or separately, also can be provided as kits. Kits can include a pharmaceutical composition described herein and an item for administration. For example compositions can be supplied with a device for administration, such as a syringe, an inhaler, a dosage cup, a dropper, or an applicator. The kit can, optionally, include instructions for application including dosages, dosing regimens and instructions for modes of administration. Kits also can include a pharmaceutical composition described herein and an item for diagnosis. For example, such kits can include an item for measuring the concentration, amount or activity of IG.

J. EXAMPLES

The following examples are included for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention.

Example 1.

Soluble Recombinant Human PH20 (rHuPH20) Facilitates Subcutaneous Administration of Immune Globulin (IG) and Bioavailability

Subcutaneous (SQ) administration of immune globulin (IG) results in reduced bioavailability compared to intravenous (IV) administration. One study reported 63% bioavailability compared to IV administration, thereby requiring an SQ dose of 137% of the IV does to be used to achieve an equivalent bioavailability, i.e. area under the time-concentration curve (AUC) (Ochs *et al.* (2006) J Clin. Immunol., 26:265-273). Thus, experiments were performed to determine if subcutaneous administration of IG (GAMMAGARD LIQUID (GGL), Baxter Biosciences) in the presence of soluble recombinant human PH20 (rHuPH20) increased the bioavailability of IG upon SQ administration, obviating the need for increased doses. The experimental study was designed to assess 1) the ability of subjects to tolerate a monthly dose of GGL in a single site via subcutaneous (SQ) route; 2) the dose of rHuPH20 per gram of GGL required to tolerate a monthly dose of GGL with no more than mild local adverse drug

reactions; 3) the time required for SC administration; and 3) a comparison of the bioavailability measured by area under the curve (AUC) of GGL IV versus SQ.

Briefly, eleven adult immunodeficient patients who were on stable doses of intravenous gammaglobulin (IVIG) were enrolled in the study. All patients remained on the same monthly doses of IVIG as they received prior to the study. For subcutaneous administration, patients that were receiving up to 600 mg/kg body weight of GGL every four weeks IV, received SQ infusions in a single site beginning at a dose that was ¼ of the 4-week IV dose, i.e. a 1-week dose, to determine the dose of rHuPH20 required to tolerate the 1-week dose. Subsequently, dosages of rHuPH20 were reduced and patients received the 2, 3, and finally a full four-week dose of GGL to determine the minimum rHuPH20 required to tolerate a once monthly infusion of GGL SQ.

Initial infusions were conducted using 150 U of rHuPH20 per gram of GGL. The rHuPH20 was administered through a 24-gauge SQ needle at a concentration of 150 U/ml or 1500 U/ml at a rate of 1-2 ml/min., prior to the infusion of the GGL. If 1500 U/ml rHuPH20 was used, it was diluted as follows: a) if the volume of the concentrated (1500 U/ml) rHuPH20 solution needed was 1.5 ml of below, it was diluted 1:10 using normal saline for injection; b) if the volume of the concentrated (1500 U/ml) rHuPH20 needed was above 1.5 ml but below 15 ml, it was diluted to 15 l with normal saline for injection; c) if the volume of the concentrated (1500 U/ml) rHuPH20 solution needed was 15 ml or above, it was used undiluted.

Immediately after the infusion of rHuPH20 (and within 5 minutes), the GGL was infused through the same 24-gauge SQ needle beginning at a dose that was ¼ of the 4-week dose (i.e. 1 week dose) to determine the amount of rHuPH20 needed to give one fourth of the 4-week dose in a single site. Each patient was assessed to determine if the infusion was tolerated; the infusion was deemed not to be tolerated if there were moderate or severe local reactions requiring more than one site of administration or an inability to complete the infusion in less than 3 hours. If the weekly dose of GGL was tolerated, the one-half dose (two week dose) was administered using rHuPH20 at 100 U/g GGL, and the dose of rHuPH20 was further reduced to 66 U/g GGL, then 50 U/g GGL. The dose of rHuPH20 was repeated, on a per-gram GGL basis, with increased amounts of GGL until a full 4-week dose of GGL in a single site was tolerated. If the amount of rHuPH20 was not tolerated at any

point, then that weekly dose of GGL was repeated at the next interval and the amount of rHuPH20 increased until the dose was tolerated. If a subject fails to tolerate a dose for 2 successive increases in rHuPH20 dose (i.e. 3 attempts at a distinct dose of GGL), then the previously tolerated dose was determined to be the maximum tolerated dose.

The first 4 patients were evaluated for tolerability only; the last 7 patients had an IV infusion, followed by a pharmacokinetic (PK) study to compare the IV infusion to the subsequent SQ infusions. For the SQ infusions, after a monthly dose administration of GGL was achieved, the same monthly dose was repeated and a PK study performed to evaluate the T1/2, Tmax, and AUC. If AUC(SQ) was not within 90% of the AUC(IV), the dose of rHuPH20 was increased 4-fold at the next infusion, and the PK assessment was repeated.

Ten of the 11 patients achieved monthly doses of 25.5 to 61.2 grams of GGL (255 to 612 ml) in a single SQ site, at rates of 120 to 300 ml/hour. The eleventh patient withdrew following the 1-week infusion citing local discomfort. For the first patient (39001), the initial infusions were done by gravity, however, the rates were not acceptable despite increasing the dose of rHuPH20 from 150 to 300 U/g GGL. Therefore, all subsequent infusions were done using an IV peristaltic pump. The remaining 9 patients achieved the GGL monthly dose without the need to repeat doses or increase the concentration of rHuPH20. Thus, all 9 patients in whom an attempt was made to reduce the dose of rHuPH20 completed the study and were able to tolerate the infusions using 50 U/g GGL. To determine if 50 U/g GGL was the minimum rHuPH20 that could be administered, a dose of 25 U/g GGL was attempted in two patients without success: one had discomfort and the other had reduced tolerability and required administration at two sites. Thus, the minimum amount of rHuPH20 that permitted a monthly dose administration of GGL SQ was 50 U/g GGL. The results are summarized in Table 3 below. The results show that all but the first two patients were infused at rates up to 300 ml/hr with infusion times of 1.64 h (270 ml) to 3.55 h (537 ml). The rate of administration was limited primarily by the type of pump used. The IV pump frequently alarmed at rapid infusion rates. One infusion was slowed and one was interrupted due to mild infusion-site pain. Both infusions resumed and were completed.

Table 3: Infusion Parameters for Patients Successfully Completing Monthly SC Infusions

Subjects (N=10)	Number of monthly-dose infusions	Dose IgG (g) infused (mean)	Volume (mL) IgG infused (mean)	Final rHuPH20 conc. (U/g)	Max infusion rate (mL/hr)	Time (hrs) to infuse (mean)
390001	1	25.5	255	305.9	175	2.13
390003	1	30.1	301	46.9	200	2.38
400001	1	44.5	445	49.8	300	3.05
340001	3	30.3	303	52.5	300	3.02
340002	4	39.9	399	50.0	300	3.20
390004	4	29.3	293	50.8	300	1.92
390005	3	27.2	272	50.6	300	1.64
390006	3	61.4	614	50.0	300	2.75
400002	3	53.7	537	51.5	300	3.55
400003	3	42.1	421	48.8	300	2.29

1. Tolerability Assessment

The subjects were assessed for their tolerability to the SQ infusions. Most infusions were associated with only mild infusion-related reactions (Table 4). Most common mild reactions were infusion site erythema, pain, swelling, warmth and pruritus. Moderate infusion site reactions included three cases of pain, and one case each of pruritus, swelling and warmth. No severe reactions were reported. There were complaints of transient burning during the infusion of the rHuPH20 in 10 of the infusions, with five occurring in one patient.

Table 4: Adverse events, regardless of causality, by periods corresponding to dose categories

MeDRA System Organ Class	SC ¼ dose	SC ½ dose	SC ¾ dose	SC full dose
Ear and labyrinth disorders	0	0	0	1
Eye disorders	0	1	0	3
Gastrointestinal disorders	0	1	0	2
General disorders and administration site conditions	26	15	20	29
Immune system disorders	0	0	0	1
Infections and infestations	1	1	1	3
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	1	1	1	0
Nervous system disorders	2	1	0	0
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	0	0	0	4
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	0	0	3	1
Total	**30**	**20**	**25**	**44**

Systemic adverse events considered to be possibly or probably related to the infusions are listed in Table 5. Three were moderate and none were severe. Only the episode of mild chest pain was associated with interruption of the infusion, but the infusion was completed and subsequent infusions were well tolerated. Table 6 depicts the proportion of subcutaneous infusions that were completed without interruption for an adverse event.

One serious adverse event, an anaphylactic reaction, occurred in one patient, unrelated to study therapy. The patient, who had a history of previous allergic reactions to antibiotics, received an antibiotic on the day following her infusion with GGL/rHuPH20, and subsequently developed anaphylaxis. This patient recovered completely and was able to successfully complete the study.

There were no documented bacterial infections during this trial of PID patients. There were 9 reported cases of viral infections, all deemed not related to study therapy: 2 cases of viral gastroenteritis, 1 case of herpetic keratitis, 2 cases of sinusitis, 1 case of conjunctivitis, and 3 cases (in one patient) of influenza-like illness.

Table 5: Systemic non-serious, related adverse events

Adverse events by MEDRA term	Mild	Mod	Severe	Total
Dry eye	1	0	0	1
Night sweats	1	0	0	1
Musculoskeletal discomfort	0	1	0	1
Headache	1	2	0	3
Lethargy	1	0	0	1
Chest pain	1	0	0	1
Oedema peripheral	1	0	0	1
Pain	1	0	0	1
Back pain	2	0	0	2
Total related adverse events	**9**	**3**	**0**	**12**

Table 6: Proportion of SC infusions completed without interruption for an adverse event

Patient	Without interruption	Percent (%)	Interrupted	Stopped	Percent %	Total infusions
390001	4	80	1*	0	20	5
390002	2	100	0	0	0	2
390003	4	100	0	0	0	4

400001	4	100	0	0	0	4
340001	6	100	0	0	0	6
340002	6	86	1†	0	14	7
390004	7	100	0	0	0	7
390005	7	100.	0	0	0	7
390006	6	100.	0	0	0	6
400002	6	100.	0	0	0	6
400003	7	100.	0	0	0	7
Total	**59**	**N/A**	**2**	**0**	**N/A**	**61**

* interrupted due to mild infusion-site pain
† interrupted due to mild transient chest pain

2. Pharmacokinetic Assessment

Pharmacokinetic (PK) analysis was performed on serum IgG levels. The 7 patients enrolled in the PK assessment phase of this study achieved monthly doses of 27 to 61 grams of GGL in a single site using 50 U of rHuPH20 per gram GGL (see Table 3). The PK study was performed after receiving a second monthly dose infusion of GGL. Serum samples were collected pre-infusion, 1 h post-infusion and on days 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 14, 21 and 28 (if on 28 day schedule) post-infusion. The pharmacokinetic parameters of the 7 patients are depicted in Table 7. The ratio of AUC(SQ) to AUC(IV) for the 7 patients is shown in Table 8. The results show that five of the 7 patients had AUC(SQ) within 90% of AUC (IV). Increasing the dose or rHuPH20 four-fold in the 2 subjects with a ratio less than 90% did not further improve bioavailability.

Table 7: Pharmacokinetic parameters of individual subjects

Patients	AUC (days•g/L)	T ½ (days)	T_{max}(days)	C_{min}(g/L)
34001	461.2	61.3	3.0	12.9
34002*	387.1 356.7	114.1 43.9	4.9 4.0	11.3 11.3
39004*	256.9 264.2	113.8 44.3	5.0 6.9	7.9 7.7
39005	369.6	59.3	3.1	10.9
39006	368.9	40.3	4.8	10.8
40002	375.2	33.7	6.8	10.6
40003	356.2	37.9	4.9	9.7
Median	**368.9**	**43.93**	**4.8**	**10.8**

* Patients with repeated PK assessments following administration with an increased dose of rHuPH20.

Table 8: Ratio $AUC_{(SQ)}$ to $AUC_{(IV)}$ (%)		
	rHuPH20 concentration	
Patient	50 U/g	200 U/g
34001	101.0	N/A
34002	86.5	79.6
39004	75.8	77.8
39005	102.7	N/A
39006	94.7	N/A
40002	97.3	N/A
40003	90.5	N/A
Mean	**92.6**	**N/A**

3. Summary of Results

The use of rHuPH20 by injection prior to infusion with GGL made it possible to infuse as much as 600 ml of GGL in a single subcutaneous site at infusion rates up to 300 ml per hour in this study. The rate was limited primarily by the IV pumps that were used, which are designed to alarm and shut off when the IV infiltrates and pressure increases. Although pump shut off did not occur until rates approached the 300 ml/h, the need to restart the pump did increase the time of infusion. Since there is no need to pressure alarms for subcutaneous administration, the problem of shutting off should be eliminated by switching to pumps capable of generating more pressure without alarming.

Although most of the infusions were associated with some swelling, redness, or occasionally pain or itching, all but a few were mild. Two of the six moderate reactions occurred in infusions where the rHuPH20 was reduced in an effort to find the minimum effective dose; the rHuPH20 dose of 50 U/g GGL was tolerated by 10 of the 11 subjects. One subject, who had not previously experienced subcutaneous infusions, withdrew after the first one week dose citing discomfort at the site of the lower abdomen. All other infusions were completed despite the mild reactions, with 97% of the infusions being completed without interruption. Most reactions were treated with cool packs and only a few required acetaminophen or diphenhydramine.

The mean bioavailability of GGL upon subcutaneously administering in combination with rHuPH20 was 92% of the bioavailability of GGL following IV administration. This study suggests that the increased diffusion afforded by the rHuPH20 improved absorption of GGL. Further, the trough levels achieved by

monthly subcutaneous dosing of GGL in this study are identical to those achieved by IV administration. Thus, there is no need to increase the frequency of administration of GGL by subcutaneous dosing versus IV dosing; subcutaneous administration of GGL in combination with rHuPH20 requires only a single SQ site and can be achieved at rates of infusion up to 300 ml/h.

In conclusion, rHuPH20 facilitated administration of a full monthly dose of GGL in a single site at rates up to 300 ml/h in a group of adult immunodeficient subjects. The bioavailability of the combination was 92% of the IV bioavailability, based on AUC of the time versus IgG concentration curve. This suggests that rHuPH20 improves absorption of subcutaneous administered GGL. Most of the local side effects were mild and did not result in slowing or interrupting the infusions.

Example 2.

Generation of a soluble rHuPH20 -expressing cell line

The HZ24 plasmid (set forth in SEQ ID NO:52) was used to transfect Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO cells) (see e.g. application Nos. 10,795,095, 11/065,716 and 11/238,171). The HZ24 plasmid vector for expression of soluble rHuPH20 contains a pCI vector backbone (Promega), DNA encoding amino acids 1-482 of human PH20 hyaluronidase (SEQ ID NO:49), an internal ribosomal entry site (IRES) from the ECMV virus (Clontech), and the mouse dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) gene. The pCI vector backbone also includes DNA encoding the Beta-lactamase resistance gene (AmpR), an f1 origin of replication, a Cytomegalovirus immediate-early enhancer/promoter region (CMV), a chimeric intron, and an SV40 late polyadenylation signal (SV40). The DNA encoding the soluble rHuPH20 construct contains an NheI site and a Kozak consensus sequence prior to the DNA encoding the methionine at amino acid position 1 of the native 35 amino acid signal sequence of human PH20, and a stop codon following the DNA encoding the tyrosine corresponding to amino acid position 482 of the human PH20 hyaluronidase set forth in SEQ ID NO:1), followed by a BamHI restriction site. The construct pCI-PH20-IRES-DHFR-SV40pa (HZ24), therefore, results in a single mRNA species driven by the CMV promoter that encodes amino acids 1-482 of human PH20 (set forth in SEQ ID NO:3) and amino acids 1-186 of mouse dihydrofolate reductase (set forth in SEQ ID NO:53), separated by the internal ribosomal entry site (IRES).

Non-transfected DG44 CHO cells growing in GIBCO Modified CD-CHO media for DHFR(-) cells, supplemented with 4 mM Glutamine and 18 ml/L Plurionic F68/L (Gibco), were seeded at 0.5 x 10^6 cells/ml in a shaker flask in preparation for transfection. Cells were grown at 37° C in 5% CO_2 in a humidified incubator, shaking at 120 rpm. Exponentially growing non-transfected DG44 CHO cells were tested for viability prior to transfection.

Sixty million viable cells of the non-transfected DG44 CHO cell culture were pelleted and resuspended to a density of 2 ×10^7 cells in 0.7 mL of 2x transfection buffer (2x HeBS: 40 mM Hepes, pH 7.0, 274 mM NaCl, 10 mM KCl, 1.4 mM Na_2HPO_4, 12 mM dextrose). To each aliquot of resuspended cells, 0.09 mL (250 μg) of the linear HZ24 plasmid (linearized by overnight digestion with Cla I (New England Biolabs) was added, and the cell/DNA solutions were transferred into 0.4 cm gap BTX (Gentronics) electroporation cuvettes at room temperature. A negative control electroporation was performed with no plasmid DNA mixed with the cells. The cell/plasmid mixes were electroporated with a capacitor discharge of 330 V and 960 μF or at 350 V and 960 μF.

The cells were removed from the cuvettes after electroporation and transferred into 5 mL of Modified CD-CHO media for DHFR(-) cells, supplemented with 4 mM Glutamine and 18 ml/L Plurionic F68/L (Gibco), and allowed to grow in a well of a 6-well tissue culture plate without selection for 2 days at 37° C in 5% CO_2 in a humidified incubator.

Two days post-electroporation, 0.5 mL of tissue culture media was removed from each well and tested for the presence of hyaluronidase activity, using the microturbidity assay described in Example 3.

Table 9: Initial Hyaluronidase Activity of HZ24 Transfected DG44 CHO cells at 40 hours post-transfection

	Dilution	Activity Units/ml
Transfection 1 330V	1 to 10	0.25
Transfection 2 350V	1 to 10	0.52
Negative Control	1 to 10	0.015

Cells from Transfection 2 (350V) were collected from the tissue culture well, counted and diluted to 1 $\times 10^4$ to 2 $\times 10^4$ viable cells per mL. A 0.1 mL aliquot of the cell suspension was transferred to each well of five, 96 well round bottom tissue culture plates. One hundred microliters of CD-CHO media (GIBCO) containing 4 mM GlutaMAX™-1 supplement (GIBCO™, Invitrogen Corporation) and without hypoxanthine and thymidine supplements were added to the wells containing cells (final volume 0.2 mL).

Ten clones were identified from the 5 plates grown without methotrexate.

Table 10. Hyaluronidase activity of identified clones

Plate/Well ID	Relative Hyaluronidase
1C3	261
2C2	261
3D3	261
3E5	243
3C6	174
2G8	103
1B9	304
2D9	273
4D10	302

Six HZ24 clones were expanded in culture and transferred into shaker flasks as single cell suspensions. Clones 3D3, 3E5, 2G8, 2D9, 1E11, and 4D10 were plated into 96-well round bottom tissue culture plates using a two-dimensional infinite dilution strategy in which cells were diluted 1:2 down the plate, and 1:3 across the plate, starting at 5000 cells in the top left hand well. Diluted clones were grown in a background of 500 non-transfected DG44 CHO cells per well, to provide necessary growth factors for the initial days in culture. Ten plates were made per subclone, with 5 plates containing 50 nM methotrexate and 5 plates without methotrexate.

Clone 3D3 produced 24 visual subclones (13 from the no methotrexate treatment, and 11 from the 50 nM methotrexate treatment. Significant hyaluronidase activity was measured in the supernatants from 8 of the 24 subclones (>50 Units/mL),

and these 8 subclones were expanded into T-25 tissue culture flasks. Clones isolated from the methotrexate treatment protocol were expanded in the presence of 50 nM methotrexate. Clone 3D35M was further expanded in 500 nM methotrexate giving rise to clones producing in excess of 1,000 Units/ml in shaker flasks (clone 3D35M; or Gen1 3D35M). A master cell bank (MCB) of the 3D35M cells was then prepared.

Example 3.

Determination of hyaluronidase activity of soluble rHuPH20

Hyaluronidase activity of soluble rHuPH20 in samples such as cell cultures, purification fractions and purified solutions was determined using a tubidometric assay, which based on the formation of an insoluble precipitate when hyaluronic acid binds with serum albumin. The activity is measured by incubating soluble rHuPH20 with sodium hyaluronate (hyaluronic acid) for a set period of time (10 minutes) and then precipitating the undigested sodium hyaluronate with the addition of acidified serum albumin. The turbidity of the resulting sample is measured at 640 nm after a 30 minute development period. The decrease in turbidity resulting from enzyme activity on the sodium hyaluronate substrate is a measure of the soluble rHuPH20 hyaluronidase activity. The method is performed using a calibration curve generated with dilutions of a soluble rHuPH20 assay working reference standard, and sample activity measurements are made relative to this calibration curve.

Dilutions of the sample were prepared in Enzyme Diluent Solutions. The Enzyme Diluent Solution was prepared by dissolving 33.0 ± 0.05 mg of hydrolyzed gelatin in 25.0 mL of the 50 mM PIPES Reaction Buffer (140 mM NaCl, 50 mM PIPES, pH 5.5) and 25.0 mL of SWFI, and diluting 0.2 mL of 25% Buminate solution into the mixture and vortexing for 30 seconds. This was performed within 2 hours of use and stored on ice until needed. The samples were diluted to an estimated 1-2 U/mL. Generally, the maximum dilution per step did not exceed 1:100 and the initial sample size for the first dilution was not be less than 20 µL. The minimum sample volumes needed to perform the assay were: In-process Samples, FPLC Fractions: 80 µL; Tissue Culture Supernatants:1 mL; Concentrated Material 80 µL; Purified or Final Step Material: 80 µL. The dilutions were made in in triplicate in a Low Protein Binding 96-well plate, and 30 µL of each dilution was transferred to Optilux black/clear bottom plates (BD BioSciences).

Dilutions of known soluble rHuPH20 with a concentration of 2.5 U/mL were prepared in Enzyme Diluent Solution to generate a standard curve and added to the Optilux plate in triplicate. The dilutions included 0 U/mL, 0.25 U/mL, 0.5 U/mL, 1.0 U/mL, 1.5 U/mL, 2.0 U/mL, and 2.5 U/mL. "Reagent blank" wells that contained 60 μL of Enzyme Diluent Solution were included in the plate as a negative control. The plate was then covered and warmed on a heat block for 5 minutes at 37°C. The cover was removed and the plate was shaken for 10 seconds. After shaking, the plate was returned to the plate to the heat block and the MULTIDROP 384 Liquid Handling Device was primed with the warm 0.25mg/mL sodium hyaluronate solution (prepared by dissolving 100 mg of sodium hyaluronate (LifeCore Biomedical) in 20.0 mL of SWFI. This was mixed by gently rotating and/or rocking at 2-8°C for 2-4 hours, or until completely dissolved). The reaction plate was transferred to the MULTIDROP 384 and the reaction was initiated by pressing the start key to dispense 30 μL sodium hyaluronate into each well. The plate was then removed from the MULTIDROP 384 and shaken for 10 seconds before being transferred to a heat block with the plate cover replaced. The plate was incubated at 37°C for 10 minutes

The MULTIDROP 384 was prepared to stop the reaction by priming the machine with Serum Working Solution and changing the volume setting to 240 μL. (25 mL of Serum Stock Solution [1 volume of Horse Serum (Sigma) was diluted with 9 volumes of 500 mM Acetate Buffer Solution and the pH was adjusted to 3.1 with hydrochloric acid] in 75 mL of 500 mM Acetate Buffer Solution). The plate was removed from the heat block and placed onto the MULTIDROP 384 and 240 μL of serum Working Solutions was dispensed into the wells. The plate was removed and shaken on a plate reader for 10 seconds. After a further 15 minutes, the turbidity of the samples was measured at 640 nm and the hyaluronidase activity (in U/mL) of each sample was determined by fitting to the standard curve.

Specific activity (Units/mg) was calculated by dividing the hyaluronidase activity (U/ml) by the protein concentration (mg/mL).

Example 4

Production and Purification of Gen1 Human sPH20

A. 5 L Bioreactor Process

A vial of 3D35M was thawed and expanded from shaker flasks through 1 L spinner flasks in CD-CHO media (Invitrogen, Carlsbad Calif.) supplemented with 100

nM Methotrexate and GlutaMAX™-1 (Invitrogen). Cells were transferred from spinner flasks to a 5 L bioreactor (Braun) at an inoculation density of 4×10^5 viable cells per ml. Parameters were temperature Setpoint 37°C, pH 7.2 (starting Setpoint), with Dissolved Oxygen Setpoint 25% and an air overlay of 0-100 cc/min. At 168 hrs, 250 ml of Feed #1 Medium (CD CHO with 50 g/L Glucose) was added. At 216 hours, 250 ml of Feed #2 Medium (CD CHO with 50 g/L Glucose and 10 mM Sodium Butyrate) was added, and at 264 hours 250 ml of Feed #2 Medium was added. This process resulted in a final productivity of 1600 Units per ml with a maximal cell density of 6×10^6 cells/ml. The addition of sodium butyrate was to dramatically enhance the production of soluble rHuPH20 in the final stages of production.

Conditioned media from the 3D35M clone was clarified by depth filtration and tangential flow diafiltration into 10 mM Hepes pH 7.0. Soluble rHuPH20 was then purified by sequential chromatography on Q Sepharose (Pharmacia) ion exchange, Phenyl Sepharose (Pharmacia) hydrophobic interaction chromatography, phenyl boronate (Prometics) and Hydroxapatite Chromatography (Biorad, Richmond, CA).

Soluble rHuPH20 bound to Q Sepharose and eluted at 400 mM NaCl in the same buffer. The eluate was diluted with 2M ammonium sulfate to a final concentration of 500 mM ammonium sulfate and passed through a Phenyl Sepharose (low sub) column, followed by binding under the same conditions to a phenyl boronate resin. The soluble rHuPH20 was eluted from the phenyl sepharose resin in Hepes pH 6.9 after washing at pH 9.0 in 50 mM bicine without ammonium sulfate. The eluate was loaded onto a ceramic hydroxyapatite resin at pH 6.9 in 5 mM potassium phosphate and 1 mM $CaCl_2$ and eluted with 80 mM potassium phosphate, pH 7.4 with 0.1 mM $CaCl_2$.

The resultant purified soluble rHuPH20 possessed a specific activity in excess of 65,000 USP Units/mg protein by way of the microturbidity assay (Example 16) using the USP reference standard. Purified sPH20 eluted as a single peak from 24 to 26 minutes from a Pharmacia 5RPC styrene divinylbenzene column with a gradient between 0.1% TFA/H_2O and 0.1% TFA/90% acetonitrile/10% H_20 and resolved as a single broad 61 kDa band by SDS electrophoresis that reduced to a sharp 51 kDa band upon treatment with PNGASE-F. N-terminal amino acid sequencing revealed that the leader peptide had been efficiently removed

B. Upstream Cell Culture Expansion Process into 100 L Bioreactor Cell Culture

A scaled-up process was used to separately purify soluble rHuPH20 from four different vials of 3D35M cell to produce 4 separate batches of sHuPH20; HUA0406C, HUA0410C, HUA0415C and HUA0420C. Each vial was separately expanded and cultured through a 125 L bioreactor, then purified using column chromatography. Samples were taken throughout the process to assess such parameters as enzyme yield. The description of the process provided below sets forth representative specifications for such things as bioreactor starting and feed media volumes, transfer cell densities, and wash and elution volumes. The exact numbers vary slightly with each batch, and are detailed in Tables 11 to 18.

Four vials of 3D35M cells were thawed in a 37°C water bath, CD CHO containing 100 nM methotrexate and 40 mL/L GlutaMAX was added and the cells were centrifuged. The cells were re-suspended in a 125 mL shake flask with 20 mL of fresh media and placed in a 37°C, 7% CO_2 incubator. The cells were expanded up to 40 mL in the 125 mL shake flask. When the cell density reached 1.5 – 2.5 x 10^6 cells/mL, the culture was expanded into a 125 mL spinner flask in a 100 mL culture volume. The flask was incubated at 37°C, 7% CO_2. When the cell density reached 1.5 – 2.5 x 10^6 cells/mL, the culture was expanded into a 250 mL spinner flask in 200 mL culture volume, and the flask was incubated at 37°C, 7% CO_2. When the cell density reached 1.5 – 2.5 x 10^6 cells/mL, the culture was expanded into a 1 L spinner flask in 800 mL culture volume and incubated at 37°C, 7% CO_2. When the cell density reached 1.5 – 2.5 x 10^6 cells/mL, the culture was expanded into a 6 L spinner flask in 5 L culture volume and incubated at 37°C, 7% CO_2. When the cell density reached 1.5 – 2.5 x 10^6 cells/mL, the culture was expanded into a 36 L spinner flask in 20 L culture volume and incubated at 37°C, 7% CO_2.

A 125 L reactor was sterilized with steam at 121°C, 20 PSI and 65 L of CD CHO media was added. Before use, the reactor was checked for contamination. When the cell density in the 36 L spinner flasks reached 1.8 -2.5 x 10^6 cells/mL, 20 L cell culture were transferred from the 36L spinner flasks to the 125 L bioreactor (Braun), resulting a final volume of 85 L and a seeding density of approximately 4 × 10^5 cells/mL. Parameters were temperature setpoint, 37°C; pH: 7.2; Dissolved oxygen: 25% ± 10%; Impeller Speed 50 rpm; Vessel Pressure 3 psi; Air Sparge 1 L/

min.; Air Overlay: 1 L/min. The reactor was sampled daily for cell counts, pH verification, media analysis, protein production and retention. Nutrient feeds were added during the run. At Day 6, 3.4 L of Feed #1 Medium (CD CHO + 50 g/L Glucose + 40 mL/L GlutaMAX™-1) was added, and culture temperature was changed to 36.5°C. At day 9 , 3.5 L of Feed #2 (CD CHO + 50 g/L Glucose + 40 mL/L GlutaMAX™-1 + 1.1 g/L Sodium Butyrate) was added, and culture temperature was changed to 36°C. At day 11, 3.7 L of Feed #3 (CD CHO + 50 g/L Glucose + 40 mL/L GlutaMAX™-1 + 1.1 g/L Sodium Butyrate) was added, and the culture temperature was changed to 35.5°C. The reactor was harvested at 14 days or when the viability of the cells dropped below 50%. The process resulted in production of soluble rHuPH20 with an enzymatic activity of 1600 Units/ml with a maximal cell density of 8 million cells/mL. At harvest, the culture was sampled for mycoplasma, bioburden, endotoxin, and virus *in vitro* and *in vivo*, transmission electron microscopy (TEM) for viral particles, and enzyme activity.

The one hundred liter bioreactor cell culture harvest was filtered through a series of disposable capsule filters having a polyethersulfone medium (Sartorius): first through a 8.0 μm depth capsule, a 0.65 μm depth capsule, a 0.22 μm capsule, and finally through a 0.22 μm Sartopore 2000 cm^2 filter and into a 100 L sterile storage bag. The culture was concentrated 10× using two TFF with Spiral Polyethersulfone 30 kDa MWCO filters (Millipore) , followed by a 6× buffer exchange with 10 mM HEPES, 25 mM Na_2SO_4, pH 7.0 into a 0.22 μm final filter into a 20 L sterile storage bag. Table 11 provides monitoring data related to the cell culture, harvest, concentration and buffer exchange steps.

Table 11. Monitoring data for cell culture, harvest, concentration and buffer exchange steps.

Parameter	HUA0406C	HUA04010C	HUA0415C	HUA0420C
Time from thaw to inoculate 100 L bioreactor (days)	21	19	17	18
100 L inoculation density (× 10^6 cells/mL)	0.45	0.33	0.44	0.46
Doubling time in logarithmic growth (hr)	29.8	27.3	29.2	23.5
Max. cell density (× 10^6 cells/mL)	5.65	8.70	6.07	9.70
Harvest viability (%)	41	48	41	41
Harvest titer (U/ml)	1964	1670	991	1319
Time in 100-L bioreactor (days)	13	13	12	13

Clarified harvest volume (mL)	81800	93300	91800	89100
Clarified harvest enzyme assay (U/mL)	2385	1768	1039	1425
Concentrate enzyme assay (U/mL)	22954	17091	8561	17785
Buffer exchanged concentrate enzyme assay (U/mL)	15829	11649	9915	8679
Filtered buffer exchanged concentrate enzyme assay (U/mL)	21550	10882	9471	8527
Buffer exchanged concentrate volume(mL)	10699	13578	12727	20500
Ratio enzyme units concentration/harvest	0.87	0.96	1.32	1.4

A Q Sepharose (Pharmacia) ion exchange column (3 L resin, Height = 20 cm, Diameter = 14 cm) was prepared. Wash samples were collected for a determination of pH, conductivity and endotoxin (LAL) assay. The column was equilibrated with 5 column volumes of 10 mM Tris, 20 mM Na_2SO_4, pH 7.5. The concentrated, diafiltered harvest was loaded onto the Q column at a flow rate of 100 cm/hr. The column was washed with 5 column volumes of 10 mM Tris, 20 mM Na_2SO_4, pH 7.5 and 10 mM Hepes, 50 mM NaCl, pH 7.0. The protein was eluted with 10 mM Hepes, 400 mM NaCl, pH 7.0 and filtered through a 0.22 μm final filter into a sterile bag.

Phenyl-Sepharose (Pharmacia) hydrophobic interaction chromatography was next performed. A Phenyl-Sepharose (PS) column (9.1 L resin, Height = 29 cm, Diameter = 20cm) was prepared. The column was equilibrated with 5 column volumes of 5 mM potassium phosphate, 0.5 M ammonium sulfate, 0.1 mM $CaCl_2$, pH 7.0. The protein eluate from above was supplemented with 2M ammonium sulfate, 1 M potassium phosphate and 1 M $CaCl_2$ stock solutions to final concentrations of 5 mM, 0.5 M and 0.1 mM, respectively. The protein was loaded onto the PS column at a flow rate of 100 cm/hr. 5 mM potassium phosphate, 0.5 M ammonium sulfate and 0.1 mM $CaCl_2$ pH 7.0 was added at 100 cm/hr. The flow through was passed through a 0.22 μm final filter into a sterile bag.

The PS-purified protein was the loaded onto an aminophenyl boronate column (ProMedics) (6.3 L resin, Height = 20 cm, Diameter = 20cm) that had been equilibrated with 5 column volumes of 5 mM potassium phosphate, 0.5 M ammonium sulfate. The protein was passed through the column at a flow rate of 100 cm/hr, and the column was washed with 5 mM potassium phosphate, 0.5 M ammonium sulfate,

pH 7.0. The column was then washed with 20 mM bicine, 100 mM NaCl, pH 9.0 and the protein eluted with 50 mM Hepes, 100 mM NaCl pH 6.9 through a sterile filter and into a 20 L sterile bag. The eluate was tested for bioburden, protein concentration and enzyme activity.

A hydroxyapatite (HAP) column (BioRad) (1.6 L resin, Height = 10 cm, Diameter = 14 cm) was equilibrated with 5 mM potassium phosphate, 100 mM NaCl, 0.1 mM $CaCl_2$ pH 7.0. Wash samples were collected and tested for pH, conductivity and endotoxin (LAL assay). The aminophenyl boronate purified protein was supplemented with potassium phosphate and $CaCl_2$ to yield final concentrations of 5 mM potassium phosphate and 0.1 mM $CaCl_2$ and loaded onto the HAP column at a flow rate of 100 cm/hr. The column was washed with 5 mM potassium phosphate pH 7.0, 100 mM NaCl, 0.1 mM $CaCl_2$, then 10 mM potassium phosphate pH 7.0, 100 mM NaCl, 0.1 mM $CaCl_2$ pH. The protein was eluted with 70 mM potassium phosphate pH 7.0 and filtered through a 0.22 μm filter into a 5 L sterile storage bag. The eluate was tested for bioburden, protein concentration and enzyme activity.

The HAP-purified protein was then pumped through a 20 nM viral removal filter via a pressure tank. The protein was added to the DV20 pressure tank and filter (Pall Corporation), passing through an Ultipor DV20 Filter with 20 nm pores (Pall Corporation) into a sterile 20 L storage bag. The filtrate was tested for protein concentration, enzyme activity, oligosaccharide, monosaccharide and sialic acid profiling, and process-related impurities. The protein in the filtrate was then concentrated to 1 mg/mL using a 10 kD molecular weight cut off (MWCO) Sartocon Slice tangential flow filtration (TFF) system (Sartorius). The filter was first prepared by washing with a Hepes/saline solution (10 mM Hepes, 130 mM NaCl, pH 7.0) and the permeate was sampled for pH and conductivity. Following concentration, the concentrated protein was sampled and tested for protein concentration and enzyme activity. A 6× buffer exchange was performed on the concentrated protein into the final buffer: 10 mM Hepes, 130 mM NaCl, pH 7.0. The concentrated protein was passed though a 0.22 μm filter into a 20 L sterile storage bag. The protein was sampled and tested for protein concentration, enzyme activity, free sulfhydryl groups, oligosaccharide profiling and osmolarity.

Tables 12 to 18 provide monitoring data related to each of the purification steps described above, for each 3D35M cell lot.

Table 12. Q sepharose column data

Parameter	HUA0406C	HUA0410C	HUA0415C	HUA0420C
Load volume (mL)	10647	13524	12852	20418
Load Volume/Resin Volume ratio	3.1	4.9	4.5	7.3
Column Volume (mL)	2770	3840	2850	2880
Eluate volume (mL)	6108	5923	5759	6284
Protein Conc. of Eluate (mg/mL)	2.8	3.05	2.80	2.86
Eluate Enzyme Assay (U/mL)	24493	26683	18321	21052
Enzyme Yield (%)	65	107	87	76

Table 13. Phenyl Sepharose column data

Parameter	HUA0406C	HUA0410C	HUA0415C	HUA0420C
Volume Before Stock Solution Addition (mL)	5670	5015	5694	6251
Load Volume (mL)	7599	6693	7631	8360
Column Volume (mL)	9106	9420	9340	9420
Load Volume/Resin Volume ratio	0.8	0.71	0.82	0.89
Eluate volume (mL)	16144	18010	16960	17328
Protein Cone of Eluate (mg/mL)	0.4	0.33	0.33	0.38
Eluate Enzyme Assay (U/mL)	8806	6585	4472	7509
Protein Yield (%)	41	40	36	37
Enzyme Yield (%)	102	88	82	96

Table 14. Amino Phenyl Boronate column data

Parameter	HUA0406C	HUA0410C	HUA0415C	HUA0420C
Load Volume (mL)	16136	17958	16931	17884
Load Volume/Resin Volume ratio	2.99	3.15	3.08	2.98
Column Volume (mL)	5400	5700	5500	5300
Eluate volume (mL)	17595	22084	20686	19145
Protein Conc. of Eluate (mg/mL)	0.0	0.03	0.03	0.04
Protein Conc. of Filtered Eluate (mg/mL)	not tested	0.03	0.00	0.04
Eluate Enzyme Assay (U/mL)	4050	2410	1523	4721
Protein Yield (%)	0	11	11	12
Enzyme Yield (%)	not determined	41	40	69

Table 15. Hydroxyapatite column data

Parameter	HUA0406C	HUA0410C	HUA0415C	HUA0420C
Volume Before Stock Solution Addition (mL)	16345	20799	20640	19103
Load Volume/Resin Volume ratio	10.95	13.58	14.19	12.81
Column Volume (mL)	1500	1540	1462	1500
Load volume (mL)	16429	20917	20746	19213
Eluate volume (mL)	4100	2415	1936	2419
Protein Conc. of Eluate (mg/mL)	not tested	0.24	0.17	0.23
Protein Conc. of Filtered Eluate (mg/mL)	NA	NA	0.17	NA
Eluate Enzyme Assay (U/mL)	14051	29089	20424	29826
Protein Yield (%)	Not tested	93	53	73
Enzyme Yield (%)	87	118	140	104

Table 16. DV20 filtration data

Parameter	HUA0406C	HUA0410C	HUA0415C	HUA0420C
Start volume (mL)	4077	2233	1917	2419
Filtrate Volume (mL)	4602	3334	2963	3504
Protein Conc. of Filtrate (mg/mL)	0.1	NA	0.09	NA
Protein Conc. of Filtered Eluate (mg/mL)	NA	0.15	0.09	0.16
Protein Yield (%)	not tested	93	82	101

Table 17. Final concentration data

Parameter	HUA0406C	HUA0410C	HUA0415C	HUA0420C
Start volume (mL)	4575	3298	2963	3492
Concentrate Volume (mL)	562	407	237	316
Protein Conc. of Concentrate (mg/mL)	0.9	1.24	1.16	1.73
Protein Yield (%)	111	102	103	98

Table 18. Buffer Exchange into Final Formulation data

Parameter	HUA0406C	HUA0410C	HUA0415C	HUA0420C
Start Volume (mL)	562	407	237	316
Final Volume Buffer Exchanged Concentrate (mL)	594	516	310	554
Protein Conc. of Concentrate (mg/mL)	1.00	0.97	0.98	1.00
Protein Conc. of Filtered Concentrate (mg/mL)	0.95	0.92	0.95	1.02

Protein Yield (%)	118	99	110	101

The purified and concentrated soluble rHuPH20 protein was aseptically filled into sterile vials with 5 mL and 1 mL fill volumes. The protein was passed though a 0.22 μm filter to an operator controlled pump that was used to fill the vials using a gravimetric readout. The vials were closed with stoppers and secured with crimped caps. The closed vials were visually inspected for foreign particles and then labeled. Following labeling, the vials were flash-frozen by submersion in liquid nitrogen for no longer than 1 minute and stored at ≤15°C (-20 ± 5 °C).

Example 5

Production Gen2 Cells Containing Soluble human PH20 (rHuPH20)

The Gen1 3D35M cell line described in Example 2 was adapted to higher methotrexate levels to produce generation 2 (Gen2) clones. 3D35M cells were seeded from established methotrexate-containing cultures into CD CHO medium containing 4mM GlutaMAX-1™ and 1.0 μM methotrexate. The cells were adapted to a higher methotrexate level by growing and passaging them 9 times over a period of 46 days in a 37°C, 7% CO_2 humidified incubator. The amplified population of cells was cloned out by limiting dilution in 96-well tissue culture plates containing medium with 2.0 μM methotrexate. After approximately 4 weeks, clones were identified and clone 3E10B was selected for expansion. 3E10B cells were grown in CD CHO medium containing 4 mM GlutaMAX-1™ and 2.0 μM methotrexate for 20 passages. A master cell bank (MCB) of the 3E10B cell line was created and frozen and used for subsequent studies.

Amplification of the cell line continued by culturing 3E10B cells in CD CHO medium containing 4 mM GlutaMAX-1™ and 4.0 μM methotrexate. After the 12th passage, cells were frozen in vials as a research cell bank (RCB). One vial of the RCB was thawed and cultured in medium containing 8.0 μM methotrexate. After 5 days, the methotrexate concentration in the medium was increased to 16.0 μM, then 20.0 μM 18 days later. Cells from the 8th passage in medium containing 20.0 μM methotrexate were cloned out by limiting dilution in 96-well tissue culture plates containing CD CHO medium containing 4 mM GlutaMAX-1™ and 20.0 μM methotrexate. Clones were identified 5-6 weeks later and clone 2B2 was selected for

expansion in medium containing 20.0 μM methotrexate. After the 11th passage, 2B2 cells were frozen in vials as a research cell bank (RCB).

The resultant 2B2 cells are dihydrofolate reductase deficient (dhfr-) DG44 CHO cells that express soluble recombinant human PH20 (rHuPH20). The soluble PH20 is present in 2B2 cells at a copy number of approximately 206 copies/cell. Southern blot analysis of Spe I-, Xba I- and BamH I/Hind III-digested genomic 2B2 cell DNA using a rHuPH20-specific probe revealed the following restriction digest profile: one major hybridizing band of ~7.7 kb and four minor hybridizing bands (~13.9, ~6.6, ~5.7 and ~4.6 kb) with DNA digested with Spe I; one major hybridizing band of ~5.0 kb and two minor hybridizing bands (~13.9 and ~6.5 kb) with DNA digested with Xba I; and one single hybridizing band of ~1.4 kb observed using 2B2 DNA digested with BamH I/Hind III. Sequence analysis of the mRNA transcript indicated that the derived cDNA (SEQ ID NO:56) was identical to the reference sequence (SEQ ID NO:49) except for one base pair difference at position 1131, which was observed to be a thymidine (T) instead of the expected cytosine (C). This is a silent mutation, with no effect on the amino acid sequence.

Example 6

A. Production of Gen2 soluble rHuPH20 in 300 L Bioreactor Cell Culture

A vial of HZ24-2B2 was thawed and expanded from shaker flasks through 36L spinner flasks in CD-CHO media (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA) supplemented with 20 μM methotrexate and GlutaMAX-1™ (Invitrogen). Briefly, the a vial of cells was thawed in a 37°C water bath, media was added and the cells were centrifuged. The cells were re-suspended in a 125 mL shake flask with 20 mL of fresh media and placed in a 37°C, 7% CO_2 incubator. The cells were expanded up to 40 mL in the 125 mL shake flask. When the cell density reached greater than 1.5 x 10^6 cells/mL, the culture was expanded into a 125 mL spinner flask in a 100 mL culture volume. The flask was incubated at 37°C, 7% CO_2. When the cell density reached greater than 1.5 x 10^6 cells/mL, the culture was expanded into a 250 mL spinner flask in 200 mL culture volume, and the flask was incubated at 37°C, 7% CO_2. When the cell density reached greater than 1.5 x 10^6 cells/mL, the culture was expanded into a 1 L spinner flask in 800 mL culture volume and incubated at 37°C, 7% CO_2. When the cell density reached greater than 1.5 x 10^6 cells/mL the culture was expanded into a 6 L

spinner flask in 5000 mL culture volume and incubated at 37°C, 7% CO_2. When the cell density reached greater than 1.5 x 106 cells/mL the culture was expanded into a 36 L spinner flask in 32 L culture volume and incubated at 37°C, 7% CO_2.

A 400 L reactor was sterilized and 230 mL of CD-CHO media was added. Before use, the reactor was checked for contamination. Approximately 30 L cells were transferred from the 36L spinner flasks to the 400 L bioreactor (Braun) at an inoculation density of 4.0×10^5 viable cells per ml and a total volume of 260L. Parameters were temperature setpoint, 37°C; Impeller Speed 40-55 RPM; Vessel Pressure: 3 psi; Air Sparge 0.5- 1.5 L/Min.; Air Overlay: 3 L/ min.. The reactor was sampled daily for cell counts, pH verification, media analysis, protein production and retention. Also, during the run nutrient feeds were added. At 120 hrs (day 5), 10.4L of Feed #1 Medium (4× CD-CHO + 33 g/L Glucose + 160 mL/L Glutamax-1™ + 83 mL/L Yeastolate + 33 mg/L rHuInsulin) was added. At 168 hours (day 7), 10.8 L of Feed #2 (2× CD-CHO + 33 g/L Glucose + 80 mL/L Glutamax-1™ + 167 mL/L Yeastolate + 0.92 g/L Sodium Butyrate) was added, and culture temperature was changed to 36.5°C. At 216 hours (day 9), 10.8 L of Feed #3 (1× CD-CHO + 50 g/L Glucose + 50 mL/L Glutamax-1™ + 250 mL/L Yeastolate + 1.80 g/L Sodium Butyrate) was added, and culture temperature was changed to 36° C. At 264 hours (day 11), 10.8 L of Feed #4 (1× CD-CHO + 33 g/L Glucose + 33 mL/L Glutamax-1™ + 250 mL/L Yeastolate + 0.92 g/L Sodium Butyrate) was added, and culture temperature was changed to 35.5° C. The addition of the feed media was observed to dramatically enhance the production of soluble rHuPH20 in the final stages of production. The reactor was harvested at 14 or 15 days or when the viability of the cells dropped below 40%. The process resulted in a final productivity of 17,000 Units per ml with a maximal cell density of 12 million cells/mL. At harvest, the culture was sampled for mycoplasma, bioburden, endotoxin and viral *in vitro* and *in vivo*, Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) and enzyme activity.

The culture was pumped by a peristaltic pump through four Millistak filtration system modules (Millipore) in parallel, each containing a layer of diatomaceous earth graded to 4-8 μm and a layer of diatomaceous earth graded to 1.4-1.1 μm, followed by a cellulose membrane, then through a second single Millistak filtration system (Millipore) containing a layer of diatomaceous earth graded to 0.4-0.11 μm and a layer of diatomaceous earth graded to <0.1 μm, followed by a cellulose membrane,

and then through a 0.22 μm final filter into a sterile single use flexible bag with a 350 L capacity. The harvested cell culture fluid was supplemented with 10 mM EDTA and 10 mM Tris to a pH of 7.5. The culture was concentrated 10× with a tangential flow filtration (TFF) apparatus using four Sartoslice TFF 30 kDa molecular weight cut-off (MWCO) polyether sulfone (PES) filter (Sartorious) , followed by a 10× buffer exchange with 10 mM Tris, 20mM Na_2SO_4, pH 7.5 into a 0.22 μm final filter into a 50 L sterile storage bag.

The concentrated, diafiltered harvest was inactivated for virus. Prior to viral inactivation, a solution of 10% Triton X-100, 3% tri (n-butyl) phosphate (TNBP) was prepared. The concentrated, diafiltered harvest was exposed to 1% Triton X-100, 0.3% TNBP for 1 hour in a 36 L glass reaction vessel immediately prior to purification on the Q column.

B. Purification of Gen2 soluble rHuPH20

A Q Sepharose (Pharmacia) ion exchange column (9 L resin, H= 29 cm, D= 20 cm) was prepared. Wash samples were collected for a determination of pH, conductivity and endotoxin (LAL) assay. The column was equilibrated with 5 column volumes of 10 mM Tris, 20 mM Na2SO4, pH 7.5. Following viral inactivation, the concentrated, diafiltered harvest was loaded onto the Q column at a flow rate of 100 cm/hr. The column was washed with 5 column volumes of 10 mM Tris, 20 mM Na2SO4, pH 7.5 and 10 mM Hepes, 50 mM NaCl, pH7.0. The protein was eluted with 10 mM Hepes, 400 mM NaCl, pH 7.0 into a 0.22 μm final filter into sterile bag. The eluate sample was tested for bioburden, protein concentration and hyaluronidase activity. A_{280} absorbance reading were taken at the beginning and end of the exchange..

Phenyl-Sepharose (Pharmacia) hydrophobic interaction chromatography was next performed. A Phenyl-Speharose (PS) column (19-21 L resin, H=29 cm, D= 30 cm) was prepared. The wash was collected and sampled for pH, conductivity and endotoxin (LAL assay). The column was equilibrated with 5 column volumes of 5 mM potassium phosphate, 0.5 M ammonium sulfate, 0.1 mM CaCl2, pH 7.0. The protein eluate from the Q sepharose column was supplemented with 2M ammonium sulfate, 1 M potassium phosphate and 1 M $CaCl_2$ stock solutions to yield final concentrations of 5 mM, 0.5 M and 0.1 mM, respectively. The protein was loaded onto the PS column at a flow rate of 100 cm/hr and the column flow thru collected.

The column was washed with 5 mM potassium phosphate, 0.5 M ammonium sulfate and 0.1 mM CaCl2 pH 7.0 at 100 cm/hr and the wash was added to the collected flow thru. Combined with the column wash, the flow through was passed through a 0.22 μm final filter into a sterile bag. The flow through was sampled for bioburden, protein concentration and enzyme activity.

An aminophenyl boronate column (Promtics) was prepared. The wash was collected and sampled for pH, conductivity and endotoxin (LAL assay). The column was equilibrated with 5 column volumes of 5 mM potassium phosphate, 0.5 M ammonium sulfate. The PS flow through containing purified protein was loaded onto the aminophenyl boronate column at a flow rate of 100 cm/hr. The column was washed with 5 mM potassium phosphate, 0.5 M ammonium sulfate, pH 7.0. The column was washed with 20 mM bicine, 0.5 M ammonium sulfate, pH 9.0. The column was washed with 20 mM bicine, 100 mM sodium chloride, pH 9.0. The protein was eluted with 50 mM Hepes, 100 mM NaCl, pH 6.9 and passed through a sterile filter into a sterile bag. The eluted sample was tested for bioburden, protein concentration and enzyme activity.

The hydroxyapatite (HAP) column (Biorad) was prepared. The wash was collected and test for pH, conductivity and endotoxin (LAL assay). The column was equilibrated with 5 mM potassium phosphate, 100 mM NaCl, 0.1mM $CaCl_2$, pH 7.0. The aminophenyl boronate purified protein was supplemented to final concentrations of 5 mM potassium phosphate and 0.1 mM $CaCl_2$ and loaded onto the HAP column at a flow rate of 100 cm/hr. The column was washed with 5 mM potassium phosphate, pH 7, 100 mM NaCl, 0.1 mM $CaCl_2$. The column was next washed with 10 mM potassium phosphate, pH 7, 100 mM NaCl, 0.1 mM $CaCl_2$. The protein was cluted with 70 mM potassium phosphate, pH 7.0 and passed through a 0.22μm sterile filter into a sterile bag. The eluted sample was tested for bioburden, protein concentration and enzyme activity.

The HAP purified protein was then passed through a viral removal filter. The sterilized Virosart filter (Sartorius) was first prepared by washing with 2 L of 70 mM potassium phosphate, pH 7.0. Before use, the filtered buffer was sampled for pH and conductivity. The HAP purified protein was pumped via a peristaltic pump through the 20 nM viral removal filter. The filtered protein in 70 mM potassium phosphate, pH 7.0 was passed through a 0.22 μm final filter into a sterile bag. The viral filtered

sample was tested for protein concentration, enzyme activity, oligosaccharide, monosaccharide and sialic acid profiling. The sample also was tested for process related impurities.

The protein in the filtrate was then concentrated to 10 mg/mL using a 10 kD molecular weight cut off (MWCO) Sartocon Slice tangential flow filtration (TFF) system (Sartorius). The filter was first prepared by washing with 10 mM histidine, 130 mM NaCl, pH 6.0 and the permeate was sampled for pH and conductivity. Following concentration, the concentrated protein was sampled and tested for protein concentration and enzyme activity. A 6× buffer exchange was performed on the concentrated protein into the final buffer: 10 mM histidine, 130 mM NaCl, pH 6.0. Following buffer exchange, the concentrated protein was passed though a 0.22 μm filter into a 20 L sterile storage bag. The protein was sampled and tested for protein concentration, enzyme activity, free sulfhydryl groups, oligosaccharide profiling and osmolarity.

The sterile filtered bulk protein was then aseptically dispensed at 20 mL into 30 mL sterile Teflon vials (Nalgene). The vials were then flash frozen and stored at -20 ± 5°C.

C. Comparison of production and purification of Gen1 soluble rHuPH20 and Gen2 soluble rHuPH20

The production and purification of Gen2 soluble rHuPH20 in a 300L bioreactor cell culture contained some changes in the protocols compared to the production and purification Gen1 soluble rHuPH20 in a 100L bioreactor cell culture (described in Example 4.B). Table 19 sets forth exemplary differences, in addition to simple scale up changes, between the methods.

Table 19

Process Difference	**Gen1 soluble rHuPH20**	**Gen2 soluble rHuPH20**
Cell line	3D35M	2B2
Media used to expand cell inoculum	Contains 0.10 μM methotrexate (0.045 mg/L)	Contains 20 μM methotrexate (9 mg/L)
Media in 6L cultures onwards	Contains 0.10 μM methotrexate	Contains no methotrexate
36 L spinner flask	No instrumentation	Equipped with instrumentation that monitors and controls pH, dissolved oxygen, sparge and overlay gas flow rate.

	20 L operating volume.	32 L operating volume
Final operating volume in bioreactor	Approx. 100 L in a 125 L bioreactor (initial culture volume + 65 L)	Approx. 300L in a 400L bioreactor (initial culture volume + 260L)
Culture media in final bioreactor	No rHuInsulin	5.0 mg/L rHuInsulin
Media feed volume	Scaled at 4% of the bioreactor cell culture volume i.e. 3.4, 3.5 and 3.7 L, resulting in a target bioreactor volume of ~92 L.	Scaled at 4% of the bioreactor cell culture volume i.e. 10.4, 10.8, 11.2 and 11.7 L, resulting in a target bioreactor volume of ~303L.
Media feed	Feed #1 Medium: CD CHO + 50 g/L Glucose + 8mM GlutaMAX™-1 Feed #2 (CD CHO + 50 g/L Glucose + 8 mM GlutaMAX + 1.1 g/L Sodium Butyrate Feed #3: CD CHO + 50 g/L Glucose + 8 mM GlutaMAX + 1.1 g/L Sodium Butyrate	Feed #1 Medium: 4× CD CHO + 33 g/L Glucose + 32 mM Glutamax + 16.6 g/L Yeastolate + 33 mg/L rHuInsulin Feed #2: 2× CD CHO + 33 g/L Glucose + 16 mM Glutamax + 33.4 g/L Yeastolate + 0.92 g/L Sodium Butyrate Feed #3: 1× CD CHO + 50 g/L Glucose + 10 mM Glutamax + 50 g/L Yeastolate + 1.80 g/L Sodium Butyrate Feed #4:1× CD CHO + 33 g/L Glucose + 6.6 mM Glutamax + 50 g/L Yeastolate + 0.92 g/L Sodium Butyrate
Filtration of bioreactor cell culture	Four polyethersulfone filters (8.0 µm, 0.65 µm, 0.22 µm and 0.22 µm) in series	1st stage - Four modules in parallel, each with a layer of diatomaceous earth graded to 4-8 µm and a layer of diatomaceous earth graded to 1.4-1.1 µm, followed by a cellulose membrane. 2nd stage -single module containing a layer of diatomaceous earth graded

	100 L storage bag	to 0.4-0.11 μm and a layer of diatomaceous earth graded to <0.1 μm, followed by a cellulose membrane. 3rd stage - 0.22 μm polyethersulfone filter 300L storage bag Harvested cell culture is supplemented with 10 mM EDTA, 10 mM Tris to a pH of 7.5.
Concentration and buffer exchange prior to chromatography	Concentrate with 2 TFF with Millipore Spiral Polyethersulfone 30K MWCO Filter Buffer Exchange the Concentrate 6× with 10 mM Hepes, 25 mM NaCl, pH 7.0 20L sterile storage bag	Concentrate using four Sartorius Sartoslice TFF 30K MWCO Filter Buffer Exchange the Concentrate 10× with 10 mM Tris, 20 mM Na2SO4, pH 7.5 50L sterile storage bag
Viral inactivation prior to chromatography	None	Viral inactivation performed with the addition of a 1% Triton X-100, 0.3% Tributyl Phosphate, pH 7.5,
1st purification step (Q sepharose)	No absorbance reading	A280 measurements at the beginning and end
Viral filtration after chromatography	Pall DV-20 filter (20 nm)	Sartorius Virosart filter (20 nm)
Concentration and buffer exchange after chromatography	Hepes/saline pH 7.0 buffer Protein concentrated to 1 mg/ml	Histidine/saline, pH 6.0 buffer Protein concentrated to 10 mg/ml

Since modifications will be apparent to those of skill in this art, it is intended that this invention be limited only by the scope of the appended claims.

Claims

1. Use of a combination of compositions for formulation of a medicament for increasing the bioavailability of subcutaneously administered immune globulin (IG) to at least 90% of the bioavailability of the same single dosage of IG administered via intravenous administration for treating an IG-treatable disease or condition in a subject, wherein the combination comprises:

a first composition comprising IG formulated for subcutaneous single dosage administration of 0.5 grams (g) to 70 g every 3-4 weeks or monthly, wherein the concentration of IG is 5 to 15% w/v; and

a second composition comprising a soluble hyaluronidase formulated for subcutaneous single dosage administration every 3-4 weeks or monthly prior to administration of, and at the same site as, the IG in a volume that is 5 to 30 mL and in an amount that is a ratio of 10-500 Units (U) hyaluronidase per gram (g) of the IG; wherein:

the soluble hyaluronidase is formulated separately from the IG for administration prior to administration of the IG and at the same site as the IG; and

the hyaluronidase effects increased bioavailability of the IG when administered in combination with the IG to at least 90% of the bioavailability of the same single dosage of IG administered via intravenous administration for treatment of the same IG-treatable disease or condition.

2. The use of claim 1, wherein the IG in the composition is between 20 to 30 grams (g), 21 g to 42 g, 27 g to 61 g or 25.5 g to 61.2 g of IG.

3. The use of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the amount of hyaluronidase in the formulation is between 1000 Units to 10,000 Units or 5000 Units to 7500 Units.

4. The use of any of claims 1-3, wherein the soluble hyaluronidase is a PH20, or a PH20 lacking all or a portion of the GPI anchor attachment signal sequence, such that upon expression, the hyaluronidase is soluble.

5. The use of claim 4, wherein the PH20 is selected from an ovine PH20, bovine PH20 or human PH20, wherein the human PH20 lacks all or a portion of the GPI anchor attachment signal sequence, such that upon expression, the hyaluronidase is soluble.

6. The use of claim 5, wherein the PH20 is a human PH20 selected from among polypeptides having the sequence of amino acids set forth in any of SEQ ID NOS:4-9, or a

sequence of amino acids that exhibits at least 91% sequence identity to the sequence of amino acids set forth in any of SEQ ID NOS:4-9.

7. The use of any of claims 4-6, wherein the soluble hyaluronidase is designated rHuPH20.

8. The use of any of claims 1-7, wherein the IG has a protein concentration that is 6 to 15% w/v, or 8 to 12% w/v of IG composition.

9. The use of any of claims 1-8, wherein the soluble hyaluronidase is designated rHuPH20.

10. The use of any of claims 1-9, wherein the IG-treatable disease or condition is selected from among immunodeficiency; acquired hypogammaglobulinemia secondary to hematological malignancies; Kawasaki's disease; chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP); Guillain-Barre Syndrome; Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura; inflammatory myopathies; Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome; multifocal motor neuropathy; Myasthenia Gravis; Moersch-Woltmann syndrome; secondary hypogammaglobulinaemia (including iatrogenic immunodeficiency); specific antibody deficiency; Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis; ANCA-positive systemic necrotizing vasculitis; Autoimmune haemolytic anaemia; Bullous pemphigoid; Cicatricial pemphigoid; Evans syndrome (including autoimmune haemolytic anaemia with immune thrombocytopenia); Foeto-maternal/neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia (FMAIT/NAIT); Haemophagocytic syndrome; High-risk allogeneic haemopoietic stem cell transplantation; IgM paraproteinaemic neuropathy; kidney transplantation; multiple sclerosis; Opsoclonus myoclonus ataxia; Pemphigus foliaceus; Pemphigus vulgaris; Post-transfusion purpura; Toxic epidermal necrolysis/Steven Johnson syndrome (TEN/SJS); Toxic shock syndrome; Alzheimer's Disease; Systemic lupus erythematosus; multiple myeloma; sepsis; B cell tumors; trauma; and a bacterial, viral or fungal infection.

11. The use of claim 10, wherein the IG-treatable disease or condition is an immunodeficiency and the immunodeficiency is selected from among common variable immunodeficiency (CVID), congenital agammaglobulinemia, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID), primary hypogammaglobulinemia, primary immunodeficiency diseases with antibody deficiency, X-linked agammaglobulinemia (XLA), hypogammaglobulinemia of infancy, and paraneoplastic cerebellar degeneration with no antibodies.

12. The use of claim 10, wherein the IG-treatable disease or condition is acquired hypogammaglobulinemia secondary to hematological malignancies and the hematological malignancy is selected from among chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), multiple myeloma (MM) and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL).

13. The use of claim 10, wherein the IG-treatable disease or condition is an inflammatory myopathy and the inflammatory myopathy is selected from among polymyositis, dermatomyositis and inclusion body myositis.

14. The use of claim 10, wherein the IG-treatable disease or condition is a bacteria, viral or fungal condition and the bacterial, viral or fungal condition is selected from among *Haemophilus influenzae* type B, *Psuedomonas aeruginosa* types A and B, *Staphylococcus aureus*, Group B Streptococcus, *Streptococcus pneumoniae* types 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 18, 19, and 23, Adenovirus types 2 and 5, Cytomegalovirus, Epstein Barr virus VCA, Hepatitis A virus, Hepatitis B virus, Herpes simplex virus-1, Herpes simplex virus-2, Influenza A, Measles, Parainfluenza types 1, 2 and 3, Polio, Varicella zoster virus, *Apergillus* and *Candida albicans*.