

## **ABSTRACT**

### COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR TREATING AND PREVENTING STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS INFECTIONS

Antibodies having Fab regions that specifically bind to Staphylococcus aureus protein A are capable of mediating opsinization of Staphylococcus aureus bacteria despite their expression of antibody-neutralizing protein A. These antibodies and antigen-binding fragments thereof can be used in methods of treating and/or preventing Staphylococcus aureus infections.

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