CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A vaccine, comprising

(a) a carbohydrate antigen or its immunogenic fragment; and

(b) a toxoid protein,

wherein the ratio of carbohydrate antigen to toxoid protein ranges from 5:1 to 39:1.

2. The vaccine of claim 1, wherein the toxoid protein is diphtheria toxin (DT).

3. The vaccine of claim 2, wherein the ratio of carbohydrate antigen and DT ranges from 8:1 to 24:1.

4. The vaccine of claim 1, wherein the toxoid protein is tetanus toxoid (TT).

5. The vaccine of claim 4, wherein the ratio of carbohydrate antigen and TT ranges from 7:1 to 12:1

6. The vaccine of claim 1, wherein the carbohydrate antigen is selected from Globo H, SSEA-3, SSEA-4 or Gb-4.

7. The vaccine of claim 6, wherein the carbohydrate antigen is Globo H.

8. The vaccine of claim 2, wherein the DT is diphtheria toxin cross-reacting material or diphtheria toxoid.

9. The vaccine of claim 8, wherein the diphtheria toxin cross-reacting material is selected from CRM30, CRM45, CRM 176, CRM 197 or CRM 228.

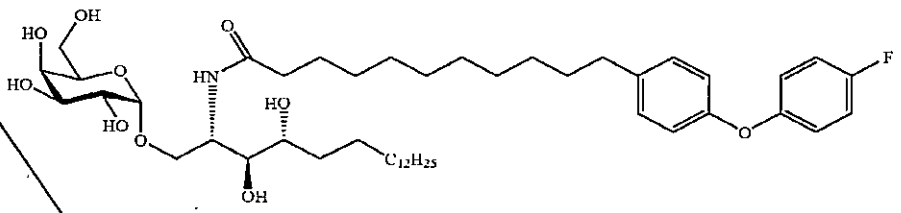
10. The vaccine of claim 1, further comprises a saponin adjuvant.

11. The vaccine of claim 10, wherein the saponin adjuvant is OPT-821 saponin.

12. The vaccine of claim 1, further comprises an α-galactosyl-ceramide (α-GalCer) adjuvant.

13. The vaccine of claim 12, wherein the α-GalCer adjuvant has the following

structure:



14. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising

(a) carbohydrate antigen or its immunogenic fragment;

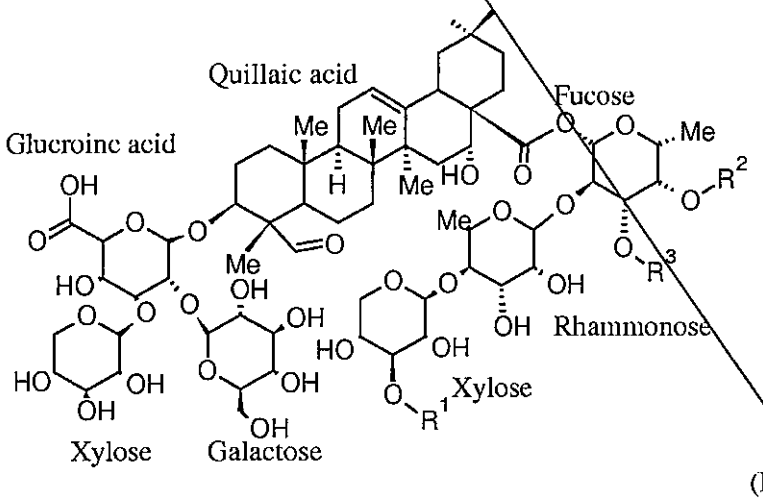
(b) a toxoid protein; and

(c) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier,

wherein the ratio of carbohydrate antigen to DT ranges from 5:1 to 39: 1.

15. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 14, wherein the toxoid protein is diphtheria toxin (DT).

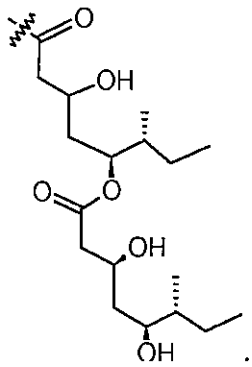
16. An isolated compound of formula (I)



(I)

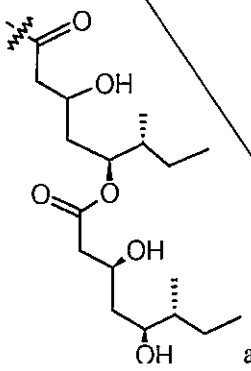
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein,

R^1 is selected from β-D-Apiose or β-D-Xylose; and,



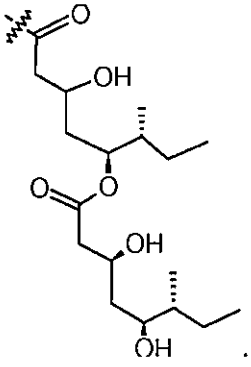
R^2 and R^3 are selected from H, alkyl or .

17. The isolated compound of claim 16, wherein R^1 is β-D-Apiose, R^2



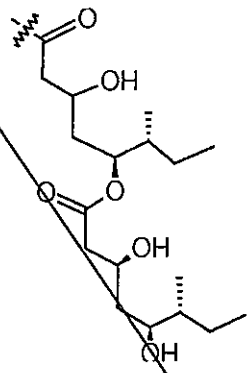
is and R^3 is H.

18. The isolated compound of claim 16, wherein R^1 is β-D-Apiose, R^2 is H and R^3



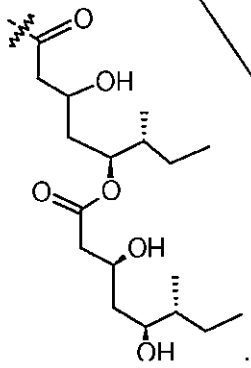
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19. The isolated compound of claim 16, wherein R^1 is β-D-Xylose, R^2 is



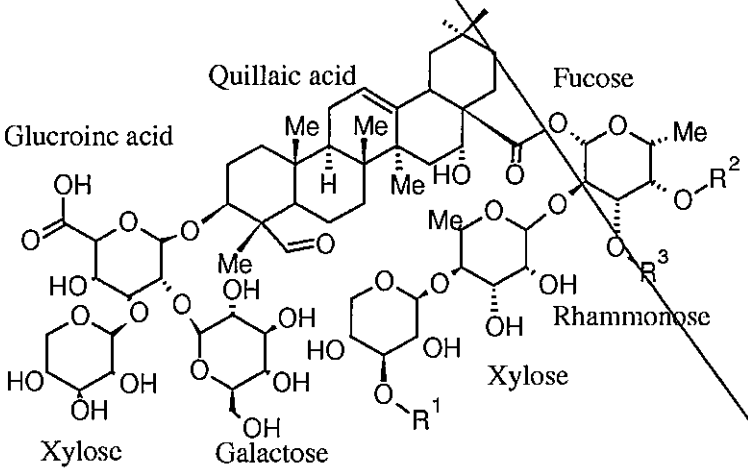
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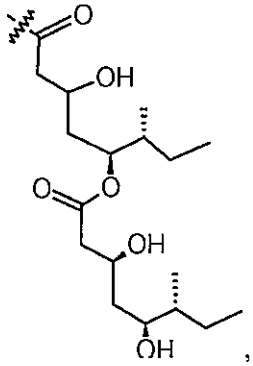
21. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a compound of formula (I)



(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein,

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22. An OPT-821 saponin, comprising one or more of the following isolated compounds:

1857 compound V1A;

1857 compound V1B;

1857 compound V2A; and

1857 compound V2B.

23. The OPT-821 saponin of claim 22, further comprising one or more of the following isolated compounds:

1989 compound V1A;

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1989 compound V2A; and

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24. An OPT-821 saponin, comprising:

about 1 to about 15 mole % of a 1857 compounds mixture; and

about 85 to about 99 mole % of a 1989 compounds mixture.

25. The OPT-821 saponin of claim 24, wherein the 1857 compounds mixture comprises:

about 60-70 mole % of 1857 compound V1A;

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26. The OPT-821 saponin of claim 24, wherein the 1989 compounds mixture comprises:

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27. A vaccine, comprising:

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(b) an OPT-821 saponin.

28. The vaccine of claim 27, wherein the carbohydrate antigen or its immunogenic fragment is selected from Globo H, SSEA-3, SSEA-4, Gb-4 or a mixture thereof.

29. The vaccine of claim 27, further comprises a carrier protein.

30. The vaccine of claim 29, wherein the carrier protein is an inactivated diphtheria toxin (DT).

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32. The vaccine of claim 31, wherein the diphtheria toxin cross-reacting material is selected from CRM30, CRM45, CRM 176, CRM 197 or CRM 228.

33. The vaccine of claim 29, wherein the carrier protein is KLH.

34. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising

(a) the vaccine of claim 1 or 27; and

(b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

35. A method for inhibiting cancer cells, comprising administering an effective amount of the vaccine of claim 1 or 27 to a subject in need thereof, wherein the

cancer cells are inhibited.

36. The method according to claim 35, wherein the cancer is Globo H expressing cancer.

37. The method of claim 36, wherein the Globo H expressing cancer is breast cancer, lung cancer gastric cancer, colon cancer, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, ovarian cancer and endometrial cancer.

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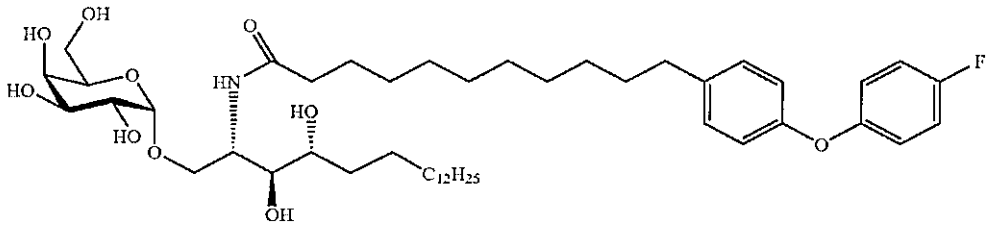
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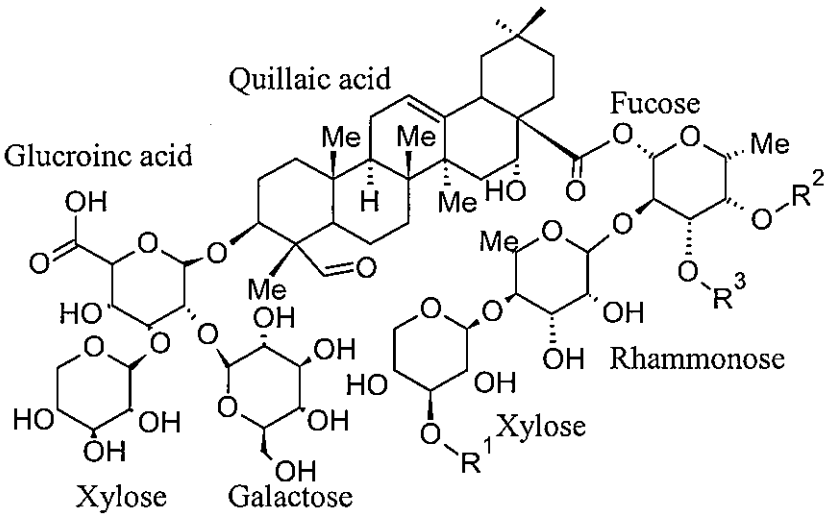
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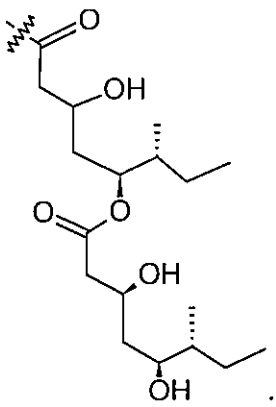
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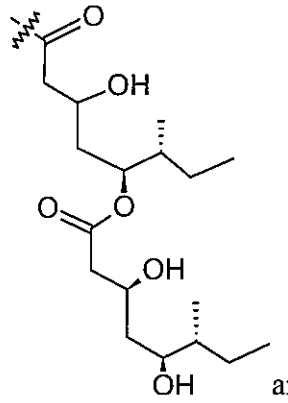
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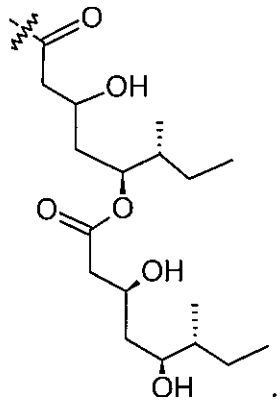
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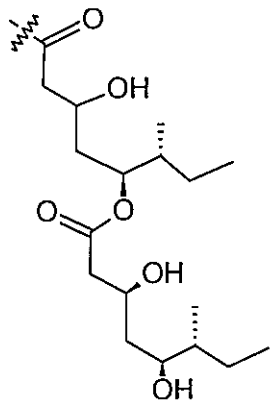
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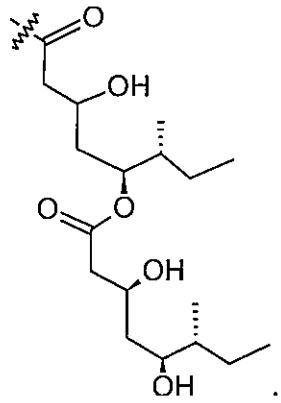


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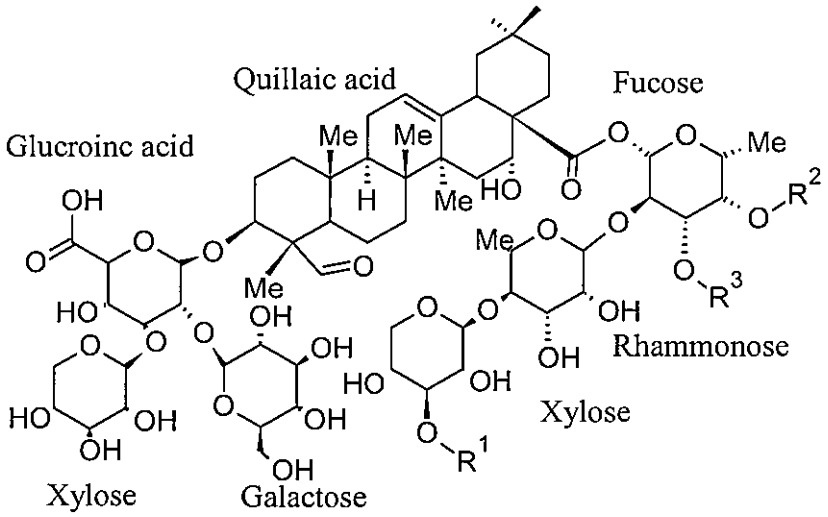
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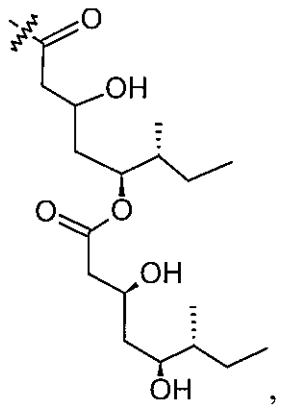
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35. The use of vaccine of claim 1 or 27 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of cancer.

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