

That Which Is Claimed:

1. A method for treating a bacterial infection in a patient comprises the step of administering to the patient an effective amount of a caspase inhibitor.
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2. A method for treating a bacterial skin lesion in a patient comprises the step of administering to the patient an effective amount of a caspase inhibitor.
3. A method for enhancing regeneration and repair after skin or gut injury in a patient
10 comprises the step of administering an effective amount of a caspase inhibitor.
4. A method for treating a viral infection in a patient comprises the step of administering to the patient an effective amount of a caspase inhibitor.
- 15 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the viral infection is COVID19.
6. The method of any of claims 1-5, wherein the caspase inhibitor is a pan caspase inhibitor.
- 20 7. The method of any of claims 1-6, wherein the caspase inhibitor is Q-VD-OPh.
8. The method of claim 3, wherein the skin or gut injury is a scar or a burn.
9. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of administering a TLR3 agonist.
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10. The use of a caspase inhibitor for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of a bacterial infection.
11. The use of a caspase inhibitor for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of
30 a bacterial skin lesion.
12. The use of a caspase inhibitor for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of skin or gut injury.

13. The use of a caspase inhibitor for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of a scar or a burn.
14. The use of a caspase inhibitor for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of
5 a viral infection.
15. The use of a caspase inhibitor for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of COVID-19.