Box III Text of the abstract

The present invention provides, among other things, methods and compositions for treating muscular dystrophy, in particular, Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). In some embodiments, a method according to the present invention includes administering to an individual Who is suffering from or susceptible to DMD an effective amount of a recombinant follistatin fusion protein such that at least one symptom or feature of DMD is reduced in intensity, severity, or frequency, or has delayed onset. Specifically, the recombinant folllistatin fusion protein has a heparin binding sequence (HBS), and one or more amino acids within the HBS substituted with an amino acid having a less positive charge in comparison to the substituted amino acid.