AGONISTS AND ANTAGONISTS OF HUMAN INTERLEUKIN-10

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Agonists and antagonists of human IL-10 are provided by this invention which are based upon modification of the termini of mature human IL-10. Also provided are compositions and methods for supplying or inhibiting the biological activity of human IL-10. Such compositions may be useful in the treatment of diseases characterized by inappropriate Th responses. Nucleic acids encoding the agonists and antagonists, recombinant vectors and transformed host cells comprising such nucleic acids, and methods for making the agonists and antagonists using the transformed host cells are also provided.