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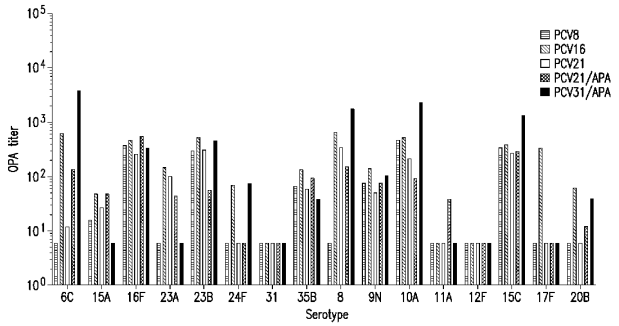


FIG.31A

(57) Abstract: The invention is related to multivalent immunogenic compositions comprising more than one *S. pneumoniae* polysaccharide protein conjugates, wherein each of the conjugates comprises a polysaccharide from an *S. pneumoniae* serotype conjugated to a carrier protein, wherein the serotypes of *S. pneumoniae* are as defined herein. In some embodiments, at least one of the polysaccharide protein conjugates is formed by a conjugation reaction comprising an aprotic solvent. In further embodiments, each of the polysaccharide protein conjugates is formed by a conjugation reaction comprising an aprotic solvent. Also provided are methods for inducing a protective immune response in a human patient comprising administering the multivalent immunogenic compositions of the invention to the patient. The multivalent immunogenic compositions are useful for providing protection against *S. pneumoniae* infection and diseases caused by *S. pneumoniae*. The compositions of the invention are also useful as part of treatment regimens that provide complementary protection for patients that have been vaccinated with a multivalent vaccine indicated for the prevention of pneumococcal disease.

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