VARIANTS OF TISSUE INHIBITOR OF METALLOPROTEINASE TYPE THREE (TIMP-3), COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS

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There are disclosed TIMP-3 muteins, variants and derivatives, nucleic acids encoding them, and methods of making and using them.
Figure 1
Figure 2
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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/782,613 filed Mar. 14, 2013 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/798,160 filed Mar. 15, 2013, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

REFERENCE TO THE SEQUENCE LISTING

[0002] The present application is being filed along with a Sequence Listing in electronic format. The Sequence Listing is provided as a file entitled A-1717-US-NP_SL_asfiled31214 created Mar. 11, 2014 which is 234 KB in size. The information in the electronic format of the Sequence Listing is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0003] The present invention relates in general to metalloproteinase inhibitors. In particular, the invention relates to tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinases 3 ("TIMP-3") and novel, useful variants, muteins and derivatives thereof.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0004] Connective tissues and articular cartilage are maintained in dynamic equilibrium by the opposing effects of extracellular matrix synthesis and degradation. Degradation of the matrix is brought about primarily by the enzymatic action of metalloproteinases, including matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) and disintegrin-metalloproteinases with thrombospondin motifs (ADAMTSs). While these enzymes are important in many natural processes (including development, morphogenesis, bone remodeling, wound healing and angiogenesis), disregulation of these enzymes leading to their elevated levels is believed to play a detrimental role in degenerative diseases of connective tissue, including rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis, as well as in cancer and cardiovascular conditions.

[0005] Endogenous inhibitors of metalloproteinases include plasma alpha2-macroglobulin and tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinases (TIMPs), of which there are four known to be encoded in the human genome. TIMP-3 inhibits all the major cartilage-degrading metalloproteinases, and multiple lines of evidence indicate that it protects cartilage. Addition of the protein to cartilage-explants prevents cytokine-induced degradation, and intra-articular injection reduces cartilage damage in the rat medial meniscal tear model of osteoarthritis.

[0006] Dysregulation of MMPs also occurs in congestive heart failure and is thought to play a role in numerous proinflammatory processes. However, development of TIMP-3 as a therapeutic inhibitor of MMP activity has been hampered by challenges in production of recombinant protein and short half-life of recombinant forms of TIMP-3. Accordingly, there is a need in the art for forms of TIMP-3 that exhibit favorable production, purification and pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic properties.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0007] FIG. 1 presents an alignment of native, full-length human TIMP-3 and a mutated form of full-length human TIMP-3 in which the letter “X” has been substituted for particular amino acids within the sequence. The signal sequence is underlined; other signal sequences can be substituted therefore, as described herein.

[0008] FIG. 2 presents an alignment of native, full-length human TIMP-3, and a TIMP-3 variant in which certain amino acid substitutions have been made. The signal sequence is present and underlined for the native, full-length TIMP-3 sequence to maintain consistency of numbering; other signal sequences can be substituted therefore, as described herein.

[0009] FIG. 3 presents a two dimensional polypeptide map wherein amino acids are arrayed to identify those residues comprising TIMP-3's N-domain (residues 23-145) and C-Domain (144-211), as well as the cysteine positions that form disulfide bonds.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0010] In one aspect of the invention, there is disclosed an isolated TIMP-3 mutein having a mature region that is at least 95% identical in amino acid sequence to the mature region of TIMP-3 set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, having at least one mutation, the mutation being selected from the group consisting of: (a) K45E, K49S; (SEQ ID NO: 5); (b) K45E, K49E; (SEQ ID NO: 6); (c) K45E, T63E; (SEQ ID NO: 7); (d) K45E, Q80E; (SEQ ID NO: 8); (e) K45E, T63E, H178E; (SEQ ID NO: 10); (f) T63E, H178E, Q80E; (SEQ ID NO: 11); (g) K45E, T63E, T74E, H178E, Q80E; (SEQ ID NO: 12); (h) T63E, T74E, T74E, H178E; (SEQ ID NO: 13); (i) T63E, T74E, H78D; (SEQ ID NO: 14); (j) L51T, T74E, H78D; (SEQ ID NO: 53); (k) T74E, H78E, Q80E; (SEQ ID NO: 16); (l) T74E, H78D, Q80E; (SEQ ID NO: 17); (m) K45N, V47T; (SEQ ID NO: 26); (n) K65N, M67T; (SEQ ID NO: 37); (o) K45N, V47T, T63E, T74E, H178E; (SEQ ID NO: 18); (p) K45N, L51T, T63E, T74E, H178E; (SEQ ID NO: 19); (q) K45E, K49N, L51T, T63E; (SEQ ID NO: 20); (r) K49N, L51T, T74E, H178E; (SEQ ID NO: 21); (s) K49N, L51T; (SEQ ID NO: 27); (t) K50N, V52T; (SEQ ID NO: 30); (u) L51N, K35T; (SEQ ID NO: 54); (v) F57N; (SEQ ID NO: 33); (w) P56N, G58T; (SEQ ID NO: 31); (x) T63N, K65T; (SEQ ID NO: 56); (y) P56N, G58T, T63N, K65T; (SEQ ID NO: 32); (z) K75N, F77T; (SEQ ID NO: 38); (a') H78N, Q80T; (SEQ ID NO: 39); (b') K94N, E96T; (SEQ ID NO: 40); (c') E96N, N98T; (SEQ ID NO: 41); (d') V97N, K99T; (SEQ ID NO: 42); (e') D110N, K112T; (SEQ ID NO: 43); (f') Q126N, G127N; (SEQ ID NO: 44); (g') R138N, H140T; (SEQ ID NO: 46); (h') R138T; (SEQ ID NO: 45); (i') T158N, K160T; (SEQ ID NO: 47); (j') T166N, M168T; (SEQ ID NO: 48); (k') G173T; (SEQ ID NO: 49); (l') H181N, A183T; (SEQ ID NO: 50); (m') R186N, K188T; (SEQ ID NO: 51); (n') P201N, K203T; (SEQ ID NO: 52); (o') A208Y; (SEQ ID NO: 55); (p') A208Y; (SEQ ID NO: 56); (q') K45S, F57N; (SEQ ID NO: 23); (r') K49S, F57N; (SEQ ID NO: 28); (s') K68S, F57N; (SEQ ID NO: 34); (t') K133S, F57N; (SEQ ID NO: 35); (u') K45S, K133S, F57N; (SEQ ID NO: 24); (v') K49S, K68S, F57N; (SEQ ID NO: 29).

[0011] In another aspect of the invention, the isolated TIMP-3 mutein is a polypeptide comprising a mature TIMP-3 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 5; SEQ ID NO: 6; SEQ ID NO: 7; SEQ ID NO: 8; SEQ ID NO: 10; SEQ ID NO: 11; SEQ ID NO: 12; SEQ ID NO: 13; SEQ ID NO: 14; SEQ ID NO: 53; SEQ ID NO: 16; SEQ ID NO: 17; SEQ ID NO: 26; SEQ ID NO: 29; SEQ ID NO: 24; SEQ ID NO: 34; SEQ ID NO: 35; SEQ ID NO: 38; SEQ ID NO: 39; SEQ ID NO: 40; SEQ ID NO: 41; SEQ ID NO: 42; SEQ ID NO: 43; SEQ ID NO: 44; SEQ ID NO: 45; SEQ ID NO: 46; SEQ ID NO: 47; SEQ ID NO: 48; SEQ ID NO: 49; SEQ ID NO: 50; SEQ ID NO: 51; SEQ ID NO: 52; SEQ ID NO: 53; SEQ ID NO: 54; SEQ ID NO: 55; SEQ ID NO: 56; SEQ ID NO: 23; SEQ ID NO: 28; SEQ ID NO: 34; SEQ ID NO: 35; SEQ ID NO: 24; and SEQ ID NO: 29.
NO: 17; SEQ ID NO: 26; SEQ ID NO: 37; SEQ ID NO: 18; SEQ ID NO: 19; SEQ ID NO: 20; SEQ ID NO: 21; SEQ ID NO: 27; SEQ ID NO: 30; SEQ ID NO: 54; SEQ ID NO: 33; SEQ ID NO: 31; SEQ ID NO: 36; SEQ ID NO: 32; SEQ ID NO: 38; SEQ ID NO: 39; SEQ ID NO: 40; SEQ ID NO: 41; SEQ ID NO: 42; SEQ ID NO: 43; SEQ ID NO: 44; SEQ ID NO: 46; SEQ ID NO: 45; SEQ ID NO: 47; SEQ ID NO: 48; SEQ ID NO: 49; SEQ ID NO: 50; SEQ ID NO: 51; SEQ ID NO: 52; SEQ ID NO: 55; SEQ ID NO: 56; SEQ ID NO: 23; SEQ ID NO: 28; SEQ ID NO: 34; SEQ ID NO: 35; SEQ ID NO: 24; and SEQ ID NO: 29. In a further aspect, the mature region of the TIMP-3 polypeptide comprises amino acids 24-211 of the respective SEQ ID NOs; in yet another aspect, the TIMP-3 polypeptide has from one to five C-terminal amino acids deleted.

[0012] A further embodiment of the invention provides an isolated TIMP-3 mutein, having at least one mutation, the mutation being selected from the group consisting of: (a) T63E, T74E, H78E (SEQ ID NO: 13); (b) T63E, T74E, H78D (SEQ ID NO: 14); (c) K65N, M67T (SEQ ID NO: 37); (d) K45N, V47T, T63E, T74E, H78E (SEQ ID NO: 18); (e) K49N, L51T, T63E, T74E, H78E (SEQ ID NO: 19); (f) K49N, L51T, T74E, H78E (SEQ ID NO: 21); (g) K49N, L51T (SEQ ID NO: 27); (h) K50N, V52T (SEQ ID NO: 30); (i) L51N, K53T (SEQ ID NO: 54); (j) T63N, K65T (SEQ ID NO: 36); (k) K75N, P77T (SEQ ID NO: 38); (l) I178N, Q80T (SEQ ID NO: 39); (m) K94N, G95T (SEQ ID NO: 40); (n) D110N, K112T (SEQ ID NO: 43); (o) Q126N (SEQ ID NO: 44); (p) R138T (SEQ ID NO: 45); (q) G173T (SEQ ID NO: 49); (r) E57N (SEQ ID NO: 33); (s) P56N, G58T, T63N, K65T (SEQ ID NO: 32); (t) P56N, G58T (SEQ ID NO: 31); (u) K45, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 23); (v) K49, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 28); (w) K49, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 34); (x) K133S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 35); (y) K49, K133S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 24); and (z) K49S, K68S, F57N, SEQ ID NO: 29).

[0013] In another embodiment of the invention, the isolated TIMP-3 mutein is a polypeptide comprising a mature TIMP-3 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 13; SEQ ID NO: 14; SEQ ID NO: 37; SEQ ID NO: 18; SEQ ID NO: 19; SEQ ID NO: 21; SEQ ID NO: 27; SEQ ID NO: 30; SEQ ID NO: 54; SEQ ID NO: 36; SEQ ID NO: 38; SEQ ID NO: 39; SEQ ID NO: 40; SEQ ID NO: 43; SEQ ID NO: 44; SEQ ID NO: 49; SEQ ID NO: 40; SEQ ID NO: 49; SEQ ID NO: 33; SEQ ID NO: 32; SEQ ID NO: 34; SEQ ID NO: 23; SEQ ID NO: 28; SEQ ID NO: 34; SEQ ID NO: 35; SEQ ID NO: 24; and SEQ ID NO: 29. In a further embodiment, the mature region of the TIMP-3 polypeptide comprises amino acids 24-211 of the respective SEQ ID NOs; in yet another embodiment, the TIMP-3 polypeptide has from one to five C-terminal amino acids deleted.

[0014] One aspect of the invention is a TIMP-3 mutein comprising the mutation F57N, optionally with a mutation at one or more K residues; further aspects include the F57N mutation and the F57N mutation in combination with a mutation selected from the group consisting of a K45S mutation; a K49S mutation; a K68S mutation; a K133S mutation; a K45S mutation and a K133S mutation; and a K49S mutation and a K68S mutation. A further aspect of the invention provides a TIMP-3 mutein comprising the mutations P56N, G58T, optionally further comprising the mutations T63N, K65T. The invention also provides a TIMP-3 mutein comprising a mature region having at least one mutation selected from the group consisting of selected from the group consisting of: P56N, G58T (SEQ ID NO: 31); P56N, G58T, T63N, K65T (SEQ ID NO: 32); F57N (SEQ ID NO: 33); K45S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 23); K49S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 23); K68S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 23); K133S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 35); K45S, K133S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 24); and K49S, K68S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 29). Also provided is a TIMP-3 polypeptide comprising a mature TIMP-3 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 31; SEQ ID NO: 32; SEQ ID NO: 33; SEQ ID NO: 23; SEQ ID NO: 28; SEQ ID NO: 34; SEQ ID NO: 35; SEQ ID NO: 24; and SEQ ID NO: 29. In aspect of the invention, the mature region of the TIMP-3 polypeptide comprises amino acids 24-211 of the respective SEQ ID NOs; in another aspect, the TIMP-3 polypeptide has from one to five C-terminal amino acids deleted.

[0015] The invention also provides a truncated form of the TIMP-3 polypeptides listed above. In one embodiment, from one to ten C-terminal amino acids are deleted; in another embodiment, from one to 19 C-terminal amino acids are deleted, resulting in a TIMP-3 polypeptide having C-terminal cysteine (C192). Further embodiments include an N-terminal domain (i.e., a polypeptide comprising amino acids 24-143 of the respective TIMP-3 sequence.) TIMP-3 comprising any of the mutations listed herein that occur in the N-terminal domain of TIMP-3.

[0016] Also provided herein is an isolated nucleic acid that encodes any of the aforementioned TIMP-3 muteins, as well as an expression vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid, an isolated host cell transfected or transfected with the expression vector; and a method of producing a recombinant TIMP-3 mutein comprising culturing the transformed or transfected host cell under conditions promoting expression of the TIMP-3 mutein, and recovering the TIMP-3 mutein.

[0017] Further embodiments include a composition comprising one of the aforementioned TIMP-3 muteins and a physiologically acceptable diluent, excipient or carrier (for example, a pharmaceutical composition), as well as methods of treating conditions by the therapeutic use of such compositions. Conditions in which the herein described compositions may be useful are those in which matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) and/or other proteinases that are inhibited or inhabitable by TIMP-3 play a causative or exacerbating role. Examples of such conditions include inflammatory conditions, osteoarthritis, myocardial ischemia, reperfusion injury, and progression to congestive heart failure, as well as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), inflammatory bowel disease (for example, ulcerative colitis, Crohn’s disease, and celiac disease), psoriasis, myocarditis including viral myocarditis, inflammation related to atherosclerosis, and arthritic conditions including rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis.

[0018] Additional conditions for which the inventive compositions will be useful include dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa, osteoarthritis, Reiter’s syndrome, pseudogout, rheumatoid arthritis including juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, scleroderma, periodontal disease, ulceration including corneal, epidermal, or gastric ulceration, wound healing after surgery, restenosis, emphysema, Paget’s disease of bone, osteoporosis, scleroderma, pressure atrophy of bone or tissues as in bedsores, cholestetoma, abnormal wound healing, rheumatoid arthritis, pustulicar rheumatoid arthritis, polyarticular rheumatoid arthritis, systemic onset rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, entero- pathic arthritis, reactive arthritis, Reiter’s Syndrome, SEA Syndrome (Seronegativity, Enthesopathy, Arthropathy Synd-
dermatomyositis, psoriatic arthritis, sclerodema, systemic lupus erythematosus, vasculitis, myotisitis, polymyositis, dermatomyositis, osteoarthritis, polyarteritis nodosa, Wegener's granulomatosis, arteritis, polymyalgia rheumatica, sarcoidosis, sclerosis, primary biliary sclerosis, scle- rosing cholangitis, Sjögren's syndrome, psoriasis, plaque psoriasis, guttae psoriasis, inverse psoriasis, pustular psoriasis, erythrodemic psoriasis, dermatitis, atopic dermatitis, atopic dermatitis, lupus, Still's disease, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), myasthenia gravis, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcereative colitis, Crohn's disease, Celiac disease (nontropical Sprue), enteropathy associated with serone- gative arthropathies, microscopic or collagenous colitis, eosin-ophilic gastroenteritis, or pouchitis resulting after proctocolitis and ileoanal anastomosis, pancreatitis, insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, mastitis, cholecystitis, cholangitis, pericholangitis, multiple sclerosis (MS), asthma (including extrinsic and intrinsic asthma as well as related chronic inflammatory conditions, or hyperresponsiveness of the airways), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), i.e., chronic bronchitis, emphysema, Acute Respiratory Dis- order Syndrome (ARDS), respiratory distress syndrome, cystic fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary vasoco- striction, acute lung injury, allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis, hypersensitivity pneumonia, eosinophilic pneumonia, bronchitis, allergic bronchitis bronchiectasis, tuberculosis, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, occupational asthma, asthma-like disorders, sarcoid, reactive airway dis- ease (or dysfunction) syndrome, byssinosis, interstitial lung disease, hyper-eosinophilic syndrome, rhinitis, sinusitis, and parasitic lung disease, airway hyperresponsiveness associated with viral-induced conditions (for example, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), parainfluenza virus (PIV), rhinovirus (RV) and adenovirus), Guillain-Barre disease, Graves' dis- ease, Addison's disease, Raynaud's phenomenon, autoim- mune hepatitis, graft versus host disease (GVHD), cerebral ischemia, traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, neuropa- thy, myopathy, spinal cord injury, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

**Detailed Description of the Invention**

[0019] The present invention provides compositions, kits, and methods relating to TIMP-3 polypeptides, variants, derivatives or muteins. Also provided are nucleic acids, and derivatives and fragments thereof, comprising a sequence of nucleotides that encodes all or a portion of such a TIMP-3 polypeptide, variant, derivative or mutein, e.g., a nucleic acid encoding all or part of such TIMP-3 polypeptides, variants, derivatives or muteins; plasmids and vectors comprising such nucleic acids, and cells or cell lines comprising such nucleic acids and/or vectors and plasmids. The provided methods include, for example, methods of making, identifying, or isolating TIMP-3 polypeptides, variants, derivatives or muteins that exhibit desirable properties.

[0020] Numerous conditions exist in which it would be advantageous to augment endogenous TIMP-3 in a mammal, or to increase the level of TIMP-3 in a particular tissue. Accordingly, also provided herein are methods of making compositions, such as pharmaceutical compositions, comprising a TIMP-3 polypeptide, variant, derivative or mutein, and methods for administering a composition comprising a TIMP-3 polypeptide, variant, derivative or mutein to a sub- ject, for example, a subject afflicted with a condition in which
dysregulation of matrix metalloproteinase activity results in excessive or inappropriate remodeling of tissue.

[0021] Unless otherwise defined herein, scientific and tech- nical terms used in connection with the present invention shall have the meanings that are commonly understood by those of ordinary skill in the art. Further, unless otherwise required by context, singular terms shall include pluralities and plural terms shall include the singular. Generally, nomen-clatures used in connection with, and techniques of, cell and tissue culture, molecular biology, immunology, microbiol- ogy, genetics and protein and nucleic acid chemistry and hybridization described herein are those well known and commonly used in the art. The methods and techniques of the present invention are generally performed according to conventional methods well known in the art and as described in various general and more specific references that are cited and discussed throughout the present specification unless other- wise indicated. See, e.g., Sambrook et al. Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, 2d ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (1989) and Ausubel et al., Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Greene Publishing Associates (1992), and Harlow and Lane Antibodies: A Labo- ratory Manual Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (1990), which are incorporated herein by reference. Enzymatic reactions and purification techniques are performed according to manufacturer's specifications, as commonly accomplished in the art or as described herein. The terminology used in connection with, and the laboratory pro- cedures and techniques of, analytical chemistry, synthetic organic chemistry, and medicinal and pharmaceutical chem- istry described herein are those well known and commonly used in the art. Standard techniques can be used for chemical syntheses, chemical analyses, pharmaceutical preparation, formulation, and delivery, and treatment of patients.

[0022] The following terms, unless otherwise indicated, shall be understood to have the following meanings:

[0023] The term “isolated” as used to characterize a mole- cule (where the molecule is, for example, a polypeptide, a polynucleotide, or an antibody) indicates that the molecule by virtue of its origin or source of derivation (1) is not associated with naturally associated components that accompany it in its native state, (2) is substantially free of other molecules from the same species (3) is expressed by a cell from a different species, or (4) does not occur in nature without human intervention. Thus, a molecule that is chemically synthesized, or synthesized in a cellular system different from the cell from which it naturally originates, will be “isolated” from its naturally associated components. A molecule also may be rendered substantially free of naturally associated components by isolation, using purification techniques well known in the art. Molecule purity or homogeneity may be assayed by a number of means well known in the art. For example, the purity of a polypeptide sample may be assayed using poly- acrylamide gel electrophoresis and staining of the gel to visual- ize the polypeptide using techniques well known in the art. For certain purposes, higher resolution may be provided by using HPLC or other means well known in the art for purifi- cation.

[0024] The terms “peptide,” “polypeptide” and “protein” each refers to a molecule comprising two or more amino acid residues joined to each other by peptide bonds. These terms encompass, e.g., native and artificial proteins, protein fragments and polypeptide analogs (such as muteins, variants, and fusion proteins) of a protein sequence as well as post-
transitionally, or otherwise covalently, or non-covalently, modified proteins. A peptide, polypeptide, or protein may be monomeric or polymeric.

[0025] The term “polypeptide fragment” as used herein refers to a polypeptide that has an amino-terminal and/or carboxy-terminal deletion as compared to a corresponding full-length protein. Fragments can be, for example, at least 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 50, 70, 80, 90, 100, 150 or 200 amino acids in length. Fragments can also be, for example, at most 1,000, 750, 500, 250, 200, 175, 150, 125, 100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, or 10 amino acids in length. A fragment can further comprise, at either or both of its ends, one or more additional amino acids, for example, a sequence of amino acids from a different naturally-occurring protein (e.g., an Fc or leucine zipper domain) or an artificial amino acid sequence (e.g., an artificial linker sequence or a tag protein).

[0026] A “variant” or “mutein” of a polypeptide (e.g., a TIMP-3 variant or mutein) comprises an amino acid sequence wherein one or more amino acid residues are inserted into, deleted from and/or substituted into the amino acid sequence relative to another polypeptide sequence. Variants of the invention include fusion proteins.

[0027] A “conservative amino acid substitution” is one that does not substantially change the structural characteristics of the parent sequence (e.g., a replacement amino acid should not tend to break a helix that occurs in the parent sequence, or disrupt other types of secondary structure that characterize the parent sequence or are necessary for its functionality). Examples of art-recognized polypeptide secondary and tertiary structures are described in Proteins, Structures and Molecular Principles (Creighton, Ed., W.H. Freeman and Company, New York (1984)); Introduction to Protein Structure (C. Branden and J. Tooze, eds., Garland Publishing, New York, N.Y. (1991)); and Thornton et al. Nature 354:105 (1991), which are each incorporated herein by reference.

[0028] One way of referring to the degree of similarity of a variant or mutein to the native protein is by referring to the percent identity between the two (or more) polypeptide sequences, or the encoding nucleic acids sequences, being compared. The “percent identity” of two polynucleotide or two polypeptide sequences is determined by comparing the sequences using the GAP computer program (a part of the GCG Wisconsin Package, version 10.3 (Accelrys, San Diego, Calif.)) using its default parameters.

[0029] A “derivative” of a polypeptide is a polypeptide (e.g., a TIMP-3 polypeptide, variant or mutein) that has been chemically modified, e.g., via conjugation to another chemical moiety (such as, for example, polyethylene glycol or albumin, e.g., human serum albumin), phosphorylation, and/or glycosylation.

[0030] Polynucleotide and polypeptide sequences are indicated using standard one- or three-letter abbreviations. Unless otherwise indicated, each polypeptide sequence has an amino terminus at the left and a carboxy terminus at the right; each single-stranded nucleic acid sequence, and the top strand of each double-stranded nucleic acid sequence, has a 5′ terminus at the left and a 3′ terminus at the right. A particular polypeptide or polynucleotide sequence also can be described by explaining how it differs from a reference sequence. For example, substitutions of amino acids are designated herein as “n ≠ m” where “n” designates the amino acid found in the native, full-length polypeptide, “!” designates the amino acid residue number, and “m” designates the amino acid that has been substituted.

[0031] The terms “polynucleotide,” “oligonucleotide” and “nucleic acid” are used interchangeably throughout and include DNA molecules (e.g., cDNA or genomic DNA), RNA molecules (e.g., mRNA), analogs of the DNA or RNA generated using nucleotide analogs (e.g., peptide nucleic acids and non-naturally occurring nucleotide analogs), and hybrids thereof. The nucleic acid molecule can be single-stranded or double-stranded. In one embodiment, the nucleic acid molecules of the invention comprise a contiguous open reading frame encoding a TIMP-3 polypeptide, fragment, variant, derivative or mutein, of the invention.

[0032] Two single-stranded polynucleotides are “the complement” of each other if their sequences can be aligned in an anti-parallel orientation such that every nucleotide in one polynucleotide is opposite its complementary nucleotide in the other polynucleotide, without the introduction of gaps, and without unpaired nucleotides at the 5′ or the 3′ end of either sequence. A polynucleotide is “complementary” to another polynucleotide if the two polynucleotides can hybridize to one another under moderately stringent conditions. Thus, a polynucleotide can be complementary to another polynucleotide without being its complement.

[0033] A “vector” is a nucleic acid that can be used to introduce another nucleic acid linked to it into a cell. One type of vector is a “plasmid,” which refers to a linear or circular double stranded DNA molecule into which additional nucleic acid segments can be ligated. Another type of vector is a viral vector (e.g., replication defective retroviruses, adenoviruses and adeno-associated viruses), wherein additional DNA segments can be introduced into the viral genome. Certain vectors are capable of autonomous replication in a host cell into which they are introduced (e.g., bacterial vectors comprising a bacterial origin of replication and episomal mammalian vectors). Other vectors (e.g., non-episomal mammalian vectors) are integrated into the genome of a host cell upon introduction into the host cell, and thereby are replicated along with the host genome. An “expression vector” is a type of vector that can direct the expression of a chosen polynucleotide.

[0034] A nucleotide sequence is “operably linked” to a regulatory sequence if the regulatory sequence affects the expression (e.g., the level, timing, or location of expression) of the nucleotide sequence. A “regulatory sequence” is a nucleic acid that affects the expression (e.g., the level, timing, or location of expression) of a nucleic acid to which it is operably linked. The regulatory sequence can, for example, exert its effects directly on the regulated nucleic acid, or through the action of one or more other molecules (e.g., polypeptides that bind to the regulatory sequence and/or the nucleic acid). Examples of regulatory sequences include promoters, enhancers and other expression control elements (e.g., polyadenylation signals). Further examples of regulatory sequences are described in, for example, Goeddel, 1990, Gene Expression Technology: Methods in Enzymology 185, Academic Press, San Diego, Calif. and Baron et al., 1995, Nucleic Acids Res. 23:3605-46.

[0035] Naturally occurring extracellular proteins typically include a “signal sequence,” which directs the protein into the cellular pathway for protein secretion and which is not present in the mature protein. The signal sequence may also be referred to as a "signal peptide" or "leader peptide" and is
enzymatically cleaved from the extracellular protein. The protein that has been so processed (i.e., having the signal sequence removed) is often referred to as "mature" protein. A polynucleotide encoding a protein or polypeptide of the invention may encode a naturally occurring signal sequence or a heterologous signal sequence, numerous of which are known in the art.

[0036] As appreciated by one of skill in the art, recombinant proteins or polypeptides in accordance with the present embodiments can be expressed in cell lines, including mammalian cell lines. Sequences encoding particular proteins can be used for transformation of a suitable mammalian host cell. Transformation can be by any known method for introducing polynucleotides into a host cell, including, for example packaging the polynucleotide in a virus (or into a viral vector) and transducing a host cell with the virus (or vector) by transfection procedures known in the art, as exemplified by U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,399,216, 4,912,040, 4,740,461, and 4,959,455 (which patents are hereby incorporated herein by reference). The transformation procedure used depends upon the host to be transformed. Methods for introduction of heterologous polynucleotides into mammalian cells are well known in the art and include dextran-mediated transfection, calcium phosphate precipitation, polybrene mediated transfection, protoplast fusion, electroporation, encapsulation of the polynucleotide(s) in liposomes, and direct microinjection of the DNA into nuclei.

[0037] A "host cell" is a cell that can be used to express a nucleic acid, e.g., a nucleic acid of the invention. A host cell can be a prokaryote, for example, E. coli, or it can be a eukaryote, for example, a single-celled eukaryote (e.g., a yeast or other fungus), a plant cell (e.g., a tobacco or tomato plant cell), an animal cell (e.g., a human cell, a monkey cell, a hamster cell, a rat cell, a mouse cell, or an insect cell) or a hybridoma. Examples of host cells include the COS-7 line of monkey kidney cells (ATCC CRL 1651) (see Gluzman et al., 1981, Cell 23:175), L cells, C127 cells, 3T3 cells (ATCC CCL 163), Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells or their derivatives such as Veggie CHO and related cell lines which grow in serum-free media (see Rasmussen et al., 1998, Cytochemistry 28:31) or CHO strain DX-B11, which is deficient in DHFR (see Ourlauf et al., 1980, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 77:4216-20), HeLa cells, BJIK (ATCC CRL 10) cell lines, the CV1/EBNA cell line derived from the African green monkey kidney cell line CV1 (ATCC CCL 70) (see McMahan et al., 1991, EMBO J. 10:2821), human embryonic kidney cells such as 293, 293 EBNA or MSR 293, human epidermal A431 cells, human Colo205 cells, other transformed primate cell lines, normal diploid cells, cell strains derived from in vitro culture of primary tissue, primary explants, HL-60, U937, HaK or Jurkat cells.

[0038] Typically, a host cell is a cultured cell that can be transformed or transfected with a polypeptide-encoding nucleic acid, which can then be expressed in the host cell. In a "transient transfection," the nucleic acid is introduced into the host cell by one of several methods known in the art, and the recombinant protein is expressed for a finite period of time, typically up to about four days, before the nucleic acid is lost or degraded, for example, when the host cell undergoes mitosis. If a "stable transfection" is desired, the polypeptide-encoding nucleic acid may be introduced into the host cell along with a nucleic acid encoding a selectable marker. Use of a selectable marker allows one of skill in the art to select transfected host cells in which the polypeptide-encoding nucleic acid is integrated into the host cell genome in such a way that the polypeptide-encoding nucleic acid is maintained through mitosis, and can be expressed by progeny cells.

[0039] The phrase "recombinant host cell" can be used to denote a host cell that has been transformed or transfected with a nucleic acid to be expressed. A host cell also can be a cell that comprises the nucleic acid but does not express it at a desired level unless a regulatory sequence is introduced into the host cell such that it becomes operably linked with the nucleic acid. It is understood that the term host cell refers not only to the particular subject cell but also to the progeny or potential progeny of such a cell. Because certain modifications may occur in succeeding generations due to, e.g., mutation or environmental influence, such progeny may not, in fact, be identical to the parent cell, but are still included within the scope of the term as used herein.

[0040] As used herein, "TIMP-3 DNA," "TIMP-3-encoding DNA" and the like indicate a selected TIMP-3 encoding nucleic acid in which the TIMP-3 that is expressed therefrom may be either native TIMP-3 or a TIMP-3 variant or mutein as described herein. Likewise, "TIMP-3," "TIMP-3 protein" and "TIMP-3 polypeptide" are used to designate either a native TIMP-3 protein or a TIMP-3 protein comprising one or more mutations (i.e., a TIMP-3 polypeptide, variant, derivative or mutein). A particular mutein of TIMP-3 may be designated by the mutation or mutations, for example, "K45N TIMP-3\" or "K45N TIMP-3 polypeptide\" indicates a polypeptide in which the lysine (K) at amino acid 45 of native TIMP-3 has been substituted with an asparagine (N).

[0041] The term "native TIMP-3" as used herein refers to wild type TIMP-3. TIMP-3 is expressed by various cells or tissues in a mammal and is present in the extracellular matrix; the TIMP-3 that is so expressed is also referred to herein as "endogenous" TIMP-3. The amino acid sequence of TIMP-3, and the nucleic acid sequence of a DNA that encodes TIMP-3, are disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 6,562,596, issued May 13, 2003, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein. The amino acid numbering system used in U.S. Pat. No. 6,562,596 designates the amino acids in the signal (or leader) peptide with negative numbers, and references the mature protein (i.e., the protein from which the signal or leader peptide has been removed) as amino acids 1-188. The numbering systems used herein refers to TIMP-3 with the first amino acid of the native leader peptide designated #1, the full-length TIMP-3 thus includes amino acids 1-211, and the mature form is amino acids 24-211. Those of ordinary skill in the art readily comprehend the differences in amino acid numbering that may occur by the use of these different numbering systems, and can thus easily apply the numbering system used herein to, for example, a TIMP-3 polypeptide in which the first amino acid of the mature form is referred to as #1. Thus, for example, K45N as designated herein would be designated K22N using the numbering system of U.S. Pat. No. 6,562,596.

[0042] TIMP-3 is formed of two domains, an N-terminal domain comprising amino acids 24 through 143 of TIMP-3 (i.e., about two-thirds of the molecule), and the C-terminal domain, which comprises amino acids 144 through 211. FIG. 3 presents a 2 dimensional polypeptide array of TIMP-3, highlighting the complex nature of the disulfide bonds that facilitate formation of the secondary and tertiary structure TIMP-3. The N-terminal domain of TIMP-3, often referred to as "N-TIMP-3," has been found to exhibit at least some of the biological activities of TIMP-3; accordingly, TIMP-3 vari-
ants, derivatives and muteins as described herein comprehend variants, derivatives and muteins of a fragment of TIMP-3 that comprises the N-terminal domain.

[0043] Native TIMP-3 protein presents several challenges for its use as a therapeutic molecule. For example, mammalian expression titers for TIMP-3 protein using standard mammalian expression techniques are too low to allow sufficient quantities of TIMP-3 to be produced at a scale that is suitable for a therapeutic protein. Moreover, the binding of TIMP-3 to extracellular matrix necessitates the inclusion of heparin (or a similar agent that reduces binding of TIMP-3 to extracellular matrix) in cell culture medium, and binding to the Low density lipoprotein Receptor-related Protein 1 (LRP1) scavenger protein exacerbates the challenge of secretion of recombinant TIMP-3 into the medium at a level that allows a production-scale process to be developed. Microbial production in prokaryotic cells of full-length TIMP-3 has proved difficult due to incorrect folding of the protein.

[0044] Accordingly, the TIMP-3 variants or muteins of the invention have been modified to overcome one or more of these challenges. Polypeptides of the invention include polypeptides that have been modified in any way and for any reason, for example, to: (1) reduce susceptibility to proteolysis, (2) reduce susceptibility to oxidation, (3) reduce the need for agents that inhibit binding of TIMP-3 to extracellular matrix in cell culture, (4) alter binding affinities for other moieties, for example scavenger receptors such as LRP-1, (5) confer or modify other physicochemical or functional properties, including pharmacokinetics and/or pharmacodynamics, (6) facilitate expression and/or purification of recombinant protein. Analogs include muteins of a polypeptide. For example, single or multiple amino acid substitutions (e.g., conservative amino acid substitutions) may be made in the naturally occurring sequence (e.g., in the portion of the polypeptide outside the domain(s) forming intermolecular contacts). Consensus sequences can be used to select amino acid residues for substitution; those of skill in the art recognize that additional amino acid residues may also be substituted.

[0045] In one aspect of the invention, there is provided a TIMP-3 mutein or variant that will exhibit an increase in expression levels of the mutein or variant over that observed with native TIMP-3; in another aspect of the invention the increased expression occurs in a mammalian cell expression system. Expression levels may be determined by any suitable method that will allow a quantitative or semi-quantitative analysis of the amount or recombinant TIMP-3 (native, variant or mutein) in cell culture supernatant fluid, i.e., conditioned media (CM). In one embodiment, samples or CM are assessed by Western blot; in another embodiment, CM samples are assessed using a standard human TIMP-3 ELISA.

[0046] In one embodiment, the increase in expression is observed in a transient expression system; in another embodiment, the increase in expression is observed in a stable transfection system. One embodiment provides a TIMP-3 mutein or variant for which the increase in expression observed is two-fold (2x) greater than that observed for native TIMP-3; another embodiment provides a TIMP-3 mutein or variant for which the increase in expression observed is five-fold (5x) greater than that observed for native TIMP-3. Further embodiments include TIMP-3 muteins or variants for which the increase in expression is three-fold (3x), four-fold (4x) or six-fold (6x). In one embodiment, the expression of the TIMP-3 mutein or variant is ten-fold (10x) greater than that observed with native TIMP-3; in another embodiment, the observed expression is more than ten-fold, for example, 20-fold (20x) or greater, than that observed with native TIMP-3.

[0047] In another aspect of the invention, there are provided TIMP-3 muteins (or variants) that exhibit reduced requirement for the addition of heparin (or another agent that inhibits binding of TIMP-3 to extracellular matrix) to cell culture media. The reduction in the amount of heparin (or other agent) may be described in a semi-quantitative manner, i.e., the reduction may be partial, moderate, substantial, or complete. In another embodiment, the reduction is expressed as a percentage, for example the amount of heparin (or similar agent) may be reduced by 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, or more (for example by 60%, 70% 80%, 90% or 100%).

[0048] In one embodiment, there are provided TIMP-3 variants or muteins comprising inserted glycosylation sites. As is known in the art, glycosylation patterns can depend on both the sequence of the protein (e.g., the presence or absence of particular glycosylation amino acid residues, discussed below), or the host cell or organism in which the protein is produced. Particular expression systems are discussed below. The presence, absence, or degree of glycosylation may be determined by any method that is known to one of skill in the art, including semiqualitative measures of shifts in molecular weight (MW) as observed by western blotting or from coomassie stained SDS-PAGE gels, while quantitative measures can include utilizing mass spectrophotometer techniques and observation of mw shifts corresponding to addition of Asparagine-linked glycosylation, or through observation of mass shift with the removal of Asparagine-linked glycosylation by an enzyme such as Peptide-N-Glycosidase F (PNGase-F; SigmaAldrich, St. Louis, Mo.).

[0049] Glycosylation of polypeptides is typically either N-linked or O-linked. N-linked refers to the attachment of the carbohydrate moiety to the side chain of an asparagine residue. The tri-peptide sequences asparagine-X-serine (N X S) and asparagine-X-threonine (N X T), where X is any amino acid except proline, are the recognition sequences for enzymatic attachment of the carbohydrate moiety to the asparagine side chain. Thus, the presence of either of these tripeptide sequences in a polypeptide creates a potential glycosylation site. O-linked glycosylation refers to the attachment of one of the sugars N-acetylgalactosamine, galactose, or xylose, to a hydroxyamino acid, most commonly serine or threonine, although 5-hydroxyproline or 5-hydroxylysine may also be used.

[0050] Addition of glycosylation sites to the antigen binding protein is conveniently accomplished by altering the amino acid sequence such that it contains one or more of the above-described tri-peptide sequences (for N-linked glycosylation sites). The alteration may also be made by the addition of, or substitution by, one or more serine or threonine residues to the starting sequence (for O-linked glycosylation sites). For ease, the protein amino acid sequence is preferably altered through changes at the DNA level, particularly by mutating the DNA encoding the target polypeptide at preselected bases such that codons are generated that will translate into the desired amino acids.

[0051] Accordingly, N-linked glycosylation sites may be adding by altering a codon for a single amino acid. For example, codons encoding N-X-T (where X is any amino acid) can be altered to encode N-X-S (or N-X-S), or codons encod-
ing y-X-T/S can be altered to encode N-X-T/S. Alternatively, codons encoding two amino acids can be simultaneously changed to introduce an N-linked glycosylation site (for example, codons for y-X-x can be altered to encode N-X-T/S). In this manner, from one to ten N-linked glycosylation sites can be inserted.

[0052] In addition to inserting N-linked glycosylation sites into TIMP-3, any glycosylation sites that are present in native TIMP-3 can be modified, for example in an effort to stabilize the structure of the molecule. Thus, for example, the A at residue 208 may be substituted with a different residue, such as Y, V, or G. Additional modifications at the ‘N-X-T/S’ site at residues 206-208 include substituting F for 1 at residue 205, or Y for 1 at residue 205, in combination with one of the aforementioned substitutions at residue 208.

[0053] In another embodiment, regions sensitive to susceptible to proteolytic cleavage are identified and mutated. In another aspect of the invention, there are provided TIMP-3 muteins or variants that exhibit decreased interaction with the scavenger receptor LRP-1. In one embodiment, such muteins are made by identifying and mutating lysine residues that are hypothesized to be important in the interaction between TIMP-3 and LRP-1.

[0054] Moreover, it is recognized that a TIMP-3 mutein or variant may exhibit more than one of these properties (for example, an inserted glycosylation site may decrease the need for heparin in the cell culture medium, decrease the interaction with LRP-1 and increase resistance to proteolysis). Additional embodiments include TIMP-3 muteins or variants having more than one mutation, such that a combination of mutations results in more than one of the aforementioned properties or effects.

[0055] Desirable TIMP-3 muteins can be identified in several ways. In a first method, in silico analysis is used to facilitate charge rebalancing between TIMP-3 and the related metalloproteinase inhibitor, TIMP-2 (the latter has been observed to exhibit a good mammalian expression profile). In one embodiment of the present invention, TIMP-3 surface exposed positively charged patches are redistributed to mimic the TIMP-2 charged surface. In another embodiment, charge differences between TIMP-2 and TIMP-3 are masked by the insertion of glycosylation sites. Glycosylation insertion may also be useful for expression improvement (see, for example, Enhancing the Secretion of Recombinant Proteins by Engineering N-Glycosylation Sites. Liu Y. et al, Amer Inst Chem Eng 2009, pg. 1468).

[0056] Thus, in another embodiment, a sub-set of solvent exposed sites developed by computational analysis are screened for N-glycosylation likelihood. For methods involving insertion of glycosylation sites, an N-glycosylation prediction tool is useful in selecting sites that may be mutated to facilitate potential N-linked glycosylation, for example by identifying residues that could be mutated to form a canonical N-X-T glycosylation site (where N is asparagine, x is any amino acid and T is threonine). In a further embodiment, structure based methods are used to identify all solvent exposed amino acids (including those amino acids with sidechain exposure >20 Å). An additional embodiment includes the mutation of LRP1 interacting lysines on TIMP-3, based upon the crystal structure of LRP1/RAP (Receptor Associated Protein) with interacting RAP lysines mapped against TIMP-3.

[0057] Additional combinations are contemplated herein. For example, an F57N mutation can be made in combination with a mutation at a lysine residue, wherein the lysine residue is any lysine in TIMP-3. In one embodiment, a single lysine is mutated; in another embodiment, two, three, four or five lysine residues are mutated. In certain embodiments, lysine residues at amino acid 45 and/or 133 can be mutated. In another example, an F57N mutation introduces a single N-linked glycosylation site; this mutation can be made with additional mutations to introduce additional glycosylation sites, or with other mutations designed to affect one or more of the above mentioned properties of TIMP-3. Contemplated herein are TIMP-3 muteins, or variants, that comprise one introduced N-linked glycosylation site, that comprise two, three or four N-linked glycosylation sites, and that comprise five or more N-linked glycosylation sites.

[0058] Particular mutations are shown in FIGS. 1 and 2. FIG. 1 presents an alignment of native, full-length human TIMP-3 and a mutated form of full-length human TIMP-3 in which the letter "X" has been substituted for particular amino acids within the sequence. The signal sequence is underlined; other signal sequences can be substituted therefore, as described herein. Certain substitutions are envisioned in the mature form of TIMP-3, and are designated herein as “n # m” where “n” designates the amino acid found in the native, full-length TIMP-3, “#” designates the amino acid residue number, and “m” designates the amino acid that has been substituted. Thus, for example, “K45N” indicates that the lysine (K) at amino acid 45 has been substituted with asparagine (N). The mutated forms of human TIMP-3 exemplified herein comprise the following mutations (alone, or in combination): K45N, K45S, V47T, K50N, V52T, P56N, F57N, G58T, T63N, K65T, T74E, H78E, H78N, Q80T, K94N, E96T, D110N, K112T, Q126N, R138T, and G173T. Combinations of these mutations are also contemplated, and can include from two to ten (i.e., 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10) of the above-mentioned substitutions.


Further mutations include K49S, K50N/V52T, K53E, V97N/K99T, R186N/K188T; K50N/V52T, V97N/K99T, R186N/K188T; K49E, K53E, K188Q; K50N/V52T, R186N/K188T; K50N/V52T, F57N, R186N/K188T; K49S, K50N/V52T, F57N, R186N/K188T; K50N/V52T, F57N, V97N/K99T, R186N/K188T; K49S, K50N/V52T, F57N, R186N/K188T; K50N/V52T, F57N, V97N/K99T, R186N/K188T; and K49S, K50N/V52T, F57N, V97N/K99T, R186N/K188T.

FIG. 2 presents an alignment of native, full-length human TIMP-3, and a TIMP-3 variant in which certain amino acid substitutions have been made that render the sequence more similar to that of TIMP-2. The signal sequence is present and underlined for the native, full-length TIMP-3 sequence to maintain consistency of numbering; other signal sequences can be substituted therefore, as described herein. In the sequence for the TIMP-3 variant, "X" has been substituted for particular amino acids to indicate residues in the mature form of TIMP-3 at which substitutions are envisioned; these substitutions include H, K, P, R, S or W at residue 25; A at residue 27; D or L at residue 28; N at residue 34; T at residue 39; T, F, A or N at residue 43; I or T at residue 45; D at residue 46; S at residue 48; S at residue 49; T at residue 51; N at residue 63; N at residue 67; I at residue 68; D or W at residue 78; T at residue 96; N at residue 202 and S at residue 207. The substitutions can be made individually, or in combination. Thus, using the formatting described for FIG. 1, one variant exemplified in FIG. 2 is A27T, I68K. Additional combinations are also contemplated, and can include from two to ten of the above mentioned substitutions. Moreover, the substitutions described in FIG. 2 can be combined with the substitutions described in FIG. 1, for example, A27T, P56N, G58T.

Lee et al. (J. Biol. Chem. 282:6887-2007) disclose studies that purported to identify extracellular matrix binding motifs in TIMP-3. When they failed to identify known heparin binding sequences in TIMP-3, they identified eleven lysine and arginine residues, the location of which suggested that the side chains of these basic amino acids would be exposed at the surface of TIMP-3 in considerable high density. These residues were K26, K27, K30, K71, K76, R100, K123, K125, K137, K163, K165 (using the numbering system used herein, these residues would be numbered K49, K50, K53, K94, K99, K123, K146, K148, K160, R186, K188). Accordingly, additional TIMP-3 mutants include those shown below. These mutants are expected to exhibit partial or full heparin independence. In addition to modification of surface-exposed basic amino acid sidechains, certain of the mutations will also introduce an N-linked glycosylation site into the TIMP-3 mutein (i.e., K94N/E96T).

Among mutants that are made to reduce heparin independence are K49E, K50E, K53E, K99E, R186Q, K188Q; K49E, K50E, K53E, F57N, K99E, R186Q, K188Q; K49S, K50E, K53E, F57N, K99E, R186Q, K188Q; K49S, K50N/V52T, F57N, K99E, R186Q, K188Q; K49S, K50N/V52T, K94N/E96T, K188Q; K50N/V52T, K94N/E96T, G173T; K50N/V52T, R186N/K188T; K50N/V52T, K94N/E96T, R186N, K188T; K50N/V52T, K94N/E96T, R186N/K188T; K50N/V52T, F57N, K94N/E96T, R186N/K188T; K50N/V52T, T63N/K65T, K94N/E96T, R186N/K188T. In accordance with the present invention, several of these muteins may exhibit multiple favorable properties. For example, several of the muteins contain inserted N-linked glycosylation sites; other muteins comprises mutations that enhance expression in mammalian cell system.

The TIMP-3 variants, muteins or derivative will have an amino acid sequence that is quite similar to that of native TIMP-3. In one embodiment, a TIMP-3 variant, mutein or derivative will be at least 85% identical to native TIMP-3; in another embodiment, a TIMP-3 variant, mutein or derivative will be at least 90% identical to native TIMP-3; in another embodiment, a TIMP-3 variant, mutein or derivative will be at least 95% identical to native TIMP-3. In further embodiments, a TIMP-3 variant, mutein or derivative is at least 96% identical, 97% identical, 98% identical or 99% identical to native TIMP-3. As used herein, the percent identities refer to a comparison of the mature, full-length variant, mutein or derivative to the mature, full-length form of native TIMP-3, i.e., TIMP-3 lacking a signal peptide (amino acids 24 through 211 of TIMP-3). Those of skill in the art will readily understand that a similar comparison can be made between a variant, mutein or derivative of the N-terminal domain of TIMP-3 and the N-terminal domain of native TIMP-3.

Additional changes can be made in a nucleic acid encoding a TIMP-3 polypeptide (either native, mutein, variant or derivative) to facilitate expression. For example, the signal peptide of native TIMP-3 can be substituted with a different signal peptide.

Other derivatives of TIMP-3 polypeptides within the scope of this invention include covalent or aggregative conjugates of TIMP-3 polypeptides, or fragments thereof, with other proteins or polypeptides, such as by expression of recombinant fusion proteins comprising heterologus polypeptides fused to the N-terminus or C-terminus of a TIMP-3 polypeptide. For example, the conjugated peptide may be a heterologous signal (or leader) peptide, e.g., the yeast alpha-factor leader, or a peptide such as an epitope tag. Those of ordinary skill in the art understand that a heterologous signal peptide may differ in length from the native TIMP-3 signal peptide, but can correctly identify the location of muteins with respect to the amino acid sequence of mature TIMP-3; by aligning the N-terminal cysteine residues of TIMP-3 polypeptides produced using a heterologous signal peptide.

TIMP-3 polypeptide-containing fusion proteins can comprise peptides added to facilitate purification or identification of the TIMP-3 polypeptide (e.g., poly-His). Another tag peptide is the FLAG® peptide described in Hopp et al., Bio/Technology 6:1204, 1988, and U.S. Pat. No. 5,011,912. The FLAG® peptide is highly antigenic and provides an epitope reversibly bound by a specific monoclonal antibody (mAb), enabling rapid assay and facile purification of expressed recombinant protein. Rengants useful for preparing fusion proteins in which the FLAG® peptide is fused to a given polypeptide are commercially available (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.).

Covalent modifications are also considered derivate of the TIMP-3 polypeptides and are included within the scope of this invention, and are generally, but not always, done post-translationally. For example, several types of covalent modifications of the antigen binding protein are introduced into the molecule by reacting specific amino acid resid-
duces of the antigen binding protein with an organic derivatizing agent that is capable of reacting with selected side chains or the N- or C-terminal residues.

[0070] Cysteinyl residues most commonly are reacted with alpha-haloacetates and (corresponding amines), such as chloroacetic acid or chloroaceticamide, to give carboxymethyl or carboxamidomethyl derivatives. Cysteinyl residues also are derivatized by reaction with bromothiophenoacetone, alpha-bromo-beta-(5-imidazoyl)proponic acid, chloroacetylated phosphine, N-alkylmaleimides, 3-nitro-2-pyridyl disulfide, methyl-2-pyridyl disulfide, p-chloromercuribenzoate, 2-chloromercuri-4-nitrophenol, or chloro-7-nitrobenzo-2-oxa-1,3-diazole. Accordingly, in one aspect of the invention, cysteinyl residues are added to the native TIMP-3 sequence, for example by altering selected codon(s) to encode Cys. Such Cys substitution can be made in regions of TIMP-3 that are shown to be important for expression, folding or other properties as shown herein.

[0071] The number of carbohydrate moieties on the proteins of the invention can be increased by chemical or enzymatic coupling of glycoids to the protein. These procedures are advantageous in that they do not require production of the protein in a host cell that has glycosylation capabilities for N- and O-linked glycosylation. Depending on the coupling mode used, the sugar(s) may be attached to (a) arginine and histidine, (b) free carboxyl groups, (c) free sulfhydryl groups such as those of cysteine, (d) free hydroxyl groups such as those of serine, threonine, or hydroxyproline, (e) aromatic residues such as those of phenylalanine, tyrosine, or tryptophan, or (f) the amide group of glutamine. These methods are described in WO 87/05330 published Sep. 11, 1987, and in Aplin and Wriston, 1981, CRC Crit. Rev. Biochem., pp. 259-306.

[0072] Removal of carbohydrate moieties present on the starting recombinant protein may be accomplished chemically or enzymatically. Chemical deglycosylation requires exposure of the protein to the compound trifluoromethane-sulfonic acid, or an equivalent compound. This treatment results in the cleavage of most or all sugars except the linking sugar (N-acetylglucosamine or N-acetylgalactosamine), while leaving the polypeptide intact. Chemical deglycosylation is described by Hakimuddin et al., 1987, Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 259:52 and by Edge et al., 1981, Anal. Biochem. 118:131. Enzymatic cleavage of carbohydrate moieties on polypeptides can be achieved by the use of a variety of endo- and exo-glycosidases as described by Thotakura et al., 1987, Meth. Enzymol. 138:350. Glycosylation at potential glycosylation sites may be prevented by the use of the compound tunicamycin as described by Duskin et al., 1982, J. Biol. Chem. 257:3105. Tunicamycin blocks the formation of protein-N-glycoside linkages.

[0073] Another type of covalent modification of the antigen binding protein comprises linking the protein to various non-proteinaceous polymers, including, but not limited to, various polyols such as polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol or polyoxyalkylenes, in the manner set forth in U.S. Pat. No. 6,404,835; 4,496,689; 4,301,144; 4,670,417; 4,791,192 or 4,179,337. In addition, as is known in the art, amino acid substitutions may be made in various positions within the protein to facilitate the addition of polymers such as PEG.

Expression of TIMP-3 Polypeptides

[0074] Any expression system known in the art can be used to make the recombinant polypeptides of the invention. In general, host cells are transformed with a recombinant expression vector that comprises DNA encoding a desired TIMP-3 polypeptide (including TIMP-3 muteins or variants). Among the host cells that may be employed are prokaryotes, yeast or higher eukaryotic cells. Prokaryotic cells include gram negative or gram positive organisms, for example Escherichia coli or bacilli. Higher eukaryotic cells include insect cells and established cell lines of mammalian origin. Examples of suitable mammalian host cell lines include the COS-7 line of monkey kidney cells (ATCC CRL 1651) (Ghizman et al., 1981, Cell 23:175), L cells, 293 cells, C127 cells, 3T3 cells (ATCC CCL 163), Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells, HeLa cells, BHK (ATCC CRL 10) cell lines, and the CVI/EBNA cell line derived from the African green monkey kidney cell line CVI (ATCC CCL 70) as described by McManus et al., 1991, EMBO J. 10: 2821. Appropriate cloning and expression vectors for use with bacterial, fungal, yeast, and mammalian cellular hosts are described by Pourwells et al. (Cloning Vectors: A Laboratory Manual, Elsevier, New York, 1985).

[0075] Mammalian cell expression can provide advantages for the production of TIMP-3 polypeptides, in facilitating folding and adoption of conformation that closely resembles that of native TIMP-3. Numerous mammalian cell expression systems are known in the art, and/or are commercially available; the latter includes systems such as Gibco® Freedom® CHO-S® (a product designed for ease of use with all aspects of cloning and expression of recombinant proteins in Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO)-derived suspension culture; ProBioGen, Life Technologies; Carlsbad, Calif.); GS Gene Expression System™ (a transfection system designed to provide development of high-yielding, stable, cGMP-compatible mammalian cell lines; Lonza Biologics, Slough, UK), PER.C6® technology (a package of tools designed to facilitate the large-scale production of recombinant proteins, utilizing a continuously dividing set of cells derived from a single, immortalized human cell; Crucell, Leiden, The Netherlands), or immortalized amnioocyte cells such as CAP and CAP-T (human cell-based expression systems for the expression and production of complex proteins; Cevtec, Cologne, Germany).

[0076] Additional cell expression systems include systems such as the Selseis SUR® Technology Platform™ (a technology platform that can be applied to a variety of cell lines to facilitate development cell lines for the production of recombinant proteins; Selseis Inc., Switzerland); ProFection® Mammalian Transfection Systems (a transfection system that provides high-efficiency transfections of cells for the production of recombinant proteins; Promega, Madison Wis.); the Expi293™ Expression System (a high-density mammalian transient protein expression system; Life Technologies, Grand Island, N.Y.); and MaxCyte® VLX™ and STX™ Transient Transfection Systems (a scalable transfection system for use in the production of recombinant proteins, including antibodies; MaxCyte, Gaithersburg, Md.). Those of skill in the art are further aware of other expression systems, such as techniques in the methods described by Wiegler et al. (Cell 129: 777) and additional techniques that are described, for example, by the National Research Council of Canada on their website.

[0077] Various vessels are known in the art to be suitable for the culture of transformed cells and production of recombinant proteins. These include 24-deep well plates, 250 mL and 1 L shakeflasks, and various bioreactors of various sizes, for example, 2 L, 5 L, 10 L, 30 L, 100 L, 1000 L, 10000 L and
larger Bioreactors. Other suitable vessels for cell culture are known in the art and can also be used as described herein.

[0078] Cell culture media formulations are well known in the art; typically, a culture medium provides essential and non-essential amino acids, vitamins, energy sources, lipids, and trace elements required by the cell for minimal growth and/or survival, as well as buffers, and salts. A culture medium may also contain supplementary components that enhance growth and/or survival above the minimal rate, including, but not limited to, hormones and/or other growth factors, particular ions (such as sodium, chloride, calcium, magnesium, and phosphate), buffers, vitamins, nucleosides or nucleotides, trace elements (inorganic compounds usually present at very low final concentrations), amino acids, lipids, and/or glucose or other energy source; as described herein, cell-cycle inhibitors can be added to a culture medium. In certain embodiments, a medium is advantageously formulated to a pH and salt concentration optimal for cell survival and proliferation. In certain embodiments, the medium is a feed medium that is added after the beginning of the cell culture. In certain embodiments, the cell culture medium is a mixture of a starting nutrient solution and any feed medium that is added after the beginning of the cell culture.

[0079] Various tissue culture media, including defined culture media, are commercially available, for example, any one or a combination of the following cell culture media can be used: RPMI-1640 Medium, RPMI-1641 Medium, Dulbecco’s Modified Eagle’s Medium (DMEM), Minimum Essential Medium Eagle, F-12K Medium, Ham’s F12 Medium, Iscove’s Modified Dulbecco’s Medium, McCoy’s 5A Medium, Leibovitz’s L-15 Medium, and serum-free media such as EX-CHELL™ 300 Series (JRH Biosciences, Lenexa, Kans.), among others. Serum-free versions of such culture media are also available. Cell culture media may be supplemented with additional or increased concentrations of components such as amino acids, salts, sugars, vitamins, hormones, growth factors, buffers, antibiotics, lipids, trace elements and the like, depending on the requirements of the cells to be cultured and/or the desired cell culture parameters.

[0080] The transformed cells can be cultured under conditions that promote expression of the polypeptide, and the polypeptide recovered by conventional protein purification procedures. One such purification procedure includes the use of affinity chromatography as well as other methods that are known in the art. One method to isolate TIMP-3 parent or TIMP-3 muteins from mammalian supernatants is to utilize a TIMP-3 that is fused to a carboxy-terminal 6x-Histidine affinity Ni-Sepharose resin (for example, Immobilized Metal Affinity Chromatography (IMAC). general procedures are known in the art, and reagents for, and examples of such procedures are outlined by QIAGEN, Germantown, Md. and GE Healthcare, Pittsburgh, Pa.). Cation exchange chromatography (eg SP-Sepharose®, GE Healthcare) can be utilized to further isolate TIMP-3 post IMAC elution, or as an alternative strategy without the use of IMAC to capture TIMP-3 from mammalian supernatants (elution of TIMP-3 and muteins thereof occurs with the use of a sodium chloride gradient at neutral pH). Size Exclusion Chromatography (e.g. Superdex 200®, GE Healthcare, (mobile phase example: 10 mM Na2HPO4, 1.8 mM KH2PO4, 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl)) is a general strategy that can be used to further isolate TIMP-3 or muteins thereof (in combination with an IMAC process or ion exchange chromatography. These and other methods are known in the art; see for example, Protein Purification: Principles: High Resolution Methods, and Applications, Third Edition (2012, John Wiley and Sons; Hoboken, N.J.).

[0081] The amount of polypeptide (native TIMP-3 or a TIMP-3 mutein or variant) can be determined by any suitable, quantitative or semi-quantitative method that will allow analysis of the amount of recombinant TIMP-3 (native, variant or mutein) in cell culture supernatant fluid, i.e., conditioned media (CM). Suitable qualitative or semi-quantitative methods include Western blots and Coomassie stained SDS PAGE gels. Quantitative measurements could include use of an enzyme immunoasay such as a human TIMP-3 ELISA (R&D Systems Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.), or ForteBio Octet® (Pall ForteBio Corp, Menlo Park, Calif.) with antibody mediated capture of TIMP-3, or direct UV (ultraviolet) absorbance (280 nm) measurements on purified TIMP-3.

[0082] Thus, the effects of a particular mutation in TIMP-3 can be evaluated by comparing the amount of recombinant mutein made to the amount of native protein made under similar culture conditions. A TIMP-3 mutein or variant can be expressed at levels that are 1x, 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 10x or greater, levels as observed for native TIMP-3. If desired, the specific productivity of a particular transformed or transfected cell line can be determined to allow comparison of the specific productivity for various forms of TIMP-3. Specific productivity, or qP, is expressed in picograms of recombinant protein per cell per day (pg/c/d), and can be readily determined by applying methods known in the art to quantitate the cells in a culture and the above-mentioned methods of quantifying recombinant protein.

Uses for TIMP-3 Polypeptides

[0083] TIMP-3 polypeptides, variants, muteins or derivatives can be used, for example, in assays, or they can be employed in patients or animals having a condition in which a decrease in TIMP-3 activity increases (i.e., conditions in which matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) and/or other proteinases that are inhibited or inhibitable by TIMP-3 play a causative or exacerbating role), including but not limited to inflammatory conditions, osteoarthritis, and other disorders in which excessive or inappropriate MMP activity occurs (for example, myocardial ischemia, reperfusion injury, and during the progression to congestive heart failure). Inflammatory conditions include asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), inflammatory bowel disease (for example, ulcerative colitis, Crohn’s disease, and celiac disease), psoriasis, myocarditis including viral myocarditis, inflammation related to atherosclerosis, and arthritic conditions including rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, and the like.

[0084] The TIMP-3 polypeptide, variant mutein or derivative compositions described herein modify the pathogenesis and provide a beneficial therapy for diseases or conditions characterized by matrix degradation and/or inflammation, i.e., those in which metalloproteinases play a deleterious role. The compositions may be used alone or in conjunction with one or more agents used in treating such conditions. Accordingly, the present TIMP-3 polypeptide, variant mutein or derivative compositions may be useful in the treatment of any disorder where excessive matrix loss is caused by metalloproteinase activity. The inventive TIMP-3 variant mutein or derivative compositions are useful, alone or in combination with other drugs, in the treatment of various disorders linked to the overproduction of collagenase, aggrecanase, or other
matrix-degrading or inflammation-promoting enzyme(s), including dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa, osteoarthrits, Reiter’s syndrome, pseudogout, rheumatoid arthritis including juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, scleroderma, periodontal disease, ulceration including cornal, epidermal, or gastric ulceration, wound healing after surgery, and restenosis. Other pathological conditions in which excessive collagen and/or proteoglycan degradation may play a role and thus where TIMP-3 polypeptide, variant mutein or derivative compositions can be applied, include emphysema, Paget’s disease of bone, osteoporosis, scleroderma, pressure atrophy of bone or tissues as in bedsores, cholesteatoma, and abnormal wound healing. Additional conditions that are, directly or indirectly, a result of decreased amounts of TIMP-3 or increased amounts of metalloproteinases (for example, in myocardial ischemia, reperfusion injury, and during the progression to congestive heart failure) may also be treated with the presently described compositions, either alone or in conjunction with other drugs commonly used to treat individuals afflicted with such conditions. TIMP-3 polypeptide, variant, mutein or derivative compositions can additionally be applied as an adjunct to other wound healing promoters, e.g., to modulate the turnover of collagen during the healing process.

[0085] Many metalloproteinases also exhibit pro-inflammatory activity; accordingly, additional embodiments include methods of treating inflammation and/or autoimmune disorders, wherein the disorders include, but are not limited to, cartilage degeneration, and/or bone degradation, arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic rheumatoid arthritis, polyarticular rheumatoid arthritis, systemic onset rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, enteropathic arthritis, reactive arthritis, Reiter’s Syndrome, SEA Syndrome (Seronegativity, Enthesopathy, Arthropathy Syndrome), dermatomyositis, psoriatic arthritis, scleroderma, systemic lupus erythematosus, vasculitis, myelitis, polynuropathy, dermatomyositis, osteoarthrits, polyarthritis nodosa, Wegener’s granulomatosis, arteritis, polyangial rheumatic, sarcoidosis, sclerosis, primary biliary sclerosis, sclerosing cholangitis, Sjogren’s syndrome, psoriasis, plaque psoriasis, guttate psoriasis, inverse psoriasis, pustular psoriasis, erythrodemic psoriasis, dermatitis, atopic dermatitis, atherosclerosis, lupus, Still’s disease, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), myasthenia gravis, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis, Crohn’s disease, Celiac disease (nontraditional Sprue), enteropathy associated with seronegative arthropathies, microscopic or collagenous colitis, eosinophilic gastroenteritis, or pouchnitis resulting after proctocolectomy and ileal anastomosis, pancreatitis, insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, mastitis, cholecystitis, cholangitis, pericholangitis, multiple sclerosis (MS), asthma (including extrinsic and intrinsic asthma as well as related chronic inflammatory conditions, or hyperresponsiveness, of the airways), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD, i.e., chronic bronchitis, emphysema), Acute Respiratory Disorder Syndrome (ARDS), respiratory distress syndrome, cystic fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary vasconstriction, acute lung injury, allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis, hypersensitivity pneumonia, eosinophilic pneumonia, bronchitis, allergic bronchitis bronchiectasis, tuberculosis, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, occupational asthma, asthma-like disorders, sarcoid, reactive airway disease (or dysfunction) syndrome, byssinosis, interstitial lung disease, hyper-eosinophilic syndrome, rhinitis, sinusitis, and parasitic lung disease, airway hyperresponsiveness associated with viral-induced conditions (for example, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), parainfluenza virus (PIV), rhinovirus (RV) and adenovirus), Guillain-Barre disease, Graves’ disease, Addison’s disease, Raynaud’s phenomenon, autoimmune hepatitis, GVHD, and the like. TIMP-3 polypeptides, variants, muteins or derivatives also have application in cases where decreased relative levels of TIMP-3 (i.e., a decrease in the ratio of endogenous TIMP-3 to metalloproteinases, which may be a result of decreased amounts of TIMP-3 or increased amounts of metalloproteinases) are associated with pathological effects, for example, in myocardial ischemia, reperfusion injury, and during the progression to congestive heart failure.

[0086] Based on the ability of TIMP-3 to inhibit connective tissue degradation, TIMP-3 polypeptides, variants, muteins or derivatives have application in cases where inhibition of angiogenesis is useful, e.g., in preventing or retarding tumor development, and the prevention of the invasion of parasites. For example, in the field of tumor invasion and metastasis, the metastatic potential of some particular tumors correlates with the increased ability to synthesize and secrete collagens, and with the inability to synthesize and secrete significant amounts of a metalloproteinase inhibitor. The presently disclosed TIMP-3 proteins also have therapeutic application in inhibiting tumor cell dissemination during removal of primary tumors, during chemotherapy and radiation therapy, during harvesting of contaminated bone marrow, and during shunting of carcinomatosus ascites. Diagnostically, correlation between absence of TIMP-3 production in a tumor specimen and its metastatic potential is useful as a prognostic indicator as well as an indicator for possible prevention therapy.

[0087] MMPs also act on the basal lamina and tight junction proteins in the brain, as part of the pathway for opening the blood-brain barrier (BBB), facilitating the entrance of cells and soluble mediators of inflammation into the brain. Accordingly, the present compositions and methods may be useful in the treatment of disorders of the nervous system characterized by excessive or inappropriate permeabilization of the BBB. Additionally, degradation of matrix proteins around neurons can result in loss of contact and cell death; thus, the disclosed TIMP-3 compositions may protect nerve cells from damage by preserving the basement membrane surrounding nerve cells. The invasive TIMP-3 compositions are useful in treating or ameliorating the neuroinflammatory response to injury, for example, cerebral ischemia, or for traumatic brain injury. The compositions disclosed herein will also be useful in the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases where inflammation is an underlying cause of the disease, for example, multiple sclerosis, as well as in treatment of various forms of neuropathy and/or myopathy, spinal cord injury, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Accordingly, uses of the inventive compositions may involve coadministration with BDNF, NT-3, NGF, CNTF, NDF, SFC, or other nerve cell growth or proliferation modulation factors. In addition, the present compositions and methods may be applicable for cosmetic purposes, in that localized inhibition of connective tissue breakdown may alter the appearance of tissue.

[0088] TIMP-3 polypeptides, variants, muteins or derivatives may be employed in an in vitro procedure, or administered in vivo to augment endogenous TIMP-3 activity and/or enhance a TIMP-3-induced biological activity. The inventive TIMP-3 polypeptides, variants, muteins or derivative may be
employed in vivo under circumstances in which endogenous TIMP-3 is downregulated or present at low levels. Disorders caused or exacerbated (directly or indirectly) by TIMP-3-inhibitable proteinases, examples of which are provided herein, thus may be treated. In one embodiment, the present invention provides a therapeutic method comprising in vivo administration of a TIMP-3 polypeptide, variant, mutein or derivative to a mammal in need thereof in an amount effective for increasing a TIMP-3-induced biological activity. In another embodiment, the present invention provides a therapeutic method comprising in vivo administration of a TIMP-3 polypeptide, variant, mutein or derivative to a mammal in need thereof in an amount effective for elevating endogenous levels of TIMP-3.

[0091] In another aspect, the present invention provides TIMP-3 polypeptides, variants, muteins or derivatives having improved half-life in vivo. In one embodiment, the half-life of a TIMP-3 mutein is at least twice that of native TIMP-3; in another embodiment, the half-life is at least three times, four times, five times, six times, eight times or ten times greater than that of native TIMP-3. In one embodiment, the half-life is determined in a non-human mammal; in another embodiment, the half-life is determined in a human subject. Further embodiments provide a TIMP-3 mutein or variant that has a half-life of at least one day in vivo (e.g., when administered to a human subject). In one embodiment, the TIMP-3 polypeptides, variants, muteins or derivatives have a half-life of at least three days. In another embodiment, the TIMP-3 polypeptides, variants, muteins or derivatives have a half-life of four days or longer. In another embodiment, the TIMP-3 polypeptides, variants, muteins or derivatives have a half-life of eight days or longer.

[0090] In another embodiment, the TIMP-3 polypeptide, variants, or muteins is derivatized or modified such that it has a longer half-life as compared to the underivatized or unmodified TIMP-3 binding protein. The derivatized polypeptide can comprise any molecule or substance that imparts a desired property to the polypeptide, such as increased half-life in a particular use. The derivatized polypeptide can comprise, for example, a detectable (or labeling) moiety (e.g., a radioactive, colorimetric, antigenic or enzymatic molecule, a detectable bead (such as a magnetic or electrodense (e.g., gold) bead), or a molecule that binds to another molecule (e.g., biotin or streptavidin)), a therapeutic or diagnostic moiety (e.g., a radioactive, cytotoxic, or pharmaceutically active moiety), or a molecule that increases the suitability of the polypeptide for a particular use (e.g., administration to a subject, such as a human subject, or other in vivo or in vitro uses).

[0091] In one such example, the polypeptide is derivatized with a ligand that specifically binds to articular cartilage tissues, for example as disclosed in WO2008063291 and/or Rothenfluh et al., Nature Materials 7:248 (2008). Examples of molecules that can be used to derivatize a polypeptide include albumin (e.g., human serum albumin) and polyethylene glycol (PEG). Albumin-linked and PEGylated derivatives of polypeptides can be prepared using techniques well known in the art. In one embodiment, the polypeptide is conjugated or otherwise linked to transferrin (TTR) or a TTR variant. The TTR or TTR variant can be chemically modified with, for example, a chemical selected from the group consisting of dextran, poly(ethylene oxalate)/ethylene oxide co-polymers, polyethylene glycols, polypropylene glycol homopolymers, polypropylene oxide/ethylene oxide co-polymers, polyoxyethylene polyols and polyvinyl alcohols (US Pat. App. No. 20030195154).

[0092] Also comprehended by the invention are pharmaceutical compositions comprising effective amounts of polypeptide products (i.e., TIMP-3 polypeptides, variants, muteins or derivatives) of the invention together with pharmaceutically acceptable diluents, preservatives, solubilizers, emulsifiers, adjuvants and/or carriers useful in TIMP-3 therapy (i.e., conditions in which increasing the endogenous levels of TIMP-3 or augmenting the activity of endogenous TIMP-3 is useful). Such compositions include diluents of various buffer content (e.g., Tris-HCl, acetate, phosphate), pH and ionic strength; additives such as detergents and solubilizing agents (e.g., Tween 80, Polysorbate 80), anti-oxidants (e.g., ascorbic acid, sodium metabisulfite), preservatives (e.g., Thimerosal, benzyl alcohol) and bulking substances (e.g., lactose, mannitol); covalent attachment of polymers such as polyethylene glycol to the protein (as discussed supra, see, for example US. Pat. No. 4,179,337 hereby incorporated by reference); incorporation of the material into particulate preparations of polymeric compounds such as polyacrylic acid, polyglycolic acid, etc. or into liposomes. Such compositions will influence the physical state, stability, rate of in vivo release, and rate of in vivo clearance of TIMP-3 binding proteins. See, e.g., Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, 18th Ed. (1990, Mack Publishing Co., Easton, Pa. 18042) pages 1435-1712 which are herein incorporated by reference.

[0093] Generally, an effective amount of the present polypeptides will be determined by the age, weight and condition or severity of disease of the recipient. See, Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, supra, at pages 697-773, herein incorporated by reference. Typically, a dosage of between about 0.001 g/kg body weight to about 1 g/kg body weight, may be used, but more or less, as a skilled practitioner will recognize, may be used. For local (i.e., non-systemic) applications, such as topical or intra-articular applications, the dosage may be between about 0.001 g/cm² to about 1 g/cm². Dosing may be one or more times daily, or less frequently, and may be in conjunction with other compositions as described herein. It should be noted that the present invention is not limited to the dosages recited herein.

[0094] As is understood in the pertinent field, pharmaceutical compositions comprising the molecules of the invention are administered to a subject in a manner appropriate to the indication. Pharmaceutical compositions may be administered by any suitable technique, including but not limited to parenterally, topically, locally or by inhalation. If injected, the pharmaceutical composition can be administered, for example, via intravenous, intramuscular, intranasal, intra-articular, subcutaneous, routes, by bolus injection, or continuous infusion.

[0095] Localized administration, e.g. at a site of disease or injury is contemplated, as are transdermal delivery and sustained release from implants. Other alternatives include eyedrops; oral preparations including pills, syrups, lozenges or chewing gum; and topical preparations such as lotions, gels, sprays, and ointments. For example, localized administration to joints or the musculoskeletal systems includes periarticular, intra-articular, intrabursal, intracartilaginous, intrasynovial and intratendinous administration. Administration to the respiratory system includes intrapulmonary, intrapultral, intrapulmonary, intratracheal, intranasal and intrabronchial delivery, and can be facilitated, for example, by an inhaler or a nebulizer. Intrathecal delivery and other methods that are useful to introduce compositions into the brain and/or ner-
vous system are also contemplated herein, for example, epidural, intradural or peridural, administration, as well as perineural, intracaudal, intracebral, intracisternal, and intraspinal administration.

Further examples of local administration include delivery to tissue in conjunction with surgery or another medical procedure. For example, a pharmaceutical composition can be administered to heart tissue during surgery that is performed to treat or ameliorate cardiac symptoms, or during a procedure such as cardiac catheterization (for example, percutaneous coronary intervention). Delivery may be via intracoronary, intracardia, intramyocardial, and/or transendocardial route, for example, and may be guided by endocardial or electromechanical maps of the area of the heart to be injected, or by the use of other techniques, such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Compositions can also be delivered via inclusion in a cardiac patch, or in the coating of a stent or other device useful in cardiac conditions.

In addition to eye drops, the use of ointments, creams or gels to administer the present compositions to the eye is also contemplated. Direct administration to the interior of the eye may be accomplished by periocular, conjunctival, intracorneal, subconjunctival, subtenon, retrobulbar, intraocular, and/or intravitreal injection or administration. These and other techniques are discussed, for example, in Gibaldi’s Drug Delivery Systems in Pharmaceutical Care (2007, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Bethesda, Md.).

A plurality of agents act in concert in order to maintain the dynamic equilibrium of the extracellular matrix and tissues. In treatment of conditions where the equilibrium is skewed, one or more of the other agents may be used in conjunction with the present polypeptides. These other agents may include co-administered or administered in seriatim, or a combination thereof. Generally, these other agents may be selected from the list consisting of the metalloproteinases, serine proteases, inhibitors of matrix-degrading enzymes, intracellular enzymes, cell adhesion modulators, and factors regulating the expression of extracellular matrix degrading proteases and their inhibitors. While specific examples are listed below, one skilled in the art will recognize other agents performing equivalent functions, including additional agents, or other forms of the listed agents (such as those produced synthetically, via recombinant DNA techniques, and analogs and derivatives).

Other degradation inhibitors may also be used if increased or more specific prevention of extracellular matrix degradation is desired. For example, inhibitors may be selected from the group consisting of α1, macroglobulin, pregnancy zone protein, ovostatin, α,1-proteinase inhibitor, α1-antiplasmin, apolipoprotein, protease nexin-1, plasminogen activator inhibitor (PAI)-1, PAI-2, TIMP-1, and TIMP-2. Others may be used, as one skilled in the art will recognize.

Intracellular enzymes may also be used in conjunction with the present polypeptides. Intracellular enzymes also may affect extracellular matrix degradation, and include lysosomal enzymes, glycosidases and cathepsins.

Cell adhesion modulators may also be used in combination with the present polypeptides. For example, one may wish to modulate cell adhesion to the extracellular matrix prior to, during, or after inhibition of degradation of the extracellular matrix using the present polypeptides. Cells which have exhibited cell adhesion to the extracellular matrix include osteoclasts, macrophages, neutrophils, eosinophils, killer T cells and mast cells. Cell adhesion modulators include peptides containing an “RGD” motif or analog or mimetic antagonists or agonists.

Factors regulating expression of extracellular matrix degrading proteases and their inhibitors include cytokines, such as IL-1 and TNF-alpha, TGF-beta, glucocorticoids, and retinoids. Other growth factors effecting cell proliferation and/or differentiation may also be used if the desired effect is to inhibit degradation of the extracellular matrix using the present polypeptides, in conjunction with such cellular effects. For example, during inflammation, one may desire the maintenance of the extracellular matrix (via inhibition of enzymatic activity) yet desire the production of neutrophils; therefore one may administer G-CSF. Other factors include erythropoietin, interleukin family members, SCF, M-CSF, IGF-I, IGF-II, EGF, FGF family members such as KGF, PDGF, and others. One may wish additionally the activity of interferons, such as interferon alpha’s, beta’s, gamma’s, or consensus interferon. Intracellular agents include G-proteins, protein kinase C and inositol phosphates. The use of the present polypeptides may provide therapeutic benefit with one or more agents involved in inflammation therapy.

Cell trafficking agents may also be used. For example, inflammation involves the degradation of the extracellular matrix, and the movement, or trafficking of cells to the site of injury. Prevention of degradation of the extracellular matrix may prevent such cell trafficking. Use of the present polypeptides in conjunction with agonists or antagonists of cell trafficking-modulation agents may therefore be desired in treating inflammation. Cell trafficking-modulating agents may be selected from the list consisting of endothelial cell surface receptors (such as E-selectins and integrins); leukocyte cell surface receptors (L-selectins); chemokins and chemoattractants. For a review of compositions involved in inflammation, see Carlos et al., Immunol. Rev. 114: 5-28 (1990), which is herein incorporated by reference.

Moreover, compositions may include neurodifferentiation factors, “NDF,” and methods of treatment may include the administration of NDF before, simultaneously with, or after the administration of TIMP-3. NDF has been found to stimulate the production of TIMP-2, and the combination of NDF; TIMP-1,-2 and/or -3 may provide benefits in treating tumors.

Polypeptide products of the invention may be “labeled” by association with a detectable marker substance (e.g., radiolabeled with 125I, or labeled with a fluorophore such as AlexaFluor® [LifeTechnologies, Grand Island, N.Y.]) to provide reagents useful in detection and quantification of TIMP-3 in solid tissue and fluid samples such as blood or urine. Nucleic acid products of the invention may also be labeled with detectable markers (such as radiolabels and non-isotopic labels such as biotin) and employed in hybridization processes to identify relevant genes, for example.

As described above, the present TIMP-3 polypeptide, variant mutein or derivative compositions have wide application in a variety of disorders. Thus, another embodiment contemplated herein is a kit including the present compositions and optionally one or more of the additional compositions described above for the treatment of a disorder involving the degradation of extracellular matrix. An additional embodiment is an article of manufacture comprising a packaging material and a pharmaceutical agent within said packaging material, wherein said pharmaceutical agent con-
tains the present polypeptide(s), variant(s), mutein(s) or derivative(s) and wherein said packaging material comprises a label which indicates a therapeutic use for TIMP-3. In one embodiment, the pharmaceutical agent may be used for an indication selected from the group consisting of: cancer, inflammation, arthritis (including osteoarthritis and the like), dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa, periodontal disease, ulceration, emphysema, bone disorders, scleroderma, wound healing, erythrocyte deficiencies, cosmetic tissue reconstruction, fertilization or embryo implant modulation, and nerve cell disorders. This article of manufacture may optionally include other compositions or label descriptions of other compositions.

Example 1

This Example describes a method used to determine the effects, if any, of a mutation or mutations in TIMP-3 resulted on expression in a mammalian expression system. This Example describes a general vector and host cell system, numerous vector and host cell systems are known in the art, described herein, and are suitable for determination of the effects, if any, of particular mutations in a TIMP-3 sequence on the expression of recombinant protein.

In general, a TIMP-3 encoding DNA is ligated into an expression vector under conventional conditions (i.e., the TIMP-3 encoding DNA is operably linked to other sequences in the vector so as to be expressible), and suitable mammalian cells are transformed or transfected with the vector. The transformed or transfected cells are cultured under appropriate conditions, and the recombinant protein is expressed and the amount evaluated, either qualitatively/semi-quantitatively, for example by Western blot or SDS-PAGE, or more quantitatively using an assay such as an ELISA (R&D Systems, Minneapolis Minn.,) or ForteBio Octet® (Pall ForteBio Corp, Menlo Park, Calif.) In this manner, the effects of various mutations on the ability of mammalian cells to express a TIMP-3 protein, mutein or variant can be determined.

Example 2

This Example describes a method used to determine whether a mutation or mutations in TIMP-3 resulted in increased heparin independence. Cells are transformed or transfected as described previously, and cultured in the presence or absence of heparin. The heparin can be added in varying amounts, to develop a semi-quantitative notion of the degree of heparin dependence. The amounts of TIMP-3 protein, mutein or variant expressed under various conditions is then determined, and a comparison is made to determine whether a particular mutation has any effect on whether or not heparin is required for release of the TIMP-3 protein, mutein or variant from the extracellular matrix, or whether the amount of heparin required is reduced.

Example 3

This Example describes MMP Inhibition Assays in which MMP activity is measured by using fluorimetric methods; other methods are known in the art. For example, fluorescence signal is increased upon cleaving a quenched MMP subtype 5-FAM/QXL 520 fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET) peptide substrate by an activated MMP subtype or subtype specific catalytic domain. FRET peptides are available for a number of different MMP; for example, from Anspec, Fremont, Calif. The TIMP-3 proteins used herein may be either nativeTIMP-3 or TIMP-3 mutein, variant or derivative; the proteins to be tested are referred to as test molecules.

For MMP2 activity assay, human pro-MMP2 (Anspec, Fremont, Calif.) is activated with 1 mM 4-aminophenylmercuric acetate (APMA, Anspec, Fremont, Calif.) for 1 hour at 37°C before incubating with MMP2 sensitive 5-FAM/QXL 520 FRET peptide in assay buffer provided by the vendor against various concentrations of test molecules in a black 384-well Optiplate (PerkinElmer, Waltham, Mass.) at 37°C. After 2 hours of incubation, fluorescence signal from the reaction plate is measured at excitation (490 nm) and emission (520 nm) on EnVision multilabel microplate reader (PerkinElmer, Waltham, Mass.). Data in relative fluorescence unit (RFU) is plotted against tested test molecule concentrations in GraphPad Prism 5.0 (GraphPad, San Diego, Calif.) to estimate half maximal inhibition constant (IC50).

For MMP9 activity measurement, a catalytic domain of human MMP9 (Anspec, Fremont, Calif.) is incubated with MMP9 sensitive 5-FAM/QXL 520 FRET peptide and various concentrations of test molecules in a black 384-well Optiplate (PerkinElmer, Waltham, Mass.) at 37°C. After 2 hours of incubation, fluorescence signal is measured at excitation (490 nm) and emission (520 nm) on EnVision multilabel microplate reader (PerkinElmer, Waltham, Mass.). Data in relative fluorescence unit (RFU) is plotted against tested test molecule concentrations in GraphPad Prism 5.0 (GraphPad, San Diego, Calif.) to estimate half maximal inhibition constant (IC50).

For MMP13 activity, test molecules are titrated in assay buffer (20 mM Tris, 10 mM CaCl₂, 10 mM ZnCl₂, 0.01% Brij 35 (Calbiochem/EMD, San Diego, Calif.), pH 7.5) and added to black polystyrene 96 or 384 well assay plate (Griener Bio-One, Germany). Active MMP13 (Calbiochem/ EMD) is diluted in assay buffer and added to the test molecule titration and incubated for 10 minutes at room temperature in a final volume of 50 microl. Alternatively, pro-MMP-13 (R & D Systems, Minneapolis, Minn.) is activated with APMA for 2 hours at 37 degrees C, and used in the assay. A fluorescent substrate such as Mca-PLG-Dpa-AR-NH₂ Fluoresgenic MMP Substrate or Mca-PLG-Dpa-AR-NH₂ Fluoresgenic Peptide Substrate (R & D Systems) is prepared, and added to the MMP-13 enzyme/huTIMP-3/test molecule solution. MMP-13 activity is measured kinetically, for example for 20 minutes using Molecular Devices fluorescent plate reader (or equivalent).

The effect of the molecules being tested may be expressed as percent of expected maximum TIMP-3 inhibition of MMP enzymatic activity. Alternatively, a quantitative evaluation of MMP inhibitory activity may not be necessary; rather, individual test molecules can be evaluated as to whether they inhibit MMP or not. Those of ordinary skill in the art recognize that the parameters outlined herein can be
varied by the application of routine experimentation. For example, preliminary experiments are performed using previously tested TIMP-3 and other materials to determine an appropriate concentration of an MPP or pro-MPP. Similarly, the type and appropriate concentration of substrate can also be determined. Thus, for example, MMP can be titrated and compared to a previously tested batch of MMP to optimize the assay parameters. Additionally, those of ordinary skill in the art can utilize similar assays to evaluate the effects, if any, of various TIMP-3 mutants and the ability to inhibit other MMPs.

Example 4


Example 5

This Table summarizes expression and MMP inhibition results obtained with numerous TIMP-3 mutants that did express in mammalian cells. For "Mammalian Expression vs. WT" the data are recorded as ‘+’ indicating that expression was substantially the same as that of wild-type (or native) TIMP-3; ‘++’ indicating that expression was increased 2-4 fold versus that observed with wild-type TIMP-3, and ‘+++’ indicating that greater than 4-fold increase in expression versus wild-type TIMP-3. The designation ‘----’ in the column referring to enzyme inhibition indicates that such testing was not done. The increase in the level of expression demonstrated the fold increase in expression as compared to that observed for wild-type TIMP-3 is determined either qualitatively through the use of western blots or SDS-PAGE Coomassie stained gels, or through the measurement of expression titers as measured using a ForteBio Octet® readout using an anti-TIMP-3 antibody to capture TIMP-3 (such antibodies are publicly available, for example from EMD Millipore, Billerica, Mass.: Abcam®, Cambridge, Mass., or R&D Systems, Minneapolis, Minn.)

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What is claimed:

1. An isolated TIMP-3 mutein having a mature region that is at least 95% identical in amino acid sequence to the mature region of TIMP-3 set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, having at least one mutation, the mutation being selected from the group consisting of:

   (a) K45E, K49S; (SEQ ID NO: 5);
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   (q) K45E, K49N, L51T, T63E; (SEQ ID NO: 20);
   (r) K49N, L51T, T74E, H78E; (SEQ ID NO: 21);
   (s) K49N, L51T; (SEQ ID NO: 27);
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   (u) L51N, K53T; (SEQ ID NO: 54);
   (v) F57N; (SEQ ID NO: 33);
   (w) P56N, G58T; (SEQ ID NO: 31);
   (x) T63N, K65T; (SEQ ID NO: 36);
   (y) P56N, G58T, T63N, K65T; (SEQ ID NO: 32);
   (z) K75N, P77T; (SEQ ID NO: 38);
   (a') H78N, Q80T; (SEQ ID NO: 39);
   (b') K94N, E96T; (SEQ ID NO: 40);
   (c') E96N, N98E; (SEQ ID NO: 41);
   (d') V97N, K99T; (SEQ ID NO: 42);
   (e') D110N, K112T; (SEQ ID NO: 43);
   (f') Q126N; (SEQ ID NO: 44);
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   (h') R138T; (SEQ ID NO: 45);
   (i') T158N, K160T; (SEQ ID NO: 47);
   (j') T166N, M168T; (SEQ ID NO: 48);
   (k') G173T; (SEQ ID NO: 49);
   (l') H181N, A183T; (SEQ ID NO: 50);

   (m') R186N, K188T; (SEQ ID NO: 51);
   (n') P201N, K203T; (SEQ ID NO: 52);
   (o') A208Y; (SEQ ID NO: 55);
   (p') A208V; (SEQ ID NO: 56);
   (q') K45S, F57N; (SEQ ID NO: 23);
   (r') K49S, F57N; (SEQ ID NO: 28);
   (s') K68S, F57N; (SEQ ID NO: 34);
   (t') K133S, F57N; (SEQ ID NO: 35);
   (u') K45S, K133S, F57N; (SEQ ID NO: 24); and
   (v') K49S, K68S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 29).

2. The isolated TIMP-3 mutein of claim 1, comprising a mature TIMP-3 polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 5; SEQ ID NO: 6; SEQ ID NO: 7; SEQ ID NO: 8; SEQ ID NO: 10; SEQ ID NO: 11; SEQ ID NO: 12; SEQ ID NO: 13; SEQ ID NO: 14; SEQ ID NO: 20; SEQ ID NO: 21; SEQ ID NO: 27; SEQ ID NO: 30; SEQ ID NO: 31; SEQ ID NO: 32; SEQ ID NO: 36; SEQ ID NO: 37; SEQ ID NO: 38; SEQ ID NO: 39; SEQ ID NO: 40; SEQ ID NO: 41; SEQ ID NO: 42; SEQ ID NO: 43; SEQ ID NO: 44; SEQ ID NO: 45; SEQ ID NO: 47; SEQ ID NO: 48; SEQ ID NO: 49; SEQ ID NO: 50; SEQ ID NO: 51; SEQ ID NO: 52; SEQ ID NO: 53; SEQ ID NO: 54; SEQ ID NO: 33; SEQ ID NO: 35; SEQ ID NO: 38; SEQ ID NO: 39; and a TIMP-3 polypeptide according to the aforementioned SEQ ID NOs having from one to five C-terminal amino acids deleted.

3. The isolated TIMP-3 mutein of claim 1, having at least one mutation, the mutation being selected from the group consisting of:

   (a) T63E, T74E, H78E (SEQ ID NO: 13);
   (b) T63E, T74E, H78D (SEQ ID NO: 14);
   (c) K65N, M67T (SEQ ID NO: 37);
   (d) K45N, V47T, T63E, T74E, H78E (SEQ ID NO: 18);
   (e) K49N, L51T, T63E, T74E, H78E (SEQ ID NO: 19);
   (f) K49N, L51T, T74E, H78E (SEQ ID NO: 20);
   (g) K49N, L51T; (SEQ ID NO: 21);
   (h) K50N, V52T; (SEQ ID NO: 27);
   (i) T158N, K160T; (SEQ ID NO: 47);
   (j) T166N, M168T; (SEQ ID NO: 48);
   (k) G173T; (SEQ ID NO: 49);
   (l) H181N, A183T; (SEQ ID NO: 50);
(m) K94N, E96T (SEQ ID NO: 40);
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(o) Q126N (SEQ ID NO: 44);
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(q) G173T (SEQ ID NO: 49);
(r) F57N (SEQ ID NO: 33);
(s) P56N, G58T, T63N, K65T (SEQ ID NO: 32);
(t) P56N, G58T (SEQ ID NO: 31);
(u) K45S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 23);
(v) K45S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 28);
(w) K66S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 34);
(x) K133S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 35);
(y) K45S, K133S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 24); and
(z) K49S, K66S, F57N (SEQ ID NO: 29).

4. The isolated TIMP-3 mutein of claim 3, comprising a mature TIMP-3 polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 14; SEQ ID NO: 37; SEQ ID NO: 18; SEQ ID NO: 19; SEQ ID NO: 21; SEQ ID NO: 27; SEQ ID NO: 30; SEQ ID NO: 54; SEQ ID NO: 36; SEQ ID NO: 38; SEQ ID NO: 39; SEQ ID NO: 40; SEQ ID NO: 43; SEQ ID NO: 44; SEQ ID NO: 45; SEQ ID NO: 49; SEQ ID NO: 33; SEQ ID NO: 32; SEQ ID NO: 31; SEQ ID NO: 23; SEQ ID NO: 28; SEQ ID NO: 34; SEQ ID NO: 35; SEQ ID NO: 24; SEQ ID NO: 29; and a TIMP-3 polypeptide according to the aforesaid SEQ ID NOs having from one to five C-terminal amino acids deleted.

5. An isolated TIMP-3 mutein selected from the group consisting of:
(a) A TIMP-3 polypeptide comprising the mutation F57N, and
(b) A TIMP-3 polypeptide comprising the mutation F57N and a mutation selected from the group consisting of: a K45S mutation; a K49S mutation; a K66S mutation; a K133S mutation; a K45S mutation and a K133S mutation; and a K49S mutation and a K66S mutation.

6. The TIMP-3 mutein of claim 5, comprising a mature TIMP-3 polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 33; SEQ ID NO: 23; SEQ ID NO: 28; SEQ ID NO: 34; SEQ ID NO: 35; SEQ ID NO: 24; SEQ ID NO: 29; and a TIMP-3 polypeptide according to the aforesaid SEQ ID NOs having from one to five C-terminal amino acids deleted.

7. An isolated TIMP-3 mutein selected from the group consisting of:
(a) A TIMP-3 polypeptide comprising the mutations P56N, G58T;
(b) A TIMP-3 polypeptide comprising the mutations T63N, K65T; and
(c) A TIMP-3 polypeptide comprising the mutations P56N, G58T, T63N, K65T.

8. The TIMP-3 mutein of claim 7, comprising a mature TIMP-3 polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 31; SEQ ID NO: 32; and a TIMP-3 polypeptide according to the aforesaid SEQ ID NOs having from one to five C-terminal amino acids deleted.

9. The TIMP-3 mutein of claim 7, comprising a mature TIMP-3 polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 36; and a TIMP-3 polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO:36 having from one to five C-terminal amino acids deleted.

10. An isolated nucleic acid that encodes a TIMP-3 mutein according to any one of claims 1-9.

11. An expression vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid of claim 10.

12. An isolated host cell transformed or transfected with the expression vector of claim 11.

13. A method of producing a recombinant TIMP-3 mutein comprising cultivating the transformed or transfected host cell of claim 12 under conditions promoting expression of the TIMP-3 mutein, and recovering the TIMP-3 mutein.

14. A composition comprising the TIMP-3 mutein of any one of claims 5-6 and a physiologically acceptable diluent, excipient or carrier.

15. A method of treating a condition in which matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) and/or other proteinases that are inhibited or inhibitable by TIMP-3 play a causative or exacerbating role, comprising administering to an individual afflicted with such a condition, an amount of composition according to claim 14 sufficient to treat the condition.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the condition is selected from the group consisting of inflammatory conditions, osteoarthritis, myocardial ischemia, reperfusion injury, and progression to congestive heart failure.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein the condition is selected from the group consisting of asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), inflammatory bowel disease (for example, ulcerative colitis, Crohn’s disease, and celiac disease), psoriasis, myocardiitis including viral myocarditis, inflammation related to atherosclerosis, and arthritic conditions including rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis.

18. The method of claim 15, wherein the condition is selected from the group consisting of dystrophic epidermolytic bullous, osteoarthritis, Reiter’s syndrome, pseudogout, rheumatoid arthritis including juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, spondylitis, periodontal disease, ulceration including corneal, epidermal, or gastric ulceration, wound healing after surgery, restenosis, emphysema, Paget’s disease of bone, osteoporosis, spondylarthritis, pressure atrophy of bone or tissues as in bedsores, cholestatis, abnormal wound healing, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, polyarticular rheumatoid arthritis, systemic onset rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, enteropathic arthritis, reactive arthritis, Reiter’s Syndrome, SEA Syndrome (Sero negativity, Enthesopathy, Arthropathy Syndrome), dermatomyositis, psoriatic arthritis, spondylarthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, vasculitis, myelitis, polymyositis, dermatomyositis, osteoarthritis, polyarteritis nodosa, Wegener’s granulomatosis, arteritis, polymyalgia rheumatica, sarcoidosis, sclerosis, primary biliary sclerosis, sclero- osis, cholangitis, Sjogren’s syndrome, psoriasis, plaque psoriasis, guttate psoriasis, inverse psoriasis, pustular psoriasis, erythrokeratomal psoriasis, dermatitis, atopic dermatitis, atherosclerosis, lupus, Still’s disease, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, SLE, myasthenia gravis, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis, Crohn’s disease, Celiac disease, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, malignancy associated with chronic inflammatory conditions, or hyperresponsiveness of the airways, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), i.e., chronic bronchitis, emphysema).
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