

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims replaces all previously submitted listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a patient having sepsis or septic shock, comprising administering to said patient an antibody or an antigen-binding fragment thereof A binding compound that specifically binds to an isolated or recombinant polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8 or an antigenic fragment thereof the polypeptide or the antigenic fragment of claim 1.

5-22. (Canceled)

23. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein said antibody or antigen-binding fragment is administered intravenously.

24. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein said antibody or antigen-binding fragment is administered subcutaneously.