

## **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 that specifically binds to an isolated or recombinant polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8 ~~or an antigenic fragment thereof.~~

5-22. (Canceled)

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

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