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(54) COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS RELATED TO STAPHYLOCOCCAL BACTERIUM PROTEINS

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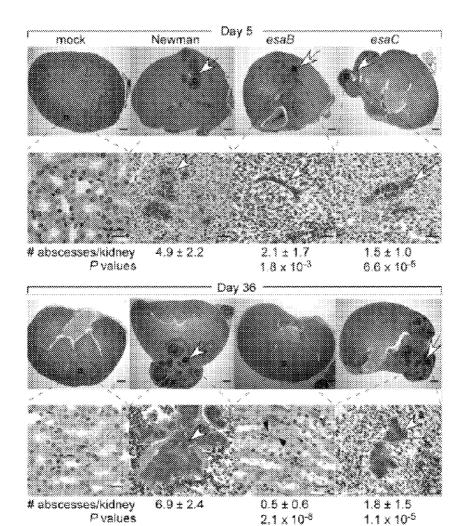
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(57) ABSTRACT

The present invention concerns methods and compositions for treating or preventing a bacterial infection, particularly infection by a *Staphylococcus* bacterium. The invention provides methods and compositions for stimulating an immune response against the bacteria. In certain embodiments, the methods and compositions involve an EsaC polypeptide.



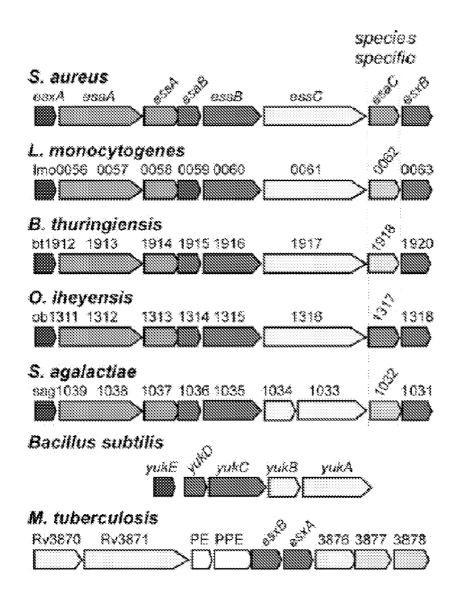


FIG. 1

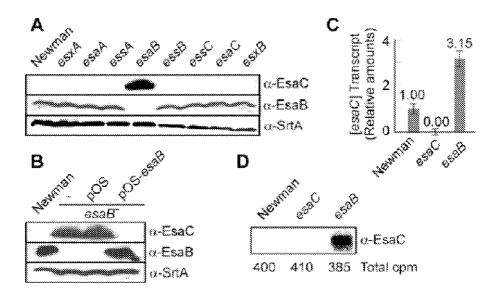


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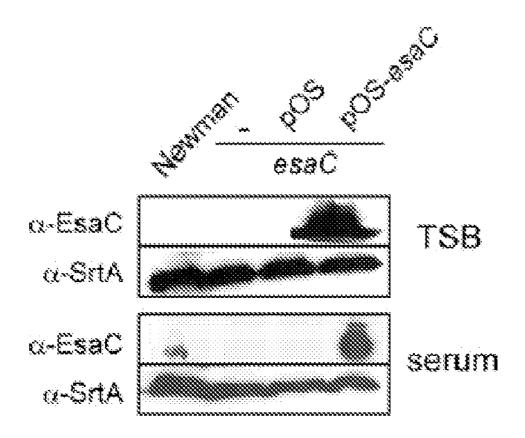


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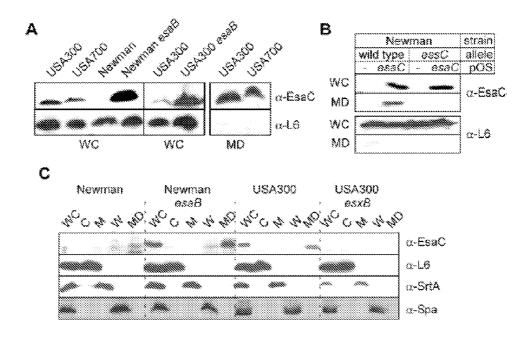


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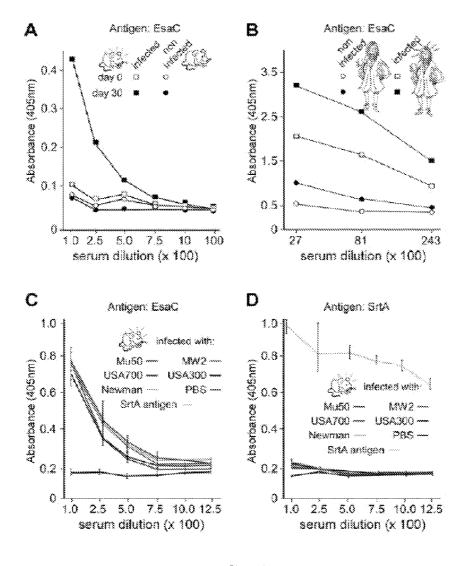


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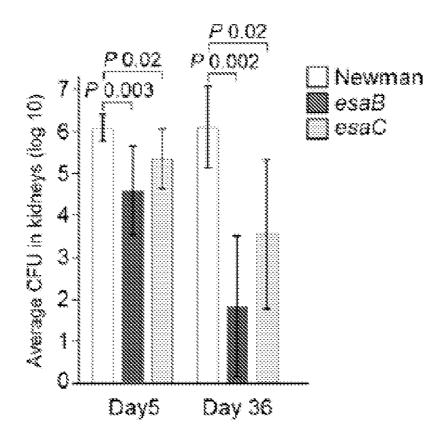


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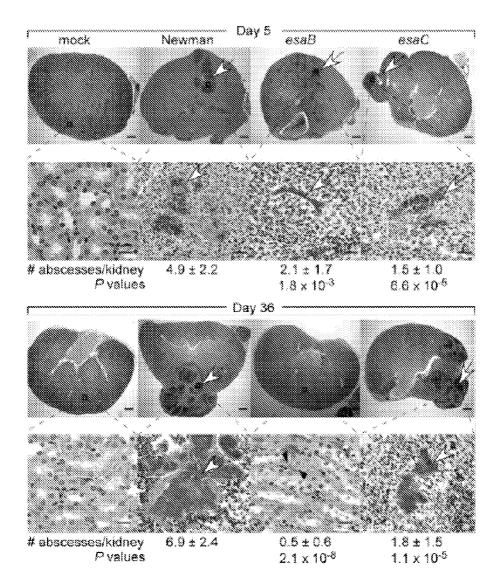


FIG. 7

COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS RELATED TO STAPHYLOCOCCAL BACTERIUM PROTEINS

[0001] This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 61/084,472, filed on Jul. 29, 2008. The entirety of the above-referenced disclosure is incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] I. Field of the Invention

[0003] The present invention relates generally to the fields of immunology, microbiology, and pathology. More particularly, it concerns methods and compositions involving bacterial proteins, which can be used to invoke an immune response against the bacteria. The proteins include proteins of the Ess pathway (e.g., EsaC) and/or peptides or proteins processed by the sortase pathway, including proteins or polypeptides of Staphylococcal and other gram-positive bacteria.

[0004] II. Background

[0005] The number of both community acquired and hospital acquired infections have increased over recent years with the increased use of intravascular devices. Hospital acquired (nosocomial) infections are a major cause of morbidity and mortality, more particularly in the United States, where it affects more than 2 million patients annually. The most frequent infections are urinary tract infections (33% of the infections), followed by pneumonia (15.5%), surgical site infections (14.8%) and primary bloodstream infections (13%) (Emorl and Gaynes, 1993).

[0006] Staphylococcus aureus, Coagulase-negative Staphylococci (mostly Staphylococcus epidermidis), enterococcus spp., Esherichia coli and Pseudomonas aeruginosa are the major nosocomial pathogens. Although these pathogens almost cause the same number of infections, the severity of the disorders they can produce combined with the frequency of antibiotic resistant isolates balance this ranking towards S. aureus and S. epidermidis as being the most significant nosocomial pathogens.

[0007] Staphylococcus can cause a wide variety of diseases in humans and other animals through either toxin production or invasion. Staphylococcal toxins are a common cause of food poisoning, as the bacteria can grow in improperly-stored food.

[0008] Staphylococcus epidermidis is a normal skin commensal which is also an important opportunistic pathogen responsible for infections of impaired medical devices and infections at sites of surgery. Medical devices infected by S. epidermidis include cardiac pacemakers, cerebrospinal fluid shunts, continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis catheters, orthopedic devices and prosthetic heart valves.

[0009] Staphylococcus aureus is the most common cause of nosocomial infections with a significant morbidity and mortality. It is the cause of some cases of osteomyelitis, endocarditis, septic arthritis, pneumonia, abscesses and toxic shock syndrome.

[0010] S. aureus can survive on dry surfaces, increasing the chance of transmission. Any S. aureus infection can cause the staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome, a cutaneous reaction to exotoxin absorbed into the bloodstream. It can also cause a type of septicemia called pyaemia. The infection can be life-

threatening. Problematically, Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) has become a major cause of hospital-acquired infections.

[0011] S. aureus and S. epidermidis infections are typically treated with antibiotics, with penicillin being the drug of choice, whereas vancomycin is used for methicillin resistant isolates. The percentage of staphylococcal strains exhibiting wide-spectrum resistance to antibiotics has become increasingly prevalent, posing a threat for effective antimicrobial therapy. In addition, the recent emergence of vancomycin resistant S. aureus strain has aroused fear that methicillin resistant S. aureus strains for which no effective therapy is available will emerge and spread.

[0012] An alternative approach of using antibodies against staphylococcal antigens in passive immunotherapy has been investigated. Therapy involving administration of polyclonal antisera are under development (WO00/15238, WO00/12132) as well as treatment with monoclonal antibody against lipoteichoic acid (WO98/57994).

[0013] An alternative approach would be use of active vaccination to generate an immune response against staphylococci. The *S. aureus* genome has been sequenced and many of the coding sequences have been identified (WO02/094868, EP0786519). The same is true for *S. epidermidis* (WO01/34809). As a refinement of this approach, others have identified proteins that are recognized by hyperimmune sera from patients who have suffered staphylococcal infection (WO01/98499, WO02/059148).

[0014] S. aureus secretes a plethora of virulence factors into the extracellular milieu (Archer, 1998; Dinges et al., 2000; Foster, 2005; Shaw et al., 2004; Sibbald et al., 2006). Like most secreted proteins, these virulence factors are translocated by the Sec machinery across the plasma membrane. Proteins secreted by the Sec machinery bear an N-terminal leader peptide that is removed by leader peptidase once the pre-protein is engaged in the Sec translocon (Dalbey and Wickner, 1985; van Wely et al., 2001). Recent genome analysis suggests that Actinobacteria and members of the Firmicutes encode an additional secretion system that recognizes a subset of proteins in a Sec-independent manner (Pallen, 2002). ESAT-6 (early secreted antigen target 6 kDa) and CFP-10 (culture filtrate antigen 10 kDa) of Mycobacterium tuberculosis represent the first substrates of this novel secretion system termed ESX-1 or 5 nm in M. tuberculosis (Andersen et al., 1995; Hsu et al., 2003; Pym et al., 2003; Stanley et al., 2003). In S. aureus, two ESAT-6 like factors designated EsxA and EsxB are secreted by the Ess pathway (ESAT-6 secretion system) (Burts et al., 2005).

[0015] M. tuberculosis variants lacking ESAT-6 (esxA) or CFP-10 (esxB) display severe defects in the establishment of tuberculosis (Guinn et al., 2004; Hsu et al., 2003; Sorensen et al., 1995; Stanley et al., 2003). In S. aureus, failure to produce EsxA and EsxB leads to decreased virulence in a murine abscess model of infection, suggesting that the Ess pathway is involved in the pathogenesis of staphylococcal infections as well (Burts et al., 2005). Thus far, three genes, essA, essB, and essC, appear to be important for production of EsxA and EsxB and possibly secretion across the staphylococcal envelope. The genes are encoded within an eight gene cluster conserved in other Gram positive bacteria (FIG. 1). Of those only esxA, esxB, and essC, share homologues with genes of M. tuberculosis (Burts et al., 2005; Pallen, 2002). The remaining genes in the cluster, esaA, esaB, and esaC, are dispensable for secretion of EsxA and EsxB and are referred to as "accessory" factors for lack of attributable function (esa, ESAT-6 secretion accessory) (Burts et al., 2005).

[0016] The first generation of vaccines targeted against *S. aureus* or against the exoproteins it produces have met with limited success (Lee, 1996). There remains a need to develop effective vaccines against *staphylococcus* infections. Additional compositions for treating staphylococcal infections are also needed.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0017] Staphylococcus aureus encodes the specialized secretion system Ess (ESAT-6 secretion system). The ess locus is a cluster of eight genes (esxAB, essABC, esaABC) of which esxA and esxB display homology to secreted ESAT-6 proteins of Mycobacterium tuberculosis. EsxA and EsxB require EssA, EssB and EssC for transport across the staphylococcal envelope. Herein, the role of EsaB and EsaC are described and it is shown that EsaB is a negative regulator of EsaC. Further, EsaC production is repressed when staphylococci are grown in broth and increased when staphylococci replicate in serum or infected hosts. EsaB is constitutively produced and remains in the cytoplasm whereas EsaC is secreted. This secretion requires an intact Ess pathway. Mutants lacking esaB or esaC display only a small defect in acute infection, but remarkably are unable to promote persistent abscesses during animal infection. Together, the data indicate that EsaB controls the production of effector molecules that are important for host pathogen interaction. One such effector, EsaC, is a secretion substrate of the Ess pathway that implements its pathogenic function during infection. [0018] The inventors have identified a S. aureus EsaC polypeptide that is useful for immunization, either alone or in combination. EsaC polypeptides may be combined with S. aureus saccharides or other S. aureus polypeptides. EsaC antigens are useful in S. aureus vaccines but may also be used as components in vaccines for immunising against multiple pathogens. Thus, in one embodiment the invention provides an immunogenic composition comprising a EsaC antigen or immunogenic fragment thereof. In a second embodiment the invention provides an immunogenic composition comprising a combination of antigens, said combination comprising a EsaC antigen or immunogenic fragment thereof, and one or more antigens selected from the group consisting of: (1) a clfA antigen; (2) a clfB antigen; (3) a sdrE2 antigen; (4) a sdrC antigen; (5) a sasF antigen; (6) a emp antigen; (7) a sdrD antigen; (8) a spa antigen; (9) a ebh antigen; (10) a esxA antigen; (11) a esxB antigen; (12) a isdC antigen; (13) a hla antigen; (14) a isdA antigen; (15) a isdB antigen; (16) an immunogenic fragment of any one of the preceding antigens. In a third embodiment, the invention provides an immunogenic composition comprising a EsaC antigen or immunogenic fragment thereof and a staphylococcal saccharide. For example, an immunogenic composition of the invention can usefully include one or more S. aureus capsular saccharide conjugate(s) e.g. against a serotype 5 and/or a serotype 8

[0019] Advantageous combinations of the invention are those in which two or more antigens act synergistically. Thus the protection against *S. aureus* disease achieved by their combined administration exceeds that expected by mere addition of their individual protective efficacy.

[0020] The present invention also provides for the use of EsaC in methods and compositions for the treatment of bacterial and/or staphylococcal infection. This application also

provides an immunogenic composition comprising an EsaC antigen or immunogenic fragment thereof. In certain embodiments, the compositions of the invention are used in the manufacture of medicaments for the therapeutic and/or prophylactic treatment of bacterial infections, particularly staphylococcus infections. Furthermore, the present invention provides methods and compositions that can be used to treat (e.g., limiting staphylococcal abscess formation and/or persistence in a subject) or prevent bacterial infection. In some cases, methods for stimulating an immune response involve administering to the subject an effective amount of a composition including or encoding all or part of the EsaC polypeptide or antigen, and in certain aspects other bacterial proteins. Other bacterial proteins include, but are not limited to (i) a secreted virulence factor, and/or a cell surface protein or peptide, or (ii) a recombinant nucleic acid molecule encoding a secreted virulence factor, and/or a cell surface protein or peptide.

[0021] The term "providing" is used according to its ordinary meaning to indicate "to supply or furnish for use." In some embodiments, the protein is provided directly by administering the protein, while in other embodiments, the protein is effectively provided by administering a nucleic acid that encodes the protein. In certain aspects the invention contemplates compositions comprising various combinations of nucleic acid, antigens, peptides, and/or epitopes.

[0022] The subject typically will have (e.g., diagnosed with a persistent staphylococcal infection), will be suspected of having, or will be at risk of developing a staphylococcal infection. Compositions of the present invention include immunogenic compositions wherein the antigen(s) or epitope (s) are contained in an amount effective to achieve the intended purpose. More specifically, an effective amount means an amount of active ingredients necessary to stimulate or elicit an immune response, or provide resistance to, amelioration of, or mitigation of infection. In more specific aspects, an effective amount prevents, alleviates or ameliorates symptoms of disease or infection, or prolongs the survival of the subject being treated. Determination of the effective amount is well within the capability of those skilled in the art, especially in light of the detailed disclosure provided herein. For any preparation used in the methods of the invention, an effective amount or dose can be estimated initially from in vitro, cell culture, and/or animal model assays. For example, a dose can be formulated in animal models to achieve a desired immune response or circulating antibody concentration or titer. Such information can be used to more accurately determine useful doses in humans.

[0023] In other aspects the subject can be administered an EsaC modulator, such as an antibody that binds EsaC. An EsaC modulator may bind EsaC directly. The EsaC modulator can be an antibody or cell that binds EsaC. An antibody can be an antibody fragment, a humanized antibody, a monoclonal antibody or the like. In certain aspects, the EsaC modulator is elicited by providing an EsaC peptide that results in the production of an antibody that binds EsaC in the subject. The EsaC modulator is typically formulated in a pharmaceutically acceptable composition. The EsaC modulator composition can further comprise at least 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, or 19 for more staphylococcal antigens or immunogenic fragments thereof. Staphylococcal antigens include, but are not limited to all or a segment of Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, ClfA, ClfB, Coa, Hla (e.g., H35 mutants), IsdC, SasF, vWa, SpA and variants thereof (See U.S. Provisional Application Ser. Nos. 61/166,432, filed Apr. 3, 2009; 61/170,779, filed Apr. 20, 2009; and 61/103,196, filed Oct. 6, 2009; each of which is incorporated herein by reference in their entirety), vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa (GenBank CAC80837), Aap (GenBank accession AJ249487), Ant (GenBank accession NP_372518), autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288,214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibrinogen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/ 0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/ Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein (see PCT publications WO2007/113222, WO2007/113223, WO2006/032472, WO2006/032475, WO2006/032500, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in their entirety). The staphylococcal antigen, or immunogenic fragment or segment can be administered concurrently with the EsaC modulator. The staphylococcal antigen or immunogenic fragment and the EsaC modulator can be administered in the same composition. The EsaC modulator can also be a recombinant nucleic acid molecule encoding an EsaC peptide. A recombinant nucleic acid molecule can encode the EsaC peptide and at least one staphylococcal antigen or immunogenic fragment. As used herein, the term "modulate" or "modulation" encompasses the meanings of the words "enhance," or "inhibit." "Modulation" of activity may be either an increase or a decrease in activity. As used herein, the term "modulator" refers to compounds that effect the function of a moiety, including up-regulation, induction, stimulation, potentiation, inhibition, down-regulation, or suppression of a protein, nucleic acid, gene, organism or the

[0024] In certain embodiments the methods and compositions use or include or encode all or part of the EsaC polypeptide, peptide, or antigen. In other aspects EsaC may be used in combination with other secreted factors such as an Esx protein, for instance, all or part of an EsxA or EsxB protein. In certain aspects, other staphylococcal antigens that can be included in the compositions and methods include, but are not limited to all or a segment of an isolated Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, ClfA, ClfB, Coa, Hla, IsdC, SasF, SpA, vWa, vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288,214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibringen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/ 0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/ Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein. In certain embodiments, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or more of Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, ClfA, ClfB, Coa, Hla, IsdC, SasF, SpA, vWa, vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288,214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibringen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/ saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein can be specifically excluded from a formulation, composition, or method of the invention.

[0025] Embodiments of the invention include compositions that contain or do not contain a bacterium. A composition may or may not include an attenuated or viable or intact staphylococcal bacterium. In certain aspects, the composition comprises a bacterium that is not a Staphylococci bacterium or does not contain Staphylococci bacteria. In certain embodiments a bacterial composition comprises an isolated or recombinantly expressed EsaC polypeptide or a nucleotide encoding the same. In still further aspects, the isolated EsaC polypeptide is multimerized, e.g., a dimer, a trimer, a tertramer, etc. In certain aspects of the invention, a composition comprises multimers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or more isolated cell surface proteins or segments thereof. In a further aspect the other polypeptides or peptides can be expressed or included in a bacterial composition including, but not limited to Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, ClfA, ClfB, Coa, Hla, IsdC, SasF, SpA, vWa, vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288, 214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibrinogen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/ saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein, or immunogenic fragments thereof. Alternatively, the composition may be or may include a recombinantly engineered Staphylococcus bacterium that has been altered in a way that comprises specifically altering the bacterium with respect to a secreted virulence factor or cell surface protein. For example, the bacteria may be recombinantly modified to express more of the virulence factor or cell surface protein than it would express if unmodified.

[0026] The term "isolated" can refer to a nucleic acid or polypeptide that is substantially free of cellular material, bacterial material, viral material, or culture medium (when produced by recombinant DNA techniques) of their source of origin, or chemical precursors or other chemicals (when chemically synthesized). Moreover, an isolated compound refers to one that can be administered to a subject as an isolated compound; in other words, the compound may not simply be considered "isolated" if it is adhered to a column or embedded in an agarose gel. Moreover, an "isolated nucleic acid fragment" or "isolated peptide" is a nucleic acid or protein fragment that is not naturally occurring as a fragment and/or is not typically in the functional state.

[0027] Moieties of the invention, such as polypeptides, peptides, antigens or immunogens, may be conjugated or linked covalently or noncovalently to other moieties such as adjuvants, proteins, peptides, supports, fluorescence moieties, or labels. The term "conjugate" or "immunoconjugate" is broadly used to define the operative association of one moiety with another agent and is not intended to refer solely to any type of operative association, and is particularly not limited to chemical "conjugation." Recombinant fusion proteins are particularly contemplated. Compositions of the invention may further comprise an adjuvant or a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient. An adjuvant may be covalently or non-covalently coupled to a polypeptide or peptide of the invention. In certain aspects, the adjuvant is chemically conjugated to a protein, polypeptide, or peptide.

[0028] The term "EsaC polypeptide" refers to polypeptides that include isolated wild-type EsaC proteins from staphylococcus bacteria, as well as variants that stimulate an immune response against staphylococcus bacteria EsaC proteins. Similarly, the terms Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, ClfA, ClfB, Coa, Hla, IsdC, SasF, SpA, vWa, vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288,214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibrinogen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008, 341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/ saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein refer to a proteins that include an amino acid sequence that is at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% identical to isolated wild-type Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, ClfA, ClfB, Coa, Hla, IsdC, SasF, SpA, vWa, vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288,214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibringen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/ saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein polypeptides from staphylococcus bacteria, as well as variants that stimulate an immune response against staphylococcus bacteria. An immune response refers to a humoral response, a cellular response, or both a humoral and cellular response in an organism. An immune response can be measured by assays that include, but are not limited to, assays measuring the presence or amount of antibodies that specifically recognize a protein or cell surface protein, assays measuring T-cell activation or proliferation, and/or assays that measure modulation in terms of activity or expression of one or more cytokines.

[0029] Embodiments of the present invention include methods for eliciting an immune response against a staphylococcus bacterium or staphylococci in a subject comprising providing to the subject an effective amount of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or more staphylococcal polypeptides or segments/ fragments thereof. A staphylococcal polypeptide includes, but is not limited to an EsaC, EsxA, or EsxB protein and immunogenic fragments thereof. Other staphylococcal polypeptides include, but are not limited to Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, ClfA, ClfB, Coa, Hla, IsdC, SasF, SpA, vWa, vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288,214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibrinogen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/ 0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/ Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein, and immunogenic fragments thereof.

[0030] In certain embodiments EsaC polypeptides or immunogenic fragments thereof can be provided in combination with one or more antigens or immunogenic fragments thereof, including, but not limited to Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, ClfA, ClfB, Coa, Hla, IsdC, SasF, SpA, vWa, vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288,214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibrinogen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein.

[0031] Embodiments of the invention include compositions that may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identity or similarity to EsaC, a secreted protein, a surface protein, or other staphylococcal proteins, polypeptides or segments thereof. In a further embodiment of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to an EsaC polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:2) or EsaC nucleic acid (SEQ ID NO:1), in certain aspects the EsaC polypeptide will have an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2. Similarity or identity, with identity being preferred, is known in the art and a number of different programs can be used to identify whether a protein (or nucleic acid) has sequence identity or similarity to a known sequence. Sequence identity and/or similarity is determined using standard techniques known in the art, including, but not limited to, the local sequence identity algorithm of Smith & Waterman (1981), by the sequence identity alignment algorithm of Needleman & Wunsch (1970), by the search for similarity method of Pearson & Lipman (1988), by computerized implementations of these algorithms (GAP, BESTFIT, FASTA, and TFASTA in the Wisconsin Genetics Software Package, Genetics Computer Group, 575 Science Drive, Madison, Wis.), the Best Fit sequence program described by Devereux et al. (1984), preferably using the default settings, or by inspection. Preferably, percent identity is calculated by using alignment tools known to and readily ascertainable to those of skill in the art. Typically, identity is the number of identical amino acids in the same or similar location divided by the total the number of amino acids in the polypeptide as a whole or in the number of amino acids within a specified segment.

[0032] In still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to an EsxA protein. In certain aspects the EsxA protein will have the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

[0033] In still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to an EsxB protein. In certain aspects the EsxB protein will have the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.

[0034] In yet still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to an SdrD protein. In certain aspects the SdrD protein will have the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8.

[0035] In further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to an SdrE protein. In certain aspects the SdrE protein will have the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10.

[0036] In still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to an IsdA protein. In certain aspects the IsdA protein will have the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:12.

[0037] In yet still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to an IsdB protein. In certain aspects the IsdB protein will have the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:14.

[0038] Embodiments of the invention include compositions that include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to a Spa protein. In certain aspects the Spa protein will have the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:16.

[0039] In a further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to a ClfB protein. In certain aspects the ClfB protein will have the amino acid sequence of SEO ID NO:18.

[0040] In still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to an IsdC protein. In certain aspects the IsdC protein will have the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:20.

[0041] In yet further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to a SasF protein. In certain aspects the SasF protein will have the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:22.

[0042] In yet still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to an SdrC protein. In certain aspects the SdrC protein will have the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:24.

[0043] In yet still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to an ClfA protein. In certain aspects the ClfA protein will have the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 26.

[0044] In yet still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to an Eap protein. In certain aspects the Eap protein will have all or part of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:28.

[0045] In yet still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to an Ebh protein. In certain aspects the Ebh protein will have all or part of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:29.

[0046] In yet still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to an Emp protein. In certain aspects the Emp protein will have all or part of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:30.

[0047] In yet still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to a Coa protein. In

certain aspects the Coa protein will have all or part of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:31.

[0048] In yet still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to a Hla protein. In certain aspects the Hla protein will have all or part of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:41. In certain aspects Hla peptide has an amino acid sequence that is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to amino acids 30 to 80 of SEQ ID NO:41.

[0049] In yet still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to a EsaB protein. In certain aspects the EsaB protein will have all or part of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID:42.

[0050] In yet still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to a vWa protein. In certain aspects the vWa protein will have all or part of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:33.

[0051] In yet still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to a vWh protein. In certain aspects the vWh protein will have all or part of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:34.

[0052] In yet still further embodiments of the invention a composition may include a polypeptide, peptide, or protein that is or is at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical or similar to the all or a segment of the amino acid sequence of 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288,214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibrinogen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein.

[0053] In certain aspects, a polypeptide or segment/fragment can have a sequence that is at least 85%, preferably at least 90%, more preferably at least 95%, and most preferably at least 98% or 99% or more identical to the amino acid sequence of the reference polypeptide. The term "similarity" refers to a polypeptide that has a sequence that has a certain percentage of amino acids that are either identical with the reference polypeptide or constitute conservative substitutions with the reference polypeptides.

[0054] The polypeptides described herein may include the following, or at least, or at most 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80,

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[0055] The compositions may be formulated in a pharmaceutically acceptable composition. In certain aspects of the invention the *staphylococcus* bacterium is an *S. aureus* bacterium.

[0056] In further aspects of the invention a composition may be administered more than one time to the subject, and may be administered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 20 or more times. The administration of the compositions include, but is not limited to oral, parenteral, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous administration, or various combinations thereof, including inhalation or aspiration.

[0057] Embodiments of the invention include administering to the subject a composition comprising a non-EsaC Ess protein. The Ess protein may be in the same composition as EsaC polypeptide, but need not be.

[0058] In still further embodiments, a composition comprises a recombinant nucleic acid molecule encoding an EsaC polypeptide or segments/fragments thereof. Typically a recombinant nucleic acid molecule encoding an EsaC polypeptide contains a heterologous promoter. In certain aspects, a recombinant nucleic acid molecule of the invention is a vector, in still other aspects the vector is a plasmid. In certain embodiments the vector is a viral vector. Aspects of the invention include compositions that further comprise a nucleic acid encoding an Esx or Ess protein. In certain aspects a composition includes a recombinant, non-staphylococcus bacterium containing or expressing the EsaC polypeptide. In particular aspects the recombinant non-staphylococcus bacteria is Salmonella or another gram-positive bacteria. A composition is typically administered to mammals, such as human subjects, but administration to other animals that are capable of eliciting an immune response is contemplated. In further aspects the staphylococcus bacterium containing or expressing the EsaC polypeptide is a Staphylococcus aureus. In further embodiments the immune response is a protective immune response.

[0059] In further embodiments a composition comprises a recombinant nucleic acid molecule encoding a EsaC, Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, ClfA, ClfB, Coa, Hla, IsdC, SasF, SpA, vWa, vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288,214), EFB (FIB), Elastin

binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibrinogen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/ 0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/ Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein. In certain aspects a nucleic acid molecule encodes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or more of Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, ClfA, ClfB, Coa, Hla, IsdC, SasF, SpA, vWa, vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288,214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibringen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/ 0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/ Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein. A polypeptide or polynucleotide can comprise 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 more of the same (homologous multimer) or two or more different (heterologous mutlimer) polypeptides or polypeptide segments.

[0060] Typically a recombinant nucleic acid molecule contains a heterologous promoter. In certain aspects, a recombinant nucleic acid molecule of the invention is a vector, in still other aspects the vector is a plasmid. In certain embodiments the vector is a viral vector. Aspects of the invention include compositions that further comprise a nucleic acid encoding another sortase substrate protein or secreted virulence factor. In certain aspects a composition includes a recombinant, nonstaphylococcus bacterium containing or expressing EsaC, Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, ClfA, ClfB, Coa, Hla, IsdC, SasF, SpA, vWa, vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288,214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibrinogen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648, 240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein. In particular aspects the recombinant non-staphylococcus bacteria is Salmonella or another gram-positive bacteria.

[0061] Compositions of the invention are typically administered to human subjects, but administration to other animals that are capable of eliciting an immune response to a staphylococcus bacterium is contemplated, particularly cattle, horses, goats, sheep and other domestic animals, i.e., mammals. In further aspects the staphylococcus bacterium is a Staphylococcus aureus. In further embodiments the immune response is a protective immune response. In still further aspects, the methods and compositions of the invention can be used to prevent, ameliorate, reduce, or treat infection of tissues or glands, e.g., mammary glands, particularly mastitis and other infections. Other methods include, but are not limited to prophylatically reducing bacterial burden in a subject not exhibiting signs of infection, particularly those subjects suspected of or at risk of being colonized by a target bacteria, e.g., patients that are or will be at risk or susceptible to infection during a hospital stay, treatment, and/or recovery.

[0062] Still further embodiments include methods for stimulating in a subject a protective or therapeutic immune response against a *staphylococcus* bacterium comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a composition including (i) an EsaC polypeptide or peptide thereof; or, (ii) a nucleic acid molecule encoding an EsaC polypeptide or peptide thereof, or (iii) administering an EsaC polypeptide with any combination or permutation of bacterial proteins described herein. In a preferred embodiment the composition is not a *staphylococcus* bacterium. In certain aspects the subject is a human or a cow. In a further aspect the composition is formulated in a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation. The staphylococci may be *Staphylococcus aureus*.

[0063] Yet still further embodiments include vaccines comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable composition having an isolated EsaC polypeptide, or any other combination or permutation of protein(s) or peptide(s) described, wherein the composition is capable of stimulating an immune response against a staphylococcus bacterium. The vaccine may comprise an isolated EsaC polypeptide, or any other combination or permutation of protein(s) or peptide(s) described. In certain aspects of the invention the isolated EsaC polypeptide, or any other combination or permutation of protein(s) or peptide (s) described are multimerized, e.g., dimerized, trimerized, tetramerized etc. In a further aspect, the vaccine composition is contaminated by less than about 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0.5, 0.25, 0.05% (or any range derivable therein) of other Staphylococcal proteins. A composition may further comprise an isolated non-EsaC polypeptide. Typically the vaccine comprises an adjuvant. In certain aspects a protein or peptide of the invention is linked (covalently or non-covalently coupled) to the adjuvant, preferably the adjuvant is chemically conjugated to the protein.

[0064] In still yet further embodiments, a vaccine composition is a pharmaceutically acceptable composition having a recombinant nucleic acid encoding all or part of an EsaC polypeptide, or any other combination or permutation of protein(s) or peptide(s) described, wherein the composition is capable of stimulating an immune response against a *staphylococcus* bacteria. The vaccine composition may comprise a recombinant nucleic acid encoding all or part of an EsaC polypeptide, or any other combination or permutation of protein(s) or peptide(s) described. In certain embodiments the recombinant nucleic acid contains a heterologous promoter. Preferably the recombinant nucleic acid is a vector. More preferably the vector is a plasmid or a viral vector. A vaccine may also comprise a nucleic acid encoding a member of the

Esx and/or Ess proteins. In some aspects the vaccine includes a recombinant, non-staphylococcus bacterium containing the nucleic acid. The recombinant non-staphylococci may be *Salmonella* or another gram-positive bacteria. The vaccine may comprise a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, more preferably an adjuvant.

[0065] Still further embodiments include methods for stimulating in a subject a protective or therapeutic immune response against a staphylococcus bacterium comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a composition of an EsaC polypeptide or segment/fragment thereof comprising one or more of (i) a SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, Spa, ClfA, ClfB, IsdC and/or SasF protein or peptide thereof; or, (ii) a nucleic acid molecule encoding a SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, Spa, ClfA, ClfB, IsdC and/or SasF protein or peptide thereof. In a preferred embodiment the composition comprises a non-staphylococcus bacterium. In a further aspect the composition is formulated in a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation. The staphylococci for which a subject is being treated may be Staphylococcus aureus. Methods of the invention also include EsaC compositions that contain 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or more secreted virulence factors and/or cell surface proteins, such as EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, Spa, ClfA, ClfB, IsdC and/or SasF in various combinations. In certain aspects a vaccine formulation includes SdrD, SdrE, IsdA and IsdB; or SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, Spa, ClfA, ClfB, IsdC, and SasF. A vaccine formulation can also comprise a Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, Coa, Hla, SpA, vWa, vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288,214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibrinogen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/ saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein.

[0066] In still a further aspect the invention includes a staphylococcal bacterium lacking an EsaC polypeptide and/or EsaB polypeptide. Such a bacterium will be limited or attenuated with respect to prolonged or persistent abscess formation. This characteristic can be used to provide an additional bacterial strain for the production of attenuated bacteria for use in the preparation of vaccines or treatments for staphylococcal infections or related diseases. In yet a further aspect, EsaC can be overexpressed in an attenuated bacterium to further enhance or supplement an immune response or vaccine formulation.

[0067] Any embodiment discussed with respect to one aspect of the invention applies to other aspects of the invention as well, e.g. embodiments discussed with respect to compositions apply to methods claims as well. In particular, any embodiment discussed in the context of an EsaC peptide or nucleic acid may be implemented with respect to other secreted virulence factors, and/or cell surface proteins, such as Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, ClfA, ClfB, Coa, Hla, IsdC, SasF, SpA, vWa,

vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288, 214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibrinogen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/ saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein (or nucleic acids), and vice versa.

[0068] The embodiments in the Example section are understood to be embodiments of the invention that are applicable to all aspects of the invention, including composistions and methods.

[0069] The use of the term "or" in the claims is used to mean "and/or" unless explicitly indicated to refer to alternatives only or the alternatives are mutually exclusive, although the disclosure supports a definition that refers to only alternatives and "and/or." It is also contemplated that anything listed using the term "or" may also be specifically excluded. [0070] Throughout this application, the term "about" is used to indicate that a value includes the standard deviation of error for the device or method being employed to determine the value.

[0071] Following long-standing patent law, the words "a" and "an," when used in conjunction with the word "comprising" in the claims or specification, denotes one or more, unless specifically noted.

[0072] As used in this specification and claim(s), the words "comprising" (and any form of comprising, such as "comprise" and "comprises"), "having" (and any form of having, such as "have" and "has"), "including" (and any form of including, such as "includes" and "include") or "containing" (and any form of containing, such as "contains" and "contain") are inclusive or open-ended and do not exclude additional, unrecited elements or method steps.

[0073] Other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description. It should be understood, however, that the detailed description and the specific examples, while indicating specific embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0074] So that the matter in which the above-recited features, advantages and objects of the invention as well as others which will become clear are attained and can be understood in detail, more particular descriptions and certain embodiments of the invention briefly summarized above are illustrated in the appended drawings. These drawings form a part of the specification. It is to be noted, however, that the appended drawings illustrate certain embodiments of the invention and therefore are not to be considered limiting in their scope.

[0075] FIG. 1. Schematic drawing of the ess cluster found in various Gram-positive bacteria as well as *M. tuberculosis*. Genes and proteins indicated: FtsK-SpoIIIE ATPases (FSD factors); ESAT-6 like protein; conserved proteins.

[0076] FIGS. 2A-2D. EsaB regulates EsaC production. (FIGS. 2A and 2B) Total cell cultures of strain Newman and variants were examined for production of EsaC. Staphylococci were grown in tryptic soy broth. Proteins in whole culture lysates were precipitated with TCA, separated by SDS-PAGE and detected by immunoblotting with specific antibodies [α-EsaC, α-EsaB and α-SrtA as a loading control]. FIG. 2A shows extracts of wild type Newman and isogenic mutants as indicated. Complementation analysis of esaB mutant is shown in FIG. 2B. Immunoblot analysis of total cell extracts of Newman, esaB with no vector (-), vector alone (pOS), vector carrying esaB (pOS-esaB). (FIG. 2C) Quantitative RT-PCR analysis of esaC transcripts was performed by isolating RNA from S. aureus isogenic strains Newman, esaC, and esaB. Reverse transcriptional polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) was carried out using oligos specific for sdrE and esaC transcripts. sdrE transcript levels did not change in all three backgrounds (not shown). The ratio of sdrE/esaC transcripts in Newman was 3/1. (FIG. 2D) Cultures of wild type (Newman) and esaB or esaC mutant cells were radiolabeled with [35S]-methionine for 2 min. Labeling was quenched by addition of trichloroacetic acid, staphylococci were lysed with lysostaphin and extracts solubilized in hot SDS. Total radioactive counts were measured using 5 µA of each sample in a scintillation counter. Total cell extracts were subjected to immunoprecipitation with anti-EsaC antibodies. Samples were separated on SDS-PAGE and analyzed by autoradiography using a PhosphorImager.

[0077] FIG. 3. Staphylococci grown in serum produce EsaC. Staphylococci, Newman, esaC mutant with no vector (–), vector alone (pOS), vector carrying esaC (pOS-esaC), were grown in TSB or serum to the same density, washed and lysed with lysostaphin. Proteins in these extracts were precipitated with TCA, separated by SDS-PAGE and detected by immunoblotting with specific antibodies [α -EsaC, and α -SrtA as a loading control].

[0078] FIGS. 4A-4C. EsaC is a ubiquitous secreted antigen of the S. aureus Ess pathway. (FIG. 4A) S. aureus USA300 and USA700 secrete EsaC into the extracellular medium (MD). As control, regulation of EsaC expression in S. aureus Newman as well as USA300 is dependent on esaB as measured in whole culture lysates (WC). Antibodies against ribosomal protein L6 were used as a control for proper fractionation. (FIG. 4B) EssC is required for secretion of EsaC. Immunoblot analysis of total cell extracts of Newman or isogenic essC mutant, with vector alone (pOS) or vector carrying esaC (pOS-esaC). Production and secretion of EsaC was measured in whole culture lysates (WC) and culture supernatants (MD). Antibodies against ribosomal protein L6 were used as a control for loading and fractionation. (FIG. 4C) Subcellular location of EsaC. S. aureus cultures of strains Newman, Newman esaB, USA300 and USA300 esxB were grown to OD_{660nm} 0.8. Equal volumes of cultures were removed for preparation of whole cell lysates (WC) and fractionation of staphylococci into cytoplasm (C), membrane (M), cell wall (W) and medium (MD) fractions. Hence each cellular compartment is kept equimolar to the WC fraction. Proteins were precipitated with TCA, separated on SDS/ PAGE, and detected by immunoblotting with specific antibodies [α -EsaC, α -ribosomal protein L6, α -SrtA, α -Spa (protein A)].

[0079] FIGS. 5A-5D. Mice and humans infected with S. aureus generate EsaC IgG specific antibodies. (FIG. 5A) Three-week-old BALB/c mice were injected retro-orbitally with ~10⁶ CFU of strain Newman. Sera were collected on day 0 and 30 days post infection and analyzed for the presence of EsaC reactive antibodies. (FIG. 5B) Quantification of EsaC IgG levels in human sera obtained from patients infected or not with S. aureus (two sera each, respectively). (FIGS. 5C and 5D) Three-week-old BALB/c mice were injected as in FIG. 5A with clinical strains as indicated on the figure. Sera were collected 0 and 30 days post infection (the 30-day data set is shown). IgG titers to EsaC and Sortase A are shown in FIG. 5C and FIG. 5D, respectively. In FIG. 5D, a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against recombinant SrtA was used as a control. All IgG titers were determined in triplicate by ELISA and reported as an absorbance at 405 nm.

[0080] FIG. 6. Virulence of *S. aureus* esaB and esaC mutants. BALB/c mice were infected retro-orbitally with ~10⁶ CFU for each strain. Both kidneys were harvested from mock (PBS) infected animals or mice infected with Newman, esaB or esaC isogenic variants, for 5 and 36 days and the right kidney for each animal was homogenized. Viable bacteria were counted after dilution and colony formation on tryptic soy agar. Statistical significance was examined with Student's t test, and averages and P values are indicated. The limit of detection was determined to be 10 CFU.

[0081] FIG. 7. Pathological substrate of infection caused by S. aureus wild type and esaB or esaC mutants. Kidneys of mice infected as described in FIG. 6 were removed 5 and 36 days post infection. The right kidney was used for CFU counts and the left was fixed with formalin. Formalin-fixed tissues were embedded, sectioned, and stained with hematoxylin/eosin. Microscopic images of whole kidneys (×10, top panels) or organ tissue at higher magnification (×100, lower panels) revealed fewer and less persistent abscesses in esaB or esaC infected animals. White arrows point to abscesses with a central concentration of staphylococci and peripheral mononuclear cell (PMN) infiltrate. Numbers under each panel indicate the average number of abscesses per kidney with standard deviation, between 8 and 12 kidneys were examined per group. Statistical significance was examined with the Student t test, and P values were recorded.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0082] Research over the past several decades identified S. aureus exotoxins, surface proteins and regulatory molecules as important virulence factors (Foster, 2005; Mazmanian et al., 2001; Novick, 2003). Much progress has been achieved regarding the regulation of these genes. For example, staphylococci perform a bacterial census via the secretion of autoinducing peptides that bind to a cognate receptor at threshold concentration, thereby activating phospho-relay reactions and transcriptional activation of many of exotoxin genes (Novick, 2003). During infection, this bacterial census termed Agr ensures massive secretion of virulence factors when staphylococcal counts are high, increasing the likelihood of bacterial spread in infected tissues and/or systemic dissemination (Novick, 2003). As described herein, staphylococci produce and secrete EsaC under conditions that occur when bacteria enter host tissues. Production of EsaC is regulated by EsaB, a cytoplasmic conserved protein also encoded within the Ess cluster. EsaB represses EsaC production in a post-transcriptional manner. Bacteria lacking EsaB overproduce EsaC while wild type bacteria do not, unless they are replicating in host tissues.

[0083] EsaC is an unusual factor that is transported by the Ess pathway (a type VII secretion system (TVIISS)). The Ess pathway is an alternate secretion system reminiscent of alternate secretion systems of Gram-negative pathogens (Pugsley, 1993) that transport polypeptides across the bacterial envelope. Like most alternate secretion system, the Ess pathway appears to have limited substrate specificity. In mycobacteria and staphylococci, the ESX-1 and Ess pathways transport proteins that belong to the WXG100 family such as ESAT-6, CFP-10, EsxA and EsxB (Burts et al., 2005; Champion et al., 2006; Stanley et al., 2003). The genetic determinants of the ESX-1 and Ess pathways are clustered in discrete loci, dispensable for laboratory growth and essential for the pathogenesis of infectious diseases (Burts et al., 2005; Hsu et al., 2003; Pym et al., 2002; Stanley et al., 2003).

[0084] The pathogenesis of staphylococcal infections relies on a multiple virulence factors such as secreted exotoxins, exopolysaccharides, and surface adhesins. However, deletion of single genes encoding such factors cause either no defect or results in only modest reduction of virulence. Thus, the development of staphylococcal vaccines is hindered by the multifaceted nature of staphylococcal invasion mechanisms. It is well established that live attenuated micro-organisms are highly effective vaccines; immune responses elicited by such vaccines are often of greater magnitude and longer duration than those produced by non-replicating immunogens. One explanation for this may be that live attenuated strains establish limited infections in the host and mimic the early stages of natural infection. Embodiments of the invention are directed to compositions and methods including EsaC polypeptides and peptides, and inhibitors thereof, as well as other immunogenic extracellular proteins, polypeptides, and peptides (including both secreted and cell surface proteins or peptides) of gram positive bacteria for use in mitigating or immunizing against infection. In particular embodiments the bacteria is a staphylococcus bacteria. Extracellular proteins, polypeptides, or peptides include, but are not limited to secreted and cell surface proteins of the targeted bacteria.

[0085] The human pathogen S. aureus secretes EsxA and EsxB, two ESAT-6 like proteins across the bacterial envelope (Burts et al., 2005, which is incorporated herein by reference). Staphylococcal esxA and esxB are clustered with six other genes in the order of transcription: esxA esaA essA esaB essB essC esaC esxB. The acronyms esa, ess, and esx stand for ESAT-6 secretion accessory, system, and extracellular, respectively, depending whether the encoded proteins play an accessory (esa) or direct (ess) role for secretion, or are secreted (esx) in the extracellular milieu. The entire cluster of eight genes is herein referred to as the Ess cluster. EsxA, esxB, essA, essB, and essC are all required for synthesis or secretion of EsxA and EsxB. Mutants that fail to produce EsxA, EsxB, and EssC display defects in the pathogenesis of S. aureus murine abscesses, suggesting that this specialized secretion system may be a general strategy of human bacterial pathogenesis.

I. STAPHYLOCOCCAL ANTIGENS

[0086] EsaC (SEQ ID NO:1 and SEQ ID NO:2) is regulated and secreted by the Ess pathway; it represents a unique effec-

tor of this secretion system that enables staphylococcal persistence in host tissues. Sequences of other EsaC polypeptides can be found in the protein databases and include, but are not limited to accession numbers ZP 02760162 (GI: 168727885), NP 645081.1 (GI:21281993), NP_370813.1 (GI:15923279), each of which is incorporated herein by reference as of the priority date of this application. EsaC is found exclusively in the genome of staphylococci. Other Gram positive bacteria encode a protein with similar predicted mass but unrelated sequence in the same genetic locus. Consistent with this conjecture is the finding that animals and humans can mount a humoral immune response to EsaC during infection. During infection all S. aureus strains secrete EsaC, and the more virulent clinical isolates have retained this activity even in vitro. EsaC does not bear any features of the WXG100 family of proteins and it is unclear how it is recognized by the Ess pathway. Secretion of non-WXG100 substrates by the ESX-1 pathway has also been reported for several antigens including EspA, EspB, Rv3483c, and Rv3615c (Fortune et al., 2005; MacGurn et al., 2005; McLaughlin et al., 2007; Xu et al., 2007). The alternate ESX-5 pathway has also been shown to secrete both WXG100 and non-WXG100 proteins in pathogenic mycobacteria (Abdallah et al., 2007; Abdallah et al., 2006).

[0087] The Staphylococcus aureus Ess pathway can be viewed as a secretion module equipped with specialized transport components (Ess), accessory factors (Esa) and cognate secretion substrates (Esx). EssA, EssB and EssC are required for EsxA and EsxB secretion. Because EssA, EssB and EssC are predicted to be transmembrane proteins, it is contemplated that these proteins form a secretion apparatus. Some of the proteins in the ess gene cluster may actively transport secreted substrates (acting as motor) while others may regulate transport (regulator). Regulation may be achieved, but need not be limited to, transcriptional or posttranslational mechanisms for secreted polypeptides, sorting of specific substrates to defined locations (e.g., extracellular medium or host cells), or timing of secretion events during infection. At this point, it is unclear whether all secreted Esx proteins function as toxins or contribute indirectly to pathogenesis.

[0088] Staphylococci rely on surface protein mediated-adhesion to host cells or invasion of tissues as a strategy for escape from immune defenses. Furthermore, S. aureus utilize surface proteins to sequester iron from the host during infection. The majority of surface proteins involved in staphylococcal pathogenesis carry C-terminal sorting signals, i.e., they are covalently linked to the cell wall envelope by sortase. Further, staphylococcal strains lacking the genes required for surface protein anchoring, i.e., sortase A and B, display a dramatic defect in the virulence in several different mouse models of disease. Thus, surface protein antigens represent a validated vaccine target as the corresponding genes are essential for the development of staphylococcal disease and can be exploited in various embodiments of the invention. The sortase enzyme superfamily are Gram-positive transpeptidases responsible for anchoring surface protein virulence factors to the peptidoglycan cell wall layer. Two sortase isoforms have been identified in Staphylococcus aureus, SrtA and SrtB. These enzymes have been shown to recognize a LPXTG motif in substrate proteins. The SrtB isoform appears to be important in heme iron acquisition and iron homeostasis, whereas the SrtA isoform plays a critical role in the pathogenesis of Gram-positive bacteria by modulating the ability

of the bacterium to adhere to host tissue via the covalent anchoring of adhesions and other proteins to the cell wall peptidoglycan. Embodiments of the invention include, but are not limited to compositions and methods related to EsaC. In certain embodiments EsaC can be used in combination with other staphylococcal proteins such as EsxA, EsxB, Emp, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, SpA, ClfA, ClfB, IsdC, Ebh, Hla, and/or SasF proteins.

[0089] Certain aspects of the invention include methods and compositions concerning proteinaceous compositions including polypeptides, peptides, or nucleic acids encoding EsaC and other staphylococcal antigens such as other proteins transported by the Ess pathway, or sortase substrates including, but not limited to EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, SpA, ClfA, ClfB, IsdC, SasF or combinations thereof. In certain aspects the methods and compositions include Eap, Ebh, Emp, EsaB, Coa, Hla, vWa, vWh, 52 kDa vitronectin binding protein (WO 01/60852), Aaa, Aap, Ant, autolysin glucosaminidase, autolysin amidase, Cna, collagen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,288,214), EFB (FIB), Elastin binding protein (EbpS), EPB, FbpA, fibrinogen binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 6,008,341), Fibronectin binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,846), FnbA, FnbB, GehD (US 2002/ 0169288), HarA, HBP, Immunodominant ABC transporter, IsaA/P isA, laminin receptor, Lipase GehD, MAP, Mg2+ transporter, MHC II analogue (U.S. Pat. No. 5,648,240), MRPII, Npase, RNA III activating protein (RAP), SasA, SasB, SasC, SasD, SasK, SBI, SdrF (WO 00/12689), SdrG/ Fig (WO 00/12689), SdrH (WO 00/12689), SEA exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SEB exotoxins (WO 00/02523), SitC and Ni ABC transporter, SitC/MntC/saliva binding protein (U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,234), SsaA, SSP-1, SSP-2, and/or Vitronectin binding protein. These proteins may be modified by deletion, insertion, and/or substitution.

[0090] The Esx polypeptides include the amino acid sequences of Esx proteins from bacteria in the Staphylococcus genus. The Esx sequence may be from a particular staphylococcus species, such as Staphylococcus aureus, and may be from a particular strain, such as Newman. In certain embodiments, the EsxA sequence is SAV0282 from strain Mu50 (which is the same amino acid sequence for Newman) and can be accessed using Genbank Accession Number Q99WU4 (gil68565539), which is hereby incorporated by reference. In other embodiments, the EsxB sequence is SAV0290 from strain Mu50 (which is the same amino acid sequence for Newman) and can be accessed using Genbank Accession Number Q99WT7 (gi|68565532), which is hereby incorporated by reference. In further embodiments, other polypeptides transported by the Ess pathway may be used, the sequences of which may be identified by one of skill in the art using databases and internet accessible resources.

[0091] The sortase substrate polypeptides include, but are not limited to the amino acid sequence of SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, Spa, ClfA, ClfB, IsdC or SasF proteins from bacteria in the *Staphylococcus* genus. The sortase substrate polypeptide sequence may be from a particular *staphylococcus* species, such as *Staphylococcus* aureus, and may be from a particular strain, such as Newman. In certain embodiments, the SdrD sequence is from strain N315 and can be accessed using Genbank Accession Number NP_373773.1 (gil15926240), which is incorporated by reference. In other embodiments, the SdrE sequence is from strain N315 and can be accessed using Genbank Accession Number NP_373774.1 (gil15926241), which is incorporated by ref-

erence. In other embodiments, the IsdA sequence is SAV1130 from strain Mu50 (which is the same amino acid sequence for Newman) and can be accessed using Genbank Accession Number NP_371654.1 (gi|15924120), which is incorporated by reference. In other embodiments, the IsdB sequence is SAV 1129 from strain Mu50 (which is the same amino acid sequence for Newman) and can be accessed using Genbank Accession Number NP_371653.1 (gi|15924119), which is incorporated by reference. In further embodiments, other polypeptides transported by the Ess pathway or processed by sortase may be used, the sequences of which may be identified by one of skill in the art using databases and internet accessible resources.

[0092] Examples of various proteins that can be used in the context of the present invention can be identified by analysis of database submissions of bacterial genomes, including but not limited to accession numbers NC_002951 (GI:57650036 and GenBank CP000046), NC_002758 (GI:57634611 and GenBank BA000017), NC_002745 (GI:29165615 and GenBank BA000018), NC_003923 (GI:21281729 and GenBank BA000033), NC_002952 (GI:49482253 and GenBank BX571856), NC_002953 (GI:49484912 and GenBank BX571857), NC_007793 (GI:87125858 and GenBank CP000255), NC_007795 (GI:87201381 and GenBank CP000253) each of which are incorporated by reference.

[0093] The 'clfA' antigen is annotated as 'clumping factor A'. In the NCTC 8325 strain clfA is SAOUHSC_00812 (GI:88194572). In the Newman strain it is nwmn_0756 (GI: 151220968). Useful clfA antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and include variants and fragments.

[0094] The 'clfB' antigen is annotated as 'clumping factor B'. In the NCTC 8325 strain clfB is SAOUHSC_02963 (GI:88196585). In the Newman strain it is nwmn_2529 (GI: 151222741). Useful clfB antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and include variants and fragments.

[0095] The 'eap' antigen is annotated as 'MHC class II analog protein'. In the NCTC 8325 strain eap is SAOUHSC_02161 (GI:88195840). In the Newman strain it is nwmn_1872 (GI:151222084). Useful eap antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and include variants and fragments.

[0096] The 'ebhA' antigen is annotated as 'EbhA'. In the NCTC 8325 strain ebhA is SAOUHSC_01447 and has amino acid sequence (GI:88195168). Useful ebhA antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and include variants and fragment.

[0097] The 'emp' antigen is annotated as 'extracellular matrix and plasma binding protein'. In the NCTC 8325 strain emp is SAOUHSC_00816 (GI:88194575). In the Newman strain it is nwmn_0758 (GI:151220970). Useful emp antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and include variants and fragments.

[0098] The 'esxA' antigen is annotated as 'protein'. In the NCTC 8325 strain esxA is SAOUHSC_00257 (GI: 88194063). Useful esxA antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and include variants and fragments.

[0099] The 'esxB' antigen is annotated as 'esxB'. In the NCTC 8325 strain esxB is SAOUHSC_00265 (GI: 88194070). Useful esxB antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and include variants and fragments.

[0100] The 'Hla' antigen is the 'alpha-hemolysin precursor' also known as 'alpha toxin' or simply 'hemolysin'. In the Newman strain it is nwmn_1073 (GI:151221285). Hla is an important virulence determinant produced by most strains of *S. aureus*, having pore-forming and haemolytic activity. Anti-Hla antibodies can neutralise the detrimental effects of the toxin in animal models. Useful Hla antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and include variants and fragments.

[0101] Hla's toxicity can be avoided in compositions of the invention by chemical inactivation (e.g. using formaldehyde, glutaraldehyde or other cross-linking reagents). Instead, however, it is preferred to use mutant forms of Hla which remove its toxic activity while retaining its immunogenicity. Such detoxified mutants are already known in the art, including Hla-H35L.

[0102] The 'isdA' antigen is annotated as 'IsdA protein'. In the NCTC 8325 strain isdA is SAOUHSC_01081 (GI: 88194829). In the Newman strain it is nwmn_1041 (GI: 151221253). Useful isdA antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and includes variants and fragments.

[0103] The 'isdB' antigen is annotated as 'neurofilament protein isdB'. In the NCTC 8325 strain isdB is SAOUHSC_01079 (GI:88194828). Useful isdB antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and includes fragments and variants.

[0104] The 'isdC' antigen is annotated as 'protein'. In the NCTC 8325 strain isdC is SAOUHSC_01082 (GI: 88194830). Useful isdC antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and fragments and variants.

[0105] The 'sasF' antigen is annotated as 'sasF protein'. In the NCTC 8325 strain sasF is SAOUHSC_02982 (GI: 88196601). Useful sasF antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and fragments and variants.

[0106] The 'sdrC' antigen is annotated as 'sdrC protein'. In the NCTC 8325 strain sdrC is SAOUHSC_00544 and has amino acid sequence (GI:88194324). Useful sdrC antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and fragments and variants.

[0107] The 'sdrD' antigen is annotated as 'sdrD protein'. In the NCTC 8325 strain sdrD is SAOUHSC_00545 (GI: 88194325). Useful sdrD antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and fragments and variants.

[0108] The 'sdrE2' antigen is annotated as 'Ser-Asp rich fibrinogen/bone sialoprotein-binding protein SdrE'. In the Newman strain sdrE2 is NWMN 0525 (GI:151220737). Useful sdrE2 antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and includes fragments and variants.

[0109] The 'spa' antigen is annotated as 'protein A' or 'SpA'. All *Staphylococcus aureus* strains express the structural gene for spa, a well characterized virulence factor whose cell wall anchored surface protein product (SpA) encompasses five highly homologous immunoglobulin binding domains designated E, D, A, B, and C (Sjodahl, 1977). These domains display ~80% identity at the amino acid level, are 56 to 61 residues in length, and are organized as tandem repeats (Uhlen et al., 1984). SpA is synthesized as a precursor protein with an N-terminal YSIRK/GS signal peptide and a C-terminal LPXTG motif sorting signal (DeDent et al., 2008;

Schneewind et al., 1992). Cell wall anchored Protein A is displayed in great abundance on the staphylococcal surface (DeDent et al., 2007; Sjoquist et al., 1972). Each of its immunoglobulin binding domains is composed of anti-parallel α -helices that assemble into a three helix bundle and bind the Fc domain of immunoglobulin G (IgG) (Deisenhofer, 1981; Deisenhofer et al., 1978), the VH3 heavy chain (Fab) of IgM (i.e., the B cell receptor) (Graille et al., 2000), the von Willebrand factor at its A1 domain [vWF AI is a ligand for platelets] (O'Seaghdha et al., 2006) and the tumor necrosis factor α (TNF- α) receptor I (TNFRI) (Gomez et al., 2006), which is displayed on surfaces of airway epithelia (Gomez et al., 2004; Gomez et al., 2007).

[0110] In the NCTC 8325 strain spa is SAOUHSC_00069 (GI:88193885). In the Newman strain it is nwmn_0055 (GI: 151220267). Useful spa antigens can elicit an antibody response (e.g. when administered to a human), and includes variants and fragments. Useful spa antigens include SpA variants comprising a variant A, B, C, D and E domain. Useful spa antigens also include SpA segments and SpA variants comprising a segment of SpA. The SpA segment can comprise at least or at most 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or more IgG binding domains. The IgG domains can be at least or at most 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or more variant A, B, C, D or E domains. Useful spa antigens also include SpA variants comprising a variant A domain, a variant B domain, a variant C domain, a variant D domain or a variant E domain.

[0111] In certain aspects an SpA variant includes a substitution of (a) one or more amino acid substitution in an IgG Fc binding sub-domain of SpA domain A, B, C, D and/or E that disrupts or decreases binding to IgG Fc, and (b) one or more amino acid substitution in a V_H3 binding sub-domain of SpA domain A, B, C, D, and/or E that disrupts or decreases binding to V_H3 . In certain embodiments, a variant SpA comprises at least or at most 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or more variant SpA domain D peptides.

[0112] As used herein, a "protein" or "polypeptide" refers to a molecule comprising at least ten amino acid residues. In some embodiments, a wild-type version of a protein or polypeptide are employed, however, in many embodiments of the invention, a modified protein or polypeptide is employed to generate an immune response. The terms described above may be used interchangeably. A "modified protein" or "modified polypeptide" refers to a protein or polypeptide whose chemical structure, particularly its amino acid sequence, is altered with respect to the wild-type protein or polypeptide. In some embodiments, a modified protein or polypeptide has at least one modified activity or function (recognizing that proteins or polypeptides may have multiple activities or functions). It is specifically contemplated that a modified protein or polypeptide may be altered with respect to one activity or function yet retain a wild-type activity or function in other respects, such as immunogenicity.

[0113] In certain embodiments the size of a protein or polypeptide (wild-type or modified) may comprise, but is not limited to, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 275, 300, 325, 350, 375, 400, 425, 450, 475, 500, 525, 550, 575, 600, 625, 650, 675, 700, 725, 750, 775, 800, 825,

850, 875, 900, 925, 950, 975, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2250, 2500 amino molecules or greater, and any range derivable therein, or derivative of a corresponding amino sequence described or referenced herein. It is contemplated that polypeptides may be mutated by truncation, rendering them shorter than their corresponding wild-type form, but also they might be altered by fusing or conjugating a heterologous protein sequence with a particular function (e.g., for targeting or localization, for enhanced immunogenicity, for purification purposes, etc.).

[0114] As used herein, an "amino molecule" refers to any amino acid, amino acid derivative, or amino acid mimic known in the art. In certain embodiments, the residues of the proteinaceous molecule are sequential, without any non-amino molecule interrupting the sequence of amino molecule residues. In other embodiments, the sequence may comprise one or more non-amino molecule moieties. In particular embodiments, the sequence of residues of the proteinaceous molecule may be interrupted by one or more non-amino molecule moieties.

[0115] Accordingly, the term "proteinaceous composition" encompasses amino molecule sequences comprising at least one of the 20 common amino acids in naturally synthesized proteins, or at least one modified or unusual amino acid.

[0116] Proteinaceous compositions may be made by any technique known to those of skill in the art, including (i) the expression of proteins, polypeptides, or peptides through standard molecular biological techniques, (ii) the isolation of proteinaceous compounds from natural sources, or (iii) the chemical synthesis of proteinaceous materials. The nucleotide as well as the protein, polypeptide, and peptide sequences for various genes have been previously disclosed, and may be found in the recognized computerized databases. One such database is the National Center for Biotechnology Information's Genbank and GenPept databases (on the World Wide Web at ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/). The coding regions for these genes may be amplified and/or expressed using the techniques disclosed herein or as would be known to those of ordinary skill in the art.

[0117] Amino acid sequence variants of EsaC and other polypeptides of the invention ("other Ess pathway polypeptides"), and/or SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, Spa, ClfA, ClfB, IsdC, SasF or other sortase substrates can be substitutional, insertional, or deletion variants. A modification in a polypeptide of the invention may affect 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255,

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[0118] Deletion variants typically lack one or more residues of the native or wild-type protein. Individual residues can be deleted or a number of contiguous amino acids can be deleted. A stop codon may be introduced (by substitution or insertion) into an encoding nucleic acid sequence to generate a truncated protein. Insertional mutants typically involve the addition of material at a non-terminal point in the polypeptide. This may include the insertion of one or more residues. Terminal additions, called fusion proteins, may also be generated.

[0119] Substitutional variants typically contain the exchange of one amino acid for another at one or more sites within the protein, and may be designed to modulate one or more properties of the polypeptide, with or without the loss of other functions or properties. Substitutions may be conservative, that is, one amino acid is replaced with one of similar shape and charge. Conservative substitutions are well known in the art and include, for example, the changes of: alanine to serine; arginine to lysine; asparagine to glutamine or histidine; aspartate to glutamate; cysteine to serine; glutamine to asparagine; glutamate to aspartate; glycine to proline; histidine to asparagine or glutamine; isoleucine to leucine or valine; leucine to valine or isoleucine; lysine to arginine; methionine to leucine or isoleucine; phenylalanine to tyrosine, leucine or methionine; serine to threonine; threonine to serine; tryptophan to tyrosine; tyrosine to tryptophan or phenylalanine; and valine to isoleucine or leucine. Alternatively, substitutions may be non-conservative such that a function or activity of the polypeptide is affected. Non-conservative changes typically involve substituting a residue with one that is chemically dissimilar, such as a polar or charged amino acid for a nonpolar or uncharged amino acid, and vice versa.

TABLE 1

Exemplary surface proteins of S. aureus strains.													
SAV#	SA#	Surface	MW2	Mu50	N315	Newman	MRSA252*	MSSA476*					
SAV0111	SA0107	Spa	492	450	450	520	516	492					
SAV2503	SA2291	FnBPA	1015	1038	1038	741	_	1015					
SAV2502	SA2290	FnBPB	943	961	961	677	965	957					
SAV0811	SA0742	ClfA	946	935	989	933	1029	928					
SAV2630	SA2423	ClfB	907	877	877	913	873	905					
Np	np	Cna	1183		_	_	1183	1183					
SAV0561	SA0519	SdrC	955	953	953	947	906	957					
SAV0562	SA0520	SdrD	1347	1385	1385	1315	_	1365					
SAV0563	SA0521	SdrE	1141	1141	1141	1166	1137	1141					
Np	np	Pls	_	_	_	_	_	_					
SAV2654	SA2447	SasA	2275	2271	2271	2271	1351	2275					
SAV2160	SA1964	SasB	686	2481	2481	2481	2222	685					
	SA1577	SasC	2186	213	2186	2186	2189	2186					
SAV0134	SA0129	SasD	241	241	241	241	221	241					
SAV1130	SA0977	SasE/IsdA	350	350	350	350	354	350					
SAV2646	SA2439	SasF	635	635	635	635	627	635					
SAV2496		SasG	1371	525	927	_	_	1371					
SAV0023	SA0022	SasH	772	_	772	772	786	786					
SAV1731	SA1552	SasI	895	891	891	891	534	895					
SAV1129	SA0976	SasJ/IsdB	645	645	645	645	652	645					
	SA2381	SasK	198	211	211	_	_	197					
	np	SasL	_	232	_	_	_	_					
SAV1131	SA0978	IsdC	227	227	227	227	227	227					

[0120] Proteins of the invention may be recombinant, or synthesized in vitro. Alternatively, a non-recombinant or recombinant protein may be isolated from bacteria. It is also contemplated that a bacteria containing such a variant may be implemented in compositions and methods of the invention. Consequently, a protein need not be isolated.

[0121] The term "functionally equivalent codon" is used herein to refer to codons that encode the same amino acid, such as the six codons for arginine or serine, and also refers to codons that encode biologically equivalent amino acids (see Table 2, below).

TABLE 2

Amino Acid		n T	able Codons
Alanine	Ala	A	GCA GCC GCG GCU
Cysteine	Cys	С	UGC UGU
Aspartic acid	Asp	D	GAC GAU
Glutamic acid	Glu	E	GAA GAG
Phenylalanine	Phe	F	טטכ טטט
Glycine	Gly	G	GGA GGC GGG GGU
Histidine	His	Н	CAC CAU
Isoleucine	Ile	I	AUA AUC AUU
Lysine	Lys	K	AAA AAG
Leucine	Leu	L	UUA UUG CUA CUC CUG CUU
Methionine	Met	М	AUG
Asparagine	Asn	N	AAC AAU
Proline	Pro	P	CCA CCC CCG CCU

TABLE 2-continued

Amino Acida		Table Codons		
Glutamine	Gln	^	CAA CAG	
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Arginine	Arg	R	AGA AGG CGA CGC CGG (CGU
Serine	Ser	S	AGC AGU UCA UCC UCG	UCU
Threonine	Thr	T	ACA ACC ACG ACU	
Valine	Val	V	GUA GUC GUG GUU	
Tryptophan	Trp	W	UGG	
Tyrosine	Tyr	Y	UAC UAU	

[0122] It also will be understood that amino acid and nucleic acid sequences may include additional residues, such as additional N- or C-terminal amino acids, or 5' or 3' sequences, respectively, and yet still be essentially as set forth in one of the sequences disclosed herein, so long as the sequence meets the criteria set forth above, including the maintenance of biological protein activity where protein expression is concerned. The addition of terminal sequences particularly applies to nucleic acid sequences that may, for example, include various non-coding sequences flanking either of the 5' or 3' portions of the coding region.

[0123] The following is a discussion based upon changing of the amino acids of a protein to create an equivalent, or even an improved, second-generation molecule. For example, certain amino acids may be substituted for other amino acids in a protein structure without appreciable loss of interactive binding capacity with structures such as, for example, antigen-binding regions of antibodies or binding sites on substrate molecules. Since it is the interactive capacity and nature of a protein that defines that protein's biological functional

activity, certain amino acid substitutions can be made in a protein sequence, and in its underlying DNA coding sequence, and nevertheless produce a protein with like properties. It is thus contemplated by the inventors that various changes may be made in the DNA sequences of genes without appreciable loss of their biological utility or activity.

[0124] In making such changes, the hydropathic index of amino acids may be considered. The importance of the hydropathic amino acid index in conferring interactive biologic function on a protein is generally understood in the art (Kyte and Doolittle, 1982). It is accepted that the relative hydropathic character of the amino acid contributes to the secondary structure of the resultant protein, which in turn defines the interaction of the protein with other molecules, for example, enzymes, substrates, receptors, DNA, antibodies, antigens, and the like.

[0125] It also is understood in the art that the substitution of like amino acids can be made effectively on the basis of hydrophilicity. U.S. Pat. No. 4,554,101, incorporated herein by reference, states that the greatest local average hydrophilicity of a protein, as governed by the hydrophilicity of its adjacent amino acids, correlates with a biological property of the protein. It is understood that an amino acid can be substituted for another having a similar hydrophilicity value and still produce a biologically equivalent and immunologically equivalent protein.

[0126] As outlined above, amino acid substitutions gener-

ally are based on the relative similarity of the amino acid side-chain substituents, for example, their hydrophobicity, hydrophilicity, charge, size, and the like. Exemplary substitutions that take into consideration the various foregoing characteristics are well known and include: arginine and lysine; glutamate and aspartate; serine and threonine; glutamine and asparagine; and valine, leucine and isoleucine. [0127] It is contemplated that in compositions of the invention, there is between about 0.001 mg and about 10 mg of total polypeptide, peptide, and/or protein per ml. Thus, the concentration of protein in a composition can be about, at least about or at most about 0.001, 0.010, 0.050, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0,5.5, 6.0, 6.5, 7.0, 7.5, 8.0, 8.5, 9.0, 9.5, 10.0 mg/ml or more (or any range derivable therein). Of this, about, at least about, or at most about 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33,34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100% may be EsaC, and may be used in combination with EsxA

[0128] The present invention contemplates the administration of EsaC polypeptides or peptides, as well as EsxA, EsxB, and any other protein transported by the Ess pathway, and/or SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, or other sortase substrates, to effect a preventative therapy against the development of a disease or condition associated with infection by a *staphylococcus* pathogen.

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[0129] The present invention also discloses combinations of staphylococcal antigens which when combined, lead to the production of an immunogenic composition that is effective at treating or preventing staphylococcal infection. Staphylococcal infections progress through several different stages.

For example, the staphylococcal life cycle involves commensal colonization, initiation of infection by accessing adjoining tissues or the bloodstream, anaerobic multiplication in the blood, interplay between *S. aureus* virulence determinants and the host defense mechanisms and induction of complications including endocarditis, metastatic abscess formation and sepsis syndrome. Different molecules on the surface of the bacterium will be involved in different steps of the infection cycle. Combinations of certain antigens can elicit an immune response which protects against multiple stages of staphylococcal infection. The effectiveness of the immune response can be measured either in animal model assays and/or using an opsonophagocytic assay.

[0130] In addition, U.S. Pat. No. 4,554,101 (Hopp), which is incorporated herein by reference, teaches the identification and preparation of epitopes from primary amino acid sequences on the basis of hydrophilicity.

[0131] A. Polypeptides and Polypeptide Production

[0132] The present invention describes polypeptides, peptides, and proteins and immunogenic fragments thereof for use in various embodiments of the present invention. For example, specific polypeptides are assayed for or used to elicit an immune response. In specific embodiments, all or part of the proteins of the invention can also be synthesized in solution or on a solid support in accordance with conventional techniques. Various automatic synthesizers are commercially available and can be used in accordance with known protocols. See, for example, Stewart and Young, (1984); Tam et al., (1983); Merrifield, (1986); and Barany and Merrifield (1979), each incorporated herein by reference. Alternatively, recombinant DNA technology may be employed wherein a nucleotide sequence which encodes a peptide of the invention is inserted into an expression vector, transformed or transfected into an appropriate host cell and cultivated under conditions suitable for expression.

[0133] One embodiment of the invention includes the use of gene transfer to cells, including microorganisms, for the production and/or presentation of proteins. The gene for the protein of interest may be transferred into appropriate host cells followed by culture of cells under the appropriate conditions. A nucleic acid encoding virtually any polypeptide may be employed. The generation of recombinant expression vectors, and the elements included therein, are discussed herein. Alternatively, the protein to be produced may be an endogenous protein normally synthesized by the cell used for protein production.

[0134] Another embodiment of the present invention uses autologous B lymphocyte cell lines, which are transfected with a viral vector that expresses an immunogen product, and more specifically, a protein having immunogenic activity. Other examples of mammalian host cell lines include, but are not limited to Vero and HeLa cells, other B- and T-cell lines, such as CEM, 721.221, H9, Jurkat, Raji, as well as cell lines of Chinese hamster ovary, W138, BHK, COS-7, 293, HepG2, 3T3, RIN and MDCK cells. In addition, a host cell strain may be chosen that modulates the expression of the inserted sequences, or that modifies and processes the gene product in the manner desired. Such modifications (e.g., glycosylation) and processing (e.g., cleavage) of protein products may be important for the function of the protein. Different host cells have characteristic and specific mechanisms for the posttranslational processing and modification of proteins. Appropriate cell lines or host systems can be chosen to ensure the correct modification and processing of the foreign protein expressed.

[0135] A number of selection systems may be used including, but not limited to HSV thymidine kinase, hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyltransferase, and adenine phosphoribosyltransferase genes, in tk-, hgprt- or aprt- cells, respectively. Also, anti-metabolite resistance can be used as the basis of selection: for dhfr, which confers resistance to trimethoprim and methotrexate; gpt, which confers resistance to mycophenolic acid; neo, which confers resistance to the aminoglycoside G418; and hygro, which confers resistance to hygromycin.

[0136] Animal cells can be propagated in vitro in two modes: as non-anchorage-dependent cells growing in suspension throughout the bulk of the culture or as anchorage-dependent cells requiring attachment to a solid substrate for their propagation (i.e., a monolayer type of cell growth).

[0137] Non-anchorage dependent or suspension cultures from continuous established cell lines are the most widely used means of large scale production of cells and cell products. However, suspension cultured cells have limitations, such as tumorigenic potential and lower protein production than adherent cells.

[0138] Where a protein is specifically mentioned herein, it is preferably a reference to a native or recombinant protein or optionally a protein in which any signal sequence has been removed. The protein may be isolated directly from the staphylococcal strain or produced by recombinant DNA techniques. Immunogenic fragments of the protein may be incorporated into the immunogenic composition of the invention. These are fragments comprising at least 10 amino acids, 20 amino acids, 30 amino acids, 40 amino acids, 50 amino acids, or 100 amino acids, including all values and ranges there between, taken contiguously from the amino acid sequence of the protein. In addition, such immunogenic fragments are immunologically reactive with antibodies generated against the Staphylococcal proteins or with antibodies generated by infection of a mammalian host with Staphylococci. Immunogenic fragments also includes fragments that when administered at an effective dose, (either alone or as a hapten bound to a carrier), elicit a protective immune response against Staphylococcal infection; in certain aspects it is protective against S. aureus and/or S. epidermidis infection. Such an immunogenic fragment may include, for example, the protein lacking an N-terminal leader sequence, and/or a transmembrane domain and/or a C-terminal anchor domain. In a preferred aspect the immunogenic fragment according to the invention comprises substantially all of the extracellular domain of a protein which has at least 85% identity, at least 90% identity, at least 95% identity, or at least 97-99% identity, including all values and ranges there between, to that a sequence selected over the length of the fragment sequence. [0139] Also included in immunogenic compositions of the invention are fusion proteins composed of Staphylococcal proteins, or immunogenic fragments of staphylococcal proteins. Such fusion proteins may be made recombinantly and may comprise one portion of at least 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 staphylococcal proteins. Alternatively, a fusion protein may comprise multiple portions of at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 staphylococcal proteins. These may combine different Staphylococcal proteins and/or multiples of the same protein or protein fragment, or immunogenic fragments thereof in the same protein. Alternatively, the invention also includes individual fusion proteins of Staphylococcal proteins or immunogenic fragments thereof, as a fusion protein with heterologous sequences such as a provider of T-cell epitopes or purification tags, for example: [beta]-galactosidase, glutathione-S-transferase, green fluorescent proteins (GFP), epitope tags such as FLAG, myc tag, poly histidine, or viral surface proteins such as influenza virus haemagglutinin, or bacterial proteins such as tetanus toxoid, diphtheria toxoid, CRM 197.

II. NUCLEIC ACIDS

[0140] In certain embodiments, the present invention concerns recombinant polynucleotides encoding the proteins, polypeptides, or peptides of the invention. The nucleic acid sequences for EsaC and other bacterial proteins including, but not limited to EsxA, EsxB, or any other polypeptide transported by the Ess pathway, and/or SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, or other surface proteins or sortase substrates, are included, all of which are incorporated by reference, and can be used to prepare an EsaC, EsxA, EsxB, or any other polypeptide transported by the Ess pathway, and/or SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, Spa, ClfA, ClfB, IsdC, SasF or other sortase substrates. [0141] As used in this application, the term "polynucleotide" refers to a nucleic acid molecule that either is recombinant or has been isolated free of total genomic nucleic acid. Included within the term "polynucleotide" are oligonucleotides (nucleic acids 100 residues or less in length), recombinant vectors, including, for example, plasmids, cosmids, phage, viruses, and the like. Polynucleotides include, in certain aspects, regulatory sequences, isolated substantially away from their naturally occurring genes or protein encoding sequences. Polynucleotides may be single-stranded (coding or antisense) or double-stranded, and may be RNA, DNA (genomic, cDNA or synthetic), analogs thereof, or a combination thereof. Additional coding or non-coding sequences may, but need not, be present within a polynucleotide.

[0142] In this respect, the term "gene," "polynucleotide," or "nucleic acid" is used to refer to a nucleic acid that encodes a protein, polypeptide, or peptide (including any sequences required for proper transcription, post-translational modification, or localization). As will be understood by those in the art, this term encompasses genomic sequences, expression cassettes, cDNA sequences, and smaller engineered nucleic acid segments that express, or may be adapted to express, proteins, polypeptides, domains, peptides, fusion proteins, and mutants. A nucleic acid encoding all or part of a polypeptide may contain a contiguous nucleic acid sequence encoding all or a portion of such a polypeptide of the following lengths: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 441, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000, 1010, 1020, 1030, 1040, 1050, 1060, 1070, 1080, 1090, 1095, 1100, 1500, 2000, 2500, 3000, 3500, 4000, 4500, 5000, 5500, 6000, 6500, 7000, 7500, 8000, 9000, 10000, or more nucleotides, nucleosides, or base pairs of a polypeptide of the invention. It also is contemplated that a particular polypeptide may be encoded by nucleic acids containing variations having slightly different nucleic acid sequences but, nonetheless, encode the same or substantially similar protein (see Table 2 above).

[0143] In particular embodiments, the invention concerns isolated nucleic acid segments and recombinant vectors incorporating nucleic acid sequences that encode an EsaC, that may also be in combination with EsxA, EsxB, or any other protein transported by the Ess pathway, and/or SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, or other sortase substrates. Thus, an isolated nucleic acid segment or vector containing a nucleic acid segment may encode, for example, an EsaC, EsxA, EsxB, or other Ess pathway protein, and/or SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, or other sortase substrates that is immunogenic. The term "recombinant" may be used in conjunction with a polypeptide or the name of a specific polypeptide, and this generally refers to a polypeptide produced from a nucleic acid molecule that has been manipulated in vitro or that is a replication product of such a molecule.

[0144] In other embodiments, the invention concerns isolated nucleic acid segments and recombinant vectors incorporating nucleic acid sequences that encode an EsaC polypeptide that can be used in combination with EsxA, EsxB, or another Ess transported polypeptide or peptide, and/or SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, or other sortase substrate polypeptides or peptides to generate an immune response in a subject. In various embodiments the nucleic acids of the invention may be used in genetic vaccines.

[0145] The nucleic acid segments used in the present invention, regardless of the length of the coding sequence itself, may be combined with other nucleic acid sequences, such as promoters, polyadenylation signals, additional restriction enzyme sites, multiple cloning sites, other coding segments, and the like, such that their overall length may vary considerably. It is therefore contemplated that a nucleic acid fragment of almost any length may be employed, with the total length preferably being limited by the ease of preparation and use in the intended recombinant nucleic acid protocol. In some cases, a nucleic acid sequence may encode a polypeptide sequence with additional heterologous coding sequences, for example to allow for purification of the polypeptide, transport, secretion, post-translational modification, or for the rapeutic benefits such as targeting or efficacy. As discussed above, a tag or other heterologous polypeptide may be added to the modified polypeptide-encoding sequence, wherein "heterologous" refers to a polypeptide that is not the same as the modified polypeptide.

[0146] The nucleic acid used in the present invention encodes EsaC. In certain aspects EsaC can be used in combination with EsxA, EsxB, or any other peptide or protein from a polypeptide transported by the Ess pathway, and/or SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, or any other peptides or protein processed by the sortase mechanism. Such sequences may arise as a consequence of codon redundancy and functional equivalency that are known to occur naturally within nucleic acid sequences and the proteins thus encoded. Alternatively, functionally equivalent proteins or peptides may be created via the application of recombinant DNA technology, in which changes in the protein structure may be engineered, based on considerations of the properties of the amino acids being exchanged. Changes designed by human may be introduced through the application of site-directed mutagenesis techniques, e.g., to introduce improvements to the antigenicity of the protein.

[0147] In certain other embodiments, the invention concerns isolated nucleic acid segments and recombinant vectors that include within their sequence a contiguous nucleic acid sequence from SEQ ID NO:1 (EsaC), SEQ ID NO:3 (EsxA),

SEQ ID NO:5 (EsxB), SEQ ID NO:7 (SdrD), SEQ ID NO:9 (SdrE), SEQ ID NO:11 (IsdA), SEQ ID NO:13 (IsdB), SEQ ID NO:15 (Spa), SEQ ID NO:17 (ClfB), SEQ ID NO:19 (IsdC), SEQ ID NO:21 (SasF), SEQ ID NO:23 (SdrC), SEQ ID NO:25 (ClfA) or any other nucleic acid sequences encoding secreted virulence factors and/or surface proteins including proteins transported by the Ess pathway, processed by sortase, or proteins incorporated herein by reference.

[0148] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides polynucleotide variants having substantial identity to the sequences disclosed herein; those comprising at least 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% or higher sequence identity, including all values and ranges there between, compared to a polynucleotide sequence of this invention using the methods described herein (e.g., BLAST analysis using standard parameters). In certain aspects, the isolated polynucleotide of the invention will comprise a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide that has at least 90%, preferably 95% and above, identity to an amino acid sequence of the invention, over the entire length of the sequence; or a nucleotide sequence complementary to said isolated polynucleotide.

[0149] The invention also contemplates the use of polynucleotides which are complementary to all the above described polynucleotides.

[0150] The invention also provides for the use of a fragment of a polynucleotide of the invention which when administered to a subject has the same immunogenic properties as a polynucleotide.

[0151] The invention also provides for the use of a polynucleotide encoding an immunological fragment of a protein of the invention as hereinbefore defined.

[0152] A. Vectors

[0153] Polypeptides of the invention may be encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprised in a vector. The term "vector" is used to refer to a carrier nucleic acid molecule into which a heterologous nucleic acid sequence can be inserted for introduction into a cell where it can be replicated and expressed. A nucleic acid sequence can be "heterologous," which means that it is in a context foreign to the cell in which the vector is being introduced or to the nucleic acid in which is incorporated, which includes a sequence homologous to a sequence in the cell or nucleic acid but in a position within the host cell or nucleic acid where it is ordinarily not found. Vectors include DNAs, RNAs, plasmids, cosmids, viruses (bacteriophage, animal viruses, and plant viruses), and artificial chromosomes (e.g., YACs). One of skill in the art would be well equipped to construct a vector through standard recombinant techniques (for example Sambrook et al., 2001; Ausubel et al., 1996, both incorporated herein by reference). In addition to encoding an EsaC polypeptide the vector can encode an EsxA, EsxB, or other Ess transported polypeptide, and/or SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, or any other peptides or protein processed by sortase, a vector may encode polypeptide sequences such as a tag or immunogenicity enhancing peptide. Useful vectors encoding such fusion proteins include pIN vectors (Inouye et al., 1985), vectors encoding a stretch of histidines, and pGEX vectors, for use in generating glutathione S-transferase (GST) soluble fusion proteins for later purification and separation or cleavage.

[0154] Vectors of the invention may be used in a host cell to produce an EsaC polypeptide. In certain aspects the vectors may also produce EsxA, EsxB, or other Ess transported polypeptide, and/or a SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, or any other

peptides or protein processed by the sortase mechanism that may subsequently be purified for administration to a subject or the vector may be purified for direct administration to a subject for expression of the protein in the subject.

[0155] The term "expression vector" refers to a vector containing a nucleic acid sequence coding for at least part of a gene product capable of being transcribed. In some cases, RNA molecules are then translated into a protein, polypeptide, or peptide. Expression vectors can contain a variety of "control sequences," which refer to nucleic acid sequences necessary for the transcription and possibly translation of an operably linked coding sequence in a particular host organism. In addition to control sequences that govern transcription and translation, vectors and expression vectors may contain nucleic acid sequences that serve other functions as well and are described herein.

[0156] 1. Promoters and Enhancers

[0157] A "promoter" is a control sequence. The promoter is typically a region of a nucleic acid sequence at which initiation and rate of transcription are controlled. It may contain genetic elements at which regulatory proteins and molecules may bind such as RNA polymerase and other transcription factors. The phrases "operatively positioned," "operatively linked," "under control," and "under transcriptional control" mean that a promoter is in a correct functional location and/or orientation in relation to a nucleic acid sequence to control transcriptional initiation and expression of that sequence. A promoter may or may not be used in conjunction with an "enhancer," which refers to a cis-acting regulatory sequence involved in the transcriptional activation of a nucleic acid sequence.

[0158] A promoter may be one naturally associated with a gene or sequence, as may be obtained by isolating the 5' non-coding sequences located upstream of the coding segment or exon. Such a promoter can be referred to as "endogenous." Similarly, an enhancer may be one naturally associated with a nucleic acid sequence, located either downstream or upstream of that sequence. Alternatively, certain advantages will be gained by positioning the coding nucleic acid segment under the control of a recombinant or heterologous promoter, which refers to a promoter that is not normally associated with a nucleic acid sequence in its natural environment. A recombinant or heterologous enhancer refers also to an enhancer not normally associated with a nucleic acid sequence in its natural state. Such promoters or enhancers may include promoters or enhancers of other genes, and promoters or enhancers isolated from any other prokaryotic, viral, or eukaryotic cell, and promoters or enhancers not "naturally occurring," i.e., containing different elements of different transcriptional regulatory regions, and/or mutations that alter expression. In addition to producing nucleic acid sequences of promoters and enhancers synthetically, sequences may be produced using recombinant cloning and/ or nucleic acid amplification technology, including PCRTM, in connection with the compositions disclosed herein (see U.S. Pat. No. 4,683,202, U.S. Pat. No. 5,928,906, each incorporated herein by reference).

[0159] Naturally, it may be important to employ a promoter and/or enhancer that effectively directs the expression of the DNA segment in the cell type or organism chosen for expression. Those of skill in the art of molecular biology generally know the use of promoters, enhancers, and cell type combinations for protein expression (see Sambrook et al., 2001, incorporated herein by reference). The promoters employed

may be constitutive, tissue-specific, or inducible and in certain embodiments may direct high level expression of the introduced DNA segment under specified conditions, such as large-scale production of recombinant proteins or peptides.

[0160] Various elements/promoters may be employed in the context of the present invention to regulate the expression of a gene. Examples of such inducible elements, which are regions of a nucleic acid sequence that can be activated in response to a specific stimulus, include but are not limited to Immunoglobulin Heavy Chain (Banerji et al., 1983; Gilles et al., 1983; Grosschedl et al., 1985; Atchinson et al., 1986, 1987; Imler et al., 1987; Weinberger et al., 1984; Kiledjian et al., 1988; Porton et al.; 1990), Immunoglobulin Light Chain (Queen et al., 1983; Picard et al., 1984), T Cell Receptor (Luria et al., 1987; Winoto et al., 1989; Redondo et al.; 1990), HLA DQ α and/or DQ β (Sullivan et al., 1987), β Interferon (Goodbourn et al., 1986; Fujita et al., 1987; Goodbourn et al., 1988), Interleukin-2 (Greene et al., 1989), Interleukin-2 Receptor (Greene et al., 1989; Lin et al., 1990), MHC Class II 5 (Koch et al., 1989), MHC Class II HLA-DRα (Sherman et al., 1989), β-Actin (Kawamoto et al., 1988; Ng et al.; 1989), Muscle Creatine Kinase (MCK) (Jaynes et al., 1988; Horlick et al., 1989; Johnson et al., 1989), Prealbumin (Transthyretin) (Costa et al., 1988), Elastase I (Ornitz et al., 1987), Metallothionein (MTII) (Karin et al., 1987; Culotta et al., 1989), Collagenase (Pinkert et al., 1987; Angel et al., 1987), Albumin (Pinkert et al., 1987; Tronche et al., 1989, 1990), α -Fetoprotein (Godbout et al., 1988; Campere et al., 1989), γ-Globin (Bodine et al., 1987; Perez-Stable et al., 1990), 13-Globin (Trudel et al., 1987), c-fos (Cohen et al., 1987), c-Ha-Ras (Triesman, 1986; Deschamps et al., 1985), Insulin (Edlund et al., 1985), Neural Cell Adhesion Molecule (NCAM) (Hirsh et al., 1990), α1-Antitrypain (Latimer et al., 1990), H2B (TH2B) Histone (Hwang et al., 1990), Mouse and/or Type I Collagen (Ripe et al., 1989), Glucose-Regulated Proteins (GRP94 and GRP78) (Chang et al., 1989), Rat Growth Hormone (Larsen et al., 1986), Human Serum Amyloid A (SAA) (Edbrooke et al., 1989), Troponin I (TN I) (Yutzey et al., 1989), Platelet-Derived Growth Factor (PDGF) (Pech et al., 1989), Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (Klamut et al., 1990), SV40 (Banerji et al., 1981; Moreau et al., 1981; Sleigh et al., 1985; Firak et al., 1986; Herr et al., 1986; Imbra et al., 1986; Kadesch et al., 1986; Wang et al., 1986; Ondek et al., 1987; Kuhl et al., 1987; Schaffner et al., 1988), Polyoma (Swartzendruber et al., 1975; Vasseur et al., 1980; Katinka et al., 1980, 1981; Tyndell et al., 1981; Dandolo et al., 1983; de Villiers et al., 1984; Hen et al., 1986; Satake et al., 1988; Campbell et al., 1988), Retroviruses (Kriegler et al., 1982, 1983; Levinson et al., 1982; Kriegler et al., 1983, 1984a, b, 1988; Bosze et al., 1986; Miksicek et al., 1986; Celander et al., 1987; Thiesen et al., 1988; Celander et al., 1988; Choi et al., 1988; Reisman et al., 1989), Papilloma Virus (Campo et al., 1983; Lusky et al., 1983; Spandidos and Wilkie, 1983; Spalholz et al., 1985; Lusky et al., 1986; Cripe et al., 1987; Gloss et al., 1987; Hirochika et al., 1987; Stephens et al., 1987), Hepatitis B Virus (Bulla et al., 1986; Jameel et al., 1986; Shaul et al., 1987; Spandau et al., 1988; Vannice et al., 1988), Human Immunodeficiency Virus (Muesing et al., 1987; Hauber et al., 1988; Jakobovits et al., 1988; Feng et al., 1988; Takebe et al., 1988; Rosen et al., 1988; Berkhout et al., 1989; Laspia et al., 1989; Sharp et al., 1989; Braddock et al., 1989), Cytomegalovirus (CMV) IE (Weber et al., 1984; Boshart et al., 1985; Foecking et al., 1986), Gibbon Ape Leukemia Virus (Holbrook et al., 1987; Quinn et al., 1989).

[0161] Inducible elements include, but are not limited to MT II—Phorbol Ester (TFA)/Heavy metals (Palmiter et al., 1982; Haslinger et al., 1985; Searle et al., 1985; Stuart et al., 1985; Imagawa et al., 1987, Karin et al., 1987; Angel et al., 1987b; McNeall et al., 1989); MMTV (mouse mammary tumor virus)—Glucocorticoids (Huang et al., 1981; Lee et al., 1981; Majors et al., 1983; Chandler et al., 1983; Lee et al., 1984; Ponta et al., 1985; Sakai et al., 1988); β-Interferon poly(rI)x/poly(rc) (Tavernier et al., 1983); Adenovirus 5 E2-E1A (Imperiale et al., 1984); Collagenase—Phorbol Ester (TPA) (Angel et al., 1987a); Stromelysin—Phorbol Ester (TPA) (Angel et al., 1987b); SV40—Phorbol Ester (TPA) (Angel et al., 1987b); Murine MX Gene-Interferon, Newcastle Disease Virus (Hug et al., 1988); GRP78 Gene-A23187 (Resendez et al., 1988); α-2-Macroglobulin—IL-6 (Kunz et al., 1989); Vimentin—Serum (Rittling et al., 1989); MHC Class I Gene H-2 Kb—Interferon (Blanar et al., 1989); HSP70—E1A/SV40 Large T Antigen (Taylor et al., 1989, 1990a, 1990b); Proliferin—Phorbol Ester/TPA (Mordacq et al., 1989); Tumor Necrosis Factor—PMA (Hensel et al., 1989); and Thyroid Stimulating Hormone a Gene—Thyroid Hormone (Chatterjee et al., 1989).

[0162] Also contemplated as useful in the present invention are the dectin-1 and dectin-2 promoters. Additionally any promoter/enhancer combination (as per the Eukaryotic Promoter Data Base EPDB) could also be used to drive expression of structural genes encoding oligosaccharide processing enzymes, protein folding accessory proteins, selectable marker proteins or a heterologous protein of interest.

[0163] The particular promoter that is employed to control the expression of peptide or protein encoding polynucleotide of the invention is not believed to be critical, so long as it is capable of expressing the polynucleotide in a targeted cell, preferably a bacterial cell. Where a human cell is targeted, it is preferable to position the polynucleotide coding region adjacent to and under the control of a promoter that is capable of being expressed in a human cell. Generally speaking, such a promoter might include either a bacterial, human or viral promoter.

[0164] In various embodiments, the human cytomegalovirus (CMV) immediate early gene promoter, the SV40 early promoter, and the Rous sarcoma virus long terminal repeat can be used to obtain high level expression of an EsaC polynucleotide. In other embodiments EsaC can be used in combination with EsxA-, EsxB-, or other Ess-related polynucleotide, and/or SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, or any other sortase substrate related polynucleotide. The use of other viral or mammalian cellular or bacterial phage promoters, which are well known in the art, to achieve expression of polynucleotides is contemplated as well.

[0165] In embodiments in which a vector is administered to a subject for expression of the protein, it is contemplated that a desirable promoter for use with the vector is one that is not down-regulated by cytokines or one that is strong enough that even if down-regulated, it produces an effective amount of an EsaC polypeptide for eliciting an immune response to limit abscess persistence. In other embodiments EsaC can be used in combination with EsxA, EsxB, or other Ess transported protein, and/or SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, or any other peptides or protein processed by sortase in a subject to elicit an immune response. Non-limiting examples of these are CMV IE and RSV LTR. In other embodiments, a promoter that is

up-regulated in the presence of cytokines is employed. The MHC I promoter increases expression in the presence of IFN-γ.

[0166] Tissue specific promoters can be used, particularly if expression is in cells in which expression of an antigen is desirable, such as dendritic cells or macrophages. The mammalian MHC I and MHC II promoters are examples of such tissue-specific promoters.

[0167] 2. Initiation Signals and Internal Ribosome Binding Sites (IRES)

[0168] A specific initiation signal also may be required for efficient translation of coding sequences. These signals include the ATG initiation codon or adjacent sequences. Exogenous translational control signals, including the ATG initiation codon, may need to be provided. One of ordinary skill in the art would readily be capable of determining this and providing the necessary signals. It is well known that the initiation codon must be "in-frame" with the reading frame of the desired coding sequence to ensure translation of the entire insert. The exogenous translational control signals and initiation codons can be either natural or synthetic and may be operable in bacteria or mammalian cells. The efficiency of expression may be enhanced by the inclusion of appropriate transcription enhancer elements.

[0169] In certain embodiments of the invention, the use of internal ribosome entry sites (IRES) elements are used to create multigene, or polycistronic, messages. IRES elements are able to bypass the ribosome scanning model of 5\times methylated Cap dependent translation and begin translation at internal sites (Pelletier and Sonenberg, 1988). IRES elements from two members of the picornavirus family (polio and encephalomyocarditis) have been described (Pelletier and Sonenberg, 1988), as well an IRES from a mammalian message (Macejak and Sarnow, 1991). IRES elements can be linked to heterologous open reading frames. Multiple open reading frames can be transcribed together, each separated by an IRES, creating polycistronic messages. By virtue of the IRES element, each open reading frame is accessible to ribosomes for efficient translation. Multiple genes can be efficiently expressed using a single promoter/enhancer to transcribe a single message (see U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,925,565 and 5,935,819, herein incorporated by reference).

[0170] 3. Multiple Cloning Sites

[0171] Vectors can include a multiple cloning site (MCS), which is a nucleic acid region that contains multiple restriction enzyme sites, any of which can be used in conjunction with standard recombinant technology to digest the vector. (See Carbonelli et al., 1999, Levenson et al., 1998, and Cocea, 1997, incorporated herein by reference.) Frequently, a vector is linearized or fragmented using a restriction enzyme that cuts within the MCS to enable exogenous sequences to be ligated to the vector. Techniques involving restriction enzymes and ligation reactions are well known to those of skill in the art of recombinant technology.

[0172] 4. Splicing Sites

[0173] Most transcribed eukaryotic RNA molecules will undergo RNA splicing to remove introns from the primary transcripts. Vectors containing genomic eukaryotic sequences may require donor and/or acceptor splicing sites to ensure proper processing of the transcript for protein expression. (See Chandler et al., 1997, incorporated herein by reference.)

[0174] 5. Termination Signals

[0175] The vectors or constructs of the present invention will generally comprise at least one termination signal. A "termination signal" or "terminator" is comprised of the DNA sequences involved in specific termination of an RNA transcript by an RNA polymerase. Thus, in certain embodiments a termination signal that ends the production of an RNA transcript is contemplated. A terminator may be necessary in vivo to achieve desirable message levels.

[0176] In eukaryotic systems, the terminator region may also comprise specific DNA sequences that permit site-specific cleavage of the new transcript so as to expose a polyadenylation site. This signals a specialized endogenous polymerase to add a stretch of about 200 A residues (polyA) to the 3' end of the transcript. RNA molecules modified with this polyA tail appear to more stable and are translated more efficiently. Thus, in other embodiments involving eukaryotes, it is preferred that that terminator comprises a signal for the cleavage of the RNA, and it is more preferred that the terminator signal promotes polyadenylation of the message.

[0177] Terminators contemplated for use in the invention include any known terminator of transcription described herein or known to one of ordinary skill in the art, including but not limited to, for example, the bovine growth hormone terminator or viral termination sequences, such as the SV40 terminator. In certain embodiments, the termination signal may be a lack of transcribable or translatable sequence, such as due to a sequence truncation.

[0178] 6. Polyadenylation Signals

[0179] In expression, particularly eukaryotic expression, one will typically include a polyadenylation signal to effect proper polyadenylation of the transcript. The nature of the polyadenylation signal is not believed to be crucial to the successful practice of the invention, and/or any such sequence may be employed. Preferred embodiments include the SV40 polyadenylation signal and/or the bovine growth hormone polyadenylation signal, convenient and/or known to function well in various target cells. Polyadenylation may increase the stability of the transcript or may facilitate cytoplasmic transport.

[0180] 7. Origins of Replication

[0181] In order to propagate a vector in a host cell, it may contain one or more origins of replication sites (often termed "ori"), which is a specific nucleic acid sequence at which replication is initiated. Alternatively an autonomously replicating sequence (ARS) can be employed if the host cell is yeast.

[0182] 8. Selectable and Screenable Markers

[0183] In certain embodiments of the invention, cells containing a nucleic acid construct of the present invention may be identified in vitro or in vivo by encoding a screenable or selectable marker in the expression vector. When transcribed and translated, a marker confers an identifiable change to the cell permitting easy identification of cells containing the expression vector. Generally, a selectable marker is one that confers a property that allows for selection. A positive selectable marker is one in which the presence of the marker allows for its selection, while a negative selectable marker is one in which its presence prevents its selection. An example of a positive selectable marker is a drug resistance marker.

[0184] Usually the inclusion of a drug selection marker aids in the cloning and identification of transformants, for example, markers that confer resistance to neomycin, puromycin, hygromycin, DHFR, GPT, zeocin or histidinol are

useful selectable markers. In addition to markers conferring a phenotype that allows for the discrimination of transformants based on the implementation of conditions, other types of markers including screenable markers such as GFP for colorimetric analysis. Alternatively, screenable enzymes such as herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase (tk) or chloramphenicol acetyltransferase (CAT) may be utilized. One of skill in the art would also know how to employ immunologic markers that can be used in conjunction with FACS analysis. The marker used is not believed to be important, so long as it is capable of being expressed simultaneously with the nucleic acid encoding a protein of the invention. Further examples of selectable and screenable markers are well known to one of skill in the art.

[0185] B. Host Cells

[0186] As used herein, the terms "cell," "cell line," and "cell culture" may be used interchangeably. All of these terms also include their progeny, which is any and all subsequent generations. It is understood that all progeny may not be identical due to deliberate or inadvertent mutations. In the context of expressing a heterologous nucleic acid sequence, "host cell" refers to a prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell, and it includes any transformable organism that is capable of replicating a vector or expressing a heterologous gene encoded by a vector. A host cell can, and has been, used as a recipient for vectors or viruses. A host cell may be "transfected" or "transformed," which refers to a process by which exogenous nucleic acid, such as a recombinant protein-encoding sequence, is transferred or introduced into the host cell. A transformed cell includes the primary subject cell and its progeny.

[0187] Host cells may be derived from prokaryotes or eukaryotes, including bacteria, yeast cells, insect cells, and mammalian cells for replication of the vector or expression of part or all of the nucleic acid sequence(s). Numerous cell lines and cultures are available for use as a host cell, and they can be obtained through the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), which is an organization that serves as an archive for living cultures and genetic materials (www.atcc.org). An appropriate host can be determined by one of skill in the art based on the vector backbone and the desired result. A plasmid or cosmid, for example, can be introduced into a prokaryote host cell for replication of many vectors or expression of encoded proteins. Bacterial cells used as host cells for vector replication and/or expression include Staphylococcus strains, DH5α, JM109, and KC8, as well as a number of commercially available bacterial hosts such as SURE® Competent Cells and SOLOPACK™ Gold Cells (STRATAGENE®, La Jolla, Calif.). Alternatively, bacterial cells such as E. coli LE392 could be used as host cells for phage viruses. Appropriate yeast cells include Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Saccharomyces pombe, and Pichia pastoris.

[0188] Examples of eukaryotic host cells for replication and/or expression of a vector include HeLa, NIH3T3, Jurkat, 293, Cos, CHO, Saos, and PC12. Many host cells from various cell types and organisms are available and would be known to one of skill in the art. Similarly, a viral vector may be used in conjunction with either a eukaryotic or prokaryotic host cell, particularly one that is permissive for replication or expression of the vector.

[0189] Some vectors may employ control sequences that allow it to be replicated and/or expressed in both prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. One of skill in the art would further understand the conditions under which to incubate all of the

above described host cells to maintain them and to permit replication of a vector. Also understood and known are techniques and conditions that would allow large-scale production of vectors, as well as production of the nucleic acids encoded by vectors and their cognate polypeptides, proteins, or peptides.

[0190] C. Expression Systems

[0191] Numerous expression systems exist that comprise at least a part or all of the compositions discussed above. Prokaryote- and/or eukaryote-based systems can be employed for use with the present invention to produce nucleic acid sequences, or their cognate polypeptides, proteins and peptides. Many such systems are commercially and widely available.

[0192] The insect cell/baculovirus system can produce a high level of protein expression of a heterologous nucleic acid segment, such as described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,871,986, 4,879,236, both herein incorporated by reference, and which can be bought, for example, under the name MAXBAC® 2.0 from INVITROGEN® and BACPACKTM BACULOVIRUS EXPRESSION SYSTEM FROM CLONTECH®.

[0193] In addition to the disclosed expression systems of the invention, other examples of expression systems include STRATAGENE®'s COMPLETE CONTROL™ Inducible Mammalian Expression System, which involves a synthetic ecdysone-inducible receptor, or its pET Expression System, an E. coli expression system. Another example of an inducible expression system is available from INVITROGEN®, which carries the T-REXTM (tetracycline-regulated expression) System, an inducible mammalian expression system that uses the full-length CMV promoter. INVITROGEN® also provides a yeast expression system called the Pichia methanolica Expression System, which is designed for highlevel production of recombinant proteins in the methylotrophic yeast Pichia methanolica. One of skill in the art would know how to express a vector, such as an expression construct, to produce a nucleic acid sequence or its cognate polypeptide, protein, or peptide.

[0194] D. Amplification of Nucleic Acids

[0195] Nucleic acids used as a template for amplification may be isolated from cells, tissues or other samples according to standard methodologies (Sambrook et al., 2001). In certain embodiments, analysis is performed on whole cell or tissue homogenates or biological fluid samples without substantial purification of the template nucleic acid. The nucleic acid may be genomic DNA or fractionated or whole cell RNA. Where RNA is used, it may be desired to first convert the RNA to a complementary DNA.

[0196] The term "primer," as used herein, is meant to encompass any nucleic acid that is capable of priming the synthesis of a nascent nucleic acid in a template-dependent process. Typically, primers are oligonucleotides from ten to twenty and/or thirty base pairs in length, but longer sequences can be employed. Primers may be provided in double-stranded and/or single-stranded form, although the single-stranded form is preferred.

[0197] Pairs of primers designed to selectively hybridize to nucleic acids corresponding to sequences of genes identified herein are contacted with the template nucleic acid under conditions that permit selective hybridization. Depending upon the desired application, high stringency hybridization conditions may be selected that will only allow hybridization to sequences that are completely complementary to the primers. In other embodiments, hybridization may occur under

reduced stringency to allow for amplification of nucleic acids containing one or more mismatches with the primer sequences. Once hybridized, the template-primer complex is contacted with one or more enzymes that facilitate template-dependent nucleic acid synthesis. Multiple rounds of amplification, also referred to as "cycles," are conducted until a sufficient amount of amplification product is produced.

[0198] The amplification product may be detected or quantified. In certain applications, the detection may be performed by visual means. Alternatively, the detection may involve indirect identification of the product via chemiluminescence, radioactive scintigraphy of incorporated radiolabel or fluorescent label or even via a system using electrical and/or thermal impulse signals (Bellus, 1994).

[0199] A number of template dependent processes are available to amplify the oligonucleotide sequences present in a given template sample. One of the best known amplification methods is the polymerase chain reaction (referred to as PCRTM) which is described in detail in U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,683, 195, 4,683,202 and 4,800,159, and in Innis et al., 1988, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. [0200] Alternative methods for amplification of target nucleic acid sequences that may be used in the practice of the present invention are disclosed in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,843,650, 5,846,709, 5,846,783, 5,849,546, 5,849,497, 5,849,547, 5,858,652, 5,866,366, 5,916,776, 5,922,574, 5,928,905

5,846,709, 5,846,783, 5,849,546, 5,849,497, 5,849,547, 5,858,652, 5,866,366, 5,916,776, 5,922,574, 5,928,905, 5,928,906, 5,932,451, 5,935,825, 5,939,291 and 5,942,391, GB Application No. 2 202 328, and in PCT Application No. PCT/US89/01025, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

[0201] E. Methods of Gene Transfer

[0202] Suitable methods for nucleic acid delivery to effect expression of compositions of the present invention are believed to include virtually any method by which a nucleic acid (e.g., DNA, including viral and nonviral vectors) can be introduced into a cell, a tissue or an organism, as described herein or as would be known to one of ordinary skill in the art. Such methods include, but are not limited to, direct delivery of DNA such as by injection (U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,994,624, 5,981, 274, 5,945,100, 5,780,448, 5,736,524, 5,702,932, 5,656,610, 5,589,466 and 5,580,859, each incorporated herein by reference), including microinjection (Harland and Weintraub, 1985; U.S. Pat. No. 5,789,215, incorporated herein by reference); by electroporation (U.S. Pat. No. 5,384,253, incorporated herein by reference); by calcium phosphate precipitation (Graham and Van Der Eb, 1973; Chen and Okayama, 1987; Rippe et al., 1990); by using DEAE dextran followed by polyethylene glycol (Gopal, 1985); by direct sonic loading (Fechheimer et al., 1987); by liposome mediated transfection (Nicolau and Sene, 1982; Fraley et al., 1979; Nicolau et al., 1987; Wong et al., 1980; Kaneda et al., 1989; Kato et al., 1991); by microprojectile bombardment (PCT Application Nos. WO 94/09699 and 95/06128; U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,610,042; 5,322,783, 5,563,055, 5,550,318, 5,538,877 and 5,538,880, and each incorporated herein by reference); by agitation with silicon carbide fibers (Kaeppler et al., 1990; U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,302,523 and 5,464,765, each incorporated herein by reference); by Agrobacterium mediated transformation (U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,591,616 and 5,563,055, each incorporated herein by reference); or by PEG mediated transformation of protoplasts (Omirulleh et al., 1993; U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,684,611 and 4,952, 500, each incorporated herein by reference); by desiccation/ inhibition mediated DNA uptake (Potrykus et al., 1985).

Through the application of techniques such as these, organelle(s), cell(s), tissue(s) or organism(s) may be stably or transiently transformed.

III. POLYSACCHARIDES

[0203] The immunogenic compositions of the invention may further comprise capsular polysaccharides including one or more of PIA (also known as PNAG) and/or S. aureus Type V and/or type VIII capsular polysaccharide and/or S. epidermidis Type I, and/or Type II and/or Type III capsular polysaccharide.

[0204] A. PIA (PNAG)

[0205] It is now clear that the various forms of staphylococcal surface polysaccharides identified as PS/A, PIA and SAA are the same chemical entity—PNAG (Maira-Litran et al., 2004). Therefore the term PIA or PNAG encompasses all these polysaccharides or oligosaccharides derived from them. [0206] PIA is a polysaccharide intercellular adhesin and is composed of a polymer of β -(1 \rightarrow 6)-linked glucosamine substituted with N-acetyl and O-succinyl constituents. This polysaccharide is present in both S. aureus and S. epidermidis and can be isolated from either source (Joyce et al., 2003; Maira-Litran et al., 2002). For example, PNAG may be isolated from S. aureus strain MN8m (WO04/43407). PIA isolated from S. epidermidis is a integral constituent of biofilm. It is responsible for mediating cell-cell adhesion and probably also functions to shield the growing colony from the host's immune response. The polysaccharide previously known as poly-N-succinyl-β-(1→6)-glucosamine (PNSG) recently shown not to have the expected structure since the identification of N-succinylation was incorrect (Maira-Litran et al., 2002). Therefore the polysaccharide formally known as PNSG and now found to be PNAG is also encompassed by the

[0207] PIA (or PNAG) may be of different sizes varying from over 400 kDa to between 75 and 400 kDa to between 10 and 75 kDa to oligosaccharides composed of up to 30 repeat units (of β -(1 \rightarrow 6)-linked glucosamine substituted with N-acetyl and O-succinyl constituents). Any size of PIA polysaccharide or oligosaccharide may be use in an immunogenic composition of the invention, in one aspect the polysaccharide is over 40 kDa. Sizing may be achieved by any method known in the art, for instance by microfluidization, ultrasonic irradiation or by chemical cleavage (WO 03/53462, EP497524, EP497525). In certain aspects PIA (PNAG) is at least or at most 40-400 kDa, 40-300 kDa, 50-350 kDa, 60-300 kDa, 50-250 kDa and 60-200 kDa.

[0208] PIA (PNAG) can have different degree of acetylation due to substitution on the amino groups by acetate. PIA produced in vitro is almost fully substituted on amino groups (95-100%). Alternatively, a deacetylated PIA (PNAG) can be used having less than 60%, 50%, 40%, 30%, 20%, 10% acetylation. Use of a deacetylated PIA (PNAG) is preferred since non-acetylated epitopes of PNAG are efficient at mediating opsonic killing of Gram positive bacteria, preferably S. aureus and/or S. epidermidis. In certain aspects, the PIA (PNAG) has a size between 40 kDa and 300 kDa and is deacetylated so that less than 60%, 50%, 40%, 30% or 20% of amino groups are acetylated.

[0209] The term deacetylated PNAG (dPNAG) refers to a PNAG polysaccharide or oligosaccharide in which less than 60%, 50%, 40%, 30%, 20% or 10% of the amino groups are acetylated. In certain aspects, PNAG is deaceylated to form dPNAG by chemically treating the native polysaccharide. For example, the native PNAG is treated with a basic solution such that the pH rises to above 10. For instance the PNAG is treated with 0.1-5 M, 0.2-4 M, 0.3-3 M, 0.5-2 M, 0.75-1.5 M or 1 M NaOH, KOH or NH₄OH. Treatment is for at least 10 to 30 minutes, or 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 or 20 hours at a temperature of 20-100, 25-80, 30-60 or 30-50 or 35-45° C. dPNAG may be prepared as described in WO 04/43405.

[0210] The polysaccharide(s) can be conjugated or unconjugated to a carrier protein.

[0211] B. Type $\overline{5}$ and Type 8 Polysaccharides from S. aureus

[0212]Most strains of S. aureus that cause infection in humans contain either Type 5 or Type 8 polysaccharides. Approximately 60% of human strains are Type 8 and approximately 30% are Type 5. The structures of Type 5 and Type 8 capsular polysaccharide antigens are described in Moreau et al. (1990) and Fournier et al. (1984). Both have FucNAcp in their repeat unit as well as ManNAcA which can be used to introduce a sulfhydryl group. The structures are:

[**0213**] Type 5 [**0214**] →4)-β-D-ManNAcA(3OAc)-(1→4)-α-L-FucNAc $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -β-D-FucNAc- $(1\rightarrow$

[**0215**] Type 8

[0216] \rightarrow 3)- β -D-ManNAcA(4OAc)-(1 \rightarrow 3)- α -L-FucNAc $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -β-D-FucNAc- $(1\rightarrow$

[0217] Recently (Jones, 2005) NMR spectroscopy revised the structures to:

[0218] Type 5

[0219] \rightarrow 4)- β -D-ManNAcA-(1 \rightarrow 4)- α -L-FucNAc

(3OAc)-(1→3)-β-D-FucNAc-(1→

[0220] Type 8

[0221] \rightarrow 3)- β -D-ManNAcA(4OAc)-(1 \rightarrow 3)- α -L-FucNAc $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - α -D-FucNAc $(1\rightarrow$

[0222] Polysaccharides may be extracted from the appropriate strain of S. aureus using methods well known to persons of skill in the art, See U.S. Pat. No. 6,294,177. For example, ATCC 12902 is a Type 5 S. aureus strain and ATCC 12605 is a Type 8 S. aureus strain.

[0223] Polysaccharides are of native size or alternatively may be sized, for instance by microfluidisation, ultrasonic irradiation, or by chemical treatment. The invention also covers oligosaccharides derived from the type 5 and 8 polysaccharides from S. aureus. The type 5 and 8 polysaccharides included in the immunogenic composition of the invention are preferably conjugated to a carrier protein as described below or are alternatively unconjugated. The immunogenic compositions of the invention alternatively contain either type 5 or type 8 polysaccharides.

[0224] C. S. aureus 336 Antigen

[0225] In an embodiment, the immunogenic composition of the invention comprises the S. aureus 336 antigen described in U.S. Pat. No. 6,294,177. The 336 antigen comprises β-linked hexosamine, contains no O-acetyl groups, and specifically binds to antibodies to S. aureus Type 336 deposited under ATCC 55804. In an embodiment, the 336 antigen is a polysaccharide which is of native size or alternatively may be sized, for instance by microfluidisation, ultrasonic irradiation, or by chemical treatment. The invention also covers oligosaccharides derived from the 336 antigen. The 336 antigen can be unconjugated or conjugated to a carrier protein.

[0226] D. Type I, II and III Polysaccharides from S. epidermidis

[0227] Amongst the problems associated with the use of polysaccharides in vaccination, is the fact that polysaccharides per se are poor immunogens. It is preferred that the polysaccharides utilized in the invention are linked to a protein carrier which provide bystander T-cell help to improve immunogenicity. Examples of such carriers which may be conjugated to polysaccharide immunogens include the Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoids (DT, DT CRM197 and TT respectively), Keyhole Limpet Haemocyanin (KLH), and the purified protein derivative of Tuberculin (PPD), Pseudomonas aeruginosa exoprotein A (rEPA), protein D from Haemophilus influenzae, pneumolysin or fragments of any of the above. Fragments suitable for use include fragments encompassing T-helper epitopes. In particular the protein D fragment from H. influenza will preferably contain the N-terminal 1/3 of the protein. Protein D is an IgD-binding protein from Haemophilus influenzae (EP 0 594 610 B1) and is a potential immunogen. In addition, staphylococcal proteins may be used as carrier proteins in the polysaccharide conjugates of the invention.

[0228] A carrier protein that would be particularly advantageous to use in the context of a staphylococcal vaccine is staphylococcal alpha toxoid. The native form may be conjugated to a polysaccharide since the process of conjugation reduces toxicity. Preferably genetically detoxified alpha toxins such as the His35Leu or His35Arg variants are used as carriers since residual toxicity is lower. Alternatively the alpha toxin is chemically detoxified by treatment with a cross-linking reagent, formaldehyde or glutaraldehyde. A genetically detoxified alpha toxin is optionally chemically detoxified, preferably by treatment with a cross-linking reagent, formaldehyde or glutaraldehyde to further reduce toxicity.

[0229] The polysaccharides may be linked to the carrier protein(s) by any known method (for example those methods described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,372,945, 4,474,757, and 4,356, 170). Preferably, CDAP conjugation chemistry is carried out (see WO95/08348). In CDAP, the cyanylating reagent 1-cyano-dimethylaminopyridinium tetrafluoroborate (CDAP) is preferably used for the synthesis of polysaccharide-protein conjugates. The cyanilation reaction can be performed under relatively mild conditions, which avoids hydrolysis of the alkaline sensitive polysaccharides. This synthesis allows direct coupling to a carrier protein.

[0230] Conjugation preferably involves producing a direct linkage between the carrier protein and polysaccharide. Optionally a spacer (such as adipic dihydride (ADH)) may be introduced between the carrier protein and the polysaccharide.

IV. IMMUNE RESPONSE AND ASSAYS

[0231] As discussed above, the invention concerns evoking or inducing an immune response in a subject against an EsaC polypeptide. In other embodiments an immune response to other secreted virulence factors or surface proteins can be evoked or induced, including EsxA, EsxB, or other polypeptides transported by the Ess pathway, and/or SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, Spa, ClfA, ClfB, SasF, IsdC or any other peptide or protein processed by sortase. In one embodiment, the immune response can protect against or treat a subject (e.g., limiting abscess persistence) having, suspected of having, or at risk of developing an infection or related disease, particularly those related to staphylococci. One use of the immunogenic compositions of the invention is to prevent nosocomial infections by inoculating a subject prior to hospital treatment.

[0232] A. Immunoassays

[0233] The present invention includes the implementation of serological assays to evaluate whether and to what extent an immune response is induced or evoked by EsaC, EsxA or EsxB, or any other polypeptide transported by the Ess pathway, and/or SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, or any other sortase process peptide or protein. There are many types of immunoassays that can be implemented. Immunoassays encompassed by the present invention include, but are not limited to, those described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,367,110 (double monoclonal antibody sandwich assay) and U.S. Pat. No. 4,452,901 (western blot). Other assays include immunoprecipitation of labeled ligands and immunocytochemistry, both in vitro and in vivo.

[0234] Immunoassays generally are binding assays. Certain preferred immunoassays are the various types of enzyme linked immunosorbent assays (ELISAs) and radioimmunoassays (RIA) known in the art. Immunohistochemical detection using tissue sections is also particularly useful.

[0235] In one exemplary ELISA, the antibodies or antigens are immobilized on a selected surface, such as a well in a polystyrene microtiter plate, dipstick, or column support. Then, a test composition suspected of containing the desired antigen or antibody, such as a clinical sample, is added to the wells. After binding and washing to remove non specifically bound immune complexes, the bound antigen or antibody may be detected. Detection is generally achieved by the addition of another antibody, specific for the desired antigen or antibody, that is linked to a detectable label. This type of ELISA is known as a "sandwich ELISA". Detection also may be achieved by the addition of a second antibody specific for the desired antigen, followed by the addition of a third antibody that has binding affinity for the second antibody, with the third antibody being linked to a detectable label.

[0236] Variations on ELISA techniques are known to those of skill in the art. In one such variation, the samples suspected of containing a target antigen or antibody are immobilized onto the well surface and then contacted with the antibodies or antigens of the invention. After binding and appropriate washing, the bound immune complexes are detected. Where the initial antigen specific antibodies are linked to a detectable label, the immune complexes may be detected directly. Again, the immune complexes may be detected using a second antibody that has binding affinity for the first antigen specific antibody, with the second antibody being linked to a detectable label.

[0237] Competition ELISAs are also possible implementations in which test samples compete for binding with known amounts of labeled antigens or antibodies. The amount of reactive species in the unknown sample is determined by mixing the sample with the known labeled species before or during incubation with coated wells. The presence of reactive species in the sample acts to reduce the amount of labeled species available for binding to the well and thus reduces the ultimate signal.

[0238] Irrespective of the format employed, ELISAs have certain features in common, such as coating, incubating or binding, washing to remove non specifically bound species, and detecting the bound immune complexes.

[0239] Antigen or antibodies may also be linked to a solid support, such as in the form of plate, beads, dipstick, membrane, or column matrix, and the sample to be analyzed is applied to the immobilized antigen or antibody. In coating a plate with either antigen or antibody, one will generally incu-

bate the wells of the plate with a solution of the antigen or antibody, either overnight or for a specified period. The wells of the plate will then be washed to remove incompletely-adsorbed material. Any remaining available surfaces of the wells are then "coated" with a nonspecific protein that is antigenically neutral with regard to the test antisera. These include bovine serum albumin (BSA), casein, and solutions of milk powder. The coating allows for blocking of nonspecific adsorption sites on the immobilizing surface and thus reduces the background caused by nonspecific binding of antisera onto the surface.

[0240] In ELISAs, it is more customary to use a secondary or tertiary detection means rather than a direct procedure. Thus, after binding of the antigen or antibody to the well, coating with a non reactive material to reduce background, and washing to remove unbound material, the immobilizing surface is contacted with the clinical or biological sample to be tested under conditions effective to allow immune complex (antigen/antibody) formation. Detection of the immune complex then requires a labeled secondary binding ligand or antibody, or a secondary binding ligand or antibody in conjunction with a labeled tertiary antibody or third binding ligand.

[0241] "Under conditions effective to allow immune complex (antigen/antibody) formation" means that the conditions preferably include diluting the antigens and antibodies with solutions such as BSA, bovine gamma globulin (BGG) and phosphate buffered saline (PBS)/Tween. These added agents also tend to assist in the reduction of nonspecific background.

[0242] The suitable conditions also mean that the incubation is at a temperature and for a period of time sufficient to allow effective binding. Incubation steps are typically from about 1 to 2 to 4 hours, at temperatures preferably on the order of 25° to 27° C., or may be overnight at about 4° C. or so.

[0243] After all incubation steps in an ELISA are followed, the contacted surface is washed so as to remove non complexed material. Washing often includes washing with a solution of PBS/Tween, or borate buffer. Following the formation of specific immune complexes between the test sample and the originally bound material, and subsequent washing, the occurrence of even minute amounts of immune complexes may be determined.

[0244] To provide a detecting means, the second or third antibody will have an associated label to allow detection. Preferably, this will be an enzyme that will generate color development upon incubating with an appropriate chromogenic substrate. Thus, for example, one will desire to contact and incubate the first or second immune complex with a urease, glucose oxidase, alkaline phosphatase, or hydrogen peroxidase conjugated antibody for a period of time and under conditions that favor the development of further immune complex formation, e.g., incubation for 2 hours at room temperature in a PBS containing solution such as PBS Tween.

[0245] After incubation with the labeled antibody, and subsequent to washing to remove unbound material, the amount of label is quantified, e.g., by incubation with a chromogenic substrate such as urea and bromocresol purple or 2,2' azino-di(3-ethyl benzthiazoline-6-sulfonic acid [ABTS] and $\rm H_2O_2$, in the case of peroxidase as the enzyme label. Quantification is then achieved by measuring the degree of color generation, e.g., using a visible spectra spectrophotometer. Alternatively, the label may be a chemiluminescent label (see, U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,310,687, 5,238,808 and 5,221,605).

[0246] B. Diagnosis of Bacterial Infection

[0247] In addition to the use of proteins, polypeptides, and/ or peptides, as well as antibodies binding these polypeptides, proteins, and/or peptides to treat or prevent infection as described above, the present invention contemplates the use of these polypeptides, proteins, peptides, and/or antibodies in a variety of ways, including the detection of the presence of Staphylococci to diagnose an infection, whether in a patient or on medical equipment which may also become infected. In accordance with the invention, a preferred method of detecting the presence of infections involves the steps of obtaining a sample suspected of being infected by one or more staphylococcal bacteria species or strains, such as a sample taken from an individual, for example, from one's blood, saliva, tissues, bone, muscle, cartilage, or skin. Following isolation of the sample, diagnostic assays utilizing the polypeptides, proteins, peptides, and/or antibodies of the present invention may be carried out to detect the presence of staphylococci, and such assay techniques for determining such presence in a sample are well known to those skilled in the art and include methods such as radioimmunoassay, western blot analysis and ELISA assays. In general, in accordance with the invention, a method of diagnosing an infection is contemplated wherein a sample suspected of being infected with staphylococci has added to it the polypeptide, protein, peptide, antibody, or monoclonal antibody in accordance with the present invention, and staphylococci are indicated by antibody binding to the polypeptides, proteins, and/or peptides, or polypeptides, proteins, and/or peptides binding to the antibodies in the sample.

[0248] Accordingly, antibodies in accordance with the invention may be used for the prevention of infection from staphylococcal bacteria, for the treatment of an ongoing infection, or for use as research tools. The term "antibodies" as used herein includes monoclonal, polyclonal, chimeric, single chain, bispecific, simianized, and humanized or primatized antibodies as well as Fab fragments, such as those fragments which maintain the binding specificity of the antibodies, including the products of an Fab immunoglobulin expression library. Accordingly, the invention contemplates the use of single chains such as the variable heavy and light chains of the antibodies. Generation of any of these types of antibodies or antibody fragments is well known to those skilled in the art. Specific examples of the generation of an antibody to a bacterial protein can be found in U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 20030153022, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

[0249] Any of the above described polypeptides, proteins, peptides, and/or antibodies may be labeled directly with a detectable label for identification and quantification of staphylococcal bacteria. Labels for use in immunoassays are generally known to those skilled in the art and include enzymes, radioisotopes, and fluorescent, luminescent and chromogenic substances, including colored particles such as colloidal gold or latex beads. Suitable immunoassays include enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISA).

[0250] C. Protective Immunity

[0251] In some embodiments of the invention, proteinaceous compositions confer protective immunity on a subject. Protective immunity refers to a body's ability to mount a specific immune response that protects the subject from developing a particular disease or condition that involves the

agent against which there is an immune response. An immunogenically effective amount is capable of conferring protective immunity to the subject.

[0252] As used herein in the specification and in the claims

section that follows, the term polypeptide refers to a stretch of amino acids covalently linked there amongst via peptide bonds. Different polypeptides have different functionalities according to the present invention. While according to one aspect, a polypeptide is derived from an immunogen designed to induce an active immune response in a recipient, according to another aspect of the invention, a polypeptide is derived from an antibody which results following the elicitation of an active immune response, in, for example, an animal, and which can serve to induce a passive immune response in the recipient. In both cases, however, the polypeptide is encoded by a polynucleotide according to any possible codon usage. [0253] As used herein the phrase "immune response" or its equivalent "immunological response" refers to the development of a humoral (antibody mediated), cellular (mediated by antigen-specific T cells or their secretion products) or both humoral and cellular response directed against a protein, peptide, or polypeptide of the invention in a recipient patient. Such a response can be an active response induced by administration of immunogen or a passive response induced by administration of antibody, antibody containing material, or primed T-cells. A cellular immune response is elicited by the presentation of polypeptide epitopes in association with Class I or Class II MHC molecules, to activate antigen-specific CD4 (+) T helper cells and/or CD8 (+) cytotoxic T cells. The response may also involve activation of monocytes, macrophages, NK cells, basophils, dendritic cells, astrocytes, microglia cells, eosinophils or other components of innate immu-

[0254] As used herein "active immunity" refers to any immunity conferred upon a subject by administration of an antigen

[0255] As used herein "passive immunity" refers to any immunity conferred upon a subject without administration of an antigen to the subject. "Passive immunity" therefore includes, but is not limited to, administration of activated immune effectors including cellular mediators or protein mediators (e.g., monoclonal and/or polyclonal antibodies) of an immune response. A monoclonal or polyclonal antibody composition may be used in passive immunization for the prevention or treatment of infection by organisms that carry the antigen recognized by the antibody. An antibody composition may include antibodies that bind to a variety of antigens that may in turn be associated with various organisms. The antibody component can be a polyclonal antiserum. In certain aspects the antibody or antibodies are affinity purified from an animal or second subject that has been challenged with an antigen(s). Alternatively, an antibody mixture may be used, which is a mixture of monoclonal and/or polyclonal antibodies to antigens present in the same, related, or different microbes or organisms, such as gram-positive bacteria, gramnegative bacteria, including but not limited to staphylococcus bacteria.

[0256] Passive immunity may be imparted to a patient or subject by administering to the patient immunoglobulins (Ig) and/or other immune factors obtained from a donor or other non-patient source having a known immunoreactivity. In other aspects, an antigenic composition of the present invention can be administered to a subject who then acts as a source or donor for globulin, produced in response to challenge from

the composition ("hyperimmune globulin"), that contains antibodies directed against *Staphylococcus* or other organism. A subject thus treated would donate plasma from which hyperimmune globulin would then be obtained, via conventional plasma-fractionation methodology, and administered to another subject in order to impart resistance against or to treat *staphylococcus* infection. Hyperimmune globulins according to the invention are particularly useful for immune-compromised individuals, for individuals undergoing invasive procedures or where time does not permit the individual to produce their own antibodies in response to vaccination. See U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,936,258, 6,770,278, 6,756,361, 5,548, 066, 5,512,282, 4,338,298, and 4,748,018, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, for exemplary methods and compositions related to passive immunity.

[0257] For purposes of this specification and the accompanying claims the terms "epitope" and "antigenic determinant" are used interchangeably to refer to a site on an antigen to which B and/or T cells respond or recognize B-cell epitopes can be formed both from contiguous amino acids or noncontiguous amino acids juxtaposed by tertiary folding of a protein. Epitopes formed from contiguous amino acids are typically retained on exposure to denaturing solvents whereas epitopes formed by tertiary folding are typically lost on treatment with denaturing solvents. An epitope typically includes at least 3, and more usually, at least 5 or 8-10 amino acids in a unique spatial conformation. Methods of determining spatial conformation of epitopes include, for example, x-ray crystallography and 2-dimensional nuclear magnetic resonance. See, e.g., Epitope Mapping Protocols (1996). Antibodies that recognize the same epitope can be identified in a simple immunoassay showing the ability of one antibody to block the binding of another antibody to a target antigen. T-cells recognize continuous epitopes of about nine amino acids for CD8 cells or about 13-15 amino acids for CD4 cells. T cells that recognize the epitope can be identified by in vitro assays that measure antigen-dependent proliferation, as determined by ³H-thymidine incorporation by primed T cells in response to an epitope (Burke et al., 1994), by antigendependent killing (cytotoxic T lymphocyte assay, Tigges et al., 1996) or by cytokine secretion.

[0258] The presence of a cell-mediated immunological response can be determined by proliferation assays (CD4 (+) T cells) or CTL (cytotoxic T lymphocyte) assays. The relative contributions of humoral and cellular responses to the protective or therapeutic effect of an immunogen can be distinguished by separately isolating IgG and T-cells from an immunized syngeneic animal and measuring protective or therapeutic effect in a second subject.

[0259] As used herein and in the claims, the terms "antibody" or "immunoglobulin" are used interchangeably and refer to any of several classes of structurally related proteins that function as part of the immune response of an animal or recipient, which proteins include IgG, IgD, IgE, IgA, IgM and related proteins.

[0260] Under normal physiological conditions antibodies are found in plasma and other body fluids and in the membrane of certain cells and are produced by lymphocytes of the type denoted B cells or their functional equivalent. Antibodies of the IgG class are made up of four polypeptide chains linked together by disulfide bonds. The four chains of intact IgG molecules are two identical heavy chains referred to as H-chains and two identical light chains referred to as L-chains.

[0261] In order to produce polyclonal antibodies, a host, such as a rabbit or goat, is immunized with the antigen or antigen fragment, generally with an adjuvant and, if necessary, coupled to a carrier. Antibodies to the antigen are subsequently collected from the sera of the host. The polyclonal antibody can be affinity purified against the antigen rendering it monospecific.

[0262] In order to produce monoclonal antibodies, hyperimmunization of an appropriate donor, generally a mouse, with the antigen is undertaken. Isolation of splenic antibody producing cells is then carried out. These cells are fused to a cell characterized by immortality, such as a myeloma cell, to provide a fused cell hybrid (hybridoma) which can be maintained in culture and which secretes the required monoclonal antibody. The cells are then be cultured, in bulk, and the monoclonal antibodies harvested from the culture media for use. By definition, monoclonal antibodies are specific to a single epitope. Monoclonal antibodies often have lower affinity constants than polyclonal antibodies raised against similar antigens for this reason.

[0263] Monoclonal antibodies may also be produced exvivo by use of primary cultures of splenic cells or cell lines derived from spleen (Anavi, 1998). In order to produce recombinant antibody (see generally Huston et al., 1991; Johnson et al., 1991; Mernaugh et al., 1995), messenger RNAs from antibody producing B-lymphocytes of animals, or hybridoma are reverse-transcribed to obtain complementary DNAs (cDNAs). Antibody cDNA, which can be full length or partial length, is amplified and cloned into a phage or a plasmid. The cDNA can be a partial length of heavy and light chain cDNA, separated or connected by a linker. The antibody, or antibody fragment, is expressed using a suitable expression system to obtain recombinant antibody. Antibody cDNA can also be obtained by screening pertinent expression libraries.

[0264] The antibody can be bound to a solid support substrate or conjugated with a detectable moiety or be both bound and conjugated as is well known in the art. For a general discussion of conjugation of fluorescent or enzymatic moieties see Johnstone et al. (1982). The binding of antibodies to a solid support substrate is also well known in the art (Harlow et al., 1988; Borrebaeck, 1992).

[0265] As used herein and in the claims, the phrase "an immunological portion of an antibody" include a Fab fragment of an antibody, a Fv fragment of an antibody, a heavy chain of an antibody, a light chain of an antibody, an unassociated mixture of a heavy chain and a light chain of an antibody, a heterodimer consisting of a heavy chain and a light chain of an antibody, a catalytic domain of a heavy chain of an antibody, a catalytic domain of a light chain of an antibody, a variable fragment of a light chain of an antibody, a variable fragment of a heavy chain of an antibody, and a single chain variant of an antibody, which is also known as scFv. In addition, the term includes chimeric immunoglobulins which are the expression products of fused genes derived from different species, one of the species can be a human, in which case a chimeric immunoglobulin is said to be humanized. Typically, an immunological portion of an antibody competes with the intact antibody from which it was derived for specific binding to an antigen.

[0266] Optionally, an antibody or preferably an immunological portion of an antibody, can be chemically conjugated to, or expressed as, a fusion protein with other proteins. For purposes of this specification and the accompanying claims,

all such fused proteins are included in the definition of antibodies or an immunological portion of an antibody.

[0267] As used herein the terms "immunogenic agent" or "immunogen" or "antigen" are used interchangeably to describe a molecule capable of inducing an immunological response against itself on administration to a recipient, either alone, in conjunction with an adjuvant, or presented on a display vehicle.

[0268] D. Treatment Methods

[0269] A method of the present invention includes treatment for a disease or condition caused by a *staphylococcus* pathogen. An immunogenic polypeptide of the invention can be given to induce an immune response in a person infected with *staphylococcus* or suspected of having been exposed to *staphylococcus*. Methods may be employed with respect to individuals who have tested positive for exposure to *staphylococcus* or who are deemed to be at risk for infection based on possible exposure.

[0270] In particular, the invention encompasses method of treatment of staphylococcal infection, particularly hospital acquired nosocomial infections. The immunogenic compositions and vaccines of the invention are particularly advantageous to use in cases of elective surgery. Such patients will know the date of surgery in advance and could be inoculated in advance. The immunogenic compositions and vaccines of the invention are also advantageous to use to inoculate health care workers.

[0271] In some embodiments, the treatment is administered in the presence of adjuvants or carriers or other staphylococcal antigens. Furthermore, in some examples, treatment comprises administration of other agents commonly used against bacterial infection, such as one or more antibiotics.

[0272] The use of peptides for vaccination typically requires conjugation of the peptide to an immunogenic carrier protein, such as hepatitis B surface antigen, keyhole limpet hemocyanin, or bovine serum albumin. Methods for performing this conjugation are well known in the art.

V. VACCINE AND OTHER PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

[0273] A. Vaccines

[0274] The present invention includes methods for preventing or ameliorating staphylococcus infections, particularly hospital acquired nosocomial infections. As such, the invention contemplates vaccines for use in both active and passive immunization embodiments. Immunogenic compositions, proposed to be suitable for use as a vaccine, may be prepared most readily directly from immunogenic EsaC polypeptide (s), such as the full-length EsaC antigen or immunogenic fragments thereof. In other embodiments EsaC can be used in combination with other secreted virulence proteins, surface proteins or immunogenic fragments thereof, including EsxA, EsxB, or any other polypeptide transported by the Ess pathway, and/or SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, IsdC, Spa, ClfA, ClfB, SasF or any other sortase processed peptide or protein prepared in a manner disclosed herein. Preferably the antigenic material is extensively dialyzed to remove undesired small molecular weight molecules and/or lyophilized for more ready formulation into a desired vehicle.

[0275] Other viable and important options for a protein/peptide-based vaccine involve introducing nucleic acids encoding the antigen(s) as DNA vaccines. In this regard, recent reports described construction of recombinant vaccinia viruses expressing either 10 contiguous minimal CTL

epitopes (Thomson, 1996) or a combination of B cell, cytotoxic T-lymphocyte (CTL), and T-helper (Th) epitopes from several microbes (An, 1997), and successful use of such constructs to immunize mice for priming protective immune responses. Thus, there is ample evidence in the literature for successful utilization of peptides, peptide-pulsed antigen presenting cells (APCs), and peptide-encoding constructs for efficient in vivo priming of protective immune responses. The use of nucleic acid sequences as vaccines is exemplified in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,958,895 and 5,620,896.

[0276] The preparation of vaccines that contain polypeptide or peptide sequence(s) as active ingredients is generally well understood in the art, as exemplified by U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,608,251; 4,601,903; 4,599,231; 4,599,230; 4,596,792; and 4,578,770, all of which are incorporated herein by reference. Typically, such vaccines are prepared as injectables either as liquid solutions or suspensions: solid forms suitable for solution in or suspension in liquid prior to injection may also be prepared. The preparation may also be emulsified. The active immunogenic ingredient is often mixed with excipients that are pharmaceutically acceptable and compatible with the active ingredient. Suitable excipients are, for example, water, saline, dextrose, glycerol, ethanol, or the like and combinations thereof. In addition, if desired, the vaccine may contain amounts of auxiliary substances such as wetting or emulsifying agents, pH buffering agents, or adjuvants that enhance the effectiveness of the vaccines. In specific embodiments, vaccines are formulated with a combination of substances, as described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,793,923 and 6,733,754, which are incorporated herein by reference.

[0277] Vaccines may be conventionally administered parenterally, by injection, for example, either subcutaneously or intramuscularly. Additional formulations which are suitable for other modes of administration include suppositories and, in some cases, oral formulations. For suppositories, traditional binders and carriers may include, for example, polyalkalene glycols or triglycerides: such suppositories may be formed from mixtures containing the active ingredient in the range of about 0.5% to about 10%, preferably about 1% to about 2%. Oral formulations include such normally employed excipients as, for example, pharmaceutical grades of mannitol, lactose, starch, magnesium stearate, sodium saccharine, cellulose, magnesium carbonate and the like. These compositions take the form of solutions, suspensions, tablets, pills, capsules, sustained release formulations or powders and contain about 10% to about 95% of active ingredient, preferably about 25% to about 70%.

[0278] The polypeptides and polypeptide-encoding DNA constructs may be formulated into a vaccine as neutral or salt forms. Pharmaceutically-acceptable salts include the acid addition salts (formed with the free amino groups of the peptide) and those that are formed with inorganic acids such as, for example, hydrochloric or phosphoric acids, or such organic acids as acetic, oxalic, tartaric, mandelic, and the like. Salts formed with the free carboxyl groups may also be derived from inorganic bases such as, for example, sodium, potassium, ammonium, calcium, or ferric hydroxides, and such organic bases as isopropylamine, trimethylamine, 2-ethylamino ethanol, histidine, procaine, and the like.

[0279] Typically, vaccines are administered in a manner compatible with the dosage formulation, and in such amount as will be therapeutically effective and immunogenic. The quantity to be administered depends on the subject to be treated, including the capacity of the individual's immune

system to synthesize antibodies and the degree of protection desired. Precise amounts of active ingredient required to be administered depend on the judgment of the practitioner. However, suitable dosage ranges are of the order of several hundred micrograms active ingredient per vaccination. Suitable regimes for initial administration and booster shots are also variable, but are typified by an initial administration followed by subsequent inoculations or other administrations.

[0280] The manner of application may be varied widely. Any of the conventional methods for administration of a vaccine are applicable. These are believed to include oral application on a solid physiologically acceptable base or in a physiologically acceptable dispersion, parenterally, by injection and the like. The dosage of the vaccine will depend on the route of administration and will vary according to the size and health of the subject.

[0281] In certain instances, it will be desirable to have multiple administrations of the vaccine, e.g., 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or more administrations. The vaccinations can be at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, to 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 twelve week intervals, including all ranges there between. Periodic boosters at intervals of 1-5 years will be desirable to maintain protective levels of the antibodies. The course of the immunization may be followed by assays for antibodies against the antigens, as described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,791,932; 4,174,384 and 3,949,

[0282] 1. Carriers

[0283] A given composition may vary in its immunogenicity. It is often necessary therefore to boost the host immune system, as may be achieved by coupling a peptide or polypeptide to a carrier. Exemplary and preferred carriers are keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH) and bovine serum albumin (BSA). Other albumins such as ovalbumin, mouse serum albumin, or rabbit serum albumin can also be used as carriers. Means for conjugating a polypeptide to a carrier protein are well known in the art and include glutaraldehyde, m-maleimidobencoyl-N-hydroxysuccinimide ester, carbodiimyde, and bis-biazotized benzidine.

[**0284**] 2. Adjuvants

[0285] The immunogenicity of polypeptide or peptide compositions can be enhanced by the use of non-specific stimulators of the immune response, known as adjuvants. Suitable adjuvants include all acceptable immunostimulatory compounds, such as cytokines, toxins, or synthetic compositions.

[0286] A number of adjuvants can be used to enhance an antibody response against an EsaC polypeptide. In other embodiments EsaC can be used in combination with EsxA, EsxB, or any other polypeptide transported by the Ess pathway and/or against a SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, or any other sortase processed peptide or protein. Adjuvants can (1) trap the antigen in the body to cause a slow release; (2) attract cells involved in the immune response to the site of administration; (3) induce proliferation or activation of immune system cells; or (4) improve the spread of the antigen throughout the subject's body.

[0287] Adjuvants include, but are not limited to, oil-in-water emulsions, water-in-oil emulsions, mineral salts, polynucleotides, and natural substances. Specific adjuvants that may be used include IL-1, IL-2, IL-4, IL-7, IL-12, γ-interferon, GMCSP, BCG, aluminum salts, such as aluminum hydroxide or other aluminum compound, MDP compounds, such as thur-MDP and nor-MDP, CGP (MTP-PE), lipid A,

and monophosphoryl lipid A (MPL). RIBI, which contains three components extracted from bacteria, MPL, trehalose dimycolate (TDM), and cell wall skeleton (CWS) in a 2% squalene/Tween 80 emulsion. MHC antigens may even be used. Others adjuvants or methods are exemplified in U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,814,971, 5,084,269, 6,656,462, each of which is incorporated herein by reference).

[0288] Various methods of achieving adjuvant affect for the vaccine includes use of agents such as aluminum hydroxide or phosphate (alum), commonly used as about 0.05 to about 0.1% solution in phosphate buffered saline, admixture with synthetic polymers of sugars (Carbopol®) used as an about 0.25% solution, aggregation of the protein in the vaccine by heat treatment with temperatures ranging between about 70° to about 101° C. for a 30-second to 2-minute period, respectively. Aggregation by reactivating with pepsin-treated (Fab) antibodies to albumin; mixture with bacterial cells (e.g., C. parvum), endotoxins or lipopolysaccharide components of Gram-negative bacteria; emulsion in physiologically acceptable oil vehicles (e.g., mannide mono-oleate (Aracel A)); or emulsion with a 20% solution of a perfluorocarbon (Fluosol-DA®) used as a block substitute may also be employed to produce an adjuvant effect.

[0289] Examples of and often preferred adjuvants include complete Freund's adjuvant (a non-specific stimulator of the immune response containing killed *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*), incomplete Freund's adjuvants, and aluminum hydroxide

[0290] In some aspects, it is preferred that the adjuvant be selected to be a preferential inducer of either a TH1 or a TH2 type of response. High levels of Th1-type cytokines tend to favor the induction of cell mediated immune responses to a given antigen, while high levels of Th2-type cytokines tend to favor the induction of humoral immune responses to the antigen.

[0291] It is important to remember that the distinction of Th1 and Th2-type immune response is not absolute. In reality an individual will support an immune response which is described as being predominantly Th1 or predominantly Th2. However, it is often convenient to consider the families of cytokines in terms of that described in murine CD4+ve T cell clones by Mosmann and Coffman (Mosmann and Coffman, 1989). Traditionally, Th1-type responses are associated with the production of the INF- γ and IL-2 cytokines by T-lymphocytes. Other cytokines often directly associated with the induction of Th1-type immune responses are not produced by T-cells, such as IL-12. In contrast, Th2-type responses are associated with the secretion of IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-10.

[0292] In addition to adjuvants, it may be desirable to coadminister biologic response modifiers (BRM) to enhance immune responses. BRMs have been shown to upregulate T cell immunity or downregulate suppresser cell activity. Such BRMs include, but are not limited to, Cimetidine (CIM; 1200 mg/d) (Smith/Kline, Pa.); or low-dose Cyclophosphamide (CYP; 300 mg/m²) (Johnson/Mead, N.J.) and cytokines such as γ -interferon, IL-2, or IL-12 or genes encoding proteins involved in immune helper functions, such as B-7.

[0293] B. Lipid Components and Moieties

[0294] In certain embodiments, the present invention concerns compositions comprising one or more lipids associated with a nucleic acid or a polypeptide/peptide. A lipid is a substance that is insoluble in water and extractable with an organic solvent. Compounds other than those specifically described herein are understood by one of skill in the art as

lipids, and are encompassed by the compositions and methods of the present invention. A lipid component and a non-lipid may be attached to one another, either covalently or non-covalently.

[0295] A lipid may be a naturally occurring lipid or a synthetic lipid. However, a lipid is usually a biological substance. Biological lipids are well known in the art, and include for example, neutral fats, phospholipids, phosphoglycerides, steroids, terpenes, lysolipids, glycosphingolipids, glucolipids, sulphatides, lipids with ether and ester-linked fatty acids and polymerizable lipids, and combinations thereof.

[0296] A nucleic acid molecule or a polypeptide/peptide, associated with a lipid may be dispersed in a solution containing a lipid, dissolved with a lipid, emulsified with a lipid, mixed with a lipid, combined with a lipid, covalently bonded to a lipid, contained as a suspension in a lipid or otherwise associated with a lipid. A lipid or lipid-poxvirus-associated composition of the present invention is not limited to any particular structure. For example, they may also simply be interspersed in a solution, possibly forming aggregates which are not uniform in either size or shape. In another example, they may be present in a bilayer structure, as micelles, or with a "collapsed" structure. In another non-limiting example, a lipofectamine (Gibco BRL)-poxvirus or Superfect (Qiagen)-poxvirus complex is also contemplated.

[0297] In certain embodiments, a composition may comprise about 1%, about 2%, about 3%, about 4% about 5%, about 6%, about 7%, about 8%, about 9%, about 10%, about 11%, about 12%, about 13%, about 14%, about 15%, about 16%, about 17%, about 18%, about 19%, about 20%, about 21%, about 22%, about 23%, about 24%, about 25%, about 26%, about 27%, about 28%, about 29%, about 30%, about 31%, about 32%, about 33%, about 34%, about 35%, about 36%, about 37%, about 38%, about 39%, about 40%, about 41%, about 42%, about 43%, about 44%, about 45%, about 46%, about 47%, about 48%, about 49%, about 50%, about 51%, about 52%, about 53%, about 54%, about 55%, about 56%, about 57%, about 58%, about 59%, about 60%, about 61%, about 62%, about 63%, about 64%, about 65%, about 66%, about 67%, about 68%, about 69%, about 70%, about 71%, about 72%, about 73%, about 74%, about 75%, about 76%, about 77%, about 78%, about 79%, about 80%, about 81%, about 82%, about 83%, about 84%, about 85%, about 86%, about 87%, about 88%, about 89%, about 90%, about 91%, about 92%, about 93%, about 94%, about 95%, about 96%, about 97%, about 98%, about 99%, or any range therebetween, of a particular lipid, lipid type, or non-lipid component such as an adjuvant, antigen, peptide, polypeptide, sugar, nucleic acid or other material disclosed herein or as would be known to one of skill in the art. In a non-limiting example, a composition may comprise about 10% to about 20% neutral lipids, and about 33% to about 34% of a cerebroside, and about 1% cholesterol. In another non-limiting example, a liposome may comprise about 4% to about 12% terpenes, wherein about 1% of the micelle is specifically lycopene, leaving about 3% to about 11% of the liposome as comprising other terpenes; and about 10% to about 35% phosphatidyl choline, and about 1% of a non-lipid component. Thus, it is contemplated that compositions of the present invention may comprise any of the lipids, lipid types or other components in any combination or percentage range.

[0298] C. Combination Therapy

[0299] The compositions and related methods of the present invention, particularly administration of a secreted

virulence factor or surface protein, including a polypeptide or peptide of a EsxA, EsxB, or other polypeptide transported by the Ess pathway, and/or a polypeptide or peptide of a SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, IsdC, Spa, ClfA, ClfB, SasF or any other sortase processed peptide or protein to a patient/subject, may also be used in combination with the administration of traditional therapies. These include, but are not limited to, the administration of antibiotics such as streptomycin, ciprofloxacin, doxycycline, gentamycin, chloramphenicol, trimethoprim, sulfamethoxazole, ampicillin, tetracycline or various combinations of antibiotics.

[0300] In one aspect, it is contemplated that a polypeptide vaccine and/or therapy is used in conjunction with antibacterial treatment. Alternatively, the therapy may precede or follow the other agent treatment by intervals ranging from minutes to weeks. In embodiments where the other agents and/or a proteins or polynucleotides are administered separately, one would generally ensure that a significant period of time did not expire between the time of each delivery, such that the agent and antigenic composition would still be able to exert an advantageously combined effect on the subject. In such instances, it is contemplated that one may administer both modalities within about 12-24 h of each other and, more preferably, within about 6-12 h of each other. In some situations, it may be desirable to extend the time period for administration significantly, however, where several days (2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7) to several weeks (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8) lapse between the respective administrations.

[0301] Various combinations may be employed, for example antibiotic therapy is "A" and the immunogenic molecule given as part of an immune therapy regime, such as an antigen, is "B":

A/B/A B/A/B B/B/A A/A/B A/B/B B/A/A A/B/B/B B/A/B/B

B/B/B/A B/B/A/B A/A/B/B A/B/A/B A/B/B/A B/B/A/A

B/A/B/A B/A/A/B A/A/A/B B/A/A/A A/B/A/A A/A/B/A

[0302] Administration of the immunogenic compositions of the present invention to a patient/subject will follow general protocols for the administration of such compounds, taking into account the toxicity, if any, of the EsaC composition, or EsxA composition, EsxB composition, or composition of any other polypeptide transported by the Ess pathway and/or a SdrD-composition, SdrE-composition, IsdA-composition, IsdB-composition, or any other sortase processed peptide or protein. It is expected that the treatment cycles would be repeated as necessary. It also is contemplated that various standard therapies, such as hydration, may be applied in combination with the described therapy.

[0303] D. General Pharmaceutical Compositions

[0304] In some embodiments, pharmaceutical compositions are administered to a subject. Different aspects of the present invention involve administering an effective amount of a composition to a subject. In some embodiments of the present invention, members of the Ess pathway and including polypeptides or peptides of the Esa or Esx class, and/or members of sortase substrates may be administered to the patient to protect against infection by one or more *staphylococcus* pathogens. Alternatively, an expression vector encoding one or more such polypeptides or peptides may be given to a patient as a preventative treatment. Additionally, such compounds can be administered in combination with an antibi-

otic. Such compositions will generally be dissolved or dispersed in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or aqueous medium.

[0305] The phrases "pharmaceutically acceptable" or "pharmacologically acceptable" refer to molecular entities and compositions that do not produce an adverse, allergic, or other untoward reaction when administered to an animal, or human. As used herein, "pharmaceutically acceptable carrier" includes any and all solvents, dispersion media, coatings, antibacterial and antifungal agents, isotonic and absorption delaying agents, and the like. The use of such media and agents for pharmaceutical active substances is well known in the art. Except insofar as any conventional media or agent is incompatible with the active ingredients, its use in immunogenic and therapeutic compositions is contemplated. Supplementary active ingredients, such as other anti-cancer agents, can also be incorporated into the compositions.

[0306] In addition to the compounds formulated for parenteral administration, such as those for intravenous or intramuscular injection, other pharmaceutically acceptable forms include, e.g., tablets or other solids for oral administration; time release capsules; and any other form currently used, including creams, lotions, mouthwashes, inhalants and the like

[0307] The active compounds of the present invention can be formulated for parenteral administration, e.g., formulated for injection via the intravenous, intramuscular, sub-cutaneous, or even intraperitoneal routes. The preparation of an aqueous composition that contains a compound or compounds that increase the expression of an MHC class 1 molecule will be known to those of skill in the art in light of the present disclosure. Typically, such compositions can be prepared as injectables, either as liquid solutions or suspensions; solid forms suitable for use to prepare solutions or suspensions upon the addition of a liquid prior to injection can also be prepared; and, the preparations can also be emulsified.

[0308] Solutions of the active compounds as free base or pharmacologically acceptable salts can be prepared in water suitably mixed with a surfactant, such as hydroxypropylcellulose. Dispersions can also be prepared in glycerol, liquid polyethylene glycols, and mixtures thereof and in oils. Under ordinary conditions of storage and use, these preparations contain a preservative to prevent the growth of microorganisms

[0309] The pharmaceutical forms suitable for injectable use include sterile aqueous solutions or dispersions; formulations including sesame oil, peanut oil, or aqueous propylene glycol; and sterile powders for the extemporaneous preparation of sterile injectable solutions or dispersions. In all cases the form must be sterile and must be fluid to the extent that it may be easily injected. It also should be stable under the conditions of manufacture and storage and must be preserved against the contaminating action of microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi.

[0310] The proteinaceous compositions may be formulated into a neutral or salt form. Pharmaceutically acceptable salts, include the acid addition salts (formed with the free amino groups of the protein) and which are formed with inorganic acids such as, for example, hydrochloric or phosphoric acids, or such organic acids as acetic, oxalic, tartaric, mandelic, and the like. Salts formed with the free carboxyl groups can also be derived from inorganic bases such as, for example, sodium, potassium, ammonium, calcium, or ferric hydrox-

ides, and such organic bases as isopropylamine, trimethylamine, histidine, procaine and the like.

[0311] The carrier also can be a solvent or dispersion medium containing, for example, water, ethanol, polyol (for example, glycerol, propylene glycol, and liquid polyethylene glycol, and the like), suitable mixtures thereof, and vegetable oils. The proper fluidity can be maintained, for example, by the use of a coating, such as lecithin, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersion, and by the use of surfactants. The prevention of the action of microorganisms can be brought about by various antibacterial and antifungal agents, for example, parabens, chlorobutanol, phenol, sorbic acid, thimerosal, and the like. In many cases, it will be preferable to include isotonic agents, for example, sugars or sodium chloride. Prolonged absorption of the injectable compositions can be brought about by the use in the compositions of agents delaying absorption, for example, aluminum monostearate and gelatin.

[0312] Sterile injectable solutions are prepared by incorporating the active compounds in the required amount in the appropriate solvent with various of the other ingredients enumerated above, as required, followed by filtered sterilization. Generally, dispersions are prepared by incorporating the various sterilized active ingredients into a sterile vehicle which contains the basic dispersion medium and the required other ingredients from those enumerated above. In the case of sterile powders for the preparation of sterile injectable solutions, the preferred methods of preparation are vacuum-drying and freeze-drying techniques, which yield a powder of the active ingredient, plus any additional desired ingredient from a previously sterile-filtered solution thereof.

[0313] Administration of the compositions according to the present invention will typically be via any common route. This includes, but is not limited to oral, nasal, or buccal administration. Alternatively, administration may be by orthotopic, intradermal, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, intranasal, or intravenous injection. In certain embodiments, a vaccine composition may be inhaled (e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 6,651,655, which is specifically incorporated by reference). Such compositions would normally be administered as pharmaceutically acceptable compositions that include physiologically acceptable carriers, buffers or other excipients. As used herein, the term "pharmaceutically acceptable" refers to those compounds, materials, compositions, and/or dosage forms which are, within the scope of sound medical judgment, suitable for contact with the tissues of human beings and animals without excessive toxicity, irritation, allergic response, or other problem complications commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio. The term "pharmaceutically acceptable carrier," means a pharmaceutically acceptable material, composition or vehicle, such as a liquid or solid filler, diluent, excipient, solvent or encapsulating material, involved in carrying or transporting a chemical agent.

[0314] For parenteral administration in an aqueous solution, for example, the solution should be suitably buffered, if necessary, and the liquid diluent first rendered isotonic with sufficient saline or glucose. These particular aqueous solutions are especially suitable for intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, and intraperitoneal administration. In this connection, sterile aqueous media which can be employed will be known to those of skill in the art in light of the present disclosure. For example, one dosage could be dissolved in isotonic NaCl solution and either added to hypodermoclysis

fluid or injected at the proposed site of infusion, (see for example, Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, 1990). Some variation in dosage will necessarily occur depending on the condition of the subject. The person responsible for administration will, in any event, determine the appropriate dose for the individual subject.

[0315] An effective amount of therapeutic or prophylactic composition is determined based on the intended goal. The term "unit dose" or "dosage" refers to physically discrete units suitable for use in a subject, each unit containing a predetermined quantity of the composition calculated to produce the desired responses discussed above in association with its administration, i.e., the appropriate route and regimen. The quantity to be administered, both according to number of treatments and unit dose, depends on the protection desired.

[0316] Precise amounts of the composition also depend on the judgment of the practitioner and are peculiar to each individual. Factors affecting dose include physical and clinical state of the subject, route of administration, intended goal of treatment (alleviation of symptoms versus cure), and potency, stability, and toxicity of the particular composition. [0317] Upon formulation, solutions will be administered in a manner compatible with the dosage formulation and in such amount as is therapeutically or prophylactically effective. The formulations are easily administered in a variety of dosage forms, such as the type of injectable solutions described above.

[0318] E. In Vitro, Ex Vivo, or In Vivo Administration

[0319] As used herein, the term in vitro administration refers to manipulations performed on cells removed from or outside of an animal, including, but not limited to cells in culture. The term ex vivo administration refers to cells which have been manipulated in vitro, and are subsequently administered to a living animal. The term in vivo administration includes all manipulations performed within an animal.

[0320] In certain aspects of the present invention, the compositions may be administered either in vitro, ex vivo, or in vivo. In certain in vitro embodiments, autologous B-lymphocyte cell lines are incubated with a virus vector of the instant invention for 24 to 48 hours or with EsaC, EsxA, EsxB, and/or any other secreted virulence factor or polypeptide transported by the Ess pathway (or any combination thereof) and/or any cell surface proteins, such as SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, Spa, ClfA, ClfB, IsdC and/or SasF proteins for two hours. The transduced cells can then be used for in vitro analysis, or alternatively for ex vivo administration.

[0321] U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,690,915 and 5,199,942, both incorporated herein by reference, disclose methods for ex vivo manipulation of blood mononuclear cells and bone marrow cells for use in therapeutic applications.

[0322] F. Antibodies And Passive Immunization

[0323] Another aspect of the invention is a method of preparing an immune globulin for use in prevention or treatment of staphylococcal infection comprising the steps of immunizing a recipient with the vaccine of the invention and isolating immune globulin from the recipient. An immune globulin prepared by this method is a further aspect of the invention. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the immune globulin of the invention and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a further aspect of the invention which could be used in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of staphylococcal disease. A method for treatment or prevention of staphylococcal infection comprising a step of admin-

istering to a patient an effective amount of the pharmaceutical preparation of the invention is a further aspect of the invention.

[0324] Inocula for polyclonal antibody production are typically prepared by dispersing the antigenic composition in a physiologically tolerable diluent such as saline or other adjuvants suitable for human use to form an aqueous composition. An immunostimulatory amount of inoculum is administered to a mammal and the inoculated mammal is then maintained for a time sufficient for the antigenic composition to induce protective antibodies.

[0325] The antibodies can be isolated to the extent desired by well known techniques such as affinity chromatography (Harlow and Lane, *Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual* 1988). [0326] Antibodies can include antiserum preparations from a variety of commonly used animals e.g. goats, primates, donkeys, swine, horses, guinea pigs, rats or man. The animals are bled and serum recovered.

[0327] An immune globulin produced in accordance with the present invention can include whole antibodies, antibody fragments or subfragments. Antibodies can be whole immunoglobulins of any class e.g. IgG, IgM, IgA, IgD or IgE, chimeric antibodies or hybrid antibodies with dual specificity to two or more antigens of the invention. They may also be fragments e.g. F(ab')2, Fab', Fab, Fv and the like including hybrid fragments. An immune globulin also includes natural, synthetic or genetically engineered proteins that act like an antibody by binding to specific antigens to form a complex.

[0328] A vaccine of the present invention can be administered to a recipient who then acts as a source of immune globulin, produced in response to challenge from the specific vaccine. A subject thus treated would donate plasma from which hyperimmune globulin would be obtained via conventional plasma fractionation methodology. The hyperimmune globulin would be administered to another subject in order to impart resistance against or treat staphylococcal infection. Hyperimmune globulins of the invention are particularly useful for treatment or prevention of staphylococcal disease in infants, immune compromised individuals or where treatment is required and there is no time for the individual to produce antibodies in response to vaccination.

[0329] An additional aspect of the invention is a pharmaceutical composition comprising two of more monoclonal antibodies (or fragments thereof; preferably human or humanized) reactive against at least two constituents of the immunogenic composition of the invention, which could be used to treat or prevent infection by Gram positive bacteria, preferably staphylococci, more preferably S. aureus or S. epidermidis. Such pharmaceutical compositions comprise monoclonal antibodies that can be whole immunoglobulins of any class e.g. IgG, IgM, IgA, IgD or IgE, chimeric antibodies or hybrid antibodies with specificity to two or more antigens of the invention. They may also be fragments e.g. F(ab')2, Fab', Fab, Fv and the like including hybrid fragments. [0330] Methods of making monoclonal antibodies are well known in the art and can include the fusion of splenocytes with myeloma cells (Kohler and Milstein, 1975; Harlow and Lane, 1988). Alternatively, monoclonal Fv fragments can be obtained by screening a suitable phage display library (Vaughan et al., 1998). Monoclonal antibodies may be humanized or part humanized by known methods.

VI. EXAMPLES

[0331] The following examples are given for the purpose of illustrating various embodiments of the invention and are not

meant to limit the present invention in any fashion. One skilled in the art will appreciate readily that the present invention is well adapted to carry out the objects and obtain the ends and advantages mentioned, as well as those objects, ends and advantages inherent herein. The present examples, along with the methods described herein are presently representative of preferred embodiments, are exemplary, and are not intended as limitations on the scope of the invention. Changes therein and other uses which are encompassed within the spirit of the invention as defined by the scope of the claims will occur to those skilled in the art.

Example 1

EsaC and its Role in Staphylococcus Infection

[0332] Sequence analysis of EsaB and EsaC esaB encodes an 80 amino acid protein that is conserved in the genome of many Gram-positive bacteria. Further, esaB-like genes are always found closely associated on the chromosome of Gram-positive bacteria with esxA- and essC-like genes (FIG. 1). The crystal structure of B. subtilis YukD (EsaB homologue) was recently solved and shown to adopt a fold that is closely related to ubiquitin. YukD lacks the C-terminal peptide that is crucial for the activity of ubiquitin, suggesting that YukD is unlikely to modify other polypeptides by covalent linkage (van den Ent and Lowe, 2005). EsaB is a predicted soluble protein without a canonical signal peptide. esaC encodes a predicted soluble 130 amino acid protein that is conserved in the genomes of staphylococci, but absent from the genomes of other bacteria. In all staphylococcal genomes sequenced thus far, esaC is located between essC and esxB on the staphylococcal chromosome, with the exception of USA200, a strain that harbors an inversion of esaC and esxB. An unrelated gene, also of unknown function, occupies the position analogous to that of EsaC in the genomes of other Gram-positive bacteria (FIG. 1). Although these genes share no homology with staphylococcal EsaC, they are of similar size and their individual products also lack amino acid sequence homology. Together these data indicate that a species specific gene occupies the position between essC- and esxB-homologues of Gram-positive Ess clusters, while esaB is conserved amongst these species (FIG. 1).

[0333] EsaC protein production is tightly controlled. Using EsaC specific rabbit antiserum for immunoblotting experiments, the inventors failed to detect EsaC in total extracts of S. aureus strain Newman. The inventors wondered whether EsaC may be produced in mutants of the Ess cluster and found that only the esaB mutant produced EsaC, whereas mutations in all other genes had no effect (FIG. 2A). The esaB phenotype was complemented by providing wild type esaB on a plasmid (FIG. 2B). EsaB was produced constitutively (FIG. 2A). The inventors examined whether the expression of esaC was negatively controlled in strain Newman. A quantitative RT-PCR analysis was used to compare esaC transcript levels in wild type Newman as well as an isogenic variant with transposon insertion in the esaB gene. This analysis revealed that esaC transcripts are increased 3-fold in an esaB mutant as compared to wild type S. aureus Newman (FIG. 2C). As a control, transcripts were analyzed from a strain lacking the complete open reading frame encoding EsaC. Neither the transposon insertion in esaB nor the deletion of esaC had polar effects on the expression of downstream genes essB and esxB, as verified by RT-PCR and immunoblot analyses (data not shown). Pulse labeling of staphylococci with [35S]-methionine was used to identify newly synthesized EsaC species via immunoprecipitation and autoradiography of proteins separated on SDS-PAGE. While esaC transcripts are observed both in wild type and isogenic esaB Newman strains, the EsaC polypeptide was only detected in a strain lacking esaB, but not in the wild type parent strain Newman (FIG. 2D). This result suggests that esaC regulation occurs by a post-transcriptional mechanism and can be relieved by mutations in esaB. When the minimal coding sequence of esaC was expressed under the control of the constitutive hprK gene promoter (pOS-esaC), a protein product could readily be detected by immunoblot with anti-EsaC antibodies (FIG. 3; TSB grown bacteria), implying that untranslated esaC sequences are required for EsaB-mediated regulation. An attempt to establish whether EsaB may interact with coding or untranslated esaC DNA and RNA sequences was unsuccessful. Further, purified EsaB was not found to interact with purified EsaC or stimulate EsaC hydrolysis when mixed with soluble crude extracts of staphylococci. Hence the mechanism whereby EsaB controls esaC expression or production remains unclear.

[0334] Serum grown staphylococci produce EsaC. The inventors examined whether EsaB-mediated repression of EsaC might be relieved when staphylococci are grown under conditions that mimic infection. Production of EsaC in S. aureus Newman was compared when bacteria were grown in tryptic soy broth (TSB) or serum by immunoblot analysis of whole culture lysates (FIG. 3). S. aureus Newman indeed produced EsaC when grown in human serum, suggesting that EsaB-mediated repression is reversible and may be modulated in response to host environmental factors. As noted above, when esaC was cloned on plasmid pOS1 and its expression driven by the hprK promoter (pOS-esaC), production of EsaC appeared to be constitutive (FIG. 3). Thus, production of EsaC is controlled by cis acting nucleic acid sequence elements, by EsaB and by host factors that must be present in human serum.

[0335] Clinical isolates grown in broth produce EsaC. The inventors examined whether EsaC production is also regulated in other staphylococcal strains and examined several isolates, including USA100, USA200, USA300, USA700, MW2, Mu50, and N315, all of which were grown to mid-log phase in TSB. Whole culture lysates (WC) were generated by lysostaphin digestion, normalized for total protein concentration, and examined by immunoblot using EsaC or ribosomal protein L6 specific antiserum. EsaC was readily detected in extracts of some staphylococcal strains, in particular strains USA300 and USA700 as shown in FIG. 4A (WC; left panel). Interestingly, DeLeo and colleagues reported that strain USA300 expressed greater amounts of various toxins and in particular exoproteins such as α -toxin, a phenomenon that could in part account for the increased virulence of the strain (Burlak et al., 2007). Unlike S. aureus Newman, USA300 strain LAC produced EsaC under normal growth conditions in TSB. The inventors therefore sought to determine whether EsaC production was regulated by EsaB in S. aureus USA300. The genome sequences for S. aureus Newman and USA300 have been determined, and are closely related in overall sequence and structure (Baba et al., 2008; Diep et al., 2006b). Hence, (p85 was used to transduce the esaB::erm allele into strain USA300. USA300 carrying the esaB::erm allele and its isogenic parent were grown to mid-log phase in TSB. Whole bacterial culture extracts were generated with lysostaphin digestion, and examined by immunoblot with EsaC or L6 specific antisera. EsaC was detected with increased abundance in the esaB variant of *S. aureus* USA300 (FIG. 4A). Thus, even though the more virulent *S. aureus* USA300 can produce EsaC when grown in TSB, disruption of esaB causes a similar increase in EsaC production as observed for *S. aureus* Newman.

[0336] EsaC is a secreted factor. Cultures of wild type S. aureus strains USA300 and USA700 were grown to mid-log phase and proteins in the medium were separated from staphylococci by removing intact cells by centrifugation. Proteins in the supernatants were concentrated ~125 fold and separated on SDS-PAGE. The samples were subjected to immunoblotting and probed with anti-EsaC or anti-L6 (for cell lysis control) antibodies. Data in FIG. 4A (right panel) indicate that EsaC is indeed secreted into the medium of S. aureus strains USA300 and USA700. Since EsaC does not carry a canonical signal sequence, the inventors examined whether it may represent a substrate of the Ess pathway. Plasmid pOS-esaC which leads to constitutive EsaC production in S. aureus Newman was electroporated in an isogenic variant that cannot express essC. EssC is an essential component of the ESAT-6 secretion system. Disruption of the essC gene indeed abolished secretion of EsaC and the protein accumulated in the cytoplasm of staphylococci (FIG. 4B). In sum, EsaC appears to be a novel substrate for the non-canonical Ess secretion pathway.

[0337] To examine the subcellular localization and efficiency of secretion of EsaC, the inventors took advantage of strain Newman lacking esaB and strain USA300, both of which produce EsaC from the chromosomal locus. Cultures of S. aureus were separated into cytoplasm, membrane, cell wall, and medium (FIG. 4C; fractions C, M, W, MD, respectively). A whole culture extract was added as control (FIG. 4C; WC). Proteins in all fractions were revealed by immunoblotting with specific antibodies. Strain Newman did not produce EsaC. However, EsaC was found in the culture medium of strains Newman lacking esaB and USA300 but not in the cytoplasm, membrane or cell wall, a distribution previously reported for EsxA and EsxB (Burts et al., 2005). EsaC could not be detected in strain USA300 lacking esxB (FIG. 4C). Upon extended exposure of the immunoblot, a weak immuno-reactive EsaC species could be detected in the total culture sample but not in the conditioned medium (not shown), suggesting that EsxB is required for EsaC secretion (FIG. 4B). As a control, protein A (Spa) was detected in the cell wall fraction, whereas ribosomal protein L6 and membrane bound sortase A (SrtA) resided in the cytoplasm and the plasma membrane, as expected (FIG. 4C). Together, these results demonstrate that EsaC is secreted across the bacterial envelope into the culture medium in a manner requiring an intact type VII secretion system.

[0338] EsaC is produced during infection. The inventors examined whether EsaC is produced during infection. Mice were infected with *S. aureus* Newman. Blood was collected from infected and control (mock infected) animals on days 0 and 30. The presence of anti-EsaC IgG in serum samples was tested in an ELISA using purified EsaC as immobilized antigen. Data in FIG. 5A show that animals infected with *S. aureus* Newman developed IgG type antibodies against EsaC, suggesting that the protein is synthesized by wild type Newman during infection and presented to the immune system. Further, human sera were collected from two patients that had been diagnosed with *S. aureus* infection and two healthy

individuals. An ELISA revealed elevated anti-EsaC IgG in sera of acutely infected patients as compared to healthy individuals (FIG. **5**B).

 $\hbox{[0339]} \quad \hbox{To further evaluate the ubiquitous nature of this host} \\$ response, it was asked whether EsaC antibodies were produced upon infection of mice with S. aureus USA100, USA200, USA300, USA700, MW2, Mu50, or N315. Staphylococci were grown to mid-log phase and ~10⁶ bacteria were used to infect groups of five three-week old mice. Blood was collected via retro-orbital bleeds on days 0 and 30. The presence of α-EsaC IgG was examined in an ELISA using purified EsaC as antigen (FIG. 5C; only data for day 30 are shown). Mice infected with S. aureus produced IgG antibodies against EsaC (FIG. 5C) but not against SrtA, the transmembrane protein responsible for protein sorting in the bacterial envelope (FIG. 5D). In sum, EsaC is encoded by all staphylococcal strains examined thus far and appears to be produced during host infection. Further, infected hosts develop an antibody response toward EsaC but not SrtA, suggesting that the EsaC antigen must be presented to the host's immune system during infection and may be a secreted antigen in agreement with the general hypothesis that EsaC may be secreted during infection.

[0340] EsaB and EsaC are required for persistent infection. An intact type VII secretion system is required for host pathogen interaction both in staphylococci and pathogenic mycobacteria. The inventors examined whether the accessory factors EsaB and EsaC are also required for staphylococcal replication in infected hosts. To test this possibility, groups of 3-week old mice were challenged with 10⁶ colony forming units (CFU) of wild type S. aureus Newman or isogenic variants lacking esaB or esaC. Animals (groups of 10-12) were killed five and thirty-six days after infection. Kidneys were removed post mortem. Tissue homogenate derived from the right kidney was spread on agar for colony formation and enumeration of staphylococcal load (FIG. 6), whereas the left kidney was fixed in formalin, thin sectioned and stained with hematoxylin and eosin for histopathology (FIG. 7). As compared to animals inoculated with wild-type S. aureus Newman, bacterial load five days following infection was reduced by 1.5 and 0.8 logs in abscesses of animals infected with esaB and esaC variants, respectively (FIG. 6). Histopathology of kidney tissue at the same time interval revealed that the total number of abscesses was reduced in organs from animals infected with esaB (2.1±1.7) or esaC (1.5±1.0) variants as compared to the wild-type parent (4.9 ± 2.2) (FIG. 7). Thus, although both esaB and esaC mutants appear to display virulence defects, these variants retain the ability of forming abscesses in infected host tissues.

[0341] Earlier work suggested that virulent *S. aureus* strains may persist in tissues of infected mice for a prolonged period of time (Xu et al., 2004), similar to the clinicopathological features observed with human diseases caused by *S. aureus* (Musher et al., 1994). If so, chronic-persistent features of staphylococcal infections may resemble those observed for tuberculosis, where ESAT-6 secretion is a reported virulence factor for acute infection (Pym et al., 2003; Stanley et al., 2003). To test whether the accessory genes of the staphylococcal Ess pathway contribute to pathogen persistence, animals were infected with wild-type *S. aureus* Newman; bacterial load as well as histopathology were examined 36 days following inoculation (FIG. 6 and FIG. 7). The average number of abscesses indeed increased from 4.9 (±2.2) on day five to 6.9 (±2.4) on day thirty-six, and the size of abscesses

increased over time, whereas bacterial load remained persistently high at $2\text{-}3\times10^6$ cfu. In contrast to wild-type staphylococci, the bacterial load for animals infected with the esaB mutant dropped from 5×10^4 cfu on day five to 1.5×10^1 cfu on day thirty-six, while abscesses were either not detectable or were found to occur at reduced frequency and size. Similar to esaB variants, deletion of esaC also reduced the bacterial load from 2.5×10^5 cfu on day five to 1×10^3 cfu on day thirty-six, with a concomitant reduction in abscess number to $1.8~(\pm 1.5)$ and in abscess size. Of note, esaC mutants formed more abscesses and persisted at a higher bacterial load than esaB mutants. This observation is in agreement with the conjecture that EsaB may regulate not only esaC but also additional staphylococcal genes during infection.

Example 2

Experimental Procedures

[0342] Bacterial strains, plasmids and growth conditions. S. aureus cells were grown in tryptic soy broth at 37° C., respectively. Chloramphenicol and erythromycin were used at 10 mg/L, for plasmid and allele selection, respectively, when necessary. S. aureus strains MW2, Mu50, N315, USA100, USA200, USA300, and USA700, were obtained through the Network on Antimicrobial Resistance in S. aureus (NARSA, NIAID). All mutants used in this study with the exception of esaC were obtained from the Phoenix ($\Phi N\Xi$) library (Bae et al., 2004). Each Phoenix isolate is a derivative of the clinical isolate Newman (Bae et al., 2004; Duthie and Lorenz, 1952). All bursa aurealis insertions were transduced into wild-type S. aureus Newman or USA300 using bacteriophage \$45 and verified by PCR analysis using flanking primers. For deletion of esaC, a 2-kbp DNA fragment flanking the esaC gene but carrying only the first and last four codons of esaC gene was amplified by PCR, with abutted BamHI-EcoRI restriction sites. The DNA fragment was cloned into pKOR1 for allelic replacement performed as described earlier (Bae and Schneewind, 2006). A second esaC allele was constructed by cloning a 2-kbp DNA fragment containing esaC and 1-kbp nucleotide sequence upstream and downstream of esaC respectively, into plasmid pTS1. In this case, a stop codon was introduced at position four of the esaC coding sequence. pTS1 carries a mutation that renders its DNA replication in staphylococci sensitive to temperature shift at 43° C. Allelic replacement was performed as described earlier (Burts et al., 2005). Both esaC mutant alleles behaved identically and did not prevent production and secretion of EsxB encoded by the gene immediately downstream of esaC. All data shown in this study use the mutant carrying the entire deletion of the esaC gene.

[0343] The *E. coli-S. aureus* shuttle vector pOS1 that carries the hprK promoter and Shine Dalgarno sequence (275 bp upstream of the hprK lgt yvoF yvcD translational start site) and three cloning sites NdeI, XhoI, BamHI, as described earlier (Bubeck-Wardenburg et al., 2006) was used for complementation studies. All cloning procedures were carried out in *E. coli* and ampicillin was used at 100 mg/L for plasmid selection. The complementation plasmids pOS-esaB and pOS-esaC were generated by amplifying the minimal coding sequence of each gene using primer pairs EsaB-XhoI-F aactcgagatgaatcagcacgtaaaagt (SEQ ID NO:35) and EsaB-BamHI-R aaggatccctatagtaacttcaaaatat (SEQ ID NO:36) for esaB and EsaC-NdeI-F aacatatgaattttaatgatattga

(SEQ ID NO:37) and EsaC-XhoI-R aactegagttaatteattgetttattaaaat (SEQ ID NO:38) for esaC.

[0344] Culture Fractionation and Western blot experiments. Bacterial cells were grown at 37° C. to an optical density of 0.8 at 660 nm (0D $_{660nm}$) in tryptic soy broth. 1.5 ml of culture was spun (10,000×g for 4 min), and supernatants (1 ml) were transferred to a fresh tube. Proteins in the supernatant were precipitated with 7.5% trichloroacetic acid (TCA), and sedimented by centrifugation (10,000×g for 10 min) (MD, medium fraction). For whole culture lysates (WC), cultures (1.5 ml) were incubated in the presence of lysostaphin (100 µg/ml) for 30 min at 37° C. and a 1-ml aliquot was precipitated with TCA.

[0345] For studies using serum, colony forming units were counted and approximately 2×10^4 bacteria were added to 1.5 ml freshly drawn human blood placed in a sterile polystyrene round bottom tube. The samples were allowed to incubate with shaking at 37° C. for 5 h and spun at 10,000×g for 4 min. Bacteria in the cell pellet were washed with TSM to remove any proteins in the serum that would interfere with western blotting analysis and suspended in 1.5 ml Tris-HCl buffer 0.05 M, pH 8.0 containing 100 µg/ml lysostaphin. 1 ml of the cell lysate was removed and precipitated with 7.5% TCA.

[0346] All TCA precipitates were washed with ice-cold acetone, solubilized in 50 μ l of 0.5 M Tris-HCl (pH 8.0)/4% SDS and heated at 90° C. for 10 min. Proteins were separated on SDS/PAGE and transferred to poly(vinylidene difluoride) membrane for immunoblot analysis with appropriate polyclonal antibodies. Immunoreactive signals were revealed by using a secondary antibody coupled to horseradish peroxidase and chemiluminescence.

[0347] Staphylococcal fractionation. Cultures were centrifuged as described above and supernatants TCA precipitated in the presence of deoxycholic acid (MD, medium fraction of a 5 ml culture). Cell pellets of a 5 ml culture were washed with TSM buffer, suspended in 5 ml TSM buffer containing 100 μg/ml lysostaphin and incubated at 37° C. for 30 min. Protoplasts were collected by centrifugation at 10,000×g for 10 min, and the supernatant (W, cell wall fraction) was precipitated with TCA. The protoplasts were suspended in 5 ml membrane buffer (0.1 M Tris.HCl, pH 7.5/0.1 M NaCl/10 mM MgCl₂) and subjected to five rounds of freeze-thaw in a dry ice ethanol bath. Soluble proteins (C, cytoplasmic fraction) were separated from insoluble materials and membranes (M, membrane fraction) by centrifugation at 100,000×g for 30 min. All samples were TCA-precipitated before immunoblotting.

[0348] Labeling experiments and immunoprecipitation. Staphylococcal cultures were grown overnight in minimal medium, diluted 1:100 into minimal medium to OD_{660nm} 0.8 and metabolically labeled with 100 μCi [35S]methionine for 2 min. TCA (5% final concentration) was added to stop all biological processes. All precipitates were washed with cold acetone and digested with lysostaphin in a 1 ml reaction volume of Tris-HCl buffer 0.5 M, pH 8.0 containing 100 ug/ml of enzyme for 2 hours at 37° C. Digests were precipitated with TCA, washed with acetone and the samples were boiled in SDS (50 µA 4% SDS, 0.5 M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0). Insoluble materials were removed by sedimentation. Total radioactive counts were measured using 5 μA of each sample in a scintillation counter. The incorporation of radiolabeled amino acids was found to be similar between all the samples examined (~20 cpm/µl). Twenty µl of each sample were immuno-precipitated with protein-specific antiserum and protein A beads. The beads were washed five times in RIPA buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, 150 mM NaCl, 1% Triton X-100, 0.5% deoxycholate, 0.1% SDS, pH 7.5) and boiled in sample buffer prior to separation on SDS-PAGE. The gels were dried for visualization of radiolabeled polypeptides by autoradiography.

[0349] Transcriptional analysis of esaC. RNA from approximately 5×10⁷ cells grown in tryptic soy broth was isolated using the RNeasy Midi Kit (Qiagen). The RNA was used to generate cDNA with random oligos (Promega). The relative abundance of esaC transcripts detected in Newman, esaB and esaC strains was measured qualitatively by PCR, using TaqDNA polymerase (Promega) with primers EsaC-NdeI-F and EsaC-XhoI-R and sdrE130F (tcgattttagtaggtacgac (SEQ ID NO:39)) and sdrE640R (tctacttttgaaggegttgg (SEQ ID NO:40)) for amplification of esaC and sdrE specific DNA fragments, respectively. Real-time PCR(RT-PCR) was performed using the 7300 Real time PCR System (Applied Biosystems) and data analyzed and interpreted using Relative quantification study (Sequence Detection 1.3.1).

[0350] Renal abscess. Overnight cultures of S. aureus strains were diluted 1:100 into fresh tryptic soy broth and grown for 3 h at 37° C. Staphylococci were centrifuged, washed twice, and diluted in PBS to yield an OD_{660nm} of 0.4 (3-5×10⁷ cfu per ml). Viable staphylococci were enumerated by colony formation on tryptic soy agar plates to quantify the infectious dose. Mice were anesthetized by intraperitoneal injection of 80-120 mg of ketamine and 3-6 mg of xylazine per kilogram of body weight. One hundred µl of bacterial suspension (0.5×10⁶ colony forming units) was administered intravenously via retro-orbital injection into BALB/c mice (24-day-old female, 10 mice per group, Charles River Laboratories, Wilmington, Mass.). On days 5 and 36, groups of ten mice were euthanized by compressed CO2 inhalation. Kidneys were removed and homogenized in PBS containing 1% Triton X-100. Aliquots of homogenates were diluted and plated on agar medium for triplicate determination of CFU. Student's t-test was performed for statistical analysis using the software Analyse-itTM. For histology, kidney tissue was incubated at room temperature in 10% formalin for 24 h. Tissues were embedded in paraffin, thin-sectioned, stained with hematoxylin/eosin, and examined by microscopy.

[0351] ELISA. Sera from infected individuals were obtained from the University of Chicago Hospitals Clinical Laboratory. These studies were carried out in accordance with an IRB protocol approved for the collection of sera from infected and healthy individuals. BALB/c mice were infected with one hundred µl of bacterial suspension (0.5×10⁶ colony forming units) as described above. Blood samples were drawn by retro-orbital bleeding on days 0 and 30. Sera were examined by ELISA for IgG titers with specific antigenbinding activity. Animal experiments were performed in accordance with institutional guidelines following experimental protocol review and approval by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

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- 1. An immunogenic composition comprising an isolated EsaC antigen or an immunogenic fragment thereof.
- 2. The immunogenic composition of claim 1, further comprising at least one other staphylococcal antigen or immunogenic fragment thereof selected from the group consisting of: EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, Hla, Emp, Ebh, Eap, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, SpA, ClfA, ClfB, IsdC and SasF.
 - 3. (canceled)
- **4**. The immunogenic composition of claim **2**, further comprising type V and/or type VIII capsular polysaccharide or oligosaccharide from *S. aureus*.
 - 5. (canceled)
 - 6. (canceled)
- 7. The immunogenic composition of claim 1, wherein an effective immune response is generated against *S. aureus*, *S. epidermidis*, or *S. aureus* and *S. epidermidis*.
 - 8. (canceled)
 - 9. (canceled)
- 10. A method of inducing an immune response in a subject with a staphylococcal infection comprising the step of administering to a subject an immunogenic composition comprising an isolated EsaC antigen or an immunogenic fragment thereof.
 - 11. (canceled)
 - 12. (canceled)
- 13. The method of claim 10, further comprising at least one other staphylococcal antigen.
- 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the other staphylococcal antigen is one or more of EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, IsdA, IsdB, Hla, Emp, Eap, Ebh, SpA, IsdC, ClfA, ClfB, and/or SasF peptide.
 - 15. (canceled)

- 16. The method of claim 10, wherein the composition further comprises an adjuvant.
- 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the EsaC antigen or immunogenic fragment is coupled to an adjuvant.
 - 18. (canceled)
- 19. The method of claim 10, wherein the EsaC antigen or immunogenic fragment comprises at least 5 consecutive amino acids of SEQ ID NO:2.
- **20**. The method of claim **10**, wherein the EsaC antigen or immunogenic fragment is at least 70% identical to SEQ ID NO:2.
 - 21. (canceled)
 - 22. (canceled)
- 23. The method of claim 10, wherein the EsaC antigen or immunogenic fragment comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.
- **24**. A composition comprising an isolated antibody that binds an EsaC peptide in a pharmaceutically acceptable composition wherein the composition is capable of attenuating a *staphylococcus* bacterial infection in a subject.
- 25. The composition of claim 24, wherein the composition comprises one or more additional antibodies that bind one or more other staphylococcal antigens.
- **26**. The composition of claim **25**, wherein the other staphylococcal antigens is one or more of EsaB, EsxA, EsxB, Emp, Eap, Ebh, Hla, SdrC, SdrD, SdrF, IsdA, IsdB, Spa, IsdC, ClfA, ClfB, and/or SasF.
 - 27.-111. (canceled)
- 112. The method of claim 10, wherein the subject is
- 113. The method of claim 10, wherein the immune response is a protective immune response.

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