## (19) World Intellectual Property Organization International Bureau





# (43) International Publication Date 2 May 2002 (02.05.2002)

### **PCT**

# (10) International Publication Number WO 02/34780 A2

(51) International Patent Classification<sup>7</sup>: C07K 14/525

(21) International Application Number: PCT/EP01/12422

(22) International Filing Date: 25 October 2001 (25.10.2001)

(25) Filing Language: English

(26) Publication Language: English

(30) Priority Data:

00203733.1 26 October 2000 (26.10.2000) EP

(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): VLAAMS INTERUNIVERSITAIR INSTITUUT VOOR BIOTECHNOLOGIE VZW [BE/BE]; Rijvisschestraat 120, B-9052 Zwijnaarde (BE).

(72) Inventors; and

(75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): AMELOOT, Paul [BE/BE]; Bagattenstraat 76, B-9000 Gent (BE). BROUCKAERT, Peter [BE/BE]; Monterreystraat 19, B-9000 Gent (BE). FIERS, Walter [BE/BE]; Beukendreef 3, B-9070 Destelbergen (BE).

(74) Common Representative: VLAAMS INTERUNIVER-SITAIR INSTITUUT VOOR BIOTECHNOLOGIE VZW; Rijvisschestraat 120, B-9052 Zwijnaarde (BE). (81) Designated States (national): AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NO, NZ, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW.

(84) Designated States (regional): ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE, TR), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

#### Published:

 without international search report and to be republished upon receipt of that report

For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.





## (54) Title: METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE DEOLIGOMERISATION OF OLIGOMERIC MOLECULES

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method to form artificial, hetero-oligomeric complexes of proteins that do normally occur in homo-oligomeric complexes. Said hetero-oligomeric complexes do have a biological activity that is similar or identical to the activity of the homo-oligomeric complexes. The current invention also relates to a method to use said hetero-oligomeric complexes to screen for compounds that can stabilize said hetero-oligomeric complexes, or to screen for compounds that dissociate said hetero-oligomeric complexes into monomers, which are not biologically active, or show a biological activity, which is clearly distinct from that of the hetero-oligomeric complexes, or to screen for compounds that inhibit the oligomerisation or reoligomerisation of monomers in oligomeric complexes. Furthermore, the invention relates to pharmaceutical compositions comprising said compounds.