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(54) **VACCINE AGAINST *YERSINIA* COMPRISING ONE OR TWO ANTIBODIES, ONE SPECIFIC FOR *YERSINIA PESTIS* F1-ANTIGEN AND THE OTHER ONE FOR *YERSINIA PESTIS* V-ANTIGEN**

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Whether this has anything to do with what's going on in the Ukraine, in August 2009, there was a patent filed for antibodies against *Yersinia Pestis* otherwise known as the pneumonic plague. It was filed by Hill, James (Salisbury, GB), Williamson, Ethel Diane (Salisbury, GB) and Titball, Richard William (Salisbury, GE) and the assignee was The Secretary of State for Defense in Her Britannic Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (GB).

A interesting part of the patent is this part:

"Mab 7.3 was administered -4 hours, +24 hours, +48 hours, or +96 hours relative to s.c. *Y. pestis* challenge. Protection was observed when antibody was given up to 48 hours post-infection. Also, a delayed time to death was observed in the +96 hours treatment group. One of +96 hours treatment group had died prior to antibody administration and the remainder displayed signs of plague indistinguishable from untreated control animals, suggesting that even when symptoms of plague are apparent antibody therapy can delay death. Mice were treated with Mab 7.3 at -4 hours, +24 hours, +48 hours or +60 hours relative to aerosol infection. Protection was seen in groups that received antibody 24 hours and 48 hours after challenge. All mice treated at +60 hours died, but a statistically significant delay in the TTD was observed, compared with untreated animals."