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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding an autoinducer inactivation protein, wherein the encoded protein comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of ^{104}HXHXDH^{109}~60aa~H^{169}~21aa~D^{191} and ^{103}HXHXDH^{108}~72aa~H^{180}~21aa~D^{202}, and to expression vectors and transformed plant and animal cells comprising the same. The proteins encoded by these nucleic acid molecules provide to a susceptible plant or animal increased resistance to a disease the virulence of which is regulated by autoinducers. Also provided are methods of increasing disease resistance in susceptible plants and animals.