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(54) Title: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING (POLY)PEPTIDES HAVING CHIPS ACTIVITY

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to nucleic acid molecules encoding (poly)peptides having CHIPS activity, to recombinant vectors harboring such molecules, and the host cells carrying the vectors. The invention further relates to methods for preparing recombinant (poly)peptides having CHIPS activity and to the use of such recombinant (poly)peptides having CHIPS activity for diagnosis, prophylaxis and treatment, such as the treatment of inflammation reactions and HIV. In addition the invention provides therapeutic and diagnostic compositions comprising as the active ingredient the (poly)peptide having CHIPS activity.