CLAIMS:

1. Use of a nucleic acid molecule for inhibiting the expression of Hom-1 in the manufacture of a medicament for treating an inflammatory disorder in a subject, wherein the nucleic acid molecule is a naked morpholino oligonucleotide.

2. The use of claim 1, wherein the morpholino oligonucleotide has the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, 4, 5, or 6.

3. The use of claim 2, wherein the medicament is formulated for topical, oral, rectal, nasal, intravenous, intraarticular, conjunctival, intracranial, intraperitoneal, intrapleural, intramuscular, intrathecal, or subcutaneous route of administration.

4. The use of claim 2 or 3, wherein the inflammatory disorder is an inflammatory bowel disease.

5. The use of any of claims 2-4, wherein an inflamed tissue sample obtained from the subject expresses a higher level of Hom-1 as compared to a control level.

6. The use of any of claims 2-5, wherein the treating comprises, prior to administration of the medicament, detecting a higher expression level of Hom-1 in an inflamed tissue sample obtained from the subject as compared to a control level.

7. The use of any of claims 2-6, wherein the treating further comprises, after administration of the medicament, detecting the expression level of Hom-1 or an inflammatory cytokine in an inflamed tissue sample obtained from the subject.

8. The use of any of claims 3-5, wherein the control level corresponds to the expression level of Hom-1 in a non-inflamed tissue sample.

9. Use of a modified macrophage, monocyte, or dendritic cell that has been treated with a Hom-1 inhibitor or contains an expression construct for expressing a Hom-1

inhibitor in the manufacture of a medicament for treating an inflammatory disorder in a subject in need thereof, wherein the modified macrophage, monocyte, or dendritic cell expresses a lower level of Hom-1 as compared with a control level.

10. The use of claim 9, further comprising, prior to administration of the medicament, detecting a higher expression of Hom-1 than a control level in an inflamed tissue sample obtained from the subject.