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(54) **Title**: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR PREVENTING OR TREATING DISEASES, CONDITIONS, OR PROCESSES CHARACTERIZED BY ABERRANT FIBROBLAST PROLIFERATION AND EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX DEPOSITION

(57) **Abstract**: The described invention provides compositions and methods for reducing progression of a fibrosis in a tissue of a subject selected from liver, kidney or vascular fibrosis, the progression of the fibrosis being characterized by aberrant fibroblast proliferation and extracellular matrix deposition in the tissue. The method includes administering a therapeutic amount of a pharmaceutical composition containing a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence YARAAARQARAKALARQLGVAA (SEQ ID NO: 1) or functional equivalent thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the therapeutic amount of the polypeptide is effective to reduce progression of the fibrosis, to treat remodeling of the tissue, or a combination thereof.