

CORE ANTIGEN PROTEIN OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS, DIAGNOSTIC
METHOD AND KIT USING THE SAME

ABSTRACT

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The invention relates to DNA molecules, polypeptides expressed by them and their use in diagnosis and their methods of production. More particularly, it relates to a diagnostic DNA molecule, a diagnostic protein, diagnostic
10 antibodies and protective antigen and antibodies for hepatitis C virus (HCV). The DNA molecule disclosed herein is characterized by the DNA molecule derived from the genome of an HCV, and coding for a polypeptide having the antigenicity of an HCV core antigen protein. The
15 polypeptide may be used in the detection of HCV.