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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the use of the A20-binding inhibitor of NF- $\kappa$ B activation (ABIN), or a functional fragment or variant thereof to protect against TNF-induced liver failure, such as viral hepatitis and alcoholic liver disease. More particularly, it relates to the prevention of the toxic effects of said diseases, including lethality, by overexpressing ABIN.