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(57) **ABSTRACT**
The present invention relates to a novel member of the card protein family. More specifically, it relates to a novel human card-only protein. The invention relates further to the use of this protein to inhibit pro-interleukin-1 β maturation, preferably without inducing NF- κ B activity or apoptosis.

