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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 $\beta$  maturation, preferably without inducing NF- $\kappa$ B activity or apoptosis.













































































































