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(54) **USE OF SIP1 AS DETERMINANT OF BREAST CANCER STEMNESS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. More specifically, it relates to the use of SIP1 nucleic acid and/or protein for the detection of breast cancer stem cells, and the repression of the gene and/or the inactivation of the protein to repress the differentiation of cells into cancer cells and to inhibit metastasis of breast cancer tumors.