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(57) Abstract: The invention provides TGF- β 3s, or fragments or derivatives thereof, wherein the alpha-helix-forming domain between amino acid residues (58) and (67) of full-length wild type TGF- β 3 comprises at least one alpha-helix-stabilising substitution. The invention also provides TGF- β 3s, or fragments or derivatives thereof, wherein the Glycine residue at position (63) of full-length wild type TGF- β 3 is replaced with Proline. Further still, the invention provides TGF- β 3s, or fragments or derivatives thereof, comprising a substitution of the Glutamic acid residue at position (12) of full-length wild type TGF- β 3 and/or the Arginine residue at position (52) of full-length wild type TGF- β 3. The invention also provides medicaments and methods of treatment using such TGF- β 3s.

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A TGF-beta3, or a fragment or a derivative thereof, wherein the domain between aa 58 and 67 comprises at least one helix stabilising substitution

2. claims: 7, 8 (completely); 14-29 (partially)

A TGF-beta3, or a fragment or a derivative thereof, wherein the Gly residue at position 63 is replaced with Proline.

3. claims: 11 (completely); 9, 10, 13-29 (partially)

A TGF-beta3, or a fragment or a derivative thereof, comprises a substitution of the Glu residue at position 12.

4. claims: 12 (completely); 9, 10, 13-29 (partially)

A TGF-beta3, or a fragment or a derivative thereof, comprises a substitution of the Arg residue at position 52.

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