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(54) **TREATING OR PREVENTING ATHEROSCLEROSIS OR ASSOCIATED DISEASES BY
BETA-CAROTENE**

(57) The present invention provides the use of beta-carotene in treating or preventing atherosclerosis or atherosclerotic associated disease, wherein the beta-carotene is a probiotic bacteria producing beta-carotene such as Lactobacillus reuteri.

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