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## (54) I-Crel homing endonuclease variants having novel cleavage specificity and use thereof

(57) A method for engineering I-Crel homing endonuclease variants able to cleave mutant I-Crel sites having variation in positions  $\pm$  8 to  $\pm$ 10. A I-Crel homing endonuclease variant obtainable by said method, a vector encoding said variant, a cell, an animal or a plant

modified by said vector. Use of said I-*Cre*I endonuclease variant and derived products for genetic engineering, genome therapy and antiviral therapy.

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