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[54] **ANTI-*CRYPTOSPORIDIUM PARVUM* PREPARATIONS**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Compositions and methods useful for conferring passive or active immunity to the parasite, *C. parvum*. A high molecular weight glycoprotein antigen isolated from *C. parvum*, capable of binding the mAb 3E2, was shown to harbor an epitope critical for triggering the neutralizing CSP-like reaction in the parasite. Antibodies targeted against the critical epitope were shown to possess neutralizing activity, and could be combined with other anti-*C. parvum* monoclonal antibodies and administered to an animal to confer passive immunity. Immunogenic compositions including the purified antigen are disclosed for use in stimulating an active immune response against *C. parvum*.

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