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(54) **Methods for treating TWEAK-related conditions**

(57) The present invention provides methods and agents for the treatment of TWEAK-related conditions, including cardiac, liver, kidney, lung, adipose, skeletal, muscle, neuronal, bone and cartilage conditions. The invention also provides methods for identifying TWEAK agonists or antagonists for the treatment of TWEAK-related conditions. Additionally, the invention provides transgenic animals that express an exogenous DNA encoding a

TWEAK polypeptide, or fragments, analogs, or muteins thereof, and methods for using such animals to identify TWEAK agonists or antagonists. The invention further provides methods for diagnosing a disease based on TWEAK expression. The invention also provides methods for affecting cellular differentiation of progenitor cells using TWEAK polypeptides, agonists, or antagonists.

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1. claims: 1-7, 11-18

The use of a TWEAK modulator for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of the disease recited in present claims 1, 7, 11 and 15.

2. claim: 8

A method for identifying a compound that acts as a TWEAK agonist or TWEAK antagonist as recited in present claim 8.

3. claims: 9, 10

A method for identifying dilated cardiomyopathy in a subject as recited in present claim 9.

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摘要(译)

本发明提供了治疗TWEAK相关病症的方法和药剂，包括心脏，肝，肾，肺，脂肪，骨骼，肌肉，神经元，骨和软骨病症。本发明还提供了鉴定TWEAK激动剂或拮抗剂以治疗TWEAK相关病症的方法。另外，本发明提供了表达编码TWEAK多肽或其片段，类似物或突变蛋白的外源DNA的转基因动物，以及使用这些动物鉴定TWEAK激动剂或拮抗剂的方法。本发明还提供了基于TWEAK表达诊断疾病的方法。本发明还提供了使用TWEAK多肽，激动剂或拮抗剂影响祖细胞的细胞分化的方法。

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