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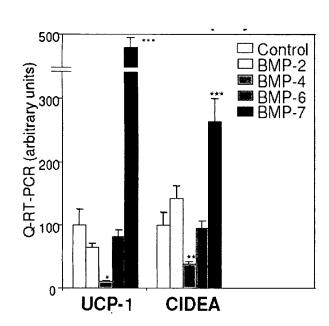


FIG. 2A

(57) Abstract: Methods and compositions for treating obesity and related disorders. The methods include the use of Sca- 1+ progenitor cells treated with BMP-2, -4, -5, -6, and/or -7.



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