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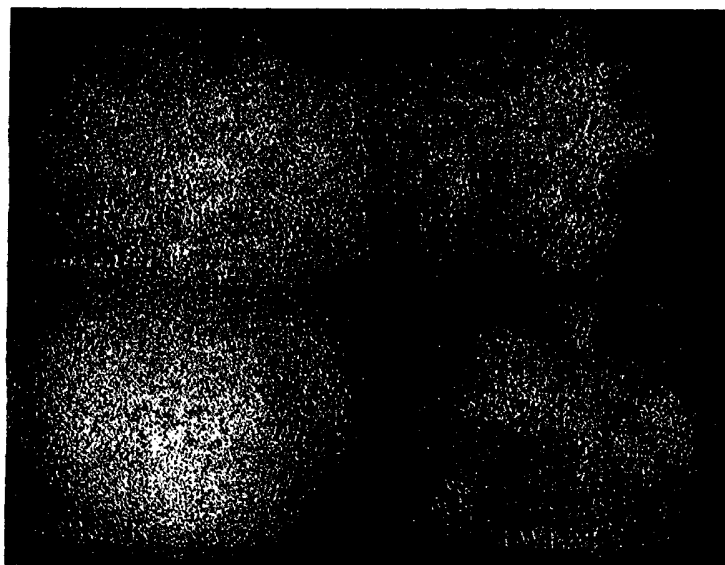
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Effect of TWEAK and bFGF on capillary tube formation

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for enhancing angiogenic activity to promote neovascularization comprising administering to a subject a formulation comprising a synergistically effective amount of a TWEAK agonist and an angiogenic factor.



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