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tamers, and enzymatic nucleic acid molecules, such as hammerhead ribozymes, DNAzymes, and allozymes, which modulate the
expression of vascular endothelial growth factor receptor (VEGF) and/or vascular endothelial growth factor receptor (VEGFR) genes
for the treatment and/or diagnosis of diseases and conditions associated with angiogenesis, such as cancer, tumor angiogenesis, or
ocular indications such as diabetic retinopathy, or age related macular degeneration, proliferative diabetic retinopathy, hypoxia-in-
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not limited to endometriosis, endometrial carcinoma, gynecologic bleeding disorders, irregular menstrual cycles, ovulation, premen-
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