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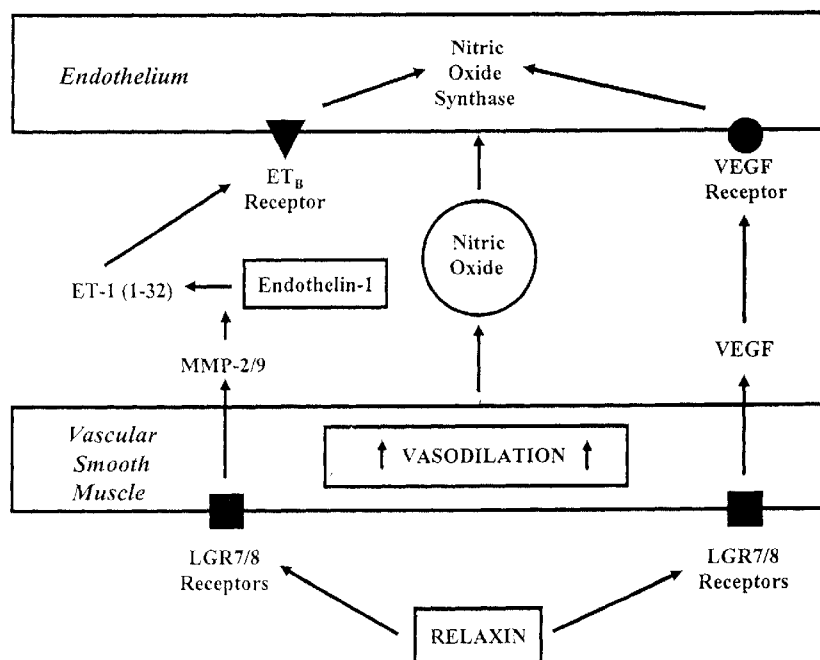


FIGURE 2

(57) Abstract: The present disclosure relates to methods for treating human subjects afflicted with chronic heart failure. The methods described herein employ administration of relaxin.



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