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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides antagonizing antibodies that bind to growth hormone receptor (GHR). The invention further relates to therapeutic methods for use of these antibodies to reduce IGF-1 levels and/or for the treatment and/or prevention of diseases associated with excessive IGF-1, including treatment of acromegaly, gigantism, cancer, diabetic nephropathy, arthritis, and lung inflammation.

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