

# THE THERAPEUTIC METHODS FOR TREATING VASCULAR EYE DISORDERS WITH DLL4 ANTAGONISTS

## ABSTRACT

A therapeutic method for treating ischemic or vascular disorders by administering an agent capable of inhibiting human delta-like ligand 4 (Dll4) activity to a subject in need thereof. Preferably, the agent is an anti-Dll4 antibody or antibody fragment capable of inhibiting the binding of Dll4 to a Notch receptor. In one embodiment, the ischemic or vascular disorder is ischemic injury, cerebral ischemia, cardiac ischemia, ischemic conditions affecting the limbs and other organs or tissues, arteriovenous malformations, wound healing, organ or tissue transplantation, placental insufficiency, arterial narrowing and occlusion, atherosclerosis, and systemic or pulmonary hypertension. In another embodiment, the disease treated is an eye disease or condition such as retinopathy of prematurity, ischemic retinopathy, retinal vein or artery occlusion, diabetic retinopathy, choroidal neovascularization, age related macular degeneration, corneal neovascularization, neovascular glaucoma or corneal transplantation.

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