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(57) **Abstract:** An agonist of the VEGF receptor is useful in the treatment of a disease associated with retarded fetal growth, such as intra-uterine growth retardation. The VEGF against may be a VEGF peptide or a gene construct encoding or expressing such a peptide.