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Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application on the merits, please enter the amendments below.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0001] on page1 of the specification to read as follows:

[0001] This application **is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 14/972,560, filed December 17, 2015 (now allowed) which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/940,370 filed July 12, 2013, now U.S. Patent No. 9,254,338 issued February 9, 2016 which** is a continuation-in-part of International Patent Application No. PCT/US2012/020855, filed on January 11, 2012, which claims the benefit of US Provisional Application Nos. 61/432,245, filed on January 13, 2011, 61/434,836, filed on January 21, 2011, and 61/561,957, filed on November 21, 2011, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A method for treating an angiogenic eye disorder in a patient, said method comprising sequentially administering to the patient a single initial dose of a VEGF antagonist, followed by one or more secondary doses of the VEGF antagonist, followed by one or more tertiary doses of the VEGF antagonist;

wherein each secondary dose is administered 2 to 4 weeks after the immediately preceding dose; and

wherein each tertiary dose is administered at least 8 weeks after the immediately preceding dose;

wherein the VEGF antagonist is a VEGF receptor-based chimeric molecule comprising (1) a VEGFR1 component comprising amino acids 27 to 129 of SEQ ID NO:2; (2) a VEGFR2 component comprising amino acids 130-231 of SEQ ID NO:2; and (3) a multimerization component comprising amino acids 232-457 of SEQ ID NO:2;

wherein exclusion criteria for the patient include all of:

- (1) active intraocular inflammation;
- (2) active ocular or periocular infection;
- (3) any ocular or periocular infection within the last 2 weeks prior to treatment.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein only a single secondary dose is administered to the patient, and wherein the single secondary dose is administered 4 weeks after the initial dose of the VEGF antagonist.

23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein only two secondary doses are administered to the patient, and wherein each secondary dose is administered 4 weeks after the immediately preceding dose.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein each tertiary dose is administered 8 weeks after the immediately preceding dose.

25. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein at least 5 tertiary doses of the VEGF antagonist are administered to the patient, and wherein the first four tertiary doses are administered 8 weeks after

the immediately preceding dose, and wherein each subsequent tertiary dose is administered 8 or 12 weeks after the immediately preceding dose.

26. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the angiogenic eye disorder is selected from the group consisting of: age related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, diabetic macular edema, central retinal vein occlusion, branch retinal vein occlusion, and corneal neovascularization.

27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the angiogenic eye disorder is age related macular degeneration.

28. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein all doses of the VEGF antagonist are administered to the patient by topical administration or by intraocular administration.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein all doses of the VEGF antagonist are administered to the patient by intraocular administration.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the intraocular administration is intravitreal administration.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein all doses of the VEGF antagonist comprise from about 0.5 mg to about 2 mg of the VEGF antagonist.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein all doses of the VEGF antagonist comprise 0.5 mg of the VEGF antagonist.

33. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein all doses of the VEGF antagonist comprise 2 mg of the VEGF antagonist.

34. (New) A method for treating an angiogenic eye disorder in a patient, said method comprising sequentially administering to the patient a single initial dose of a VEGF antagonist, followed by one or more secondary doses of the VEGF antagonist, followed by one or more tertiary doses of the VEGF antagonist;

wherein each secondary dose is administered 2 to 4 weeks after the immediately preceding dose; and

wherein each tertiary dose is administered at least 8 weeks after the immediately preceding dose;

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