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(54) **ENHANCEMENT OF VASCULAR FUNCTION BY MODULATION OF ENDOGENOUS NITRIC OXIDE PRODUCTION OR ACTIVITY**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Vascular function and structure is maintained or improved by long term administration of physiologically acceptable compounds which enhance the level of endogenous nitric oxide or other intermediates in the NO induced relaxation pathway in the host. Alternatively, or in combination, other compounds may be administered which provide for short term enhancement of nitric oxide, either directly or by physiological processes.

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