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(57) Abstract: It is an object of the present invention to provide an agent effective for preventing and/or treating heart failure and/or cardiac hypertrophy. A preventive and/or therapeutic agent for heart failure and/or cardiac hypertrophy, comprising an angiotensin II receptor antagonist and a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor.



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