



A proposed model on the role of Axl on CD4⁺ T cell survival in progression of salt-dependent hypertension. Black line shows changes in blood pressure. X-axis represents time in weeks. Y-axis represents changes in blood pressure. Highlighted light green area shows a critical role for Axl in T lymphocyte survival in circulation that contribute to vascular remodeling and the late hypertension (lime color area, 5-6 weeks)