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NOTIFICATION OF DECISION CONCERNING
REQUEST FOR RECTIFICATION

(PCT Rule 91.3(a) and (d))

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The applicant is hereby notified that this International Searching Authority has considered the request for rectification of obvious mistakes in the international application/in other documents submitted by the applicant to this Authority, and has decided:

1. a. to authorize the rectification:
- as requested by the applicant.
- to the extent set forth below*:
- b. The rectification **will be or has been taken into account** for the purposes of the international search (Rule 43.6bis(a)).
- The rectification **has not been taken into account** because it was authorized by this Authority after this Authority has begun to draw up the international search report (Rule 43.6bis(b)).
2. to refuse to authorize the rectification or part of it for the following reasons*:
see continuation sheet

A copy of this notification, together with a copy of the applicant's request for rectification, has been sent to the receiving Office and to the International Bureau.

* If the authorization of the rectification has been refused in whole or in part, the applicant may request the International Bureau, within two months from the date of the refusal and subject to the payment of a special fee, to publish the request for rectification and the reasons for refusal by this Authority and any further brief comments that may be submitted by the applicant together with the international application. See Rule 91.3(d) and, for the amount of the fee, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I, Annex B2(1B).

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Applicant's submission of the replacement drawings is treated as a request for rectification under Rule 91.1.

The proposed drawings contain changes that are distinctly different from the original drawings and cannot be construed as rectifications of obvious mistakes. Specifically: in Fig. 1, lines and shadings have been modified, in FIG. 3A-B shading have been modified and reference letters removed.

Obvious mistakes may be corrected before the United States International Searching Authority (ISA/US) in accordance with PCT Rule 91.1 (c), which provides that "The competent authority shall authorize the rectification under this Rule of a mistake if, and only if, it is obvious to the competent authority that, as at the applicable date under paragraph (f), something else was intended than what appears in the document concerned and that nothing else could have been intended than the proposed rectification." In present case, it is not obvious to the ISA/US that what mistakes were made in the original figures, and it not obvious that what is offered as rectification is what was specifically intended in the original drawings. Therefore, a careful evaluation of each of the changes to the original drawings by one skilled in the art is required.

In regard to Fig. 2, it may be accepted under PCT Rule 26, but it is placed on the sheet that is not numbered in accordance with the original sheet.

Accordingly, proposed replacement sheet nos. 1.1/5 - 2.2/5 of the drawings are REFUSED.

Note that during Chapter I proceedings, changes to the description, claims and drawings may only be entered upon approval by the International Searching Authority if the changes comply with Rule 91.1(c). However, applicant may submit these changes for consideration as an amendment under PCT Article 34 along with the Demand when entering Chapter II under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, or by submitting the changes upon entry in the National Stage. The amendments may only be entered if they do not go beyond the disclosure of the international application as filed. Additionally, Article 34 amendments submitted during Chapter II must also be in compliance with PCT Rules 11.14 and 66.

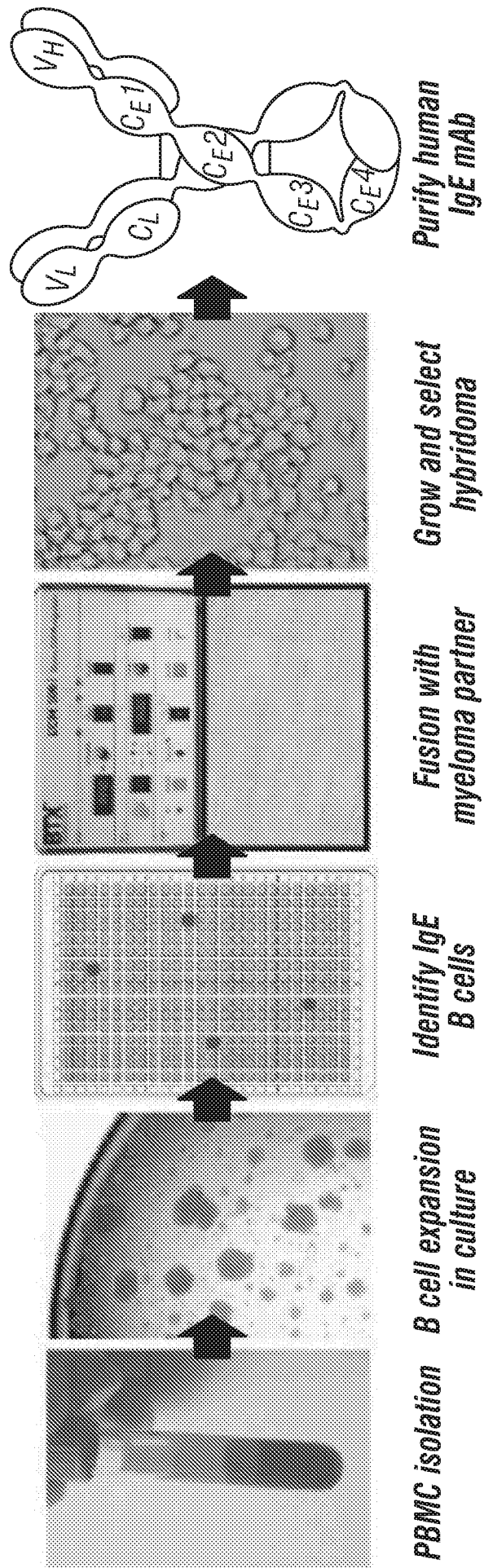


FIG. 1

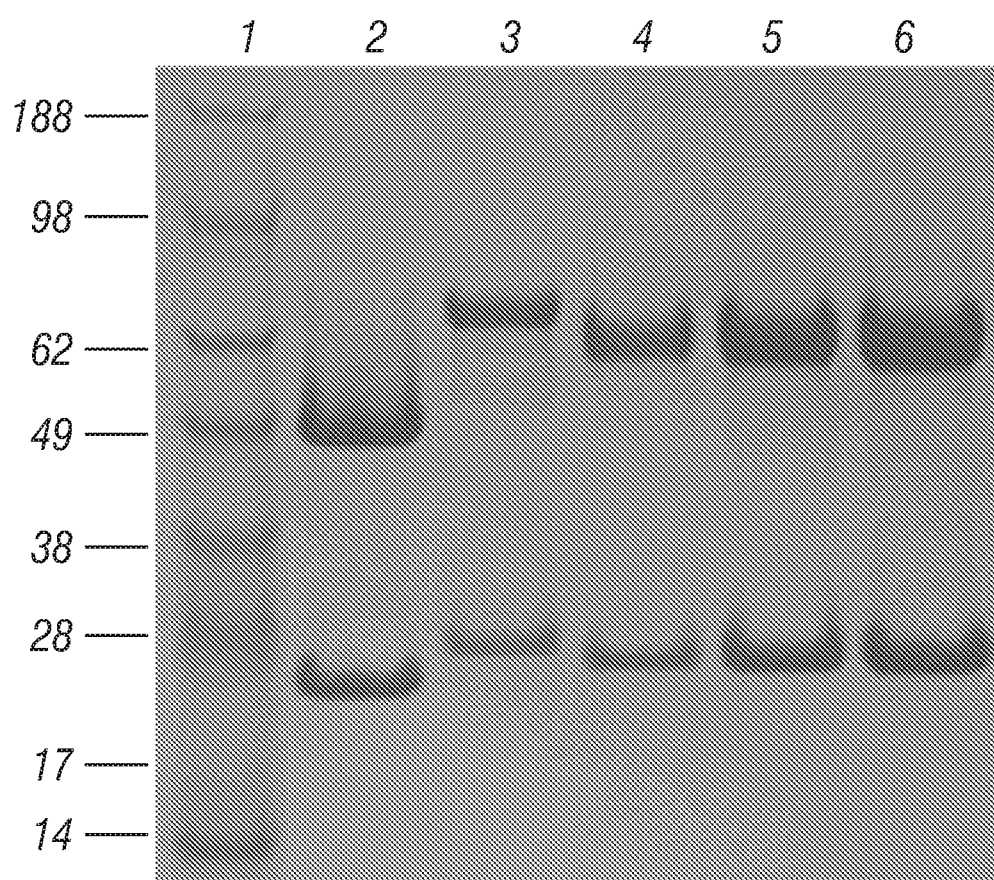


FIG. 2

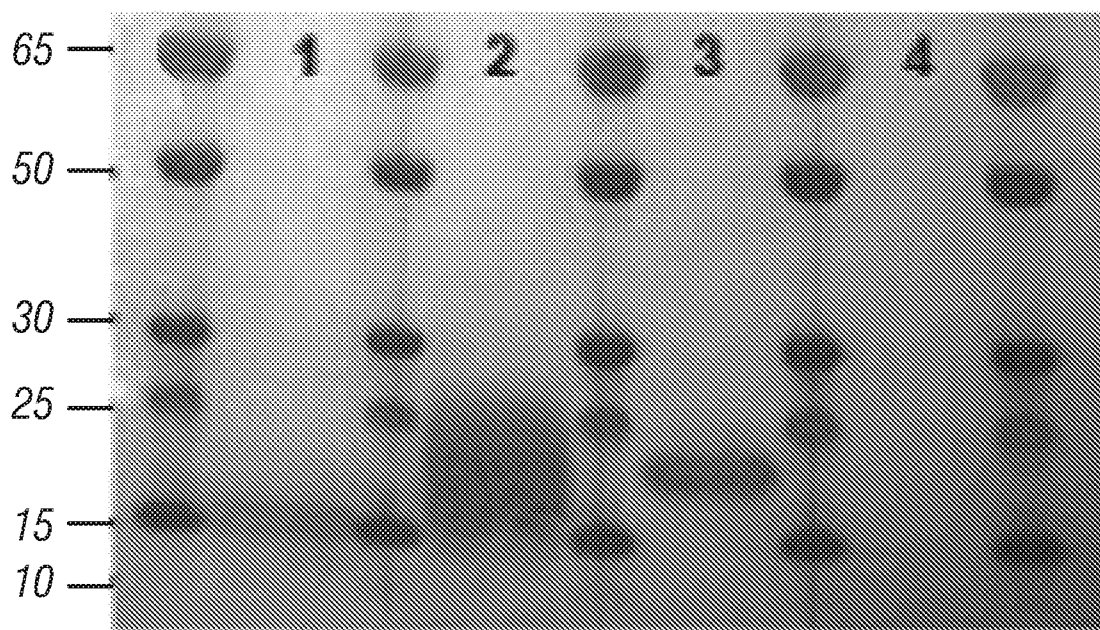


FIG. 3A

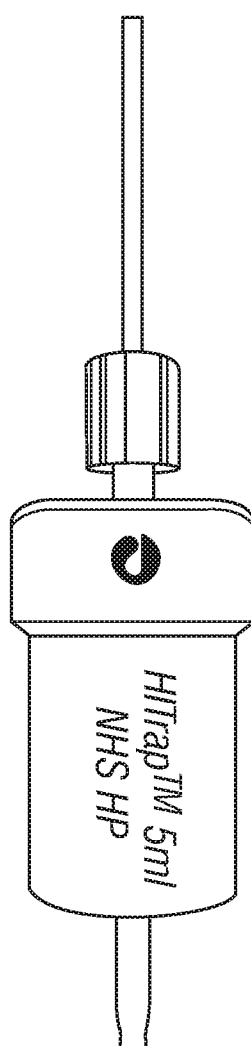


FIG. 3B

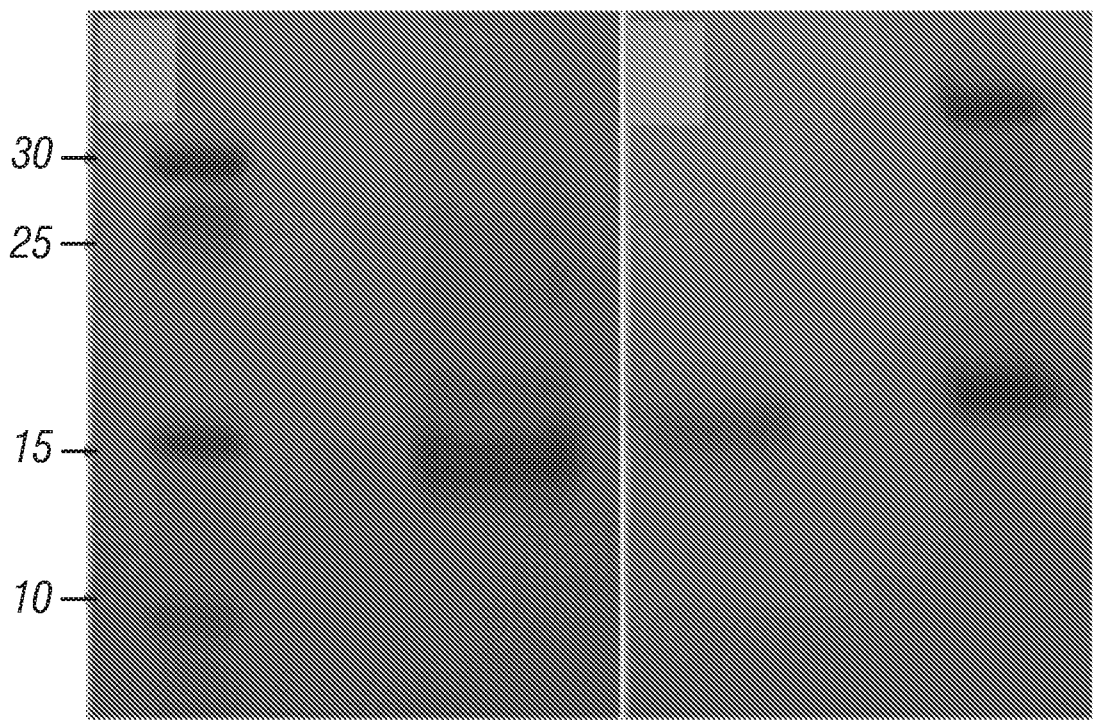


FIG. 3B
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