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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to variant thrombopoietin proteins that possess thrombopoiesis-stimulating activity and have reduced immunogenicity. In particular, variants of thrombopoietin with reduced ability to bind one or more class II MHC molecules are described.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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