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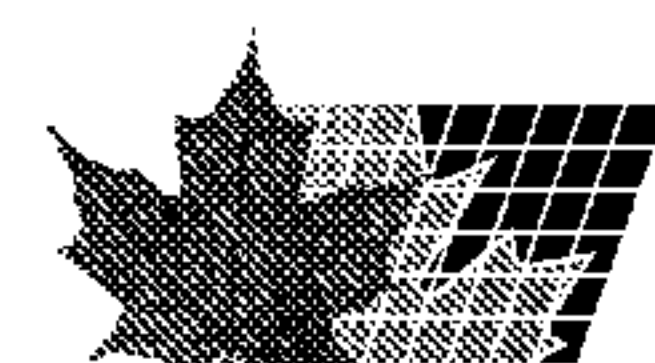
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CD4 SPECIFIC RECOMBINANT ANTIBODY

The present invention relates to CDR-grafted antibody molecules, to processes for their production using recombinant DNA technology and to their therapeutic uses.

In the present application, various prior art references are cited. These are referred to by a number given in square brackets []. The references are listed in numerical order at the end of the description.

In the present application, "Ig" is used to describe natural immunoglobulins. Natural immunoglobulins have been known for many years and comprise a generally Y-shaped molecule having an antigen-binding site towards the end of each upper arm. The remainder of the structure, and particularly the stem of the Y, mediates the effector functions associated with Igs. Various fragments of Igs, such as the Fab, (Fab')₂, Fv and Fc fragments, which can be derived by enzymatic cleavage, are also known.

Natural Igs comprise two heavy chains and two light chains, the N-terminal ends of each pair of heavy and light chains being associated and forming the antigen binding sites. The C-terminal ends of the heavy chains associate to form the Fc portion.

The residue designations for Ig light and heavy chains given in the present description and claims are in accordance with the numbering scheme developed by Kabat [1] and [2]. Thus, the residue designations do not always correspond directly with the linear numbering of the amino acid residues. The actual linear amino acid sequence may contain fewer or additional amino acid residues than in the strict Kabat numbering, thus showing that there have been insertions or deletions. These insertions or

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deletions may be present anywhere within the chains. The correct numbering of residues may be determined for a given Ig by alignment at regions of homology of the sequence of the Ig with a "standard" Kabat numbered sequence.

It was determined from a study of the amino acid sequences of a large number of Igs that the variable domains, which are located at the N-terminal ends of the chains, of both the heavy and the light chains contained three regions in which the amino acid sequence was hypervariable. These hypervariable regions are flanked on each side by regions which varied substantially less in sequence [1] and [2]. It was conjectured that the hypervariable regions are involved in antigen binding.

More recently, structural studies using X-ray crystallography and molecular modelling have defined three regions in the variable domains of each of the heavy and light chains which appear to be involved in antigen binding [47]. These three regions are generally referred to as the complementarity determining regions (CDRs). The CDRs are brought together by the remaining regions of the variable domains to form at least part of the antigen binding site. These remaining regions are generally referred to as the framework regions.

It will be appreciated that some workers in the art, and in particular Kabat [1] and [2], have referred to the hypervariable regions as being CDRs. For the sake of clarity, in this specification the term hypervariable region is used only to describe antigen binding regions determined by sequence analysis and the term CDR is used to describe antigen binding regions determined by structural analysis.

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A comparison of the hypervariable regions, as determined by sequence analysis, and the CDRs, as determined by structural studies, shows that there is some, but not complete, correspondence between these regions.

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In the present application, the term "antibody" is used to describe Igs or any fragments thereof, light chain or heavy chain monomers or dimers, and single chain antibodies, such as a single chain Fvs in which the heavy and light chain variable domains are joined by a peptide linker, whether natural or produced by recombinant DNA technology or otherwise, provided that the antibody includes at least one antigen binding site. The remainder of the antibody need not comprise only Ig-derived protein sequences. For instance, a gene may be constructed in which a DNA sequence encoding part of a human Ig chain is fused to a DNA sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide effector or reporter molecule. Thus, "antibody" encompasses hybrid antibodies (see below).

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The abbreviation "MAb" is used to indicate a monoclonal antibody as produced by a hybridoma or derivative cell line.

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The term "recombinant antibody" is used to describe an antibody produced by a process involving the use of recombinant DNA technology.

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The term "chimeric antibody" is used to describe an antibody in which the variable domains as a whole are derived from an antibody from a first mammalian species and have been fused onto at least one constant domain from an antibody from a different mammalian species.

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The term "hybrid antibody" is used to describe a protein comprising at least the antigen binding portion of an Ig attached by peptide linkage to at least part of another

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protein. It will be appreciated that certain skilled workers may also use the word "chimeric" to describe such constructs, but in the present specification such constructs are referred to as hybrid antibodies and the term chimeric antibodies is used in the sense defined above.

The term "CDR-grafted antibody" is used to describe an antibody having at least one, and preferably two or three, of its CDRs in one or both of the variable domains derived from an antibody from a first species, the remaining Ig-derived parts of the antibody being derived from one or more different antibodies. The variable domains may be made by use of recombinant DNA technology or by peptide synthesis.

"Expression vector" includes vectors which are capable of expressing DNA sequences contained therein, i.e. the coding sequences are operably linked to other sequences capable of effecting their expression. A useful, but not always necessary (i.e. insect cells), element of an effective expression vector is a marker encoding sequence, i.e. a sequence encoding a vector sequence which results in a phenotypic property (e.g. neomycin resistance, methionine sulfoximine resistance or tryptophan prototrophy) of the cells containing the protein which permits those cells to be readily identified. In sum, "expression vector" is given a functional definition and any DNA sequence which is capable of effecting expression of a specified contained DNA code is included in this term as it is applied to the specified sequence. As at present, such vectors are frequently in the form of plasmids. Thus "plasmid" and "expression vector" are often used interchangeably. However, the invention is intended to include such other forms of expression vectors which serve equivalent functions and which may, from time

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to time, become known in the art, including retroviruses, in vitro systems [48] and the like.

5 As stated previously, the DNA sequences will be expressed in host cells after the sequences have been operably linked to (i.e. positioned to ensure the functioning of) an expression control sequence. These expression vectors are typically replicable in the host organisms either as episomes or as an integral part of the host chromosomal
10 DNA.

"Recombinant host cells" refers to cells which have been transformed with vectors constructed using recombinant DNA techniques. By virtue of this transformation, the host
15 cell is able to produce the desired product in useful quantities, rather than in lesser amounts, or more commonly, in less than detectable amounts, as one would expect to be produced by the untransformed host. The antibody of the present invention may be produced by a
20 recombinant host cell in quantities useful to carry out additional experimentation or in commercial quantities such as about a kilogram or more.

In descriptions of processes for isolation of antibodies
25 from recombinant hosts, the terms "cell" and "cell culture" are used interchangeably to denote the source of antibody unless it is clearly specified otherwise. In other words, recovery of antibody from the "cells" may mean either from spun down whole cells, or from the cell
30 culture containing both the medium and the suspended cells, or, additionally, as is possible in the case of myeloma cell lines, from ascites culture.

Natural Igs have been used in assay, diagnosis and, to a
35 more limited extent, therapy. However, such uses, especially in therapy, have been hindered by the polyclonal nature of natural Igs. A significant step

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towards the realization of the potential of Igs as therapeutic agents was the discovery of techniques for the preparation of MAbs of defined specificity. MAbs are generally produced by fusions of rodent spleen cells with rodent myeloma cells, and thus are essentially rodent proteins. However, there are very few reports of the successful production of human MAbs.

A series of MAbs having specificities for antigens on T lymphocytes and subsets of T lymphocytes is described in EP-A-0 017 381, EP-A-0 018 794, EP-A-0 019 195, EP-A-0 025 722, EP-A-0 030 450, EP-A-0 030 814 and EP-A-0 033 578.

Since most available MAbs are entirely of rodent origin, they are naturally antigenic in humans and thus can give rise to an undesirable immune response, such as one response termed the Human Anti-Mouse Antibody (HAMA) response. Therefore, the use of rodent MAbs as therapeutic agents in humans is inherently limited by the fact that the human subject may mount an immunological response to the MAb and will either remove it entirely or at least reduce its effectiveness. Thus, in practice, MAbs of rodent origin are not generally recommended for use in patients for more than one or a few treatments, as a HAMA response may develop, rendering the MAb ineffective as well as giving rise to undesirable side reactions.

Proposals have therefore been made to render non-human MAbs less antigenic in humans. Such techniques can be generically termed "humanization" techniques. These techniques generally involve the use of recombinant DNA technology to manipulate DNA sequences encoding the polypeptide chains of the antibody molecule.

In recent years advances in molecular biology based on

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production of a wide range of heterologous polypeptides by transformation of host cells with heterologous DNA sequences which code for the production of the desired products.

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EP-A-0 088 994 (Schering Corporation) proposes the construction of recombinant DNA vectors comprising a ds DNA sequence which codes for the variable domain of a light or a heavy chain of an Ig specific for a predetermined ligand. The ds DNA sequence is provided with initiation and termination codons at its 5'- and 3'-termini respectively but lacks any nucleotides coding for amino acids superfluous to the variable domain. The ds DNA sequence is used to transform bacterial cells. The application does not contemplate variations in the sequence of the variable domain.

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EP-A-0 102 634 (Takeda Chemical Industries Limited) describes the cloning and expression in bacterial host organisms of genes coding for the whole or a part of a human IgE heavy chain polypeptide, but does not contemplate variations in the sequence of the polypeptide.

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EP-A-0 125 023 (Genentech Inc.) proposes the use of recombinant DNA techniques in bacterial cells to produce Igs which are analagous to those normally found in vertebrate systems and to take advantage of the gene modification techniques proposed therein to construct chimeric antibodies or other modified forms of antibody.

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It is believed that the proposals set out in the above Genentech application did not lead to the expression of any significant quantities of Ig polypeptide chains, nor to the production of Ig activity, nor to the secretion and assembly of the chains into the desired chimeric antibodies.

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The recent emergence of techniques allowing the stable introduction of Ig gene DNA into mammalian cells [3] to [5] has opened up the possibility of using *in vitro* mutagenesis and DNA transfection to construct recombinant antibodies possessing novel properties.

However, it is known that the function of an antibody molecule is dependent on its three dimensional structure, which in turn is dependent on its primary amino acid sequence. Thus, changing the amino acid sequence of an antibody may adversely affect its activity. Moreover, a change in the DNA sequence coding for the antibody may affect the ability of the cell containing the DNA sequence to express, secrete or assemble the antibody.

It is therefore not at all clear that it will be possible to produce functional altered antibodies by recombinant DNA techniques. However, colleagues of the present inventors have devised a process whereby hybrid antibodies in which both parts of the protein are functional can be secreted. This process is disclosed in International Patent Application No. PCT/GB85/00392. However, the above PCT application only shows the production of hybrid antibodies in which complete variable domains are coded for by the first part of the DNA sequence. It does not show hybrid antibodies in which the sequence of the variable domain has been altered.

EP-A-0 239 400 describes a process in which the CDRs of a mouse MAb have been grafted onto the framework regions of the variable domains of a human Ig by site directed mutagenesis using long oligonucleotides. The inventors allude to the possibility of altering the natural amino acid sequence of the framework regions as well.

The earliest work on altering MAbs by CDR-grafting was carried out on MAbs recognizing synthetic antigens, such

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as the NP or NIP antigens. However, examples in which a mouse MAb recognizing lysozyme and a rat MAb recognizing an antigen on human T-cells respectively were humanized by CDR-grafting have been described [6] and [7].

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Reference [7] shows that transfer of the CDRs alone (as defined in that paper) was not sufficient to provide satisfactory antigen binding activity in the CDR-grafted product. Reference [7] shows that it was necessary to
10 convert a serine residue at position 27 of the human sequence to the corresponding rat phenylalanine residue to obtain a CDR-grafted product having satisfactory antigen binding activity. This residue at position 27 of the heavy chain is within the structural loop adjacent to
15 CDR1. A further construct which additionally contained a human serine to rat tyrosine change at position 30 of the heavy chain did not have a significantly altered binding activity over the CDR-grafted antibody with the serine to phenylalanine change at position 27 alone. These results
20 indicate that, for CDR-grafted antibodies which recognize more complex antigens, changes to residues of the human sequence outside the CDR regions, in particular in the loop adjacent to CDR1, may be necessary to obtain effective antigen binding activity.

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Techniques have also recently been described for altering an anti-TAC monoclonal antibody by CDR-grafting. Human framework regions were chosen to maximize homology with the anti-TAC antibody sequence, while several additional
30 amino acids outside the CDRs were retained. The anti-TAC antibody so altered has an affinity for the p55 chain of human interleukin-2 of about one third that of murine anti-TAC [8].

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PCT/US89/05857 also describes CDR-grafted antibodies which are specific for the p55 TAC protein of the IL-2 receptor. It is therein stated that the CDR-grafted antibody may

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require that 3 or more amino acid residues from the donor Ig in addition to the CDRs, usually at least one of which is immediately adjacent to a CDR in the donor Ig, be changed to correspond to that of the donor antibody in order to obtain antigen binding activity.

It is therefore readily apparent that it is not a simple matter to produce a CDR-grafted antibody. It is often not sufficient merely to graft the CDRs from a donor Ig onto the framework regions from an acceptor Ig. It may also be necessary to alter residues in the framework regions of the acceptor antibody in order to obtain binding activity. However, it is not possible to predict, on the basis of the available prior art, which, if any, framework residues will need to be altered.

EP-A-0 018 794 describes a murine MAb which recognises an antigen characteristic of human helper T cells. A particular example of such an MAb is described in the application and is designated OKT4. The antigen it recognises is generally referred to as the CD4 antigen. The MAb is commercially available from Ortho Diagnostic Systems Inc. of Raritan, New Jersey, USA. Also available from the same supplier is a murine MAb known as OKT4A. This recognises a different epitope on the CD4 antigen from the one recognised by OKT4.

Transplantation experiments in primates have indicated that both OKT4 and OKT4A can extend graft survival and may be useful as an immunomodulator in humans. Experience from the treatment of renal transplant patients with the murine MAb OKT3 has shown that sometimes a population of patients develops neutralizing antibodies to OKT3. This immune response precludes repeat administration. To diminish the anticipated immune response to murine anti-CD4 MAbs, it would be desirable to produce a CDR-grafted

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version of OKT4A having murine CDRs and human framework and other Ig derived regions.

5 However, as described above, the simple approach to constructing a CDR-grafted antibody does not always result in an antibody which effectively binds the antigen. The exact residues which comprise the CDRs are difficult to define and do not necessarily correspond to all the residues in the hypervariable regions. There may also be
10 critical framework residues which are important in positioning the CDRs for interaction with antigen or which are involved in interactions between the heavy and light chains. It may be necessary to alter certain framework residues so that they correspond to the murine residues at
15 these positions, rendering the CDR-grafted antibody less "human" in character.

Despite the problems which are inherent in attempting to produce a specific CDR-grafted antibody, in a preferred
20 embodiment the present inventors have succeeded in producing a CDR-grafted antibody based on human framework regions and having an antigen binding site which recognises the CD4 antigen. In certain particularly preferred embodiment, the CDR-grafted antibody has an
25 affinity for the CD4 antigen similar to that of the murine MAb OKT4A.

Therefore, according to the present invention, there is provided a CDR-grafted antibody having at least one chain
30 wherein the framework regions are predominantly derived from a first antibody (acceptor) and at least one CDR is derived from a second antibody (donor), the CDR-grafted antibody being capable of binding to the CD4 antigen.

35 Preferably, the CDR-grafted chain has two and, most preferably, all three CDRs derived from the donor antibody.

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Advantageously, in the CDR-grafted chain, the or each CDR comprises a composite CDR comprising all the residues from the CDR and all the residues in the corresponding hypervariable region of the donor antibody.

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Preferably, at least one residue in the framework regions of the CDR-grafted chain has been altered so that it corresponds to the equivalent residue in the antibody.

10 Preferably, the framework regions of the CDR-grafted chain are derived from a human antibody.

Advantageously, the framework regions of the CDR-grafted chain are derived from a human Ig heavy chain. For such heavy chains, it is preferred that residue 35 in the heavy chain framework regions be altered so that it corresponds to the equivalent residue in the donor antibody.

Advantageously, for such heavy chains, at least one composite CDR comprising residues 26 to 35, 50 to 65 or 95 to 102 respectively is grafted onto the human framework. It will be appreciated in this case that residue 35 will already correspond to the equivalent residue in the donor antibody.

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Preferably, residues 23, 24 and 49 in such heavy chains correspond to the equivalent residues in the antibody. It is more preferred that residues 6, 23, 24, 48 and 49 in such heavy chains correspond to the donor antibody in equivalent residue positions. If desired, residues 71, 73 and 79 can also so correspond.

To further optimise affinity, any one or any combination of residues 57, 58, 60, 88 and 91 may correspond to the equivalent residue in the donor antibody.

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The heavy chain is preferably derived from the human KOL heavy chain. However, it may also be derived from the human NEWM or EU heavy chain.

5 Alternatively, the framework regions of the CDR-grafted chain may be derived from a human kappa or lambda light chain. For such a light chain, advantageously at least one composite CDR comprising residues 24 to 34, 50 to 56
10 or 89 to 97 respectively is grafted onto the human framework. Preferably, residue 49 also corresponds to the equivalent residue in the donor antibody.

To further optimise affinity, it is preferable to ensure that residues 49 and 89 correspond to the equivalent
15 residues in the donor antibody. It may also be desirable to select equivalent donor residues that form salt bridges.

The light chain is preferably derived from the human REI
20 light chain. However, it may also be derived from the human EU light chain.

Preferably, the CDR-grafted antibody of the present invention comprises a light chain and a heavy chain, one
25 or, preferably, both of which have been CDR-grafted in accordance with the principles set out above for the individual light and heavy chains.

In the preferred case, it is advantageous that all three
30 CDRs on the heavy chain are altered and that minimal alteration is made to the light chain. It may be possible to alter none, one or two of the light chain CDRs and still retain binding affinity at a reasonable level.

35 It will be appreciated that in some cases, for both heavy and light chains, the donor and acceptor residues may be

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identical at a particular position and thus no change of acceptor framework residue will be required.

5 It will also be appreciated that in order to retain as far as possible the human nature of the CDR-grafted antibody, as few residue changes as possible should be made. It is envisaged that in many cases, it will not be necessary to change more than the CDRs and a small number of framework residues. Only in exceptional cases will it be necessary
10 to change a larger number of framework residues.

Preferably, the CDR-grafted antibody is a complete Ig, for example of isotype IgG₁ or IgG₄.

15 If desired, one or more residues in the constant domains of the Ig may be altered in order to alter the effector functions of the constant domains.

20 Preferably, the CDR-grafted antibody has an affinity for the CD4 antigen of between about $10^5 \cdot M^{-1}$ to about $10^{12} \cdot M^{-1}$, more preferably at least $10^8 \cdot M^{-1}$, and most preferably the affinity is similar to that of MAb OKT4 or OKT4A.

Advantageously, the or each CDR is derived from a
25 mammalian antibody and preferably is derived from a murine MAb.

Advantageously, the CDR-grafted antibody of the present invention is produced by use of recombinant DNA
30 technology.

According to a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for producing a CDR-grafted antibody according to the first aspect of the present
35 invention, which method comprises:
providing a first DNA sequence, encoding a first antibody chain in which the framework regions are predominantly

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derived from a first antibody (acceptor) and at least one CDR is derived from a second antibody (acceptor), under the control of suitable upstream and downstream elements; transforming a host cell with the first DNA sequence; and
5 culturing the transformed host cell so that a CDR-grafted antibody according to the first aspect of the invention is produced.

Preferably, the method further comprises:
10 providing a second DNA sequence, encoding a second antibody chain complementary to the first chain, under the control of suitable upstream and downstream elements; and transforming the host cell with both the first and second DNA sequences.

15 Advantageously, the second DNA sequence encodes a second antibody chain in which the framework regions are predominantly derived from a first antibody (acceptor) and at least one CDR is derived from the second antibody
20 (donor).

The first and second DNA sequences may be present on the same vector. In this case, the sequences may be under the control of the same or different upstream and/or
25 downstream elements.

Alternatively, the first and second DNA sequences may be present on different vectors.

30 According to a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a nucleotide sequence which encodes an antibody chain in which the framework regions are predominantly derived from a first antibody (acceptor) and at least one CDR is derived from a second antibody
35 (donor), the antibody chain being capable of forming a CDR-grafted antibody according to the first aspect of the present invention.

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It is envisaged that the CDR-grafted antibodies of the present invention will be of particular use in therapy, in particular in treating graft rejections or in treating helper T cell disorders.

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The CDR-grafted antibodies of the present invention may be produced by a variety of techniques, with expression in transfected cells, such as yeast, insect, CHO or myeloma cells, being preferred. Most preferably, the host cell is a CHO host cell.

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To design a CDR-grafted antibody, it is first necessary to ascertain the variable domain sequence of an antibody having the desired binding properties. Suitable source cells for such DNA sequences include avian, mammalian or other vertebrate sources such as chickens, mice, rats and rabbits, and preferably mice. The variable domain sequences (V_H and V_L) may be determined from heavy and light chain cDNA, synthesized from the respective mRNA by techniques generally known to the art. The hypervariable regions may then be determined using the Kabat method [2]. The CDRs may be determined by structural analysis using X-ray crystallography or molecular modelling techniques. A composite CDR may then be defined as containing all the residues in one CDR and all the residues in the corresponding hypervariable region. These composite CDRs along with certain select residues from the framework region are preferably transferred as the "antigen binding sites", while the remainder of the antibody, such as the heavy and light chain constant domains and remaining framework regions, may be based on human antibodies of different classes. Constant domains may be selected to have desired effector functions appropriate to the intended use of the antibody so constructed. For example, human IgG isotypes, IgG₁ and IgG₃, are effective for complement fixation and cell mediated lysis. For other

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purposes other isotypes, such as IgG₂ and IgG₄, or other classes, such as IgM and IgE, may be more suitable.

For human therapy, it is particularly desirable to use human isotypes, to minimize antiglobulin responses during therapy. Human constant domain DNA sequences, preferably in conjunction with their variable domain framework bases can be prepared in accordance with well-known procedures. An example of this is CAMPATH 1H available from Burroughs Wellcome Ltd.

In accordance with preferred embodiments of the present invention, certain CDR-grafted antibodies are provided which contain select alterations to the human-like framework region (in other words, outside of the CDRs of the variable domains), resulting in a CDR-grafted antibody with satisfactory binding affinity. Such binding affinity is preferably from about $10^5.M^{-1}$ to about $10^{12}.M^{-1}$ and is more preferably at least about $10^8.M^{-1}$. Most preferably the binding affinity is about equal to that of murine MAb OKT4A.

In constructing the CDR-grafted antibodies of the present invention, the V_H and/or V_L gene segments may be altered by mutagenesis. One skilled in the art will also understand that various other nucleotides coding for amino acid residues or sequences contained in the Fc portion or other areas of the antibody may be altered in like manner (see, for example, PCT/US89/00297).

Exemplary techniques include the addition, deletion or nonconservative substitution of a limited number of various nucleotides or the conservative substitution of many nucleotides, provided that the proper reading frame is maintained.

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Substitutions, deletions, insertions or any subcombination may be used to arrive at a final construct. Since there are 64 possible codon sequences but only twenty known amino acids, the genetic code is degenerate in the sense that different codons may yield the same amino acid. However, the code is precise for each amino acid. Thus there is at least one codon for each amino acid, i.e. each codon yields a single amino acid and no other. It will be apparent that during translation, the proper reading frame must be maintained in order to obtain the proper amino acid sequence in the polypeptide ultimately produced.

Techniques for additions, deletions or substitutions at predetermined amino acid sites having a known sequence are well known. Exemplary techniques include oligonucleotide-mediated site-directed mutagenesis and the polymerase chain reaction.

Oligonucleotide site-directed mutagenesis in essence involves hybridizing an oligonucleotide coding for a desired mutation with a single strand of DNA containing the region to be mutated and using the single strand as a template for extension of the oligonucleotide to produce a strand containing the mutation. This technique, in various forms, is described in references [9] to [12].

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) in essence involves exponentially amplifying DNA in vitro using sequence specific oligonucleotides. The oligonucleotides can incorporate sequence alterations if desired. The polymerase chain reaction technique is described in reference [13]. Examples of mutagenesis using PCR are described in references [14] to [17].

The nucleotide sequences of the present invention, capable of ultimately expressing the desired CDR-grafted antibodies, can be formed from a variety of different

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polynucleotides (genomic DNA, cDNA, RNA or synthetic oligonucleotides). At present, it is preferred that the polynucleotide sequence comprises a fusion of cDNA and genomic DNA. The polynucleotide sequence may encode various Ig components (e.g. V, J, D, and C domains). They may be constructed by a variety of different techniques. Joining appropriate genomic and cDNA sequences is presently the most common method of production, but cDNA sequences may also be utilized (see EP-A-0 239 400 and [7]).

Certain suitable expression vectors and host cells are described in US-A-4 816 567.

The vectors and methods disclosed herein are suitable for use in host cells over a wide range of prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms.

In general, of course, prokaryotes are preferred for cloning of DNA sequences for constructing the vectors useful in the invention. For example, *E. coli* DH5 α is particularly useful. This example is, of course, intended to be illustrative rather than limiting.

Prokaryotes may also be used for expression. The aforementioned *E. Coli* strains, *bacilli* such as *Bacillus subtilus*, and other enterobacteriaceae, such as *Salmonella typhimurium* or *Serratia marcesans*, and various *Pseudomonas* species may be used.

In general, plasmid vectors containing replicon and control sequences which are derived from species compatible with the host cell are used in connection with these hosts. The vector ordinarily carries a replication site as well as marking sequences which are capable of providing phenotypic selection in transformed cells. For example, *E. Coli* is typically transformed using one of the

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many derivatives of pBR322, a plasmid derived from an *E. Coli* species [18]. pBR322 contains genes for ampicillin and tetracycline resistance and thus provides easy means for identifying transformed cells. The pBR322 plasmid, its descendents or other microbial plasmids may also contain, or be modified to contain, promoters which can be used by the microbial organism for the expression of recombinant proteins. Those promoters commonly used in recombinant DNA construction include lactose promoter systems [19] to [21] and tryptophan (*trp*) promoter systems [22] and EP-A-0 036 776. While these are the most commonly used, other microbial promoters have been discovered and utilized, and details concerning their nucleotide sequences have been published, enabling a skilled worker to ligate them functionally into plasmid vectors [23].

In addition to prokaryotes, eukaryotic microbes, such as yeast cultures, may also be used. *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, or common baker's yeast, is the most commonly used among eukaryotic microorganisms, although a number of other strains are commonly available. For expression in *Saccharomyces*, the plasmid YRp7, for example, [24] to [26] is commonly used. This plasmid already contains the *trp1* gene which provides a selection marker for a mutant strain of yeast lacking the ability to grow in tryptophan, for example ATCC No. 44076 or PEP4-1 [27]. The presence of the *trp1* lesion as a characteristic of the yeast host cell genome then provides an effective environment for detecting transformation by growth in the absence of tryptophan.

Suitable promoting sequences in yeast vectors include the promoters for 3-phosphoglycerate kinase [28] or other glycolytic enzymes, such as enolase, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase, hexokinase, pyruvate decarboxylase, phosphofructokinase,

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glucose-6-phosphate isomerase, 3-phosphoglycerate mutase, pyruvate kinase, triosephosphate isomerase, phosphoglucose isomerase and glucokinase [29] and [30]. In constructing suitable expression plasmids, the termination sequences associated with these genes are also ligated into the expression vector 3' of the sequence desired to be expressed to provide polyadenylation of the mRNA and termination. Other promoters, which have the additional advantage of transcription controlled by growth conditions are the promoter regions for alcohol dehydrogenase 2, isocytochrome C, acid phosphatase, degradative enzymes associated with nitrogen metabolism and the aforementioned glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase, an enzyme responsible for maltose and galactose utilization [30]. Any plasmid vector containing a yeast compatible promoter, origin of replication and termination sequences is suitable.

In addition to microorganisms, cultures of cells derived from multicellular organisms may also be used as hosts. In principle, any such cell culture is workable, whether from a vertebrate or an invertebrate organism. However, to date, interest has been greatest in vertebrate cells, and propagation of vertebrate cells in culture (tissue culture) has become a routine procedure in recent years [31]. Examples of such useful host cell lines are VERO, HeLa, Chinese hamster ovary (CHO), W138, BHK, COS-7, MDCK and myeloma cell lines. Expression vectors for such cells may include (if necessary) an appropriate origin of replication, as well as a promoter located in front of the gene to be expressed, along with any necessary ribosome binding sites, RNA splice sites, polyadenylation sites and transcriptional terminator sequences.

For use in mammalian cells, the control functions on the expression vectors are often provided by viral material. For example, commonly used promoters are derived from

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human Cytomegalovirus (HCMV), Polyoma virus, Adenovirus 2 and, most frequently, Simian Virus 40 (SV40). The early and late promoters of SV40 virus are particularly useful because both are obtained easily from the virus as a
5 fragment which also contains the SV40 viral origin of replication [32]. Further, it is also possible, and often desirable, to utilize promoter or control sequences normally associated with the desired gene sequence, provided such control sequences are compatible with the
10 host cell system.

An origin of replication may be provided either by construction of the vector to include an exogenous origin, such as may be derived from SV40 or other viral (e.g.
15 Polyoma virus, Adeno virus, VSV or BPV) source, or may be provided by the host cell chromosomal replication mechanism. If the vector is integrated into the host cell chromosome, the latter is often sufficient.

20 The vectors containing the DNA segments of interest (e.g. the heavy and light chain encoding sequences and expression control sequences) can be transferred into the host cell by well-known methods, which vary depending on the type of cellular host. For example, calcium chloride
25 transfection is commonly utilized for prokaryotic cells, whereas calcium phosphate treatment, lipofection or electroporation may be used for other cellular hosts [33].

30 Once expressed, the CDR-grafted antibodies of the present invention can be purified according to standard procedures of the art, including ammonium sulfate precipitation, affinity columns, column chromatography and gel electrophoresis [34]. Binding affinities of the
35 constructs so expressed may be ascertained by techniques known to the art, as more fully exemplified in the example section of this specification.

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- Substantially pure CDR-grafted antibodies of at least 90 to 95% homogeneity are preferred, and 98 to 99% or more homogeneity is most preferred for pharmaceutical uses. Once purified, partially or to homogeneity as desired, the CDR-grafted antibodies may then be used diagnostically or therapeutically (including extracorporeally) or in developing and performing assay procedures, immunofluorescent stainings and the like [35].
- The CDR-grafted antibodies of the present invention will typically find use in treating T-cell mediated disorders. For example, typical disease states suitable for treatment include graft versus host disease and transplant rejection in patients undergoing an organ, such as heart, lung, kidney or liver, transplant. Other diseases include autoimmune diseases, such as Type I diabetes, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus and myasthenia gravis.
- T cells are clonal expansions from single cells expressing only one T cell antigen receptor capable of recognizing a peptide bound to a specific HLA molecule on specialized antigen presenting cells, such as a macrophages, and on other tissues. The activation of these T cells can be blocked by antibodies recognizing the T cell receptor complex or the peptide-HLA complex. OKT3 recognizes the CD3 molecule which is comprised of several subunits physically complexed with the T cell receptor. Several other molecules on the T cell, including the CD4 and CD8 molecules, are also involved in T cell activation by binding to the HLA molecules at sites that are distinct from the T cell receptor binding site.
- CD4 is found on the subpopulation of T cells with T cell receptors that recognize HLA class II molecules. Therefore, one approach to immunosuppression involves the use of monoclonal antibodies, such as OKT4 or OKT4A that

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are immunosuppressive because they inhibit the interaction of the CD4 molecule with the HLA class II molecule. Antibody binding to CD4 can result in immunosuppression by a number of mechanisms including the inhibition of a normal activation signal, the triggering of a down regulation signal pathway, or modulating this receptor from the cell surface. It could also induce a subpopulation of T cells capable of suppressing other alloreactive or autoreactive subpopulations. Anti-CD4 antibodies may also act by inducing complement or antibody-dependent T cell lysis or by removal of the T cells from the blood stream or site of inflammation. Therefore the Fc-receptor binding characteristics of each antibody may be important to their function. Alternative strategies include the use of anti-CD4 antibodies that have been radiolabeled or coupled to toxins.

These immunosuppressive properties of these anti-CD4 antibodies provide a therapeutic use in the suppression of activated T lymphocytes that mediate the diseases associated with transplanation and autoimmunity. The CD4 molecule is also the receptor for the gp120 subunit of the HIV virus. Since OKT4A inhibits the binding of gp120 to CD4, this antibody or fragments thereof may block viral infection.

The CD4 molecule is normally involved in providing a co-stimulatory signal to the T cell as a result of its binding to the HLA class II molecule. Therefore it is also possible that anti-CD4 antibodies can provide a co-stimulatory function in combination with other signal inducing reagents. This therapeutic strategy may be useful in the treatment of immunocompromised patients.

The CDR-grafted antibodies of the present invention may also be used in combination with other antibodies, particularly MAbs reactive with other markers on human

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cells responsible for the diseases. For example, suitable T-cell markers can include those grouped into the so-called "Clusters of Differentiation," as named by the First International Leukocyte Differentiation Workshop [36].

Generally, the present CDR-grafted antibodies will be utilized in purified form together with pharmacologically appropriate carriers. Typically, these carriers include aqueous or alcoholic/aqueous solutions, emulsions or suspensions, including saline and buffered media. Parenteral vehicles include sodium chloride solution, Ringer's dextrose, dextrose and sodium chloride and lactated Ringer's. Suitable physiologically acceptable adjuvants, if necessary to keep the complex in suspension, may be chosen from thickeners such as carboxymethylcellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone, gelatin and alginates.

Intravenous vehicles include fluid and nutrient replenishers and electrolyte replenishers, such as those based on Ringer's dextrose. Preservatives and other additives, such as antimicrobials, antioxidants, chelating agents and inert gases, can also be present [37].

The CDR-grafted antibodies of the present invention may be used as separately administered compositions or in conjunction with other agents. These can include various immunotherapeutic drugs, such as cyclosporine, methotrexate, adriamycin or cisplatinum, and immunotoxins. Pharmaceutical compositions can include "cocktails" of various cytotoxic or other agents in conjunction with the CDR-grafted antibodies of the present invention, or even combinations of CDR-grafted antibodies according to the present invention and CDR-grafted antibodies having different specificities.

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The route of administration of pharmaceutical compositions according to the invention may be any of those commonly known to those of ordinary skill in the art. For therapy, including without limitation immunotherapy, the CDR-grafted antibodies of the invention can be administered to any patient in accordance with standard techniques. The administration can be by any appropriate mode, including parenterally, intravenously, intramuscularly, intraperitoneally, or also, appropriately, by direct infusion with a catheter. The dosage and frequency of administration will depend on the age, sex and condition of the patient, concurrent administration of other drugs, counter indications and other parameters to be taken into account by the clinician.

The CDR-grafted antibodies of this invention can be lyophilized for storage and reconstituted in a suitable carrier prior to use. This technique has been shown to be effective with conventional immunoglobulins and art-known lyophilization and reconstitution techniques can be employed. It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that lyophilization and reconstitution can lead to varying degrees of antibody activity loss (e.g. with conventional immunoglobulins, IgM antibodies tend to have greater activity loss than IgG antibodies) and that use levels may have to be adjusted to compensate.

The compositions containing the present CDR-grafted antibodies or a cocktail thereof can be administered for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatments. In certain therapeutic applications, an adequate amount to accomplish at least partial inhibition or killing of a population of selected cells is defined as a "therapeutically-effective dose". Amounts needed to achieve this dosage will depend upon the severity of the disease and the general state of the patient's own immune system, but generally range from 0.005 to 5.0 mg of CDR-grafted antibody per kilogram of

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body weight, with doses of 0.05 to 2.0 mg/kg/dose being more commonly used. For prophylactic applications, compositions containing the present CDR-grafted antibody or cocktails thereof may also be administered in similar or slightly lower dosages.

A composition containing a CDR-grafted antibody according to the present invention may be utilized in prophylactic and therapeutic settings to aid in the alteration, inactivation, killing or removal of a select T cell target population in a mammal.

In another embodiment, the constructs described herein may be used extracorporeally or *in vitro* selectively to kill, deplete or otherwise effectively remove the target cell population from a heterogenous collection of cells. Blood from the mammal may be combined extracorporeally with the CDR-grafted antibodies whereby the undesired cells are killed or otherwise removed from the blood for return to the mammal in accordance with standard techniques.

In addition to the therapeutic uses, the CDR-grafted antibodies will find use in diagnostic assays. The CDR-grafted antibodies may be labelled in accordance with techniques known to the art. The CDR-grafted antibodies are also suitable for other *in vivo* purposes. For example, the CDR-grafted antibodies can be used for selective cell treatment of peripheral blood cells where it is desired to eliminate only target T lymphocytes or similarly in cell culture to eliminate unwanted T lymphocytes.

The present invention is now described, by way of example only, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

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Figure 1 depicts the nucleotide sequence of the OKT4A heavy chain variable domain;

Figure 2 depicts the nucleotide sequence of the OKT4A light chain variable domain;

Figure 3 depicts the OKT4A heavy chain variable domain amino acid sequence in which the CDRs are underlined;

Figure 4 depicts the OKT4A light chain variable domain amino acid sequence in which the CDRs are underlined;

Figure 5 depicts the alignment of KOL with the OKT4A CDR-grafted heavy chain amino acid sequence in which the CDRs are underlined, human sequences are in upper case and murine sequences are in lower case;

Figure 6 depicts the alignment of REI with the OKT4A CDR-grafted light chain amino acid sequence in which the CDRs are underlined, human sequences are in upper case and murine sequences are in lower case;

Figure 7 depicts the DNA sequence and amino acid translation of a CDR-grafted heavy chain;

Figure 8 depicts the DNA sequence and amino acid translation of a CDR-grafted light chain;

Figure 9 depicts the construction of a CDR-grafted OKT4A heavy chain expression vector;

Figure 10 depicts binding and blocking assays of CDR-grafted OKT4A light chain constructs in combination with a chimeric OKT4A heavy chain;

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Figure 11 depicts binding and blocking assays of the OKT4A heavy chain constructs, HCDR1, HCDR2 and HCDR3, in combination with OKT4A light chain;

5 Figure 12 depicts the alignment of REI with the CDR-grafted OKT4A light chains, LCDR1 and LCDR2, and the murine OKT4A light chain amino acid sequences in which the CDRs are underlined, human sequences are in upper case and murine sequences are in lower case;

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Figure 13 depicts the alignment of KOL with the CDR-grafted OKT4A heavy chains, HCDR1 through HCDR10, and the murine OKT4A heavy chain amino acid sequences in which the CDRs are underlined, human sequences are in upper case and murine sequences are in lower case;

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Figure 14 depicts binding and blocking assays of the CDR-grafted heavy chain constructs, HCDR1, HCDR2 and HCDR3 in combination with the CDR-grafted light chain LCDR2;

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Figure 15 depicts binding and blocking assays of the CDR-grafted heavy chain constructs HCDR4 through HCDR10 in combination with the light chain LCDR2;

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Figure 16 (A&B) depicts blocking assays of the OKT4A heavy chain constructs HCDR5, HCDR6, and HCDR10 in combination with light chain constructs LCDR2, LCDR3, LCDR2Q, LCDR3Q, and LCDR4Q, and the chimeric form of OKT4A;

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Figure 17 depicts relative affinity assays of the OKT4A heavy chain constructs HCDR5 and HCDR10 in combination with light chain construct LCDR2 and the chimeric and murine forms of OKT4A using the murine and chimeric forms of OKT3 as negative controls;

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Figure 18 depicts the results of studies on inhibition of MLR by various antibodies using T6 as negative control; and

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Figure 19 depicts the results of studies on inhibition of proliferation by various antibodies.

Humanization of OKT4A

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OKT4A is a murine monoclonal antibody which recognizes the CD4 antigen located primarily on helper T lymphocytes. CDR-grafted antibodies have been constructed in which the CDRs of the variable domains of both heavy and light chains were derived from the murine OKT4A sequence. The variable domain frameworks and constant domains were derived from human antibody sequences.

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The three CDRs that lie on both heavy and light chains are composed of those residues which structural studies have shown to be involved in antigen binding. Theoretically, if the CDRs of the murine OKT4A antibody were grafted onto human frameworks to form a CDR-grafted variable domain, and this variable domain were attached to human constant domains, the resulting CDR-grafted antibody would essentially be a human antibody with the specificity of murine OKT4A to bind the human CD4 antigen. Given the highly "human" nature of this antibody, it would be expected to be far less immunogenic than murine OKT4 when administered to patients.

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Following testing for antigen binding of a CDR-grafted OKT4A antibody in which only the CDRs were grafted onto the human framework, it was shown that this did not produce a CDR-grafted antibody having reasonable affinity for the CD4 antigen. It was therefore decided that additional residues adjacent to some of the CDRs and critical framework residues needed to be switched from the human to the corresponding murine OKT4A residues in order to generate a functional antibody.

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Isolation of the OKT4A heavy and light chain cDNA and DNA sequence analysis of the variable domain.

5 To design the CDR-grafted OKT4A antibody, it was first necessary to determine the sequence of the variable domain of the murine OKT4A heavy and light chains. The sequence was determined from heavy and light chain cDNA that had been synthesized from the respective mRNA.

10 mRNA was prepared from OKT4A-producing hybridoma cells by guanidinium thiocyanate extraction followed by cesium chloride gradient purification [38]. cDNA was synthesized and libraries were prepared and screened in Dr. J. Rosen's laboratory at The R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research
15 Institute in La Jolla, California. cDNA was synthesized from the mRNA, EcoRI linkers were added, and it was then ligated into the EcoRI site of the lgt10 cloning vector. The recombinant phage was packaged into infectious particles which were used to infect *E. Coli* C600.

20 This library was screened for OKT4A heavy chain sequences using oligonucleotide probes Cg and FR3. Cg (the mRNA sequencing primer from Pharmacia LKB Biotechnologies, Inc) has the sequence

25 5' GGCCAGTGGATAGAC 3'

and binds to the murine IgG constant domain. Probe FR3 has the sequence

5' GGCCGTGTCCTCAGACCT 3'

and binds to the third framework region of the variable
30 domain of murine heavy chains. Five positive clones were evaluated by southern transfer and hybridization to probes Cg, FR3 and a cDNA to mouse IgG2a CH3. A single clone with a 1600 bp EcoRI insert which hybridized to all three probes was selected.

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The library was screened for the OKT4A light chain sequence using an oligonucleotide probe Ck (the mRNA sequencing primer from Pharmacia) with a sequence of

5' GGCTCCAGGTTGCTGATGCTGAAGG 3'

5 and which binds to the mouse kappa constant domain. Six positive clones were further assessed by southern transfer and hybridization to oligonucleotide probes T4AK, whose sequence is

5' GGCTCCAGGTTGCTGATGCTGAAGG 3'

10 and which binds to mouse kappa chain framework region 3, and Ck. A single clone which contained a 900 bp EcoRI insert and hybridized to both probes was chosen.

The 1600 bp heavy chain cDNA was subcloned into the EcoRI
15 sites of the pBluescript plasmid vector (Stratagene Cloning Systems) and the M13mp8 sequencing vector (Pharmacia LKB Biotechnologies, Inc). The 900 bp light chain cDNA was subcloned into the EcoRI sites of the plasmid vector pUC8 (Pharmacia LKB Biotechnologies, Inc)
20 and the M13mp19 sequencing vector.

The dideoxy-nucleotide chain termination method of DNA sequence analysis [39] was used to determine sequence of both single-stranded (M13) and double-stranded (plasmid)
25 templates. The sequence of the 5' untranslated regions, signal sequences, variable domains and a portion of the constant domains were determined for both heavy and light chain cDNA. The DNA sequence for heavy and light chains is illustrated in Figures 1 and 2. The amino acid
30 translation of the heavy chain variable domain sequence is presented in Figure 3. A translation of the light chain variable domain is presented in Figure 4.

35 It is to be noted that the nucleotide sequence given for the light chain has an A residue at position 163, towards the beginning of the CDR1 coding sequence (see Figure 2).

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Translation of this sequence gives a glutamine residue at position 27 in the light chain (see Figure 4).

When the sequencing of the OKT4 light chain was originally carried out, nucleotide residue 163 was thought to be a C residue, giving a proline residue at position 27 in the light chain. The first CDR-grafted antibodies produced by the present inventors were constructed on the assumption that light chain residue 27 was a proline residue. This can be seen from Figures 6, 8 and 12.

Design of the CDR-grafted OKT4A Antibody

To design the CDR-grafted OKT4A antibody, it was necessary to determine which residues of murine OKT4A comprise the CDRs of the light and heavy chains. Examination of antibody X-ray crystal structures shows the antigen binding surface to be located on a series of three loops extending from the b-barrel framework of the variable domain. These loops can thus be used to define the CDRs. Since the crystal structure of murine OKT4A is not available, the structure of a similar murine antibody of known crystal structure was used to define the residues of the loops.

Three regions of hypervariability amid the less variable framework sequences are found on both light and heavy chains [2]. In most cases these hypervariable regions correspond to, but may extend beyond, the CDRs. It was decided that a combination of those murine OKT4A residues in the CDRs and those in the hypervariable regions would comprise composite CDRs to be grafted onto the human antibody framework. The amino acid sequences of the murine OKT4A heavy and light chains are presented in Figures 3 and 4, with the selected composite CDRs underlined.

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The human antibody framework sequence for the heavy chain is that of the human antibody KOL. KOL was chosen because its X-ray crystallographic structure had been determined to a high degree of resolution. This should allow for accurate molecular modelling of the antibody. For the same reason, the framework sequence of the human light chain dimer, REI, was used for the light chain frameworks. The amino acid sequences of KOL and REI are shown in Figures 5 and 6 in comparison to those of the CDR-grafted OKT4A heavy (HCDR1) and light (LCDR1) chain variable domains.

The CDR-grafted heavy chain was designed to have a human IgG4 constant portion. The IgG4 subclass was selected based on experience with the murine anti-CD3 monoclonal antibody, OKT3, which is used to treat renal graft rejection. OKT3 has a murine IgG2a isotype and does not fix complement in humans. The human IgG4 isotype also does not fix complement. The CDR-grafted OKT4A light chain was constructed with the human kappa constant domain.

Construction of the CDR-grafted OKT4A genes

Heavy and light chain CDR-grafted variable domains were constructed by the ligation of synthetic double-stranded DNA oligomers, similar to the method employed in [40]. The 5' end of the variable domains contain signal sequences of the light and heavy chains of the murine monoclonal antibody B72.3 [41]. The signal sequence directs secretion of the antibody from mammalian cells. A Kozak sequence [42] immediately precedes the AUG start codon to enhance translation. The variable domains were then ligated to DNA coding for the human constant domains to create the CDR-grafted heavy and light chain genes.

CDR-Grafted OKT4A Heavy Chain Construction

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Eight complementary pairs of oligomers, approximately 30 bp in length were designed to have overlapping ends and to span the variable domain from a XhoI site located in framework 2 to a HindIII site at the beginning of the first constant domain. These eight oligomer pairs were synthesized, ligated together in a step-wise manner and then ligated to the HindIII 5' end of the human IgG4 constant domain DNA. The IgG4 DNA was provided by Celltech, Ltd (Slough, U. K.) as genomic DNA. It is a 2153bp insert in an M13 phage DNA vector with a 5' EcoRI and a 3' BamHI restriction site. The CH1, hinge, CH2 and CH3 domains are surrounded by four introns. The gene was modified by Celltech to have a C to A change at the penultimate base of the CH1 exon to create a new HindIII site for CDR-grafted gene construction purposes.

The 5' end of the variable domain was constructed by ligating two complementary pairs of synthetic oligomers, each approximately 90bp in length. This fragment, which had a 5' EcoRI end and a 3' XhoI end was ligated to the XhoI end of the fragment described above to yield the complete CDR-grafted heavy chain gene. This gene is 2364bp in length and has a 5' EcoRI end and a 3' BamHI end. The DNA sequence with amino acid translation of the gene is shown in Figure 7. The regions of interest, defined by nucleotide number are:

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	1 - 14	EcoRI site and Kozak sequence
	15 - 71	signal sequence
	72 - 146	framework 1
	147 - 176	CDR1
5	177 - 218	framework 2
	219 - 254	CDR2
	255 - 362	framework 3
	363 - 392	CDR3
	393 - 431	framework 4
10	432 - 727	CH1 domain
	728 - 1117	intron
	118 - 1153	hinge domain
	1154 - 1271	intron
	1272 - 1599	CH2 domain
15	1600 - 1698	intron
	1699 - 2016	CH3 domain
	2017 - 2366	3' untranslated region

20 CDR-grafted light chain gene construction

Twelve complementary pairs of synthetic oligomers with overlapping ends were ligated simultaneously to assemble the CDR-grafted light chain variable domain. This

25 fragment had a 5' EcoRI end and a 3' NarI end. This was ligated to the 5' NarI end of the human kappa constant domain DNA. Human kappa constant cDNA was modified by Celltech to include a NarI restriction site in the third and fourth codons. The resulting CDR-grafted light chain

30 gene was 754bp in length and had EcoRI ends. The DNA sequence with amino acid translation is shown in Figure 8. The regions of interest defined by nucleotide number are:

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	1 - 8	EcoRI site and Kozak sequence
	9 - 68	signal sequence
	69 - 143	framework 1
	144 - 164	CDR1
5	165 - 215	framework 2
	216 - 236	CDR2
	237 - 338	framework 3
	339 - 356	CDR3
	357 - 404	framework 4
10	405 - 710	kappa constant domain
	711 - 754	untranslated

Expression of the CDR-grafted OKT4A antibody

15 Construction of the Heavy Chain Expression Vector

A CDR-grafted heavy chain expression vector was constructed by inserting the heavy chain gene into the expression plasmid pEe6HCMVBgl2 and the adding the GS fragment, which is composed of the SV40 origin and glutamine synthetase minigene. These steps are diagrammed in Figure 9. pEe6HCMVBgl2 and the GS fragment were provided by Celltech, Ltd.

25 pEe6HCMV was digested at the EcoRI and BclI sites. The pEe6HCMVBgl2 DNA had been demethylated by passaging it through the DAM⁻ *E. Coli* strain GM242, which lacks the deoxyadenosine methylase. BclI will only restrict DNA which does not contain N⁶-methylated deoxyadenosine at the
 30 enzyme's recognition site. The overhang resulting from the BclI restriction is compatible with the BamHI overhang. The EcoRI/BamHI CDR-grafted heavy chain gene (HCDR1) was then ligated to the EcoRI/BclI ends of pEe6HCMVBgl2 to produce pEe6HCDR1.

35 A 5500 bp BamHI fragment containing the glutamine synthetase minigene and the SV40 origin of replication and

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early and late promoters was inserted into the BamHI site of pEe6HCDR1 to produce pEe6HCDR1gs. The correct orientation of the GS fragment was verified by restriction analysis. pEe6HCDR1gs was prepared for mammalian cell
5 transfection by the alkaline lysis method and cesium chloride gradient purification [43].

pEe6HCDR1gs is capable of expressing the CDR-grafted OKT4A heavy chain in COS and CHO cells. The HCMV promoter lies
10 5' to the heavy chain gene and directs its transcription. The SV40 polyadenylation signal sequence, which lies 3' to the gene, acts as a transcriptional terminator. For transient expression in COS cells, the SV40 origin of replication is present in the GS 5500 bp fragment. The GS
15 minigene is present as a selectable marker for use following CHO cell transfections. Expression of the glutamine synthetase minigene is driven by the SV40 late promoter. The GS fragment is oriented such that the SV40 late promoter drives transcription in the same direction
20 as the HCMV promoter.

Several post-transcriptional events occur to produce the CDR-grafted heavy chain. Within the nucleus, the three
25 intervening sequences of the IgG4 constant portion are removed and the exons are spliced together to create a mature mRNA. Following translation, the 19 amino acid signal sequence is removed in the rough endoplasmic reticulum (ER). A single carbohydrate is added to the CH2 domain of each chain in the ER and the Golgi apparatus.
30 Each chain also contains four intrachain disulfide bonds. When a light chain peptide is provided by a cotransfected light chain expression vector, a mature antibody is assembled by the binding together, via disulfide bonds, of two heavy and two light chains.

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Construction of the CDR-grafted OKT4A light chain expression vector:

5 The CDR-grafted OKT4A light chain expression vector was constructed by inserting the CDR-grafted light chain gene into the expression vector pEe6HCMVBgl2 and then adding the SV40 origin and glutamine synthetase minigene-containing GS fragment. The light chain expression vector was constructed by essentially the same process that was
10 used for the heavy chain expression vector as illustrated in Figure 9. The light chain gene was ligated into the EcoRI site of pEe6HCMVBgl2 to produce pEe6LCDR1. The correct orientation of the light chain gene was verified by restriction analysis. The 5500 bp GS fragment was
15 inserted into the BamHI site to produce pEe6LCDR1gs. The correct orientation of the GS fragment was verified by restriction analysis. pEe6LCDR1gs prepared for mammalian cell transfection by the alkaline lysis method [43] and by cesium chloride gradient purification.

20 As with the CDR-grafted heavy chain gene, the transcription of the CDR-grafted light chain gene in pEe6LCDRgs is driven by the HCMV promoter and transcriptional termination is signalled by the SV40
25 polyadenylation signal sequence. The SV40 origin of replication contained in the GS fragment allows for autonomous replication of this construct in COS cells. The glutamine synthetase minigene in the GS fragment provides a mechanism for selection and amplification in
30 CHO cells.

Post-transcriptional processing of the CDR-grafted light chain mRNA is not required prior to translation because no
35 introns are present in the gene. Following translation, the leader sequence is removed in the rough ER. Two intrachain disulfide bonds are formed. Assembly of a mature antibody was discussed in the previous section.

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Transient expression of CDR-grafted OKT4A in COS-1 cells

The transient expression of the CDR-grafted genes in COS-1 cells provides a rapid and convenient system to test CDR-grafted OKT4A antibody expression and function. COS-1 cells constitutively express the SV40 large T antigen which supports the transient replication of episomes carrying the SV40 origin of replication [44]. The CDR-grafted gene expression vectors pEe6HCDR1gs and pEe6LCDR1gs contain the SV40 origin of replication as a portion of the GS fragment. Upon transfection into COS-1 cells, the expression vectors are replicated in the nucleus to a high copy number, resulting in relatively high expression levels.

COS-1 cells were obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (CRL 1650) and cultured in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM from GIBCO) with 10% fetal calf serum. The CDR-grafted gene expression vectors were transfected into COS cells using the DEAE-dextran method followed by DMSO shock [45]. Briefly, 0.2 ml of 1 mg/ml DEAE-dextran in buffer is added to 15 mg vector DNA in 0.8 ml DMEM/Tris. This was added to $1 - 1.5 \times 10^6$ cells in a 60 mm tissue culture plate and incubated for approximately 6 hours. The DEAE-dextran/DNA complex is removed and 10% DMSO in buffer is added to the plate for 2 minutes. This is removed, the cells are washed once with DMEM and then incubated with DMEM containing 10% fetal calf serum for 3-4 days. At that time supernatant from the wells is harvested and examined for antibody levels and ability to bind CD4 positive lymphocytes.

Antibody levels were determined by ELISA. Wells were coated with a goat anti-human Fc specific antibody. Various dilutions of the COS cell supernatant containing secreted antibody were added, incubated for one hour at room temperature in a humidity chamber and washed. A

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horse radish peroxidase-linked goat anti-human kappa chain antibody was added, incubated for one hour at room temperature and washed. Substrate for the horse radish peroxidase was added for detection. The CDR-grafted OKT4A levels following co-transfection of pEe6HCDR1gs and pEe6LCDR1gs range from 200 to 1200 ng/ml of COS cell supernatant.

Antigen Binding Studies

CDR-grafted OKT4A produced by COS cells was tested for its ability to bind to human peripheral blood lymphocytes (PBLs) or the CD4-positive HPBALL (human peripheral blood acute lymphocytic leukemia) cell line. It was also tested for its ability to block the binding of murine OKT4A to these cells. Binding was measured by the following procedure. PBLs were isolated from serum or HPBALL cells were harvested from tissue culture. Cells were incubated at 4°C for 1 hour with various dilutions of test antibody, positive control antibody or negative control antibody. The cells were washed once and incubated at 4°C for 1 hour with an FITC-labeled goat anti-human IgG (Fc-specific, mouse absorbed). The cells were washed twice and analyzed by cytofluorography. chimeric OKT4A (described below) was used as a positive control. FITC-labeled murine OKT4A was used as a positive control for direct binding. Cells incubated with mock-transfected COS cell supernatant, followed by the FITC-labeled goat anti-human IgG, provided the negative control.

To test the ability of CDR-grafted OKT4A to block murine OKT4A binding, the PBLs or HPBALL cells were incubated at 4°C for 1 hour with various dilutions of test antibody or control antibody. A fixed saturating amount of FITC-OKT4A was added. The samples were incubated for 1 hour at 4°C, washed twice and analyzed by cytofluorography. Positive controls were FITC-labeled OKT4A to determine maximum

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binding and unlabeled murine OKT4A as a reference standard for blocking. Negative controls were unstained cells with or without mock-transfected cell supernatant.

- 5 The ability of the CDR-grafted OKT4A light chain to bind CD4 positive cells and block the binding of murine OKT4A was initially tested in combination with a chimeric OKT4A heavy chain. The chimeric OKT4A heavy chain is composed of the murine OKT4AA variable domain and the human IgG4 constant portion. The chimeric heavy chain gene is expressed in the same expression vector used for the CDR-grafted genes. The CDR-grafted light chain expression vector and the chimeric heavy chain expression vector were co-transfected into COS cells. The full chimeric OKT4 antibody (chimeric light chain and chimeric heavy chain) was found to be fully capable of binding to CD4 positive cells and blocking the binding of murine OKT4 to these cells.
- 20 As Figure 10 illustrates, the CDR-grafted OKT4A light chain, LCDR1, in combination with the chimeric OKT4A heavy chain was unable to bind CD4 positive cells or block the binding of murine OKT4A to these cells.
- 25 Figure 11 shows the binding and blocking studies done with the CDR-grafted OKT4A heavy chain, HCDR1, combined with the chimeric OKT4A light chain. The chimeric OKT4A light chain is composed of a murine OKT4A variable domain and a human kappa constant domain. It is also expressed in the same expression vector as is used for the CDR-grafted antibodies. COS cells were co-transfected with the CDR-grafted heavy chain expression vector and the chimeric light chain expression vector.
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- 35 The CDR-grafted OKT4A heavy chain, HCDR1, in combination with the chimeric OKT4A light chain was also unable to

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bind CD4 positive cells or block the binding of murine OKT4A to these cells.

Modification of the CDR-Grafted Antibody

5 The binding and blocking data clearly demonstrated that the initially designed CDR-grafted OKT4A antibody was not capable of recognizing the CD4 antigen. Further modification of the antibody was necessary. Either the
10 murine OKT4A CDRs needed to be further expanded or critical framework residues involved in the positioning of CDRs, domain packing or light and heavy chain interactions needed to be changed from human to mouse.

15 Molecular modelling was used to identify the residues which appeared most critical for successful antigen interaction. Modelling was done at Celltech, Ltd with HYDRA* software on a SiliconGraphics instrument.

20 Modification of the CDR-Grafted Light Chain

The crystal structure of OKT4A has not been determined, so a molecular model of OKT4A itself could not be used in the analysis. To analyze residues of the CDR-grafted light
25 chain, a molecular model of the human REI light chain was superimposed with a mouse MOPC 603 Fab fragment. The MOPC 603 light chain is similar in amino acid sequence to OKT4A. Also studies were done where the human REI light chain and the human KOL heavy chain were docked.

30 Decisions were made to extend CDR1 by converting residues 33 and 34 from the human leu and asp to the murine OKT4A ile and ala. The human REI residue glu38 was found to be involved in heavy chain and light chain packing. Changing this to the murine OKT4A his38 may be beneficial.

35 Residue 49 at the amino terminal edge of CDR2 directly impacts CDR2 and also makes contact with CDR3 of the heavy chain. Residue 89 near the amino terminal end of CDR3

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interacts with phe98 in CDR3 of the light chain and also contacts CDR3 of the heavy chain. The REI tyr49 and gln89 were changed to the murine OKT4A his49 and leu89.

5 The new CDR-grafted OKT4A light chain gene that was generated by the above changes was designated LCDR2. A comparison of the amino acid sequence of the variable domains of the human REI, LCDR1, LCDR2, and the assumed murine OKT4A light chain is shown in Figure 12. The changes were effected by altering codons by site-directed mutagenesis [46]. The bluescript* phagemid vector from Stratagene Cloning Systems was used to generate single-stranded template for mutagenesis. The expression vector pEe6LCDR2gs was constructed in the same manner as for LCDR1. COS cells were co-transfected with pEe6LCDR2gs and the chimeric heavy chain expression vector.

The results of binding and blocking studies are shown in Figure 10. The LCDR2 version of the CDR-grafted OKT4A light chain, in combination with the chimeric OKT4A heavy chain, is capable of binding to CD4 positive cells and of blocking the binding of murine OKT4A. These data show that LCDR2 is a functional CDR-grafted OKT4A light chain.

25 Modification of the CDR-grafted heavy chain

For modelling studies of the heavy chain the molecular model of the human antibody KOL was used. All residue changes were made by site-directed mutagenesis to change codons. A decision was made to change glu57 and his58 of KOL to thr57 and tyr58 of murine OKT4A. This revised CDR-grafted heavy chain was designated HCDR2. In addition to changes at residues 57 and 58, residue 24 lies near CDR1 and may be involved in positioning CDR1. Also residues 88 and 91 are involved in heavy chain variable domain packing and the interface between the heavy and light chains. These three additional residue changes from KOL to murine

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OKT4A were incorporated into the heavy chain version HCDR3. An amino acid sequence comparison of the variable domains of KOL, HCDR1, HCDR2, HCDR3, murine OKT4A heavy chain, and versions to be described below is illustrated in Figure 13.

Expression vectors pEe6HCDR2gs and pEe6HCDR3gs were co-transfected into COS cells with either the chimeric OKT4A light chain expression vector or pEe6LCDR2gs. Binding and blocking data are presented in Figures 11 and 14. Neither HCDR2 nor HCDR3 was able to effectively interact with antigen when combined with a chimeric or CDR-grafted OKT4A light chain.

Further modifications to the CDR-grafted heavy chain were explored. A decision to change KOL tyr35 to murine OKT4A ser35 was made. Molecular modelling demonstrated that residue 42 was involved in positioning CDR2. Residue 44 is involved in light chain contacts. It may be beneficial to change the KOL gly42 and gly44 to murine OKT4A glu42 and arg44. KOL ala60 was changed to the murine OKT4A pro60. These changes were introduced in various combinations, while retaining the changes made at residues 24, 57, 58, 88, and 91 in the previous versions. These latter versions were denoted HCDR4, HCDR5, HCDR6, HCDR7, HCDR8. The residue changes in each are described in Figure 13. The same expression vector was used as with the other constructions. COS cells were co-transfected with the new heavy chain expression vectors and pEe6LCDR2gs.

The results of binding and blocking studies, in combination with LCDR2 (Figure 15), show positive interactions with the CD4 antigen in all of these versions except HCDR8. Apparently the conversion of tyr35 to the murine ser35 is a critical change. The change to the 1.2

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murine residue at position 60 appears to enhance antigen interaction (compare HCDR6 vs HCDR4) while the change at position 44 appears to be slightly inhibitory (HCDR5 vs HCDR4, and HCDR7 vs HCDR6).

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To determine if changes at residues 35 and 60 would be sufficient for antigen binding, HCDR9 (murine residues at positions 24, 35, 57, 58, 88, 91) and HCDR10 (murine residues at positions 24, 35, 57, 58, 60, 88, 91) were generated by site-directed mutagenesis. The same expression vector system was used for these versions of the CDR-grafted heavy chain. They were co-transfected into COS cells with pEe6LCDR2gs.

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The results of binding and blocking experiments is illustrated in Figure 15 along with the prior versions of the CDR-grafted heavy chain. Clearly the changes made at residues 42 and 44 in previous versions were not necessary, contrary to the criteria set forth in PCT/US89/05857. The change at residue 60, present in HCDR10, but not in HCDR9, is beneficial.

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A summary of the CDR-grafted OKT4A heavy chains and their activities in the binding and blocking assays is shown in Table 1. The most active CDR-grafted OKT4A antibody which contains the fewest murine residues is the combination of HCDR10 and LCDR2.

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TABLE 1

CDR-Grafted OKT4A Heavy Chains and Their Activities

CDR-grafted HC	New Residue		Total Murine		Binding Activity	Blocking Activity
	Change*	Residue	Residues**			
HCDR1	none	none	none	-	-	-
HCDR2	57, 58	57, 58	57, 58	-	-	-
HCDR3	24, 88, 91	24, 57, 58, 88, 91	24, 57, 58, 88, 91	-	-	-
HCDR4	35, 42	24, 35, 42, 57, 58, 88, 91	24, 35, 42, 57, 58, 88, 91	++	++	++
HCDR5	35, 42, 44	24, 35, 42, 44, 57, 58, 88, 91	24, 35, 42, 44, 57, 58, 88, 91	++	++	++
HCDR6	35, 42, 60	24, 35, 42, 57, 58, 60, 88, 91	24, 35, 42, 57, 58, 60, 88, 91	++	+++	+++
HCDR7	35, 42, 44, 60	24, 35, 42, 44, 57, 58, 60, 88, 91	24, 35, 42, 44, 57, 58, 60, 88, 91	++	++	++
HCDR8	42, 44, 60	24, 42, 44, 57, 58, 60, 88, 91	24, 42, 44, 57, 58, 60, 88, 91	+	-	-
HCDR9	35	24, 35, 57, 58, 88, 91	24, 35, 57, 58, 88, 91	++	++	++
HCDR10	35, 60	24, 35, 57, 58, 60, 88, 91	24, 35, 57, 58, 60, 88, 91	++	+++	+++

*Residues are denoted by their Kabat position number [2].
** Murine residues refer only to those in framework regions, not CDRs.

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Alternative Light Chain Constructs

As is stated above, the present light chain constructs were produced on the assumption that at position 27 in the OKT4A light chain, there was a proline residue. Once it was appreciated that position 27 should be a glutamine residue, three new light chain constructs were produced and expressed. These were labelled LCDR2Q, LCDR3Q and LCDR4Q are identical to LCDR2, LCDR3 and LCDR4 respectively except that at position 27 there is a glutamine (Q) instead of a proline (P) residue. It has been shown that these light chains retained full activity. The data showing this is presented in Figure 16.

It is to be noted that proline is significantly different from all other amino acids in that it has a planar structure. It is therefore commonly found at sites in peptide sequences where a change in orientation of the chain occurs. It is therefore likely that the structure of the light chain CDR1 having proline at residue 27 will be significantly different from that of the light chain CDR1 having glutamine at residue 27. Despite this, it has been demonstrated that the two light chains are equivalent from a functional standpoint. This supports the view expressed herein that it is not necessary to change all 6 CDRs in an antibody in order to produce a functional CDR-grafted antibody.

Alternative Modifications of the CDR-Grafted Light and Heavy Chains

Residue changes made in later versions of the CDR-grafted light and heavy chains were done based upon molecular modelling of REI, KOL and a related mouse antibody, MOPC 603, rather than of the CDR-grafted antibodies themselves. Some of the alterations may be unnecessary for binding, especially at lower binding affinities. We have

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constructed several CDR-grafted light and heavy chain genes in which some of the framework residues previously switched to mouse residues have been changed back to the human. Generally those residues not directly involved in lengthening CDRs or positioning CDRs are being changed back to the human residues in various combinations. Table 2 lists these light and heavy chain genes with the residue numbers that revert from the murine to human. Site-directed mutagenesis was used to construct these genes. They will be expressed in COS cells and their ability to recognize CD4 will be tested in the binding and blocking assays. The most desirable CDR-grafted antibody is the one with the fewest murine residues that is capable of recognizing CD4 with an affinity similar to that of murine OKT4A.

TABLE 2

MODIFICATIONS TO THE CDR-GRAFTED LIGHT AND HEAVY CHAINS

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	<u>Construct</u>	<u>Residue Change*</u>	<u>Total murine residues**</u>
	Light chain:		
	LCDR3	38	33,34,49,89
25	LCDR4	49	33,34,38,89
	LCDR5	89	33,34,38,49
	LCDR6	38,49,89	33,34
	Heavy chain:		
30	HCDR11	88,91	24,35,47,58,60
	HCDR12	24,88,91	35,57,58,60

*Residues are denoted by their Kabat position number [2].
Noted residues will be changed from murine sequence to human sequence.

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** Murine residues refer to residues in frameworks, not CDRs.

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Determination of Relative Binding Affinity

The relative binding affinities of CDR-grafted anti-CD4 monoclonal antibodies were determined by competition binding [8] using the HPB-ALL human T cell line as a source of CD4 antigen and fluorescein-conjugated murine OKT4A (Fl-OKT4A) of known binding affinity as a tracer antibody. The binding affinity of Fl-OKT4A tracer antibody was determined by a direct binding assay in which increasing amount of Fl-OKT4A were incubated with HPB-ALL (5×10^5) in PBS with 5% fetal calf serum for 60 min at 40°C. Cells were washed, and the fluorescence intensity was determined on a FACScan* flow cytometer calibrated with quantative microbead stands (Flow Cytometry Standards, Research Triangle Park, NC). Florescence intensity per antibody molecule (F/P ratio) was determined by using microbeads which have a predetermined number of mouse IgG antibody binding sites (Simply Cellular Beads*, Flow Cytometry Standards). F/P equals the florescence intensity of beads saturated with Fl-OKT4A divided by the number of binding sites per beads. The amount of bound and free Fl-OKT4A was calculated from the mean fluorescence intensity per cell, and the ratio of bound/free was plotted against the number of moles of antibody bound. A linear fit was used to determine the affinity of binding (absolute value of the slope).

For competitive binding, increasing amounts of competitor antibody were added to a sub-saturating dose of Fl-OKT4A and incubated with 5×10^5 HPB-ALL in 200 μ l of PBS with 5% fetal calf serum for 60 min at 4°C. The fluorescence intensities of the cells were measured on a FACScan* flow cytometer calibrated with quantitative microbead standards. The concentrations of bound and free Fl-OKT4A were calculated. The affinities of competing antibodies were calculated from the equation $[X] - [OKT4A] = (1/Kx) - (1/Ka)$, where Ka is the affinity of muring OKT4A, Kx is

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the affinity of competitor X [] is the concentration of competitor antibody at which bound/free binding is R/2, and R is the maximal bound/free binding.

5 Affinity Results

10 The relative affinity constants of the humanized antibodies (Fig. 17, Table 3) were determined, and LCDR2 combined with HCDR10 retained 68% of the activity of the parent. LCDR2/HCDR5 (Table 1) retained only 13% of the murine antibody affinity. These results are in agreement with those obtained in blocking assays (Fig. 16a&b). Comparison of HCDR5 with HCDR7 (Fig. 15) suggests that residue 60, while not critical for activity, is beneficial when converted to that in the donor sequence. In the same figure, the deleterious effect of the donor residue at position 44 can also be seen (HCDR4 vs. HCDR5).

20 TABLE 3

Relative Affinity Constants of the CDR-grafted Antibodies

Antibody Constructs	Log conc. competitor (pM) at 50% inhibition	Affinity Constant (Kx)
25 Murine OKT4A	2.4	3 X 10 ⁹
Chimeric OKT4A	2.9	1.1 x 10 ⁹
LCDR2/HCDR10	2.6	2.1 x 10 ⁹
LCDR2/HCDR5	3.4	0.4 x 10 ⁹
30 Chimeric OKT3	No inhibition	
Murine OKT3	No inhibition	

Functional Studies

35 It is believed that the CD4 antigen, which is recognised by OKT4A and its chimeric and CDR-grafted equivalents, is involved in the interactions which give rise to the

biological functions of T lymphocytes carrying the CD4 antigen. In particular, it is believed that the CD4 antigen is involved in the mixed lymphocyte reaction (MLR) and in the proliferation of peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC). In order to show that the CDR-grafted antibodies of the present invention are likely to have the same biological activity as murine OKT4A, the following functional studies were carried out.

10 Inhibition of MLR

Human PBMC were isolated by density gradient centrifugation with Ficoll* and resuspended in complete DMEM containing 1% foetal calf serum (FCS). 2 x 10⁵ responder PBMC and 1 x 10⁵ irradiated (2 Mrad) allogeneic PBMC were added to each well of a 96 well tissue culture plate, followed by serial dilutions of a purified anti-CD4 antibody. Cells were cultured for 6 days, pulsed with ³H thymidine for 24 hours and harvested. ³H-thymidine incorporation was measured by liquid scintillation.

As a negative control, irradiated responder cells were used in place of the irradiated allogeneic PBMC and no antibody was added. As a positive control, the experiment was carried out without the addition of antibody. In the experiment, the antibodies used were murine OKT4A, chimeric OKT4A and the F(ab')₂ fragment of murine OKT4A.

The results of the experiment are shown in Figure 18. Both the chimeric OKT4A and the murine OKT4A showed similar inhibition of MLR.

Inhibition of Proliferation

35 OKT3 (20 ng/ml), a murine MAb which recognises the CD3 antigen on T lymphocytes, was immobilised on polystyrene 96 well tissue culture plates for 4 hours at 20°C. The

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plates were washed three times with phosphate buffered saline (PBS) and 1×10^5 PMBC were added to each well. Thereafter, serial dilutions of an anti-CD4 antibody were added. Cells were cultured for 72 hours, pulsed with ^3H -thymidine for 24 hours and harvested. ^3H -thymidine incorporation was measured by liquid scintillation.

As a negative control, proliferation was measured in the absence of both the OKT3 and anti-CD4 antibodies. As a positive control proliferation was measured in the presence of OKT3 alone. In this experiment, the antibodies used were murine OKT4A, chimeric OKT4A and the F(ab')_2 fragment of murine OKT4A.

The results are given in Figure 19, which shows that chimeric OKT4A has substantially the same ability to inhibit proliferation as does murine OKT4A.

The above functional studies show that chimeric OKT4A has equivalent biological properties to murine OKT4A. Since the CDR-grafted anti-CD4 antibodies have substantially the same affinity for the CD4 antigen as the chimeric OKT4A antibody and since the chimeric OKT4A antibody has the same constant domains as the CDR-grafted OKT4A antibodies, it can be expected that the CDR-grafted OKT4A antibodies will have the same biological functions as murine OKT4A and will thus be of use in therapy.

SUMMARY

A number of different CDR-grafted OKT4A antibodies have been generated. Essentially, DNA encoding the CDRs of the murine OKT4A heavy and light chains has been grafted onto the frameworks of the human heavy chain KOL and light chain REI antibody genes. These variable domains are ligated to the DNA encoding human kappa light chain and IgG4 heavy chain constant portion. The resulting CDR-

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grafted genes are expressed in COS-1 cells. Antibody secreted into the tissue culture media is collected, quantified by ELISA, and tested for its ability to bind to CD4 positive cells and to block the binding of murine OKT4A.

The initially designed CDR-grafted antibody was unable to interact with CD4. A number of modifications were made to the light chain where critical human framework residues in the REI sequence, identified by molecular modelling, were changed to the murine OKT4A residues. This new version of the light chain, LCDR2, was able to recognize the CD4 antigen. Similarly, a number of heavy chain human framework residues were changed to murine in various combinations to generate HCDR2 through HCDR10. Several of these heavy chains, in combination with LCDR2, competed well with the murine OKT4A antibody for CD4. Presently the CDR-grafted OKT4A of choice is the combination of LCDR2Q and HCDR10. Further versions of the light and heavy chains are currently being generated where framework residues that were previously switched to the murine residues are being changed back to human. These more humanized CDR-grafted antibodies will be tested for their ability to recognize CD4.

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CLAIMS:

1. An antibody molecule capable of binding to the CD4 antigen comprising a composite heavy chain and a complementary light chain wherein, in the variable domain of said composite heavy chain, the framework regions are predominantly derived from a first human antibody (acceptor) and at least residues 23, 24, 26 to 35, 49 to 65 and 95 to 102 (according to the Kabat numbering system) correspond to the equivalent residues in mouse monoclonal antibody OKT4A (donor) as shown in Fig. 3.
2. The antibody molecule of claim 1, wherein residues 6 and 48 in the composite heavy chain additionally correspond to the equivalent residues in the donor antibody.
3. The antibody molecule of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein residues 71, 73 and 79 in the composite heavy chain additionally correspond to the equivalent residues in the donor antibody.
4. The antibody molecule of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein any one of any combination of residues 57, 58, 60, 88 and 91 in the composite heavy chain correspond to the equivalent residues in the donor antibody.
5. The antibody molecule of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the acceptor residues in the composite heavy chain correspond to the equivalent residues in the human antibody KOL heavy chain as shown in Fig. 5.

6. The antibody molecule of any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the complementary light chain is a composite light chain wherein, in the variable domain of said composite light chain, the framework regions are predominantly derived from a first human antibody (acceptor) and at least residues 24 to 34, 49 to 56 and 89 to 97 (according to the Kabat numbering system) correspond to the equivalent residues in mouse monoclonal antibody OKT4A (donor) as shown in Fig. 4.

7. An antibody molecule capable of binding to the CD4 antigen comprising a composite light chain and a complementary heavy chain wherein, in the variable domain of said composite light chain, the framework regions are predominantly derived from a first human antibody (acceptor) and at least residues 24 to 34, 49 to 56 and 89 to 97 (according to the Kabat numbering system) correspond to the equivalent residues in mouse monoclonal antibody OKT4A (donor) as shown in Fig. 4.

8. The antibody molecule of claim 6 or claim 7, wherein residue 89 in the composite light chain additionally corresponds to the equivalent residue in the donor antibody.

9. The antibody molecule of any one of claims 6 to 8, wherein the acceptor residues in the composite light chain correspond to the equivalent residues in the human REI light chain as shown in Fig. 6.

10. The antibody molecule of any one of claims 1 to 9, which has an affinity for the CD4 antigen of from $10^5.M^{-1}$ to $10^{12}.M^{-1}$.

11. The antibody molecule of claim 10, which has an affinity for the CD4 antigen of at least about $10^8.M^{-1}$.
12. The antibody molecule of claim 10 or claim 11, which has an affinity for the CD4 antigen similar to that of OKT4A.
13. The antibody molecule of any one of claims 1 to 12, which is a complete Ig.
14. The antibody molecule of claim 13, which is of isotype IgG₄.
15. The antibody molecule of claim 13 or claim 14, wherein one or more residues in the constant domains of the Ig has been altered in order to alter the effector functions of the constant domains.
16. The antibody molecule of any one of claims 1 to 15 which is produced by use of recombinant DNA technology.
17. A method for producing an antibody molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 16, which method comprises:
 - a) providing a first DNA sequence, encoding a composite heavy chain as defined in any one of claims 1 to 5 or a composite light chain as defined in any one of claims 6 to 9, under the control of suitable upstream and downstream elements;
 - b) transforming a host cell with the first DNA sequence; and

c) culturing the transformed host cell so that an antibody molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 16 is produced.

18. The method of claim 17, which further comprises: providing a second DNA sequence, encoding an antibody light or heavy chain complementary to the first chain, under the control of suitable upstream and downstream elements; and transforming the host cell with both the first and second DNA sequences.

19. A nucleotide sequence which encodes a composite antibody chain as defined in any one of claims 1 to 9.

20. An antibody molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 16, for use in treating graft rejections or helper T cell disorders.

21. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an antibody molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 16 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

22. Use of an antibody molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 16 or a composition according to claim 21 in an effective amount for treating a graft rejection or a helper T cell disorder in a patient in need of such treatment.

FIG. 1

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The nucleotide sequence of the variable region of the OKT4A heavy chain.

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1  AATTCCCTGG AATCGATTCC CAGTTCCTCA CATTCAAGTCA GCACTGAACA
51  CGGACCCCTC ACC
      <START translation<
      ATGAACT CCGGGCTCAG CCTGATTTTC CTTGTCCTTG
101  TTTTAAAAGG TGTCCAATGT
      <START frwk1<
      GAAGTGATTC TGGTGGAGTC TGGGGGAGCC
151  TTAGTGGAGC CTGGAGGGTC CCTGAAACTC TCCTGTTCAG CCTCT
      <START cdr1<
      GGATT
201  CACTTTCAGT AACTAT
      <START frwk2<
      GCCA TGTCTTGGGT TCGTCAGACT CCGGAGAAGA
251  GGCTGGAGTG GGTCGCA
      <START cdr2<
      GCC ATTAGTGATC ATAGTACTAA C
      <START frwk3<
      ACCTACTAT
301  CCAGACAGTG TGAAGGGGCG ATTCACTATC TCCAGAGACA ATGCCAAGAA
351  CACCCTGTAC CTACAAATGA ACAGTCTGAG GTCTGAGGAC ACGGCCATTT
401  ATTACTGTGA AAGA
      <START cdr3<
      AAGTAC GGTGGTGACT ACGACCCCTT T
      <START frwk4<
      GACTATTGG
451  GGCCAAGGCA CCACTCTCAC AGTCTCCTCA
      <START CONSTANT<
      GCCAAAACAA CAGCCCCATC
501  GGTCTATCCA CTGGCCCCTG TGTGTGGAGA TACAACTGGC TCCTCGGTGA
551  CTCTAGGATG C
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FIG. 2

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The nucleotide sequence of the variable region of the OKT4A light chain

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1   GAATTCCGTT GTAGAA
      <START translation>
      ATGA GACCGTCTAT TCAGTTCCTG GGGCTCTTGT
51  TGTTCTGGCT TCATGGT
      <START poorly sequenced region>
      GxC TSAkGTGTGt AkGAYMTCYA GATGUhwrCA
101 GTCTChAkbc
      <START FRWK1>
      TCACTGTCTG CATCTCTGGG AGGCAAAGTC ACCATCGCTT
151 GCAAGGCA
      <START cdr1>
      AG CCAAGACATT AACAACTAT
      <START FRWK2>
      A TAGCTTGGTA CCAACACAAG
201 CCTGGAAAAG GTCCTAGGCT ACTCATTCAT
      <START cdr2>
      TACACATCTA CATTACAACC
251 A
      <START FRWK3>
      GGCATCCCA TCAAGGTTCA GTGGAAGTGG ATCTGGGAGA GATTATTCCT
301 TCAGCATCAG CAACCTGGAG CCTGAAGATA TTGCAACTTA TTATTGTCTA
351 CAG
      <START cdr3>
      TATGATA ATCTTCTGTT C
      <START FRWK4>
      ACGTTCGGA GGGGGGACCA AACTGGAAAT
401 AAA
      <START constant region>
      CGGGCT GATGCTGCAC CAACTGTATC CATCTTCCCA CCABSAGTGA
451 GCAGTTAACA TCTGGAGG
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FIG. 3

THE MURINE OKT4A HEAVY CHAIN PEPTIDE SEQUENCE (VARIABLE REGION)

	20	35ab
MU OKT4A	EVILVESGGA IVEPGGSLKL SCSASGFTFS NYAMS--WVR	
	52abc	65
MU OKT4A	QTPEKRLEWV AAISD--HST NTYYPDSVKG RFTISRDNAK	
	82abc	95 100c
MU OKT4A	NTLYLQMNSL RSEDTAIYVC AR-KYGGD-Y DPE-----D	
	113	
MU OKT4A	YWGQGTTLTV SS	

FIG. 4

THE MURINE OKT4A LIGHT CHAIN PEPTIDE SEQUENCE (VARIABLE REGION)

	20	40	60
MU OKT4A	DIQMTQSPSS LSASLGKVT IACKASODIN NYIAWYQHKP GKGPRLLIYH TSTLQPGIPS		
	80	100	
MU OKT4A	RFSGSGSGRD YFSISNLEP EDIATYYCIQ YNDLFLTTFGG GTKLEIKR		

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ALIGNMENT OF KOL WITH OKT4A CDR-GRAFTED HEAVY CHAIN
PEPTIDE SEQUENCE (VARIABLE REGION) FIG. 5

		20	35ab
KOL	QVQLVESGGG	VVQPG	SLRL SCSSSGFIFS SYAMY--WVR
HCDR1	QVQLVESGGG	VVQPG	SLRL SCSSSGFtFS nYAMY--WVR
		52abc	65
KOL	QAPGKGLEWV	AIIW	--DGS DQHYADSVKG RFTISRDN
HCDR1	QAPGKGLEWV	AaIsD--hst	nQHYADSVKG RFTISRDN
		82abc	95 100c
KOL	NTLFLQMDSL	RPEDTGVVFC	AR--DGCHGF CSSASC
HCDR1	NTLFLQMDSL	RPEDTGVVFC	AR-kyGGd-Y dpf-----D
			113
KOL	YWGQGP	PTV SS	
HCDR1	YWGQGP	PTV SS	

ALIGNMENT OF REI WITH OKT4A CDR-GRAFTED LIGHT CHAIN
PEPTIDE SEQUENCE (VARIABLE REGION) FIG. 6

		20	40	60
REI	DIQMTQSPSS	LSASVGDRVT	<u>ITCOASODII KYLNWYQQTP</u>	<u>GKAPKLLIYE ASNLOAGVPS</u>
LCDR1	DIQMTQSPSS	LSASVGDRVT	<u>ITCKASpDIn nYLNWYQQTP</u>	<u>GKAPKLLIY tStLQpGVPS</u>
		80	100	
REI	RFSGSGSGTD	YFTTISSLQP	EDIATYVCQQ	<u>YOSLPYTFGQ</u> GTKLQITR
LCDR1	RFSGSGSGTD	YFTTISSLQP	EDIATYVCQQ	<u>YdnLifTFGQ</u> GTKLQITR

FIG. 7(i)

The DNA SEQUENCE and PROTEIN TRANSLATION of the CDR-GRAFTED HEAVY CHAIN

10' 20 30 40 50
AATTC GCCGC CACC ATG GAA TGG AGC TGG GTC TTT CTC TTC TTT CTC TCA GTA
TTAAG CGGCG GTGG TAC CTT ACC TCG ACC CAG AAA GAG AAG AAG GAC AGT CAT
Met Glu Trp Ser Trp Val Phe Leu Phe Phe Leu Ser Val>
a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ a a >

60 70 80 90 100
ACT ACA GGT GTC CAC TCC CAG GTT CAG CTG GTG GAG TCT GGA GGA GTC
TGA TGT CCA CAG GTG AGG GTC CAA GTC GAC CAC CTC AGA CCT CCT CCT CAG
Thr Thr Gly Val His Ser Gln Val Gln Leu Val Glu Ser Gly Gly Val>
a a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ a a a >

110 120 130 140 150
GTC CAG CCT GGA AGG TCC CTG AGA CTG TCT TGT TCT TCT GGA TTC ACT
CAG GTC GGA CCT TCC AGG GAC TCT GAC AGA ACA AGA AGA CCT AAG TGA
Val Gln Pro Gly Arg Ser Leu Arg Leu Ser Cys Ser Ser Gly phe Thr>
a a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ a a a >

160 170 180 190 200
TTC AGT AAC TAT GCT ATG TAC TGG GTC AGA CAG GCT CCT GGA AAG GGA CTC
AAG TCA TTG ATA CGA TAC ATG ACC CAG TCT GTC CGA CGA CCT TTC CCT GAG
Phe Ser Asn Tyr Ala Met Tyr Trp Val Arg Gln Ala Pro Gly Lys Gly Leu>
a a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ a a a >

210 220 230 240 250
GAG TGG GTC GCT GCC ATT AGT GAT CAT AGT ACT AAC CAG CAC TAC GCT GAC
CTC ACC CAG CGA CGG TAA TCA CTA GTA TGA TTG GTC GTC ATG CGA CTG
Glu Trp Val Ala Ala Ile Ser Asp His Ser Thr Asn Gln His Tyr Ala Asp>
a a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ a a a >

260 270 280 290 300
TCT GTC AAG GGA AGA TTC ACA ATT TCT AGA GAC AAC TCT AAG AAT ACA CTG
AGA CAG TTC CCT TCT AAG TGT TAA AGA TCT CTG TTG AGA TTC TTA TGT GAC
Ser Val Lys Gly Arg Phe Thr Ile Ser Arg Asp Asn Ser Lys Asn Thr Leu>
a a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4. SEQ a a a >

FIG. 7(ii)

310 320 330 340 350
TTC CTG CAG ATG GAC TCA CTC AGA CCT GAG GAC ACA GGA GTC TAC TTC TGT
AAG GAC GTC TAC CTG AGT GAG TCT GGA CTC CTG TGT CCT CAG ATG AAG ACA
Phe Leu Gln Met Asp Ser Leu Arg Pro Glu Asp Thr Gly Val Tyr Phe Cys>
a a a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ a a a a >

360 370 380 390 400 410
GCT AGA AAG TAC GGT GGT GAC TAC GAC CCC TTT GAC TAC TGG GGC CAA GGT
CGA TCT TTC ATG CCA CCA CTG ATG CTG GGG AAA CTG ATG ACC CCG GTT CCA
Ala Arg Lys Tyr Gly Asp Tyr Asp Pro Phe Asp Tyr Trp Gly Gln Gly>
a a a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ a a a a >

>SEQED (include) of: ja91.ins check: 5694 from: 1 to: 2153

420 430 440 450 460
ACC CCG GTC ACC GTG AGC TCA GCT TCC ACC AAG GGC CCA TCC GTC TTC CCC
TGG GGC CAG TGG CAC TCG AGT CGA AGG TGG TTC CCG GGT AGG CAG AAG GGG
Thr Pro Val Thr Val Ser Ser Ala Ser Thr Lys Gly Pro Ser Val Phe Pro>
a a a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ a a a a >

470 480 490 500 510
CTG GCG CCC TGC TCC AGG AGC ACC TCC GAG AGC ACA GCC GGC CTG GGC TGC
GAC CCG GGG ACG AGG TCC TCG TCG AGG CTC TCG TGT CCG CCG GAC CCG ACG
Leu Ala Pro Cys Ser Arg Ser Thr Ser Glu Ser Thr Ala Ala Leu Gly Cys>
a a a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ a a a a >

520 530 540 550 560
CTG GTC AAG GAC TAC TTC CCC GAA CCG GTG ACG GTG TCG TGG AAC TCA GGC
GAC CAG TTC CTG ATG AAG GGG CTT GGC CAC TGC CAC AGC ACC TTG AGT CCG
Leu Val Lys Asp Tyr Phe Pro Glu Pro Val Thr Val Ser Trp Asn Ser Gly>
a a a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ a a a a >

570 580 590 600 610
GCC CTG ACC AGC GGC GTG CAC ACC TTC CCG GCT GTC CTA CAG TCC TCA GGA
CCG GAC TGG TCG CCG CAC GTG TGG AAG GGC CGA CAG GAT GTC AGG AGT CCT
Ala Leu Thr Ser Gly Val His Thr Phe Pro Ala Val Leu Gln Ser Ser Gly>
a a a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ a a a a >

FIG. 7 (iii)

620 CTC TAC TCG CTC AGC AGC GTG GTG ACC GTG CCC TCC AGC AGC TTG GGC ACG 660
GAG ATG AGG GAG TCG TCG CAC CAC TGG CAC GGG AGG TCG TCG AAC CCG TGC
Leu Tyr Ser Leu Ser Ser Val Val Thr Val Pro Ser Ser Ser Leu Gly Thr>
a a a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ a a a a >
670 AAG ACC TAC ACC TGC AAC GTA GAT CAC AAG CCC AGC AAC ACC AAG GTG GAC 710
TTC TGG ATG TGG ACG TTG CAT CTA GTG TTC GGG TCG TTG TGG TTC CAC CTG
Lys Thr Tyr Thr Cys Asn Val Asp His Lys Pro Ser Asn Thr Lys Val Asp>
a a a a TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ a a a a >
720 AAG AGA GTT GG TGA GAGGC CAGCA CAGGG AGGGA GGGTG TCTGC TGGAA GCCAG 770
TTC TCT CAA CC ACT CTCCG GTCGT GTCCC TCCCT CCCAC AGACG ACCTT CGGTC
Lys Arg Val Gly>
a a a a >
780 GCTCA GCCCT CCTGC CTGGA CGCAC CCCGG CTGTG CAGCC CCAGC CCAGG GCAGC 820
CGAGT CGGGA GGACG GACCT GCGTG GGGCC GACAC GTCGG GGTCG GGTCG CGTCG
830 840 850 860 870 880
AAGGC ATGCC CCATC TGTCT CCTCA CCCGG AGGCC TCTGA CCACC CCACT CATGC
TTCCG TACCG GGTAG ACAGA GGAGT GGGCC TCCGG AGACT GGTGG GGTGA GTACG
890 900 910 920 930
TCAGG GAGAG GGTCT TCTGG ATTTT TCCAC CAGGC TCCCG GCACC ACAGG CTGGA
AGTCC CTCTC CCAGA AGACC TAAAA AGGTG GTCCG AGGGC CGTGG TGTCC GACCT
940 950 960 970 980 990
TGCCC CTACC CCAGG CCCTG CGCAT ACAGG GCAGG TGCTG CGCTC AGACC TGCCA
ACGGG GATGG GGTCC GGGAC GCGTA TGTCC CGTCC ACGAC GCGAG TCTGG ACGGT

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FIG. 7(iv)

1000	1010	1020	1030	1040
AGAGC CATAT CCGGG AGGAC CCTGC CCCTG ACCTA AGCCC ACCCC AAAGG CCAAA				
TCTCG GTATA GGCCC TCCTG GGACG GGGAC TGGAT TCGGG TGGGG TTTCG GGTTT				
1050	1060	1070	1080	1090
CTCTC CACTC CCTCA GCTCA GACAC CTTCT CTCCT CCCAG ATCTG AGTAA CTCCTC				
GAGAG GTGAG GGAGT CGAGT CTGTG GAAGA GAGGA GGGTC TAGAC TCATT GAGGG				
1110	1120	1130	1140	1150
AATCT TCTCT CTGCA GA G TCC AAA TAT GGT CCC CCA TGC CCA TGC CCA GG				
TTAGA AGAGA GACGT CT C AGG TTT ATA CCA GGG GGT ACG GGT AGT ACG GGT CC				
Ser Lys Tyr Gly Pro Pro Cys Pro Ser Cys Pro Gly>				
b b TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ b b >				
1160	1170	1180	1190	1200
TA AGCCA ACCCA GGCCT CGCCCT TCCAG CTCAA GGCGG GACAG GTGCC CTAGA GTAGC				
AT TCGGT TGGGT CCGGA GCGGG AGGTC GAGTT CCGCC CTGTC CACGG GATCT CATCG				
1220	1230	1240	1250	1260
CTGCA TCCAG GGACA GGCCC CAGCC GGGTG CTGAC GCATC CACCT CCATC TCCTC				
GACGT AGGTC CCTGT CCGGG GTCGG CCCAC GACTG CGTAG GTGGA GGTAG AGAAG				
1270	1280	1290	1300	1310
CTCAG C A CCT GAG TTC CTG GGG GGA CCA TCA GTC TTC CTG TTC CCC CCA AAA				
GAGTC G T GGA CTC AAG GAC CCC CCT GGT AGT CAG AAG GAC AAG GGG GGT TTT				
Pro Glu Phe Leu Gly Pro Ser Val Phe Leu Phe Pro Pro Lys>				
C C C C TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ C C C C >				
1320	1330	1340	1350	1360
CCC AAG GAC ACT CTC ATG ATC TCC CGG ACC CCT GAG GTC ACG TGC GTG GTG				
GGG TTC CTG TGA GAG TAC TAG AGG GCC TGG GGA CTC CAG TGC ACG CAC CAC				
Pro Lys Asp Thr Leu Met Ile Ser Arg Thr Pro Glu Val Thr Cys Val Val>				
C C C C TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ C C C C >				

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FIG. 7(v)

1370 1380 1390 1400 1410 1470
GTG GAC GTG AGC CAG GAA GAC CCC GAG GTC CAG TTC AAC TGG TAC GTG GAT
CAC CTG CAC TCG GTC CTT CTG GGG CTC CAG GTC AAG TTG ACC ATG CAC CTA
Val Asp Val Ser Gln Glu Asp Pro Glu Val Gln Phe Asn Trp Tyr Val Asp>
C C C C TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ C C C C >

1420 1430 1440 1450 1460 1470
GGC GTG GAG GTG CAT AAT GCC AAG ACA AAG CCG CCG GAG GAG CAG TTC AAC
CCG CAC CTC CAC GTA TTA CCG TTC TGT TTC GGC GCC CGT CTC GTC AAG TTG
Gly Val Glu Val His Asn Ala Lys Thr Lys Pro Arg Glu Glu Gln Phe Asn>
C C C C TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ C C C C >

1480 1490 1500 1510 1520
AGC ACG TAC CGT GTG GTC AGC GTC CTC ACC GTC CTG CAC CAG GAC TGG CTG
TCG TGC ATG GCA CAC CAG TCG CAG GAG TGG CAG GAC GTG GTC CTG ACC GAC
Ser Thr Tyr Arg Val Ser Val Leu Thr Val Leu His Gln Asp Trp Leu>
C C C C TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ C C C C >

1530 1540 1550 1560 1570
ACC GGC AAG GAG TAC AAG TGC AAG GTC TCC AAC AAA GGC CTC CCG TCC TCC
TTG CCG TTC CTC ATG TTC ACG TTC CAG AGG TTG TTT CCG GAG GGC AGG AGG
Asn Gly Lys Glu Tyr Lys Cys Lys Val Ser Asn Lys Gly Leu Pro Ser Ser>
C C C C TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ C C C C >

1580 1590 1600 1610 1620
ATC GAG AAA ACC ATC TCC AAA GCC AAA G GTGGG ACCCA CGGGA TGCGA GGGCC
TAG CTC TTT TGG TAG AGG TTT CCG TTT C CACCC TGGGT GCCCC ACGCT CCCGG
Ile Glu Lys Thr Ile Ser Lys Ala Lys>
TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SE >

1630 1640 1650 1660 1670 1680
ACACG GACAG AGGCC AGCTC GGCCC ACCCT CTGCC CTGGG AGTGA CCGCT GTGCC
TGTGC CTGTC TCCGG TCGAG CCGGG TGGGA GACCG GACCC TCACT GGCGA CACGG

FIG. 7(vi)

1690

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1730

AACCT CTGTC- CCTAC AGG GCA GCC CCG AGA GGT GTA CAC CCT GCC CCC
TTGGA GACAG GGATG TCC CGT CGG GGC TCT CGG TGT CCA CAT GTG GGA CGG GGG
Ala Ala Pro Arg Ala Thr Gly Val His Pro Ala Pro>
d TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ d d >

1740

1750

1760

1770

1780

ATC CCA GGA GGA GAT GAC CAA GAA CCA GGT CAG CCT GAC CTG CCT GGT CAA
TAG GGT CCT CCT CTA CTG GTT CTT GGT CCA GTC GGA CTG GAC GGA CCA GTT
Ile Pro Gly Gly Asp Asp Gln Glu Pro Gly Gln Pro Asp Leu Pro Gly Gln>
d d d TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ d d d d >

1790

1800

1810

1820

1830

AGG CTT CTA CCC CAG CGA CAT CGC CGT GGA GTG GGA GAG CAA TGG GCA GCC
TCC GAA GAT GGC GTC GCT GTA GCG GCA CCT CAC CCT CTC GTT ACC CGT CGG
Arg Leu Leu Pro Gln Arg His Arg Arg Gly Val Gly Glu Gln Trp Ala Ala>
d d d TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ d d d d >

1840

1850

1860

1870

1880

GGA GAA CAA CTA CAA GAC CAC GGC TCC CGT GCT GGA CTC CGA CGG CTC CTT
CCT CTT GTT GAT GAT GTT CTG GTG CGG AGG GCA CGA CCT GAG GCT GCC GAG GAA
Gly Glu Gln Leu Gln Asp His Ala Ser Arg Ala Gly Leu Arg Arg Leu Leu>
d d d TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ d d d d >

1890

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1920

1930

CTT CCT CTA CAG CAG GCT AAC CGT GGA CAA GAG CAG GTG GCA GGA GGG GAA
GAA GGA GAT GTC GTC CGA TTG GCA CCT GTT CTC CAC CAG CCT CCC CCT
Leu Pro Leu Gln Gln Ala Asn Arg Gly Gln Glu Gln Val Ala Gly Gly Glu>
d d d TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ d d d d d

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TGT CTT CTC ATG CTC CGT GAT GCA TGA GGC TCT GCA CAA CCA CTA CAC ACA
ACA GAA GAG TAC GAG GCA CTA CGT ACT CCG AGA CGT GTT GGT GAT GTG TGT
Cys Leu Leu Met Leu Arg Asp Ala End Gly Ser Ala Gln Pro Leu His Thr>
d d d TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SEQ d d d d d >

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FIG. 7(vii)

1990	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040
GAA GAG CCT CTC CCT GTC TCT GGG TAA ATGA GTGCC AGGGC CGGCA AGCCC CCGCT					
CTT CTC GGA GAG GGA CAG AGA CCC ATT TACT CACGG TCCCG GCCGT TCGGG GCGGA					
Glu Glu Pro Leu Pro Val Ser Gly End>					
TRANSLATION OF HCDR1-IGG4.SE					
2050	2060	2070	2080	2090	2100
CCCCG GGCTC TCGGG GTCGC GCGAG GATGC TTGGC ACGTA CCCC					
GGGC CCGAG AGCCC CAGCG CGCTC CTACG AACCG TGCA					
2110	2120	2130	2140	2150	
TCCCA GGCAC CCAGC ATGGA AATAA AGCAC CCACC ACTGC CCTGG GCCC					
AGGGT CCGTG GGTCG TACCT TTATT TCGTG GGTG TGACG GGAC					
2160	2170	2180	2190	2200	2210
GACTG TGATG GTTCT TTCCA CGGGT CAGGC CGAGT CTGAG GCCTG AGTGA CATGA					
CTGAC ACTAC CAAGA AAGGT GCCCA GTCCG GCTCA GACTC CGGAC TCACT GTACT					
2220	2230	2240	2250	2260	
GGGAG GCAGA GCGGG TCCCA CTGTC CCCAC ACTGG CCCAG GCGTT GCAGT GTGTC					
CCCTC CGTCT CGCCC AGGGT GACAG GGGTG TGACC GGGTC CGCAA CGTCA CACAG					
2270	2280	2290	2300	2310	2320
CTGGG CCACC TAGGG TGGGG CTCAG CCAGG GGCTC CCTCG GCAGG GTGGG GCATT					
GACCC GGTGG ATCCC ACCCC GAGTC GGTCC CCGAG GGAGC CGTCC CACCC CGTAA					
2330	2340	2350	2360		
TGCCA GCGTG GCCCT CCCTC CAGCA GCAGG ACTCT AGAGG ATCC					
ACGGT CGCAC CGGGA GGGAG GTCGT CGTCC TGAGA TCTCC TAGG					

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FIG. 8(i)

The DNA SEQUENCE and PROTEIN TRANSLATION of the CDR-GRAFTED LIGHT CHAIN

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10      20      30      40      50
AATTC ACC ATG GGT GTG CCC ACT CAG GTC CTG GGG TTG CTG CTG CTG TGG CTT
TTAAG TGG TAC CCA CAC CAG GGC TGA GTC CAG GAC CCC AAC GAC GAC GAC ACC GAA
Met Gly Val Pro Thr Gln Val Leu Gly Leu Leu Leu Trp Leu>
a a a TRANSLATION OF LCDR1-SEQ a a a a a >

60      70      80      90      100
ACA GAT GCC AGA TGT GAT ATC CAG ATG ACA CAG TCT CCT TCT TCT CTG TCT
TGT CTA CGG TCT ACA CTA TAG GTC TAC TGT GTC AGA GGA AGA GAC GAC AGA
Thr Asp Ala Arg Cys Asp Ile Gln Met Thr Gln Ser Pro Ser Ser Leu Ser>
a a a a a TRANSLATION OF LCDR1-SEQ a a a a a >

110     120     130     140     150
GCT TCT GTC GGA GAC AGA GTC ACA ATC ACA TGT AAG GCT AGC CCA GAC AAT
CGA AGA CAG CCT CTG TCT CAG TGT TAG TGT ACA TTC CGA TCG GGT CTG TAA
Ala Ser Val Gly Asp Arg Val Thr Ile Thr Cys Lys Ala Ser Pro Asp Ile>
a a a a a TRANSLATION OF LCDR1-SEQ a a a a a >

160     170     180     190     200
AAC AAC TAT CTG AAC TGG TAC CAG CAG ACA CCT GGA AAG GCT CCT AAG CTG
TTG TTG ATA GAC TTG ACC ATG GTC GTC TGT GGA CCT TTC CGA GGA TTC GAC
Asn Asn Tyr Leu Asn Trp Tyr Gln Gln Thr Pro Gly Lys Ala Pro Lys Leu>
a a a a a TRANSLATION OF LCDR1-SEQ a a a a a >

210     220     230     240     250
CTG ATC TAC TAC ACA TCT ACA TTA CAA CCA GGA GTC CCT TCT AGA TTC TCT
GAC TAG ATG AGT TGT AGA TGT AAT GTT GGT CCT CAG GGA AGA TCT AAG AGA
Leu Ile Tyr Tyr Thr Ser Thr Leu Gln Pro Gly Val Pro Ser Arg Phe Ser>
a a a a a TRANSLATION OF LCDR1-SEQ a a a a a >

260     270     280     290     300
GGT TCT GGC TCT GGA ACA GAG TAC ACA TTC ACA ATC TCT TCT CTC CAA CCT
CCA AGA CCG AGA CCT TGT CTG ATG TGT AAG TGT TAG AGA AGA GAG GTT GGA
Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Tyr Thr Phe Thr Ile Ser Ser Leu Gln Pro>
a a a a a TRANSLATION OF LCDR1-SEQ a a a a a >
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FIG. 8(ii)

310 GAG GAC ATC GCT ACA TAC TAC TGC CAA CAG TAT GAT AAT CTT CTG TTC ACA
CTC CTG TAG CGA TGT ATG ATG ACG GTT GTC ATA CTA TTA GAA GAC AAG TGT
Glu Asp Ile Ala Thr Tyr Tyr Cys Gln Gln Tyr Asp Asn Leu Leu Phe Thr>
a a a a a TRANSLATION OF LCDR1-SEQ a a a a a >

>SEQED (include) of: [molbio.data]hckapnar.seq check: 1483 from: 1 to: 397

360 TTC GGA CAG GGA ACA AAG CTG CAG ATC ACA AGA ACT GTG GCG GCG CCG TCT
AAG CCT GTC CCT TGT TTC GAC GTC TAG TGT TCT TGA CAC CGC CGC GGC AGA
Phe Gly Gln Gly Thr Lys Leu Gln Ile Thr Arg Thr Val Ala Ala Pro Ser>
a a a a a TRANSLATION OF LCDR1-SEQ a a a a a >

420 GTC TTC ATC TTC CCG CCA TCT GAT GAG CAG TTG AAA TCT GGA ACT GCC TCT
CAG AAG TAG AAG GGC GGT AGA CTA CTC GTC AAC TTT AGA CCT TGA CCG AGA
Val Phe Ile Phe Pro Pro Ser Asp Glu Gln Leu Lys Ser Gly Thr Ala Ser>
a a a a a TRANSLATION OF LCDR1-SEQ a a a a a >

470 GTT GTG TGC CTG CTG AAT AAC TTC TAT CCC AGA GAG GCC AAA GTA CAG TGG
CAA CAC ACG GAC GAC TTA TTG AAG ATA GGG TCT CTC CGG TTT CAT GTC ACC
Val Val Cys Leu Leu Asn Asn Phe Tyr Pro Arg Glu Ala Lys Val Gln Trp>
a a a a a TRANSLATION OF LCDR1-SEQ a a a a a >

520 AAG GTG GAT AAC GCC CTC CAA TCG GGT AAC TCC CAG GAG AGT GTC ACA GAG
TTC CAC CTA TTG CCG GAG GTT AGC CCA TTG AGG GTC CTC TCA CAG TGT CTC
Lys Val Asp Asn Ala Leu Gln Ser Gly Asn Ser Gln Glu Ser Val Thr Glu>
a a a a a TRANSLATION OF LCDR1-SEQ a a a a a >

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CONSTRUCTION of the CDR-GRAFTED OKT4A HEAVY CHAIN
EXPRESSION VECTOR (Not to scale)

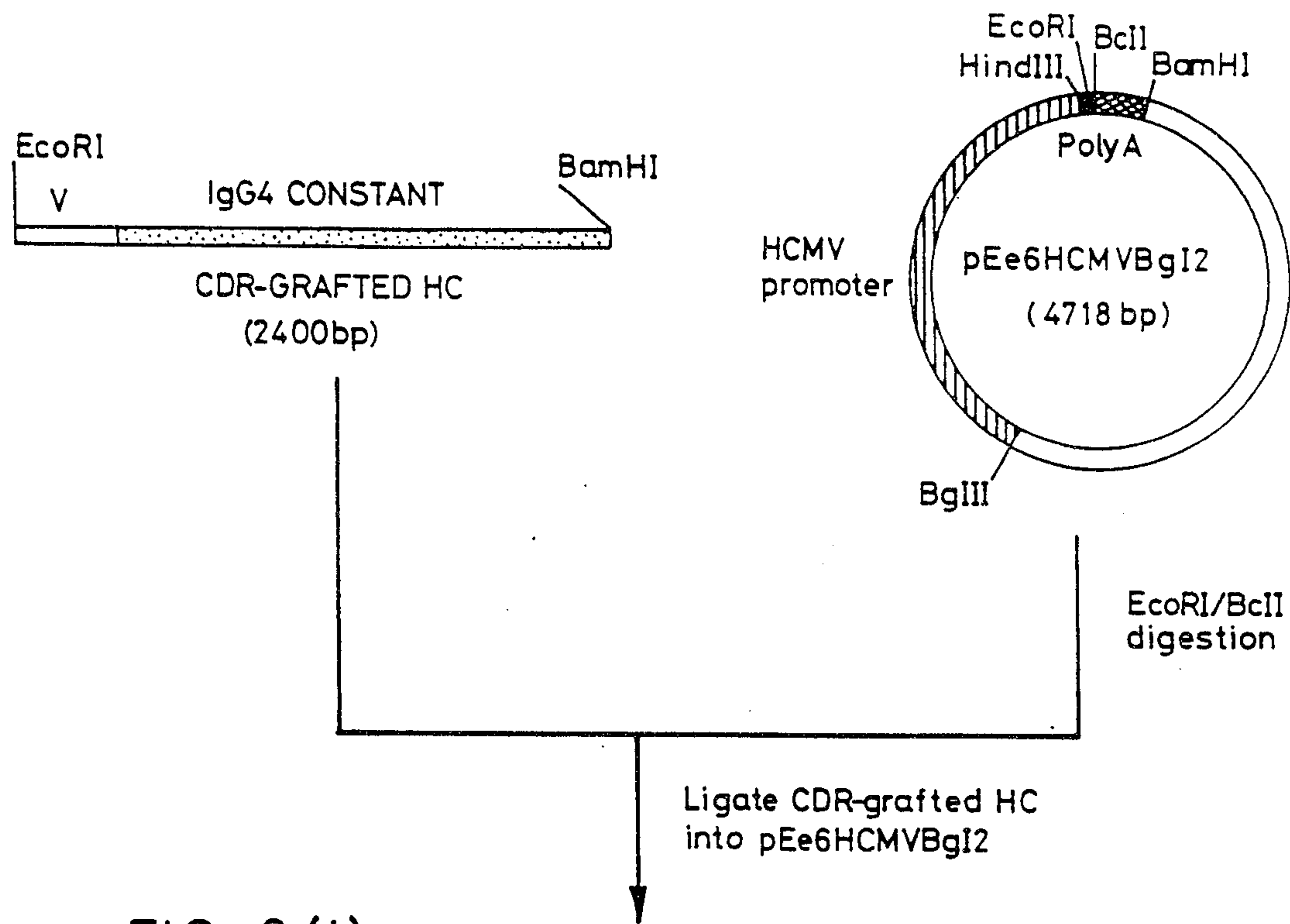
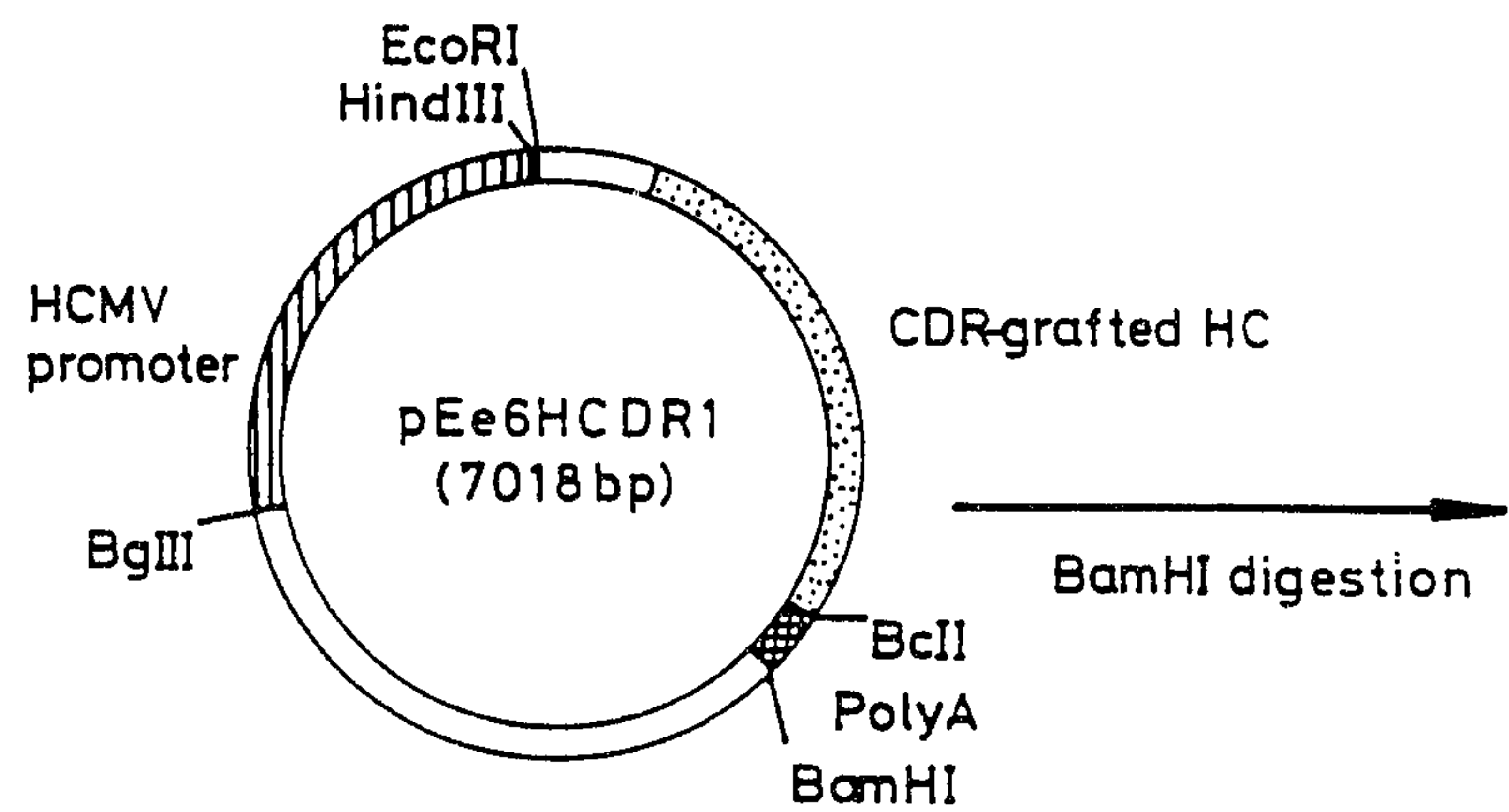


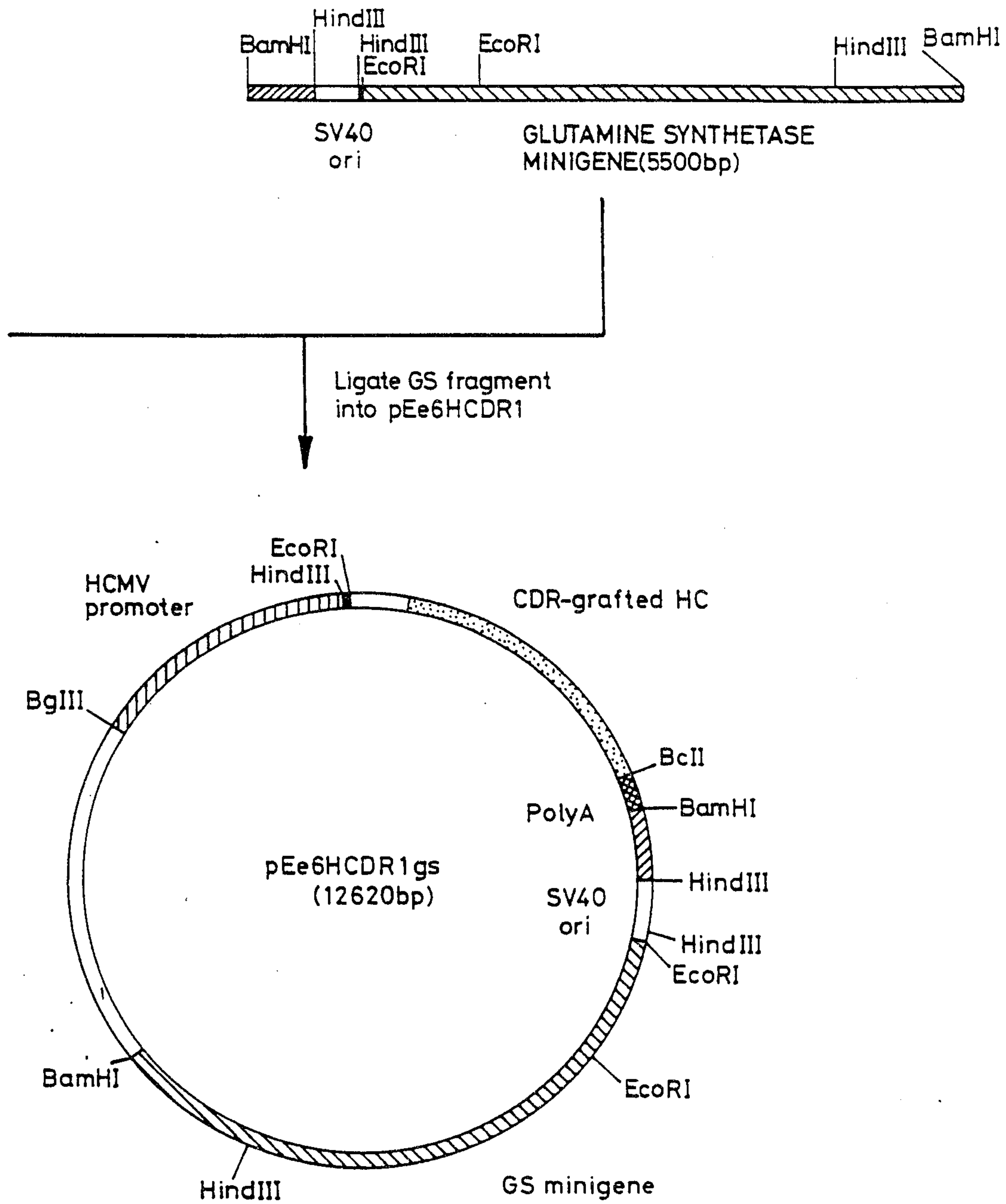
FIG. 9(i)



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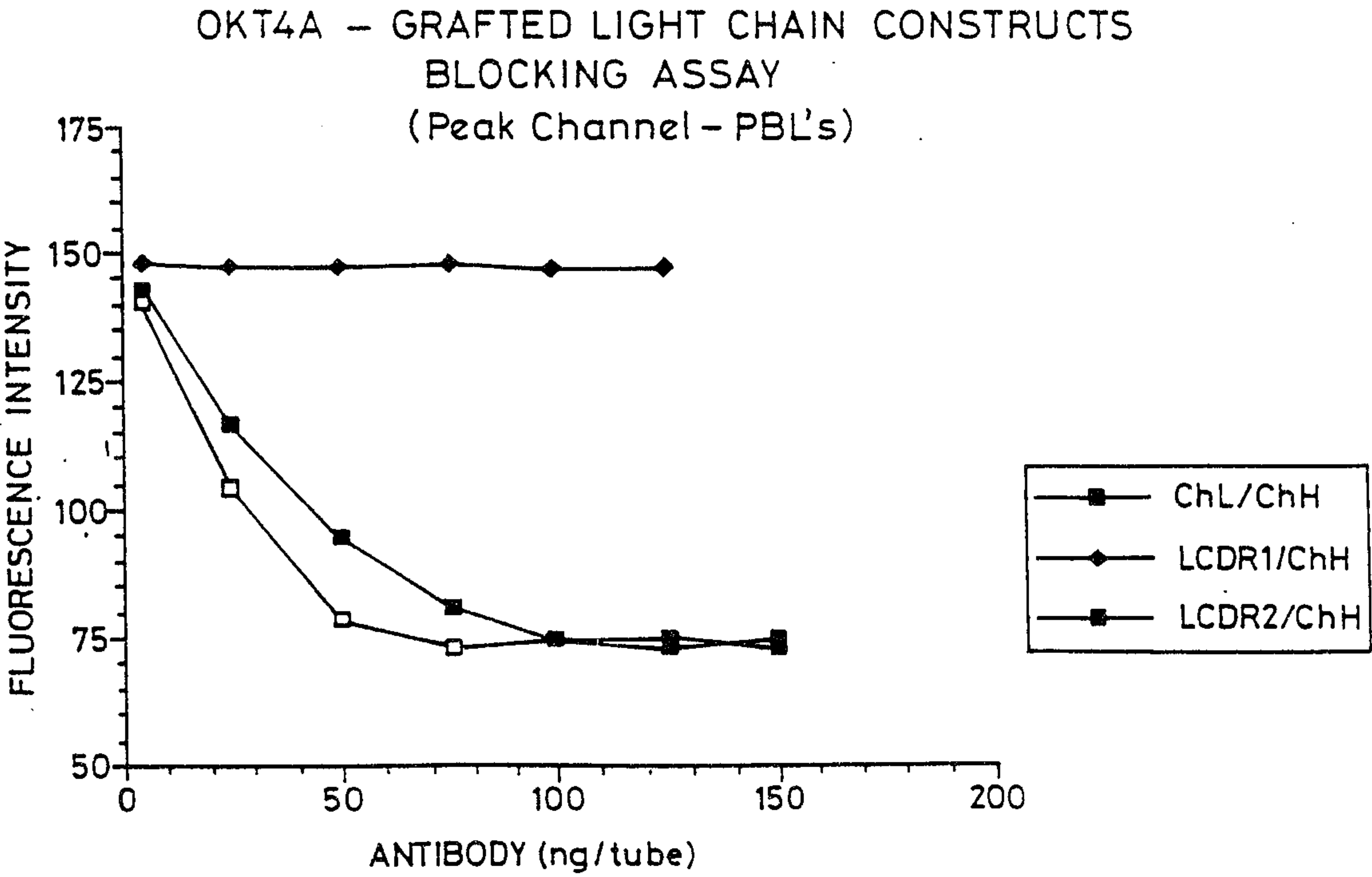
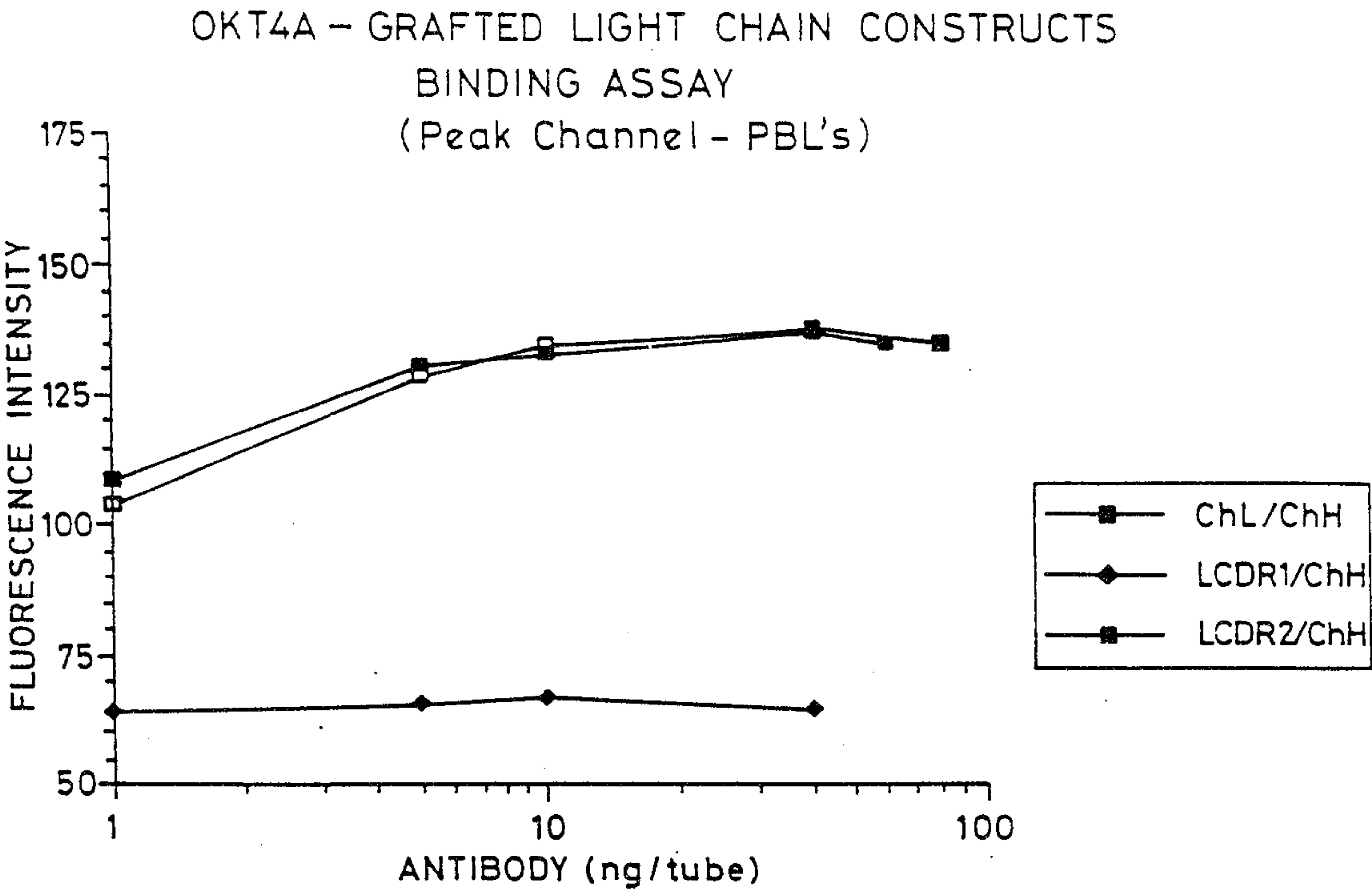
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FIG. 9 (ii)



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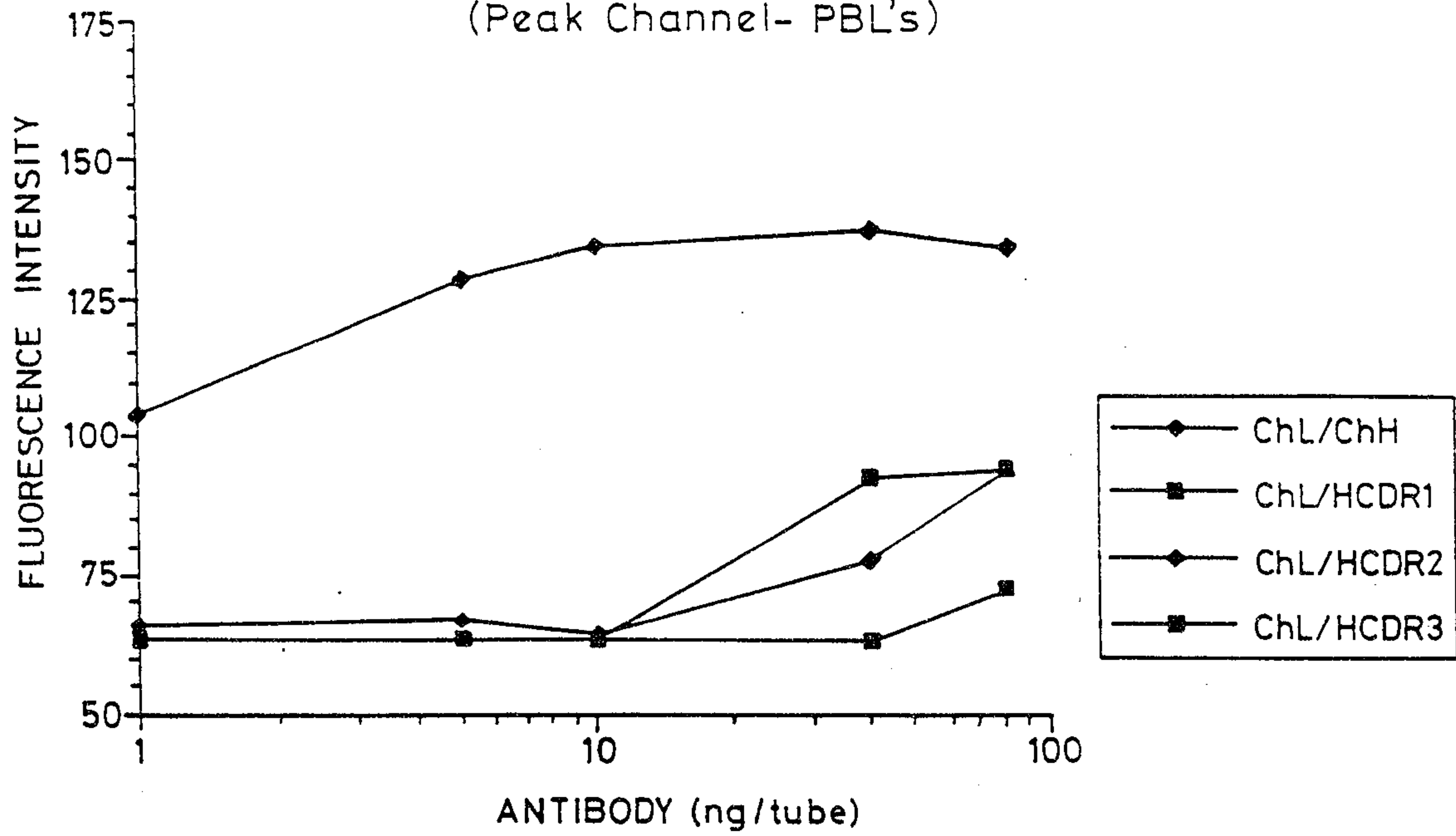


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OKT4A - GRAFTED HEAVY CHAIN CONSTRUCTS
BINDING ASSAY
(Peak Channel- PBL's)



OKT4A - GRAFTED HEAVY CHAIN CONSTRUCTS
BLOCKING ASSAY
(Peak Channel - PBL's)

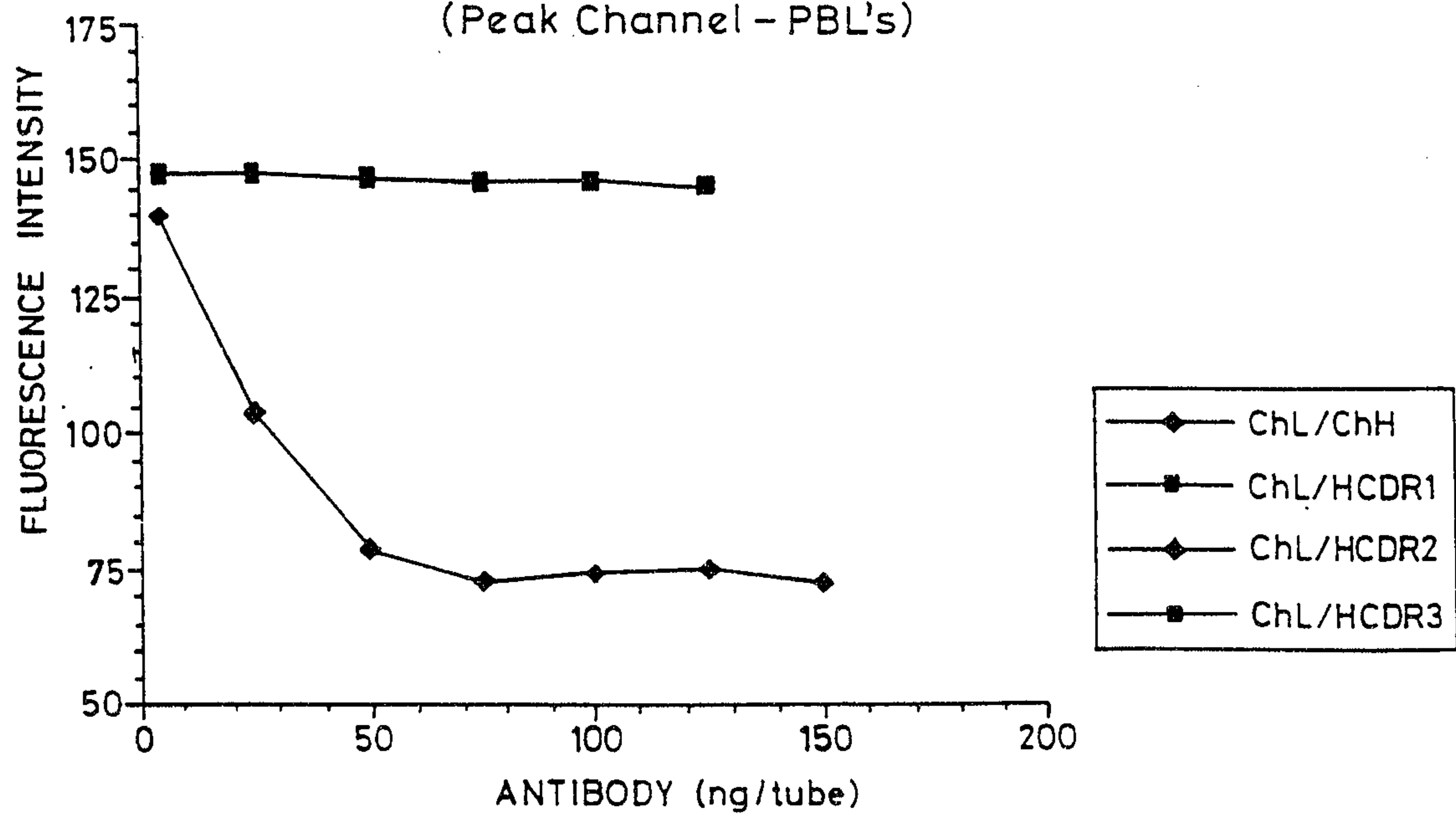


FIG. 12

ALIGNMENT OF REI WITH OKT4A CDR GRAFTED AND MURINE LIGHT CHAIN
PEPTIDE SEQUENCE (VARIABLE REGION)

RESIDUE CHANGES

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I
DR1
DR2
OKT4A
DIQMTQSPSS LSASVGDRVT ITCQASQDII KYLNWYQQTP GKAPKLLIYE ASNLOAGVPS
DIQMTQSPSS LSASVGDRVT ITCKASPDIn NYLNWYQQTP GKAPKLLIYy tStLQpGVPS
DIQMTQSPSS LSASVGDRVT ITCKASPDIn nYiaWYQHtP GKAPKLLIhy tStLQpGVPS
DIQMTQSPSS LSASIGgkVT IaCkASPDIn nYiaWYQHkP GKgPrLLIhy tStLQpGiPS

33, 34, 38, 49

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I
DR1
DR2
OKT4A
RFSGSGSGTD YFTTISSLQP EDIATYVCQQ YQSLPYTFGQ GTKLQITR
RFSGSGSGTD YFTTISSLQP EDIATYVCQQ YdnLlftFGQ GTKLQITR
RFSGSGSGTD YFTTISSLQP EDIATYVC1QQ YdnLlftFGQ GTKLQITR
RFSGSGSGrD YsFsISnLeP EDIATYVC1QQ YdnLlftFGg GTKLeIkR

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FIG. 13(i)

ALIGNMENT OF KOL WITH OKT4A CDR GRAFTED AND MURINE
HEAVY CHAIN PEPTIDE SEQUENCE(VARIABLE REGION)

		20	35ab	RESIDUE CHANGES
KOL	QVQLVESGGG	VVQPGRLRL	SCSSSGFIFS	SYAMY--WVR
HCDR1	QVQLVESGGG	VVQPGRLRL	SCSSSGFtFS	nYAMY--WVR
HCDR2	QVQLVESGGG	VVQPGRLRL	SCSSSGFtFS	nYAMY--WVR
HCDR3	QVQLVESGGG	VVQPGRLRL	SCSaSGFtFS	nYAMY--WVR
HCDR4	QVQLVESGGG	VVQPGRLRL	SCSaSGFtFS	nYAMS--WVR
HCDR5	QVQLVESGGG	VVQPGRLRL	SCSaSGFtFS	nYAMS--WVR
HCDR6	QVQLVESGGG	VVQPGRLRL	SCSaSGFtFS	nYAMS--WVR
HCDR7	QVQLVESGGG	VVQPGRLRL	SCSaSGFtFS	nYAMS--WVR
HCDR8	QVQLVESGGG	VVQPGRLRL	SCSaSGFtFS	nYAMS--WVR
HCDR9	QVQLVESGGG	VVQPGRLRL	SCSaSGFtFS	nYAMS--WVR
HCDR10	QVQLVESGGG	VVQPGRLRL	SCSaSGFtFS	nYAMS--WVR
MU OKT4A	evILVESGGa	lVePGgSLkL	SCSaSGFtFS	nYAMS--WVR
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KOL	QAPGKGLEWV	AIIND--DGS	DQHYADSVKG	RFTISRDNsk
HCDR1	QAPGKGLEWV	AaIsD--hst	nQHYADSVKG	RFTISRDNsk
HCDR2	QAPGKGLEWV	AaIsD--hst	ntyYADSVKG	RFTISRDNsk
HCDR3	QAPGKGLEWV	AaIsD--hst	ntyYADSVKG	RFTISRDNsk
HCDR4	QApeKrlEWV	AaIsD--hst	ntyYADSVKG	RFTISRDNsk
HCDR5	QApeKrlEWV	AaIsD--hst	ntyYADSVKG	RFTISRDNsk
HCDR6	QApeKrlEWV	AaIsD--hst	ntyYpDSVKG	RFTISRDNsk
HCDR7	QApeKrlEWV	AaIsD--hst	ntyYpDSVKG	RFTISRDNsk
HCDR8	QApeKrlEWV	AaIsD--hst	ntyYpDSVKG	RFTISRDNsk
HCDR9	QAPGKGLEWV	AaIsD--hst	ntyYADSVKG	RFTISRDNsk
HCDR10	QAPGKGLEWV	AaIsD--hst	ntyYpDSVKG	RFTISRDNsk
MU OKT4A	QApeKGLEWV	AaIsD--hst	ntyYpDSVKG	RFTISRDNsk
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	82abc	95	100C
KOL	NTLFLQMDSL	RPEDTGVVFC	AR--DGGHGF CSSASCFGPD
HCDR1	NTLFLQMDSL	RPEDTGVVFC	AR-kyGGd-y dpf-----D
HCDR2	NTLFLQMDSL	RPEDTGVVFC	AR-kyGGd-y dpf-----D
HCDR3	NTLFLQMDSL	RPEDTaVYYC	AR-kyGGd-y dpf-----D
HCDR4	NTLFLQMDSL	RPEDTaVYYC	AR-kyGGd-y dpf-----D
HCDR5	NTLFLQMDSL	RPEDTaVYYC	AR-kyGGd-y dpf-----D
HCDR6	NTLFLQMDSL	RPEDTaVYYC	AR-kyGGd-y dpf-----D
HCDR7	NTLFLQMDSL	RPEDTaVYYC	AR-kyGGd-y dpf-----D
HCDR8	NTLFLQMDSL	RPEDTaVYYC	AR-kyGGd-y dpf-----D
HCDR9	NTLFLQMDSL	RPEDTaVYYC	AR-kyGGd-y dpf-----D
HCDR10	NTLFLQMDSL	RPEDTaVYYC	AR-kyGGd-y dpf-----D
MU OKT4A	NTLFLQMnSL	RPEDTaiYYC	AR-kyGGd-y dpf-----D

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KOL	YWGQGTPVTV SS
HCDR1	YWGQGTPVTV SS
HCDR2	YWGQGTPVTV SS
HCDR3	YWGQGTPVTV SS
HCDR4	YWGQGTPVTV SS
HCDR5	YWGQGTPVTV SS
HCDR6	YWGQGTPVTV SS
HCDR7	YWGQGTPVTV SS
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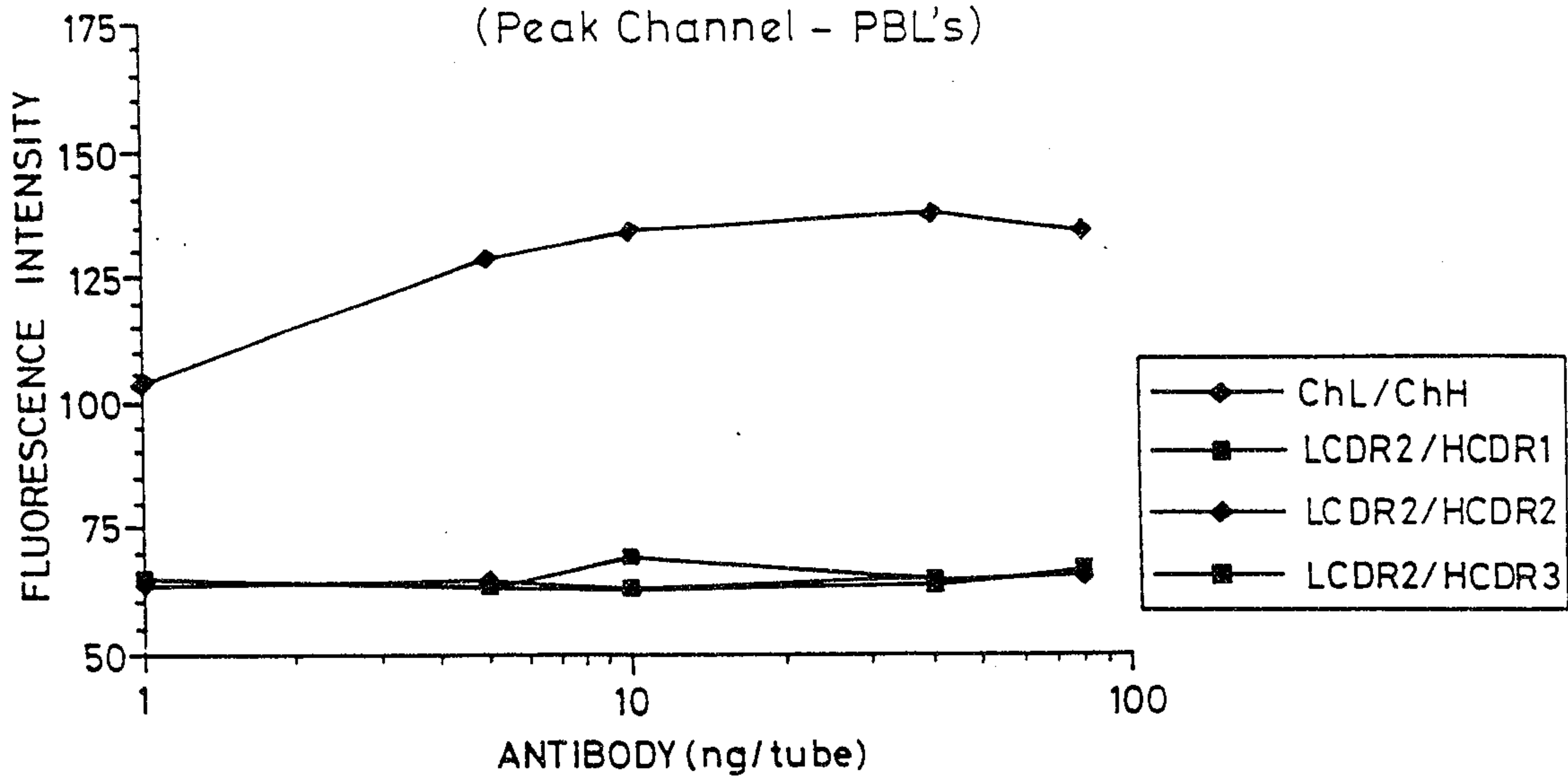
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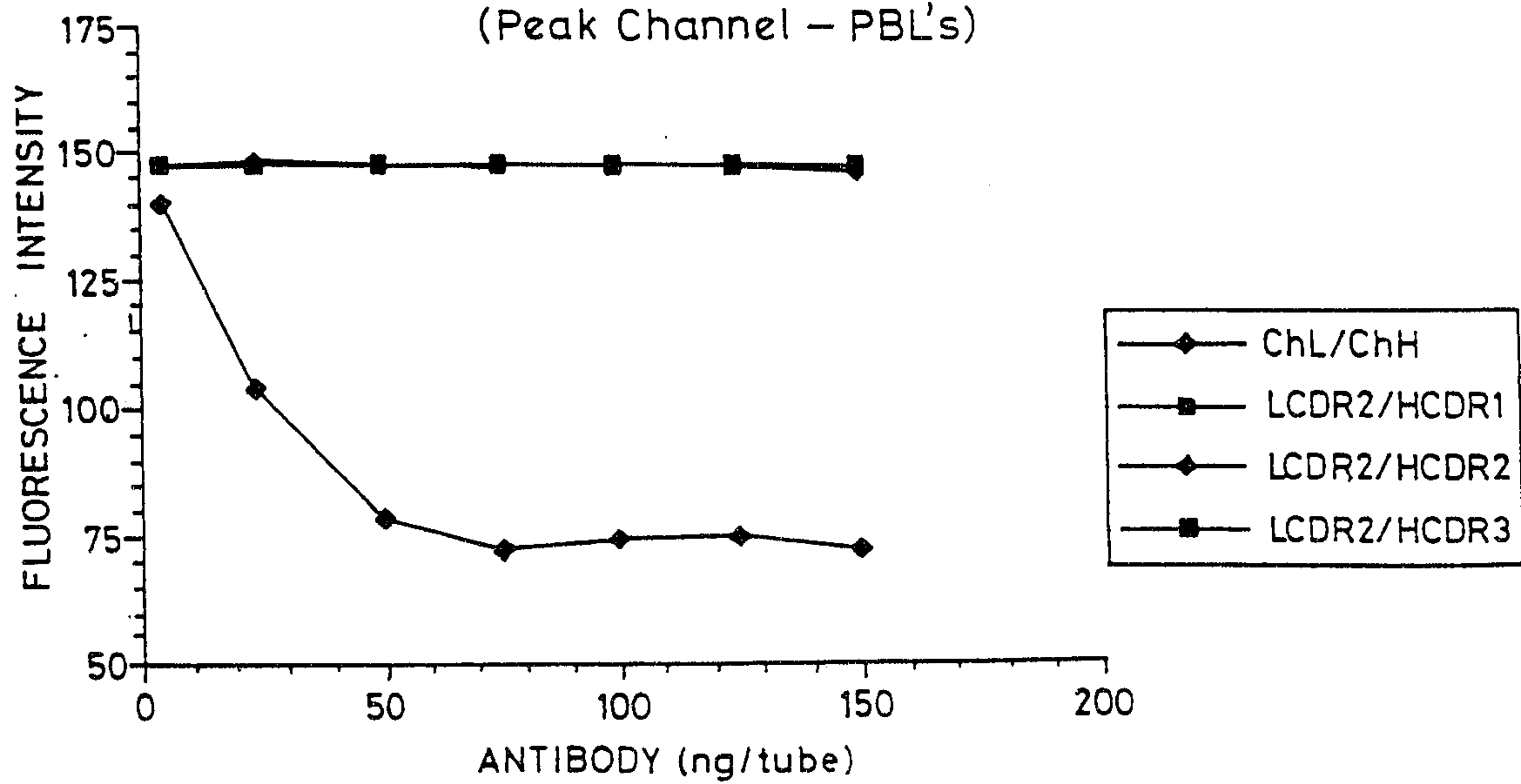
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FIG. 14

OKT4A - LCDR2 VRS GRAFTED HEAVY CHAINS
BINDING ASSAY
(Peak Channel - PBL's)



OKT4A - LCDR2 VRS GRAFTED HEAVY CHAINS
BLOCKING ASSAY
(Peak Channel - PBL's)

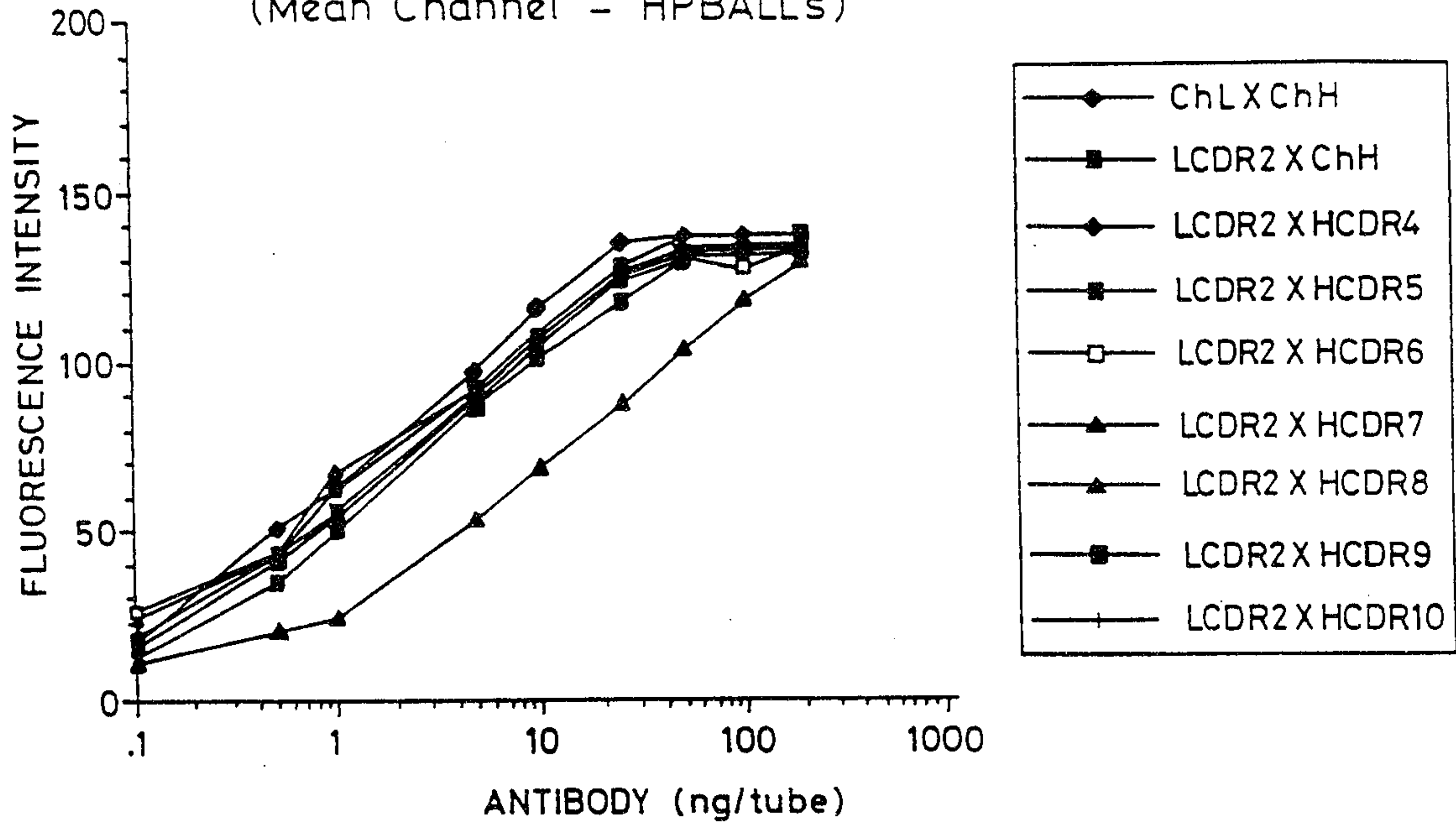


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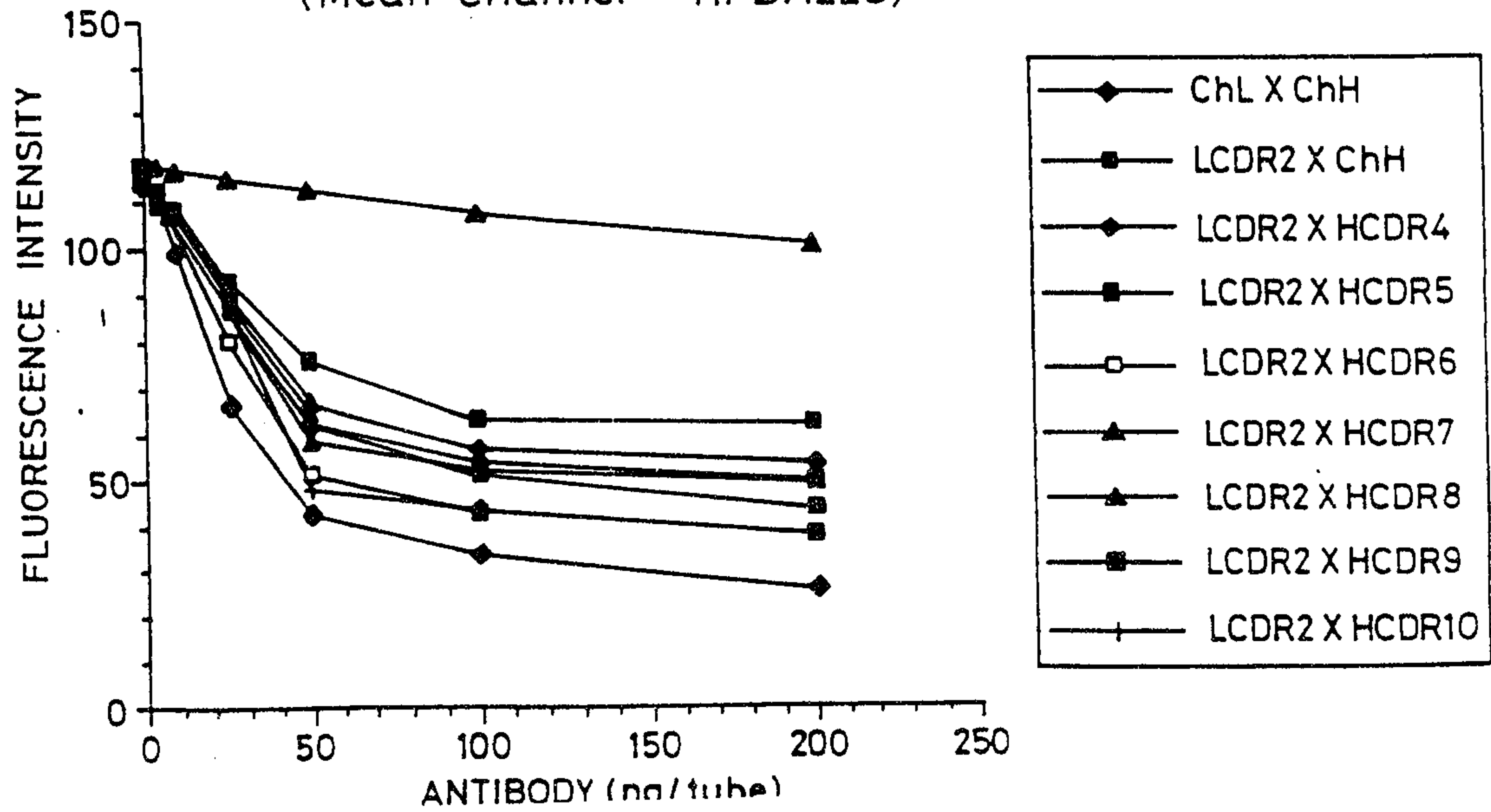
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FIG. 15

OKT4A - GRAFTED ANTIBODIES
BINDING ASSAY
(Mean Channel - HPBALL's)



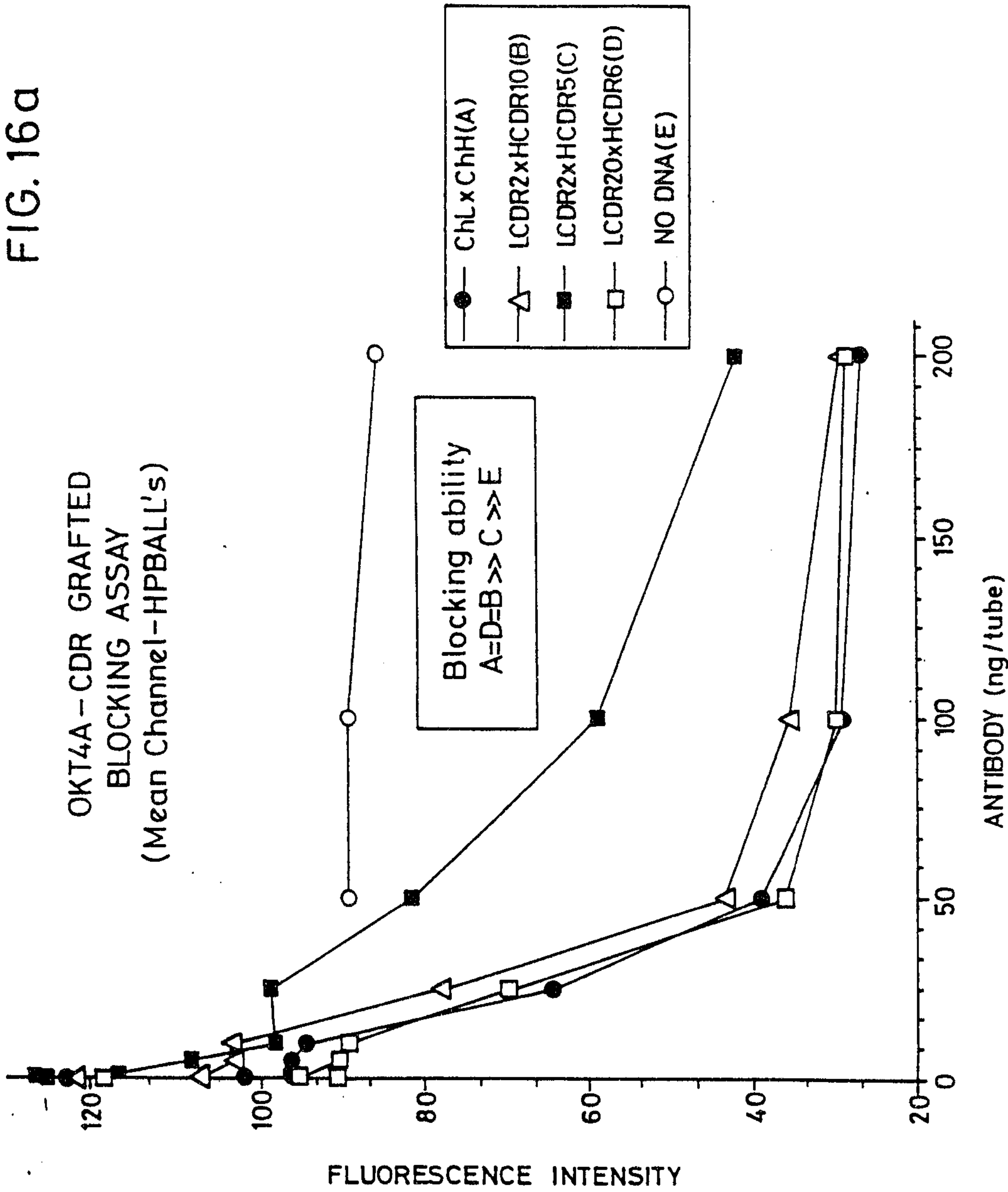
OKT4A - GRAFTED ANTIBODIES
BLOCKING ASSAY
(Mean Channel - HPBALL's)



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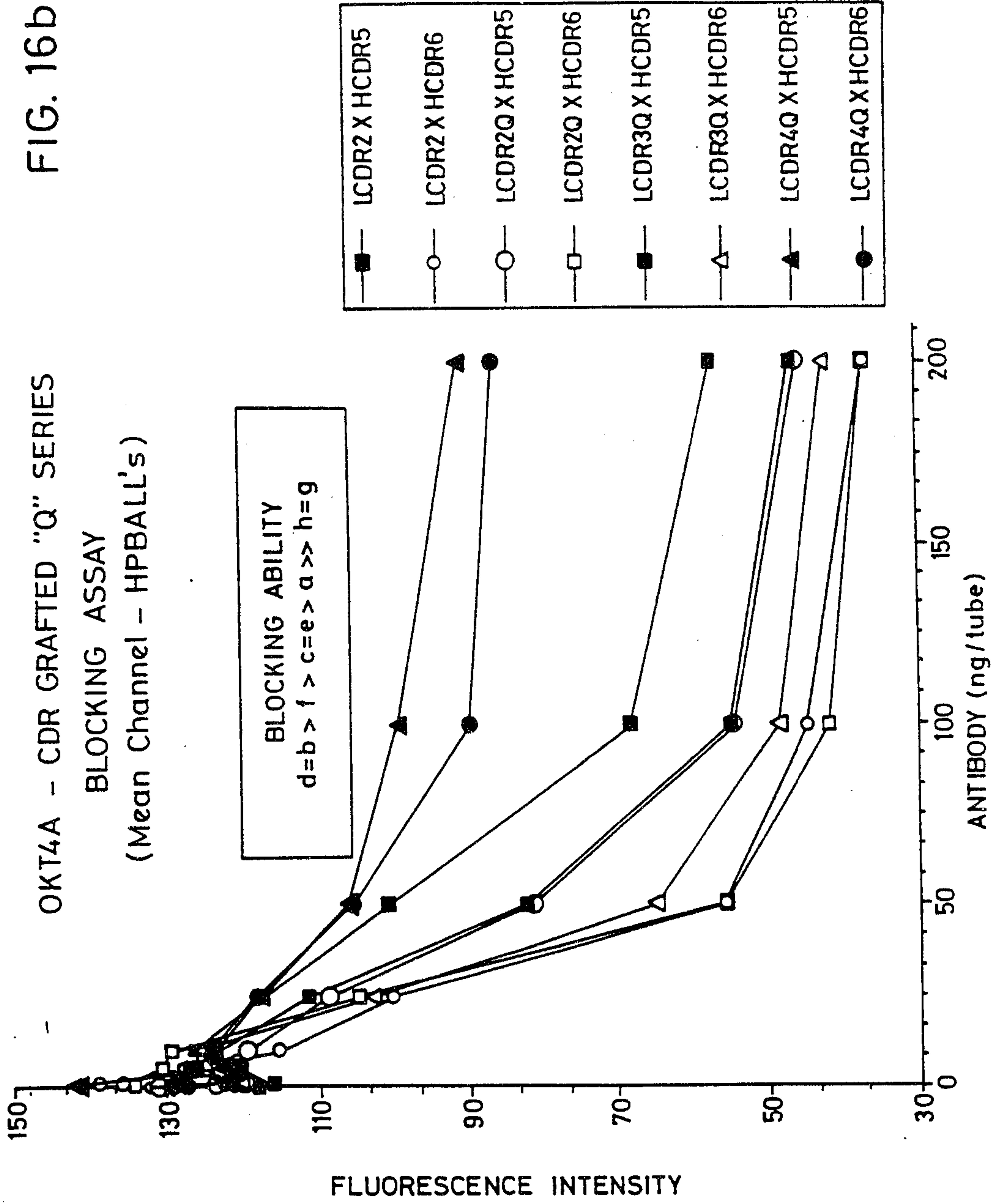
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FIG. 16a



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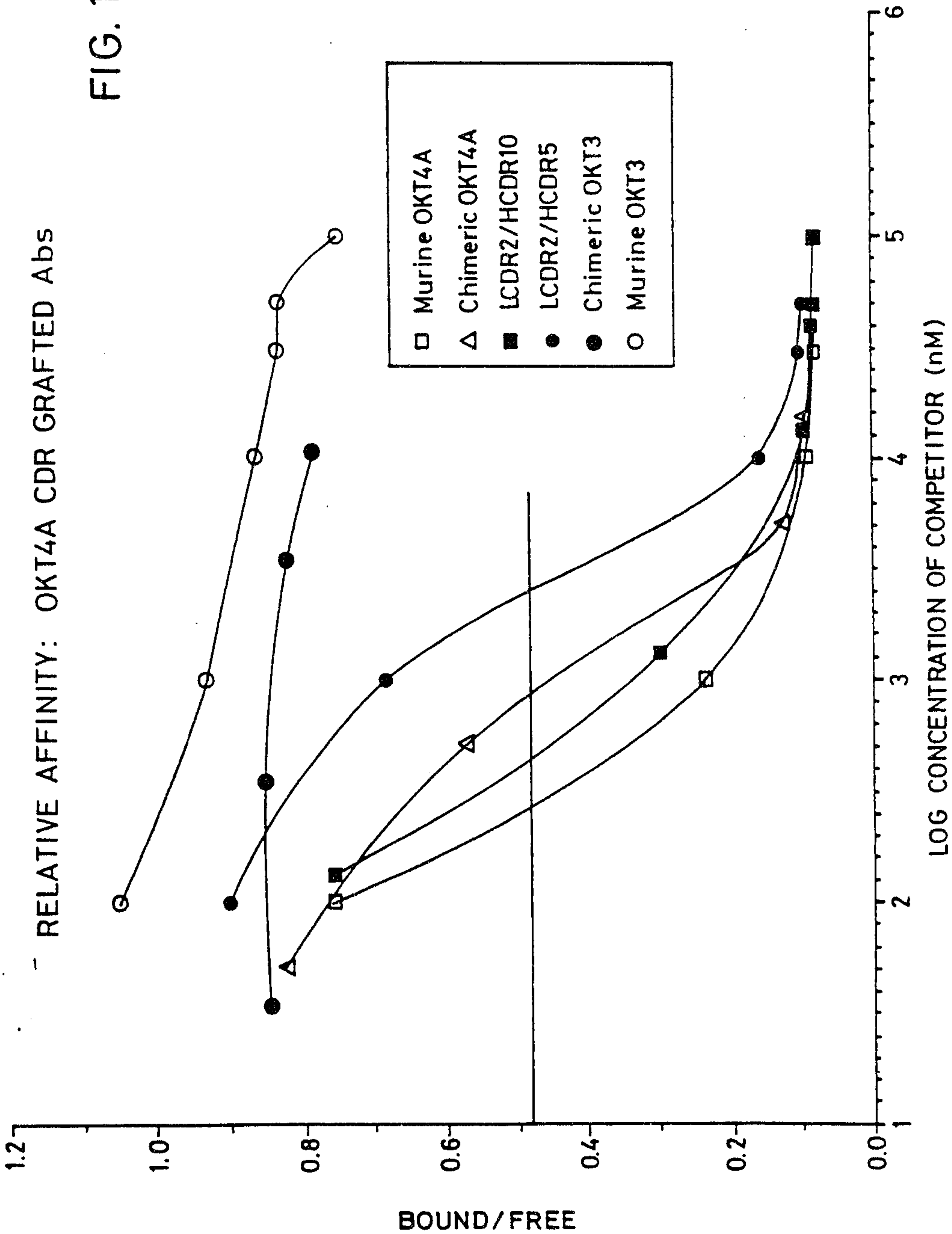


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FIG. 17

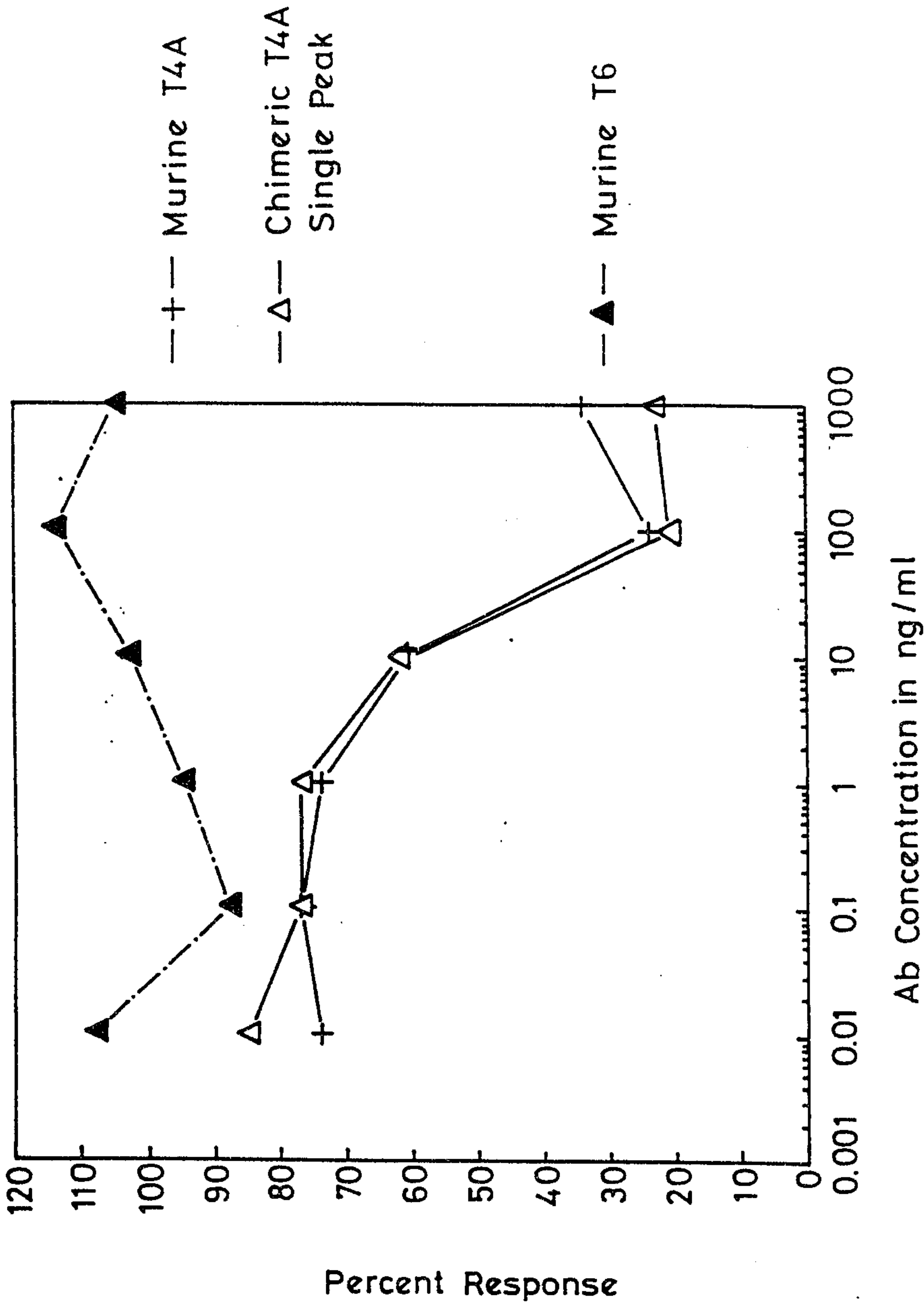


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FIG. 18

MLR Block: Murine / Chimeric T4A



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ANTI-CD4 Abs: INHIBITION OF
PROLIFERATION TO IMMOBILIZED OKT3

FIG. 19

