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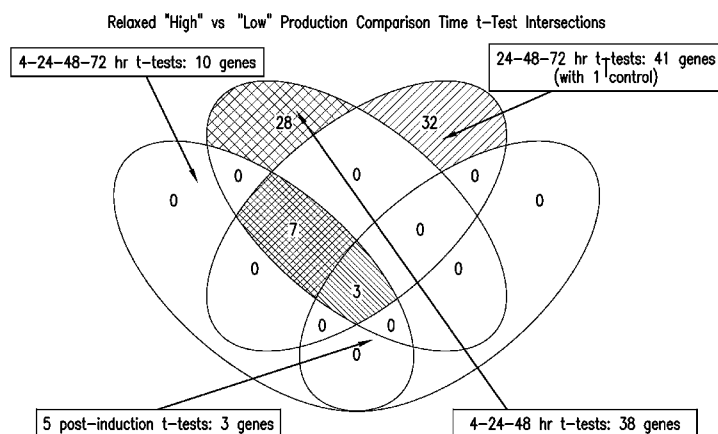


FIG.3

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides, in part, isolated host cells that overexpress various cell cycle control genes which exhibit robust levels of protein expression and secretion. Methods for expressing proteins with the cells and for identifying such cells are also provided.

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