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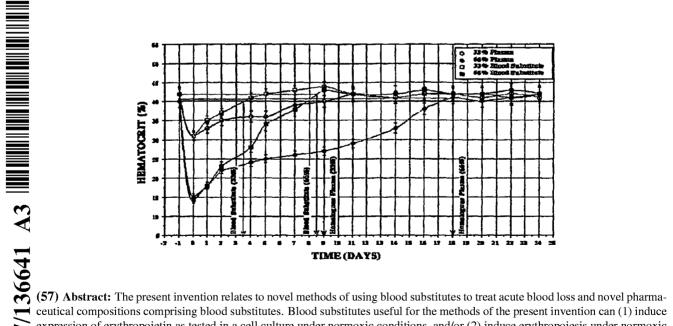
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ceutical compositions comprising blood substitutes. Blood substitutes useful for the methods of the present invention can (1) induce expression of erythropoietin as tested in a cell culture under normoxic conditions, and/or (2) induce erythropoiesis under normoxic conditions as measured by (a) a decrease in the doubling time of the subject's hematocrit or hemoglobin, and/or (b) an increase in the subject's circulating erythropoietin level. Blood substitutes useful for the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention can (1) stabilize HIF-I alpha expression, and/or (2) down regulate NF-kappa B. Preferably, the blood substitutes are cross-linked hemoglobin blood substitutes, or more preferably, cross-linked hemoglobins that comprise a hemoglobin that is cross-linked intramolecularly with periodate-oxidized ATP5 cross-linked intermolecularly with periodate-oxidized adenosine, and conugated with reduced glutathione.



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