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(54) ***Pichia pastoris* as a host for the production of the ribosome-inactivating protein (RIP) saporin and saporin fusion chimaeras**

(57) The present invention relates to the field of recombinant protein expression and discloses a procedure for the production of toxic chimaeric proteins endowed with ribosome-inactivating activity based on the plant toxin Saporin from *Saponaria officinalis* in the methylotrophic yeast *Pichia pastoris*.

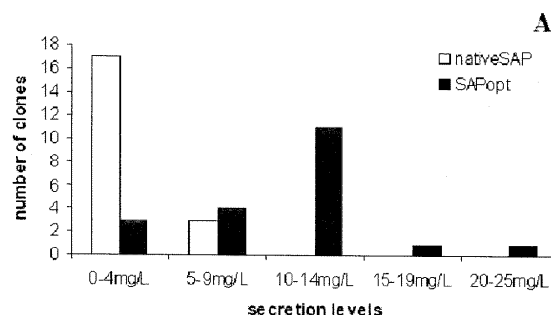


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