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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a method for generating an antibody which is specific for an immunorecessive epitope, and nucleic acid encoding the antibody. The subject method generally comprises the steps of generating a variegated display library of antibody variable regions, and selecting from the library those antibody variable regions which have a desired binding specificity for the immunorecessive epitope. The antibody variable regions used to generate the display library are cloned from an immunotolerance-derived antibody repertoire.

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