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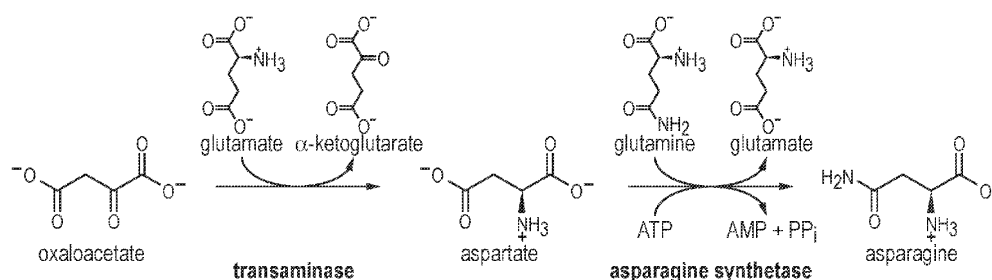
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(54) Title: METABOLIC SELECTION VIA THE ASPARAGINE BIOSYNTHESIS PATHWAY



The final step of asparagine biosynthesis is completed via a single pathway that requires the non-redundant enzyme asparagine synthetase (ASNS). In the absence of functional ASNS protein the cells require an external source of the amino acid asparagine.

Figure 1

(57) **Abstract:** The present disclosure provides an isolated mammalian cell comprising a reduced or eliminated expression of Asparagine Synthetase (ASNS). Further provided are methods for preparing such cells and methods for using such cells for the production of recombinant proteins.

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