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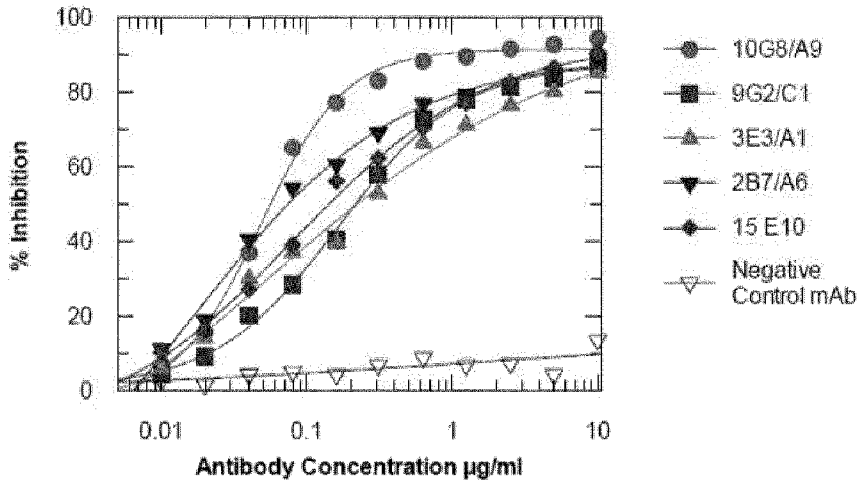
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(54) Title: ANTIGEN BINDING PROTEINS

Figure 1: Human gp130 ELISA



(57) Abstract: The present invention concerns antigen binding proteins and fragments thereof which specifically bind Oncostatin M (OSM), particularly human OSM (hOSM) and which inhibit the binding of OSM to the gp130 receptor but does not directly interact with site II residues. The invention also concerns a method of humanising antibodies. Further disclosed are pharmaceutical compositions, screening and medical treatment methods.

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