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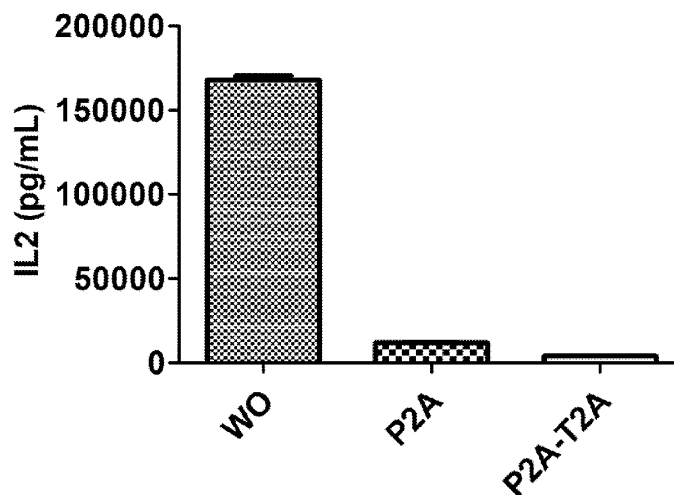


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** The present disclosure provides a nucleic acid utilizing intervening self-cleavable peptide linkers (*e.g.*, 2A peptides) to control the expression and/or secretion levels of polypeptides of interest such as immune regulatory agents (*e.g.*, cytokines such as IL-2, IL-15, IL-18 or IL-10), and further provides genetically engineered cells (*e.g.*, T cells) carrying such nucleic acids and therapeutic uses of the genetically engineered cells.

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