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(54) Title: METHODS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF RECOMBINANT PROTEINS WITH IMPROVED SECRETION EFFICIENCIES

(57) Abstract: The present invention is related to methods and for producing higher titers of recombinant protein in a modified yeast host cell, for example *Pichia pastoris*, wherein the modified yeast cell lacks vacuolar sorting activity or has decreased vacuolar sorting activity relative to an unmodified yeast host cell of the same species. In particular embodiments vacuolar sorting activity is reduced or eliminated by deletion or disruption of a gene encoding Vps10 or a Vps10 homolog. The invention is also related to the modified yeast cells which are modified in accordance with the methods disclosed herein.

