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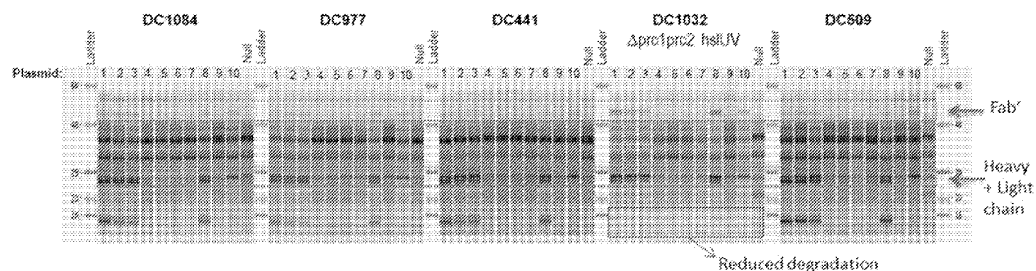


FIGURE 1

(57) **Abstract:** The present invention provides recombinant gram-negative host cells that do not degrade protease-sensitive recombinant proteins yet grow to high cell density, methods for the use of these host cells to produce high-quality recombinant proteins, including antibodies and antibody fragments, at high yield, as well as compositions and methods relating to periplasmic expression of recombinant proteins or polypeptides of interest in host cells.

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