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(54) Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING ROUGH STRAINS OF BACTERIA AND USES THEREOF

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method of producing rough strains of a bacterium, such as *Mycobacterium obuense*, said method comprising exposing said bacterium to a sulfone and/or sulfonamide (such as 4,4'-Diaminodiphenyl sulfone or an analogue thereof). A rough strain of *Mycobacterium obuense* producible by said method and uses thereof. In particular, uses of a rough strain of *Mycobacterium obuense* deposited under the Budapest Treaty at the NCTC with the accession number NCTC 13365.