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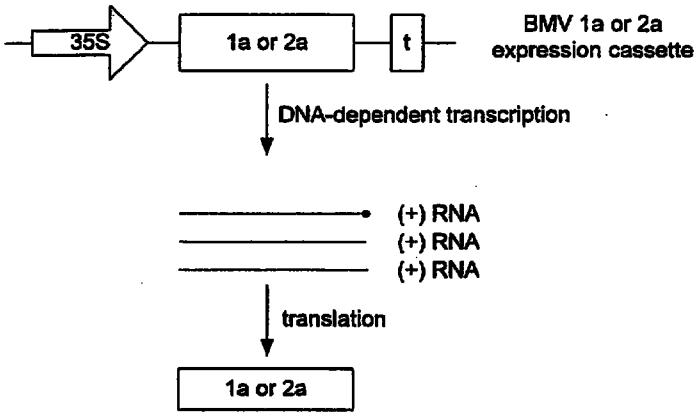
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Disclosed herein are novel methods and materials directed to transforming a host cell and expressing exogenous RNA therein. Specifically disclosed are DNA–launching platforms used to introduce a replicating viral segment attached to an exogenous polynucleotide into a cell, whereby the exogenous polynucleotide is expressed in said cell and confers a detectable trait.

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