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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides immortalized eucaryotic cells and methods useful for the production of immunologically active bivalent antibody fragments, such as F(ab')2 fragments. The methods and cells of the invention result in a desirable ratio of bivalent to monovalent antibody fragments.