

- [54] **E. COLI BACTERIA CARRYING RECOMBINANT PLASMIDS AND THEIR USE IN THE FERMENTATIVE PRODUCTION OF L-TRYPTOPHAN**
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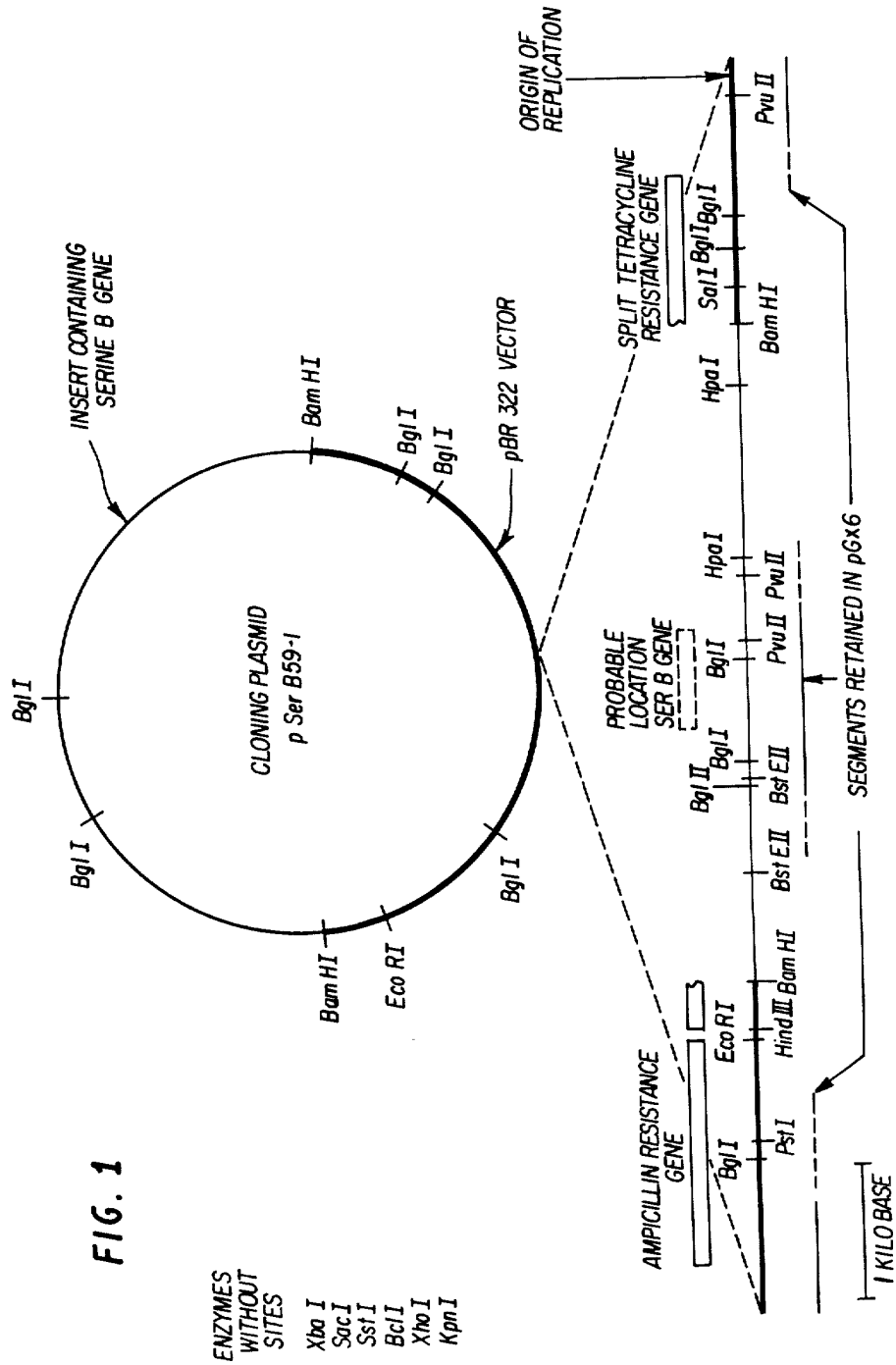
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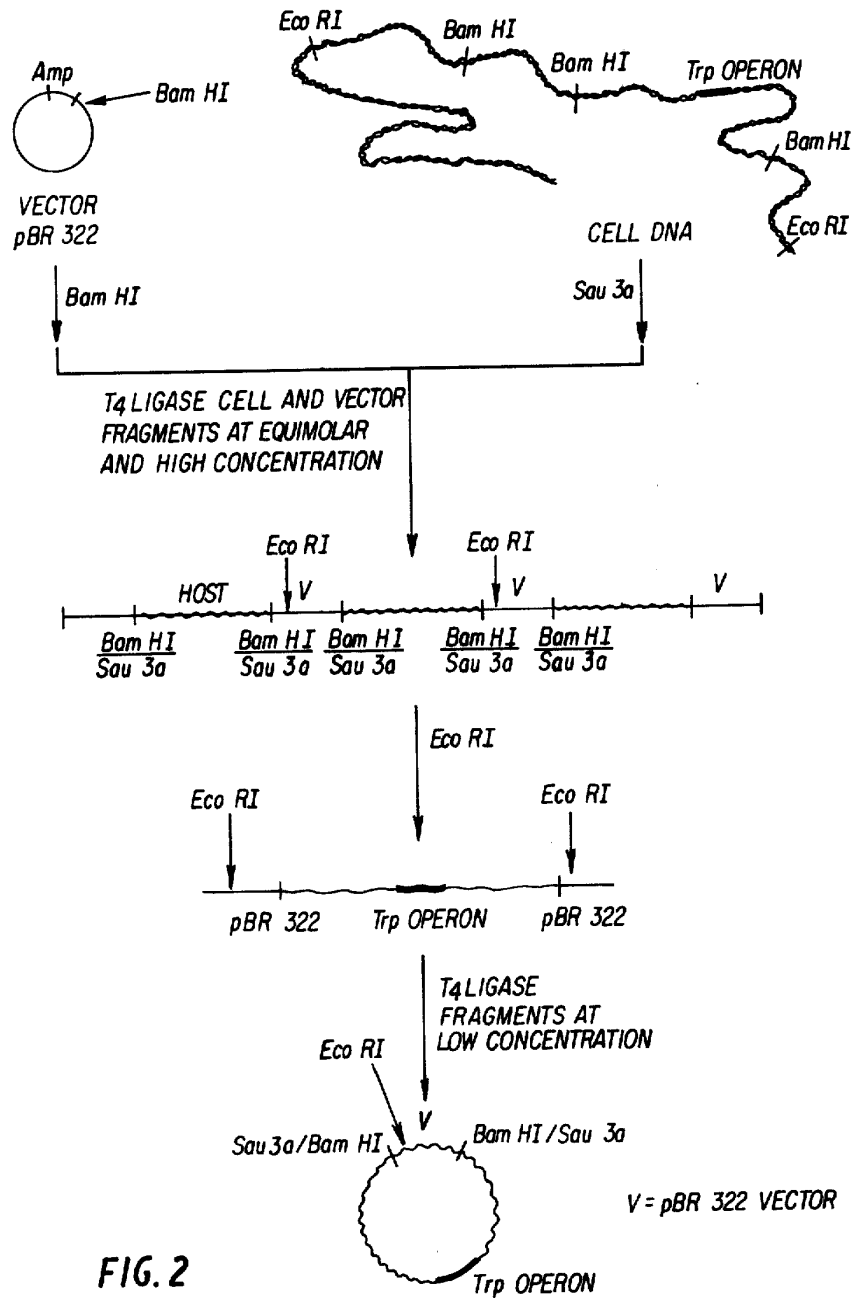
[57] **ABSTRACT**

A bacterium which comprises a host of the genus *Escherichia* deficient in the enzyme tryptophanase carrying a plasmid with genetic information to control L-tryptophan production is useful for the fermentative production of L-tryptophan in high yields.

34 Claims, 4 Drawing Figures



CLONING STRATEGY FOR MTR #2 *trp* GENES FROM CELL DNA



CONSTRUCTION OF PLASMIDS

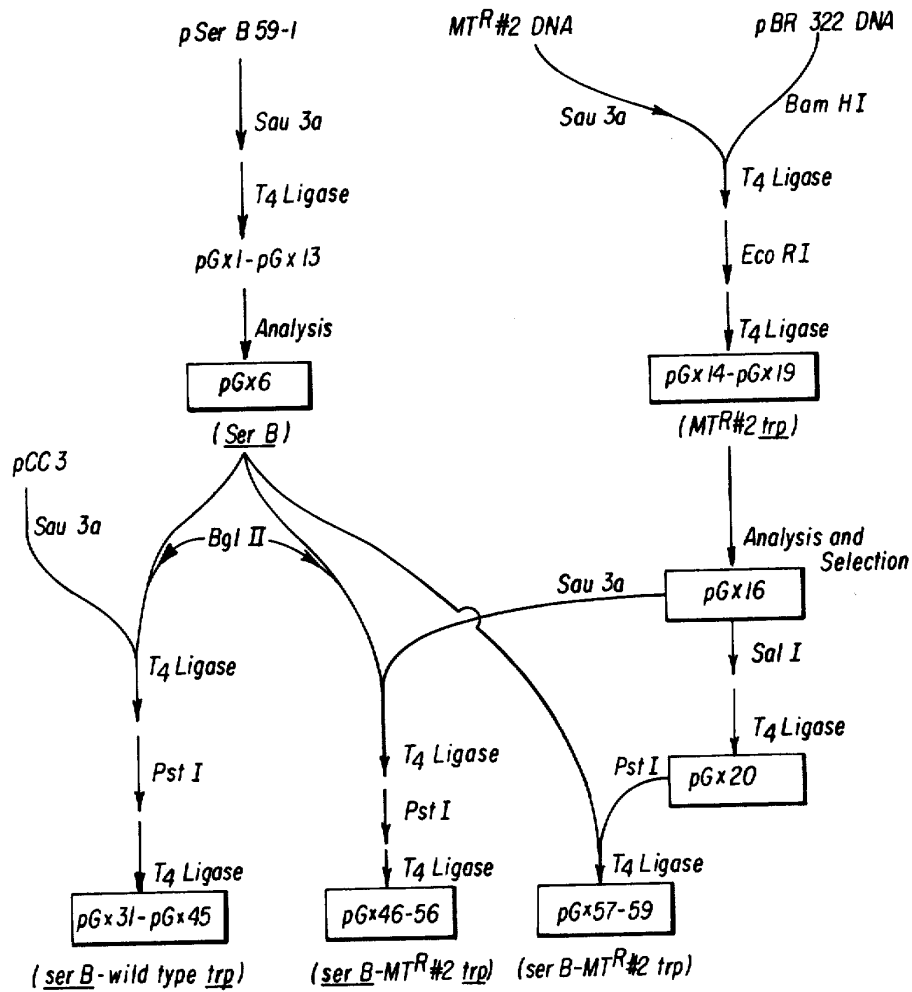


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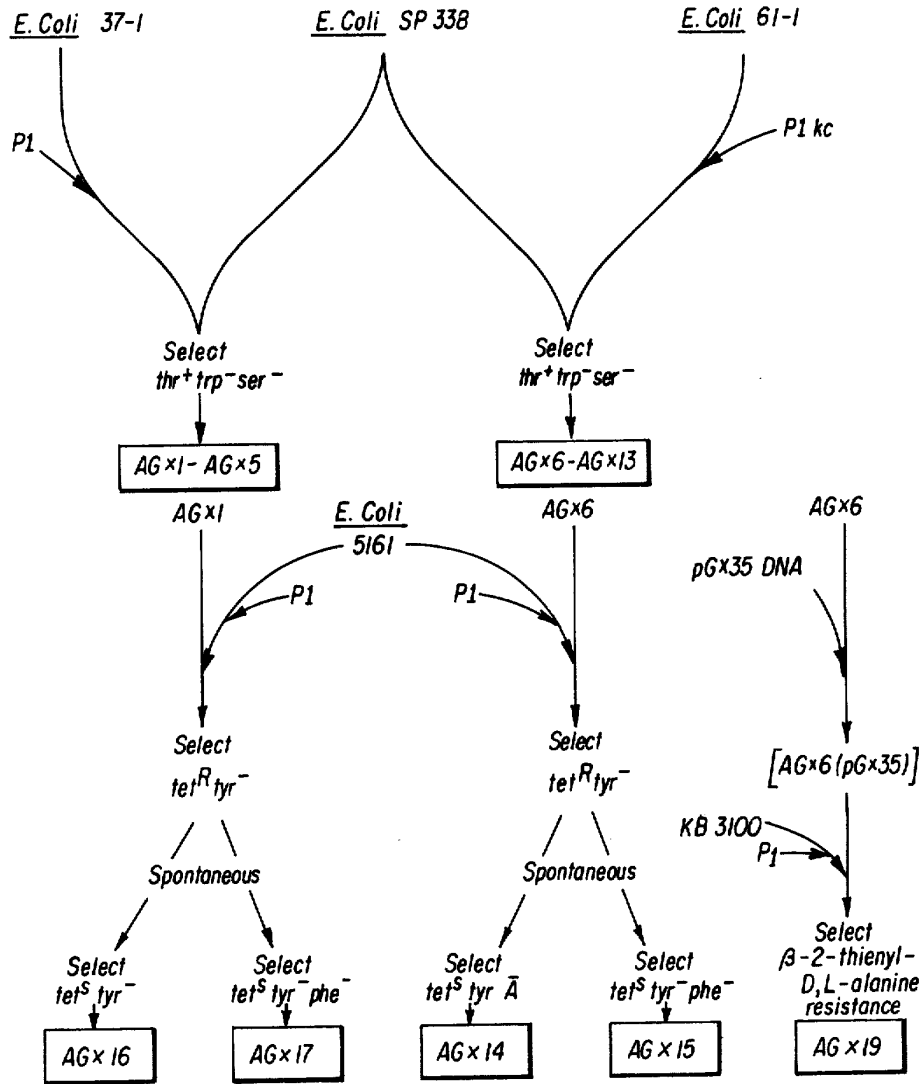


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