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(54) **Title:** FLAVIVIRUS VACCINE VECTOR AGAINST INFLUENZA VIRUS

(57) **Abstract:** This invention relates to chimeric flavivirus vectors that can be used, for example, in the prevention and treatment of influenza virus infection, compositions including such viral vectors, and methods employing the vectors

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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PubWest((PGPB, USPT, JPAB, EPAB); Google Scholar: flavivirus, chimeric, Japanese encephalitis virus (JE), E protein or envelope protein, structural model, FG loop, KL loop

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
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2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.
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