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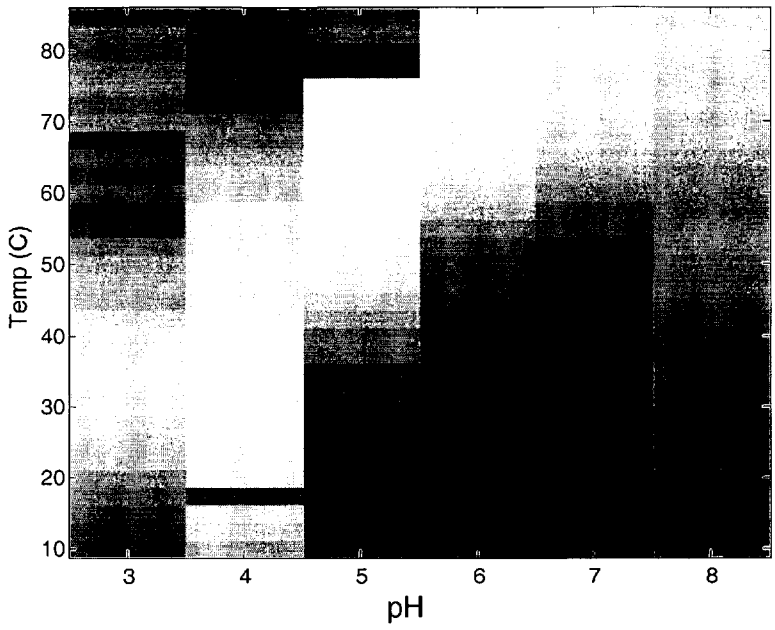

Figure 1

(57) Abstract: This invention provides formulations and methods for stabilizing viruses in liquid and dried formulations. In particular, formulations are provided including Zn^{2}+ cations that stabilize the viability of *Rotaviruses*. Methods of vaccination include neutralization of gastric contents and administration of the vaccine formulations of the invention.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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