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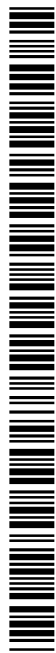


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(54) Title: RAPID METHOD FOR SCREENING COMPOUNDS FOR *IN VIVO* ACTIVITY

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a rapid method for screening potentially pharmaceutically useful compounds for activity *in vivo*. The method has the steps of growing a target cell into which a reporter gene was introduced in a biocompatible, semipermeable encapsulation device; implanting the semi-permeable encapsulation device into a subject; administering a potentially pharmaceutically active compound to said subject; removing said encapsulation device from said subject after *in vivo* exposure to the potentially pharmaceutically active compound and evaluating said target cell for reaction to said potentially pharmaceutically active compound by measuring the expression of said reporter gene.

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Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 1-17 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the method.

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Claims Nos.: 1-17 (partially)

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery/therapy (claims 1-17)

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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