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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to methods, a kit, and an apparatus for detecting and analyzing genetic material from a biological sample. The method can be used to analyze samples from a wide variety of sources, including tissues, blood, plasma, sera, mucus, urine, saliva, sweat, semen, and cultures, as well as analyzing samples of contaminated water, food, beverages, and other items.

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