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(57) Abstract: Methods, apparatus, and system, implementing and using techniques for detecting a presence of one or more target analytes in particular regions of interest of one or more samples. One or more samples including objects and one or more target analytes are provided. Some of the target analytes are labeled with a fluorophore and are bound to some of the objects in the samples. The samples are illuminated with fluorescence inducing light and fluorescent light is collected from one or more regions of the one or more samples. At least one anisotropy measurement of the samples is performed to identify regions of interest where one or more target analytes are bound to the objects. The collected fluorescent light from the regions of interest is analyzed to determine a presence of target analytes that are bound to the objects in the one or more samples.



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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 5,807,522 A (BROWN et al) 15 September 1998, see the entire document.	1
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