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Abstract Title: **Apparatus and method for collecting a downhole fluid**

(57) A method and apparatus for collecting a downhole fluid are disclosed. A method includes receiving a downhole fluid into a downhole sub from a first borehole wall portion adjacent a formation of interest and expelling at least a portion of the received downhole fluid from the downhole sub to a second borehole wall portion, wherein substantially all of the expelled downhole fluid enters the second borehole wall portion. An apparatus includes a downhole sub, a formation sampling member coupled to the downhole sub for collecting the downhole fluid from a first borehole wall portion adjacent a formation of interest, a sample expulsion member coupled to the downhole sub for expelling at least a portion of the collected downhole fluid from the downhole sub to a second borehole wall portion, wherein substantially all of the expelled downhole fluid enters the second borehole wall portion.

