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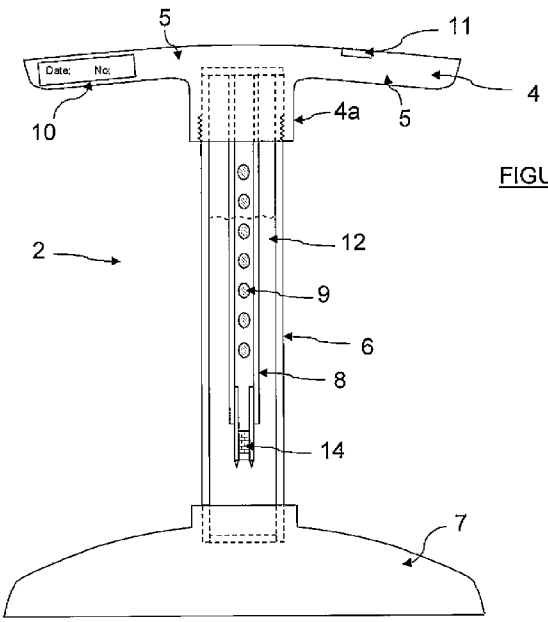


FIGURE:1

(57) Abstract: A portable sampling device (2) for obtaining a biological sample from a subject comprises sample collection means (8) for excising a biological sample (14) from a subject, and sample containment means (6) for containing excised sample (14) and sample preservative (12) for preserving excised sample. The sample collection means (8) includes sample cutting means (18) adapted, inuse, to cut into the subject and release the biological sample therefrom.

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