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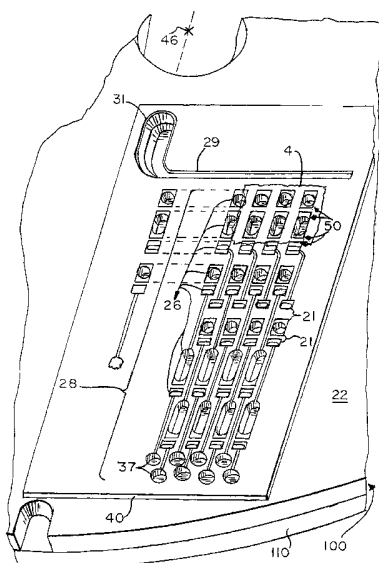
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(54) Title: MICROFLUIDIC DEVICE INCLUDING DISPLACEABLE MATERIAL TRAP, AND SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: A microfluidic device (100) is provided that can include at least one trap (50) for receiving displaceable adhesion material (42) displaced during a closing operation of a deformable valve (21). The trap can be formed as a recess (52) or chamber in a substrate (22) of the microfluidic device. A system including a deformer (32) for opening such a valve is also provided as are methods of opening such a valve.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC: **B01L 3/02( 2006.01);G01N 1/10( 2006.01)**

USPC: 422/99,100,58;436/180  
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
U.S. : 422/99,100, 58; 436/180

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
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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.
A	US 2004/0179972 A1 (KARP et al.) 16 September 2004	1, 11, 18, 22
A	US 6,814,935 B2 (HARMS et al.) 09 November 2004	1, 11, 18, 22
A	US 5,254,479 A (CHEMELLI) 19 October 1993	1, 11, 18, 22
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**BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING**

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-24, drawn to a microfluidic device incorporating a valve.

Group II, claim(s) 25-27, drawn to a microfluidic device incorporating a capture appendix.

The inventions listed as Groups I and ii do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The special technical feature of Group I, deformable valve structure, does not correspond to the special technical feature of the overflow channel and capture appendix of Group II.

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## Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 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:

1.  Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
2.  Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
  
3.  Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fees.
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- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.