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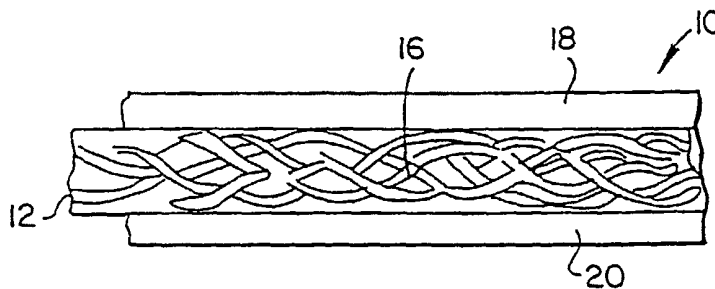
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(57) Abstract: The present application discloses a reinforced microporous membrane suitable for use in immunodiagnostic assays, the reinforced microporous membrane having lateral flow properties useful in immunodiagnostic assays applications, the reinforced nylon microporous membrane also including a scrim that provides specific lateral flow properties such that the combination produced thereby is useful in immunodiagnostic assays applications and to methods for using such reinforced microporous membrane in lateral flow immunodiagnostic assays applications and methods of preparing and using such membranes.

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