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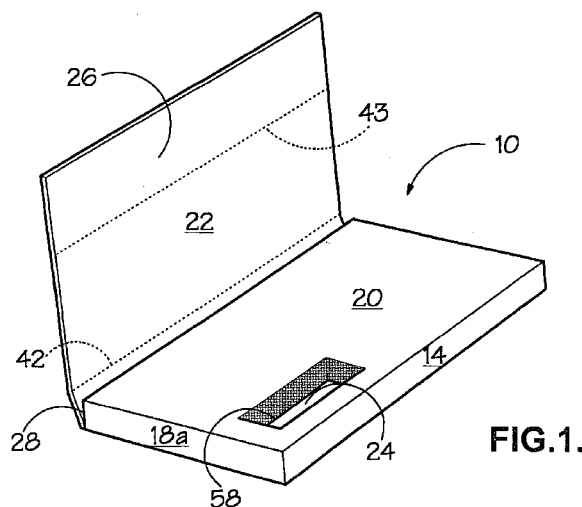


FIG.1.

(57) Abstract: A fluid impermeable container (10) for transporting a biological sample, the container (10) comprising folded sheet material having a fluid impermeable first layer and a rigid second layer, the folded sheet material defining a base (12), enclosing side walls (14, 16, 18a, 18b), an upper wall (20), and a container closing member (22), the upper wall (20) being configured to define an opening to a recess (24) for receiving a receptacle containing a biological sample to be transported, in which the recess (24) is sealingly enclosed by the container closing member (22) when the container (10) is in a closed configuration.



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