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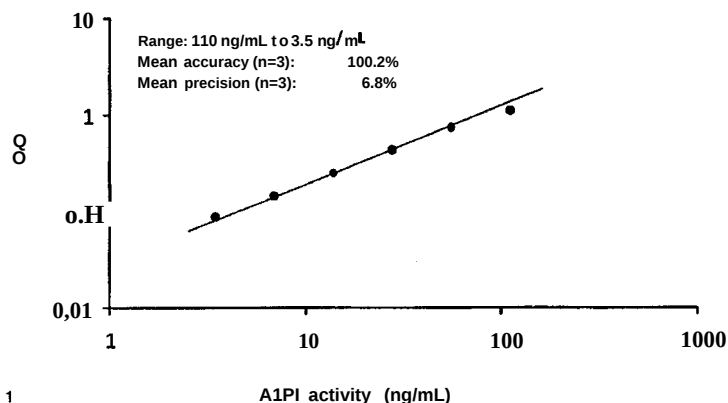


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for the measurement of active alpha α_1 -proteinase inhibitor (A1PI) in a sample, comprising the steps of binding elastase to a solid support, letting the A1PI contained in the sample bind to the solid phase-bound elastase, and detecting solid phase-bound A1PI with a detection reagent.