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Claims searched incompletely :			
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Reason for the limitation of the search:

Rule 62a EPC

The present patent application comprises 2 independent method claims, i.e. claims 1 and 11, which do not correspond to any of the exceptional cases listed in Rule 43(2) EPC.

In response to an invitation pursuant to Rule 62a(1) EPC issued on 25 August 2017 by the search division, the applicant indicated that the search should be carried out on the basis of independent method claim 1 and its dependent claims.

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