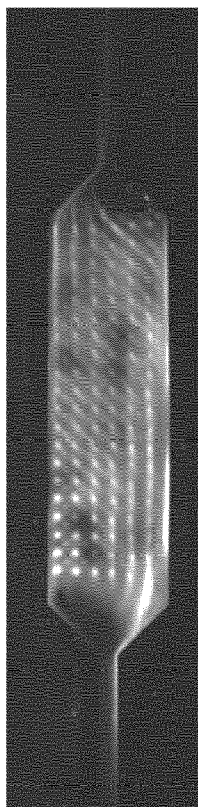




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Fig. 14

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a device and a method for the generation of molecular microarrays. The invention relates therefore to a universal approach for the generation of protein microarrays, DNA microarrays and RNA microarrays (in general nucleic acid microarrays), by production of an output molecule from a template molecule microarray via enzymatic or chemical processes and transfer of the output molecule onto the desired molecular microarray.



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1. claims: 1-17

Method for producing a molecular microarray and array produced by the method

2. claims: 18-32

Device for the production of a molecular microarray

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Claims Nos.: 33

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