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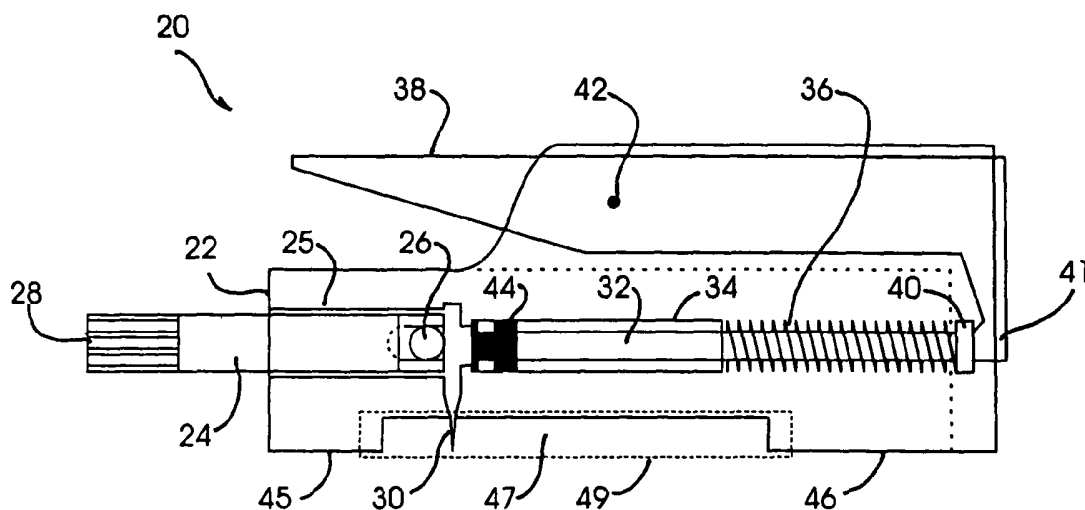
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and simultaneously load the sample portion of a blood chemistry test strip (24). In addition, the related methods of use minimize the
number of steps and reduce the overall time for extracting a blood sample from a user of the device (20).

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