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(54) **Method for multi-site skin testing**

(57) A method of enabling an analysis taking into account exposure of at least one external body portion to the environment comprises obtaining first information representative of at least one condition of a first external body portion of a subject and obtaining second information representative of at least one condition of a second external body portion of the subject. The method further comprises determining a difference between the first information and the second information so as to enable an analysis taking into account impact of at least one environmental factor. The second external body portion is normally less exposed to at least one environmental factor than the first external body portion.

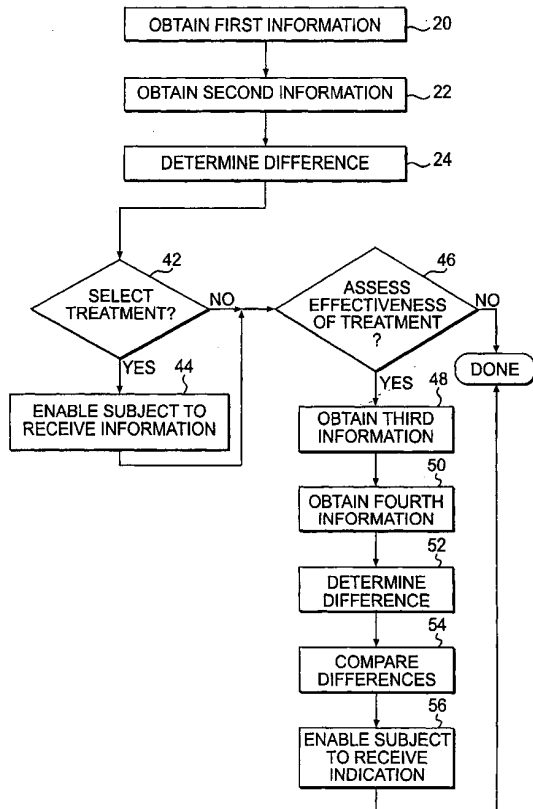


FIG. 8



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INCOMPLETE SEARCH			
<p>The Search Division considers that the present application, or one or more of its claims, does/do not comply with the EPC to such an extent that a meaningful search into the state of the art cannot be carried out, or can only be carried out partially, for these claims.</p> <p>Claims searched completely :</p> <p>Claims searched incompletely :</p> <p>Claims not searched :</p> <p>Reason for the limitation of the search: see sheet C</p>			
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Claim(s) searched incompletely:
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Reason for the limitation of the search (non-patentable invention(s)):

Claims 91 and 92 also enclose methods of treatment of the human body not allowed under articles 52(1) and 52(4) of the EPC. A search has been carried out for the subject matter of these claims not falling under the above mentioned non-allowable methods of treatment.

Further limitation of the search

Claim(s) searched completely:
1

Claim(s) not searched:
2-90

Reason for the limitation of the search:

The independent claim 1 is not novel (Article 54 EPC) over D1 (EP 0 799 599 A1), because D1 discloses:

A method of enabling an analysis taking into account exposure of at least one external body portion to the environment (column 1, lines 24-50), the method comprising:

- obtaining first information representative of at least one condition of a first external body portion of a subject (column 7, line 55 to column 8, line 25)
- obtaining second information representative of at least one condition of a second external body portion of the subject, wherein the second external body portion is normally less exposed to at least one environmental factor than the first external body portion (column 7, line 55 to column 8, line 25)
- determining a difference between the first information and the second information so as to enable an analysis taking into account impact of the at least one environmental factor (column 4, lines 10-15 and lines 34 to 41).

The application further contains 15 claims which directly depend on the independent claim 1.

These claims are formulated as different selections taken from a large set of technical method steps, thereby making it impossible to identify which steps are essential, and thus, where the claimed invention resides. The number and also the wording of these dependent claims presently on file, which directly depend on the independent claim, render it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the matter for which protection is sought. Therefore, the present application fails to comply with the clarity and conciseness requirements of Article 84 EPC (see also Rule 45 EPC) to such an extent that a meaningful search of the dependent



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claims is impossible. Consequently, no search report can be established for the dependent claims of the present application.

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摘要(译)

一种能够在考虑至少一个外部身体部分暴露于环境的情况下进行分析的方法包括：获得表示受试者的第一外部身体部分的至少一个状况的第一信息，并获得表示至少一个状况的第二信息。受试者的第二个外部身体部分。该方法还包括确定第一信息和第二信息之间的差异，以便能够考虑至少一个环境因素的影响进行分析。第二外部主体部分通常比第一外部主体部分更少地暴露于至少一个环境因素。

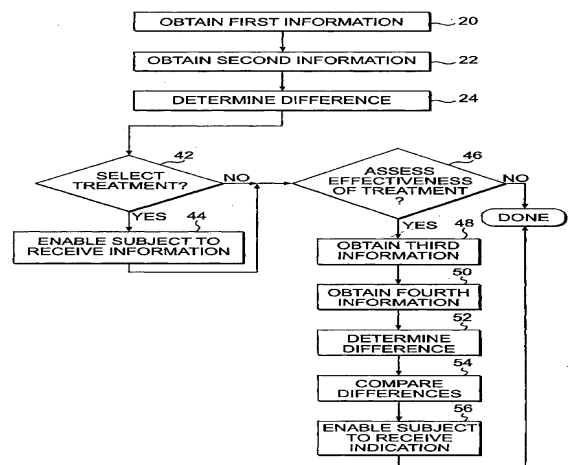


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