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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

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1. claims: 1,2,5,6,7,8,19,20,21,22,25,26,27,28,29,30,41

Subject 1 relates to a method for detecting a light signal indicative of a target analyte in a sample with a computer controlled CCD detector and to the correct application of the dynamic range of the CCD by controlling the total integration time, and to a corresponding apparatus for carrying out the method.

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2. claims: 3,4,23,24

Subject 2 also relates to a method for detecting a light signal indicative of a target analyte in a sample with a computer controlled CCD detector and to the correct application of the dynamic range of the CCD by using two subsequent sampling time intervals, and to a corresponding apparatus for carrying out the method.

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3. claims: 9-18,31-40

Subject 3 also relates to a method for detecting a light signal indicative of a target analyte in a sample with a computer controlled CCD detector and to the correct application of the dynamic range of the CCD, and to the kind of analytes to be targeted, and to a corresponding apparatus.

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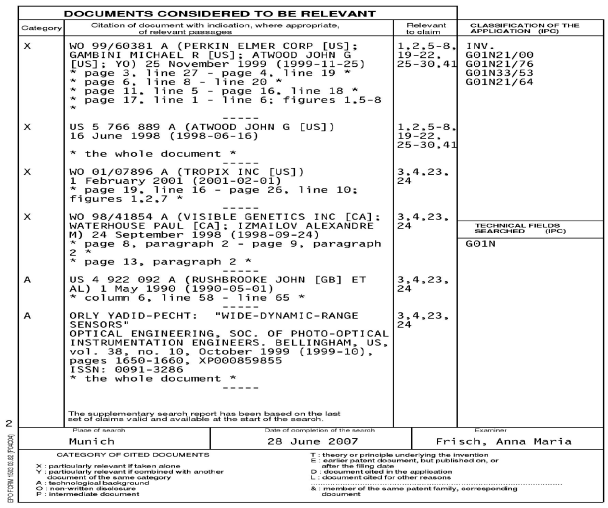
摘要(译)

本发明涉及增加测定的动态范围和准确度的方法，其中通过光信号的发射或猝灭，或通过改变（即，进化或变化）来测定目标分析物的存在，不存在，活性或浓度。两个或多个时间间隔内的光信号的损失。在优选实施例中，在不同时间捕获多个数字化图像，并分析图像以识别测定的动态范围内的捕获图像。本发明还涉及能够实现这些方法的装置。



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