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(54) Title: METHODS FOR REDUCING COMPLEXITY OF A SAMPLE USING SMALL EPITOPE ANTIBODIES

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates generally to methods for reducing the complexity of a sample. More specifically, the present invention relates to proteomics, the measurement of the protein levels in biological samples, and analysis of proteins in a sample using antibodies that recognize small epitopes.

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1. claims: 1, 2,13,14,18,25-28,30

   Method for reducing complexity of a sample comprising additon of a "small epitope antibody" to the sample and separating protein-antibody complexes

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2. claims: 3-12,15-17

   Method for reducing complexity of a sample comprising additon of a "small epitope antibody" to the sample and fragmenting the proteins

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3. claims: 19-24,29,44-51

   Method for reducing complexity of a sample comprising additon of a plurality of "small epitope antibodies" to the sample and separating protein-antibody complexes

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4. claims: 30-32,35,36

   Method for detecting a protein in a fractionated sample

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5. claims: 33, 34

   Method for quantifying a protein in a fractionated sample

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6. claims: 37,38

   Method for identifying a biomarker ina sample by comparing the proteins in two or more different enriched protein fractions

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7. claim: 39

   Method for determining a disease conditions comprising determining the level of a biomarker in a sample

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8. claims: 40,41

   Method for monitoring the efficacy of a therapy comprising compring a biomarker in a samples of the individual under therapy and of a control individual

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9. claims: 42,43

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Method for determining exposure to a toxin or pathogen comprising comparing a biomarker in a sample of the individual exposed to the toxin or pathogen and of a control individual

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