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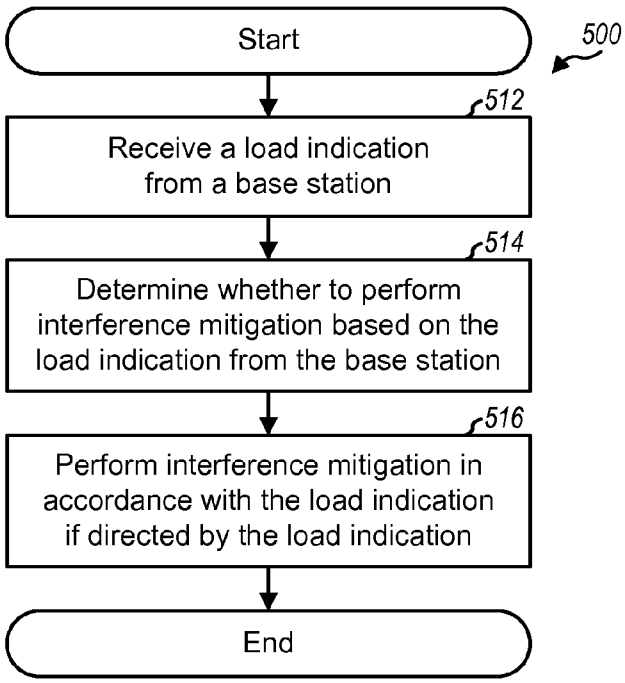


FIG. 5

(57) Abstract: Techniques for mitigating interference in a wireless communication system are described. In an aspect, a base station may periodically broadcast a load indication to convey information such as whether or not to use interference mitigation, which interference mitigation scheme to use, resources to apply interference mitigation, duration of interference mitigation, etc. Terminals may receive the load indication and perform interference mitigation as indicated by the load indication. In one design, a terminal may receive a load indication from a base station that the terminal desires to access. The terminal may determine whether to obtain reserved resources having reduced interference based on the load indication. In another design, a terminal may receive a load indication from a neighbor base station. The terminal may determine whether to reduce its transmit power or to request for resources prior to transmission based on the load indication.

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