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(57) Abstract

There is provided a method for the detection of a disease comprising the following steps: (i) obtaining a biological sample from a human subject; (ii) applying the biological sample to a sialidase substrate which has been immobilised on a solid support medium; and (iii) detecting a change in the immobilised sialidase substrate. The substrate is preferably 5–bromo–4–chloro–3–indoyl α–D–N–acetyl neuraminic acid or a salt thereof.