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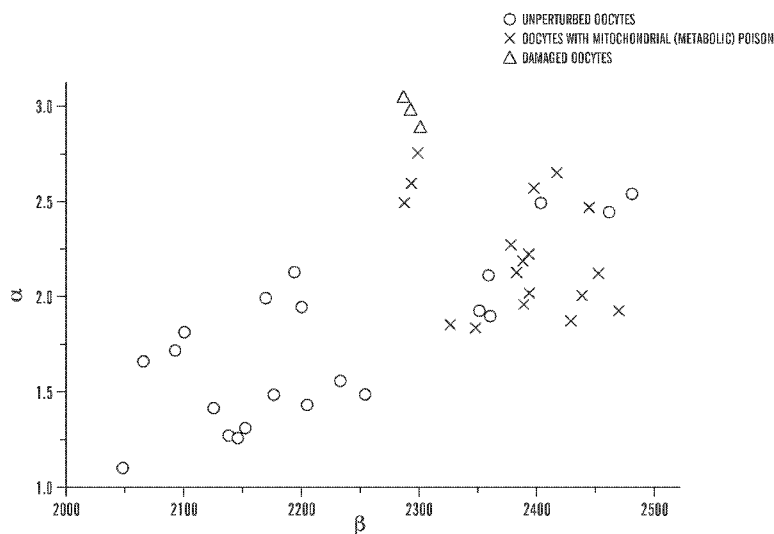


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: The invention provides novel non-invasive in vitro to methods for assessing the metabolic condition of oocytes and/or embryos with fluorescence lifetime imaging microscope, that can be used, for example, in assessment of oocytes and embryos in assisted reproductive technologies.



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