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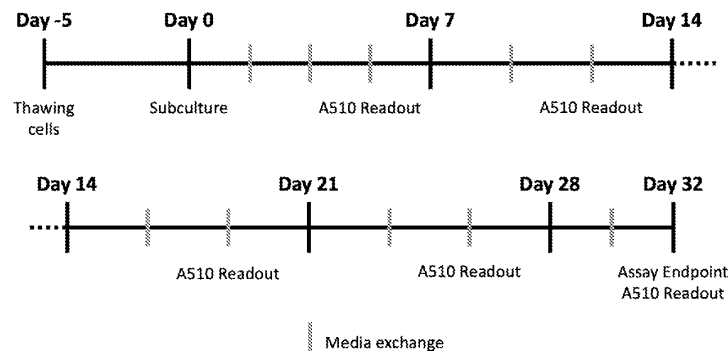


**Fig. 1:** Schematic representation of RPE compound screens regimen.

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to new compounds and to their use as therapeutically active substances in the treatment and/or prevention of diseases involving the retinal pigment epithelium, and in particular in the treatment and/or prevention of diseases leading to atrophy, degeneration or death of the retinal pigment epithelium that might also result in atrophy or loss of photoreceptors and/or retinal neovascularization.

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