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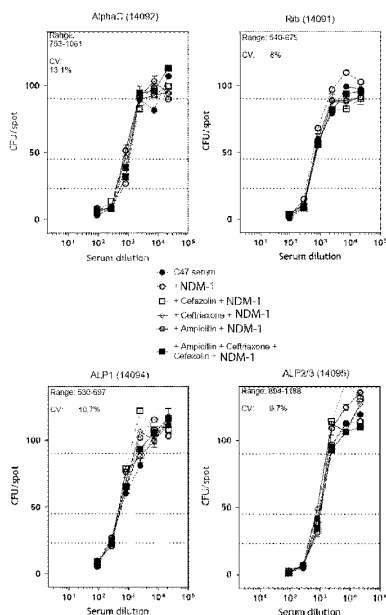


FIG. 3A

(57) Abstract: The technology proposed herein relates to a method for preparing a sample for analysis, said method comprising: a) providing a sample potentially containing an antimicrobial substance, such as an antibiotic; and b) treating said sample with an enzyme to inactivate said antimicrobial substance, wherein said analysis comprises determining microbial viability, and wherein said analysis comprises determining immunological activity against microbes. A method comprising a microbial viability assay of a sample, a New Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase 1 (NDM-1) construct for recombinant expression thereof, a method for recombinantly producing a New Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase 1 (NDM-1) protein, and a use of an antimicrobial inactivating enzyme for preparing a sample for an analysis are also disclosed.

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