Abstract

The invention concerns a test tape cassette comprising a cassette housing (50), an analytical test tape (20) that can be wound forwards by means of the tape spools (54, 58), a plurality of analytical test elements (24) stored on the test tape (20) which have a spreading fabric (30) for applying a body fluid and an underlying reagent layer (36) for detecting an analyte in the body fluid, wherein the cassette housing (50) has an application tip (18) that deflects the test tape (20) in order to provide the test elements (24). According to the invention it is proposed that the application tip (18) has a guide path (68) which extends longitudinally to the test tape in an arch shape and is uncurved at right angles thereto for supporting the test tape (20) in a kink-free manner, and that the apex area of the guide path (68) has a central opening which delimits a measuring window (70) for an optical measurement on the test elements (24).

(fig. 3)