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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EVALUATING DATA SETS OVER A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention is directed to a system and method for providing researchers with a computer-assisted tool to evaluate, over a communications network, large electronic data sets stored on a remote server. The system allows the centralization of multiple data manipulation and analysis software modules co-located with the large data sets to reduce the amount of data from the data sets and software that has to be downloaded to a particular user's client computer. The system is designed to accommodate multiple researchers located at different geographic locations each of whom may have, with regard to the data, different scientific research objectives.

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