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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An assay utilizing receptor or antibody sensitized liposome particles which have ATP encapsulated therein. The ATP is released by lysing the liposomes, and detected by means of luciferin-luciferase reagent and a luminometer. The assay provides a very sensitive process for detecting the presence of analytes such as antigens and DNA probes.

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