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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method of stabilizing the glucose content of a blood sample applied to a sorbent for drying is provided. A solution of sodium fluoride or other glycolysis inhibitor is applied to a sorbent. A blood sample for glucose determination is then applied to the sorbent whereupon glycolysis is immediately inhibited. The blood sample may then be dried for shipping without loss of glucose content during the drying period.

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