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[54] **METHOD OF MONITORING THE
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ARTICULAR CARTILAGE IN A JOINT**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Method of determining changes occurring in articular
cartilage. The method involves (a) quantifying proteog-
lycan monomer and/or antigenic fragments thereof in a
synovial fluid sample and (b) correlating the values thus
obtained with progressive destructions in the articular
cartilage appertaining to that sample fluid.

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