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(57) Claim

1. A method for detecting in a sample from a human subject the presence of a target analyte comprising an antibody based analyte and/or antigenic substance using a test strip comprising a solid support and a reagent directed against the target analyte bound to the solid support wherein when said target analyte is an antigenic substance said reagent is an antibody-based reagent and wherein when said target analyte is an antibody said reagent is an antigenic substance which binds said antibody, which method comprises;

(a) pretreating the sample to be tested with a pretreatment material comprising non-immune sera or derivatives thereof from a plurality of non-human animals so as to prevent simultaneous non-specific binding of non-target substances present in the sample to material bound to the test strip; and

(b) contacting the resulting pretreated sample with the test strip under conditions such that the reagent bound to the test strip and directed against the target analyte forms a complex with the analyte in the pretreated sample.