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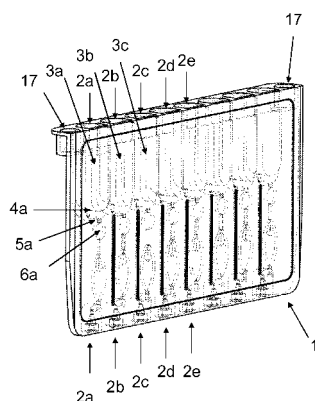
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(54) **Analytical device**

(57) A device having a multiplicity of fluidic units, each comprising at least one chamber and a channel.

FIG 1a



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Reason for the limitation of the search:

In reply to the invitation to file a statement indicating the subject-matter to be searched, the applicant failed to provide the requested information in due time. Thus, the search report has been drawn up on the basis of the subject-matter searched (Rule 63(2) EPC). The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that the application will be further prosecuted on the basis of subject-matter for which a search has been carried out and that the claims should be limited to that subject-matter at a later stage of the proceedings (Rule 63(3) EPC). The present application contains 14 claims, of which 2 are independent device claims (claims 1 and 8). There is no clear distinction between independent claims 1 and 8 because of overlapping scope. The claims are drafted in such a way that the claims as a whole do not comply with the provisions of clarity and conciseness in Article 84 EPC, as it is particularly burdensome for a skilled person to establish the subject-matter for which protection is sought. Non-compliance with the substantive provisions is such that a meaningful search of the whole claimed subject-matter could not be carried out (Rule 63 EPC and Guidelines B-VIII, 3). The extent of the search was consequently limited. The search was based on the subject-matter that, as far as can be understood, could reasonably be expected to be claimed later in the procedure, and the corresponding claims, namely that of claims 1-7.

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