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#### (57) **ABSTRACT**

A diagnostic device has a sample probe for receiving sample material from one or more containers, a sample line for delivering the sample material to one or more reaction containers, a reagent supply and reagent supply line for supplying reagent to the one or more reaction containers, an incubation ring for receiving the reaction containers and incubating a mixture of the sample material and the reagent for a period of time, and a heating system for heating one or more areas or components of the device. The heating system has one or more positive temperature coefficient heaters.

