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(57)ABSTRACT

A method and a device for determining a nucleotide sequence are proposed. The method comprises immobilizing circularized fragments of a nucleic acid and a polymerase on a sensor surface and adding a mixture of unlabeled nucleotides onto the sensor surface. Moreover, in the mixture added, the nucleotides of each type are present in their own concentration, which differs from the concentrations of the other three types of nucleotides. The time intervals between each of the charge separation events are determined and the registration steps for each nucleotide are repeated, regardless of the type of nucleotides. The nucleotide sequence of a nucleic acid molecule is determined by the analysis of the time intervals between each of the charge separation events registered, which result from the insertion, facilitated by the polymerase, of said unlabeled nucleotides into the growing nucleic acid chain. The device comprises a matrix having a plurality of sensor cells, and a digital-analog circuit, a microfluidic apparatus for feeding working solutions to the sensors, and data processing and display means.

Specification includes a Sequence Listing.

