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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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Y	JP 1-135533 A (Kaneka Corp.), 29 May 1989 (29.05.1989), claims 1, 2, 11; page 2, upper right column, lines 8 to 10; page 2, lower left column, line 5 to page 3, upper left column, line 15; page 4, upper left column, line 5 to lower left column, line 14; page 5, lower left column, line 15 to page 6, upper left column, the last line & US 5216127 A & EP 0321703 A1	1-12

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With regard to the term "an amyloid- $\beta$  protein remover" recited in claim 1, it is unclear as to whether or not the term merely means a removing material having a specific property or function or a device of which the use application is limited to the removal of an amyloid- $\beta$  protein.

Such being the case, in light of the contents of the description, the search was carried out based on the understanding that the term means "a device for removing an amyloid- $\beta$  protein, which is intended to be used for the purpose of removing an amyloid- $\beta$  protein from a body fluid".