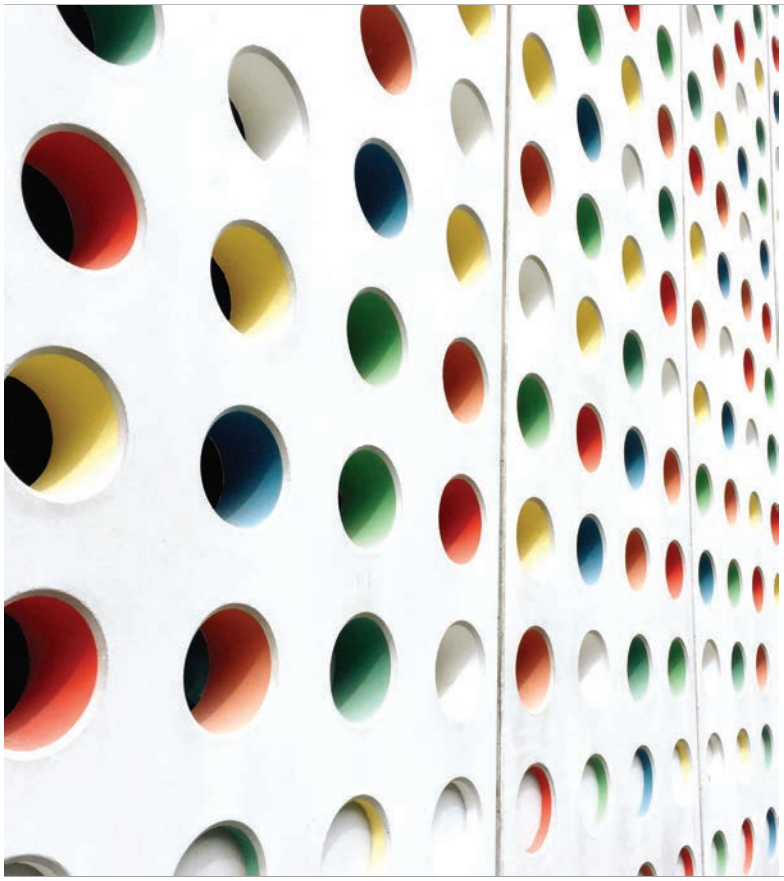


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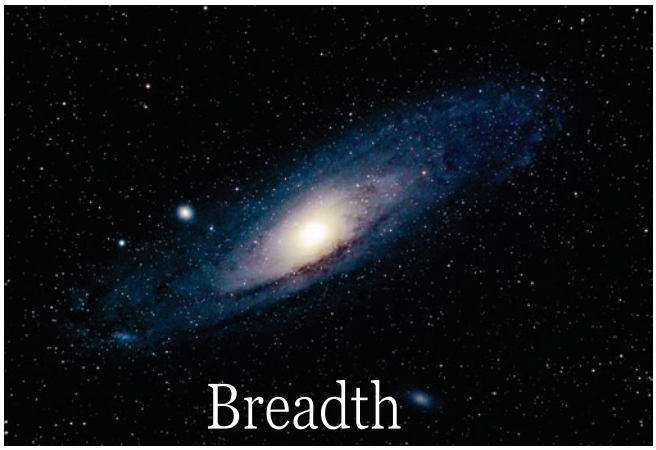
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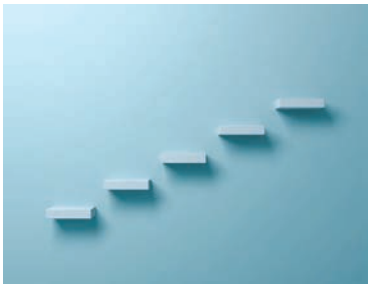
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Means-Plus-Function Claims §112(f)

Means For (Step For)

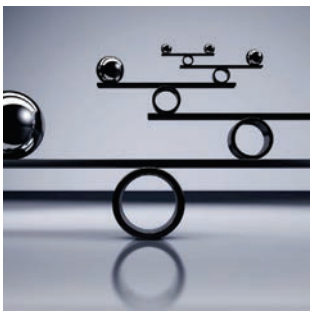




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Function

What it DOES
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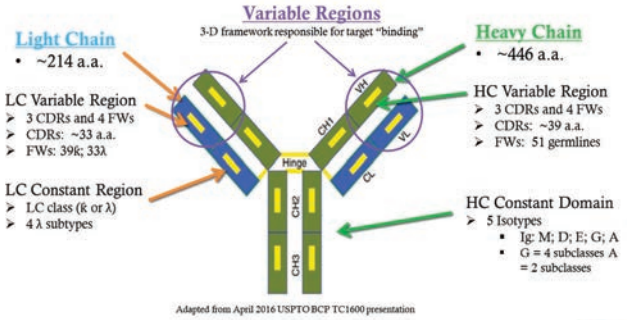
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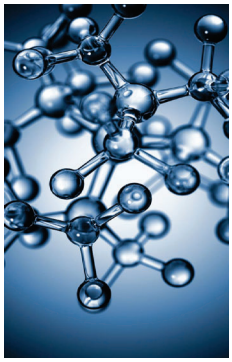
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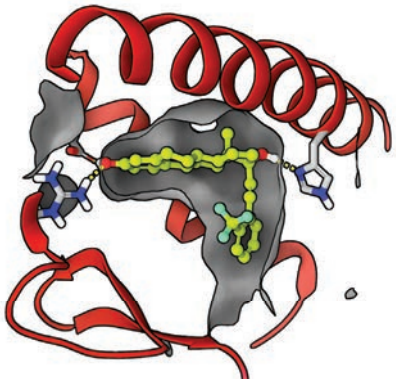
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