



NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER

Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)/Community Engagement Conference

November 18-19, 2014

Prevention of Violent Extremism: Foreign Fighters at Home and Abroad

Welcome to the 2014 CVE/Community Engagement Conference hosted by the National Counterterrorism Center. **Day 1** will address *Foreign Fighter Recruitment and Flow: Domestic and International Impacts and Strategies*, and **Day 2** will address *USG, Foreign Partner, and Community CVE Strategies*. Throughout the conference participants will be asked to focus on innovative and creative solutions to the problems of foreign fighters as they relate to everything from community engagement and grass roots efforts to social media and other technological solutions.

This two-day conference will be held at the **UNCLASSIFIED** level. It will feature remarks from keynote speakers and a series of panel discussions with some of the nation's leading practitioners, commentators, and scholars from the CVE community.

This conference provides an opportunity for CVE/community engagement practitioners to (1) network; (2) share information and best practices; and (3) identify areas for collaboration on the CVE mission set. Participants represent the broadest range of our community of interest, including civil rights professionals; military personnel; researchers and academics; policy makers, and community outreach and engagement specialists.

The conference will take place at the MITRE 1 Conference Center Auditorium at 7525 Colshire Drive McLean, Virginia 22102. Once you arrive at the MITRE facility, follow the signs to MITRE 1. You may park on either the East or West side of the building. Please enter the building through South Lobby Entrance at the back of the building and check in at the Conference Center reception desk.

The full conference agenda is on the following pages.

DAY 1 – Foreign Terrorist Fighter Recruitment & Flow: Domestic & International Impacts & Strategies		
7:30 – 8:30	Check In (MITRE 1 South Lobby, back of building)	
8:30 – 8:35	Security Brief	
8:35 – 8:45	Welcome – LTG Bennet Sacolick , Director, Directorate of Strategic Operational Planning, NCTC	
8:45 – 9:15	Opening Remarks – Rand Beers , Deputy Assistant to the President for Homeland Security	
9:15 – 10:30	<p><u>Panel #1: Foreign Terrorist Fighter Flow: 5Ws</u> <i>This panel will discuss the sources, recruitment, motivations, destinations, financing, and facilitation of foreign fighters to frame future discussions. Panelists will focus on the effects of social media and technology.</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Brette Steele, Senior Counsel, Office of the Deputy Attorney General Matthew Levitt, Director, Stein Program on Counterterrorism and Intelligence Fromer-Wexler Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy Frank Cilluffo, Associate Vice President & Director, Homeland Security Policy Institute, The George Washington University William Braniff, Executive Director, START, University of Maryland</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Keynote Speaker – Congressman Michael T. McCaul , Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security	
11:00 – 11:15	Break	
11:15 – 12:00	Foreign Fighters Community Awareness Briefing	Seamus Hughes from NCTC and Irfan Saeed from DHS will provide clarity to the problem and one approach to community awareness and resilience
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch Break (@ MITRE Cafeteria)	
1:30 – 2:00	U.S. International Media Strategy to Counter Extremist Influences in Syria/Iraq	Robert Bole from the the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) and Brian Conniff , President of the Middle East Broadcasting Network will present their strategy to increase targeted programming to key audiences in Iraq & Syria
2:00 – 3:15	<p><u>Panel #2: Employing CVE to the Foreign Fighter Problem Internationally – Prevention and Counter-Recruitment</u> <i>Representatives from U.S. efforts to combat foreign fighters will discuss current efforts to counter this phenomenon, CVE best practices, and lessons learned.</i></p>	<p>Moderator: AMB Robert Bradtke, Senior Advisor for Partner Engagement on Syria Foreign Fighters, U.S. Department of State Eric Geelan Deputy Director, International Security Operations, Pol/Mil Bureau, U.S. Department of State Daniel Kimmage, Group Director for Digital Presence, Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications, U.S. Department of State Damon Stevens, Chief, Middle East Group, NCTC CPT Robert McQueen, 92nd Civil Affairs Battalion</p>
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3:30 – 4:45	<p><u>Panel #3: Foreign Terrorist Fighters and the Homeland and Domestic CVE Resilience Strategies</u> <i>This panel will examine the effect on the homeland of the recruitment and departure of foreign fighters, the potential dangers inherent in their eventual return to the US, and strategies to address these including Community Resilience Exercises, and Awareness Briefings.</i></p>	<p>Moderator: David Gersten, Coordinator for Countering Violent Extremism, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Andrew M. Luger, The United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota Haroon Azar, Regional Director for Strategic Engagement-Los Angeles, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Darryl W. McSwain, Assistant Chief of Police, Montgomery County Police Department Chris Castillio, CT Program Coordinator for FBI Los Angeles</p>
4:45 – 5:15	Keynote Speaker – HON Jeh Johnson , Secretary U.S. Department of Homeland Security	
5:30 – 7:30	No Host Social/Happy Hour – Härth at the Hilton at 7920 Jones Branch Drive in McLean, Virginia	

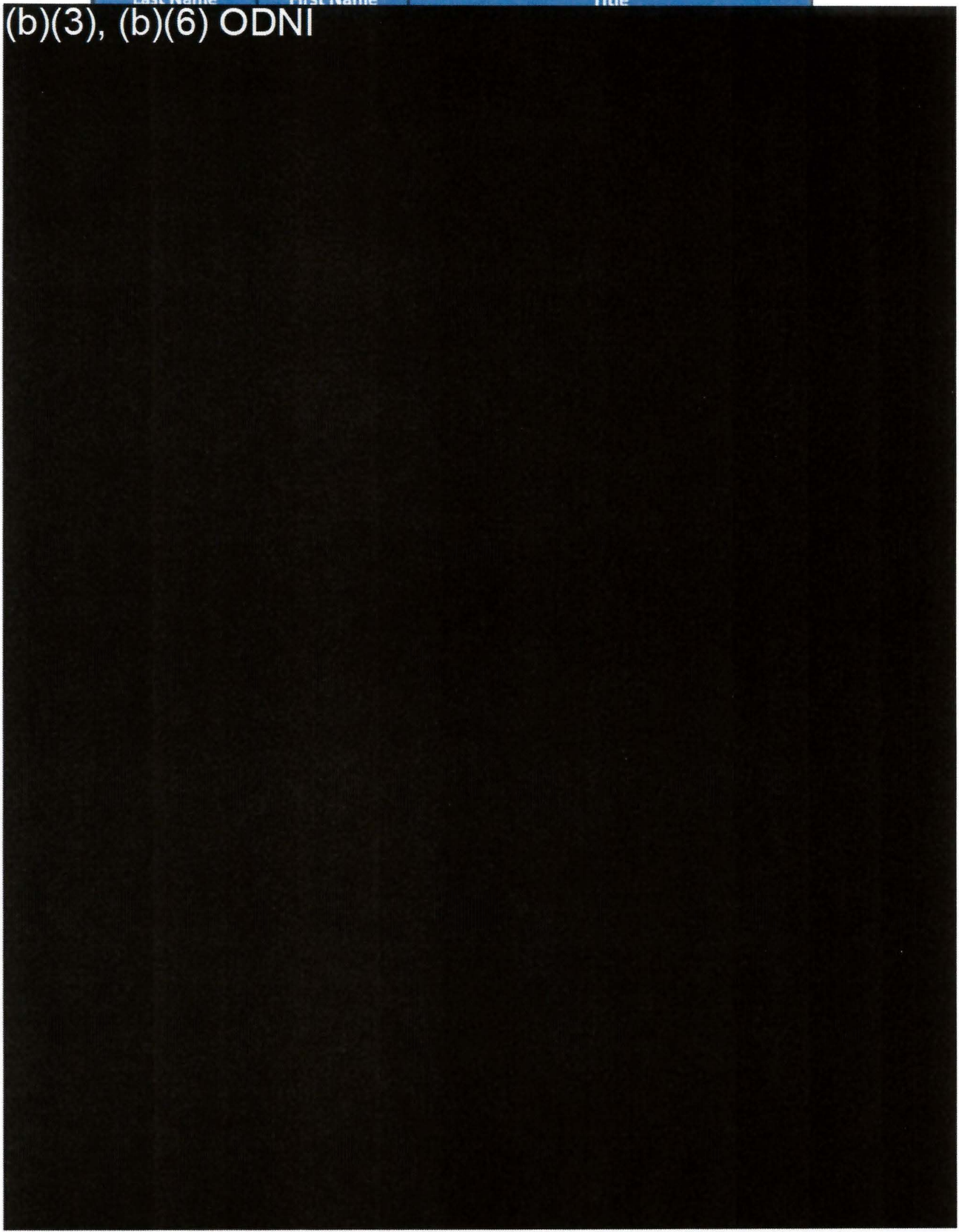
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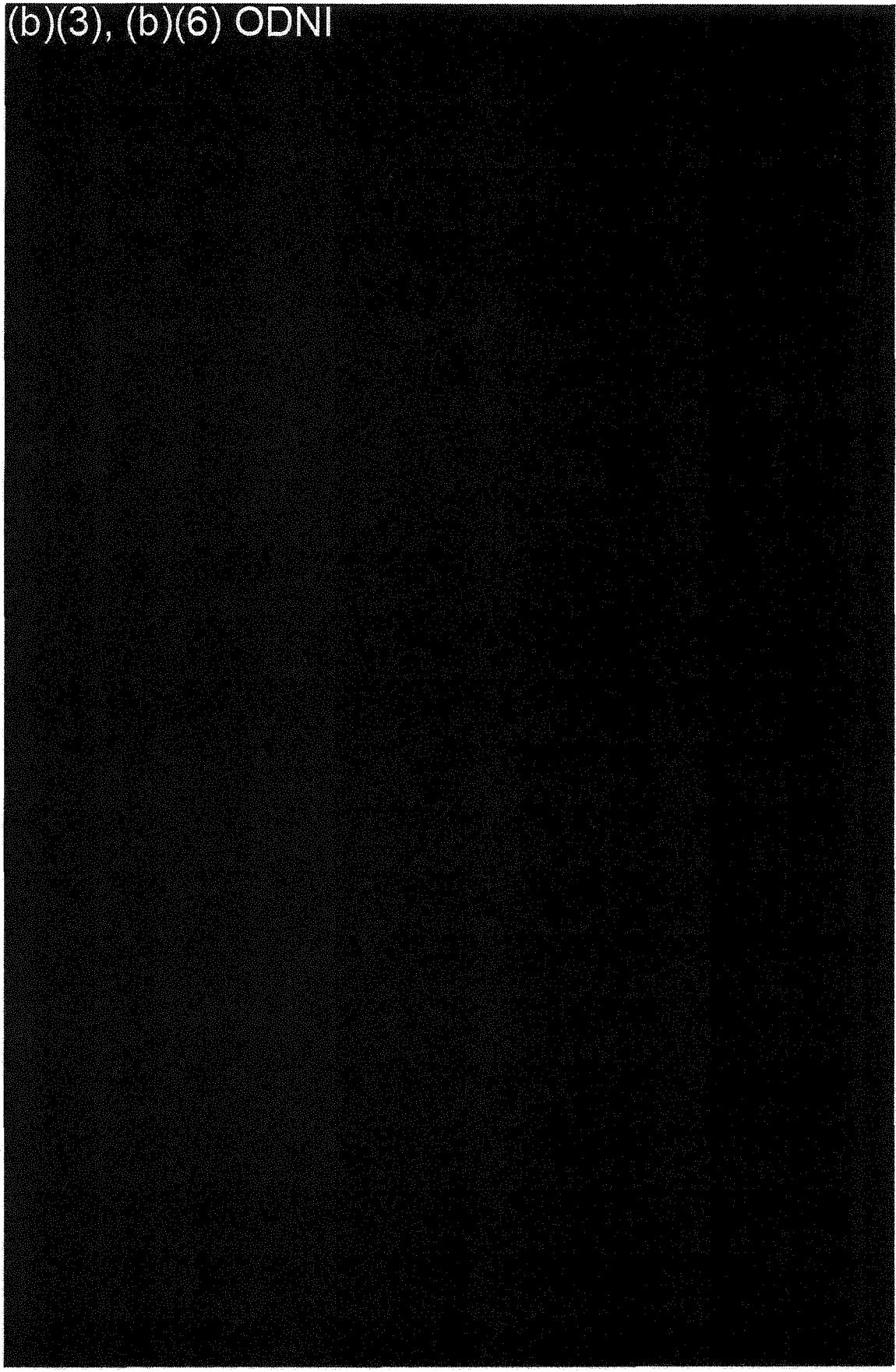
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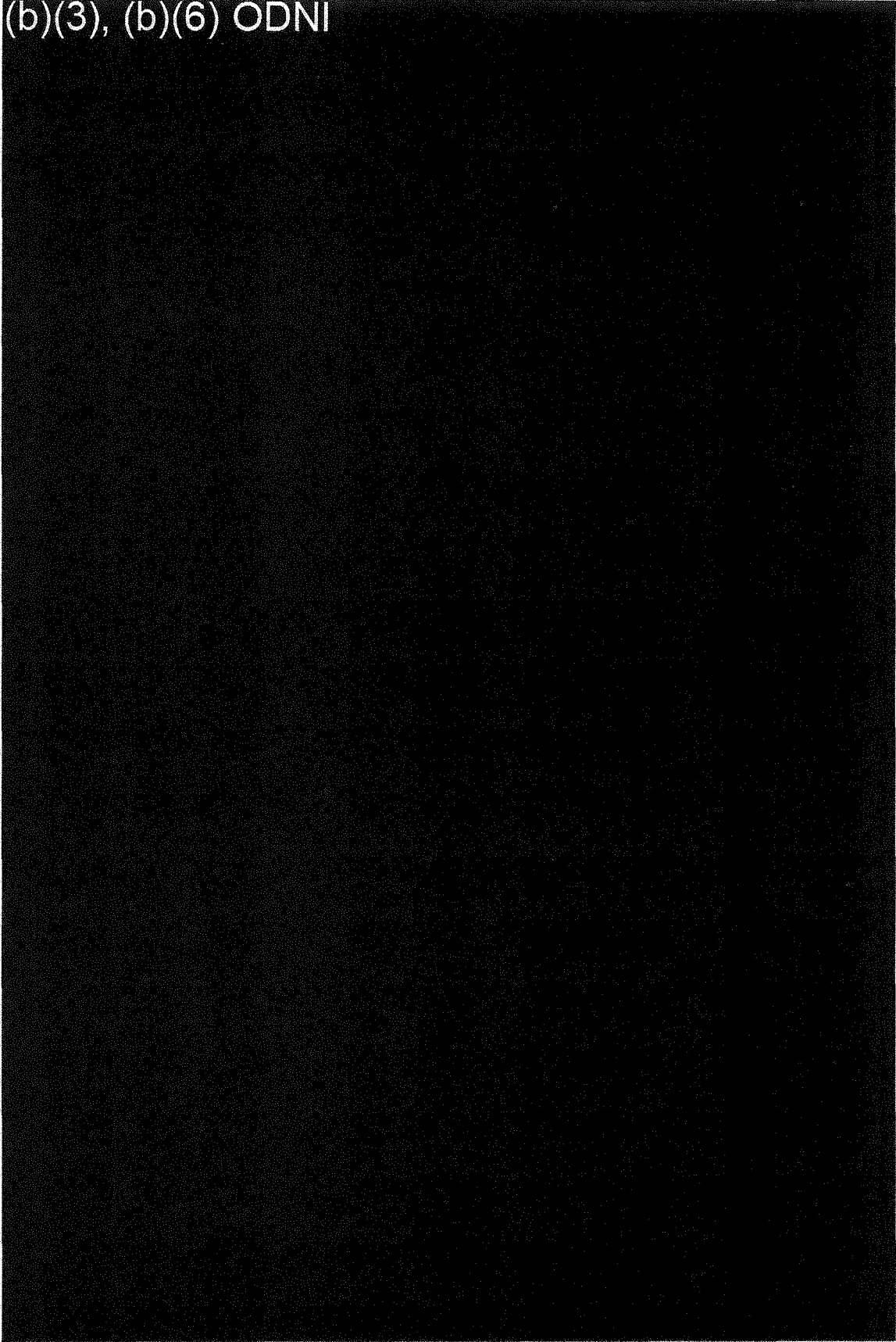
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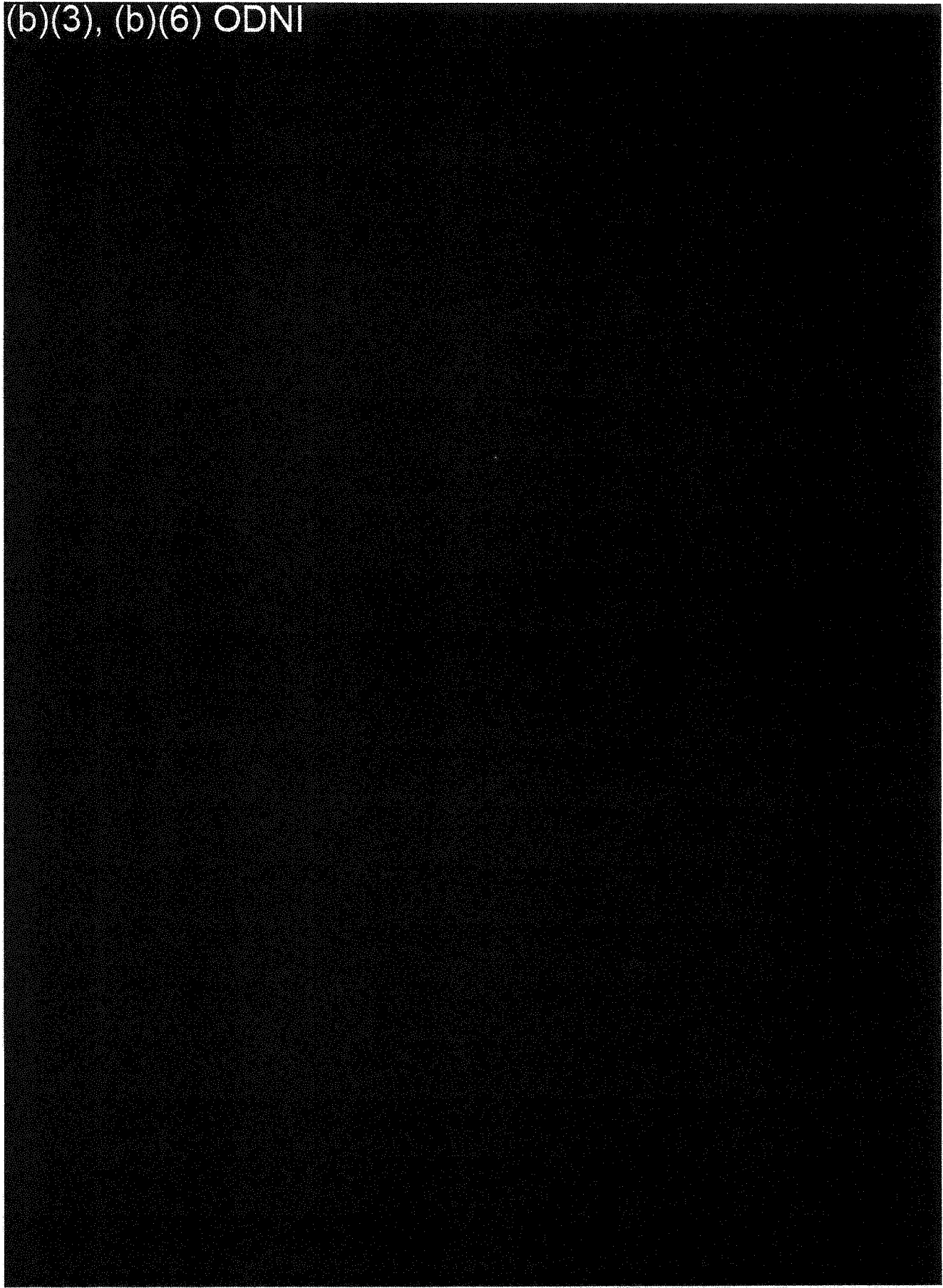
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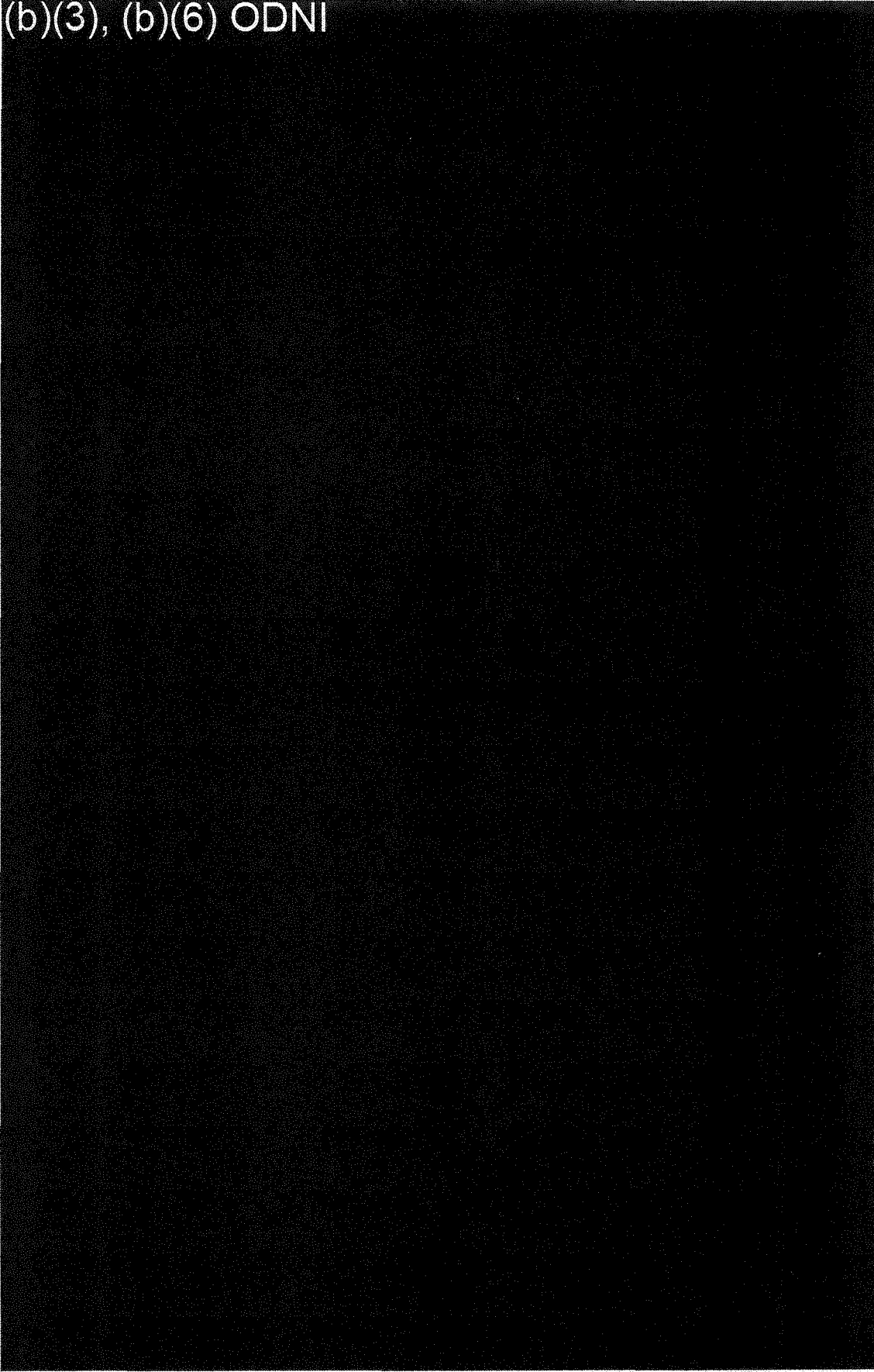
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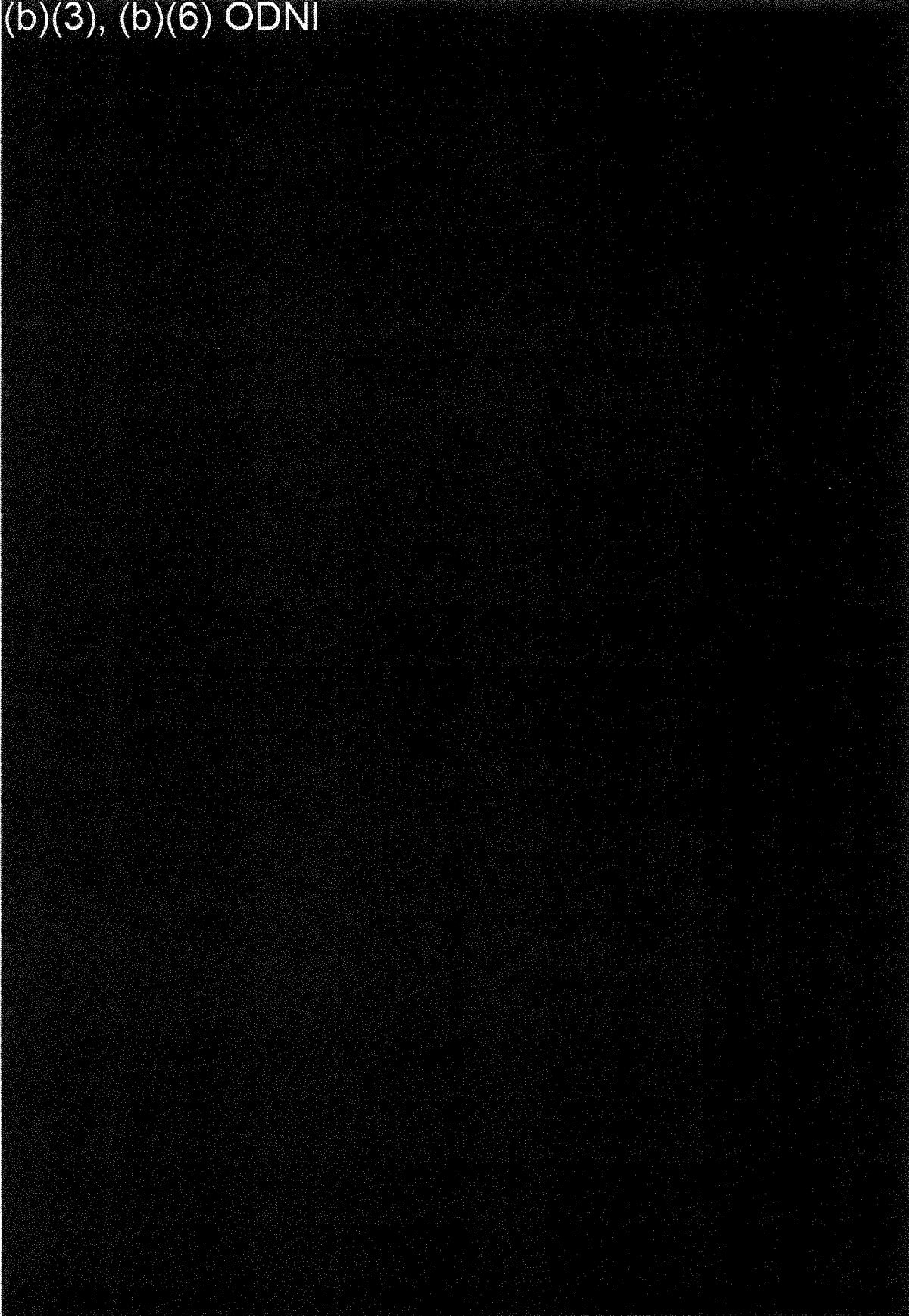
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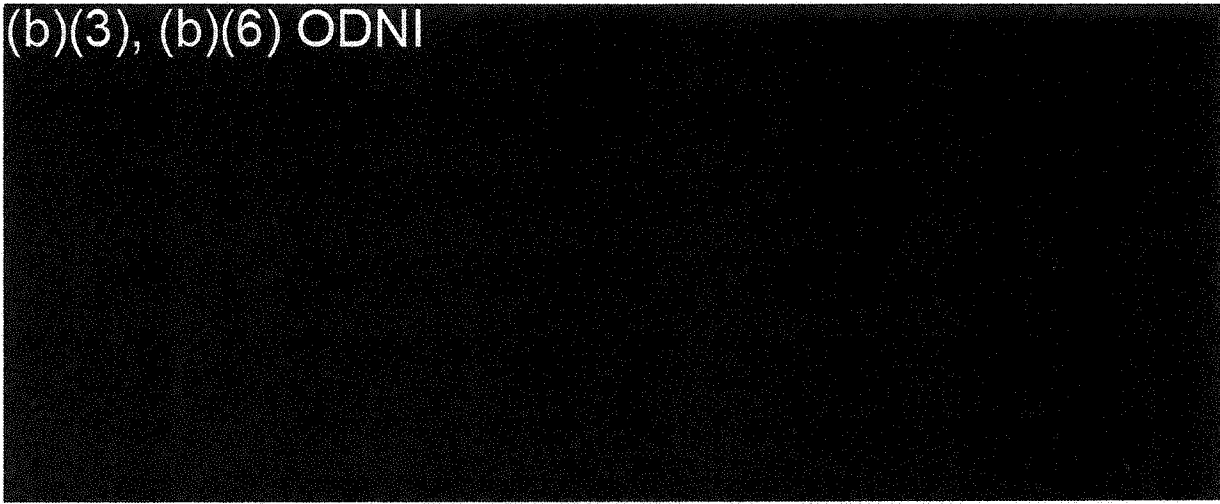
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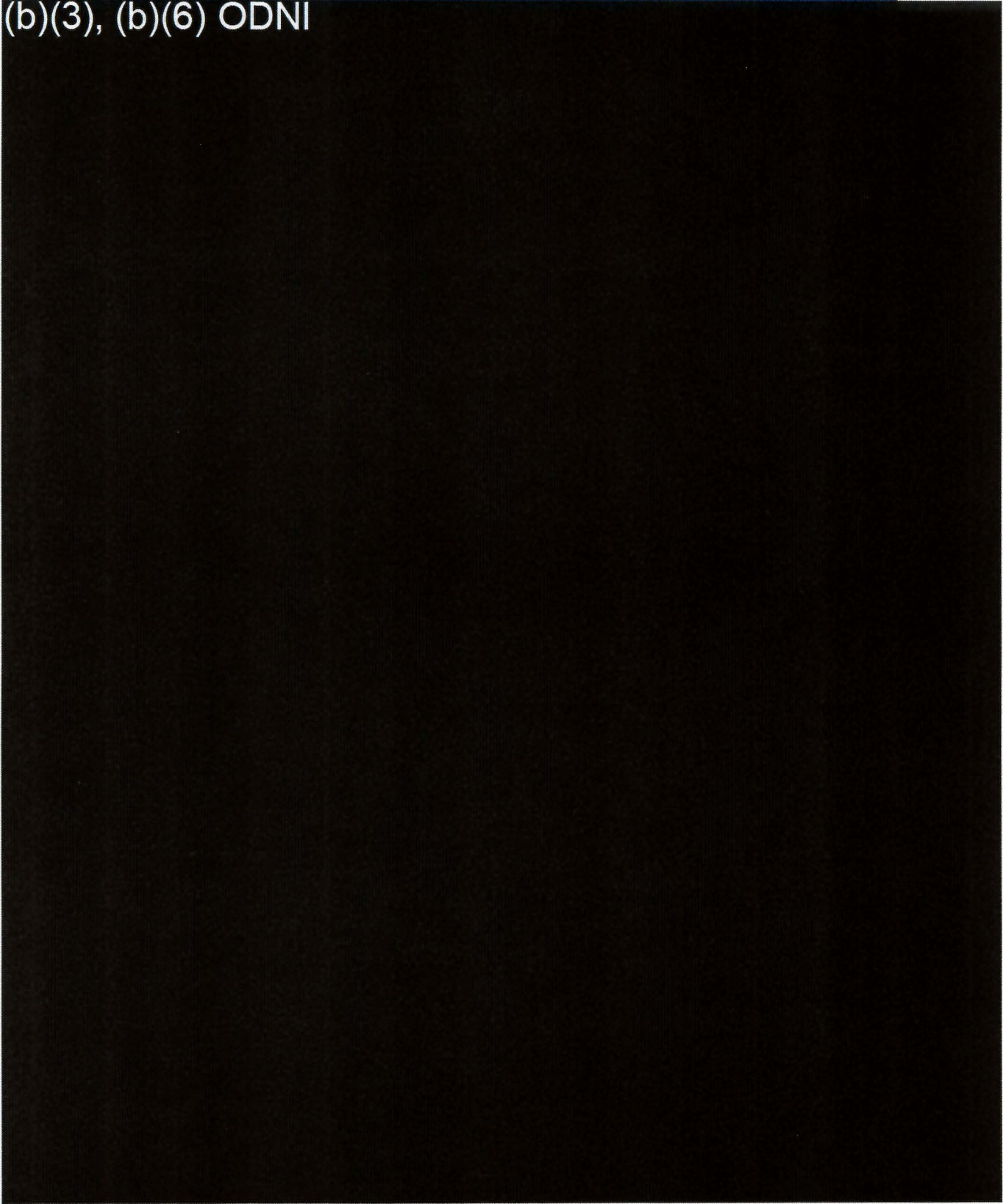
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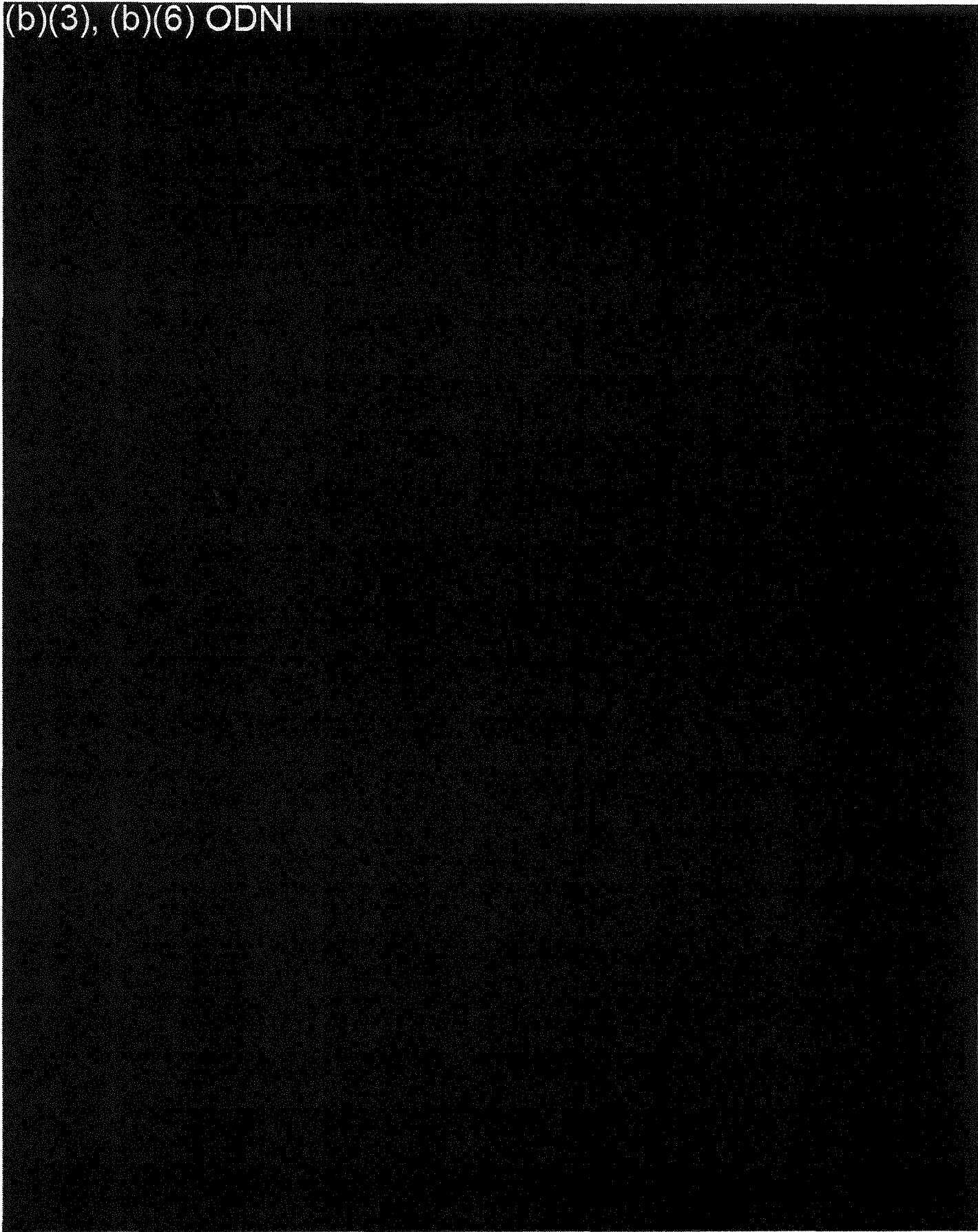
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