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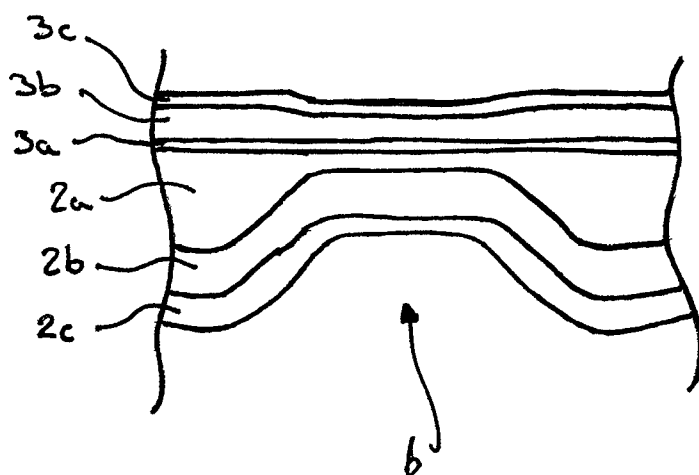
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(54) Title: BLISTER PACK



(57) Abstract: A blister pack comprising a plurality of spaced blister cavities each configured to receive and store an individual dose of medication for inhalation by a user is disclosed. The pack includes a foil layer and an outer polymer layer and each blister cavity, or a number of blister cavities, are separated from an adjacent blister cavity, or number of adjacent blister cavities, by a region of weakness formed by substantially removing or displacing a portion of the outer polymer layer from the foil layer.

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