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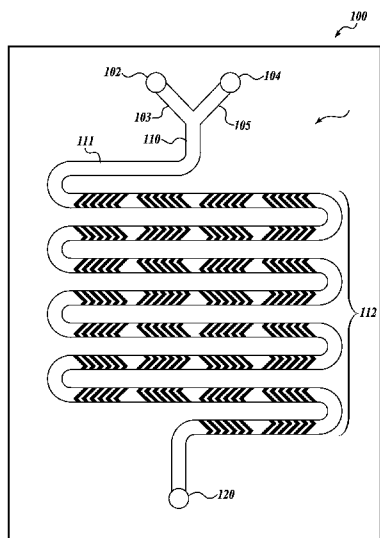


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: Methods and devices for manufacturing polymer particles containing a therapeutic material and polymer conjugate particles comprising (a) introducing a first stream comprising a first solvent into a channel, wherein the channel has a first region adapted for flowing one or more streams introduced into the channel and a second region for mixing the contents of the one or more streams; (b) introducing a second stream comprising polymer conjugate in a second solvent into the channel to provide first and second streams flowing in the channel; (c) flowing the one or more first streams and the one or more second streams from the first region of the channel into the second region of the channel; (d) mixing of the contents of the one or more first streams and the one or more second streams flowing in the second region of the channel to provide a third stream comprising polymer conjugate nanoparticles.

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