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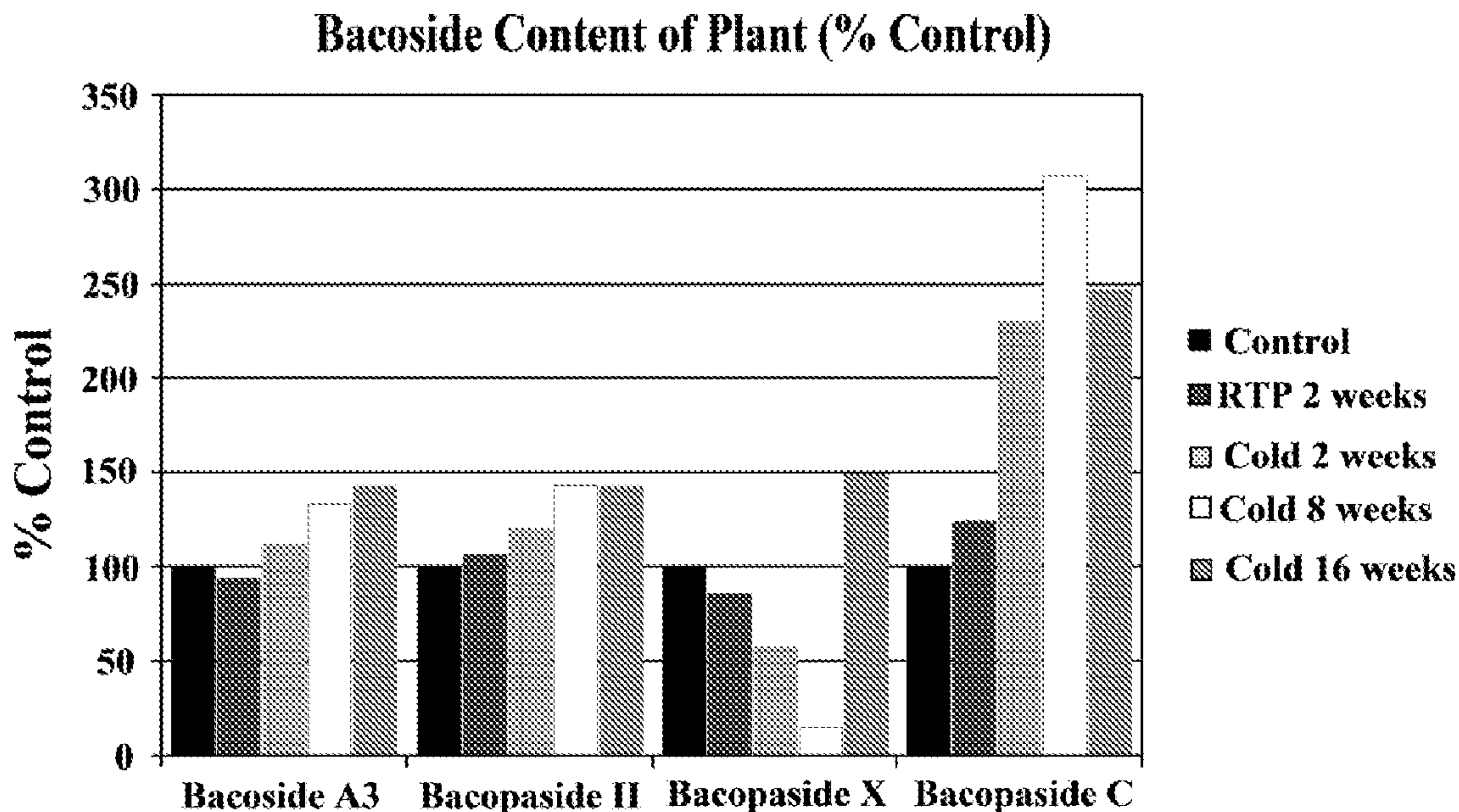


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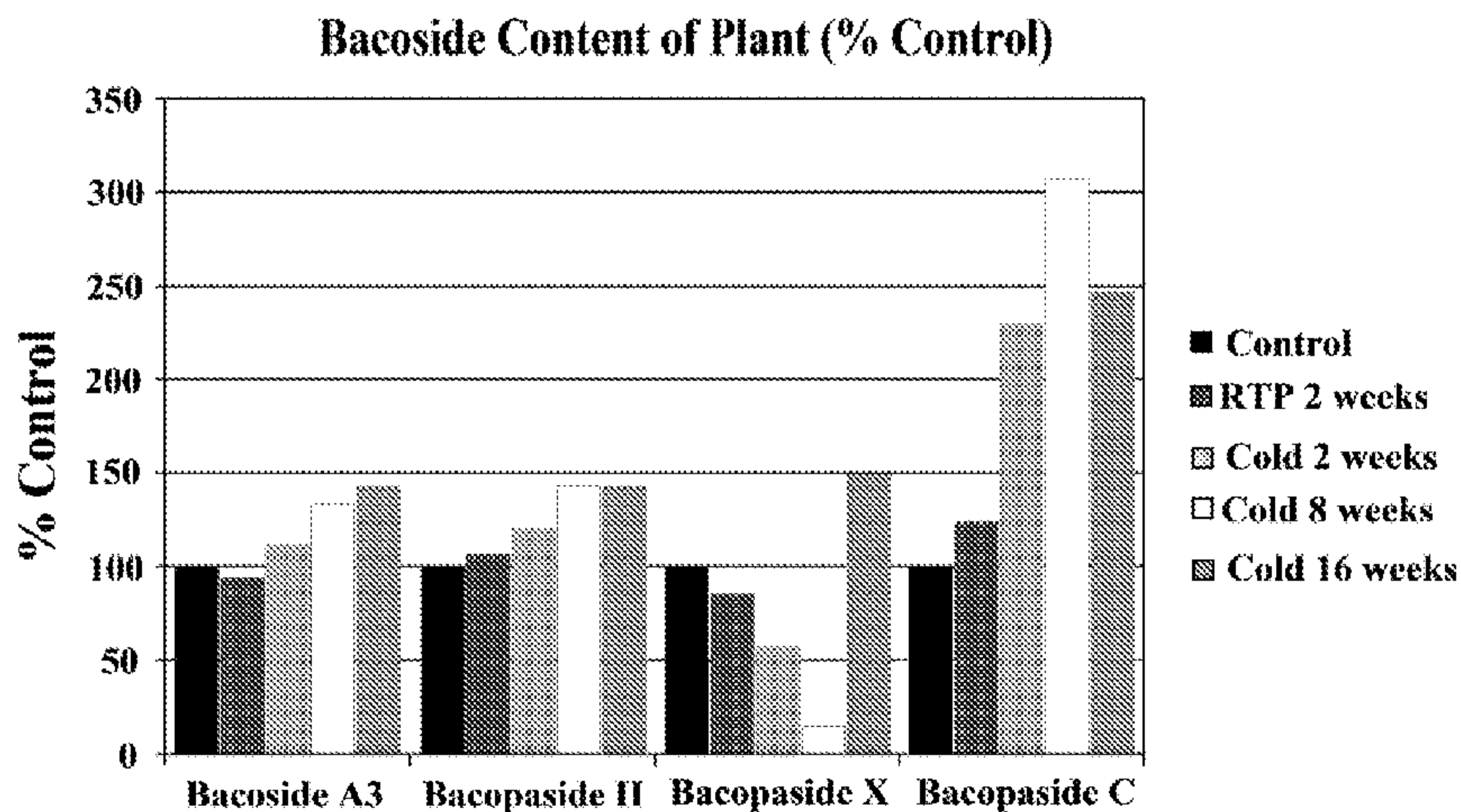


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5 PHYTOCHEMICAL ENHANCED WATER

FIELD OF INVENTION

This invention relates to supplemented water and drinks. Specifically, the invention provides for phytochemical fortified water and drinks.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10 Water is the major constituent of the human body and makes 60% of the body weight in adults and 75% in children. Water carries nutrients to the cells, removes toxins out of vital organs and provides a moist environment for ear, nose throat and intestines. The institute of Medicine (2004) recommends a fluid intake of 125 ounces (15 cups) for men and 91 ounces (11 cups) for women daily under normal conditions. The fluid intake recommendation is higher
15 for those engaged in exercise, in hot weather, or in illnesses with fever, vomiting or diarrhea. Approximately 80% of fluid intake comes from drinking water and other beverages, and the remaining 20% comes from food.

Dehydration due to lack of adequate fluid intake is a serious health care issue requiring emergency care, hospitalization and may even lead to death. The elderly, children, individuals
20 engaged in vigorous exercise or sports, and those exposed to hot weather are particularly vulnerable to dehydration. Dehydration in the elderly can worsen memory functions. Ensuring adequate fluid intake through increased water consumption is encouraged by health care professionals. A large number of harmful pollutants and trace amounts of pharmaceutical drugs are detected in tap water. Concerns about the safety and purity of tap and well water
25 has led to the wide spread popularity of bottled water. In the near future sales of bottled water are expected to surpass those of carbonated soft drinks (New York Times, October 28, 2013). A variety of water brands are currently available in the market. The bottled water industry is largely self-regulating and bottled water usually contains many of the same pollutants found in tap water. The bottled water market is currently growing at a rapid rate with an annual sale of
30 \$ 15 billion in US and \$50 billion globally.

Drinking water provides an important source of mineral intake necessary for optimal health. Some bottled waters may be deficient in essential minerals like calcium, magnesium and sodium (Azoulay A; et al, Comparison of the mineral content of tap water and bottled waters. J. Gen. Intern. Med. 16: 168-175, 2001) There are several types of bottled water according to
35 the International Bottled Water Association: tap water or municipal water, spring water, mineral water, well water, artesian water, sparkling water, and purified water. Most natural bottled water is minimally processed. But processed bottled water uses multiple purification

5 methods such as distillation, reverse osmosis, filtration, and sanitization. In addition several specialty bottled waters are also being marketed: alkaline water, mineral water, vitamin water, energy water, fiber water, antioxidant water, energy water, flavored water, and others with natural and health promoting constituents.

10 The use of plants for healing dates back to earliest recorded history. Of the 250,000 plant species on the earth, more than 80,000 are used for various medical applications. About 80% of people in developing countries and up to 30% in developed countries routinely use plant-derived medicines for their health care. Herbal medicines are gaining in popularity due to affordability and the belief that these natural medicines may have reduced toxicity and fewer side effects compared to modern allopathic medicines.

15 Plants are not only the main source of food nutrients, but also a prominent source of bioactive phytochemicals. Phytochemicals are produced during the natural course of plant growth and development and serve as plant defense mechanisms against environmental stressful conditions, and protection against microorganisms, insects or herbivores. Phytochemicals such as carotenoids, phenolics, alkaloids, and organosulfur compounds are currently
20 marketed for various health benefits. Phytonutrients from many indigenous plants are being evaluated for antimicrobial, anticancer, immune stimulating, cardioprotective and brain enhancing effects. Many plants contain several distinct phytochemicals which may interact with multiple biological targets and produce numerous health benefits for humans. Nonlimiting examples of plants with health-improving phytochemicals include bacopa (*Bacopa monniera*),
25 gotu kola (*Centella asiatica*), cattail (*typha sup.*), duckweed (*Lemna minor*), lemon grass (*Cymbopogon citratus*), lotus, mint aquatic, Pennywort (*Hydrocotyle spp*), taro (*Colocasia spp*), Vietnamese cilantro, water celery, water chestnuts, water spinach, watercress and numerous others listed by Bhagyaleena and Gopalan. (Bhagyaleena & Gopalan, Aquatic medicinal plants in ponds of Palakkad, Kerala, India. IOSR Journal of pharmacy and
30 biological sciences. 2 (3):29-35, 2012). Further it has been shown that purified, individual phytochemicals may not possess the biological benefits of the whole plant. More than 80% of currently used drugs are derived from natural sources or modified versions of natural products. Examples of plant-derived medications include aspirin, taxol, nicotine, statins, but many of these are synthesized now. (Harvey, AL; Natural products in drug discovery. Drug
35 discovery today. 13 (19-20): 894-901, 2008).

Flavonoids are the largest group of polyphenols, with over 2000 individual flavonoids known. These compounds can be segregated based on molecular structure such as anthocyanins and anthoxantins, with anthoxantins further divided into flavonols, flavans, flavanols, flavones and isoflavones (For a listing of common flavonoids, see, Ramassamy, Emerging role of
40 polyphenolic compounds in the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases: a review of their

- 5 intracellular targets. Eur J Pharmacol. 2006 Sep 1;545(1):51-64Epub 2006 Jun 17). Flavonoids are commonly hydroxylated, methoxylated, and/or glycosylated, with typically one sugar molecule, though up to three have been noted (Ramassamy, Emerging role of polyphenolic compounds in the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases: a review of their intracellular targets. Eur J Pharmacol. 2006 Sep 1;545(1):51-64Epub 2006 Jun 17). After
- 10 absorption, flavonoids from plant sources can cross the blood-brain barrier to provide neurological benefits. (William & Spencer, Flavonoids, cognition, and dementia: Actions, mechanisms, and potential therapeutic utility for Alzheimer disease. Free Radic Biol Med. 2012 Jan 1;52(1):35-45). In addition it has been observed that flavonoids actually accumulate in areas of the brain that are critical for neural functioning and memory. (Andres-Lacueva, et
- 15 al., Anthocyanins in aged blueberry-fed rats are found centrally and may enhance memory. Nutr Neurosci. 2005 Apr;8(2):111-20). It has been proposed that antioxidant activity may not be the only mechanism for flavonoid benefit to the central nervous system, but the neurological benefits may also be due to modification of intracellular signaling pathways in brain cells, effects on peripheral and cerebral vascular system promoting blood flow and
- 20 nutrient supply, and an ability to reduce neuronal damage from toxic compounds and inflammatory processes. By enhancing vascular function, flavonoids play a key role in brain health as a number of cardiovascular risk factors are associated with dementia. Flavonoids promote endothelial function, enhance the production of nitric oxide, regulate blood pressure, and decrease inflammation, all of which facilitate better cerebral blood flow and neuronal
- 25 function. Several human studies have demonstrated the association between the consumption of polyphenol-rich foods and a delay in the onset of Alzheimer's disease (Ramassamy, Emerging role of polyphenolic compounds in the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases: a review of their intracellular targets. Eur J Pharmacol. 2006 Sep 1;545(1):51-64Epub 2006 Jun 17).
- 30 Saponins are amphipathic glycosides that are defined by the soap-like foaming properties they possess when shaken in an aqueous solution. The compounds possess at least one hydrophilic glycoside moieties bound to a lipophilic triterpene derivative, and therefore most saponins readily dissolve in water. Saponins act as anti-feedants, and to protect the plant against microbes and fungi. In some plant species, such as oat and spinach, the saponins
- 35 enhance nutrient absorption and aid in animal digestion. In many instances, saponins taste bitter, i.e. have poor palatability, or can possess life-threatening animal toxicity, such as insect-, fish- and cold-blooded organism-toxicity at certain concentrations. There is evidence of the presence of saponins in traditional medicine preparations. Current dietary supplements and nutraceuticals companies are marketing saponins for their health benefits.

5 *Centella asiatica* (CA) is an herbaceous plant found in Asia, Eastern Europe, South Africa,
and the South Pacific in tropical and subtropical regions, or in rocky elevations, depending on
the species. Extracts of CA have been used in folk medicine for thousands of years, for skin
diseases such as leprosy, lupus, varicose ulcers, eczema, psoriasis, as well as genitourinary
10 disease, diarrhea, anxiety, and cognition improvement (Gohil, et al., Pharmacological review
on *Centella asiatica*: a potential herbal cure-all. Indian J Pharm Sci. 2010 Sep;72(5):546-56).
However, the whole plant, especially the leaves, may be used in medicine (Roy, et al.,
Current updates on centella asiatica: phytochemistry, pharmacology and traditional uses.
Medicinal plant research, 3: 20-36, 2013). Analysis of CA has shown its primary active
15 constituents are saponins and tripentene saponosides, including asiaticosides, Asiatic acid,
madecassic acid, brahmoside and brahminoside, isothankuniside and thankuniside,
centelloside, as well as sterols and flavonoids, madecassoside, and madasiatic acid. In
addition there are other terpenes, flavonoid derivatives, polysaccharides, polyacetylenes,
phenolic acids have also been identified (Orhan, *Centella asiatica* urban: from traditional
20 medicine to modern medicine with neuroprotective potential. Evidence-based complementary
and alternative medicine, 2012).

The saponins and sapogenins are implicated in wound healing and vascular effects. CA
extracts tested on mouse models show increased cell proliferation and collagen synthesis at
the wound site, supporting claims of wound healing. Other CA phytochemicals showed
antidepressant activity during mouse stress tests, indicating CA possesses CNS and
25 uterorelaxant actions, and have shown anticonvulsant effects (Gohil, et al., Pharmacological
review on *Centella asiatica*: a potential herbal cure-all. Indian J Pharm Sci. 2010
Sep;72(5):546-56). Studies have also shown CA extracts can increase concentration, reduce
oxidative CNS stress, and alleviate cognitive deficits (Gohil, et al., Pharmacological review on
Centella asiatica: a potential herbal cure-all. Indian J Pharm Sci. 2010 Sep;72(5):546-56).
30 Studies have also indicated compounds from CA extracts are neuroprotective, antioxidant,
anti-inflammatory, immunostimulant, antiulcer, anticonvulsant, antianxiety, sedative, antiviral,
antibacterial, insecticidal, antifungal cardioprotective, anticancer, and anti-genotoxic and
venous deficiency treatments (Shinomol; et al; Exploring the role of Brahmi (*Bacopa Monnieri*
and *Centella asiatica*) in brain function and therapy. Recent patents on endocrine, metabolic
35 and immune drug discovery. 5:33-49, 2011; Orhan IE, *Centella asiatica* urban: from traditional
medicine to modern medicine with neuroprotective potential. Evidence-based complementary
and alternative medicine, 2012).

The medicinal herb *Bacopa monniera* (*Bacopa*, BM) and the similar plant, *Bacopa floribunda*
which has pharmacological profiles identical to *Bacopa monnieri* (Gubbannavar, et al., A
40 comparative pharmacognostical and preliminary physico-chemical analysis of stem and leaf

5 of *Bacopa monnieri* and *bacopa floribunda*. *Ayu* 34: 95-102, 2013) grow naturally in marshy
wet soil in tropical and subtropical climates. The entire plant is used medicinally. The levels of
total saponins are higher in shoots containing the leaves of BM than that in lower parts and
10 roots in every season (Phrompittayarat, et al., Influence of seasons, different plant parts, and
plant growth stages on saponin quantity and distribution in *Bacopa monnieri*, 33: 193-199,
2011). BM has been used in Ayurvedic system of medicine for over 3000 years, as a brain
tonic to enhance memory, learning and concentration, and treatment of anxiety, epilepsy,
heart disease, respiratory problems, irritable bowel and gastric ulcers. (Kongkeaw, et al.,
15 Meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials on cognitive effects of *Bacopa monnieri* extract.
J. of Ethnopharmacology 151: 528-535, 2014). A large number of animal and human studies
have validated the efficacy of BM in a variety of disorders, including the cognitive benefits in
adults and children, treatment of anxiety, depression, epilepsy, bronchitis, asthma, irritable
bowel, gastric ulcers, heart disease, cancer, drug and heavy metal toxicity.

While the name Brahmi has been occasionally used to describe *Centella asiatica* (Gotu Kola)
as well as *Bacopa monniera*, and the fact that both plants have a protective effect on brain
20 functions including memory, taxonomically *Bacopa monnieri* (BM) and *Centella asiatica* (CA)
are from totally different plant families (scrophulariaceae and apiaceae respectively). Further
these two plants are distinct in their physical features and chemical composition.

Current compositions and methods for enhancing memory are insufficient. For example,
drugs used for Alzheimer's disease have shown a lack of efficacy in patients, and do not
25 prevent memory loss. Furthermore, such compounds are not approved for the aging general
population. Natural compounds, such as ginkgo biloba, have been found not effective in
enhancing memory.

Similarly, current drinking water compositions fail to provide the enhanced health benefits
from phytochemicals, and optionally, fiber, dietary minerals, and dietary supplements.
30 Accordingly, what is need are new fluid compositions that promote hydration and concurrently
improve the consumer's health.

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

Experiments unexpectedly found that some plant stems with leaves can survive in water
without a root system, and that certain storage conditions result in increased synthesis and
35 release of beneficial chemicals. As such, a method is provided for preparing a phytochemical-
fortified fluid using sections of *Bacopa*, *Centella*, or a combination of the two plants. The plant
material, which in some embodiments is the aerial sections or leafy sections of the plant, were
found to excrete phytochemicals. The aerial sections of *Bacopa* or *Centella* are optionally

5 collected at a distance of between 8 and 10 cm from the apex of the branch, such as at 8.25
cm, 8.5 cm, 8.75 cm, 9 cm, 9.25 cm, 9.5 cm, or 9.75 cm. Accordingly, useful ranges may be in
from any of the indicated values. The aerial or leafy sections of *Bacopa* or *Centella* are
optionally added to the fluid at between 1 g and 4 g per 100 ml of fluid. Non-limiting examples
include 1.25 g, 1.5 g, 1.75 g, 2 g, 2.25 g, 2.5 g, 2.75 g, 3 g, 3.25 g, 3.5 g, and 3.75 g.
10 However, one of skill in the art will appreciate useful ranges may be in from any of the
indicated values.

The plant material was placed into a fluid having at least trace amounts of minerals, which
were found to increase plant survival and longevity during experimentation. Useful minerals
include sodium, calcium, and potassium. Testing showed that an approximate neutral or
15 alkaline pH, such as a pH of at least 6.5, enhances plant survival. Non-limiting examples of
useful pH values include a pH of between 7 and 7.8, such as 7, 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.8, and
ranges between these values such as between 7.2 and 7.6. As storage in refrigerator and
cold temperatures increased plant survival time when compared with room temperature
storage, as well as unexpectedly increased phytochemical production, the plant was stored in
20 fluid at about 1.7°C, such as at 1.6°C, 1.75°C, 1.8°C, 2°C, 2.5°C, 3°C, 3.5°C, 4°C, 4.5°C, 5°C,
5.5°C, 6°C, 6.5°C, 7°C, 7.5°C, 8°C, 8.5°C, 9°C, 9.5°C, and 10°C. Accordingly, useful ranges
may be in from any of the indicated values. Such storage resulted in a release of
phytochemicals, which have been shown to produce health benefits, from the plant into the
storage fluid, such as water. Pretreatment with a natural preservative was found to increase
25 survival time. As such, in some variations the plant material is treated with a preservative prior
to adding to the fluid.

The present invention is useful for enhancing memory and health in animals, and specifically
in humans. Additionally, the fortified fluids also enhance alertness, which is especially
important for drivers, pilots, air traffic controllers, shift workers, and those suffering from jet
30 lag.

The pharmacological effects of BM have been attributed to the presence of several alkaloids,
saponins and sterols. The biological actions of BM are primarily due to the major constituents
like Bacoside A3, Bacopaside II, Bacopaside X, Bacosaponin C, and Bacopaside I (Shinomol;
et al; Exploring the role of Brahmi (*Bacopa Monnieri* and *Centella asiatica*) in brain function
35 and therapy. Recent patents on endocrine, metabolic and immune drug discovery. 5:33-49,
2011). Originally isolated Bacoside A is a mixture of Bacoside A3, Bacopaside II, Bacopaside
X, and Bacosaponin C. BM is safe in recommended doses and no side effects have been
reported. Alcoholic extracts of CA have not shown any toxicity at doses of 350 mg/kg when
I.P. given to rats. Reported adverse effects include GI upset and nausea. CA should be
40 avoided during pregnancy due to its emmenagogue action.

5 The phytochemicals are optionally provided as crude herb or extract. Doses of the crude herb are recommended at 0.5 to 6.0 g daily. As such, the herb or herbs are optionally added at 0.5g, 1.0g, 1.5g, 2.0g, 2.5g, 3.0g, 3.5g, 4.0 g, 4.5g, 5.0g, 5.5g, or 6.0g. However, one of skill in the art will appreciate useful ranges may be in from any of the indicated values. The recommended dose of the extract standardized for asiaticoside, Asiatic acid, and madecassic acid is 60-120 mg. For example, recommended dosages of BM are 5-12 g per day for adults and 2.5-6 g for children of a BM powder, or 200-400 mg per day for adults and 100-200 mg for children of BM extract. LD₅₀ of BM extracts administered orally to rats was 5g/kg for aqueous extracts and 17g/kg for alcohol extracts (Martis & Rao, Neuropharmacological activity of *Herpestis monniera*. *Fitotherapia* 1992;63:399-404). Typical dose of CA extract is about 600 mg of dried leaves or 300-680mg capsules, (Gohil, et al., Pharmacological review on *Centella asiatica*: a potential herbal cure-all. *Indian J Pharm Sci.* 2010 Sep;72(5):546-56).

Dosages of bacoside A3 are optionally at 0.40 to 0.60 mg per 100 ml of water, such as 0.0043 mg/ml, 0.0045 mg/ml, 0.00475 mg/ml, 0.0050 mg/ml, 0.00525 mg/ml, 0.0055 mg/ml, 0.0056 mg/ml, 0.00575 mg/ml, or 0.0060mg/ml. Bacopaside II is optionally provided at 1.75 to 2.50 mg per 100 ml of water, such as 0.020 mg/ml, 0.0215 mg/ml, 0.022 mg/ml, 0.0225 mg/ml, 0.023 mg/ml, 0.0235 mg/ml, 0.024 mg/ml, 0.0243 mg/ml, 0.025 mg/ml. Bacopaside X is optionally provided at 0.30 to 0.85 mg per 100 ml, such as 0.0032 mg/ml, 0.00325 mg/ml, 0.0035 mg/ml, 0.00375 mg/ml, 0.0040 mg/ml, 0.00425 mg/ml, 0.0045 mg/ml, 0.00475 mg/ml, 0.005 mg/ml, 0.00525 mg/ml, 0.0055 mg/ml, 0.00575 mg/ml, 0.006 mg/ml, 0.00625 mg/ml, 0.0065 mg/ml, 0.00675 mg/ml, 0.0070 mg/ml, 0.00725 mg/ml, 0.0075 mg/ml, 0.008 mg/ml, 0.0081 mg/ml, or 0.0085 mg/ml. Bacosaporin C is optionally provided at 0.70 to 1.0 mg per 100 ml of water. Non-limiting examples of dosages include 0.0070 mg/ml, 0.0072 mg/ml, 0.00725 mg/ml, 0.0075 mg/ml, 0.00775 mg/ml, 0.0080 mg/ml, 0.00825 mg/ml, 0.0085 mg/ml, 0.00875 mg/ml, 0.0090 mg/ml, 0.00925 mg/ml, 0.0095 mg/ml, 0.0096 mg/ml, 0.00975 mg/ml, and 1.0 mg/ml. One of skill in the art will appreciate useful ranges may fall within any of the indicated values.

The fortified fluid of the invention may be further enhanced by adding at least one processed phytochemical source to the fluid after extraction of chemicals from the plant material. Useful processed phytochemical sources include powdered *Bacopa*, powdered *Centella*, powdered aerial plant parts of *Bacopa*, powdered aerial plant parts of *Centella*, water extracts of *Bacopa*, water extracts of *Centella*, alcohol extracts of *Bacopa*, alcohol extracts of *Centella*, dried aerial plant parts of *Bacopa*, and dried aerial plant parts of *Centella*.

In some variations, the drink may be flavored. Non-limiting examples of flavorings include berry flavor, fruit flavor, spice flavor, coffee flavor, and tea flavor. In some specific embodiments, the flavoring can be enhanced with sweeteners, either artificial or natural,

5 vitamins, minerals, fiber, and spices. Nonlimiting examples of artificial sweeteners include sucralose, aspartame, combinations of dextrose aspartamine and maltodextrin, cyclamate, saccharin, neotame, acefultame potassium, alitame, sodium cyclamate, glucin, and D-tagatose. Examples of natural sweeteners include, without limiting the scope of the invention, mogroside, stevia or other stevioside, sucrose, mannitol, brassein, curculin, erythritol,
 10 glycerol, glycyrrhizin, inulin, isomalt, lactitol, miraculin, monatin, monellin, pentadin, sorbitol, thaumain, xylitol, and honey. In embodiments using artificial sweetener, the concentration of artificial sweetener is optionally 1×10^5 to 2×10^1 g/L. Where natural sweetener is used, the concentration of the sweetener is optionally up to 1.46×10^1 M

One or more salts are optionally added, such as at least one non-toxic mineral salt.
 15 Nonlimiting examples include the minerals Ca, Na, Mg, V, K, Cr, Mn, Co, Cu, Zn, As, Mo and Se associated with an ion of chlorine, sulfate, iodine, bromine, bicarbonate, or other known ion in the art. Examples include sodium chloride, zinc sulfide, potassium iodine. The salt is optionally between 1×10^1 mg/L ~~and~~ 2×10^2 mg/L. Nonlimiting examples of concentrations include up to 500mg/L.

20 Optionally, the drink is carbonated, such as by dissolving carbon dioxide in the drink. The fortified fluid is designed to promote adequate water and fluid intake, such as by animals and more particularly by humans.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

For a fuller understanding of the invention, reference should be made to the following detailed
 25 description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a graph showing *Bacopa monniera* plant survival at room temperature (72°F, 22.2°C) or cold temperature (35°F, 1.7°C; in refrigerator). Plant survival at pH 7.0 was assessed at various times as shown. Plant survival at room temperature was significantly lower.

30 Figure 2 is a graph showing *Centella asiatica* plant survival at room temperature (72°F, 22.2°C) or cold temperature (35°F, 1.7°C; in refrigerator). Plant survival at pH 7.0 was assessed at various times as shown. Plant survival at room temperature was significantly lower.

Figure 3 is a graph showing *Bacopa monniera* survival at different pH. The plant survival at
 35 acidic pH is poor. Neutral or alkaline pH enhances plant survival.

5 Figure 4 is a graph showing *Bacopa* saponin levels (% of control) in bacopa plant material following maintenance at different pH levels in refrigerator (35°F, 1.7°C). The untreated plant material saponin levels are used as control values.

Figure 5 is a graph showing *Bacopa* saponin levels in water (µg/ 100 ml) after removal of plant material following maintenance at room temperature (72°F, 22.2°C) or refrigerator
10 (35°F, 1.7°C).

Figure 6 is an illustration of a first embodiment design for maintaining plant material in a fluid. The plant material is free floating in the fluid.

Figures 7(A) and (B) are illustrations of a second embodiment design for maintaining plant material in a fluid. (A) The plant material is trapped in a free-floating bag; (B) the plant
15 material is trapped in a bag connected to the bottle cap.

Figure 8 is an illustration of a third embodiment design for maintaining plant material in a fluid. The plant material is trapped by a mesh material on the bottom of the bottle.

Figure 9 is an illustration of a fourth embodiment design for maintaining plant material in a fluid. The plant material is attached to the bottle using a hook. Means for attachment include
20 twine or other material, a hole in the plant.

Figure 10 is an illustration of a fifth embodiment design for maintaining plant material in a fluid. A knob of material is affixed to the base of the bottle and the plant material attached.

Figure 11 is an illustration of a sixth embodiment design for maintaining plant material in a fluid. The plant material is free floating in the fluid and retained in the bottle using a sieve or
25 mesh cone.

Figures 12(A) and (B) are illustrations of a sixth embodiment design for maintaining plant material in a fluid. (A) The plant material is free floating in the fluid and retained using a mesh cap. (B) The mesh cap in an expanded view, shown clipped onto the lip of the bottle.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

30 As used herein, "*Bacopa*" or "BM" refers to *Bacopa monnieri*, a small creeping herb with numerous branches, small fleshy, oblong leaves and light purple flowers. It grows in wet and sandy areas in tropical regions. Common names for the plant include Brahmi, bacopa, and water hyssop. The term is meant to include, in its broadest sense, *Bacopa monnieri* (L.) Wettst., *Bacopa monniera* (L.) Pennell yes, *Herpestis monniera* L. Kunth, *Lysimachia monnieri* L. Cent, *Gratiola monnieri* (L.) L, and/or *Monniera cuneifolia* Michaux.

5 As used herein, “*Centella*” or “CA” refers to *Centella asiatica*, a small creeping perennial
herbal plant found in wet tropical and subtropical regions. The plant has slender, long stems
with rounded leaves and reddish-green stolons. The herb is also known as Indian (or Asiatic)
pennywort, Gotu kola, tiger herb, sarswathi aku, muththil, kudangal, thankuni, mandukaparni,
10 ondelaga, vallaarai, brahmi booti (or brahmabuti), along with a variety of other regional
names.

As used herein, “trace amounts” refers to compounds at a concentration of at least 0.01 mg/L
to about 300 mg/L.

As used herein, “minerals” refer to elements or chemical compounds that are naturally
occurring and normally crystalline and stable at room temperature, and which are required by
15 living organisms for growth or maintenance.

As used herein, “apex of the branch” means the tip, i.e. the extreme end, or the growing point
of a branch.

As used herein, “substantially” means largely if not wholly that which is specified but so close
that the difference is insignificant, and such differences do not influence the functional
20 properties of the term beyond the normal tolerances permitted by one of skill in the art. In
some embodiments, “substantially” means that the differences do not vary by more than 10%
or less.

As used herein, “about” means approximately or nearly and in the context of a numerical
value or range set forth means $\pm 15\%$ of the numerical.

25 **Example 1**

Seedlings of BM & CA were obtained from commercial suppliers. The plants were identified
and grown in the summer rainy season (May- September) in Florida, USA. The seedlings
were grown in containers filled with clean, pollutant-free soil with abundant supply of water
and sun exposure. The soil was kept moist and wet with additional water as necessary. At 4
30 months of age BM shoots containing the leaves (aerial parts at 8-10 cm from the apex) were
cut with sterile scissors. For CA, a leaf with a 5 cm stem was trimmed. The plant samples
were inspected, rinsed with tap water 5 times to remove adhering soil and other extraneous
particles. The plant material was rinsed twice with sterile distilled water. The water was
drained and the plant material was again rinsed with sterile distilled water, spread on paper
35 towel and gently blotted to remove any adhering moisture. The plant samples were
immediately weighed and placed in bottled drinking water using sterile forceps.

5 Example 2

Weighed samples of freshly collected and cleaned samples of *Bacopa* (BM) and *Centella* (CA) samples were either processed as in Example 1 or processed as discussed in Example 1 followed by soaking in 0.2% sorbic acid (natural antibacterial agent approved for food processing) for 15 minutes, to confirm antibacterial processing will not affect the phytochemicals. *Bacopa* (BM) and *Centella* (CA) ~~was~~were added at 1-4 g per 100 ml to distilled or other test samples of water, in a bottle. The bottles were capped and kept at room temperature (72°F, 22.2°C) or in the refrigerator (35°F, 1.7°C) for 16 weeks, or until the plant sample died. The viability of the plant material was periodically checked. The plant survival was estimated by physical and morphological characteristics (leaf and stem color: green, yellow, brown; number of leaves shed; odor, and clarity of water.).

The plant survival in distilled water was poor, lasting less than two weeks. Survival was optimal in presence of small amounts of trace elements in the water, namely 2-20 mg/L of calcium, 4-15 mg/L of magnesium, 5-20 mg/L of sodium, 0.2-6.0 mg/L of potassium, 5-15 mg/L of chloride, and 100-200 mg/L of bicarbonate. Testing showed most brands of bottled drinking water possess levels of electrolytes comparable to these amounts.

Treatment with the natural antibacterial agent, sorbic acid did not markedly increase the survival of the plant in water.

Storage of *Bacopa* samples at 22.2°C showed a dramatic drop in survival starting at week 4, with viability dropping to 60%, as seen in Figure 1. By week 8, survival had further decreased to under 20% and the plant was completely dead by week 12. By comparison, plants stored at 1.7°C showed little decrease in survival with approximately 90% plant survival in week 4, compared to 60% when stored at 22.2°C, and 80% survival out through week 16, when the testing was completed. As such, storage at 1.7°C significantly improved plant survival to 80%, whereas storage at room temperature (22.2°C) resulted in complete plant death during testing.

Testing of *Centella asiatica* showed similar results to the *Bacopa*. By week 4, plant samples stored at 22.2°C showed a decrease in survival to about 50%, compared to storage at 1.7°C, which showed about a 90% survival, as seen in Figure 2. By week 12, the samples stored at 22.2°C were completely dead, where the samples at 1.7°C still exhibited approximately 82-85% survival, and remained at about 80% survival at the end of the 16-week testing.

Example 3- Plant survival and pH

5 Weighed samples of freshly collected and cleaned samples of *Bacopa* (BM) and *Centella*
(CA) samples (1-4 g per 100 ml) were added to the bottles with water at pH 6, 7, or 7.8. The
bottles were capped and kept in the refrigerator (35°F, 1.7°C) for 16 weeks. Survival was
periodically checked at 2 week, 8 weeks and 16 weeks. Plant survival was estimated by
physical and morphological characteristics (leaf and stem color: green, yellow, brown; number
10 of leaves shed; odor, and clarity of water).

Results of pH tests showed *Bacopa* samples are sensitive to pH, as seen in Figure 3. Storage
of the plant sample at pH 6 showed reduced survival at week 2, of around 50%, which further
dropped to 20% by week 8 and down to about 5% by week 16. By comparison, storage at pH
7 exhibited 100% survival at week 2, around 90% survival by week 8 and around 85%
15 survival by week 16. *Bacopa* also showed good survival at slightly basic pH, with survival
around 90% at week 2, 80% survival at week 8 and 70% survival at week 16 when stored at
pH 7.8. As such, the plant material handles storage at a very slightly acidic to slightly basic
pH, with optimal storage at a neutral pH.

Due to the similarities in the plants, *Centella* samples are expected to respond in a similar
20 fashion.

Example 4

Weighed samples of freshly collected and cleaned samples of *Bacopa* (BM) and *Centella*
(CA) samples were added at 1-4 gm per 100 ml to electrolyte-water, pH 7 in bottles. The
bottles were capped and kept at room temperature (72°F, 22.2°C) or in the refrigerator (35°F,
25 1.7°C) for 16 weeks, as indicated in Table 1.

Following storage under various conditions the plant material was removed from the water.
The plant materials and the water samples from the bottle were immediately frozen till
analysis. For analysis the plant material was freeze-dried and powdered. Weighed samples
(120-150 mg) were mixed with 1 ml ethanol in a 15 ml centrifuge tube. After vortexing the
30 samples were dispersed using an ultrasonic sonicator. The samples were centrifuged for 10
min; and the supernatant was transferred into a 5 ml volumetric flask. The extraction,
sonication and centrifugation were repeated three more times. The extracts were combined
and the volume was adjusted to 5 ml. After mixing the samples were filtered using 0.45 µm
PTEF filter and subjected to liquid chromatography analysis.

35 For analysis liquid samples (50-200 ml) were freeze dried. The material was re-dissolved in 8
ml methanol and transferred to a 10 ml volumetric flask. The container was rinsed again with
2 ml methanol. The combined solution was adjusted to a volume of 10 ml, mixed thoroughly

5 and filtered using 0.45 μm PTEF filter. The filtered sample was subjected to liquid chromatography analysis.

The phytochemical levels were quantified by HPLC method previously described (Phrompittayarat W, Jetiyanon K, et al; Influence of seasons, different plant parts, and plant growth stages on saponin quantity and distribution in *Bacopa Monnieri*. Songklanakarin J. Sci. Technol. 33(2), 193-199, 2011). The HPLC method was validated for linearity, limit of detection, precision and accuracy. The accuracy of the method was determined by analyzing the prepared sample following addition of known amounts of standard saponins.

10 The major phytochemicals detected in the plant material were saponins; Bacopaside A3, Bacopaside X, Bacopaside II, Bacosaponin C and small amounts of Bacopaside IV and Bacopaside V, as seen in Table 1. The levels of saponins in the water increased with storage time in refrigerator. About 2-4% of the plant saponins were released into the water. The low level of saponins in the water ensures safety.

20 Table 1. *Bacopa* saponin levels in untreated plant material (control) and following maintenance in water at room temperature (72°F, 22.2°C) or cold temperature (refrigerator at 35°F, 1.7°C). The plant material was removed at the end of various time periods and analyzed for *Bacopa* saponin levels. Values represent the mean of 3 values (mg/100 ml).

Treatment	Bacoside A3	Bacopaside II	Bacopaside X	Bacosaponin C
Control	0.38	1.65	0.54	0.31
22.2°C, 2 wks	0.36	1.77	0.47	0.39
1.7°C, 2 wks	0.43	2.00	0.32	0.72
1.7°C, 8 wks	0.51	2.41	0.09	0.96
1.7°C, 16 wks	0.56	2.43	0.81	0.77

25 Plants increase the production certain phytochemicals in response to stressful conditions. The increase in *bacopa* levels when exposed to cold temperatures may be a natural response to stress. This is similar to the increase in the level of the stress hormone cortisol in humans on cold exposure (Geliebter, et al., Cortisol and Ghrelin concentrations following a cold pressor test in overweight individuals with and without night eating. Int'l J Obesity (Lond), 37:1104-1108, 2013). Testing of phytochemical release over time on *Bacopa* indicated the plant sample steadily increases phytochemical release for bacoside A3 and bacopaside II, as seen in Figure 4. Interestingly, release of bacopaside X decreased during storage at 1.7°C through 30 8 weeks, then spiked at week 16. However, it is unclear whether this is due to a required

5 storage time period or whether it is an artifact of testing. For bacoside A3, bacopaside II, and bacopaside C, storage at 1.7°C resulted in higher release of phytochemical than storage at 22.2°C at the same time point, i.e. 2 weeks. All phytochemicals showed higher levels in water at 16 weeks at 1.7°C compared to both control and to samples stored at 22.2°C.

10 Chemical analysis of the phytochemical amounts in water showed *Bacopa* released mostly bacopaside II during storage at 22.2°C and 1.7°C, with levels of the other phytochemicals, bacoside A3, bacopaside X and bacopaside C approximately similar. Of note, storage at 1.7°C showed higher release of the phytochemicals except bacopaside X from weeks 2 through 8, as seen in Figure 5. By week 16, levels of all tested phytochemicals were higher than those in the 22.2°C sample.

15 Due to the similarities in the plants, *Centella* samples are expected to respond in a similar fashion and produce similar types of phytochemicals at similar levels.

Example 5

20 Samples of freshly collected and cleaned samples of *Bacopa* (BM) and *Centella* (CA) were added at 1-4 gm per 100 ml to electrolyte-water, pH 7 in bottles. The plant can be maintained in the fluid as free floating or can be enclosed in plastic mesh tubing in a manner to prevent unintentional ingestion of the plant. Examples are shown in Figures 6 through 12. Plant material **2** is placed into water bottle **1** and submerged in fluid **3**. Mesh filter **4** is then fixed to the neck of bottle **1**, thereby preventing plant material **2** from exiting the body of bottle **1**, as seen in Figure 6. Alternatively, plant material **2** is placed into mesh bag **8** and placed into bottle **1**, as seen in Figure 7(A). Mesh bag **8** can optionally be attached to the cap of bottle **1** by cord **9**, as seen in Figure 7(B). Plant material **2** may also be placed into bottle **1** and contained in the base of bottle **1** using mesh filter **12**, as seen in Figure 8. Mesh filter **12** is optionally fixed by heat sealing, pressure fitting, or snapping into place. Fluid **3** is then added to bottle **1** and allowed to extract the phytochemicals from plant material **2**.

30 Bottle **1** can alternatively include hook **15** fixed to the base of the bottle using means known in the art. Nonlimiting examples include thermal welding and sonic welding. Plant material **2** is attached to hook **15** and fluid **3** added to bottle **1**, as seen in Figure 9. Alternatively, mount **20** is formed on the base of bottle **1**, as seen in Figure 10. Mount **20** may be formed during manufacture of bottle **1** or may be attached by means such as thermal welding or sonic welding. In some variations, plant material **2** is embedded in mount **20** prior to fixing mount **20** in bottle **1**. Plant material **2** may alternatively be contained in bottle **1** by funnel or conical mesh **25**, as seen in Figure 11. Finally, mountable mesh **30** may be affixed to bottle **1**, as seen in Figure 12. Mountable mesh **30** comprises a mesh filter having clip **31** adapted to

5 snap onto bottle lip **28**, as seen in Figures 12(A) and (B). This allows the user to apply the mesh prior to consumption.

The bottles were capped and stored at a temperature sufficient to permit extraction of the phytochemicals. In specific embodiments, the bottles were stored at (35°F, 1.7°C). During storage, BM or CA plant material, or a combination, was allowed to steep in water for at least
10 2 weeks.

Example 6

Phytochemical levels can be further enhanced from the levels obtained in Examples 1-5 by having the consumer ingest the plant material along with the liquid. Fortified liquid was prepared as described in Example 5. During consumption of the fortified liquid, the consumer
15 collects the plant material from the container and masticates the plant material, thereby freeing up additional phytochemicals in the plant. Alternatively, the plant material is homogenized with the liquid just prior to consumption.

The plant material is optionally homogenized using a blender, other bladed mixer, or other homogenizing device, such as sonicators and ultrasonic treatment. Advantageously, a
20 blender blade is rotatably fixed to the base of bottle **1**. As seen in Figure 13, homogenizer blade **40** is fixed to electric motor **41** via a sealed shaft. Battery **44** is electrically connected to electric motor **41** as would be evident to one of skill in the art. Activator button **42**, or other means known in the art, is disposed in the electrical circuit between battery **44** and electric motor **41**, allowing the consumer to activate the homogenizer blade **40** by closing the circuit.
25 Alternatively, homogenizer blade **40** is operated by other mechanical means, such as by hand crank, placing bottle **1** onto a motorized device, such as a blender, food processor, or similar device.

Example 7

Analysis of consumption levels indicate that fortifying drinking fluids with the phytochemicals
30 that are safe. For example, consumption of five bottles of 500 ml each would result in saponin intake below recommended levels and will not cause any toxicity, as seen in Table 2.

Table 2. Calculation of Bacopa saponin intake (μg) at various levels of water consumption. Consuming up to five, 500 ml bottles of water per day provides only a small amount of saponins and will not cause any toxicity.

Bacoside	100ml	500ml	5 x 500ml
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Bacoside A3	19.60	98.00	490.00
Bacopaside II	60.75	303.75	1518.75
Bacopaside X	24.30	121.50	607.50
Bacopaside C	23.10	115.50	577.50

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In the preceding specification, all documents, acts, or information disclosed does not constitute an admission that the document, act, or information of any combination thereof was publicly available, known to the public, part of the general knowledge in the art, or was known to be relevant to solve any problem at the time of priority.

10 The disclosure of all publications cited above are expressly incorporated herein by reference, each in its entirety, to the same extent as if each were incorporated by reference individually.

It is also to be understood that the following claims are intended to cover all of the generic and specific features of the invention herein described, and all statements of the scope of the invention which, as a matter of language, might be said to fall therebetween.

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5 What is claimed is:

1. A method of preparing phytochemical-fortified fluid, comprising the steps:
obtaining aerial or leafy sections of *Bacopa*, *Centella*, or a combination thereof;
obtaining a fluid having at least trace amounts of minerals;

10 wherein the trace amounts of minerals are at least sodium, calcium, and potassium;

 wherein the fluid has a pH of 5.5 or greater;

 placing the aerial or leafy sections of *Bacopa*, *Centella*, or a combination thereof into the fluid to form an extraction fluid;

15 storing the extraction fluid at about 1.7°C for at least 2 weeks.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the aerial sections of *Bacopa* or *Centella* are collected at a distance of 8-10 cm from the apex of the branch.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the extraction fluid is stored at 1.7°C.

20 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the extraction fluid is at a pH of between 7 and 7.8.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the extraction fluid is at a pH of 7 or 7.8.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the aerial or leafy sections of *Bacopa* or *Centella* or a combination thereof are added at between 1g and 4 g per 100 ml of fluid.

25 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the extraction fluid extracts Bacoside A3 from the *Bacopa*, *Centella*, or a combination thereof, wherein the Bacoside A3 has a level of 0.43 to 0.56 mg per 100 mL of water.

30 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the extraction fluid extracts Bacopaside II from the *Bacopa*, *Centella*, or a combination thereof, wherein the Bacopaside II has a level of 2.0 to 2.43 mg per 100 mL of water.

- 5 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the extraction fluid extracts Bacopaside X from the *Bacopa*, *Centella*, or a combination thereof, wherein the Bacopaside X has a level of 0.32 to 0.81 mg per 100 mL of water.
- 10 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the extraction fluid extracts Bacosaporin C from the *Bacopa*, *Centella*, or a combination thereof, wherein the Bacosaporin C has a level of 0.72 to 0.96 mg per 100 mL of water.
11. The method of claim 1, further comprising adding dietary fiber to the extraction fluid or fluid.
12. The method of claim 1, further comprising adding flavoring to the extraction fluid or fluid.
- 15 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the flavoring is berry flavor, fruit flavor, spice flavor, coffee flavor, tea flavor, vitamins, minerals, fiber, spices, sucralose, aspartame, a combination of dextrose aspartamine and maltodextrin, cyclamate, saccharin, neotame, acefultame potassium, alitame, sodium cyclamate, glucin, D-tagatose, mogroside, stevia stevioside, sucrose, 20 mannitol, brassein, curculin, erythritol, glycerol, glycyrrhizin, inulin, isomalt, lactitol, miraculin, monatin, monellin, pentadin, sorbitol, thaumain, xylitol, and honey.
14. The method of claim 12, wherein the concentration of an artificial sweetener is between 1×10^5 and 2×10^1 g/L, or wherein the concentration of a natural sweetener is 1.46×10^1 M.
- 25 15. The method of claim 1, wherein the trace amounts of minerals are provided by mineral salts, and wherein the mineral salts are CaCl_2 , NaCl , MgCl_2 , VCl , KCl , CrCl , MnCl_2 , CoCl , CuCl , ZnCl_2 , MoCl , SeCl , CaSO_4 , Na_2SO_4 , MgSO_4 , VSO_4 , KSO_4 , Cr_2SO_4 , MnSO_4 , CoSO_4 , Cu_2SO_4 , ZnSO_4 , Mo_2SO_4 , SeSO_4 , 30 CaI_2 , NaI , MgI_2 , VI , KI , CrI , MnI_2 , CoI , CuI , ZnI_2 , MoI , SeI , CaBr_2 , NaBr , MgBr_2 , VBr , KBr , CrBr , MnBr_2 , CoBr , CuBr , ZnBr_2 , MoBr , or SeBr .
16. The method of claim 15, wherein the mineral salt added at between 1×10^1 mg/L and 2×10^2 mg/L.
- 35 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the mineral salts provide at least one dietary mineral, wherein the dietary mineral is between 2 mg/L and 20 mg/L of calcium, between 4 mg/L and 15 mg/L of magnesium, between 5 mg/L and

- 5 20 mg/L of sodium, between 0.2 mg/L and 6.0 mg/L of potassium, between 5 mg/L and 15 mg/L of chloride, or between 100 mg/L and 200 mg/L of bicarbonate.
18. The method of claim 1, further comprising carbonating the extraction fluid.
19. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- 10 enhancing the phytochemical levels by adding at least one processed phytochemical source;
- wherein the processed phytochemical source is powdered *Bacopa*, powdered *Centella*, powdered aerial plant parts of *Bacopa*, powdered aerial plant parts of *Centella*, water extracts of *Bacopa*, water extracts of *Centella*, alcohol extracts of *Bacopa*, alcohol extracts of *Centella*, dried aerial plant parts of *Bacopa*, or dried aerial plant parts of *Centella*.
- 15 20. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- placing the fluid and aerial or leafy sections of *Bacopa*, *Centella*, or a combination thereof into a storage container;
- 20 wherein a homogenizer is disposed in the storage container, and wherein the homogenizer is an electric blender, a mechanical blender, or a sonicator;
- wherein the electric blender further comprises:
- 25 a homogenizer blade rotatably fixed to the storage container;
- an electric motor disposed along the rotation axis of the homogenizer blade;
- a power source in electrical communication with the electric motor;
- 30 a switch, toggle switch, momentary switch, or button adapted to control the flow of electricity from the power source to the electric motor;

wherein the mechanical blender further comprises:

5 a homogenizer blade rotatably fixed to the storage container;

a hand crank or shaft adapted to accept mechanical inputs from an external source; and

wherein the sonicator further comprises:

10 an ultrasonic bar or fork;

a power source in electrical communication with the ultrasonic bar or fork;

15 a switch, toggle switch, momentary switch, or button adapted to control the flow of electricity from the power source to the ultrasonic bar or fork.

21. A method for stimulating the production of phytochemicals in medicinal plants, comprising:

obtaining at least an aerial or leafy section of *Bacopa*, *Centella*, or a combination thereof;

20 obtaining a fluid having at least trace amounts of minerals;

wherein the trace amounts of minerals are at least sodium, calcium, and potassium;

wherein the fluid has a pH of 5.5 or greater;

25 placing the aerial or leafy sections of *Bacopa*, *Centella*, or a combination thereof into the fluid to form an extraction fluid;

storing the extraction fluid at about 1.7°C for at least 2 weeks.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the extraction fluid is stored at 1.7°C.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein the extraction fluid is at a pH of between 7 and 7.8.

30 24. The method of claim 23, wherein the extraction fluid is at a pH of 7 or 7.8.

- 5 25. The method of claim 21, wherein the aerial or leafy sections of *Bacopa* or *Centella* or a combination thereof are added at between 1g and 4 g per 100 ml of fluid.
- 10 26. The method of claim 21, wherein the trace amounts of minerals are provided by mineral salts, and wherein the mineral salts are CaCl₂, NaCl, MgCl₂, VCl, KCl, CrCl, MnCl₂, CoCl, CuCl, ZnCl₂, MoCl, SeCl, CaSO₄, Na₂SO₄, MgSO₄, VSO₄, KSO₄, Cr₂SO₄, MnSO₄, CoSO₄, Cu₂SO₄, ZnSO₄, Mo₂SO₄, SeSO₄, CaI₂, NaI, MgI₂, VI, KI, CrI, MnI₂, CoI, CuI, ZnI₂, MoI, SeI, CaBr₂, NaBr, MgBr₂, VBr, KBr, CrBr, MnBr₂, CoBr, CuBr, ZnBr₂, MoBr, or SeBr.
- 15 27. The method of claim 26, wherein the mineral salt added at between 1 x 10¹ mg/L and 2 x 10² mg/L.
- 20 28. The method of claim 27, wherein the mineral salts provide at least one dietary minerals, wherein the dietary mineral is between 2 mg/L and 20 mg/L of calcium, between 4 mg/L and 15 mg/L of magnesium, between 5 mg/L and 20 mg/L of sodium, between 0.2 mg/L and 6.0 mg/L of potassium, between 5 mg/L and 15 mg/L of chloride, and between 100 mg/L and 200 mg/L of bicarbonate.

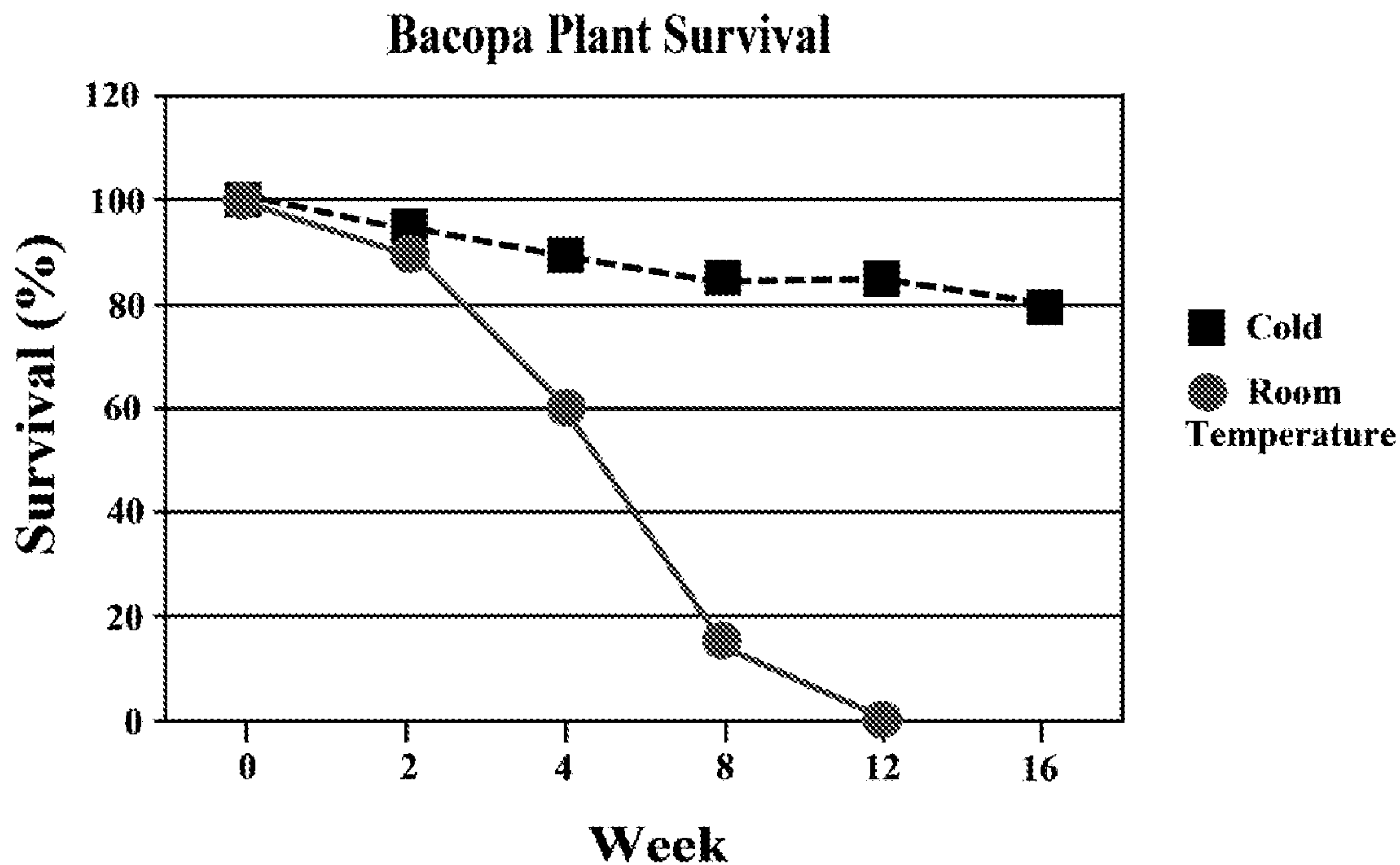


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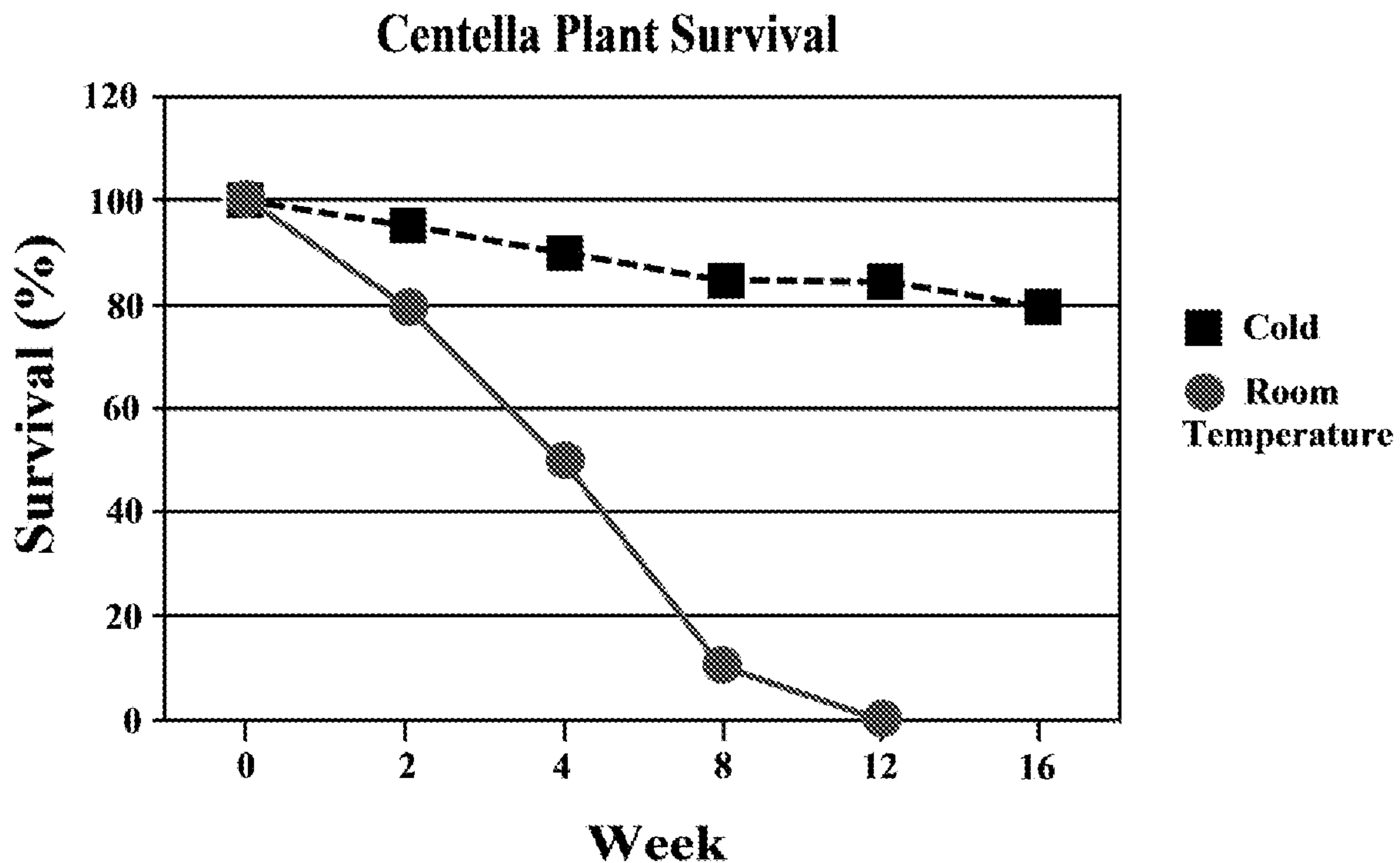


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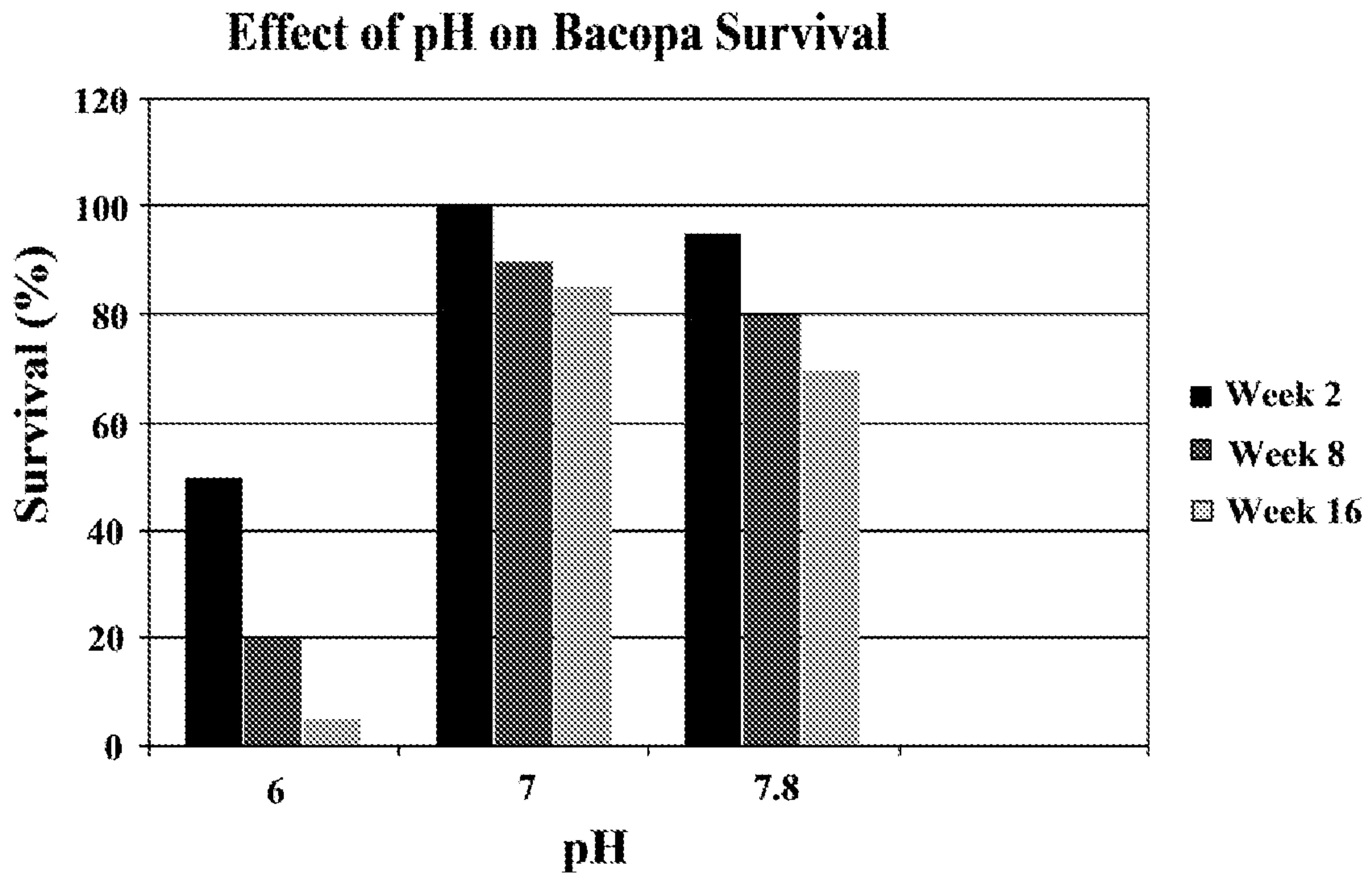


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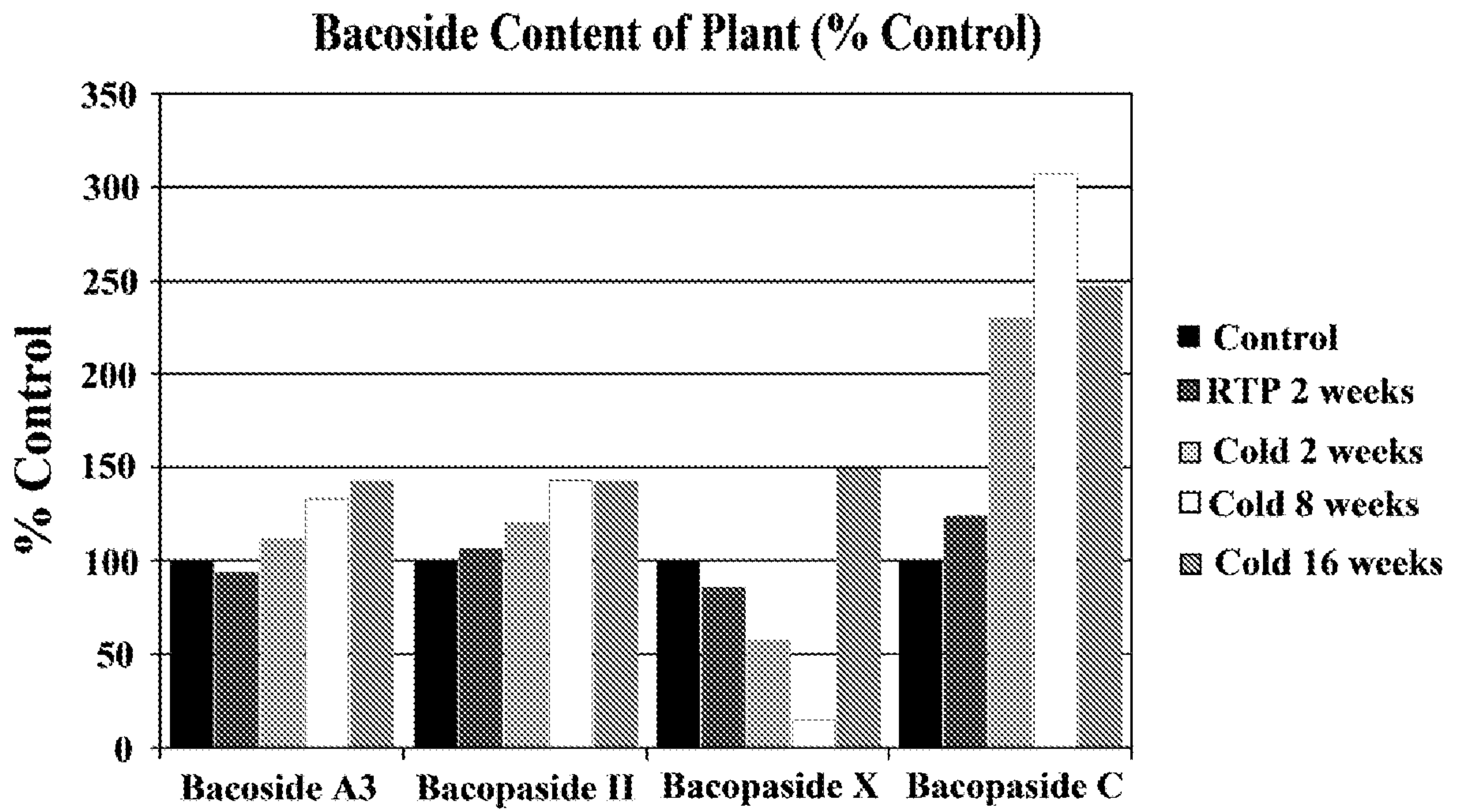


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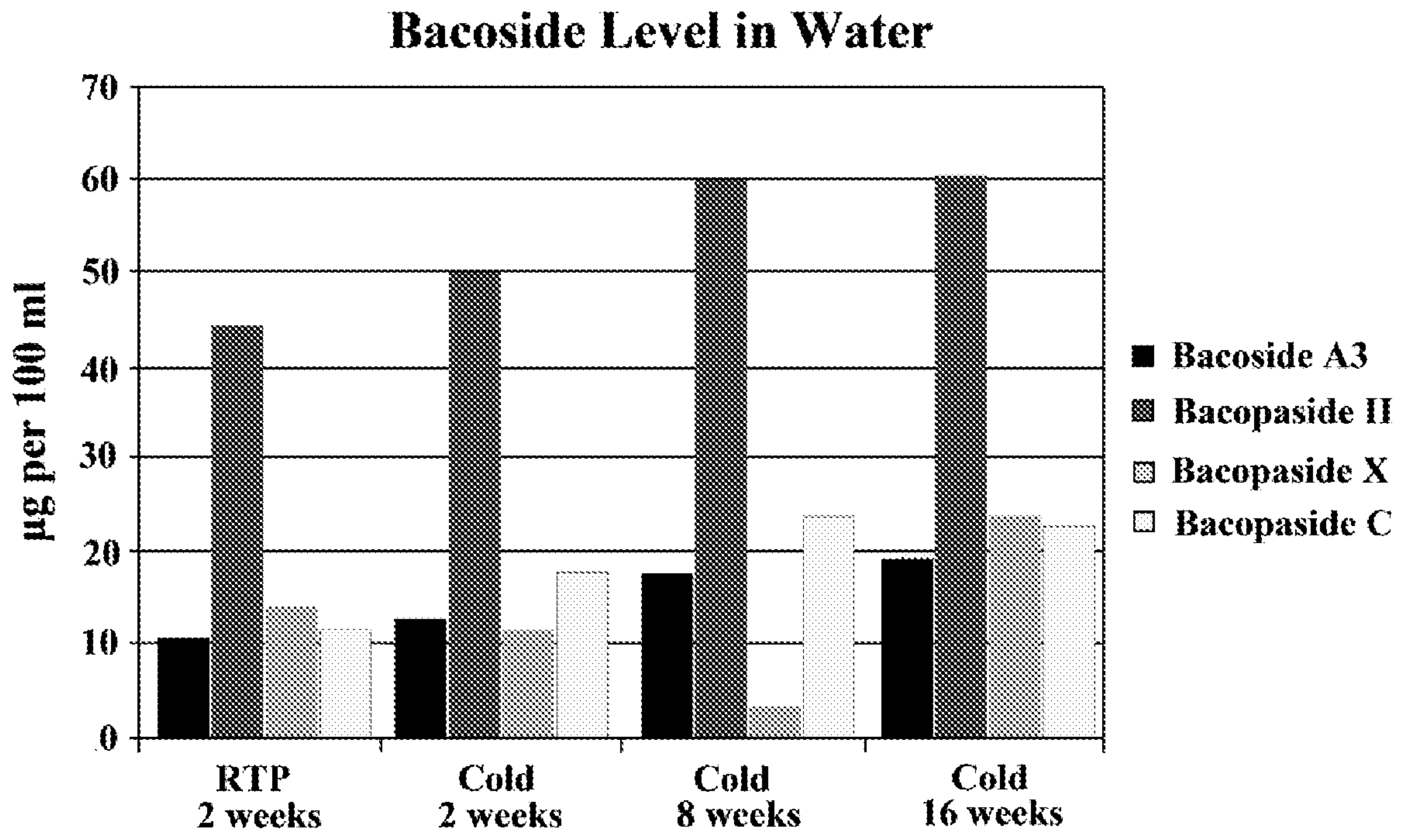


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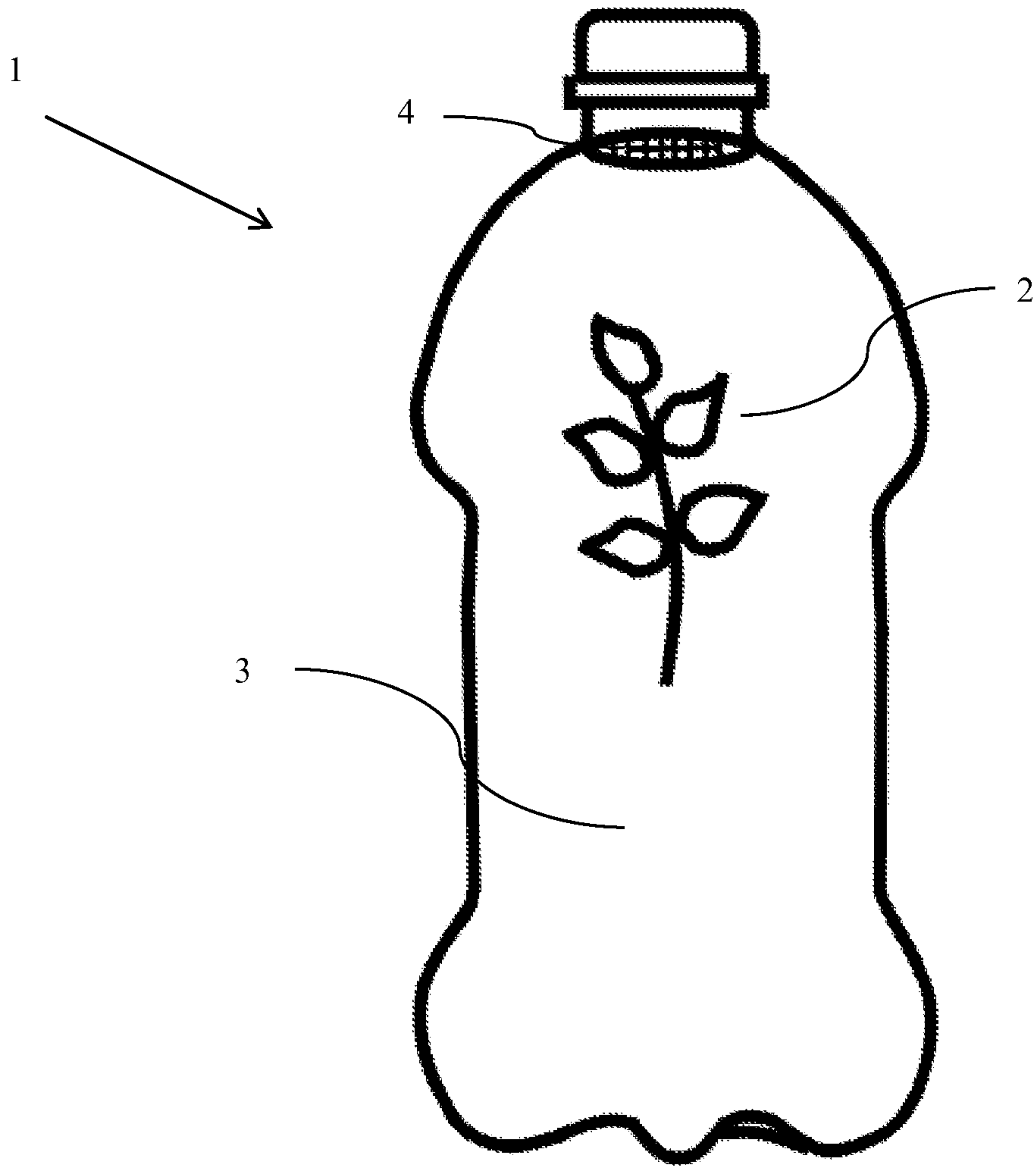


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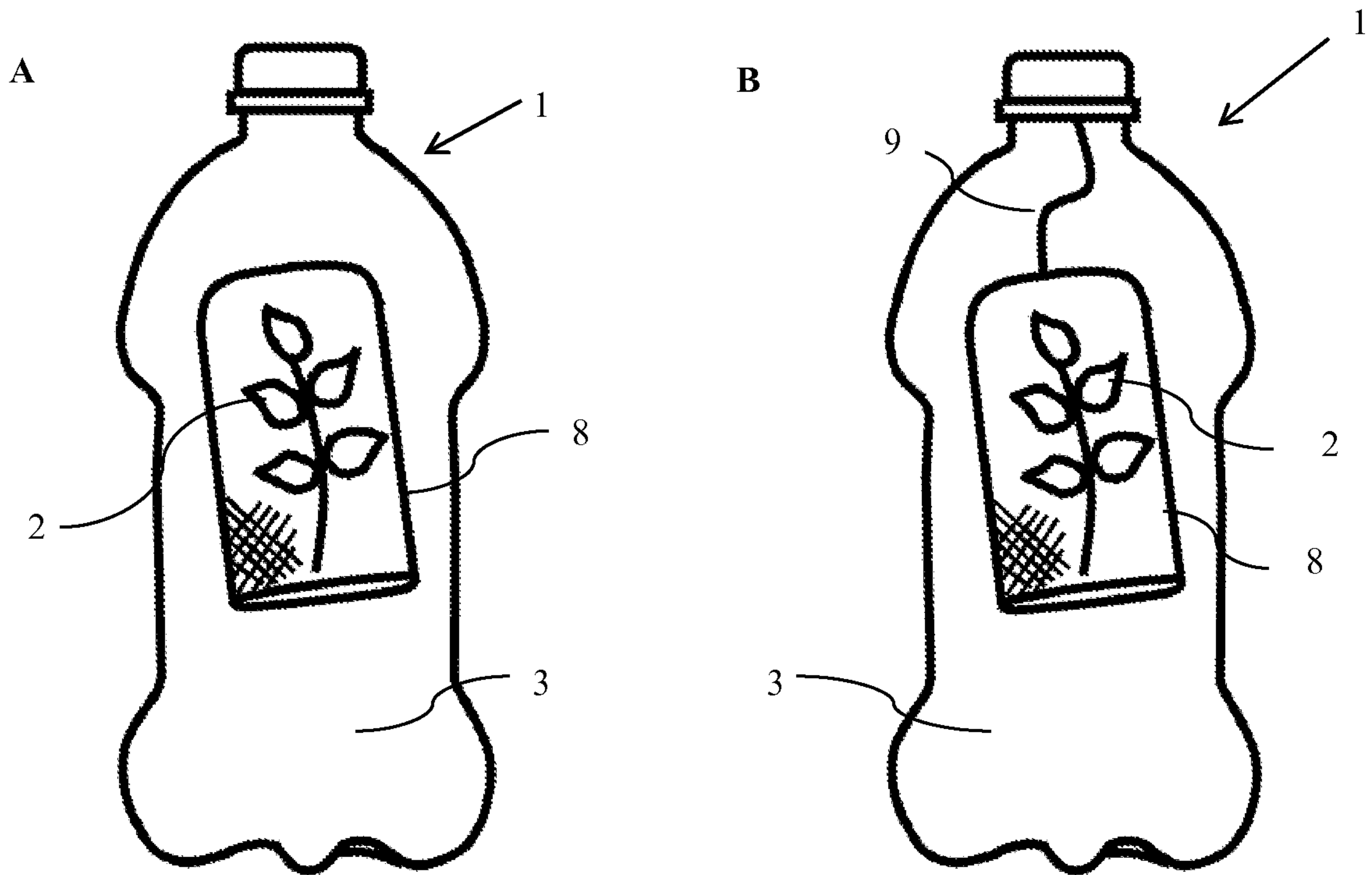


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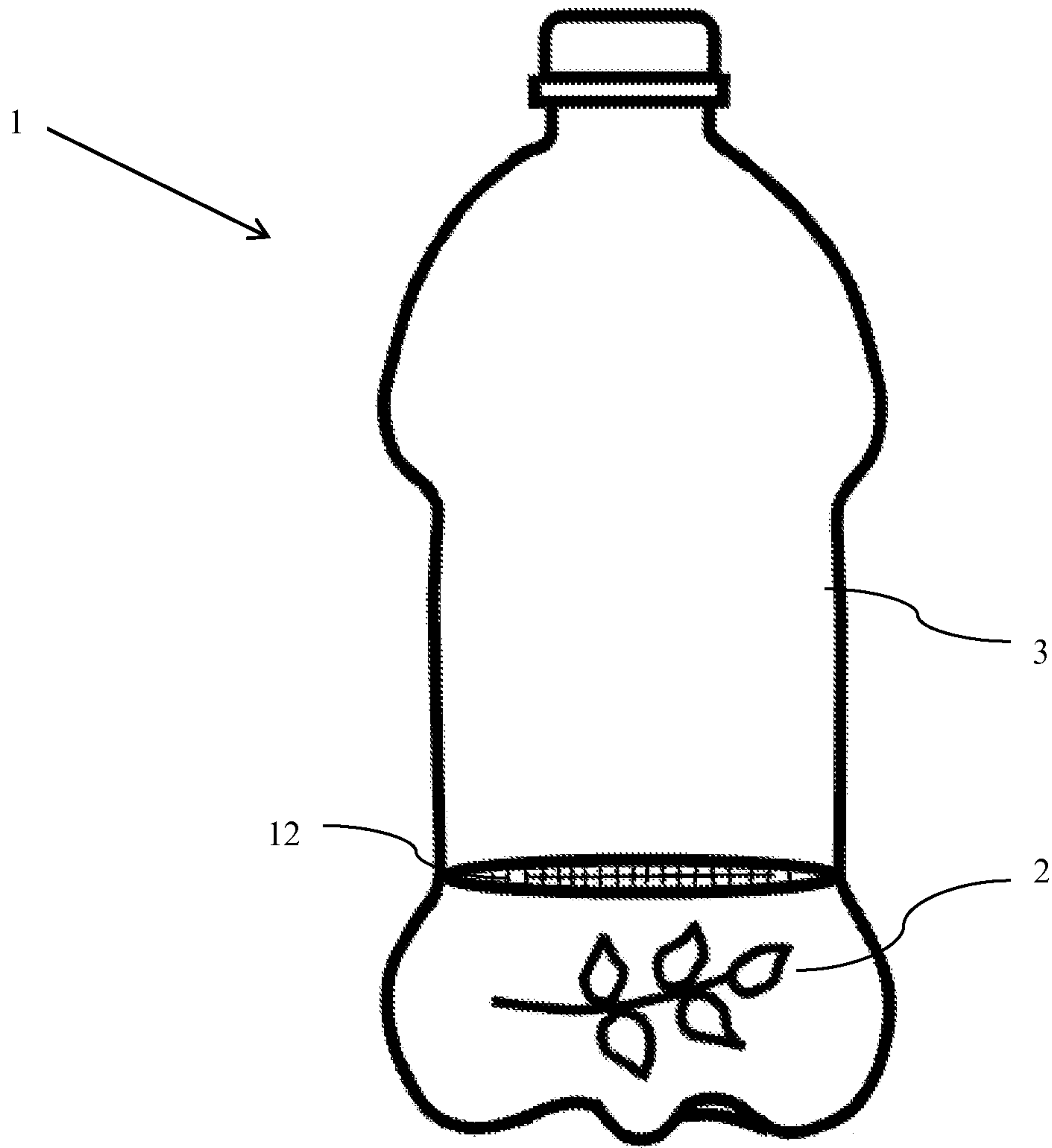


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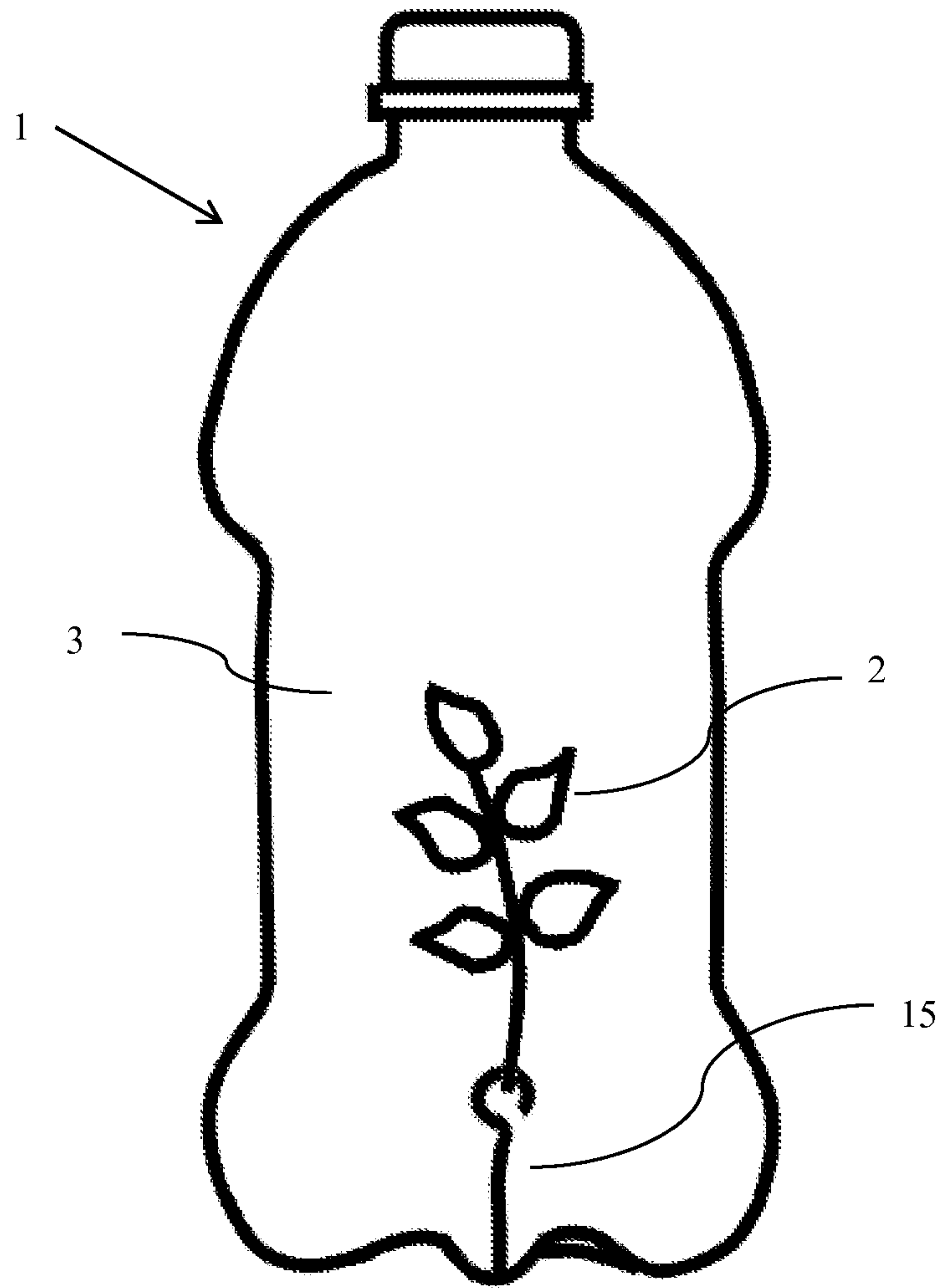


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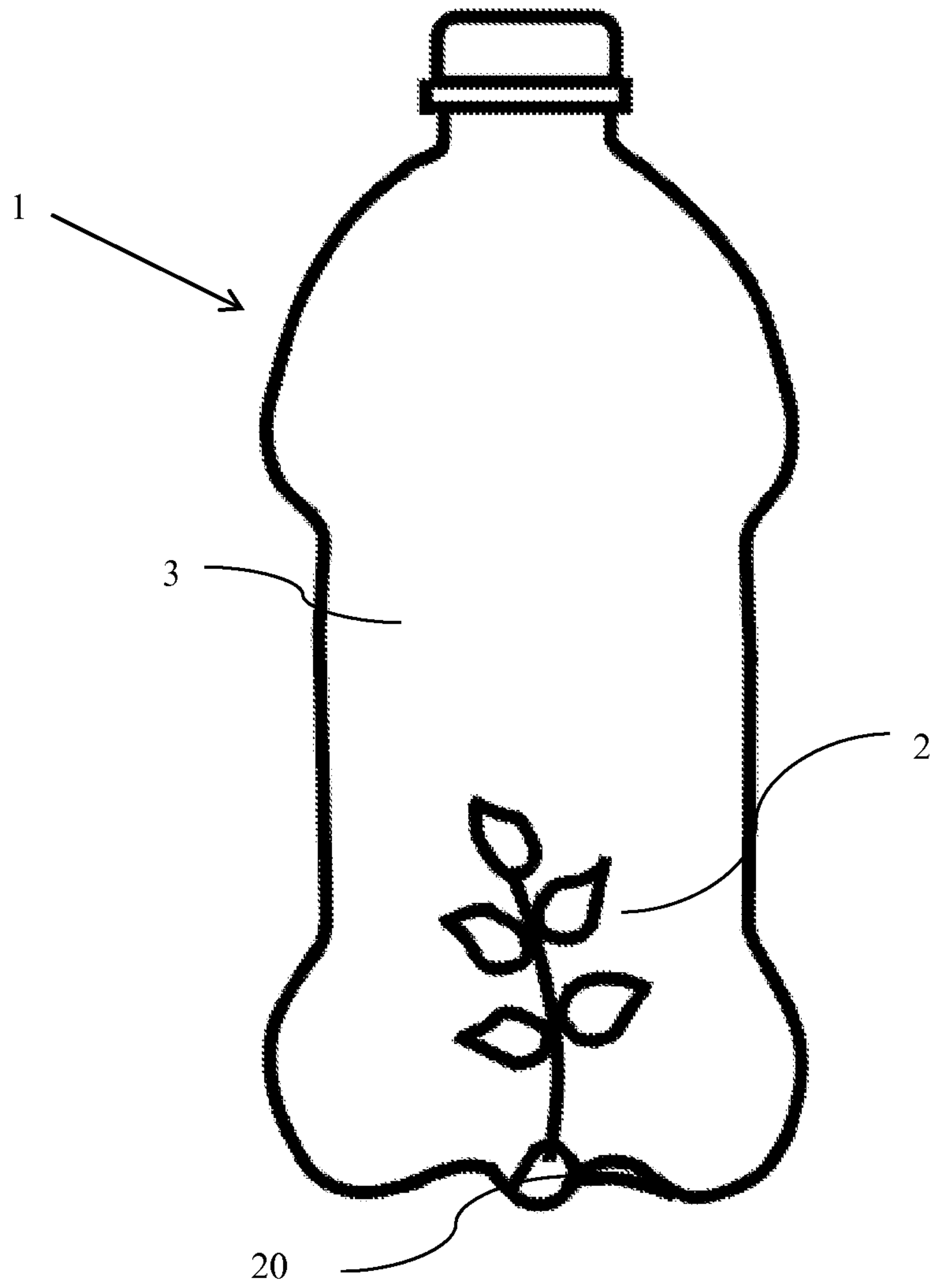


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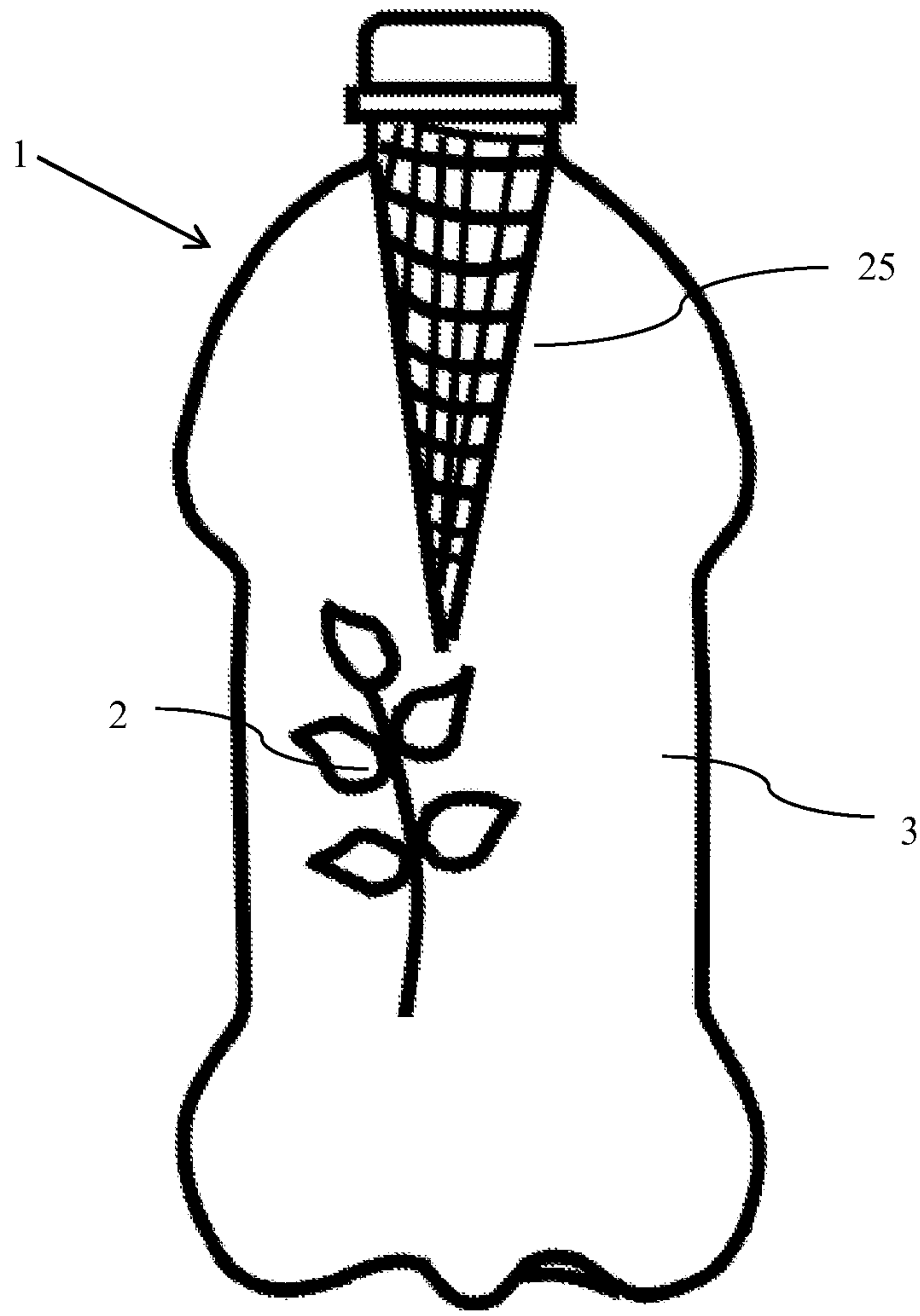


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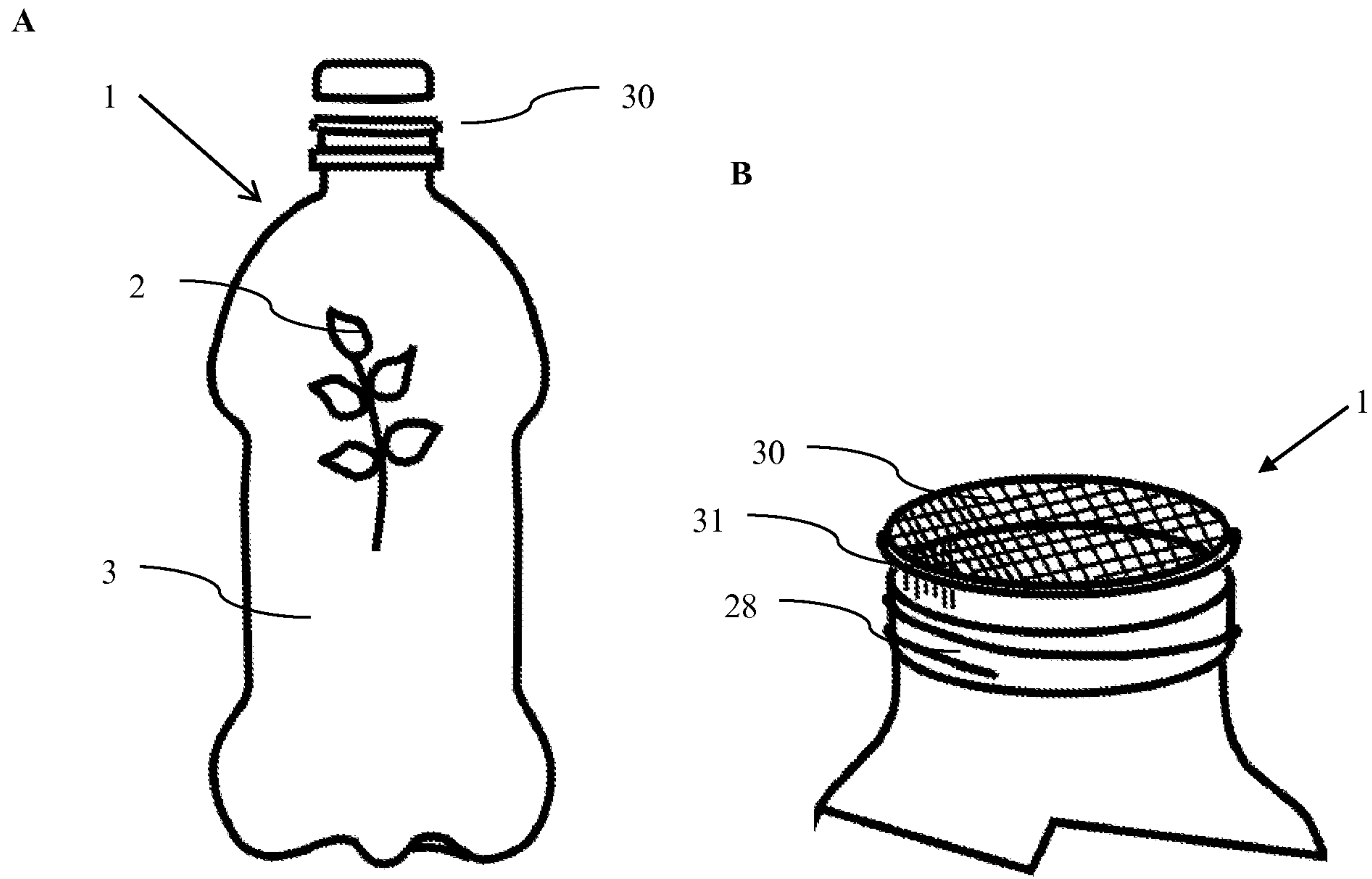


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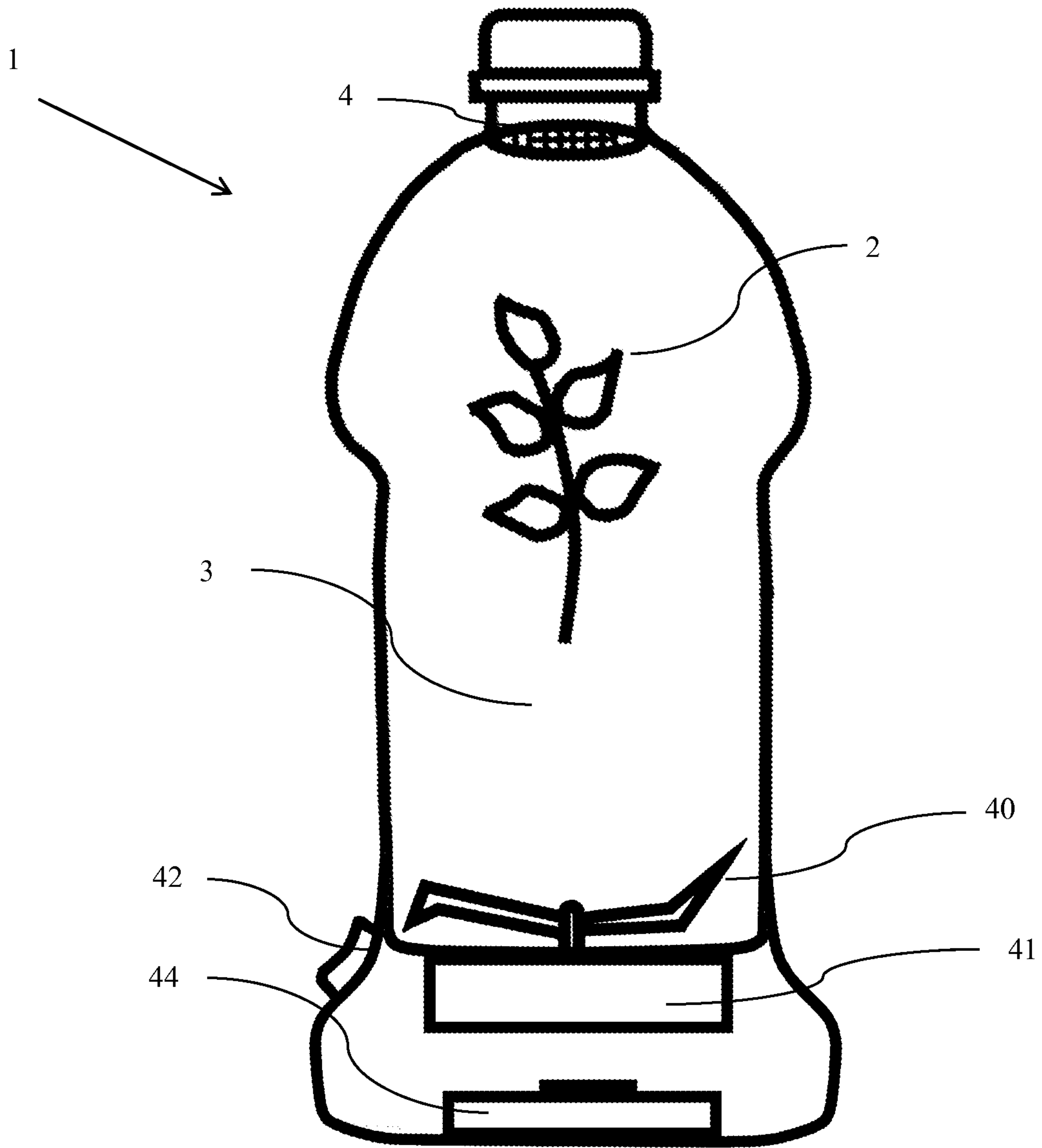


Figure 13.

Bacoside Content of Plant (% Control)

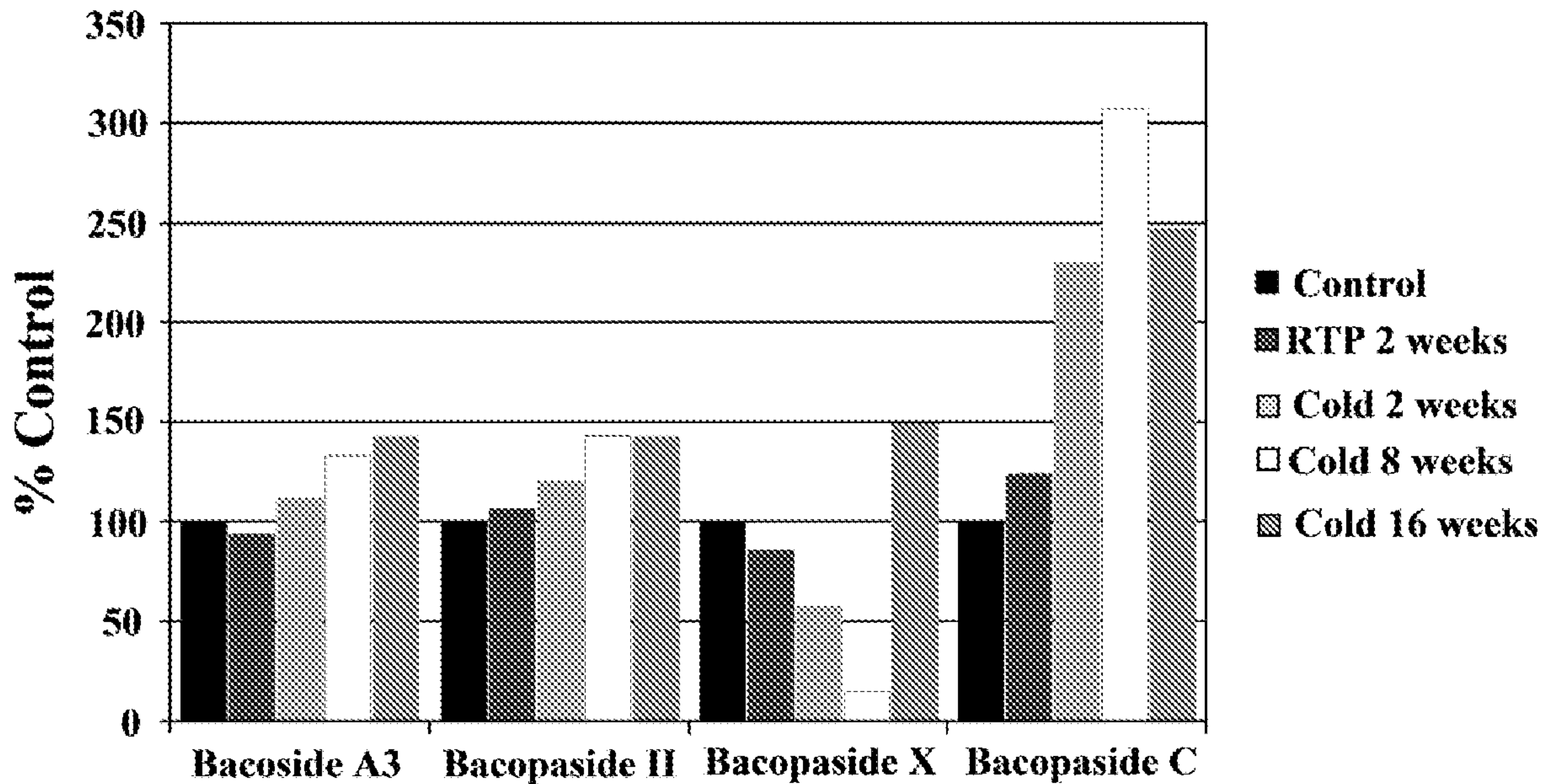


Figure 4.