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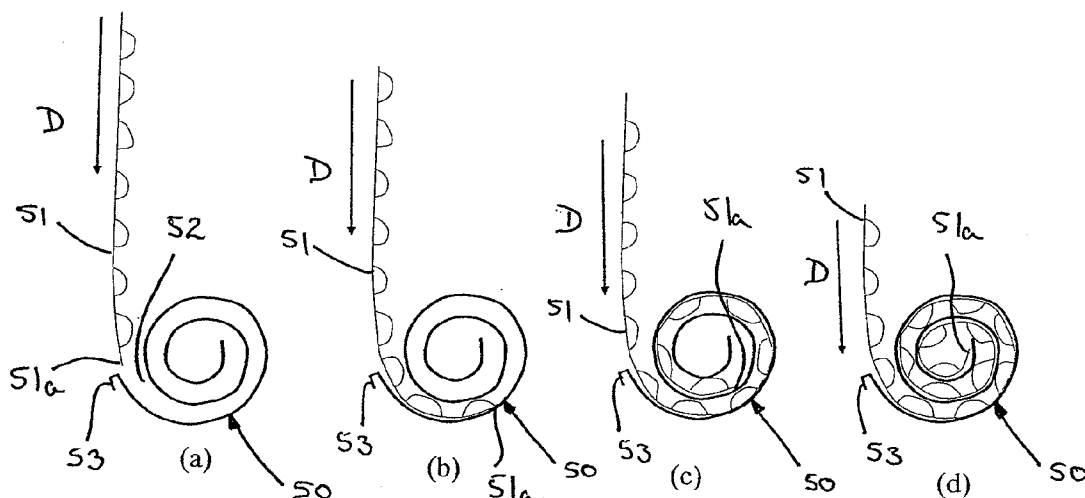


FIGURE 6

(57) Abstract: An inhaler is disclosed. It comprises a housing to receive an elongate strip of blisters each containing a dose of medicament and being sequentially movable into alignment with means for breaching a blister to enable a user to inhale said dose contained therein. The device comprises a spiral wound element (50) within the housing that receives and coils said strip of blisters that have been breached.

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Inhaler with a spiral wound element to coil the strip

2. claims: 23-30,42,44,46-50

Inhaler with a flexible or movable dividing wall

3. claims: 62-63

A method of forming a coiled strip of blisters for insertion
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4. claims: 64-66

Inhaler with means to compress, crush, tear, cut-up and/or
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