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(57) **Abstract:** A tablet is disclosed comprising a soluble body, wherein the soluble body has a surface volume ratio of at least 0.4 mm⁻¹.



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1. claims: 1-13(completely); 15-21(partially)

Tablet with specific surface area to volume ratio (claims 1-13, claim 19 (partially)); container containing it (claims 15-16 (partially)); method of manufacture (claims 17, 20 (partially)); use (claims 18, 21 (partially)).

2. claims: 14(completely); 15-21(partially)

Tablet having at least one face with one or more dimples, depressions or holes (claim 14, claim 19 (partially)); container containing it (claims 15-16 (partially)); method of manufacture (claims 17, 20 (partially)); use (claims 18, 21 (partially)).
