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(54) Title: COMPOSITIONS FOR DELIVERY OF THERAPEUTICS INTO THE EYES AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING THE SAME

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides for compositions for administering a therapeutically effective amount of a therapeutic component. The compositions may include an ophthalmically acceptable carrier component; a therapeutically effective amount of a therapeutic component; and a retention component which may be effective to reduce wettability, induce viscosity, increase mucoadhesion, increase meniscus height on a cornea of an eye and/or increase physical apposition to a cornea of an eye of a composition.



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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 26 and 40 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

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3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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Although claims 26 and 40 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: -

Present claims 1-9, 13-16, 19, 27-30, 33 relate to a composition or method comprising parts defined by reference to a result to be achieved (e.g. wordings such as "amount effective to provide", "effective to increase", "ineffective to reduce", etc.). Furthermore, all said claims disclose unclear features (e.g. "viscosity greater than the viscosity of saline...", " surface tension greater than ..human tear fluid", etc.). Thus, the claims lack clarity (Article 6 PCT).

The search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the specific technical features of the compositions or methods.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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