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(57) Abstract: A pharmaceutical product comprising lyophilised polymer matrix including a biologically active compound, of particular utility for embolisation, having improved rehydration properties is packaged in an airtight package under vacuum.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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

Although claim 21 is 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.:
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