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(57) Abstract: Composition and methods are provided for the treatment of ocular hypertension or glaucoma, wherein intraocular pressure (IOP) is lowered by insertion of an implant suprachoroidal spacer into the suprachoroidal space

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2014/0364789 A1 (TRANSCEND MEDICAL, INC.); 11 December 2014 (11.12.2014); entire document, especially Abstract, Fig. 4, para. [0008], [0041], 0045], [0084], [0095].	1-3, 9
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