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(57) Abstract: Carbohydrate usage in the gastro-intestinal tract of a subject can be modulated by administering, to a subject, a first agent that inhibits carbohydrate degradation in combination with a second agent that decreases formation or severity of intestinal gas.



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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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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 --- Y	LETTIERI, J. et al "Effects of Beano on the Tolerability and Pharmacodynamics of Acarbose" Clinical Therapeutics 1998, vol 20, no 3, pages 497-504.	1-4, 6, 21, 27-30 and 43 ----- 5, 22-26, 31, 32, 37-42 and 44
Y	KAGEYAMA, S. et al "Comparison of the Effects of Acarbose and Voglibose in Healthy Subjects" Clinical Therapeutics 1997, vol 19, no 4, pages 720-729.	5
Y	US 5,229,132 A (GRIMBERG) 20 July 1993 (20.07.1993), column 2, lines 18-42 and column 3, lines 59-63.	21-42
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