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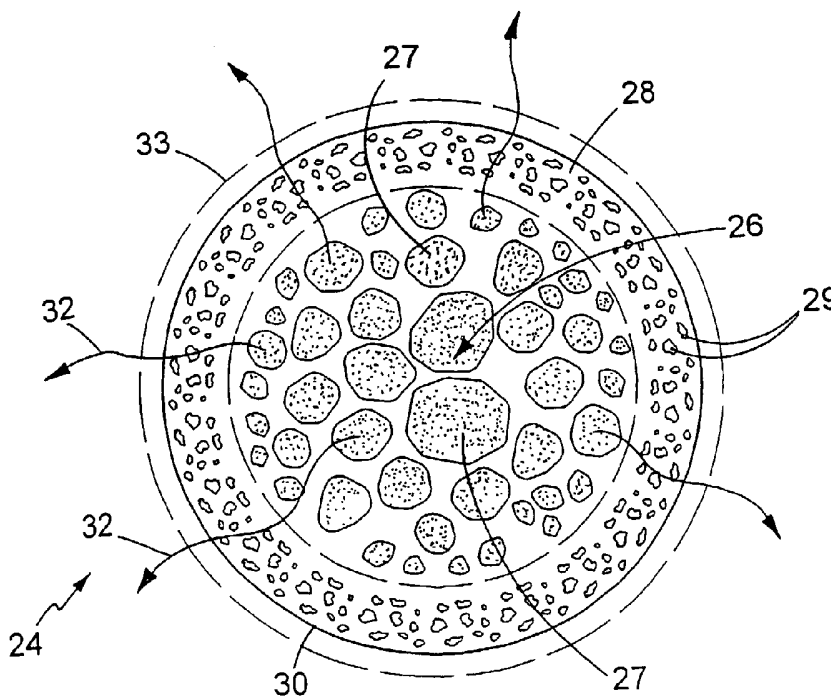
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(57) Abstract: A composition comprising a substantially spherical polymer particle having a diameter of about 1200 microns or less. The agents can be radioactive species. The agents can be therapeutic agents. The agents can be in and/or on the particles.

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Although claims 15-26 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.
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