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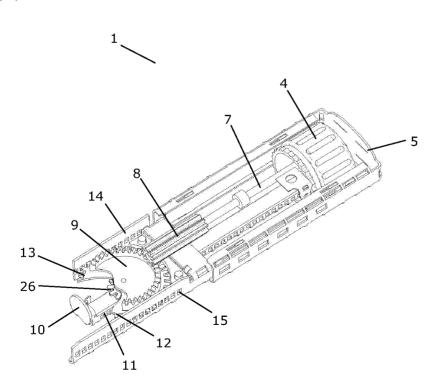
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(57) Abstract: An injection device with a gearing arrangement providing a gearing ratio between axial movement of an injection button and axial movement of a piston rod. The injection device comprises a dose setting member being operable to set a dose by rotating the dose setting member relatively to a housing, about a rotational axis. During setting of a dose the gearing arrangement is prevented from rotating along with the dose setting member about the rotational axis. According to one aspect of the invention, the gearing arrangement comprises at least one gear wheel having a rotational axis which is non-parallel to, e.g. substantially perpendicular to, the rotational axis of the dose setting member. According to another aspect of the invention, the gearing arrangement comprises a driving spindle being provided with a threaded portion having a first

pitch, and the piston rod is provided with a threaded portion having a second pitch. The gearing is provided by the threaded portions.

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An injection device comprising a housing, a dose setting member, a piston rod, an injection button, a gearing arrangement wherein at least one of the gear wheel(s) has a rotational axis which is non-parallel to the rotational axis of the dose setting member.

2. claims: 5-6

An injection device comprising a housing, a dose setting member, a piston rod, an injection button, a gearing arrangement comprising a driving spindle.

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