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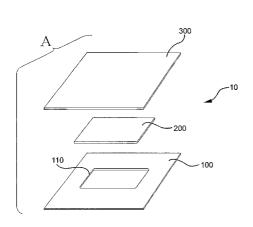
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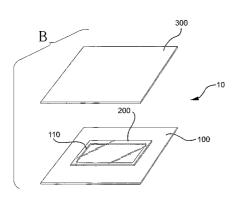
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(54) Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE DELIVERY OF A SUBSTANCE INCLUDING A COVERING



(57) Abstract: An abrasion device and method for delivery of substances into the skin using a microabrader for delivering a substance into the skin are disclosed. An abrasion device with a cover is also disclosed. Such devices and methods can be effectively used to deliver bioactive substances into skin.



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1. claims: 11-14,18-21

A system for delivering a substance into skin comprising a skin template and an abrader across said skin to produce an abraded area within the bounds of the abrasion area

2. claims: 22-24

A device for introducing a substance comprising a skin dressing, a substance, a dome coupled to the skin and overlying the abraded area and a reservoir.

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