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Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 20-21 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.

Continuation of Box I.1

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 8,9,10

Present claim 8 relates to a result to be achieved because it does not disclose explicitly how the protective coating would be made, that means it does not disclose the material constituting the protective coating. Therefore claim 8 does not fulfill the requirement of clarity according to Article 5 PCT. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the overcoating materials on page 15 line 6-14.

Present claim 9 relates to a result to be achieved because it does not disclose explicitly how the enteric coating would be neutralized, that means it does not disclose the material used to neutralize the enteric coating. Therefore claim 9 does not fulfill the requirement of clarity according to Article 5 PCT. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the neutralizing materials on page 15 line 14-29.

Present claim 10 and 15 relate to a result to be achieved because it does not disclose explicitly how the barrier coating would be made, that means it does not disclose the material constituting the barrier coating. Therefore claim 10 and 15 do not fulfill the requirement of clarity according to Article 5 PCT. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the barrier coating materials on page 16 line 4-9

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