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[54] EMULSION EYE DROP FOR ALLEVIATION OF DRY EYE RELATED SYMPTOMS IN DRY EYE PATIENTS AND/OR CONTACT LENS WEARERS

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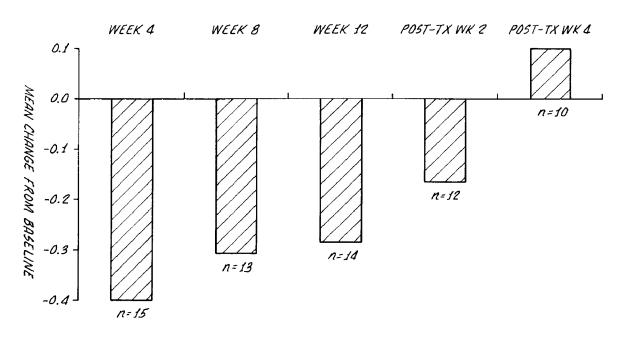
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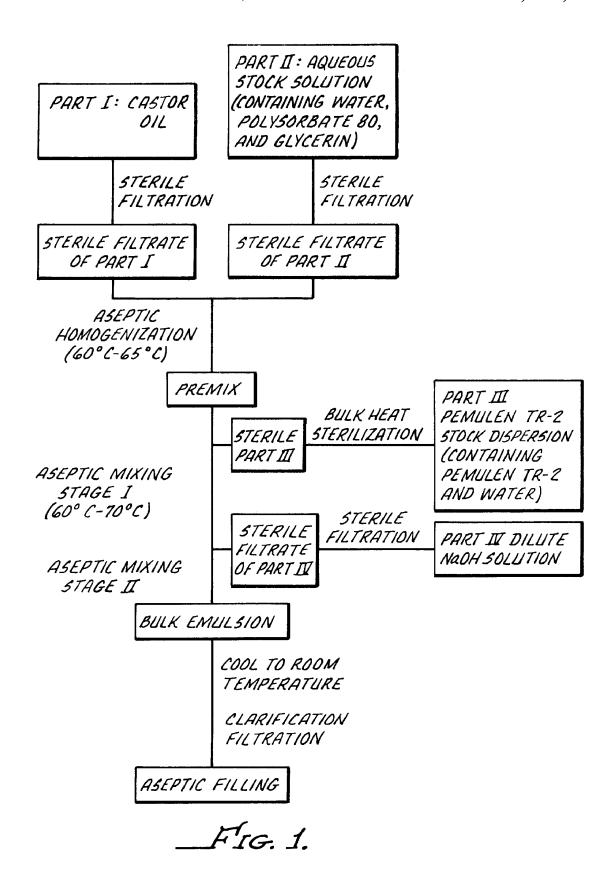
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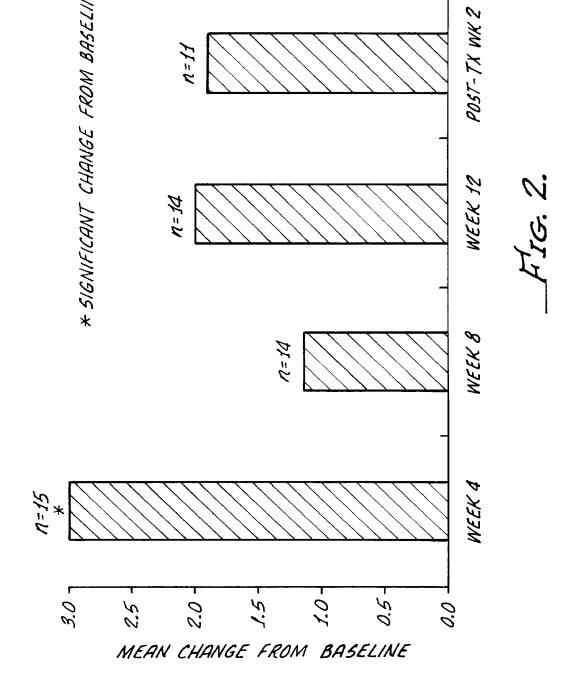
An eye drop composition for alleviation of dry eye related symptoms in dry eye patients and contact lens wearers includes an emulsion of a higher fatty acid glyceride, polysorbate 80 and an emulsion stabilizing amount of Pemulen® in water suitable for topical application to ocular tissue.

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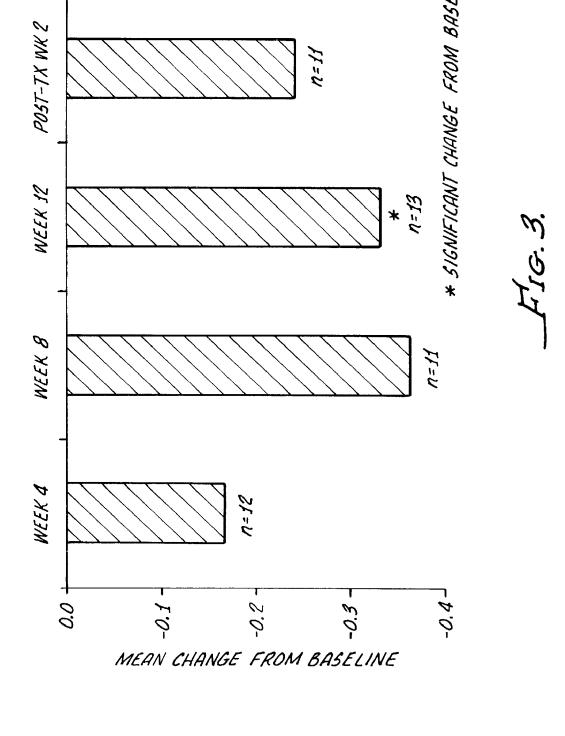






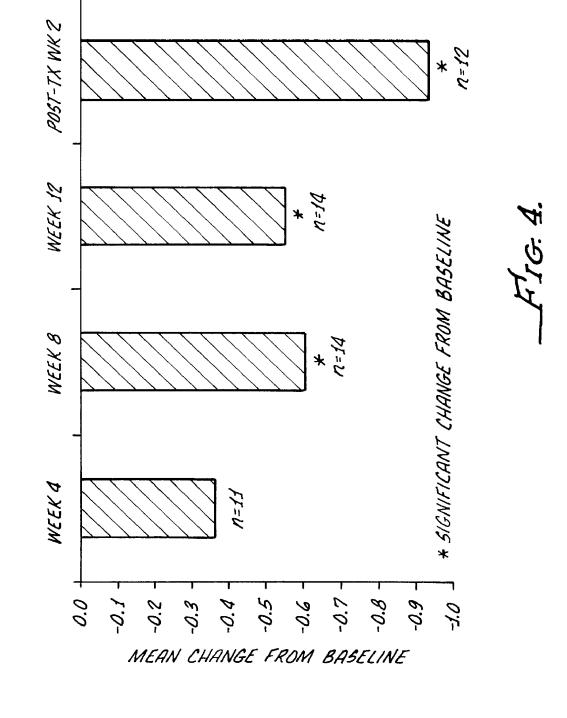












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