

[54] **SLOW RELEASE FORMULATION**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A slow release formulation to be administered to humans or animals, comprising primary granules which contain an active ingredient and are in a secondary matrix of a water soluble/dispersible slow release material, the granules themselves comprising particles containing the active ingredients and in a primary matrix of a water soluble/dispersible slow release material.

Optionally the formulation comprises a binder phase of a water insoluble slow release material having embedded therein secondary granules comprising the secondary matrix containing the primary matrix granules.

The water soluble/dispersible material may be a polysaccharide and acacia and low viscosity methylcellulose are exemplified, as well as alginate and gelatine.

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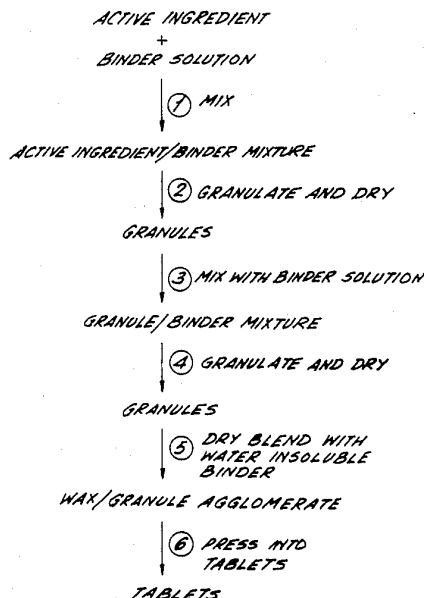


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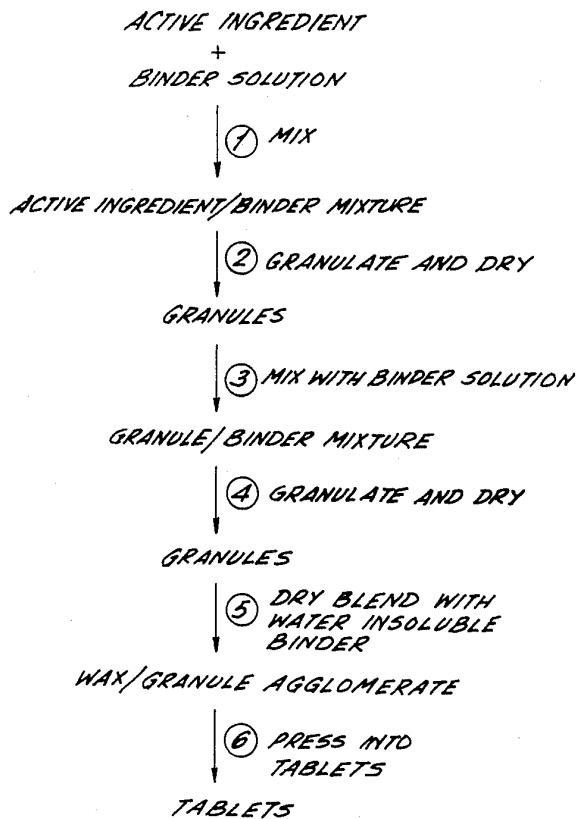


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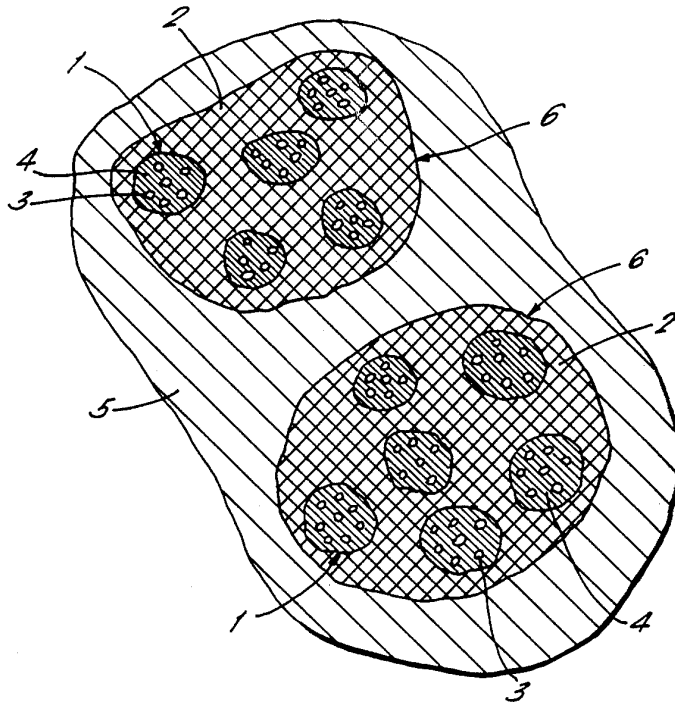


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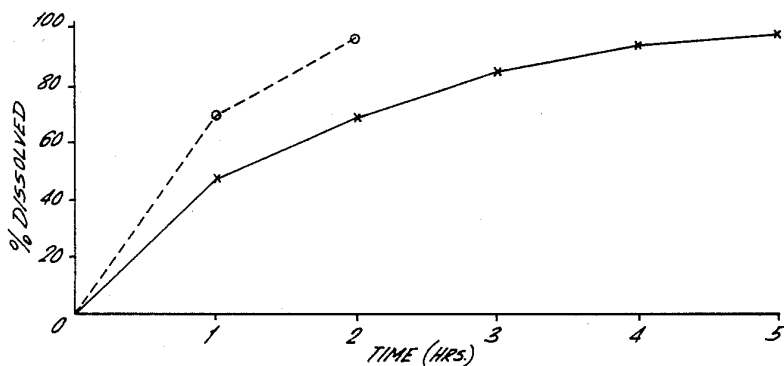


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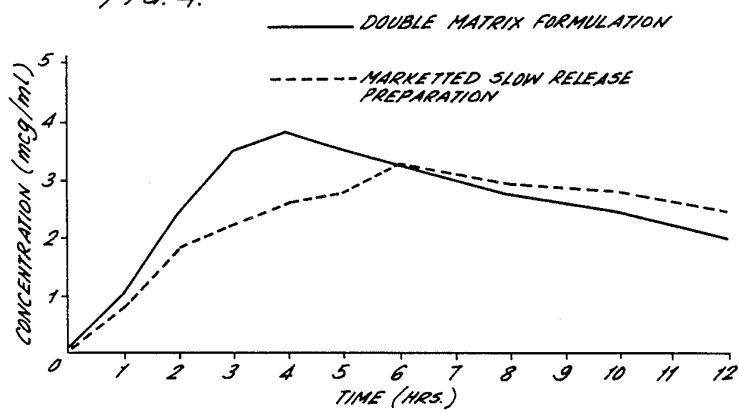


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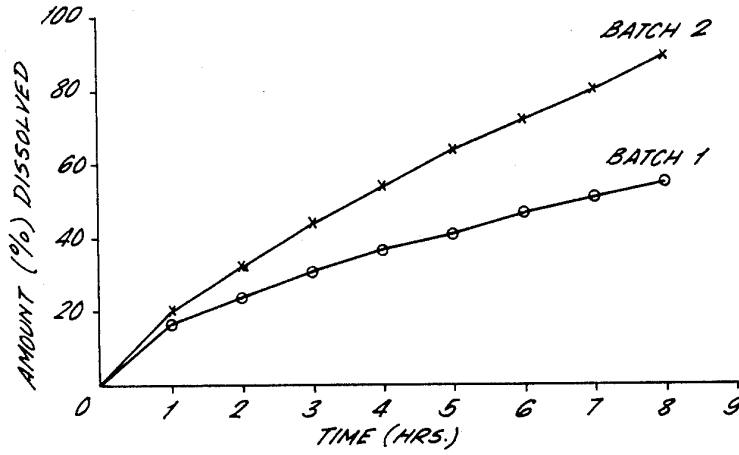
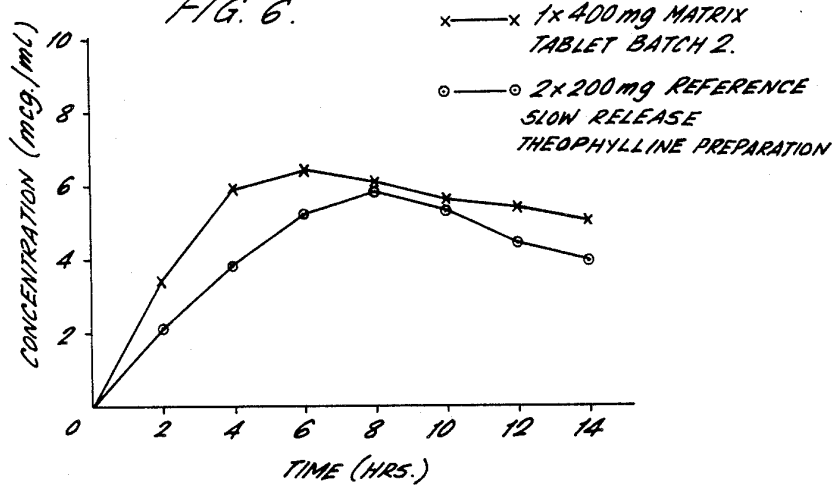


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