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For: CONTROLLED RELEASE AND)	Confirmation No.: TBD
TASTE MASKING ORAL)	
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION)	

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Sir:

**LETTER ACCOMPANYING CONTINUATION APPLICATION
 AND REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW**

The present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 13/249,839 to pursue the claims as set forth in the present application.

Claim Support

Support for these claims can be found throughout the specification and claims of parent application Serial No. 13/249,839 as filed, for example, at least as follows, with reference to the parent patents:

	Claim recitation	Support in Patent No. 8,029,823	Support in Patent No. 7,431,943
1	“A controlled release oral pharmaceutical composition”	Title of application	Title of application
	“a tablet core”	col. 4, lines 46-50; col. 3, lines 35-36;	col. 4, lines 59-63; col. 3, lines 41-42;

		col. 7, lines 35-36	col. 6, lines 49-50
	“budesonide in an amount effective for topically active treatment of inflammatory bowel disease in the gastrointestinal tract”	col. 5, lines 38-39; col. 1, lines 19-21; col. 2, lines 29-32	col. 5, lines 18-20, col. 1, lines 18-24; col. 2, lines 34-37
	“a lipophilic excipient”	col. 3, line 28	col. 3, line 33
	“an amphiphilic excipient”	col. 3, line 22	col. 3, lines 27-28
	“a hydrogel forming hydrophilic excipient”	col. 3, line 34 to col. 5, line 2	col. 3, line 39 to col. 4, line 38
	“a coating on said tablet core, said coating comprising a gastro-resistant film”	col.4, lines 46-50	col.4, lines 49-53
2	“wherein said lipophilic excipient is stearic acid”	sentence bridging col. 3 and 4	col. 4, lines 59-63
	“wherein said amphiphilic excipient is lecithin”	col. 3, lines 43-47	col. 3, lines 50-51
	“wherein said hydrophilic excipient is hydroxypropyl cellulose”	col. 6, lines 1-3; col. 4, lines 22-27	col. 4 lines 33-38 [there is “hydroxyalkyl cellulose”; and Ex. 2 uses hydroxypropyl methylcellulose]
	“wherein said gastro-resistant film comprises at least one methacrylic acid polymer”	col. 4, lines 46-50	col. 4, lines 59-63
3	“wherein said tablet core further comprises microcrystalline cellulose, lactose, silica, and magnesium stearate”	col. 7, lines 33-35	col. 6, lines 46-49

Therefore, no new matter is added by the claims of the present application. Applicants respectfully request that the examination of this application proceed with the present claims.

Telephone Interview

Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Request for Prioritized Examination (Track 1) for the present application. Applicants request that a telephone interview with the Examiner be scheduled before any office action on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,

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