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[54] **COMPOSITION USEFUL FOR IN VIVO DELIVERY OF BIOLOGICS AND METHODS EMPLOYING SAME**

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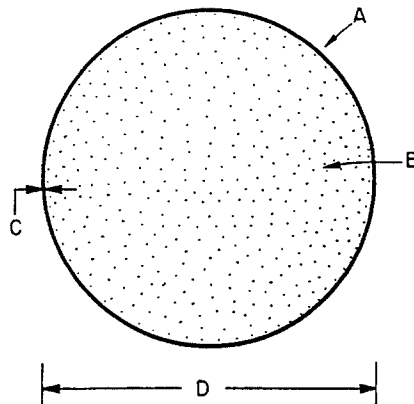
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[57] ABSTRACT

In accordance with the present invention, there are provided compositions useful for the in vivo delivery of a biologic, wherein the biologic is associated with a polymeric shell formulated from a biocompatible material. The biologic can be associated with the polymeric shell itself, and/or the biologic, optionally suspended/dispersed in a biocompatible dispersing agent, can be encased by the polymeric shell. In another aspect, the biologic associated with polymeric shell is administered to a subject, optionally dispersed in a suitable biocompatible liquid.

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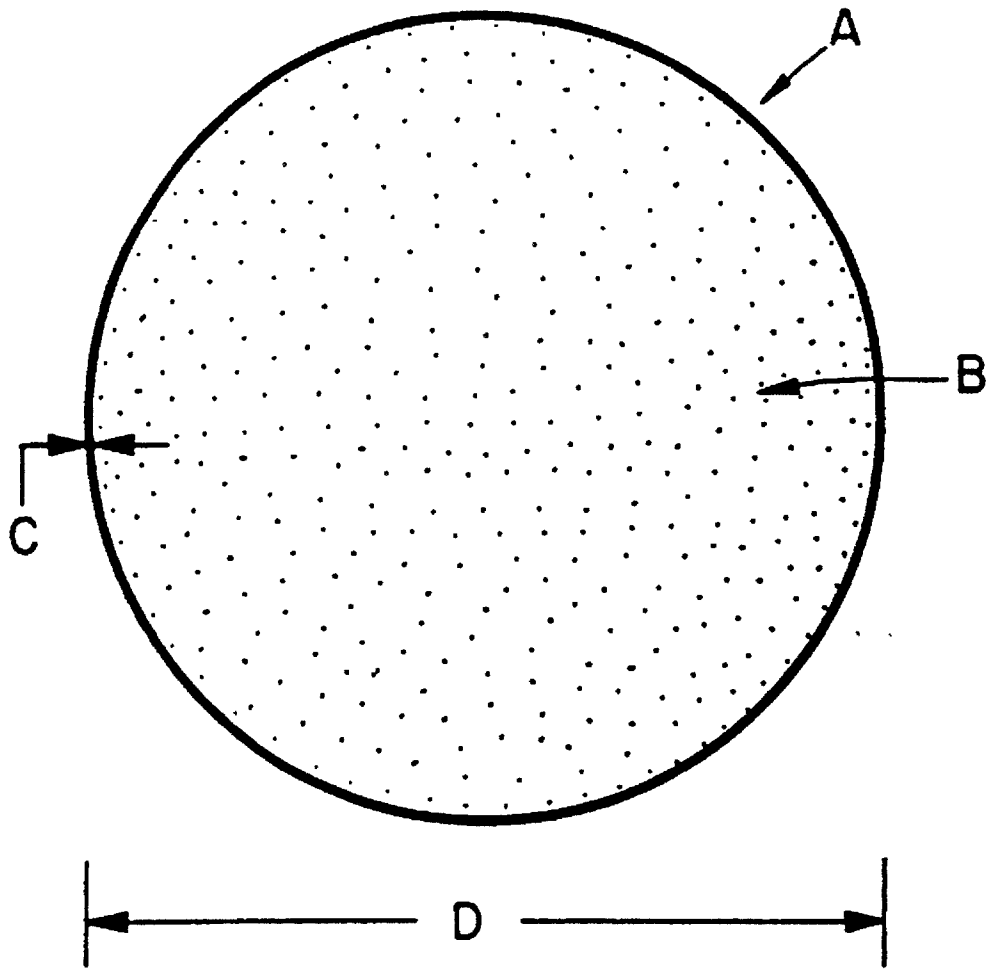


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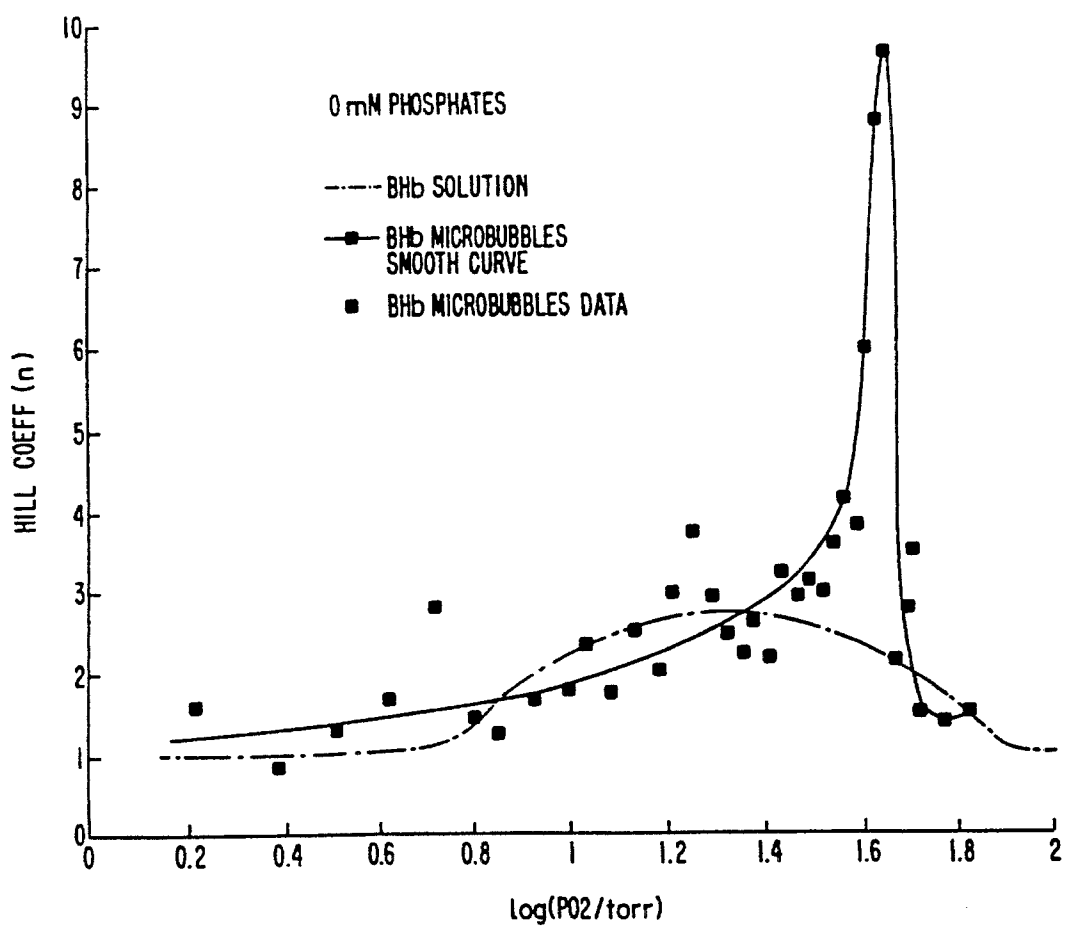
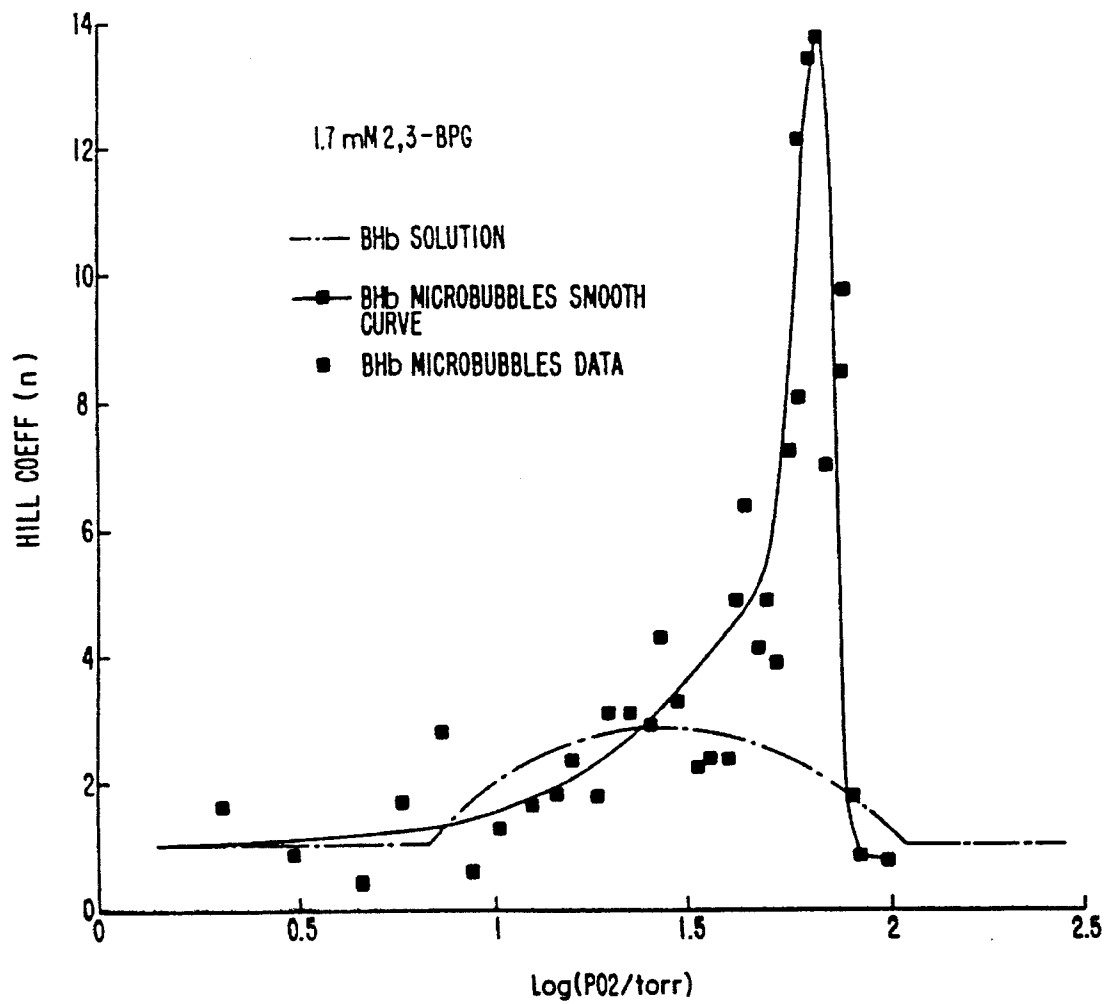


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