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A MEANS FOR DISPENSING PHARMACEUTICALS

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Abstract (en)
[origin: EP0197900A2] The present invention relates to a means for dispensing solid pharmaceuticals such as tablets into medication receptacles. The means comprises a control unit and a feeding unit including a plurality of feed-in stations through which pharmaceuticals are supplied to the means. An elongate transport channel (6) leads from each feed-in station (32) and carries pharmaceuticals, preferably by means of vibration, towards a feed-out means (12). The transport channels (6) are driven individually, independently of each other. A photocell (13) emits an impulse to the control unit each time a tablet is passed from the transport channel (6) to the feed-out means (12). When the desired number of tablets has been supplied by the transport channel (6), the control unit discontinues the supply. The feed-out means (12) supplies the tablets to the medication receptacles which are arranged on a positioning member, preferably comprising a coordinate table (14). The control unit emits drive signals to the motors (15) of the coordinate table when the control unit has stopped the drives for all transport channels (6), whereupon the medication receptacles are indexed forward to a new position in which the control unit re-activates the drives for the transport channels (6).

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