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(54) **Apparatus for filling blister packs.**

(57) The invention relates to an apparatus for filling blister packs with solid products. More especially the products to be distributed in blister packs are phar-

maceutical dosage forms, e.g. tablets or capsules. The apparatus of the invention is particularly adapted for packaging drugs for use in clinical trials.

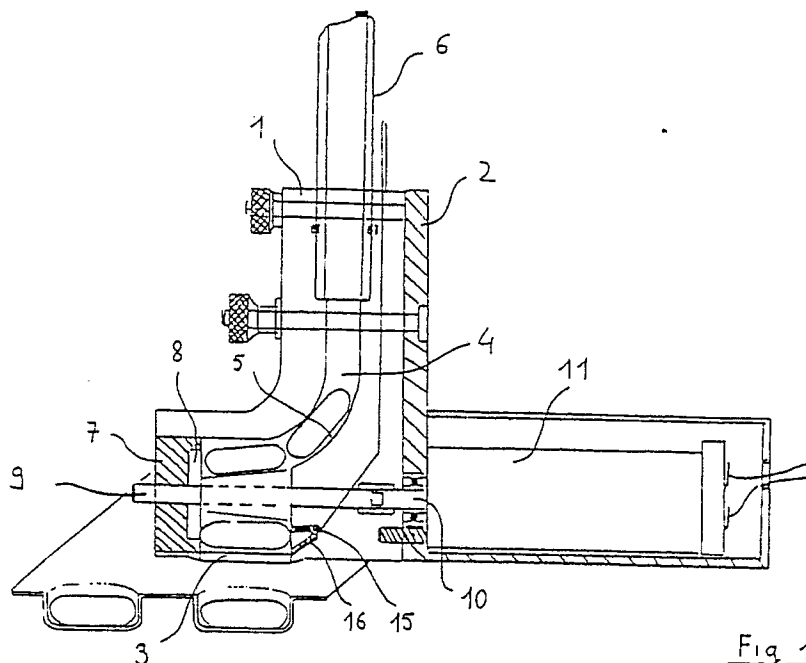


Fig. 1

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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ All claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
- ☐ Only part of the claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid.
- namely claims:
- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

X LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions.

namely:

1. Claims 1-7: Blister filling apparatus with controlled relative motion between blisters and dispensers.
2. Claims 8,9,12,13: Dispensing unit.
3. Claims 10,11: Holder means.

Because the subject matter of claim 1 belongs to the state of art (see search report) the depending claims become independent.

This results in the a forementioned groups of claims, which, between each other miss a unity forming combination, and consequently are to be considered as independent inventions (lack of unity a posteriori).

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