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(54) **An oral active agent delivery system**

(57) An oral active agent delivery system for delivering discrete units of active agent formulation in admixture with a fluid is disclosed. Said system comprises:

a hollow active agent formulation chamber (10) having a first end (16) and a second end (18) and containing an active agent formulation in the form of a plurality of discrete units, said ends being adapted to pass fluid during delivery of the active agent formulation; and

a fluid passing active agent retainer for preventing release of the discrete units from the first end (16) of the chamber while permitting fluid entry into the chamber; and is characterised in that said fluid passing active agent retainer comprises a restriction in the cross-sectional area of said first end of said chamber, and each of said discrete units has a diameter greater than said restriction.

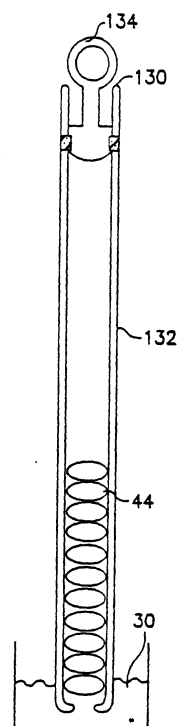


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