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(54) ELECTRONIC AEROSOL PROVISION SYSTEM AND METHOD

(57) A method of control for an aerosol delivery system comprises generating a first version of an aerosol having at least a first property modified to a first version within a first phase of the inhalation, detecting a second

phase of the inhalation, and generating a second version of the aerosol having at least the first property modified to a second, different version in response to detection of the second phase of the inhalation.

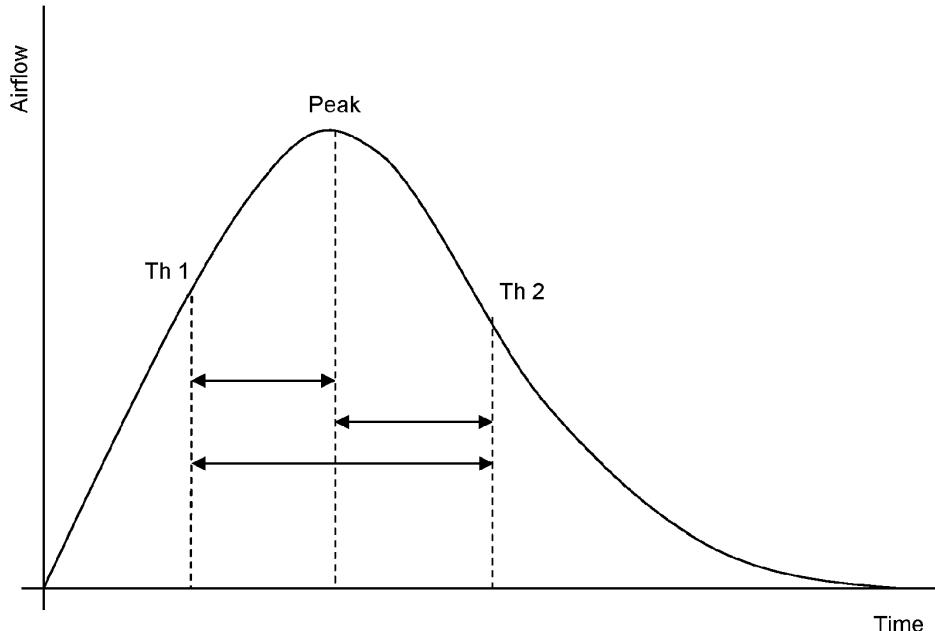


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40	The Search Division considers that the present application, or one or more of its claims, does/do not comply with the EPC so that only a partial search (R.62a, 63) has been carried out.		
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Reason for the limitation of the search:
In reply to the invitation to file a statement indicating the subject-matter to be searched, the applicant has submitted amended claims 1-13. These claims are not considered amended claims within the meaning of Rule 137(1) EPC but treated merely as explanations of the originally-filed claims (GL B-VIII, 3.2.2).

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In the letter dated 3 April 2024, the applicant has failed to provide basis for claims 10-12. The subject-matter of these claims seem to extend beyond the content of the parent application as originally-filed (Article 76 EPC).

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Thus, the search report has been drawn up on the basis of claims 1-9 and 13 which seem to have basis in the parent application as originally-filed.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that the application will be further prosecuted on the basis of subject-matter for which a search has been carried out and that the claims should be limited to that subject-matter at a later stage of the proceedings (Rule 63(3) EPC).

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