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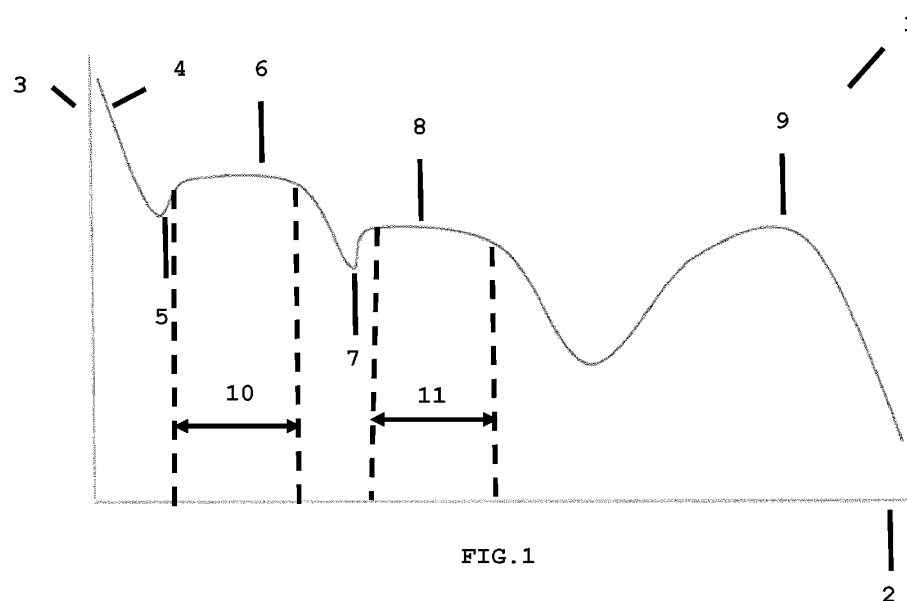


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for freezing injectable compositions, in particular pharmaceutical compositions. The method comprises: storing a quantity of a dispersion of an injectable composition in an aqueous dispersion medium in a vial; cooling the vial by applying cooling gas to the vial, the cooling characterized by performing at least one of (A), (B) and (C), wherein (A) is an initial cooling control scheme before nucleation has occurred in the dispersion layer, (B) is a crystallization control scheme during crystallization of the dispersion layer, and (C) is a final cooling control scheme after the dispersion layer has crystallized; and obtaining the dispersion after freezing is complete.

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