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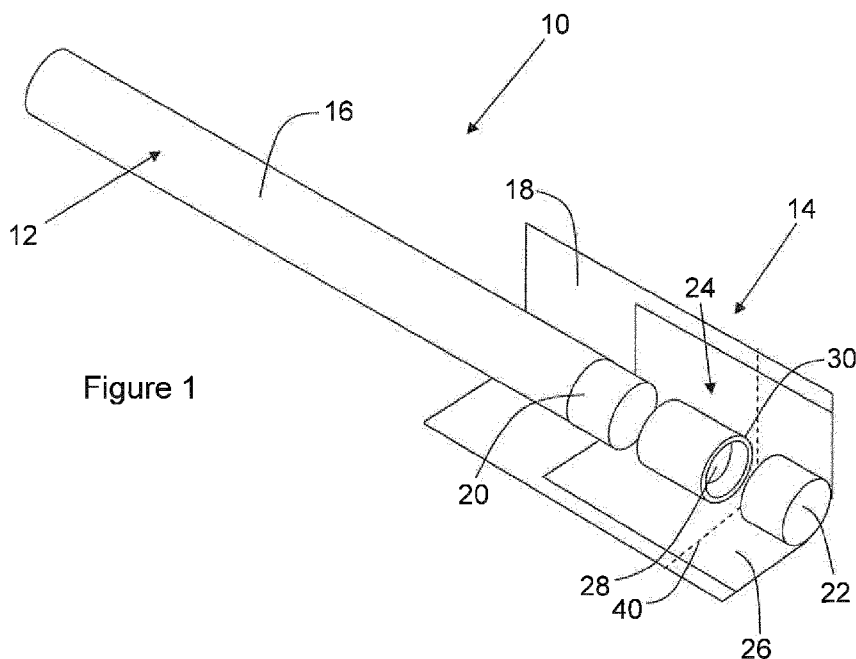


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: A smoking article (10) comprises a polymeric insert (24) having a compressibility of less than about 100 N per 1.5 mm and formed of a dissolvable polymeric material comprising one or more water soluble polymers. Preferably, the polymeric insert within the smoking article (10) is in the form of a flow restriction element including a transverse barrier (28) with at least one orifice (38).

