11. Use of a diol alcohol to stabilize the viscosity of an ophthalmic formulation comprising a galactomann and borate, wherein the formulation further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable divalent cation salt at a concentration greater than 0.05 w/v%.

12. Use according to claim 11, said formulation further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of magnesium, calcium, zinc, or combinations thereof.

13. Use according to claim 12 wherein the salt is magnesium chloride at a concentration of 0.05 w/v% to 0.25 w/v%.

14. Use of a formulation of claim 1 in the manufacture of a medicament for lubricating the eye.

15. Use of a formulation of claim 1 for the manufacture of a medicament for delivering a pharmaceutically active agent to the eye, the formulation further comprising a pharmaceutically active agent.