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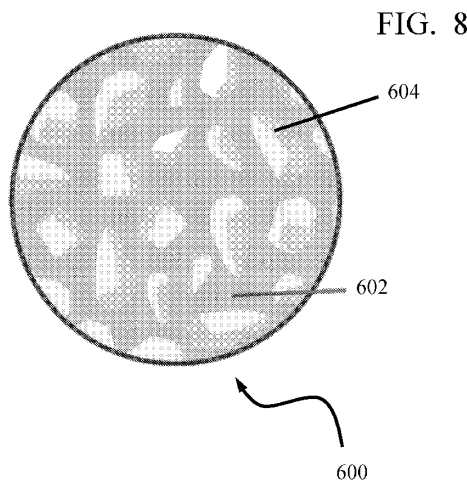
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(57) **Abstract:** A formulation including a first population of sweetener particles, each individual sweetener particle containing sweetener particles containing a caloric sweetener; and a plurality of amorphous silica particles, disposed in each individual sweetener particle; wherein the average ratio of the number of the amorphous silica particles to the number of the sweetener particles is at least 2.5:1, wherein the first population of sweetener particles is less sweet with respect to a control sweetener identical to the first population of sweetener particles, but devoid of the plurality of amorphous silica particles, and wherein, when the first population is diluted with sucrose to produce a standard formulation containing 0.1% amorphous silica, the standard formulation exhibits improved sweetness with respect to a corresponding control sucrose formulation identical to the standard formulation, but devoid of the plurality of amorphous silica particles.

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