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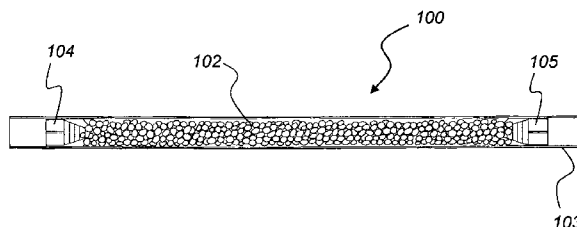


Fig. 6

(57) Abstract: A probiotic composition including a probiotic microorganism embedded within a matrix, the matrix substantially maintaining the viability of said microorganisms. The matrix releases said microorganisms into and upon contact with a liquid carrier. The invention includes methods for manufacturing the composition, particular forms of the composition (2) and as apparatus for administration.

