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Schematic for Buffer-Coated IR & SR or TPR Beads

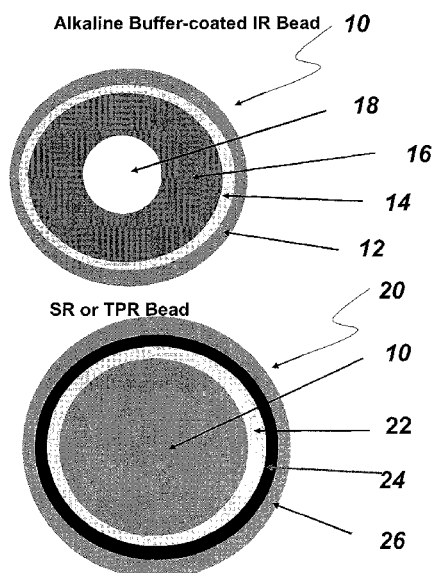


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to pharmaceutical compositions, and methods of making such compositions, comprising microparticles containing a weakly basic drug core, a layer of alkaline buffer, and a controlled-release coating. The present invention is also directed to pharmaceutical dosage forms, including orally disintegrating tablets, conventional tablets, and capsules, and methods for their preparation.

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