

## ABSTRACT

## ADHESIVE PATCH

5           An adhesive patch is provided that allows the user to apply it  
in a safe and hygienic manner without touching the drug-containing  
matrix during the sequence of actions from the removal of the liner  
to the application of the patch. Specifically, the adhesive patch  
has a multilayer structure that includes a backing, an adhesive  
10 drug-containing matrix that is spread substantially entirely over  
one surface of the backing, and a liner that adheres to the drug-  
containing matrix surface. The adhesive patches have the following  
features:

15           (a) the liner adhering to the drug-containing matrix surface  
includes first and second liners;

20           (b) the first liner is folded at the middle thereof so that it  
is divided by the fold into first and second sections that together  
form a V-shaped liner, the first section adhering to the drug-  
containing matrix surface from one end of the matrix with the fold  
arranged closer to the middle of the drug-containing matrix, the  
second section serving as a tab; and

          (c) the second liner adheres to the remaining part of the  
drug-containing matrix surface with one end of the second liner  
covering the fold of the V-shaped first liner to form a laminated  
part that serves as a tab.

Fig. 1.1 & Fig. 1.2