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(54) Title: POLYINOSINIC-POLYCYTIDYLIC ACID (POLY (I:C)) FORMULATIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS

(57) Abstract: The present invention concerns a composition comprising microparticles of polyinosinic–polycytidylic acid (Poly (I:C)) and a carrier polymer selected from starch, alginate, blanose or DPPC (dipalmitoylphosphatidylcholine) for use in preventing and/or treating viral infections of the upper respiratory tractor the common cold and a device, preferably a nasal delivery system, comprising said composition for use by a patient in need to prevent and/or treat infections or the common cold.