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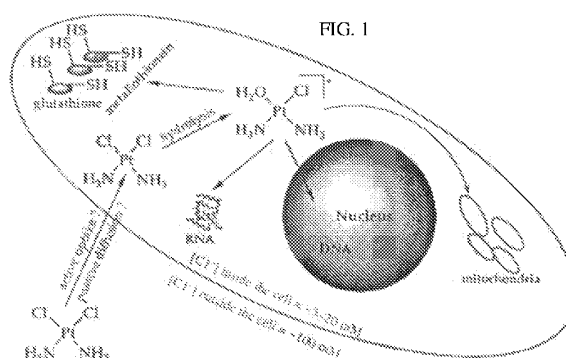
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(57) Abstract: A system is disclosed for delivery of a therapeutic agent to a site in mucosal tissue or to the skin of a patient. The system includes a porous mucoadhesive, freeze-dried matrix formed by a composition including chitosan in an aqueous salt solution of a chloride salt of a monovalent cation. The system further includes a plurality of chitosan microparticles having an average diameter between 500 nm and 2000 nm and comprising a therapeutic agent.

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