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| No. | Patent number | Pub. date | Title | Patent assignee | Selected based on | Page |
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| 1 | W00030616 A1 | 02.06.2000 | New rapidly dispersing solid therapeutic dosage forms containing a bulking/releasing agent, useful for the delivery of water-insoluble drugs | (DONG-I) DONGA R; (JAGO-N) JAGOTEC AG; (MISH-I) MISHRA A K; (OBAN-N) OBAN ENERGY LTD; (PARI-I) PARIKH I; (RTPP-N) RTP PHARMA INC; (SKYE-N) SKYEPHARMA CANADA INC; (VACH-I) VACHON M G | Ansprüche 1–8 Text Seite 5, Abschnitt 3 | 5 |
| 2 | W09903449 A1 | 28.01.1999 | Dry film coating composition – comprises dextrose, auxiliary film-former and titanium dioxide, useful for coating e.g. nutritional supplements and pharmaceutical tablets | (BERW-N) BERWIND PHARM SERVICE; (BERW-N) BERWIND PHARM SERVICES INC; (BPSI-N) BPSI HOLDINGS INC | Ansprüche 1,7,8 Text Seite 4, Zeilen 1–8 | 8 |

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| | US7939105 | B2 | 10.05.2011 |
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| Selected passages | [ca. pg. 5] The present invention provides a rapidly disintegrating solid dosage form for water insoluble compounds, which releases primary particles stabilize with one or more surface modifiers, including but not limited to phospholipids. [ca. pg. 8] Examples of some suitable second and additional surface modifiers include: (a) natural surfactants such as casein, gelatin, natural phospholipids, tragacanth, waxes, enteric resins, paraffin, acacia, gelatin, | | |

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| Intervertebral disc prosthesis | | + | o | + | | |
| · Two part | | + | | i | | |
| · Fixation by means of plates | i | + | + | + | + | + |
| · Perpendicular fin shaped plates | + | | + | + | i | + |
| · Plates divided by indentations | + | + | o | o | + | o |
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