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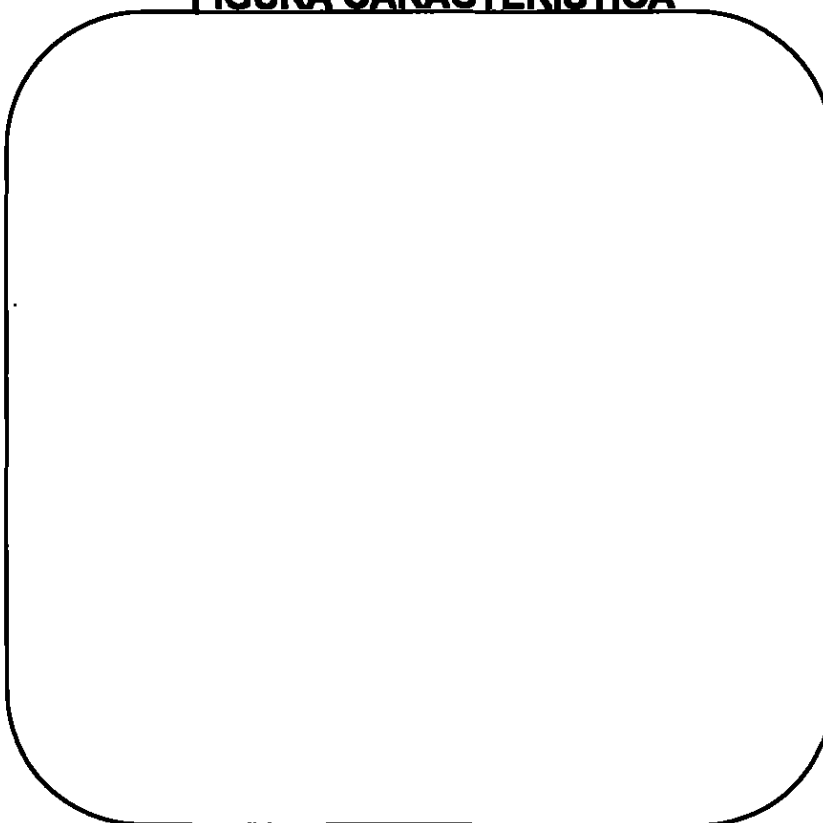
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides systems for the injection delivery of at least two fluid doses to a small bird by penetrating the skin of the recipient bird with at least two injection needles. It is then possible to simultaneously inject drugs, or other fluid vaccines that do not mix well or whose mixture would be detrimental to the stability or efficacy of the active ingredients therein. The present invention provides a novel injection needle support for connecting the injection needles to dose distributors and fluid supply containers while maintaining the injection ends of the injection needles in a substantially parallel arrangement. The injection needle support typically is attached to a carrier connected to an actuator, an actuator power source and a switch mechanism wherein the actuator, when activated, can reciprocally move the carrier and injection support toward and away from an injection position. The injection delivery system may further include one or more dose distributors and fluid supply containers for delivering fluid doses to the injection needles for injection into a recipient bird held against an aperture in a retaining plate.

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AUTOMATIC POULTRY INJECTION DELIVERY APPARATUS

The present application claims the benefit of priority from a provisional application filed 16 November 2001 and having U.S. Serial No. 60/331,468.

Field of the Invention

5 The present invention relates to a device for the injection delivery of drugs or vaccines to birds. More particularly, the present invention allows the subcutaneous or intramuscular injection of one or two doses of drugs or vaccines into bird.

Background of the Invention

10 Inoculation of one-day old chicks or other small birds using automatic vaccine injection devices is known in the poultry industry. Automatic bird injection devices, including devices suitable for injecting small bird such as one-day chicks, are described, for example, in U.S. Patent Serial Nos. 5,312,353, 4,863,443, 4,758,227, 4,681,565, 4,515,590, 4,276,879, 4,177,810, 4,108,176, 3,964,481, 3,641,998. Such
15 automated devices can allow one person to inoculate a multitude of birds with the significant economic benefit of reduced labor costs.

 These automatic injection devices generally provide a movable reciprocating carrier that supports a single injection needle assembly connected to a fluid supply container. The carrier may be actuated relative to a support surface against which the
20 chick is maintained by the operator. Once the needle reaches its extended position, and when it has penetrated into the tissue of the bird, a syringe or other dose delivery means is actuated to deliver the required dose from the supply container to the recipient bird.

 It may also be desirable to separately administer different drugs or vaccines.
25 US Patent Serial No. 4,758,227, for example, provides two injection needles configured to be simultaneously introduced into the bird's breast muscle tissue. This automatic injection system can to inject two doses at the same time. However, the diminutive size of intended recipient birds, such as one-day chicks, has limited available automatic injectors to delivering the separate doses to the breast muscle
30 tissue on opposite sides of the keel bone.

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Many therapeutic compositions are not stable or otherwise incompatible when co-mingled. Such combinations must be either injected consecutively and/or injected into different localities in the recipient bird. Further, for vaccines or drugs that need to be administered subcutaneously into the necks of one-day chicks, a procedure that requires more precise and limited penetration of the bird than generally is practiced by available automatic injection delivery systems is necessary. Manual injections of the drugs or vaccines is still the only procedure available, with the main drawback of reduced production. Moreover, to inject a second dose of a drug or vaccine, the birds must be rehandled, inducing undue stress in the bird and significant increases in costs.

Thus, there exists a need for an automatic inoculating system for small birds, especially for one-day chicks, that can automatically deliver two or more separate doses of therapeutic fluids such as drugs or vaccines via a subcutaneous route.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention provides systems for the injection delivery of at least two fluid doses to a small bird by penetrating the skin of the recipient bird with at least two injection needles. It is possible with the injection delivery system of the present invention to simultaneously inject drugs, or other fluid vaccines that do not mix well or whose mixture would be detrimental to the stability or efficacy of the active ingredients therein. Preferably, the injection ends of the injection needles will penetrate the skin of the recipient bird concurrently and deliver the fluid doses to a small target tissue area. The present invention provides a injection needle support for connecting the injection needles to dose distributors and fluid supply containers while maintaining the injection ends of the injection needles in a substantially parallel arrangement to allow for penetration of the bird's skin by both needles.

The injection needle support typically is attached to a carrier operably connected to an actuator, an actuator power source and a switch mechanism wherein the actuator, when activated, can reciprocally move the carrier and injection support toward and away from an injection position. The injection delivery system may further include one or more dose distributors and fluid supply containers for delivering fluid doses to the injection needles for injection into a recipient bird held

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against an aperture in a retaining plate. When the carrier and injection needle support are in an extended position, the injection needles attached project through the apertures of the needle support and penetrate a selected area of the skin of the recipient bird. The fluid dose(s) is then delivered through the injection needles to the
5 bird. The injection needle support of the present invention generally comprises a base, a base plate having recesses for receiving hubs of the injection needles, and an end plate having bores for receiving the shank portions of the injection needles. The needle support further comprises fluid connections for delivering fluid doses to the needles and which communicate with the recesses and the hubs of injection needles
10 inserted therein. The shank portions of the needles also may be curved and not bent so that their internal canula sections are substantially maintained and fluid flow is not restricted. The injection ends of the needles generally project from the injection needle support in a substantially parallel configuration and in close proximity to each other to allow the substantially simultaneous penetration of the skin of a recipient
15 bird, but with sufficient separation such that the fluids being administered do not substantially mix or interfere with each other once subcutaneously administered.

The injection ends of the needles also may be beveled. In one embodiment of the present invention, the needles are oriented about their longitudinal axes to face the bevels away from each other, thereby directing the two fluid flows exiting from the
20 injection ends into opposite directions.

In another embodiment of the injection delivery system of the present invention, the injection needles each are operably connected via a fluid connection to a dose distributor, such as a multidose syringe, attached to the injection needle support. Alternatively, the dose distributor(s) may be a large volume multidose
25 syringe that simultaneously provides a fluid supply container. The multidose syringe can be stepwise actuated to deliver a series of consecutive fluid doses. A pump also may be used to deliver the injectable fluid from a fluid supply container, and to expel the required dose from the injection needle. Additionally, the fluid connections can include substantially rigid piping, or can include flexible fluid ducts. The flexible
30 fluid ducts allow the dose distributors to be located on the movable carrier but separate from the injection needle support, or on a fixed part of the system.

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In still another embodiment of the present invention, a single dose distributor can be operably connected to both injection needles to deliver the same fluid to both injection needles. Each injection needle also can be operably connected to a separate dose distributor which allows the injection of at least two doses of different fluids, wherein the volume of each fluid dose may be identical or different, and the two fluid doses may be delivered to the recipient bird simultaneously or consecutively.

The reciprocating carrier further typically is driven by a hydraulic or electric actuator mechanism and the dose distributor(s) also will be operably connected to multidirectional flow valve to alternatively draw liquid from the fluid supply container and to expel a desired dose through the respective needle.

Additional objects and aspects of the present invention will become more apparent upon review of the detailed description set forth below when taken in conjunction with the accompanying figures, which are briefly described as follows.

Brief Description of the Drawings

The present invention will now be exemplified with reference to the following drawings where:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the needles assembly of the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a schematic view of the injection delivery system according to the present invention.

Fig. 3 is a schematic view of an additional embodiment of the injection delivery system according to the present invention

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment

Reference now will be made in detail to presently preferred embodiments of the invention, one or more examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. Each example is provided by way of explanation of the invention, not limitation of the invention. In fact, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications, combination, additions, deletions and variations can be made in the present invention without departing from the scope or spirit of the invention. For instance, features illustrated or described as part of one embodiment can be used in

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another embodiment to yield a still further embodiment. It is intended that the present invention covers such modifications, combinations, additions, deletions and variations as come within the scope of the appended claims and their equivalents.

5 The injection delivery devices and systems according to the present invention are useful to deliver substantially simultaneously multiple fluid doses to a recipient such as small birds. The devices and systems of the present invention are particularly useful for delivering fluids that cannot be stably stored or mixed together. The injection delivery systems of the present invention also allow the co-delivery of vaccines such as herpes virus of turkey (HVT) vaccine with compositions such as
10 antibiotics that may otherwise reduce the therapeutic efficacy of a live virus vaccine.

Referring now to Fig. 1, the present invention provides an injection needle support 10 adapted to receive at least two injection needles 14, 15. The injection needle support 10 comprises a base 38 having a base plate 30 and an end plate 11 disposed thereon. The base 38 may be any geometric shape, such as square,
15 rectangular, circular or the like, that will rigidly hold the base plate 30 and the end plate 11 in a fixed spatial relationship. The base 38 may be a solid plate or a frame defining a hole as shown, for example, in Fig. 1. In preferred embodiments, the base 38 is triangular or trapezoidal, with the end of the base 38 having the end plate 11 thereon being narrower than the end having the base plate 30, as shown in Fig. 1.
20 The end plate 11 has at least two substantially parallel bores 21, 22, each bore capable of receiving a shank 23, 24 of one of the injection needles 14, 15. Suitable injection needles 14, 15 for use in the system of the present invention each generally will comprise a hub or distal end 17, 18 and an injection or proximal end 25, 26 disposed at the opposite end of the shank 23, 24. Preferably, the injection end 25, 26 of each
25 needle is sharpened to ease penetration of the skin of a recipient bird, and further is typically beveled.

The injection needle support 10 of the present invention further comprises recesses 27, 28 in the base plate 30. The recesses 27, 28 are configured to receive the hubs 17, 18 of the injection needles 14, 15 and which may be held in position in the
30 recesses 27, 28 by a releasable or backing plate clamp 12. The claim generally will be secured with a set screw or similar fastener 13 to prevent the needle hubs 17, 18 from

disengaging from the recesses 27, 28. Fluid connections 19, 20 provided, and generally are mounted in communication with the recesses 27, 28 and are also able to engage with the hubs 17, 18 held in the recesses 27, 28, thereby allowing fluids to pass into the injection needles 14, 15 from a fluid supply source (not shown).

5 The injection needles 14, 15 may be attached to the injection needle support 10 by passing the injection end 25, 26 of a injection needle 14, 15 through a bore 21, 22 and placing a hub 17, 18 in a recess 27, 28 of the base plate 30. The clamp 12 is then positioned on the base plate 30 and secured over the needle hubs to prevent the hubs 17, 18 from being displaced from the recesses 27, 28 and the injection needle support
10 10. In one embodiment of the present invention, the clamp 12 is a detachable plate. In another embodiment, the clamp 12 can be connected to the injection needle support 10 along a hinge mechanism that allows the clamp to the be displaced, but not removed from, the injection needle support 10. Exemplary fasteners for securing the clamp 12 in a closed configuration and which can be easily released to allow the
15 injection needles 14, 15 to be easily replaced when blunted, blocked or otherwise becomes unsuitable for injecting birds include, but are not limited to, a screw means or opposed polarity magnets, and the like.

 The injection needles 14, 15 can be replaced by releasing fasteners 13 of the clamp 12, lifting the hub 17, 18 from the recess 27, 28, disconnecting the needles 14,
20 15 from fluid connectors 19, 20, and extracting the respective needle 14, 15 from the end plate 11 of the needle support. Substitute injection needles 14, 15 may then be introduced to the injection needle support 10 by reversing this order of operation.

 In one embodiment of the present invention, the distance separating the recesses 27, 28 from one another exceeds the distance between the bores 21, 22. In
25 such an embodiment, the injection ends 25, 26 of injection needles 14, 15, once placed into position in the injection needle holder 10, generally will remain substantially parallel while the shanks 23, 24 between the hubs 17, 18 and the end plate 11 are curved. However, the shanks 23, 24 preferably are not bent, so as to thus maintain unimpeded fluid flows through the cannula of the needles 14, 15.

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Alternatively, the distance separating the recesses 27, 28 can be about, or substantially the same as the distance between the bores 21, 22 of the plate 11 so that the needle shanks 23, 24 are substantially parallel.

5 In the various embodiments of the injection delivery systems of the present invention, the injection ends 25, 26 of the injection needles 14, 15, when inserted into the injection needle support 10, will project beyond the end plate 11. The extent to which the injection ends 25, 26 project beyond the end plate 11 may be selected manually or automatically according to the type or size of the recipient birds. The selected length of the injection ends 25, 26 of the needles and the degree of the
10 extension movement of the carrier 4 imparted by the actuator 6 also determines whether the injection of fluid(s) into the recipient bird is subcutaneous or intramuscularly by affecting the depth of penetration of the needles. Injection needles 14, 15 suitable for use in the present invention may be from 2-20 gauge. Preferably, the injection ends 25, 26 are sharpened and beveled. For example, beveled injection
15 ends 25, 26 orientated in substantially opposite directions are shown in Fig. 1. This substantially opposed orientation of beveled injection ends 25, 26 can direct injected fluids in divergent directions to reduce potential co-mingling of incompatible fluids within the tissues of the recipient bird.

As illustrated in Figs. 2A and 3, the present invention provides an injection
20 needle support 10 connected to a carrier 4 slidably disposed in a guide 5. The carrier 4 is operably connected to an actuator 6 configured to reciprocally move the carrier 4 and injection needle support 10 from a retracted position to an extended injection position. Suitable actuators 6 include, but are not limited to, a solenoid, electric motor or driver, or a hydraulic actuator, the selected actuator 6 further comprising a power
25 source. The actuator 6 is also operably connected to a switch 35 that may include, but is not limited to, a manually activated switch, or an automatic switch such as a pressure switch or sensor, or a photoelectric switch. It is contemplated that the switch will be reversible so that in a first position the carrier 4 and injection needle support 10 are extended by the actuator 6, and in a second position the carrier 4 and the
30 injection needle support 10 may be retracted away from the injected recipient bird. It is further contemplated that the carrier 4 and the injection needle support 10 may be

automatically retracted, for example, by a spring-biased device, for example, once the actuator 6 is deactivated.

The injection delivery system of the present invention further comprises one or more dose distributors 31, 32 communicating with the fluid connectors 19, 20 for the needles 14, 15. Suitable fluid distributors 31, 32 for use in the present invention include, but are not limited to, pumps or syringes, such as a multi-dose syringe and the like that are capable of receiving a fluid dose from fluid containers or supplies 33, 34 and delivering the fluid dose to an injection needle 14, 15. Each fluid container 33, 34 is preferably connected to a dose distributor 31, 32 by a two-way valve 36, 37 that allows a fluid dose to be withdrawn from the fluid container 33, 34 and delivered to the injection needle 14, 15 without back-flow to the fluid container 33, 34.

In one embodiment of the injection delivery system of the present invention, each dose distributor 31, 32 is attached to the carrier 4 or to injection needle support 10 such that the dose distributor 31, 32 will move with the carrier 4 and injection needle support 10. In another embodiment, dose distributors 31, 32 may be separate from the carrier 4 and the injection needle support 10 and connected to the fluid connectors 19, 20 by flexible fluid ducts or lines 8, 9. In these embodiments of the present invention, the fluid container 33, 34 also may be optionally attached to the carrier 4 or injection needles support 10, or attached to a fixed structure such as a housing (Fig. 3). The fluid container 33, 34 likewise can communicate with the dose distributor 31, 32 by a flexible or rigid fluid duct 8, 9. The injection delivery system further generally includes a control means and power source to activate the dose distributors 31, 32 to deliver at least two fluid doses to a bird maintained against the retaining plate 2, and cause movement of the needle support to its operative injection position.

The needle injection device of the present invention further generally includes a retaining plate 2 having an aperture 3 therein. The retaining plate 2 and the aperture 3 are positioned so that when the carrier 4 and the injection needle support 10 are in an extended position, the injection ends 25, 26 project through and beyond the aperture 3 to a selected distance that allows injection of a fluid dose into a recipient bird. The chick or other small bird can be slightly pressed against the retaining plate 2

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by the operator or otherwise restrained in a desired position for injection. The retention means also may be sloped with regard to the travel axis of the needles.

In operation of the injection delivery systems of the present invention, a chick or other small bird is maintained against the retaining plate 2 with the area of the bird to receive the fluid dose(s) positioned over the aperture 3 in the retaining plate 2. Generally, the neck of the bird is the targeted area, but any other areas of the bird, including the breast, thigh, wing and the like may be selected to receive the delivered fluid dose. An optional restraint may be used to prevent escape of the bird. Pressure of the bird against the retaining plate 2 can engage and actuate a switch to activate the actuator 6 to move the carrier 4 and the injection needle support 10 attached thereto, to a predetermined extended operative injection position. The injection ends 25, 26 of the needles 14, 15 project through the retaining plate 2 and the aperture 3 therein, to penetrate the skin overlying the selected injection point of the bird.

When the carrier 10 and the needles 14, 15 thereon are in the extended position with the injection 25, 26 ends, in the bird, the dose distributors 31, 32 are actuated by a switch means activated automatically, as described in U.S. Patent Serial No. 5,312,353 incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, or by a system operator to deliver the fluid doses through their respective needles 14, 15. The volumes for the delivered doses are selected depending on the treatment protocol administered to the birds. A suitable adjustment means, for example, as taught in US Patent No. 5,312,353 can administer doses from 0.05 to 4 ml per dose. The volumes can be identical or different between needles. It is contemplated to be within the scope of the present invention for the fluid doses delivered to a recipient bird to be the same therapeutic fluids or different. The delivery systems of the present invention can deliver the same fluid to two different positions in the bird or two different fluids that may be incompatible or unstable when mixed.

What is claimed is:

1. An injection needle support, comprising:
 - (a) a base;
 - (b) an end plate having at least two substantially parallel bores, wherein
5 each bore is suitable for receiving a shank portion of at least one injection needle;
 - (c) a base plate having at least two recesses, each recess configured for receiving a hub of the at least one injection needle;
 - (d) a hub securing clamp for engaging and holding the hub of the
10 needle within its recess; and
 - (e) at least two fluid connections, each fluid connection capable of communicating with the injection needle hub received by one of the recesses of the base plate.
- 15 2. The injection needle support according to Claim 1, wherein a distance separating the recesses of the base plate greater than a distance separating the bores of the end plate.
3. The injection needle support according to Claim 1, further comprising at least
20 two injection needles, the shank portion of each injection needle extending from the hub of the needle to an injection end, the hub of each injection needle being received within one of the recesses at the base, and wherein the injection ends of the injection needles project through the end plate and are arranged substantially parallel.
- 25 4. The injection needle support according to Claim 3, wherein the injection ends of the injection needles have bevels.
- 5 5. The injection needle support according to Claim 4, wherein the bevels are
30 oriented in substantially opposite directions.

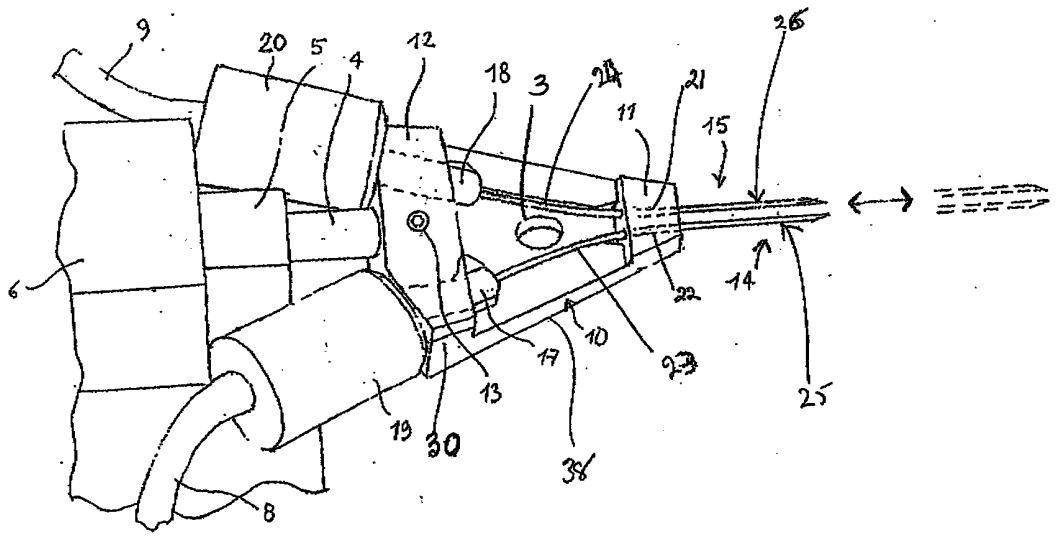
6. The injection needle support according to Claim 3, wherein the shank portions of the injection needles diverge.
7. The injection needle support according to Claim 1, wherein the clamp is secured with a fastener.
8. The injection needle support according to Claim 1, wherein the clamp and the base plate have contacting surfaces, and further comprising magnets attached to clamp and the base plate for securing the clamp to the base plate.
9. An injection delivery assembly, comprising:
- (a) an injection needle support, comprising:
 - (1) a base;
 - (2) an end plate having at least two substantially parallel bores, wherein each bore is suitable for receiving a shank portion of at least one injection needle;
 - (3) a base plate having at least two recesses, each recess configured for receiving a hub of the at least one injection needle;
 - (4) a hub securing clamp for engaging and holding the hub of the needle within its recess; and
 - (5) at least two fluid connections, each fluid connection capable of communicating with the injection needle hub received by one of the recesses of the base plate,
 - wherein the carrier is slidably mounted on a guide means;
 - (b) a dose distributor operably communicating with the fluid connection;
 - (c) a fluid container operably communicating with the dose distributor;
 - (d) an actuator operably connected to the carrier, the actuator capable of reciprocally moving the carrier and the injection needle support

in a direction substantially parallel to the injection ends of the
injection needles; and

(e) a switch means for activating the actuator.

- 5 10. The injection delivery assembly according to Claim 9, further comprising a
retention plate having an aperture, the aperture arranged so that the injection
ends of the injection needles project through the aperture when the carrier and
the injection needle support thereon is in an extended position.
- 10 11. The injection delivery assembly according to Claim 9, further comprising a
housing.
12. The injection delivery assembly according to Claim 9, further comprising a
bird retaining device.
- 15 13. The injection delivery assembly according to Claim 9, further comprising a
controlling means for automatically activating and extending the carrier and
injection needle support when a bird is positioned on the retaining plate.

Fig 1



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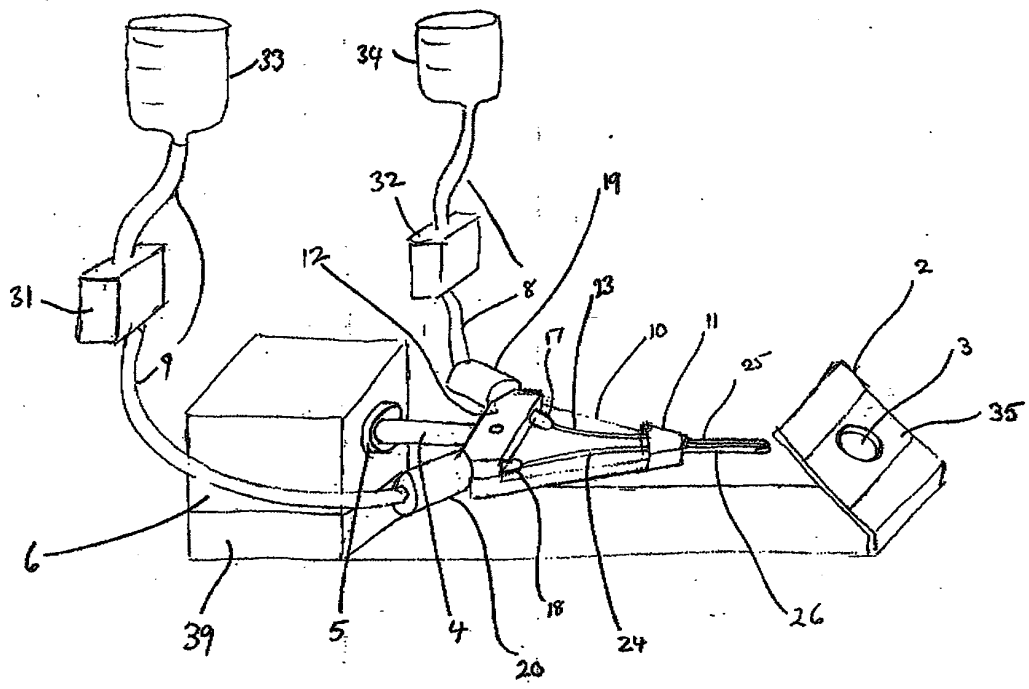
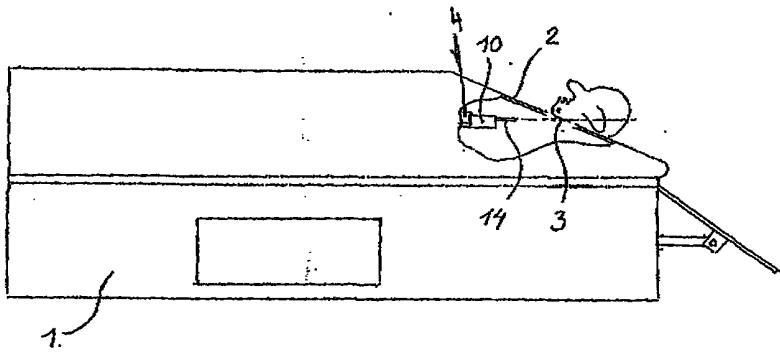


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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
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(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

To:

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

International application No.
PCT/US02/37311

International filing date (day/month/year)
14 November 2002 (14.11.02)

Priority date (day/month/year)
16 November 2001 (16.11.01)

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1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this notice:

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The applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, subject to what is said in the following paragraph, be 30 MONTHS from the priority date, not only in respect of any elected Office if a demand for international preliminary examination is filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, but also in respect of any designated Office, in the absence of filing of such demand, where Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 applies in respect of that designated Office. For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001 of 1 November 2001, pages 19926, 19932 and 19934, as well as the *PCT Newsletter*, October and November 2001 and February 2002 issues.

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REQUEST

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Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 16 November 2001	80/331,468	US Provisional		
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request (including declaration sheets) : 6
 description (excluding sequence listing part) : 9
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 abstract : 1
 drawings : 3

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

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APARATO DE SUMINISTRO DE INYECCIÓN

PARA AVES AUTOMÁTICO

La presente solicitud reclama el beneficio de la prioridad de una solicitud provisional presentada el 16 de noviembre de 2001 y que tiene el número de serie No. US 60/331,468.

CAMPO DE LA INVENCION

La presente invención se relaciona con un dispositivo para el suministro por inyección de drogas o vacunas a las aves. Más particularmente, la presente invención permite la inyección subcutánea o intramuscular de una o dos dosis de drogas o vacunas a las aves.

ANTECEDENTES DE LA INVENCION

La inoculación a pollos de un día de nacidos u otras aves pequeñas usando dispositivos de inyección de vacunas automáticas es conocido en la industria avícola. Los dispositivos de inyección para aves automáticos, incluyen dispositivos adecuados para inyectar a aves pequeñas tales como pollos de un día, se describen, por ejemplo,

en la patente estadounidense serie No. 5,312,353, 4,863,443, 4,758,227, 4,681,565, 4,515,590, 4,276,879, 4,177,810, 4,108,176, 3,964,481, 3,641,998. Tales dispositivos automáticos pueden permitirle a una persona inocular una multitud de pájaros o aves con un beneficio económico significativo de costos de mano de obra reducidos.

Estos dispositivos de inyección automáticos generalmente suministran un portador alternante movable que soporta un conjunto de aguja para inyección única conectado a un contenedor de suministro de fluido. El portador puede ser actuado con relación a una superficie de soporte contra la cual los pollos son mantenidos por el operador. Una vez que la aguja alcanza su posición extendida, y cuando ha penetrado dentro del tejido de la piel del ave, una jeringa u otro medio de suministro de dosis es actuado para suministrar la dosis requerida desde el recipiente de suministro al ave receptora.

Puede ser deseable administrar de manera separada diferentes drogas o vacunas. La patente estadounidense serie No. 4,758,227, por ejemplo, suministra dos agujas de inyección configuradas para ser introducidas

simultáneamente dentro del tejido del músculo del pecho del ave. Este sistema de inyección automático puede inyectar dos dosis al mismo tiempo. Sin embargo, el tamaño disminuido de las aves receptoras propuestas tales como los pollos de un día, ha limitado a los inyectores automáticos disponibles en cuanto a suministro de dosis separadas en el tejido del músculo del pecho sobre lados opuestos del hueso de quilla.

Muchas composiciones terapéuticas no son estables o son incompatibles cuando se mezclan. Tales combinaciones pueden ser inyectadas de manera consecutiva y/o inyectadas en diferentes localizaciones en el ave receptora. Adicionalmente, para las vacunas o drogas que requieran ser administradas subcutáneamente en los cuellos de pollos de un día, un procedimiento que requiere una penetración más precisa y limitada en el ave que lo que generalmente se practica por los sistemas de suministro de inyección automáticos disponibles se hace innecesario. Las inyecciones manuales de las drogas o vacunas es todavía solamente uno de los procedimientos disponibles, con el principal inconveniente de una producción reducida. Más aún, para inyectar una segunda dosis de una droga o vacuna, las aves deben ser

remanejadas induciendo estrés indebido en las aves lo que significa incremento en los costos.

Así, existe la necesidad de un sistema de inoculación automático para aves pequeñas, especialmente para pollos de un día, que pueda suministrar automáticamente dos o más dosis separadas de fluidos terapéuticos tales como drogas o vacunas por vía subcutánea.

RESUMEN DE LA INVENCION

La presente invención suministra sistemas para el suministro por inyección de por lo menos dos dosis fluidas a aves pequeñas penetrando la piel del ave receptora con por lo menos dos agujas de inyección. Es posible con el sistema de suministro de inyección de la presente invención inyectar de manera simultánea drogas u otras vacunas fluidas que no se mezclen bien o cuyas mezclas se puedan deteriorar la estabilidad o eficacia de los ingredientes activos en ellas. Preferiblemente, los fines de la inyección de las agujas de inyección serán penetrar la piel del ave receptora concurrentemente y suministrar las dosis fluidas a un área de tejido objetivo pequeña. La presente invención suministra un

soporte de aguja de inyección para conectar las agujas de inyección a los distribuidores de dosis y a los recipientes de suministro de fluidos mientras se mantiene los extremos de inyección de las agujas de inyección en una disposición sustancialmente paralela para permitir la penetración de la piel del ave por ambas agujas.

El soporte de aguja de inyección típicamente está sujeto a un portador conector de manera operativa a un actuador, una fuente de potencia actuadora, y un mecanismo de interruptor en donde el actuador, cuando es activado, puede alternativamente mover el portador y el soporte de inyección acercándose y retirándose de una posición de inyección. El sistema de suministro de inyección puede incluir adicionalmente uno o más distribuidores de dosis y recipientes de suministro de fluidos para suministrar las dosis fluidas a las agujas de inyección para la inyección dentro del ave receptora sostenida contra una abertura en una placa de retención. Cuando el portador y el soporte de aguja de inyección están en una posición extendida, las agujas de inyección sujetadas se proyectan a través de las aberturas del soporte de aguja y penetran en un área seleccionada de la piel del ave receptora. La dosis de fluido o las dosis de fluido son entonces

suministradas por entre las agujas de inyección al ave. El soporte de aguja de inyección de la presente invención generalmente comprenden una base, una palca de base que tiene recesos para recibir los cubos de las agujas de inyección, y una placa de extremo que tiene agujeros para recibir las porciones de caña de las agujas de inyección. El soporte de aguja comprende adicionalmente conexiones de fluido para suministrar las dosis de fluido a las agujas y que comunican con los recesos y los cubos de las agujas de inyección insertadas en ellos. Las porciones de caña de las agujas también pueden ser curvadas y no dobladas de manera que sus secciones de cánula interna se mantengan sustancialmente y el fluido que fluye no sea restringido. Los extremos de inyección de las agujas generalmente se proyectan desde el soporte de aguja de inyección en una configuración sustancialmente paralela y en proximidad cercana uno al otro para permitir una penetración sustancialmente simultánea de la piel de un ave receptora, pero con suficiente separación de modo que los fluidos que son administrados no se mezclen sustancialmente o interfieran uno con el otro una vez sean administrados subcutáneamente.

Los extremos de la inyección de las agujas también pueden ser biseladas. En una modalidad de la presente invención, las agujas son orientadas alrededor de sus eje longitudinales para hacer que los biseles queden alejados uno del otro, dirigiendo así los dos fluidos que fluyen saliendo de los extremo de inyección en direcciones opuestas.

En otra modalidad del sistema de suministro de inyección de la presente invención las agujas de inyección están cada una conectadas operativamente por medio de una conexión fluida a un distribuidor de dosis, tal como una jeringa multidosis, sujeta al soporte de aguja de inyección. Alternativamente, los distribuidores de dosis pueden ser una jeringa multidosis de gran volumen que simultáneamente le suministre a un recipiente de suministro de fluido. La jeringa multidosis puede ser actuada por pasos para suministrar una serie de dosis de fluido consecutivas. Una bomba también puede ser usada para suministrar el fluido inyectable desde el recipiente de suministro de fluido, y para expeler la dosis requerida desde la aguja de inyección. Adicionalmente, las conexiones de fluido pueden incluir una tubería sustancialmente rígida, o puede incluir conductos de

fluido flexibles. Los conductos de fluido flexibles permiten que los distribuidores de dosis queden localizados en el portador movable pero separados del soporte de aguja de inyección, o en una parte fija del sistema.

En todavía otra modalidad de la presente invención, un distribuidor de dosis único puede estar conectado de manera operativa a ambas agujas de inyección para suministrar el mismo fluido a ambas agujas de inyección. Cada aguja de inyección también puede estar conectada operativamente a un distribuidor de dosis separado lo que permite la inyección de por lo menos dos dosis de fluidos diferentes, en donde el volumen de cada dosis de fluido puede ser idéntico o diferente, y las dos dosis de fluido pueden ser suministradas al ave receptora simultánea o consecutivamente.

El portador alternante adicionalmente es accionado típicamente por un mecanismo actuador hidráulico o eléctrico y el distribuidor o distribuidores de dosis también puede estar conectado operativamente a la válvula de flujo multidireccional para retirar alternativamente

el líquido del recipiente de suministro de fluido y expeler una dosis deseada por la aguja respectiva.

Objetivos y aspectos adicionales de la presente invención serán más evidentes luego de la revisión de la descripción detallada que se da aquí tomada en conjunto con las figuras adjuntas, las cuales se describen brevemente como sigue.

BREVE DESCRIPCIÓN DE LOS DIBUJOS

La presente invención será ahora ejemplificada con referencia a los dibujos siguientes en donde:

La figura 1 es una vista en perspectiva del conjunto de agujas de la presente invención.

La figura 2 es una vista esquemática del sistema de suministro de inyección de acuerdo con la presente invención.

La figura 3 es una vista esquemática de una modalidad adicional del sistema de suministro de inyección de acuerdo con la presente invención.

DESCRIPCIÓN DETALLADA DE LAS MODALIDADES PREFERIDAS

La referencia será ahora hecha en detalle a las modalidades preferidas presentes de la invención, uno o más ejemplos de los cuales son ilustrados en los dibujos adjuntos. Cada ejemplo será suministrado como una vía de explicación de la invención y no como limitación de la misma. De hecho, será evidente para aquellos versados en la técnica que diversas modificaciones, combinaciones, adicionales, eliminaciones y variaciones pueden ser hechas a la presente invención sin salirse del alcance o espíritu de la invención. Por ejemplo, rasgos ilustrados o descritos como parte de una modalidad pudieran ser usados en otra modalidad para obtener una modalidad adicional. Es el propósito de que la presente invención cubra tales modificaciones, combinaciones, adiciones, eliminaciones y variaciones que forman o están dentro del alcance de las reivindicaciones adjuntas y sus equivalentes.

Los dispositivos de suministro de inyección y los sistemas de suministro de inyección de acuerdo con la presente invención son útiles para suministrar dosis de

fluido múltiples sustancialmente de manera simultánea a un receptor tal como un a ve pequeña. Los dispositivos y sistemas de la presente invención son útiles particularmente para suministrar fluidos que no pueden ser almacenados establemente o mezclados juntos. Los sistemas de suministro de inyección de la presente invención también permiten el coosuministro de vacunas tales como la vacuna contra el virus del herpes del pavo (HVT) con composiciones tales como antibióticos que de otra manera reducen la eficacia terapéutica de una vacuna de virus vivo.

Haciendo referencia ahora a la figura 1, la presente invención suministra un soporte de aguja de inyección 10 adaptado para recibir por lo menos dos agujas de inyección 14, 15. El soporte de aguja de inyección 10 comprende una base 38 que tiene una placa de base 30 y una placa de extremo 11 dispuestas allí. La base 38 puede ser de cualquier forma geométrica, tal como cuadrada, rectangular, circular o similar, que sostiene rígidamente la placa de base 30 y la placa de extremo 11 en una relación espacial fija. La base 38 puede ser una placa sólida o un marco que define un agujero como se muestra, por ejemplo, en la figura 1. En las modalidades

preferidas, la base 38 es triangular o trapezoidal, con el extremo de la base 38 sosteniendo la placa de extremo 11 en ella siendo más estrecha que el extremo que tiene la placa de base 30, como se muestra en la figura 1. La placa de extremo 11 tiene por lo menos dos agujeros sustancialmente paralelos 21, 22, cada agujero es capaz de recibir una caña 23, 24 de una de las agujas de inyección 14, 15. Las agujas de inyección adecuada 14, 15 para uso en el sistema de la presente invención cada uno generalmente comprenden un cubo o extremo distal 17, 18 y un extremo de inyección o extremo próximo 25, 26 dispuesto en el extremo opuesto de la caña 23, 24. De manera preferida, el extremo de inyección 25, 26 de cada aguja es afilado para una penetración fácil de la piel del ave receptora y adicionalmente es biselado de manera típica.

El soporte de aguja de inyección 10 de la presente invención comprende adicionalmente recesos 27, 28 en la placa base 30. Los recesos 27, 28 están configurados para recibir los cubos 17, 18 de las agujas de inyección 14, 15 y los cuales pueden ser sostenidos en posición en los recesos 27, 28 por una mordaza liberable o mordaza de placa de respaldo 12. La mordaza generalmente será

asegurada con un tornillo de ajuste o algún sujetador similar 13 para impedir que los cubos de aguja 17, 18 se desenganchen de los recesos 27, 28. Las conexiones de fluido 19, 20 suministradas, y generalmente montadas en comunicación con los recesos 27, 28 y también capaces de engancharse con los tubos 17, 18 mantenidos en los recesos 27, 28, permiten así que los fluidos pasen a las agujas de inyección 14, 15 desde la fuente de suministro de fluido (no mostrado).

Las agujas de inyección 14, 15 pueden estar sujetas a los soportes de aguja de inyección 10 pasando los extremos de inyección 25, 26 de una aguja de inyección 14, 15 por un agujero 21, 22 y colocar un cubo 17, 18 en un receso 27, 28 de la palca base 30. La mordaza 12 es entonces posicionada sobre la placa base 30 y asegurada sobre los cubos de aguja para impedir que los cubos 17, 18 se desplacen de los recesos 27, 28, y el soporte de aguja de inyección 10. En una modalidad de la presente invención, la mordaza 12 es una placa enganchable. En otra modalidad, la mordaza 12 puede estar conectada al soporte de aguja de inyección 10 a lo largo de un mecanismo de bisagra que le permite a la mordaza ser desplazada, pero no removida del soporte de aguja de inyección 10.

Sujetadores ilustrativos para asegurar la mordaza 12 en una configuración cerrada y que pueda ser fácilmente liberada para permitir que las agujas de inyección 14, 15 sean fácilmente reemplazadas cuando se hayan doblado, bloqueado o de alguna otra manera se vuelvan no adecuadas para inyectar aves incluye, pero no se limitan a medios de tornillo o magnetos con polaridad opuesta, y similares.

Las agujas de inyección 14, 15 pueden ser reemplazadas por medio de liberar los sujetadores 13 de la mordaza 12, levantando el cubo 17, 18 de los recesos 27, 28, desconectando las agujas 14, 15 de los conectores de fluido 19, 20, y extraer la aguja respectiva 14, 15 de la placa de extremo 11 del soporte de aguja. Las agujas de inyección sustitutas 14, 15 pueden entonces ser introducidas en los soportes de aguja de inyección 10 por medio de invertir este orden de operación.

En una modalidad de la presente invención, la distancia que separa los recesos 27, 28 de uno de otro excede la distancia entre los agujeros 21, 22. En tal modalidad, los extremos de inyección 25, 26 de las agujas de inyección 14 15, una vez colocadas en su posición en los

sostenedores o soportes de aguja de inyección 10, generalmente permanecerán de manera sustancialmente paralela mientras que las cañas 23, 24 entre los cubos 17, 18 y la placa de extremo 11 se curvan. Sin embargo, las cañas 23, 24 preferiblemente no se doblan, de modo que se mantiene un flujo de fluido sin restricciones por la cánula de las agujas 14, 15.

Alternativamente, la distancia que separa los recesos 27, 28 puede ser de alrededor de, o sustancialmente la misma que la distancia entre los agujeros 21, 22 de la placa 11 de modo que las cañas de las agujas 23, 24 estén sustancialmente paralelas.

En las diversas modalidades de los sistemas de suministro de inyección de la presente invención, los extremos de inyección 25, 26 de las agujas de inyección 14, 15 cuando son insertados en los soportes de aguja de inyección 10, se proyectarán más allá de la placa de extremo 11. El grado al cual los extremos 25, 26 se proyectan más allá de la palca de extremo 11 puede ser seleccionado manual o automáticamente de acuerdo con el tipo o tamaño de las aves receptoras. La longitud seleccionada de los extremos de inyección 25, 26 de las agujas y el grado al cual el

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movimiento de extensión del portador 4 impartido por el actuador 6 determina también si la inyección de fluidos en el ave receptora es subcutánea o intramuscular afectando la profundidad de penetración de las agujas. Las agujas de inyección 14, 15 adecuadas para uso en la presente invención pueden ser de calibres entre 2 a 20. preferiblemente, los extremos de inyección 25, 26 son afilados y biselados. Por ejemplo, los extremos de inyección biselados 25, 26 orientados en direcciones sustancialmente opuestas se muestran en la figura 1. Esta orientación opuesta sustancialmente de los extremos de inyección biselados 25, 26 puede dirigir los fluidos inyectados en direcciones divergentes para reducir el mezclado potencial de fluidos incompatibles dentro de los tejidos del ave receptora.

Como se ilustró en las figuras 2A y 3, la presente invención suministra un soporte de aguja de inyección 10 conectado a un portador 4 dispuesto deslizablemente en una guía 5. El portador 4 es conectado operativamente a un actuador 6 configurado para mover de manera alternativa el portador 4 y el soporte de aguja de inyección 10 desde una posición retraída hasta una posición de inyección extendida. Los actuadores 6

adecuados incluyen, pero no se limitan a, un solenoide, un accionador o motor eléctrico, un actuador hidráulico, el actuador seleccionado 6 comprende adicionalmente una fuente de potencia. El actuador 6 también puede estar conectado operativamente a un interruptor 35 que puede incluir, pero no limitarse a, un interruptor activado manualmente, o un interruptor automático de modo que un interruptor o sensor de presión, o un interruptor fotoeléctrico. Se ha contemplado que el interruptor puede ser reversible de modo que en una primera posición el portador 4 y el soporte de aguja de inyección 10 son extendidos por el actuador 6, y en una segunda posición el portador 4 y el soporte de aguja de inyección 10 pueden ser retraídos lejos del ave receptora. Esto es contemplado adicionalmente en que el portador 4 y el soporte de aguja de inyección 10 pueden ser retraídos automáticamente, por ejemplo, un dispositivo empujado por resorte, por ejemplo, una vez que el actuador se ha desactivado.

El sistema de suministro de inyección de la presente invención comprende adicionalmente uno o más distribuidores de dosis 31, 32 que se comunican con los conectores de fluido 19, 20 para las agujas 14, 15. Los

distribuidores de fluido adecuados 31, 32, para uso en la presente invención incluyen, pero no se limitan a, bombas o jeringas, tales como jeringas multidosis y similares que son capaces de recibir una dosis de fluido desde recipientes o suministros de fluido 33, 34 y suministrar la dosis de fluido a una aguja de inyección 14, 15. Cada recipiente de fluido 33, 34 está conectado preferiblemente a un distribuidor de dosis 31, 32 por una válvula de doble vía 36, 37 que permite que una dosis de fluido sea retirada desde el recipiente de fluido 33, 34 y suministrada a la aguja de inyección 14, 15 sin que haya un flujo inverso hacia el recipiente de fluido 33, 34.

En una modalidad del sistema de suministro de inyección de la presente invención, cada distribuidor de dosis 31, 32 está sujeto al portador 4 o al soporte de aguja de inyección 10 de modo que el distribuidor de dosis 31, 32 se moverá con el portador 4 y el soporte de aguja de inyección 10. En otra modalidad, los distribuidores de dosis 31, 32 pueden estar separados del portador 4 y del soporte de aguja de inyección 10 y conectados a los conectores de fluido 19, 20 por conductos o líneas de fluidos flexibles 8, 9. En estas modalidades de la

presente invención, el recipiente de fluido 33, 34 también puede estar sujeto opcionalmente al portador 4 o al soporte de aguja de inyección 10 o sujeto a una estructura fija de modo tal como una caja (figura 3). El recipiente de fluido 33, 34 similarmente puede comunicarse con el distribuidor de dosis 31, 32 por conductos de fluido flexibles o rígidos 8, 9. El sistema de suministro de inyección generalmente incluye de manera adicional medios de control y una fuente de potencia para activar los distribuidores de dosis 31, 32 para suministrar por lo menos dos dosis de fluido a un ave mantenida contra la placa de retención 2, y causar el movimiento del soporte de aguja a su posición de inyección operativa.

El dispositivo de inyección de aguja de la presente invención incluye adicionalmente de manera general una placa de retención 2 que tiene una abertura 3 allí. La placa de retención 2 y la abertura 3 están posicionados de modo que cuando el portador 4 y el soporte de aguja de inyección 10 están en una posición extendida, los extremos de inyección 25, 26 se proyectan a través y más allá de la abertura 3 hasta una distancia seleccionada que permita la inyección de una dosis de fluido dentro de un

ave receptora. El pollo u otra ave pequeña puede ser presionada ligeramente contra la placa de retención 2 por el operador o de otra manera restringida en una posición deseada para la inyección. Los medios de retención también pueden ser inclinados con respecto al eje de viaje de las agujas.

En operación de los sistemas de suministro de inyección de la presente invención, un pollo u otra ave pequeña es mantenida contra la placa de retención 2 con el área del ave que va a recibir las dosis de fluido posicionada sobre la abertura 3 en la placa de retención 2. De manera general el cuello del ave es el área objetivo, pero cualquier otra área del ave incluyendo el pecho, los muslos, las alas o similares pueden ser seleccionadas para recibir las dosis de fluido suministradas. Una restricción opcional puede ser usada para impedir el escape del ave. La presión del ave contra la placa de retención puede enganchar y actuar un interruptor para activar el actuador 6 para mover el portador 4 y el soporte de aguja de inyección 10 sujeto al mismo, hasta una posición de inyección operativa extendida predeterminada. Los extremos de inyección 25, 26 de las agujas 14, 15 se proyectan a través de la placa de

retención 2 y la abertura 3 allí, para penetrar en la piel sobreyacente del punto de inyección seleccionado del ave.

Cunado el portador 10 y las agujas 14, 15 en ellas están en la posición extendidas con los extremos de inyección 25, 26, en el ave, los distribuidores de dosis 31, 32 son actuados por medios de interceptor activado automáticamente, como se describió en la patente estadounidense serie No. 5,312,353 incorporada aquí como referencia en su totalidad o por un sistema operador para suministrar las dosis de fluido a través de sus respectivas agujas 14, 15. Los volúmenes para las dosis suministradas se seleccionan dependiendo del protocolo de tratamiento administrado a las aves. Unos medios de ajuste adecuados, por ejemplo, como se enseña en la patente estadounidense No. 5,312,353 pueden administrar dosis entre 0,05 a 4 ml por dosis. Los volúmenes pueden ser idénticos o diferentes entre las agujas. Esto es contemplado dentro del alcance de la presente invención para las dosis de fluido suministradas a un ave receptora que va a tener fluidos terapéuticos iguales o diferentes. Los sistemas de suministro de la presente invención pueden suministrar el mismo fluido a dos posiciones

diferentes del ave o dos diferentes fluidos que pueden ser incompatibles o inestables cuando se mezclan.

REIVINDICACIONES

1. Un soporte de aguja de inyección que comprende:
 - (a) una base;
 - (b) una placa de extremo que tiene por lo menos dos agujeros sustancialmente paralelos, en donde cada agujero es adecuado para recibir una porción de caña de por lo menos una aguja de inyección;
 - (c) Una placa de base que tiene por lo menos dos recesos, cada receso está configurado para recibir un cubo de por lo menos una aguja de inyección;
 - (d) Una mordaza aseguradora de cubo para enganchar y sostener el cubo de la aguja dentro de su receso; y
 - (e) Por lo menos dos conexiones de fluido, cada conexión de fluido es capaz de comunicarse con el cubo de la aguja de inyección recibido por uno de los recesos de la placa base.

2. El soporte de aguja de inyección de acuerdo con la reivindicación 1, en donde una distancia que separa los recesos de la placa de base es mayor que una distancia que separa los agujeros de la placa de extremo.
3. El soporte de aguja de inyección de acuerdo con la reivindicación 1, que comprende adicionalmente por lo menos dos agujas de inyección, la porción de caña de cada aguja de inyección se extiende desde el cubo de la aguja a un extremo de inyección, el cubo de cada aguja de inyección es recibido dentro de uno de los recesos de la base, y en donde los extremos de inyección de las agujas de inyección se proyectan a través de la placa de extremo y están dispuestos sustancialmente paralelos.
4. El soporte de aguja de inyección de acuerdo con la reivindicación 3, en donde los extremos de inyección de las agujas de inyección tienen biseles.

5. El soporte de aguja de inyección de acuerdo con la reivindicación 4, en donde los biseles son orientados en direcciones sustancialmente opuestas.
6. El soporte de aguja de inyección de acuerdo con la reivindicación 3, en donde las porciones de caña de las agujas de inyección divergen.
7. El soporte de aguja de inyección de acuerdo con la reivindicación 1, en donde la mordaza es asegurada con sujetadores.
8. El soporte de aguja de inyección de acuerdo con la reivindicación 1, en donde la mordaza y la placa de base tienen superficies de contacto, y adicionalmente comprenden magnetos sujetos a la mordaza y a la placa base para asegurar la mordaza a la placa base.
9. Un conjunto de suministro de inyección, comprende:

(a) Un soporte de aguja de inyección, que comprende:

- (1) una base;
- (2) una placa de extremo que tiene por lo menos dos agujeros sustancialmente paralelos, en donde cada agujero es adecuado para recibir una porción de caña de por lo menos una aguja de inyección;
- (3) Una placa de base que tiene por lo menos dos recesos, cada receso está configurado para recibir un cubo de por lo menos una aguja de inyección;
- (4) Una mordaza aseguradora de cubo para enganchar y sostener el cubo de la aguja dentro de su receso; y
- (5) Por lo menos dos conexiones de fluido, cada conexión de fluido es capaz de comunicarse con el cubo de la aguja de inyección recibido por uno de los recesos de la placa base,

En donde el portador es montado de manera deslizable sobre un medio de guía,

(b) un distribuidor de dosis operativamente comunicado con la conexión de fluido;

(c) un recipiente de fluido comunicado operativamente con el distribuidor de dosis;

(d) un actuador conectado operativamente al portador, el actuador es capaz de mover alternativamente el portador y el soporte de agua de inyección en una dirección sustancialmente paralela a los extremos de inyección de las agujas de inyección; y

(f) medios de interruptor para activar el actuador.

10. El conjunto de suministro de inyección de acuerdo con la reivindicación 9, que comprende adicionalmente una placa de retención que tiene una abertura, la abertura está dispuesta de modo que los extremos de inyección de las agujas de inyección se proyectan a través de la abertura cuando el portador y el soporte de aguja de inyección en él están en la posición extendida.

11. Un conjunto de suministro de inyección de acuerdo con la reivindicación 9, que comprende adicionalmente una caja.
12. El conjunto de suministro de inyección de acuerdo con la reivindicación 9, que comprende adicionalmente un dispositivo sujetador o retenedor del ave.
13. El conjunto de suministro de inyección de acuerdo con la reivindicación 9, que comprende adicionalmente medios de control para activar de manera automática y extender el portador y el soporte de aguja de inyección cuando un ave está posicionado sobre la placa de retención.

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Como resultado del examen de forma, realizado con fundamento en el artículo 38 de la Decisión 486 de la Comisión de la Comunidad Andina, artículo 27 del Tratado de Cooperación en Materia de Patentes (PCT), regla 51 bis del Reglamento y Circular Única de la Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio, se le comunica que:

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- La solicitud no contiene el poder debidamente otorgado, con el lleno de requisitos exigidos por los artículos 63 y subsiguientes del Código de Procedimiento Civil. Adicionalmente deberá presentar el documento que acredita la existencia y representación legal de la sociedad solicitante, cuando éste fuere una persona jurídica.

En cumplimiento de lo dispuesto por el artículo 39 de la Decisión 486, se le requiere para que dentro del término de dos meses siguientes a la fecha de notificación del presente oficio, complete los requisitos anteriormente enunciados. En caso de no dar cumplimiento al presente requerimiento, la solicitud se considerará abandonada y perderá su prelación.

Notifíquese el presente oficio conforme a lo dispuesto en el numeral 5.2, literal e), del capítulo quinto del título primero de la Circular Única N° 10 de 2001.


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