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S1: Title & Elevator Pitch/Headline	 Asthma is the most prevalent chronic respiratory disease worldwide, affecting more than 300 million people. It is the most common chronic disease in children, affecting 8-10% worldwide. Asthma treatment needs a repetitive injection (once in 2/3 weeks) of the Omalizumab drug. Hence, Our microneedle patch can perform better compared to existing hypodermic needles. On the other hand, the inhalation technology is great but it is difficult to optimize in case of infants/children.
S2: The problem and who has it	 No permanent solution to treat or cure childhood asthma and symptoms can just be controlled with the right chronic treatment plan. The current hypodermic needle-based system for the new treatment, omalizumab, is painful and injection is susceptible to human error, infection and dosage error. Controlled delivery is difficult.
S3: The solution	 Microneedles are potentially easy to produce, allow self-administration and high patient compliance as they cause no pain and no bleeding. Painless and safe drug administration, minimizing the risk of bleeding, infections, injuries. This delivery system favors therapy acceptance among children and also parents.
S4: Product (how it addresses the problem)	 Microneedle can able to deliver precisely in a painless manner. Well suitable for the kids/infants with needle phobia. Microneedle-based omalizumab administration increases the effectiveness of targeting skin residentimmune cells could reduce the drug dose as well as the period of treatment.
S5: Technology	 Microneedle fabrication. Testing suitability of the system for infant skin. Study of drug dosage requirements.
S6: Competing approaches	 Providing an infant/kid acceptable approach to delivering the drug precisely. Reduced needed omalizumab dosing. Continuous drug delivery.
S7: Traction	 Increasing number of patents related with the fabrication of microneedle arrays for the painless drug delivery. 54 microneedle-related with clinical trials. Microneedles are objects of research since the mid-90's.
S8: Team	Vinaya Kumar K B Veronica Miguel
S9: Closing	 Microneedle-based omalizumab delivery is a safer promising strategy for the treatment of infant asthma. The effect of drug dissolution/effectiveness in skin layers (microneedle-based delivery) is the same compared to hypodermic needle-based delivery. Acceptance among the doctors and patients for microneedle based-omalizumab delivery.