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METHODS AND DOSAGE FORMS FOR IMPROVING THE BIOAVAILABILITY OF THERAPEUTIC AGENTS

Title (de)

VERFAHREN UND DOSIERUNGSFORMEN ZUR VERBESSERUNG DER BIOVERFÜGBARKEIT VON ARZNEISTOFFEN

Title (fr)

METHODES ET FORMES POSOLOGIQUES PERMETTANT D'AMELIORER LA BIODISPONIBILITE D'AGENTS THERAPEUTIQUES

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[origin: WO03037296A2] The present invention provides controlled release dosage forms for oral administration. The dosage form comprises a therapeutic agent that is metabolized in the upper GI tract in combination with a controlled-release agent so as to be hydrodynamically balanced so that, in contact with gastric fluid, the dosage form has a bulk density less than one g/ml and therefore is buoyant in the gastric fluid. Such dosage form is retained in the stomach during the time when substantially all of the medicaments are released therefrom. Additionally, such dosage form will release the medicament over an extended period of time so that delivery of the therapeutic agent to the small intestine will occur steadily rather than immediately. Such steady release over time of the therapeutic agent at the metabolism and absorption site will prevent enzyme saturation and thereby exhibit greater bioavailability of the therapeutic agent.

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