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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a stable pharmaceutical composition of lamotrigine and pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof. The invention also relates to a process for the preparation of such a composition. The pharmaceutical composition includes: (a) from about 0.1% to about 50 % by weight of lamotrigine or acid addition salt thereof; (b) from about 15.5% to about 70% by weight of microcrystalline cellulose; (c) from about 0.1% to about 14.5% by weight of sodium starch glycolate; and (d) from about 0.1% to about 4.5% by weight of polyvinylpyrrolidone



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