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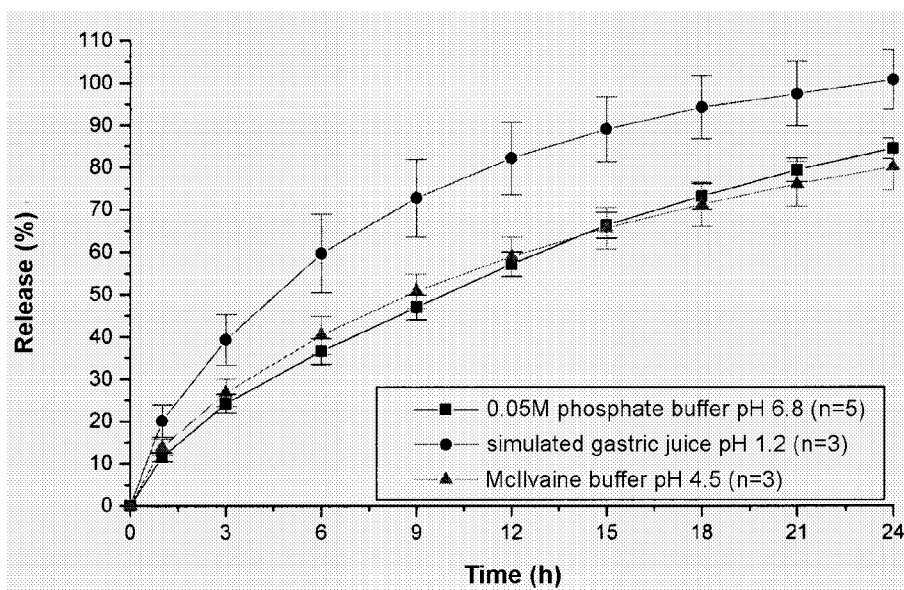
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(54) Title: EXTENDED RELEASE TABLET FORMULATION CONTAINING PRAMIPEXOLE OR A PHARMACEUTICALLY ACCEPTABLE SALT THEREOF



(57) Abstract: The invention is directed to an extended release tablet formulation comprising pramipexole or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in a matrix, the matrix comprising at least two water swelling polymers, wherein one of said polymers is pregelatinized starch, and wherein another one of said polymers is an anionic polymer.

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Extended release tablet formulation comprising pramipexole or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in a matrix, the tablet being suitable for single daily administration and a method of manufacturing it by direct compression.

2. claim: 14

Method of manufacturing said tablet composition by compression after wet granulation.

3. claim: 15

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