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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a stable oral composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of desloratadine and a stabilizer selected from the group comprising an antioxidant, a pharmaceutically acceptable organic compound that provides an alkaline pH, an alkali metal salt, or mixtures thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.
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This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

Claims Nos.: 8, 9 because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

Characterization of a composition by storage instructions is insufficient.

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Observations where unity of invention is lacking

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Oral composition containing desloratadine and an antioxidant optionally in admixture with an organic compound that provides an alkaline pH and/or an alkali metal salt (claims 1-3, 10, 11, 15).
2. Oral composition containing desloratadine and a pharmaceutically acceptable organic compound that provides an alkaline pH optionally in admixture with an antioxidant and an alkali metal salt (claims 1, 4, 5, 12, 13, 15).
3. Oral composition containing desloratadine and an alkali metal salt optionally in admixture with an antioxidant and an organic compound that provides an alkaline pH (claims 1, 6, 7, 14).
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos. 1-3, 10, 11 and 15.

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